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James Shannon Buchanan Collection

Buchanan, James Shannon (1864-1930). Papers, 1850–1937. 2 feet.
Professor and university president. Correspondence (1902) related to Buchanan's attempts to have power and water companies established in Norman, Oklahoma; lecture notes (n.d.) for history classes; draft copies (n.d.) of his book, *The History of Oklahoma*; lecture notes (n.d.) of Katherine Buchanan, a teacher at University High School, Norman, Oklahoma; papers (1912) relating to the history of the University of Oklahoma; personal correspondence and legal papers (1893–1927) of the Buchanan family; printed propositions, journals, and committee reports (1906–1907) to the Oklahoma Constitutional Convention; guides (n.d.) for the study and teaching of English; and Delta Kappa Gamma bulletins (1936–1937).

Box 1
Folder:

1. History 155 Lecture Notes
    1. First Continental Congress
    2. Stamp Act
    3. Introduction to the Course
    4. "We the People"
    5. Influence of the West on Democratic Ideas

2. History 155 Lecture Notes
    1. Congress of 1775
    2. Jay's Treaty
    3. Jefferson and Hamilton
    4. Debts
    5. Expansion and Louisiana Purchase
    6. Election and Inauguration of Washington
    7. Ratification of the Constitution
    8. Articles of Confederation

3. History 156 Lecture Notes
    1. Course Intro. and Outline
    2. The Monroe Doctrine
    3. Andrew Jackson
    4. Henry Clay
    5. Aaron Burr
    6. Jackson and the Bank

4. History 211 Lecture Notes

1. Tariff and Nullification
2. Personal Liberty Laws in the U.S.
3. Cabinet Changes and Nullification
4. Panama Congress

5. History 206 Lecture Notes
   1. Dispute over West Florida
   2. Indian Affairs
   3. Kansas-Nebraska Act
   4. Compromise of 1850
   5. Mexican War
   6. Consecrated Fallacies
   7. Sam Houston

6. History 155 Lecture Notes
   1. Republican Party
   2. New England Disaffection
   3. Jefferson
   4. Election of 1800
   5. John Adams
   6. Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions
   7. Alien and Sedition Laws
   8. XYZ Papers
   9. The Whiskey Rebellion

7. History 110 Lecture Notes
   1. The Missouri Question
   2. Johnson's Provisional Governors
   3. Presidential Theory and Plan
   4. James Monroe
   5. Marbury v. Madison

8. History Lecture Notes
   1. Spanish interference in Western Trade
   2. Embargo and War of 1812
   3. Algerian War
   4. World War I reparations
   5. Book of Exam Questions

9. History Lecture Notes
   1. Wilson's War Message
   2. Hawaii
   3. Andrew Jackson
   4. National Banking
   5. James G. Blain

10. History Lecture Notes
    1. Jefferson
    2. The Declaration of Independence
    3. Louisiana Purchase
    4. Tariff and Nullification
    5. Boundaries of Texas
    6. Third Parties

11. James Shannon Buchanan -- Correspondence
    1. To James Buchanan from Regents of the University
       April 9, 1909
    2. To James Buchanan from William Garrett
       March 12, 1894
    3. To James Buchanan from Richard H. Cloyd
       May 22, 1894
    4. To James Buchanan from Frank M. Smith
       March 19, 1894
    5. To James Buchanan from Frederick W. Moore
       May 5, 1896
    6. To James Buchanan from W.M. Bakerville
       May 12, 1894
    7. To James Buchanan from Frederick W. Moore
       March 14, 1894
    8. To James Buchanan from E.E. Weis
       April 17, 1893
    9. To James Buchanan from Frank M. Alexander
       November 16, 1909
    10. To James Buchanan from George Pope Shannon
       January 1, 1927
    11. From James S. Buchanan to Frederick Stanton Elder regarding University of Oklahoma matters, including a school lands proposition, the recent burning of a university building and their shoddy construction, the impending departure of OU President Boyd, and rumored campus scandals. Dated January 17, 1908 (sic) [envelope postmarked March 3, 1909].

12. 1. By-Laws and Materials Relating to the history of the University of Oklahoma
    2. Address of Dr. Stratton P. Brooks -- October 1, 1912

13. Legal Documents/Business Papers (1894 to 1919)
    1. Promissory Notes
    2. Warranty Deed
    3. Contracts
    4. Stock Certificates
    5. Abstract of Title

14. 1. "Making Democracy Work"

2. Brief History of the State of Oklahoma
3. Constitutional Provision Relating to Education

15. Manuscript Drafts (both handwritten and typed) of Buchanan's *The History of Oklahoma*
1. Chapters 1-3
2. Chapter 4 (fragment)
3. Chapters 5-7

16. Manuscript Drafts (title unknown)
1. Chapter 1 -- The French and Spanish in the Mississippi Valley
2. Chapter 2 -- The Struggle for Ownership
3. Chapter 3 -- Early American Explorers
4. "Oklahoma" -- from Buchanan's *The History of Oklahoma*

17. Miscellaneous
1. Letter to Katherine Buchanan from Anna King Turley
June 20, 1928
2. Poetry Festival Choral Reading Program
3. Book Bugs Invitation Service and Charter
4. Playbill for University High School's production of *A Date With Judy* -- November 20, 1948
5. Playbill for University High School's production of *Our Town* -- April 8, 1949

18. Katherine Buchanan's Lecture Notes
1. Giving Book Reports
2. Reading and Writing Biography and Autobiography
3. Drama
4. English Literature
5. Speech and Debate
6. Proofreading
7. Literary Ters
8. *Junior High Chatter*

19. 1. Various Public Speaking Addresses Related to World War I
2. A pamphlet of original documents of U.S. history

20. Eighteen Christmas Cards

21. 1. 1919 Mangum High School Yearbook -- *The Mango*
2. Congressional Record -- 67th Congress, 2nd Session
March 21, 1922
3. Congressional Record -- 69th Congress, 1st Session
June 18, 1926

22. Bulletin of the Five Civilized Tribes of Indian Territory Published by the Department of the Interior -- Census Office, Washington, D.C., August 25, 1895

23. Miscellaneous
    1. Antiqued Reproductions of Confederate, Colonial, and Revolutionary Currency
    2. Other Lands Other Peoples -- A Country by Country Factbook (Sierra Leone)
    3. Phone numbers and records of phone calls
    4. Oklahoma Good Roads Association -- Division of National Highways Yearbook (Road Map, 1920)

24. Miscellaneous
    1. Program -- Oklahoma Memorial Association -- Nov. 16, 1929 (2 copies)
    2. Clipping -- Norman Transcript -- January 19, 1951
    3. "The Red Hammock in the Pine Grove"
    4. General Building specifications
    5. Catholic Study Club Outline
    6. How to Type a Thesis

25. Propositions 1-109 of the Oklahoma State Constitutional Convention

26. Propositions 110-186 of the Oklahoma State Constitutional Convention

27. Propositions 187-241 of the Oklahoma State Constitutional Convention

28. Propositions 242-333 of the Oklahoma State Constitutional Convention

29. Propositions 334-400 of the Oklahoma State Constitutional Convention

30. Propositions 401, 403, 420, 424, 425, 426, 438
    Committee Reports 1-13 of the Oklahoma State Constitutional Convention

31. Committee Reports 14-66 of the Oklahoma State Constitutional Convention

32. Journals of the Constitutional Convention (Oklahoma) Nov. 30, 1906-Dec. 3, 1906; Dec.5-Dec. 8, 1906; Dec. 10-Dec. 15, 1906; Dec. 17-18, 1906; Dec. 21, 1906; Jan. 3-5, 1907; Jan. 7-9, 1907; Jan. 11-12, 1907; Jan. 14, 1907; Jan. 17, 1907; Jan 19, 1907; Jan. 21-23, 1907; Jan. 25-26, 1907; Jan. 28-Feb. 2, 1907

Box 2
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1. Journals of the Constitutional Convention (Oklahoma) Feb. 7-8, 1907; Feb. 11-16, 1907; Feb. 19, 1907; Feb. 21, 1907; Feb. 25-March 2, 1907; March 4-7, 1907; March 15, 1907 Calendar Constitutional Convention of Oklahoma -- Jan. 26, 1907; February 28, 1907; The Constitution of the State of Oklahoma; Constitution for the proposed State of Sequoyah

2. Correspondence related to Buchanan's efforts to have an electric light plant established in Norman, Oklahoma Territory

3. Accounting Book (1850-1858)

4. The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin -- March, 1936; January, 1937

5. Bulletin of the National Council of Research.
"Our State Constitutions";
University of North Carolina Record. January 1, 1927

6. The Literary Digest, May 11, 1929.

7. Short stories written by students in grades 7-10. Directions for Teachers of English in Stuyvesant High School, New York, Minimum Essentials in English

8. Buchanan, James Shannon
1. Letter from E.E. Dale to Buchanan regarding Dale's stint in police work and his thesis at Harvard University, September 25, 1919.
2. Letter from John Mitch to Buchanan congratulating Buchanan on his marriage, December 1924.
3. Letter from John Rogers to Buchanan regarding the appointment of Buchanan as President the University of Oklahoma and that W.W. Phelan was not under consideration.
4. Resolution of thanks to Buchanan from the Oklahoma University Association, June 8, 1925.

9. Buchanan, James Shannon
Buchanan's address on woman's suffrage, n.d.

10. Buchanan, Miss Jennie Thomas
"The Red Hammock in the Pine Grove" (four manuscript copies), n.d., envelope dated 1907.

11. Buchanan, Major John
1. List of items purchased, date, and cost, 1834.
2. Note: "Give Margaret Buchanan eighty four dollars value received, John S. Buchanan," March 27, 1836
3. Note: "The money due Sarah Sample in the hands of Josh Stevens when he married and at the disposal of Thomas Sample was one hundred and fifty two dollars." n.d
4. Document relating to Buchanan's role in a battle involving "Buchanan's Station" and the Cumberland Valley, n.d.

12. Buchanan, John P. (Governor of Tennessee. 1891-1893)
1. Biographical sketch on life of John P. Buchanan. 28 pages, 1895.
2. Letter to Mrs. H.H. Bradley from Buchanan, 1877.
3. Receipts for goods and services, 1891-1892.
4. Several letters written on stationary of the Farmers Alliance and Industrial Union, mostly illegible, 1896.
5. Speech on "childhood," n.d.

6. List of things to do, n.d.
7. Speech: "To the people of Tennessee." announcement by Buchanan as an independent candidate for reelection to the office of Governor of Tennessee, n.d.
8. Promissory note to B.H. Ivie, 1888.

13. Buchanan, John P. (Governor of Tennessee, 1891-1893)
1. Indenture of land between Buchanan and his wife Fannie L. Buchanan of the first part and Tommie L. Buchanan of the second part, 1899.
2. Indenture of land between John P. and Fannie L. Buchanan and Thomas Buchanan, 1879.
3. Indenture of land between John P. and Fannie L. Buchanan and R.R. Lowe, n.d.

14. Buchanan, Margaret
Indenture of property including land and slaves, between Margaret Buchanan of the first part, Robert S. Buchanan of the second part, and Thomas Buchanan o the third part, 1850.

15. Buchanan, Rebecca J.
Deed transferring land from P.A. and Marry Lyon to Rebecca Buchanan, 1880

16. Buchanan, Robert S.
Indenture of property as regards the last will and testament of John Buchanan (1834), between Margaret, Robert S., and Thomas Buchanan, September 12, 1850.

17. Buchanan, Robert S.
1. Indenture of land between Robert S. Buchanan and Thomas Buchanan, 1865.
2. List of articles sold at the sale of R.S. Buchanan, 1866
3. List of med. visits, R.S. Buchanan to Dan B. Cliffe, 1858.

18. Buchanan, Robert and Thomas
Handwritten receipts for services rendered and items purchased, 1857-1880. Most of the receipts involve Thomas Buchanan acting as trustee for Robert Buchanan.

19. Buchanan, Thomas
1. Letters to Buchanan from friends and family, 1875-1890.
2. Survey of tract of land, 1885.
3. Agreement of sale of land between Thomas Buchanan and Henry Gray, n.d.
4. Receipt of Buchanan in redemption of tract of land sold by Jas. R. Robinson, 1877.
5. Indenture of land to Thomas Buchanan and Hugh Bradley, 1872.
6. Receipt for purchase of land from Thomas Buchanan by Hugh Bradley, 1879.
7. Certificate granting Buchanan the right to vote, 1865.
8. Certificate to the effect that Buchanan took the Oath of Allegiance to the United States and filed a bond, 1863.
9. Military pass issued to Buchanan to pass "through our lines to sixteen miles Franklin Pike and return." 1865.

20. Buchanan, Miss Tommie
1. Tennessee Female College Commencement Exercises Program, 1881.

2. Receipts of purchase, 1877-1903
3. Letter (mostly illegible).
4. Address to the faculty and Advisory Board of East End College regarding higher education of women, n.d.
5. Poem presented to the graduating class "The Clionian Argus," Franklin, Tennessee, June 1881.

21. Buchanan, Miss Tommie
Indenture of land between Georgie Matthews of the first part and T.J. Buchanan of the second part, 1899.

22. Crumf, Leila May
1. Obituary of Crumf (one page), n.d.
2. Obituary of Crumf (twelve pages), n.d.

23. Osterhaus, Auguste
Warranty deed between R.C. Berry, Nora Berry, F.J. McGinley, May McGinley and Auguste Osterhaus, Norman, Oklahoma Territory, 1903.

24. Rice, Miss Betsey
1. Receipts of Thomas Buchanan as executor for Elizabeth Rice, 1867-1871.
2. Dental bill, 1858.
3. Receipt register sheets (three), 1864-1868.

25. Essay
"Go Work in My Vineyard." by sister (?) before Presbytery (?)

26. Hair of loved ones
Tommie Buchanan; Margaret Buchanan; "Our dear mama;" and "My own dear dear mama."

27. Miscellaneous
1. Remedies "for chills." (handwritten) 1869
2. Letter (mostly illegible).
3. Philosophical letter to his children about "life," signed papa, n.d.
4. Letter addressed to "My dear uncle" on state of North Carolina Senate Chamber stationery, "March 28, 1899"
5. Two letters regarding the erection of an "air line fence," 1872.

28. Photocopies
1. Oklahoma Public Schools. State Teaching Certificate, J.S. Buchanan, 1908.
2. Letter from C.A. Galbraith to J.S. Buchanan regarding letter from the Emperor of Germany, 1900.
3. Letter from the Emperor of Germany to the Sovereign of the Hawaiian Islands, 1871.
4. Bank of Tennessee $5 bills and Confederate States of America $50 bill.

29. Printed Materials

1. "President Buchanan 'Uncle Buck,'" *University of Oklahoma Magazine*, Fall 1922.
2. *The Cumberland Alumnus*, Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee, February, 1925.
3. "Buchanan Appointment Stabilized University," *Harlow's Weekly*, May 19, 1923.
4. "A Short Visit to the Memorial Church of the Holy Land, Franciscan Monastery, Mount St. Sepulchre, Washington, D.C." (two copies)
5. *Beta Theta Pi*, official organ of the fraternity, November 1923.
6. "Seeing Washington by trolley and motor coach."
7. *The American Magazine*, December, 1929.
8. "History of Christ Church, Alexandria, Virginia, 1773-1925."

30. Sermon or biblical address
This document was damaged by fire (mostly illegible) ten pages, n.d.

31. Speeches
Political speech concerning a financial panic, n.d.

32. Speeches
Speech by Thomas Buchanan (?) "Argument in Favor of a No Fence Law," n.d.

33. Speeches
"Welcome Address," speech in congratulation of a newly married couple, n.d.

Oversized Box 1
Folder:

1. Home Insurance Company, Indemnity Contract for $1000 against loss or damage by fire and lightning, Thomas Buchanan, 1893.

2. Hartford Fire Insurance Company, Dwelling House Policies (two) for $1,000 against loss or damage to house on University Avenue, Norman, Oklahoma, Thomas Buchanan, 1903 and 1905.

3. Norman Country Club, Stock Certificate, Owner: Guy Williams, 1920.

4. Newspapers
Norman Transcript. Golden Anniversary Edition, August 27, 1939.
The Home Journal. Murfreesboro, Tennessee, May 16, 1930.
Newspaper clippings primarily concerning Buchanan, his family, or the University of Oklahoma, 1925-1929.

5. Photo album with photographs of Greek societies at the University of Oklahoma, a wedding, trips to Japan and Puerto Rico, Native Americans, and Easter greeting cards, circa early 1900s.