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**Boomer Literature Collection**

**Boomer Literature Collection. Printed materials, 1859–1905. 1 foot.**

Subject collection. Flyers, leaflets, and handbills (1859–1905) advertising land in Oklahoma, both settled and unsettled, along with booklets, leaflets and handbills (1859–1905) advertising the new cities, counties, and regions of the territory. The collection also contains a proclamation (1893) by territorial Governor William Renfrow, and a commencement ceremony program (1882) from Indian University in Muskogee, Indian Territory.

**Box 1**

**Folder:**

1. Oklahoma homesteading materials -- leaflets advertising free homes and land in Oklahoma (1896-1901).
2. "Homeseekers' Guide: How to Take a Claim" (1900).
3. "Proceedings of Oklahoma Convention held at Iowa Part, Texas, Jan. 1, 1892".
4. "Statistics and Information concerning the Indian Territory, Oklahoma, and the Cherokee Strip, with its millions of acres of unoccupied lands, for the Farmer and Stock-Raiser". Published by the Missouri Pacific Railway, 1898.
5. "Cherokee Strip and Oklahoma" -- a book catalog from Hinkel's Book Shop in Stillwater, OK.
6. Proclamations and resolutions.
7. "Rules Regulating the attendance of pupils at the Seneca, Shawnee and Wyandotte Industrial Boarding School, Quapaw Agency, Indian Territory" (Dec. 22, 1881); "Second Annual Commencement of the Indian University, June 2nd, 1882".
8. Advertisements.
9. "Official Program: Railroad Celebration" celebrating the opening of the Ozark Route, August 5, 1902.
10. Official notices.
11. "Symbolism in the Oklahoma State Flag".

12. "Read the Record" by T.R. Cook re: Kiowa, Comanche, Apache and Wichita lands (c. 1890s).
13. "The State Capital's Hand Book of the Official Allotments made to Indians in the Cherokee Strip" (no date).
14. "The Oklahoma Opportunity (missing first 2 pages); envelopes from the Indian Territory Colonization Society."
15. Stockholder's certificate for Entering Wedge Mining Co. (1906).
16. Circular advertising a lecture on Oklahoma by D.L. Payne; circular from General Merrit, commanding the Department of the Missouri, re: law and order in the Territory (April 21, 1889).
17. "Mass Meeting" re: building a town at Comanche.
18. "Through Northern Texas and Indian Territory" -- Tour of the Business Men of Kansas City, under the auspices of the Commercial Club, Nov. 19026, 1890.
19. "Free Home Address" by Hon. Dick T. Morgan (Feb. 10, 1900).
20. Plat map of Harrison, Oklahoma (now Gotebo).
21. Field Notes of the Big Pasture, Comanche County, Oklahoma, compiled from the Government Surveys by Ketch, Trent and Co., Lawton, OK (1906).
22. "Your Opportunity to get 160 Acres of Improved Farm Land from the State of Oklahoma on Forty Years' Time at 5% Interest" (1909).
23. Road map of Caddo County, Oklahoma (1917).
24. Business Directory of Newkirk, Oklahoma Territory (no date).
25. Promotional materials for Lawton and Norman, Oklahoma.
26. Official notices and correspondence debating the opening of Indian Territory to settlement (1879-1881).
27. "From the *Topeka Daily Capital*" re: legal status of No Man's Land (August 23, 1888).
28. "Last Chance for Cheap Homes!". Ad put out by the Headquarters of the Southwest Colonization Society (1880).
29. "Free Beaver County Homesteads" (no date).

30. "The Oklahoma Book -- Extracts from the Official Report of Gov. T.B. Ferguson to the Secretary of the Interior, Showing the Marvelous Growth of Oklahoma, the Youngest Child of the Louisiana Purchase" (1903).
31. "The New Country and its Merits" re: Greer, Washita and Kiowa Counties (no date).

## **Box 2**

### **Folder:**

1. Colonel Boudinot's Letter, showing the status of the United States Lands in the Indian Territory (March 31, 1879).
2. Regulations governing the sale of the Unallotted Tribal Lands in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, Oklahoma ... (July 18, 1917) from the Department of the Interior; an Abstract of Title for Avard, Woods County, Oklahoma Territory, with a cover letter from the president of the Avard Town Company (July 23, 1904).
3. "The Time is Short!". Notice re: the opening of Kiowa, Comanche, Apache and Wichita lands for settlement (no date).
4. Notice for Jefferson's Day celebration in Muldrow, Oklahoma on April 13, 1897; a Southwestern Townsite Company ad and a Second and Final Payment Certificate made out to Miss M.J. Webb for one lot (Oct. 6, 1902).
5. Notices from General Merritt, Commander of the Military Department of Missouri re: laws in the Territories (April 21 and 27, 1889).
6. Anadarko -- 2 copies of "Anadarko, Okla: An Important Agricultural Center (no date); 1 copy of Historical Anadarko "Little City of Opportunity"" (c. 1929); souvenir edition of *The Weekly Democrat* (July 25, 1907).
7. Duncan -- "Duncan, Oklahoma: Queen City of the Great Southwest!" (1906).
8. Frederick -- "Frederick: The Miracle City" (c. 1920).
9. City Directory of Hobart, Oklahoma (1906).
10. Lawton -- Lawton Directory, 1902; "Ayers Twentieth Century Directory and Chart, Being a Compilation of Lawton, Oklahoma, The Marvel City of the World" (1903); ads for Lawton.
11. Norman -- description of Norman by the Secretary of the Commercial Club of Norman, Oklahoma.
12. Pauls Valley -- "Christman Souvenir of *The Valley News*" (1898); "Pauls Valley City Schools" (1906-1907); picture book of Pauls Valley (no date).

13. Sapulpa -- 2 copies of "Sapulpa, Indian Territory" (1903).
14. Tahlequah -- "Tahlequah and the Indian Territory: An Illustrated Description" printed by the *Tahlequah Arrow* (no date).
15. Wewoka -- "We-Wo-Ka Capital of the Seminole Nation, Indian Territory, The Only Town in Ind. Terr., Where Warranty Deed Can Be Secured" (no date); "Rand, McNally & Co.'s Indexed County and Railroad Pocket Map and Shippers' Guide of Indian and Oklahoma Territories ..." (1900).
16. Cheyenne -- signed dance card for the Social Hop given at the Cheyenne Opera House on September 7, 1876. Several of the spaces have been signed.