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American Indian Archives

This collection contains federal records from American Indian agencies. The collection is divided by tribe and includes the Dawes Commission records as well as several schools. The collection is arranged alphabetically by topic within the series.

2011.309 Andrus, Roberta

Includes 22 postcards and tickets for the Chicago, Kansas and Nebraska Railroad, 1890–91

1982.089 Barde, Frederick S.

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

2009.143 Bond, Reford Jr.

Records of Reford Bond Sr., corporation commissioner for the State of Oklahoma, and copies of newspaper clippings and some original documents regarding Bond.

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.

1998.070 Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company

Includes a leather-bound field survey book with re-chaining notes from Watonga south to Anadarko, including the Bridgeport cut-off. Also includes a typewritten letter from W. E. Dauchy, chief engineer, to R. H. Sublette, acting division engineer, in Topeka, Kansas; signed by F. E. Watson, division engineer, and dated November 25, 1902.

2000.030 Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific Railroad Company at El Reno

Receipts for property and goods received from the Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific Railway at El Reno, 1897. Telegrams include the names: US Deputy Marshal Chris Masden, O. Drumm, N. C. Callahan, and M. H. Wright. Subjects include rain, freight, and cars.

2001.020 Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company

The Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company documents include a small amount of correspondence generated by the legal department. The cases deal with injury claims against the railroad company by workers or riders.

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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 the specific lawsuits or estate settlements. Within the collection there are also orphanage files and Dale's personal correspondence with family and politicians.

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 Federal Writers' Project. The collection includes a folder on the proposed State of Sequoyah and the Sequoyah Convention.

1979.064 Frisco Railroad Collection

Advertisement for sleeping cars on the Frisco lines

1984.017 Green, George M.

This collection contains information on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway through the career of George Green, the solicitor of Oklahoma.

Historic Oklahoma Collection

Historic Oklahoma is a vertical file of original materials. The collection is arranged alphabetically by topic and includes a biographical series.

2001.032 Katy Railroad Collection

Missouri, Kansas and Texas (Katy) Railroad magazine *Katy Employees*. Includes article: "The Rough Riders Rode the Katy," By Carolyn Thomas Foreman. Other topics include the McAlester terminal, Muskogee freight house, and Muskogee superintendent's office.

1997.078 Ludlow, Edwin

Documents concerning mining and metallurgy in Indian Territory and Oklahoma

1979.069 Missouri, Kansas and Texas (Katy) Railroad

1945 brochure concerning the history of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas (Katy) Railroad

1982.098 M.K.T. Railroad

M. K. & T. railroad station document; 1875–79 station agents book (baggage) for Gibson Station north of Muskogee, Oklahoma.

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2000.044 Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce

This collection covers 1919–86. Of the divisions that are represented, the largest number of volumes belong to the Administrative Division and the Public Relations Division, primarily because these had purview over and interacted with every other division.

Types of material preserved by each division are fairly uniform. Not all divisions saved every type of material in the following list of seven basic categories of archival materials:

1. Proceedings: Executive Committee of Board of Directors Minutes; Executive Committee of Division Minutes; Committee Minutes; Subcommittee Minutes; Agendas; Resolutions; Membership Lists; Attendance Records; Reports (typescript and published); Annual Reports of Divisions; and Committee Reports.
2. Correspondence: Incoming/Outgoing letters; postcards; memos; telegrams.
3. Printed material: circulars, invitations; chamber-produced brochures, booklets, and annual reports; Economic Development Reports (annual) and plans for the coming year; promotional publications; tickets; certificates; programs; news clippings; books and booklets produced by outside entities.
4. Literary productions: scripts, speeches, news releases
5. Photographic material: positive prints, black-and-white and color
6. Legal documents: contracts, deeds, agreements, articles of incorporation
7. Financial documents: statements, checks, invoices, receipts, ledger pages, audits

2015.196 Oklahoma City Urban Renewal Authority Collection

This collection contains the records of the Oklahoma City Urban Renewal Authority. Included in the collections are reports, appraisals, zoning materials, publications, and scrapbooks.

2014.122 Opala, Justice Marion

The Judge Marion Opala collection contains the research, case files, and personal materials of Chief Justice Marion Opala.

2011.213 Phillips, Wendell

Scrapbooks, newspaper articles, and personal correspondence belonging to Wendell Phillips.

1982.205 Railroad Contracts

This collection contains five contracts between railroad companies, 1912–18. Companies include the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad, the American Express Company, the Oklahoma

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Central Railway Company, the A. T. and S. F. Railway Company, and the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Co.

1993.077 Railroad in Indian Territory Collection

H. R. 769 – bill authorizing Wichita & Arkansas Valley to Build a Railroad into Indian Territory

1979.065 Railroad Problem Collection

This 1917 booklet details the address given by Frederic A. Delano at the Railway Business Association concerning “The Railroad Problem” in Oklahoma.

2013.383 Railroad Shares and Bonds Collection

This collection contains bonds from various railroads from across the country.

1979.067 Railroad Worker Wages Collection

This 1915 brochure concerns railway workers demands for an increase in wages. The publication is from the Executive Committee of the Association of Western Railways.

2009.058 Reid, George

This collection includes documents that a senior agent/telegrapher for a major railway would have. Includes pay history, educational material, law, and regulations for travel, etc.

1994.057 Rock Island Railroad Collection

This collection contains magazines from the Rock Island Railroad and a souvenir program from the 70th anniversary.

2000.011 Rock Island Railroad Brochure (Oklahoma Opportunity) Collection

Brochure with accompanying map issued by the Rock Island Railroad entitled: “Oklahoma Opportunity: Opening of the Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache Reservations”

1979.069 Santa Fe Railroad Collection

1945 brochure concerning the history of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas (Katy) Railroad

1990.066 Union Pacific Railroad Collection

Pamphlet, "Union Pacific Railroad: A Brief History," 32 pages.

1982.091 Whipple, Amiel Weeks

This collection contains the journals and correspondence of Amiel Weeks Whipple. The journals contain the information Whipple gathered as a surveyor for the US Army. The documents also include some records of his descendants. Along with this is his personal library, which includes geology books and many government reports.

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1983.018 Wright, Muriel H.

The Muriel H. Wright collection contains documents, correspondence, biographical data, programs, legal documents, personal papers, and personal recognitions. The collection is divided into four main series: Oklahoma Historical Society, organizations, Wright papers, and books and magazines.