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Robert Martin (1833–97)

2002.011 Barrett, Theodore H.

The Theodore H. Barrett collection contains government documents, survey information, and correspondence. Included in the collection is correspondence with Robert Martin.

Abraham Jefferson Seay (1832–1915)

2012.236 Seay, Abraham Jefferson

Includes papers from the Seay mansion and the Chisholm Trail Museum located in Kingfisher, Oklahoma. The collection consists of the diary of Abraham Jefferson Seay as well as correspondence, biographical material, certificates, and Seay's will. Also included in the collection is research material from the Seay mansion and correspondence with researchers.

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1985.011 William M. Jenkins

This box contains mostly correspondence about the founding of Kaw City, Oklahoma Territory. They cover a variety of topics such as the Santa Fe Railroad, Osage Indian Agency, incorporation of the Kaw City Townsite Company, and bringing new businesses into town. There is also a ledger of lot sales and one oversize folder containing the incorporation certificate and lot map of Kaw City.

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2010.170 Grimes, William

Contains correspondence and career information for William Grimes who served as a US marshal in Indian Territory and as territorial governor and secretary of state of Oklahoma. It provides genealogical information for the William and Mary Cleaver Grimes family, including son Thayer Grimes, Daughter Flo Grimes Kreitzer, and grandson William G. Kreitzer.

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Thompson Benton Ferguson (1857–1921)

1981.170 Governor Thompson B. Ferguson

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1969.046 Governor Frank Frantz

Correspondence between Theodore Roosevelt and Governor Frank Frantz concerning Rough Rider Reunions (Spanish American War), and patronage requests. Also, an Army Discharge Certificate and various letters from/to Lyndon Johnson, Leonard Wood, and President W. H. Taft. Certificates, newspaper clippings, and letters regarding Frantz's death, and a posthumous citation from President Lyndon Johnson. Documents vary in date from 1898 to 1964, Cosden Oil & Gas Co., Cavalry, Camp Wikoff, Enid, governor of Oklahoma, Roosevelt's Rough Riders.

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Charles N. Haskell (1860–1933)

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2008.082 Durant, William A.

The William A. Durant Manuscripts Collection contains several boxes of correspondence from members of the Oklahoma State Senate, the lawyers of the Choctaw Tribe, and Durant’s constituents during his time as chief of the Choctaw Nation. There is one box of material correspondence from the Department of the Interior, Office of Indian Affairs, which is focused on the land and rights of the Choctaw tribe. There are also several boxes that contain information from court cases, oil and land leases, the Choctaw and material from the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

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1984.063 Hanraty, Peter

Peter Hanraty was instrumental in the development of labor unions and the mining industry in Oklahoma. Included in his collection are newspapers, journal articles, letters, and publications dealing specifically with these issues. He was Chief Mine Inspector and on various union boards. Documents cover a variety of topics, such as summary judgments for miners' workman's compensation claims, politics involving the mining industry, labor strikes, mining accidents, and safety prevention, as well as some personal correspondence.

2008.002 Haskell Bible

A Bible used to swear in the first governor of the State of Oklahoma, Charles N. Haskell, on November 16, 1907.

1982.082 Haskell, Charles N.

Contains a 1908 address by Governor C. N. Haskell, with an introduction by Lee Cruce to the Bryan Club of Oklahoma, biographical data about Haskell, a speech to the members of the legislature, and personal correspondence/invitations from the Haskell family.

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1982.068 State Capital Building Collection

Contains legislation providing for the building of the Oklahoma State Capitol, information on the State Capitol Building Company, Capitol Development Company, stockholders, and individuals who donated land for the project.

2010.110 Statehood Historic Documents

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1995.051 Cruce, Lee

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1995.030 Wikoff, Frank J.

Information on early banking in Oklahoma; member of the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce.

1982.115 Williams Robert L.

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1982.105 Harkins, Lee

The collection consists of the papers of Lee F. Harkins from 1795-1954. The papers include Harkins family documents, topical files and various subjects mostly relating to Native Americans, Correspondence and scrapbooks. The collection documents a wide range of topics however the Native American research is focused on general topics as well as a few specific tribes. The scrapbooks consist mainly of clippings from various newspapers. A few issues of Harkins's publication, *American Indian Magazine*, are included in the collection.

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1983.135 Owen, Robert L.

Letters and publications regarding Robert L. Owen. Includes correspondence with Robert L. Williams at the Oklahoma Historical Society regarding donations from Owen's family. Some speeches and other publications issued by Owen are enclosed, as well as marriage certificates.

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1983.018 Wright, Muriel

The Muriel H. Wright collection contains documents, correspondence, biographical data, programs, legal documents, personal papers, and personal recognitions. The collection is broken into four main series, Oklahoma Historical Society, Organizations, Wright Papers, and Books and Magazines.

James B. A. Robertson (1871-1938)

1996.023 Dale, Frank

The materials in the collection focus mainly on the legal cases Dale and his partner Bierer took part in. The case files contain correspondence and legal documents that pertain to specific lawsuits or estate settlements. Within the collection, there are also orphanage files and Dale's personal correspondence with family and politicians.

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Jack C. Walton (1881–1949)

1996.004 Comstock, Paul

Paul A. Comstock was an Osage lawyer during the early Twentieth Century. The bulk of the collection contains his case files, filed by the surname of the client. There are some personal and family papers, including a small amount of correspondence of A. W. Comstock. Most of the dated collection is from 1920 to 1960, but there are files from as early as 1900.

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1983.067 Walton, Jack

“Rise and Fall of Governor Jack Walton Oklahoma” by Leon S. Hirsch; 19 pages; manuscript

1995.048 Walton, Jack

Letters concerning the campaign and barbecue for Jack Walton

Martin E. Trapp (1877–1965)

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1982.294 Murray, William H.

Correspondence and documents concerning the life and career of Oklahoma Governor William H. Murray; includes lists by county of Depression-era individuals in need of relief and three scrapbooks concerning Murray's time as governor

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Leon C. Phillips (1890–1958)

1995.127 Crouse, Emily M.

Papers, messages and last will of Governor Leon C. Phillips.

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1982.294 Murray, William H.

Correspondence and documents concerning the life and career of Oklahoma Governor William H. Murray; includes lists by county of Depression-era individuals in need of relief and three scrapbooks concerning Murray's time as governor

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1997.085 Hunt, Joe B.

Contains correspondence, speeches, newspaper clippings and campaign materials highlighting the career of Joe B. Hunt, Insurance Commissioner for the State of Oklahoma.

2014.114 Kerr Mansion

Contains items from the Kerr Mansion (Poteau area), home of Robert S. and Grayce Breene Kerr. The home was completed in 1961, and Senator Kerr died in 1963.

2011.215 Meek, John Martin

Contains information regarding the 1968 Democratic National Convention held in Chicago, IL, and itineraries, speeches, and essays by Senator Robert S. Kerr.

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2013.478 Oklahoma Politics

Contains campaign information, brochures, and election results for Oklahoma politics

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1975.159 Turner, Roy J.

Materials include sheet music and press clippings covering "My Memory Trail," composed by Governor Roy J. Turner and played by the Cities of Service Band of America over NBC Radio in 1949; and a book of signatures of those present at the Governor Turner appreciation dinner in 1950.

Johnston Murray (1902–1974)

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1995.114 Johnston Murray Campaign Scrapbook

Scrapbook of newspaper clippings of the Johnston Murray campaign for governor

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Raymond D. Gary (1908–1993)

2006.012 Cissne, Ralph

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1985.003 Edmondson, J. Howard

The J. Howard Edmondson collection (circa 1959–1963) contains correspondence and newspapers. The correspondence relates to the 1959 inaugural ball, mainly ticket requests and letters sent with payment. The other correspondence includes requests for pictures and autographs, letters dealing with judicial matters out of Edmondson's control, and even files of thank you letters sent for materials submitted to the governor's office. The newspapers, including various clippings, cover the race of Tulsa County Attorney, the gubernatorial race, and other important events affecting both Oklahoma and the country.

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Bellmon, Henry (1921–2009)

2012.061 Bellmon, Henry

Various World War II marine uniforms worn by Governor Henry Bellmon. Also, award certificates and other documents concerning Bellmon's education and career.

2010.100 Cherokee Strip Museum

The Cherokee Strip Museum Collection contains archival material transferred to the Oklahoma History Center in Oklahoma City from the Cherokee Strip Museum in Perry, Oklahoma.

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Dewey F. Bartlett (1919–79)

1972.081 Bartlett, Dewey F.

Includes the Inaugural Program for Gov. Dewey Bartlett in 1967, a letter from President Richard Nixon, and a rough draft of the concession speech Governor Dewey F. Bartlett delivered over live news media following his defeat by Hall in the 1970 gubernatorial election in Oklahoma.

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2007.239 Hall, David

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David L. Boren (1941–)

2018.127 Boren, David

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Historic Oklahoma

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2015.161 Waller, William

This collection contains materials from the ethics commission that investigated the David Walters case.

2008.010 Walters, David

The David Walters Collection contains materials from Walter's academic terms at the University of Oklahoma and Harvard University. Walter's financial records of investments in real estate in Putnam Heights and The Marketplace are included. The collection also includes

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gubernatorial campaign material, records of the Walters Company, Walters Power International, the National Governors Association, and other associations.

Frank Keating (1944–)

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1999.001 Frank Keating

Contains items from Frank Keating's tenure as governor of Oklahoma, including inaugural items, state of the State information, position, and performance team papers. The collection contains limited correspondence from his time in office and no personal correspondence.

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Brad Henry (1963–)

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2011.234 Henry, Brad (Governor)

Contains a publication written by Brad Henry as an intern for the Oklahoma Legislature.

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Mary Fallin (1954–)

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2017.195 Prall, Sherris

Contains campaign and inaugural information for Oklahoma Governors Frank Keating and Mary Fallin, dedication information for the USS *Oklahoma* Memorial at Pearl Harbor, and resolutions honoring Dean Corder and Emma Lou Ragsdale Corder.