



Guide to Manuscript Collections | Land Openings

1982.089 Barde, Frederick S.

This collection contains correspondence, research, and writings of Fred S. Barde. Purchased by the Oklahoma legislature in 1917, the Barde Collection is a founding collection of the Oklahoma Historical Society. It has been arranged topically and placed in alphabetical order by subject.

2009.044 Binder, William

The William Binder Collection contains personal correspondence between William and his wife Mary. There are some from other family members, including the couple's children. The letters discuss the Land Run of 1889, weather, political conditions, and issues of the day.

1982.085 Chapman, Berlin B.

The Berlin B. Chapman Collection contains unit workbooks from Chapman's teaching of history. Also included are manuscripts from various publications, notes, and other research materials. Chapman published under the name B. B. Chapman.

1981.105 Federal Writers' Project Collection

The Administrative Files contain correspondence between the program operator and the US Federal Government discussing regulations, personnel issues, pay, and working conditions of the writers. The Narratives and Biographies series includes typescript notes from interviews and biographical research on a number of individuals residing in Oklahoma. The Topical Files series contains research conducted for *Oklahoma: A Guide to the Sooner State*, part of the American Guide series of books published nationwide by the FWP.

1984.002 Harn, William

The William Harn Collection contains case files of William F. Harn, a federally appointed lawyer who investigated the improper land claims resulting from the land openings in Oklahoma and Indian Territories. The files are organized by defendant's name. The collection also contains supporting correspondence and account files. Harn served as clerk of the Fourth Judicial District of the Oklahoma Supreme Court, embracing P (now Noble), K (now Kay), L (now Grant), and M (now Woods) Counties; some case files from 1920 to 1922 are included. Other files include the case of the State Capitol Building Corporation and State Capitol Building Commission and other land use issues in Oklahoma City.

Historic Oklahoma Collection

This collection contains folders on the land run as well as items relating to towns, counties, and individuals involved in the land runs.

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2012.121 Land Run Broadside 1889

This collection contains a broadside advertising free train rides into Oklahoma Territory for the land opening of 1889.

1990.090 Land Run of 1892

Personal story of making the run of 1892

1993.004 McKibben, Jay Seymore

Letter from McKibben to his mother detailing the Land Run of 1893 in the Cherokee Outlet (Enid). The letter focuses on his impression of events during and after the run.

2013.170 Oklahoma Land Rush Handbill

Contains an original 1889 Oklahoma land run handbill.

1967.005 Randall Pitman Letter

Letter to Mayor George Shirk from Randall Pitman of Shawnee regarding his father, Leander G. Pitman, a lawyer in Oklahoma City, following the land opening of April 1889. Dated November 29, 1966. Includes a copy of Shirk's reply.

1997.070 Rucker, Alvin

The Alvin Rucker Collection contains a topical file series filled with clippings of newspaper articles from papers throughout Oklahoma, Texas, and Kansas, correspondence with readers and politicians, research for articles, and many of the original typed copies of stories Alvin Rucker wrote during his career at the *Daily Oklahoman* in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 1912–34. The clippings cover a broad range of topics that interested Rucker and were often used as research materials for his historical articles. The correspondence with readers is generally fan mail and suggestions for story ideas, and Rucker's research is a mixture of handwritten and typed notes from interviews and published records. The typed copies of stories are notated as "Original" and clippings as "Clipping."

1979.116 Wenner, Fred L.

Eye-witness account by Fred L. Wenner

1995.016 Winters, Martin

Personal story of Mr. Winters coming to Oklahoma and making the Land Run of 1889.