

## Guide to Manuscript Collections | Legal and Judicial Collections

### **1995.121 Andrews, Thomas G.**

The Thomas G. Andrews Collection contains research correspondence, notes, and a manuscript titled, “Oklahoma: A Judicial History.” The letters document Andrews’s research regarding the judicial history of Indian and Oklahoma Territories from the late nineteenth century to 1934.

### **2007.091 Antlers Federal Court of Criminal Appeals Documents**

Contains court documents from the US Court in Indian Territory for the Central District of Antlers from 1902 to 1905. Packets contain initial filings and other supporting documents such as subpoenas, potential jury lists, application for witnesses, motion for a new trial, doctor’s notes for absences, and requests for bail where warranted.

### **2013.082 Burton vs. Howe Collection**

Contains legal documents relating to the case of *Burton vs. Howe*, which concerns a homestead claim conflict between John Burton and the heirs of Henry Howe.

### **2020.005 Canadian County District Court Collection**

Contains documents relating to the District Judges Conference for Oklahoma from 1927 through 1962. Information includes, minutes, correspondence, papers presented, and financial information. There is no case-related information in the collection.

### **2009.109 Cherokee County Court Records**

The Cherokee County Court Records contain both criminal cases as well as civil docket cases. The earliest records within the collection date back to 1943. The records end in 1975. There are some records that have no dates that could be associated with them. The criminal cases include murders, deaths, traffic offenses, and others. The civil docket cases pertain to mostly back payments on property and charge accounts.

### **1982.018 Cherokee Nation Court Records Collection**

This collection contains Flint District, Cherokee Nation, handwritten court records 1851–1890, including 1860 court minutes (book) and 1875–1890 register of jurors (book), witnesses, guards, and notes on verdicts. 1851–1890.

### **1982.057 Choctaw Nation Court Documents Collection**

This collection contains court records from 1837 to 1860. Included are court claims, payroll for witnesses and jurors, receipts, and a document regarding the establishment of the Supreme Court.

### **1994.019 Citizenship Application Brief (Court Case)**

Brief of attorneys for the Chickasaw Nation, Albert E. Paine and W. B. Johnson, regarding applications for citizenship, interracial marriage, citizens by blood, and Freedmen. c. 1900.

### **1990.009 Creek Nation Land Fraud**

The collection includes allotment papers, land patents, quitclaim deeds, and a variety of correspondence concerning the allotment process and alleged fraudulent allotments. The records of the government investigators are in the collection. The federal government called three grand juries, and the records of these juries are also in the collection.

### **1996.023 Dale, Frank**

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

### **1984.040 Deep Fork District Records**

Court records and proceedings of Deep Fork District of the Creek Nation. Includes estates, probates, civil cases, and pay book for the court.

**2008.082 Durant, William A.**

The William A. Durant Collection contains correspondence from members of the Oklahoma State Senate, lawyers of the Choctaw Nation and Durant's constituents during his time as chief of the Choctaw Nation. Additionally, the collection includes information on court cases, oil and land leases, and correspondence from the Department of the Interior.

**1984.005 Federal Court Certificates**

Contains certificates issued by the Western District Court in Oklahoma to individuals certified as "Attorney and Counselor, Solicitor, Advocate and Protector" to practice law. 1907–1908

**2011.176 Grady County Criminal Court Docket**

Grady County Criminal Court docket, 1909, with newspaper articles attached.

**2009.086 Guthrie Court Docket Book**

This collection contains pages from a court ledger in Guthrie, Oklahoma.

**1984.002 Harn, William F.**

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 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, and some case files from 1920–22 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

**1997.074 Hopkins-Duke, Amos A.**

Correspondence and documents concerning American Indians and legislation. The collection contains the reports from the final task force for developing the American Indian Policy Review Commission.

**2011.335 Lewis and Nash Family Collection**

Contains correspondence, court documents for tribal cases, land records and allotment applications.

**2013.057 Muskogee County District Court Records Collection**

Contains court case documents from Muskogee County District court from 1908 to 1917

**2013.224 Oklahoma Eastern District Court Documents**

Contains chancery subpoenas, motions and orders to dismiss, initial filings, publisher affidavits, praecipe for order pro confesso, and other documents for court cases from the United States Circuit Court of the Eastern District of Oklahoma, 1908–16.

**2014.122 Opala, Justice Marian**

This collection contains the records of Chief Justice Marian Opala of the Oklahoma Supreme Court. Included are Supreme Court cases from 1966 to 2010, legal research, teaching materials, and opinions.

**2008.113 Osage County Court and School Records**

This collection contains court and school records from Osage County dating 1908–24. The majority of the collections consist of books that list jurors, grand jurors, witnesses to grand juries, and receipts from payment to jurors from 1908 to 1914. There are also a few case files, some exhibits from a divorce proceeding, two transcripts of legal cases (one in shorthand), and several booklets of children's school records, including their certificates for graduation. Some tax files and oil company tax protests are also in the collection.

### **1983.016 Secretary of the Territory Collection**

The Secretary of the Territory of Oklahoma Collection contains documents related to the operation of the territorial government, including notary applications and insurance files as well as legislative actions.

### **1983.046 Territorial Court**

Manuscript, “History of the Court System Affection, Indian Territory, 1836–1904”

### **1983.234 Thomas John R.**

This collection contains the records of Judge John R. Thomas. Included are appointments, court transcripts, deeds, records of land disputes, guardianship, and some American Indian citizenship cases.

### **2006.018 Tulsa Race Riot (Massacre) Commission Collection**

This collection contains newspaper articles, interviews from survivors, death certificates, court cases filed against insurance companies, along with many photographs and statistics documenting the devastation that occurred during the eighteen-hour riot May 31–June 1, 1921. The final report was submitted on February 21, 2001.

### **1998.034 Western District Federal Court Records Collection**

Original marriage licenses, affidavits for marriage, certificates of marriage, letters of permission and other items about issuing of marriage licenses from the Federal Court, Western District, Indian Territory. Also included are some divorce proceedings and civil cases tried in the same court. All of these date pre-statehood.

### **2011.266 Western District Indian Territory Court Records Collection**

Court records from the Western District of Indian Territory. The court clerk was R. P. Harrison, and the court records are official appointees and oaths of officials in the Western District from 1902 to 1947.

### **1982.115 Williams, Robert L.**

The Robert L. Williams Collection consists of professional papers accumulated during his service as Governor of the State of Oklahoma and US District Court Judge. The collection is arranged into topical files, such as agriculture, conservation, and banking. The collection contains a mix of correspondence and various documents. The collection includes William’s years in the governor’s office and the years following.