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Football

Adelman, Frank 2011.274
Contains University of Oklahoma football programs for 1936–1941 and the 1980s, and other publications collected by Frank Adelman.

Barry, Frank 2016.141
Contains radio transcripts and notes from University of Oklahoma football games and Norman High School football games called by Bob Barry in the 1960s and 1970s

Dunning, John 2006.016
The John Dunning Political Collection is an extensive compilation of Oklahoma-related political memorabilia that spans the Territorial era through the twentieth century into the twenty-first. Amassed by Mr. Dunning, the collection contains campaign material (including posters, flyers, buttons, ribbons, cards, audio-video, letters, speeches, press releases, and newspaper clippings), correspondence, items from elected officials (invitations to inaugurals and functions, diplomas, certificates, internal memos, speeches, personal mementos, and other ephemera), newspapers, periodicals, books on Oklahoma politics and those written by Oklahoma politicians, as well as photographs that cover all of these aspects.

The collection includes an African American organization campaigning for John C. Walton during the 1922 gubernatorial election, Socialist Party material, political material from American Indian Nations, from Indian Territory, from the proposed state of Sequoyah, from the capitol relocation controversy, and from nearly every political episode in Oklahoma's history.

Additionally, the John Dunning Collection includes Sooner programs from the 1940s.

The Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture 2012.008
Files of the encyclopedia project; includes historical research and correspondence

Fisher, Ada Lois Sipuel 2006.055
The collection has a variety of items, including a marriage certificate, greeting cards, a 1992 Langston University yearbook, a working manuscript and research for her autobiography, and other personal artifacts including the signature of Roscoe Dunjee. The dates within the collection range from 1930 to 2000. In the holdings of the Research Center is a copy of Ada

Lois Sipuel Fisher's autobiography, A *Matter of Black and White: The Autobiography of Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher*.

Harding High School Collection 2013.216
Documents from the first graduating class of Harding High School in 1958. Included is a program from Harding High School vs. Central High School, 1956.

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

McCormick, Mary 2006.017
The majority of the papers of Mary McCormick, dating c. 1968 to 1997, are comprised of copies of Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma documents, including business committee and joint committee meeting minutes and meeting packets between 1972 and 1997, General/Governing Council documents from 1977 to 1995, progress reports from 1985 to 1992, agreements and contracts, Bureau of Indian Affairs correspondence, departmental documents, general correspondence and interoffice memos, printed materials including Sac and Fox News, and conference attendance records. Included are two documents Mrs. McCormick wrote: a Sac and Fox Language Primer in 1975 and a Tribute to the Sac and Fox, a historical drama that was presented at the annual Powwow in 1992. The collection includes Chieftain football programs from the 1970s.

Northeast High School Collection 2011.308
Contains football programs and school programs and documents from Northeast High School in Oklahoma City during the 1950s.

Patterson, Zella 1983.009
Contains research compiled by Zella Patterson on the athletics, home economics, and cooperative extension departments of Langston University. Included in the collection is a history of Langston University football and schedules from the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s.

Baseball

Ballard, Currie 2007.148
The Currie Ballard Collection was created by Currie Ballard, a collector of African American historical items. The collection consists of letters, commission records, and ephemera with a date range of 1887–2006. The collection is composed primarily of original documents. Some of the early tax records and Freemason records are in poor condition.

The strength of the collection is found in the breadth of material. The collection consists of but is not limited to: Prince Hall F. & A. M. Guthrie Alpha 1 Lodge papers; Langston University papers; V-Mail from World War II; early Taft, Red Bird, and Boley (African American towns in Oklahoma) papers; school records; tax records; obsequies, WPA Federal Music Projects, Tulsa Race Riot Report, reports from the Presidential Commission for the

National Museum of the African American History Center, and a collection of original concert posters from various African American bands. The collection includes a program from the Negro American League - Kansas City Monarchs vs. Harlem Start.

Barde, Frederick 1982.089
The Fred S. Barde 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.

Burton, Joseph Bryant 2012.249
Family history and pictures of two daybooks from the Erick, Oklahoma, area. Included are postcards featuring baseball players from Erick.

Cline, Serena 2012.018
The Serena Cline collection contains certificates from various companies as well as material relating to the Oklahoma City Baseball Association for 1938–1940.

Englesman, A. D. 1996.012
Contains press passes for professional baseball across the United States for Adolph D. Engelsman, a sports reporter for various Oklahoma publications in the 1920s and 1930s.

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Mantle, Mickey 1997.018
Sports Illustrated magazines featuring Mickey Mantle on the cover from April 16, 1998, Mickey Mantle Steakhouse menu (undated), and restaurant ticket from February 10, 1997.

Meaden, Coreta Livingston 2007.083
The collection comprises the personal papers of Coreta Livingston Meaden, 1891–2003. Included are personal correspondence, Daughters of the American Revolution Strawberry River Chapter correspondence, travel documents, baseball programs and scorecards, recipes, greeting cards, diaries, and ephemera.

Mobley, Coy Melvin 2015.086
The Coy Melvin Mobley collection contains the Oklahoma City 89ers baseball team schedule, program, newsletters, all-star ballot, and Picture Pak.

Oklahoma Sports Collection 2013.456
Contains sports-related information for Oklahoma secondary schools and universities

Cox 2009.119 Roloff, Patty
The Patty Cox Roloff Collection contains newspaper clippings, publications, official reports, and other material pertaining to the Oklahoma City Athletic Club Limited Partnership, the owners of the OKC 89ers minor league baseball team.

Basketball

Oklahoma City Thunder Collection 2008.146
Items from the inaugural season opener of the Oklahoma City Thunder vs. Milwaukee Bucks, October 20, 2008. Includes programs, schedules, ticket stubs from subsequent seasons, and emails and court documents concerning the move of the Seattle Supersonics to Oklahoma City.

Wentroth, Susan 2011.324
Two Oklahoma City Thunder preseason game handouts, wristband, ticket stubs, scorer's report, Dodgers tickets; 2008 and 2015.