

Guide to Manuscript Collections | Territorial Era

2013.400 Altus, OK Assessment Roll 1898 Collection

Contains one bound photocopy of a ledger labeled Assessment Roll 1898, Altus Township, Greer County, Oklahoma Territory.

2007.091 Antlers Federal Court of Criminal Appeals Documents

Contains court documents of 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.

1982.197 Athey, Thomas N.

The Thomas N. Athey Collection contains correspondence, research material, and writings of Athey's interests. Athey was involved with the Free Homes Movement in Oklahoma Territory and had a great interest in David Payne and the Boomer Movement.

1982.089 Barde, Frederick S.

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. The collection includes a folder on territorial governors.

2007.125 Casey, Orben

The Orben Casey Collection consists of the research papers of Casey, compiled from 1972 to 1989. The majority of which are secondary materials: copies of newspaper and magazine articles, some published and unpublished thesis work, excerpts from many journals and books concerning the legal profession and its history in Oklahoma. Included are several original interviews taken by Casey during the 1970s. This collection includes a folder on cases involving land in territorial Oklahoma.

1997.088 Collection of Survey Notes of Oklahoma County

Three handwritten Oklahoma County volumes, likely produced after 1890. They are a transcription from the original survey notes that detailed Oklahoma County when it was surveyed by the United States government in the 1870s.

2006.016 Dunning, John

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 inaugurations 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 a box on territorial politics and political materials from before statehood.

1985.015 Embry, John

Letters sent and received concerning the territorial government of Oklahoma, and documents concerning the right-of-ways for the Rock Island and Frisco railways in Oklahoma City.

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 the Oklahoma Guide, part of The American Guide Series of books published nationwide by the FWP. Included in the collection are folders on soil conservation in territorial days, territorial government, medicine in territorial days, and the missionary experience in territorial days.

1981.170 Ferguson, Thompson B.

Contains one souvenir page from the newspaper the *Edmond Enterprise* featuring a photograph and article about Oklahoma Governor Thompson B. Ferguson, newspaper clippings written by and about Elva Shartel Ferguson, business and personal correspondence, and campaign correspondence.

1969.046 Governor Frank Frantz Collection

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, governors of Oklahoma, and Roosevelt's Rough Riders. A digitized version of this collection is available on The Gateway to Oklahoma History.

1984.002 Harn, William F.

This collection contains William Harn's case files regarding land claims in Oklahoma and Indian Territories resulting from the land runs. The collection also includes files regarding the Capitol Building Corporation and State Capitol Building Commission.

Historic Oklahoma

The Historic Oklahoma Collection contains ephemera, publications, and other items that are not part of other collections. The Historic Oklahoma Collection is essentially a vertical file of primary source documents and historic material. The folders are filed alphabetically by subject, proper name, or geographic area.

1986.133 Homestead Certificates Collection

Contains homestead certificates for early Oklahoma settlers.

1982.261 Kelley, E. H.

The collection consists of the banking memorabilia of E. H. Kelley from 1903 to 1963. The collection includes ledgers, record books, correspondence, statements, and reports of various banks all over Oklahoma. The collection documents early Oklahoma banking practices as well as the development of a more organized and regulated banking system. The collection also includes correspondence and research from Kelley corresponding to the banks and banking exhibit for the Oklahoma Historical Society. The collection contains a lot of correspondence to and from various banks as well as many ledgers, minute books, and cash books from the early twentieth century. The collection lacks banking documentation from the late 1940s to the 1960s. Included in the collection are records relating to Territorial banks and banking.

1982.088 Meserve, John Bartlett

The majority of the collection is J. B. Meserve's research on Indian leaders of Oklahoma for *The Chronicles of Oklahoma* publication. In addition, this collection contains personal and professional correspondence before, during, and after Mr. Meserve's political career. The collection includes folders on the territorial governors.

1982.051 Oklahoma Territory Census

This collection contains an 1890 census for seven different counties in Oklahoma Territory. The 1890 Oklahoma Territorial Census recorded the individual's name, age at nearest birthday, relationship to the head of the family, birthplace, sex, race, number of years in the United States, length of residence in the territory, if they were a soldier, if they had been naturalized, and if they were able to read or write. The county and town were also listed.

2010.149 Oklahoma Territory School Records

One bound volume; contains copies of letters sent from the territorial offices regarding school business by S. N. Hopkins, Territorial Auditor/Superintendent.

1984.016 David Payne Papers

Correspondence and diaries of David Payne, and other documents related to the Payne Colony

2011.012 Pruett, Haskell

The Haskell Pruett Collection contains correspondence, teaching materials, superintendent files, diaries, and various volumes on education and schools. Included in the collection is correspondence with territorial superintendents and school information before statehood.

1982.227 Renfrow, William C. Governor

Contains correspondence from William C. Renfrow to Cassius M. Barnes and materials relating to the territorial government of Oklahoma.

2012.236 Seay, Abraham Jefferson

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.

2011.065 Secretary of State Territorial Incorporation Ledgers

This collection contains records for businesses, towns, churches, and other entities incorporated before statehood. The collection also has executive records and records of pardons.

1983.016 Secretary of the Territory Collection

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

1979.081 Territorial and County Superintendents

List of the territorial and county superintendents of education in Oklahoma (1893 & 1900). Includes name, territory or county, office location, and other data.

1983.046 Territorial Court

Manuscript: History of the court system in Indian Territory 1836–1904