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Judge Bower Broaddus Collection

Broaddus, Bower (1888–1949). Papers, 1930–1949. 6.66 feet.

Judge. Findings of fact, conclusions of law, and case files (1940–1949) from Broaddus's tenure as a judge for the eastern, northern, and western districts of the Tenth Federal District Court; case files (1933–1940) from Broaddus's law practice in Muskogee, Oklahoma; business and personal correspondence (1930–1949); and speeches (n.d.) of Broaddus and others.

Biography:

Bower Broaddus was born in Chillicothe, Missouri, May 30, 1888, the son of Elbridge J. Broaddus, judge of the federal circuit court of appeals with headquarters in Kansas City. Following graduation from high school in Kansas City, Bower joined the staff of the Chillicothe newspaper. He studied law at the Kansas City School of Law and the University of Missouri, returning to the Kansas City school for his degree in 1910. In that year the young lawyer appeared before Chief Justice Robert L. Williams of the Oklahoma Supreme Court in Guthrie to take the bar examination. Having passed the examination, Mr. Broaddus established an office in Muskogee and three years later was appointed police judge. In 1926 he became city attorney. Broaddus was elected to the State House of Representatives in 1932 and to the State Senate in 1934. At the end of his term in 1938 he retired from politics, never having been defeated in an election.

In 1937 a vacancy occurred on the federal bench in Oklahoma and Bower Broaddus was strongly recommended. The appointment, however, went to Eugene Rice of Durant. When a vacancy occurred again in 1940, Broaddus was appointed roving federal judge with jurisdiction in Eastern, Northern and Western districts of Oklahoma.

Judge Broaddus married Miss Harriet Ann Noland of Richmond, Kentucky, in 1917. To them were born two sons and a daughter, Elbridge Sidney, Bower Jr., and Harriett Ann (Mrs. Jack High). Judge Broaddus died in December of 1949.

Judge Broaddus was a prominent lawman in the Baptist Church and an exceptional speaker. For many years he taught the men's Bible class in the First Baptist Church of Muskogee. When the Broaddus family moved to Oklahoma City in 1945, Judge Broaddus renewed his work as teacher of men's Bible classes, first at Olivet Baptist Church and later at First Baptist Church.

**Box 1--Northern District of Oklahoma
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1. Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, Inclusive, 1942-1945; Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, 1947; Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, 1948;

Bess v. O'Bannon, No. 613-Civil, 1942-1944; Jackson Materials Co. v. Massman Construction Co., No. 1097-Civil

Box 2--Western District of Oklahoma

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1. A.B. Momand v. 20th Century Fox and A.B. Momand v. Griffith Amusement Co., 1941-1944
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Box 3--Western District of Oklahoma

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1. Kepler v. Kasihke, et al, No. 1245, 1944-1949
2. M.A. McClary v. Holloway, No. 865-Civil, 1942
3. Maude C. Markham, Exec. v. H.C. Jones, Collector, No. 1360, 1944
4. Newell v. Phillips, 1942-1943
5. Paul A. Porter, Administrator v. W.S. Duck, No.2969-Civil, 1946
6. Ralph Crews v. Eugene Waterous, No. 2029-Equity, 1942-1946
7. Richards v. Joines, No. 2172-Civil, 1946
8. State of Oklahoma v. Maryland Casualty, No. 6458, 1940-1941
9. State of Oklahoma v. Maryland Casualty, No. 5630, 1941
10. State ex rel. v. Books Companies, 1943

11. Saulsbury v. Phillips Petroleum Co., No. 453, 1942
12. Saulsbury v. Phillips Petroleum Co., No. 458, 1942
13. Swansberger v. Phillips, No. 1901-Equity, not dated
14. Vennum v. Wilson, No. 1998-Equity, 1941

Box 4--Western District of Oklahoma
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1. Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, Inclusive, 1942-1945
2. Findings of Fact of Conclusions of Law, 1946
3. Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, 1948-1949
4. Pre-trial dockets, 1940
5. Briefs, 1945
6. Johnson, et al. v. United States, No. 1408-Civil, 1944
7. Blackard, et al. v. Jones, Collector, No. 1219-Civil, 1943-1944
8. Fritzlen v. City Oklahoma City, not dated
9. Chester Bowles v. J.A. Rieger, No. 1444-Civil, 1944
10. Gerson v. Anderson-Prichard, 1943
11. Hartford Accident v. Lillie Small, 1941
12. Hopler v. Farmers Mutual, not dated
13. Johnson v. Smith, 1942
14. Johnson v. Smith, 1942

Box 5--Eastern District of Oklahoma
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1. Hoover cases, 1947-1948
2. Hopler v. Farmers Mutual, No. 461-Civil, 1942-1943

3. Hopler v. Farmers Mutual, No. 461-Civil, 1942-1943
4. Hopler v. Farmers Mutual, No. 461-Civil, 1942-1943
5. Howard Woodruff v. Heirs of Matthew Henry, No. 2227, 1947-1948
6. Janie Knight v. Leslie Anderson, No. 958-Civil, 1945-1946
7. Lela Love v. Ben Curtis, No. 1601-Civil, 1945
8. Sissie Harjo nee Caesar v. Thomas McCulla, No. 931, 1946
9. Mat Sadler v. Public National Bank, 1947-1948
10. Thomas P. Howell, No. 7072, 1941
11. Tulsa Stereotypers Union v. Newspaper Printing Corp., 1945
12. United States v. 15.74 Acres of Land, No. 1478-Civil, 1945
13. United States Fidelity Co. v. O.R. Hughes, No. 1625-Civil, 1946
14. United States v. T.A. Hewett, No. 2026-Civil, 1947-1948
15. Whale v. Vaughn, No. 1459-Civil, 1946
16. York v. Hickman, No. 1428-Civil, 1946

Box 6--Eastern District of Oklahoma
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1. Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law, Inclusive, 1942-1945
2. Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law, 1947
3. Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law, 1948-1949
4. Memoranda, 1944-1945
5. Disposed cases, 1945
6. Anderson & Spillman v. Cowley, No. 1308, 1945-1946
7. Clifton v. Schroeder, No. 1282, 1944-1946
8. Condemnation of Lands for Camp Gruber, 1943

9. Case No. 829, regarding Tracts, 1942-1943
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16. Case No. 829, regarding Tracts, 1942-1943
17. Case No. 834, regarding Tracts, 1941
18. Evelyn Culver v. Magnolia, No. 445, 1942
19. Florence Townsend v. Yahdeka Byrd, No. 787, 1945
20. Gouin v. Gibson, 1947-1948
21. Harden v. Harden, No. 483, 1941-1942
22. Harjo cases, 1942
23. Hubert Hargraves v. Mid-Continent Petroleum Corp., 1941

Box 7--Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals

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1. Opinions, September Term, 1946
2. Memoranda, September Term, 1946
3. Nancy Bradburn cases, 1946-1947

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1. United States v. Association of Limb Manufacturers of America, No. 75987, 1946-1947

Box 9--General Correspondence

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1. Bower Broaddus' Sunday School Class, 1937-1941
2. Broaddus' Fellowship Class, 1944-1945
3. New Men's Class, Olivet Baptist Church, 1947
4. Service men's letters, 1941-1944
5. Senator Elmer Thomas Campaign, includes letter from Thomas, 1938
6. Resolutions regarding Appointment to Federal Judge, Eastern District, 1937
7. R.E.I. Study Club, 1933-1947

Box 10--General Correspondence

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1. Circuit Court Judgeship letters, 1949
2. Concerning donations, 1944-1946
3. Concerning Kansas City Law School 50th Anniversary Celebration, 1945
4. Concerning proposed bill to increase salaries of Federal Judges, 1945
5. Concerning rationing applications, 1945
6. Concerning Roy Wood v. Mid-Continent, 1941
7. Concerning Reverend Rupert Naney with President et al., includes letter form Secretary of State, 1945-1946
8. Concerning Reverend Rupert Naney and WKY, 1940
9. Concerning servicemen, 1945-1946

Box 11--General Correspondence

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1. Campaign, 1932-1934
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3. Applications, etc., 1936
4. Bill of Rights, 1940-1941
5. Admission of Grievance Committee-Federal Court, 1940
6. Portland Cement

Box 12--General Correspondence
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1. Concerning Board of Legal Examiners, 1943
2. Concerning Board of Legal Examiners with OU, 1942
3. Concerning Don Smith, 1940
4. Concerning Federal Judgeship Appointment, 1940
5. Concerning Fox Rig and Lumber Company v. Traders and General Insurance Company, 1945
6. Concerning Central Coal and Coke Company, 1942
7. Concerning Johnson v. Winston, 1941
8. Concerning Josh Lee and Elmer Thomas, includes letters from Lee and Thomas, 1942
9. Concerning letters of recommendation, 1944-1949
10. Concerning letters of recommendation, 1944-1949
11. Concerning letters of recommendation, 1944-1949
12. Concerning Pfrimmer v. Walter Johnson, 1940
13. Concerning Phil Martin, 1940
14. Concerning Oklahoma University, 1945
15. Concerning State Bar Association unauthorized practices, 1940

Box 13--Personal Correspondence
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1. General, 1940-1946
2. Concerning congratulations on appointment as Federal Judge, 1940
3. Concerning congratulations on appointment as Federal Judge, 1940
4. Concerning congratulations on appointment as Federal Judge, 1940
5. Personal (A-H), 1947-1948
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Box 14--Correspondence regarding Appointment to Federal Judgeship, Eastern District Folder:

1. A-C, 1937
2. D-J, 1937
3. K-O, 1937
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Box 15--Broaddus and Ambrister, Muskogee, Cases Folder:

1. Concerning Isom McCarty Sale, No. 2846, 1927-1946
2. John Wolf v. Rucker, No. 2002-Equity, 1940
3. Palmer Deal, 1940-1942
4. Trosper v. Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Co., No. 6339, 1938-1939
5. H.C. Wayne v. J.T. McCarthy, No. 1484, 1941
6. Miscellaneous cases, 1941-1945

Box 16--Pre-Trial Bulletins, Committee on Amendments to the Rules of Civil Procedure Folder:

1. Pre-trial bulletins, 1941-1944

2. Committee of Amendments to the Rules of Civil Procedure for the District Courts of the United States, 1944
3. Reports and memo briefs, supporting, not dated
4. Riddle v. Riddle, et al., (Supreme Court), 1942
5. Opinions rendered by Judge Broaddus, 1941-1944
6. Opinions rendered by Judge Rice, 1941-1942
7. Opinions rendered by Judge Vaught, 1941-1942

Box 17--Case Files

Folder:

1. District Court of New Mexico v. Charles Thelman Rice, No. 11270-CR, 1944
2. United States v. C. Ray Smith, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 1943
3. American National Insurance Co. v. Harold Franklin et al, 1942-1943
4. Casebeer v, United States (Kansas District), No. 6209-Criminal, 1942-1945
5. Wichita, Kansas Docket, 1944-1945
6. Kansas District Court, 1943-1944
7. Bowles v. Kelly, No. 2263-Civil, Wichita, Kansas District, 1944-1945

Box 18--Speeches

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1. A-M, 1941-1946
2. O-Z, 1938-1947

Box 19--Personal

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1. Certificate of Nomination, State Senate, District 27, 1934
2. Resolutions of Respect as the Death of Judge Bower Broaddus, 1949
3. Clippings and Sunday School Class Papers, includes obituary notices, 1947-1950