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University research bureau. Proceedings and debates of the Oklahoma Constitutional Convention (1906–1907); reports of studies made by the Oklahoma State Planning Board (1936–1938), the Oklahoma Tax Commission (1935–1936), the Oklahoma State Legislative Council (1947–1952), the University of Oklahoma College of Business Administration (1950), and the Bureau of Government Research (1951–1961); typescripts (1910–1931) of newspaper articles relating to the Socialist Party of Oklahoma; and a chart (1962) showing the organization of Oklahoma state government.

Box 1

Publications

1. *State Homes for Orphans and Veterans in Oklahoma*, Oklahoma State Planning Board, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 1936.
2. *State Penal and Corrective Institutions in Oklahoma*, Oklahoma State Planning Board, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 1936.
3. *State Mental Hospitals in Oklahoma*, Oklahoma State Planning Board, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 1937.
4. *State General and Tuberculosis Hospitals*, Oklahoma State Planning Board, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 1938.

Box 2

Publications

1. Fred Hunt, *Report: Oklahoma State Reformatory* 1938.
2. *Analysis of 1934 Taxable Individual Tax Returns*, Oklahoma Tax Commission, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Bulletin #16 May 1, 1936.
3. *65 Million Dollar Road Building Program for Oklahoma*, Oklahoma Highway Users Conference, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 1937.
4. *Digest of Tax Regulation*, Oklahoma Tax Commission, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Bulletin #10, November 1, 1935.
5. *Oklahoma State Penitentiary: Annual Report*, Warden Fred Hunt. Period ending June 30, 1942.
6. *Preliminary Report on State Planning*, Oklahoma State Planning Board, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 1936.

7. Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce. Oklahoma Red Book. *Cost of Government in Oklahoma* 1948.
8. Citizens Committee for Constitutional Revision. *Shall We Revise Our Constitution?* Re-issue November 1, 1949.
9. Ben F. Harrison, State Budget Director. *The Problem of State Administrative Reorganization in Oklahoma*, Oklahoma City 1928.
10. *The Oklahoma State Budget in Brief for the Fiscal Biennium 1951-1953*.
11. *Proceedings of the First Annual Municipal Government Conference*. Sponsored by the University of Oklahoma in co-operation with the Oklahoma Municipal League. Norman, 1946.

Box 3

Reports, Studies and Handbooks

1. State of Oklahoma, State Legislative Council. *Third Biennial Report*. Oklahoma City, 1952.
2. Oklahoma State Legislative Council. *First Biennial Report*. Oklahoma City, 1948 (with Supplement, Report #7).
3. State Legislative Council. "An Analysis of Corporation Income Tax Returns for 1946", Report #3, July 1948.
4. State Legislative Council. "Personnel Administration in the States", Constitutional Study #6, April 1948.
5. State Legislative Council. "Handbook on Executive and Administrative Agencies", Constitutional Study #2, December 1947 (#2-A, 1948).
6. State Legislative Council. "Committee Report of the Improvement of the Administration of Justice", Constitutional Study #15, October 1948.
7. State Legislative Council. "Administrative Organization in Oklahoma", Constitutional Study #3, December 1947.
8. State Legislative Council. "Legislative Apportionment in Oklahoma", Constitutional Study #10, June 1948.
9. State Legislative Council. "Strengthening the Legislative Process", Report #4, August 1948.

10. State Legislative Council. "Legislative Organization and Procedure (Part B: Bicameralism vs. Unicameralism)", Constitutional Study #8, May 1948.
11. State Legislative Council. " Legislative Organization and Procedure (Part A: Statistical Study)", Constitutional Study #7, May 1948.
12. State Legislative Council. " Legislative Organization and Procedure (Part C: Annual Session, Committee Organization, etc.), Constitutional Study #9, September 1948.
13. State Legislative Council. "County Government Forms", Publication #14, September 1948.

Box 4

Constitutional Studies, Articles

1. State Legislative Council. "County Government (Constitutional Data)," Constitutional Study #13, September 1948.
2. State Legislative Council. "County Government, An Analysis" Constitutional Study #12, October 1948.
3. State Legislative Council. "Financial Organization in Oklahoma", Constitutional Study #5, February 1948.
4. State Legislative Council. "Federal-State Relations and Oklahoma's Constitution", Constitutional Study #18, November 1948.
5. State Legislative Council. "Amendment and Revision of the Constitution", Constitutional Study #11, September 1948.
6. State Legislative Council. "What A Constitution Should Contain", Constitutional Study #1, November 1947.
7. Oklahoma State Planning Board. *A State Police for Oklahoma*, Oklahoma City, 1936.
8. John H. Hardgrove. *Trends in State Taxes: Oklahoma and other States*, College of Business Administration, University of Oklahoma, July 1950.
9. Neil J. Dikeman, Jr. *Trends in Industrial Production in Oklahoma*, College of Business Administration, University of Oklahoma, July 1950.
10. Norman O. Miller. *Historical and Economic Development of Savings, Building and Loan Associations with Special Reference to Oklahoma*, College of Business Administration, University of Oklahoma, August 1950.

11. "Oklahoma's Radial Constitution", *Outlook* Volume #87, October 1907, pages 229-231.

Box 5

Bureau of Government Research Publications

1. H.V. Thornton. *Legislative Apportionment in Oklahoma*, May 21, 1956.
2. H.V. Thornton. *Legislative Apportionment in Oklahoma*, May 25, 1956.
3. *Recent Trends in State Supervision of General Property Assessment*, February 15, 1951.
4. *Duties and Powers of County Officers in Oklahoma*, 1952, revised 1954.

Box 6

Documents in Oklahoma Politics, Volumes 1-8, 1874-1935.

Box 7

Proceedings of the Oklahoma Constitutional Convention, 1906-1907

Session for:

1. November 20, 1906, afternoon
November 21, 1906, morning
November 21, 1906, afternoon
November 22, 1906, morning
November 22, 1906, afternoon
December 5, 1906, afternoon
December 6, 1906, morning (missing)
December 7, 1906, afternoon
December 10, 1906, ?
December 11, 1906, morning
December 12, 1906, morning
December 13, 1906, morning
December 14, 1906, morning
December 14, 1906, afternoon (speech of the Honorable O.B. Colquitt, Railroad Commissioner of Texas, who spoke to the Convention in the afternoon. See page 2 of the morning session).
December 15, 1906, morning
December 17, 1906, morning
December 18, 1906, morning
December 18, 1906, afternoon
December 19, 1906, morning
December 20, 1906, morning
December 20, 1906, afternoon
December 21, 1906, morning
January 3, 1907, morning

January 3, 1907, afternoon
January 4, 1907, morning
January 4, 1907, afternoon
January 7, 1907, morning
January 8, 1907, ?
January 9, 1907, ?
January 10, 1907, morning

Box 8

Sessions for:

January 11, 1907, afternoon
January 14, 1907, morning (two morning sessions and one special evening session
for a speech by Mr. Harvey)
January 15, 1907, morning
January 16, 1907, morning
January 16, 1907, afternoon
January 17, 1907, morning
January 17, 1907, afternoon
January 18, 1907, morning

Box 9

Sessions for:

January 19, 1907, morning (afternoon on microfilm)
January 21, 1907, morning
January 21, 1907, afternoon
January 22, 1907, morning
January 23, 1907, morning
January 24, 1907, morning
January 25, 1907, morning
January 26, 1907, morning
January 26, 1907, afternoon
January 28, 1907, morning

Box 10

Sessions for:

January 29, 1907, morning
January 29, 1907, afternoon
January 30, 1907, morning
January 30, 1907, afternoon
January 31, 1907, morning
January 31, 1907, afternoon
February 1, 1907, morning
February 2, 1907, morning
February 4, 1907, morning
February 4, 1907, afternoon

February 5, 1907, both sessions on microfilm

Box 11

Sessions for:

February 6, 1907, morning
February 6, 1907, afternoon
February 7, 1907, morning
February 7, 1907, afternoon
February 8, 1907, morning (afternoon session is on microfilm)
February 9, 1907, both sessions on microfilm
February 11, 1907, morning
February 12, 1907, morning
February 13, 1907, both sessions on microfilm
February 14, 1907, morning
February 15, 1907, morning session on microfilm

Box 12

Session for:

February 15, 1907, afternoon
February 16, 1907, afternoon
February 18, 1907, morning
February 18, 1907, afternoon
February 19, 1907, morning
February 19, 1907, afternoon
February 20, 1907, morning
February 20, 1907, afternoon
February 21, 1907, morning
February 21, 1907, afternoon

Box 13

Sessions for:

February 22, 1907, morning
February 22, 1907, afternoon
February 23, 1907, afternoon (morning session on microfilm)
February 25, 1907, morning
February 25, 1907, afternoon
February 26, 1907, afternoon session on microfilm
February 27 or 28, 1907, afternoon
March 2, 1907, afternoon
March 4, 1907, afternoon
March 5, 1907, morning (?)
March 5, 1907, afternoon
March 7, 1907, afternoon session on microfilm
March 8, 1907, afternoon
March 11, 1907, afternoon

Microfilm A-5

Sessions for:

- January 12, 1907, ? (missing first 14 pages)
- January 19, 1907, afternoon
- February 5, 1907, morning and afternoon
- February 8, 1907, afternoon
- February 9, 1907, morning and afternoon
- February 13, 1907 morning and afternoon
- February 15, 1907, morning
- February 16, 1907, morning
- February 23, 1907, morning
- February 26, 1907, afternoon
- March 6, 1907, afternoon
- March 7, 1907, afternoon

Box 14

1. Hearing before the State Board of Equalization, State of Oklahoma. Transcript of evidence and proceedings on the permanent assessment of railroads in Oklahoma. May 1, 1922.
2. Bureau of Government Research. Charts on state finance, court system and administrative organization; returns of the special election of September 27, 1949 on state questions.
3. *Report of General Relief Funds Appropriated by the First Extraordinary Session of the Sixteenth Legislature.* Oklahoma State Board of General Public Welfare, Oklahoma City. Volume 1 #2, December 31, 1937.

Box 15

1. Socialist Party of Oklahoma. Typescript copies of "The Green Apple Route" by Patrick S. Nagle, circa 1921.
2. Socialist Party of Oklahoma. Correspondence from the Socialist Party of Texas to Lucille Mize, and correspondence from the Socialist Party of America headquarters to Mize; a copy of the *Oklahoma Workman*, July 1931; a page from the *Congressional Record* containing a speech by Rep. Paul J. Kvale of Minnesota on the platform of the Socialist Party of America.
3. Socialist Party of Oklahoma. Typescript copies of "State Office Notes," from the *Oklahoma Pioneer*, October 14, 1911.
4. Socialist Party of Oklahoma. Typescript copy of "Over the Hill: Women Succeed in Obtaining 38,949 Signatures to Equal Voting Petition," from the *Oklahoma Pioneer*, June 12, 1910.

5. Socialist Party of Oklahoma. Typescript press release containing the text of a speech given by Bartley C. Crum at a luncheon sponsored by the American Christian Palestine Committee, Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C., August 21, 1946.
6. Socialist Party of Oklahoma. Typescript copy of "Birds of a Feather," from the *Oklahoma Pioneer*, May 11, 1910.
7. Socialist Party of Oklahoma. Typescript copies of "Socialist Surprises in Oklahoma," "Work of Encampments – 1915," and "Election Returns," from *Appeal to Reason*, 1915.
8. Socialist Party of Oklahoma. Typescript copy of "Do You Know Henry E. Asp? Republican Leader, Corporation Lobbyist, Railroad Attorney and Agent for the *Industrial Democrat*," from the *Oklahoma Pioneer*, April 27, 1910.
9. Socialist Party of Oklahoma. Typescript copies of "Why the Capitalist Gets the Pie," "State Federation Takes Advanced Ground on Labor Problems," and "Shall Socialist Party Help Miners?" from the *Oklahoma Pioneer*, 1910.
10. Socialist Party of Oklahoma. Typescript copies of "A Call to Action," "State Office Notes," "Votes for Women," "Nagle Replies to Roddie," "Declaration of Principles of Oklahoma Renters' Union," and "Attention Renters," from the *Oklahoma Pioneer*, 1910.
11. Socialist Party of Oklahoma. Typescript articles from the *Oklahoma Pioneer* regarding the *Oklahoma Pioneer* vs. *Industrial Democrat* and Henry Asp, 1910.
12. Socialist Party of Oklahoma. Typescript copy of "Notes on the Socialist Party of Oklahoma, 1901-1914," by Cortez A. M. Ewing, n.d., and related newspaper clippings.
13. Socialist Party of Oklahoma. Typescript copies of "Oklahoma Socialists Hold Successful and Enthusiastic State Convention," from *Appeal to Reason*, 1917.
14. Socialist Party of Oklahoma. Typescript copies of "Socialist State Platform of 1910," "Socialist State Ticket," "Farmers' Programme," "Landlordism in Oklahoma," "Renters Organize Labor Union," "How the Democratic Party in the House Endeavored to Fasten Peonage on the Renters of Oklahoma," "To the Socialists of Oklahoma," "State Office Notes," "Cumbie in the Field," "Local Healdton Attention!" "The Ballot Boxes Were Stuffed," "Help the Miners," "Cut It Out," "Why Not Ourselves," "Impressions Gathered at State Convention," from the *Oklahoma Pioneer*, 1910; and typescript extracts from a speech given at Alpha, Oklahoma, by Patrick S. Nagle, "The Interlocked Directorate," from the *Kingfisher Times*, 1906.

15. Socialist Party of Oklahoma. Typescript copies of "Vote in the Primaries," "Where the Democratic Party Has Disfranchised the White Man," and "Enthusiastic Thousands: Ada Encampment a Great Success, Pontotoc County a Socialist Hotbed," from the *Oklahoma Pioneer*, 1910.

Box 16

Publications

1. H.V. Thornton. *Legislative Apportionment, 1960*. Bureau of Government Research, University of Oklahoma, August 1960.
2. H.V. Thornton. *The Apportionment Problem in Oklahoma*. Bureau of Government Research, University of Oklahoma, January 1959.
3. Leslie Allen. *Oklahoma State Budget Procedures and Practices* Bureau of Government Research, University of Oklahoma, January 1957.
4. H.V. Thornton. *Oklahoma Municipal Government Forms, Statutory and Home Rule*. Bureau of Government Research, University of Oklahoma, June 1958.
5. H.V. Thornton. *Legislative Apportionment in Oklahoma*, Bureau of Government Research, University of Oklahoma, April 1961.
6. James A. Robinson. *Anti-Sedition Legislation and Loyalty Investigations in Oklahoma*, Bureau of Government Research, University of Oklahoma, September 1956.
7. Oklahoma Conference on State Government. *Problems in Oklahoma State Government*, Bureau of Government Research, University of Oklahoma, November 1957.
8. H.O. Waldby. *Recent Trends in State Supervision of General Property Assessments*, Bureau of Government Research, University of Oklahoma, February 15, 1951.
9. *County Government*, Bureau of Government Research, University of Oklahoma.
10. Third Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma Political Science Association. *An Appraisal of Recent National-State Highway Cooperation* by Walter F. Seffer; *Effect of National Subsidies on Local Governments in the United State* by Corbitt B. Rushing, Bureau of Government Research, University of Oklahoma, April 1953.

11. *A Report for the Oklahoma Political Science Association* by H.V. Thornton at Enid, Oklahoma, April 27, 1953.
12. *A Greater Role for the State* by H.V. Thornton on WNAD (radio Station), University of Oklahoma, March 3, 1955.
13. H.V. Thornton. *States' Rights or States' Competence?*, Norman, Oklahoma, December 17, 1954.
14. *Better Government at a Better Price*, State Question #347, and Legislative Referendum #98, by Citizens' Committee for Constitutional Convention, Norman, Oklahoma, November 1, 1949.
15. H.V. Thornton. "Is Oklahoma a 'High Tax' State?", Bureau of Government Research, University of Oklahoma.
16. *Employment Conditions in the City Management Profession in Oklahoma*, Bureau of Government Research, University of Oklahoma, May 1961.
17. H.V. Thornton. *Continuity of Government, State of Oklahoma*, Oklahoma Civil Defense, May 5, 1958.
18. H.V. Thornton and Oklahoma Civil Defense. *Executive and Administrative Agencies in Oklahoma State Government*, January 10, 1958.
19. Legislative Apportionment Acts (1961), 3 printed copies.
20. *Legislative Attitudes Toward State Constitutional Revision: The Oklahoma Case*. Bureau of Government Research, University of Oklahoma, 1971.

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Publications

1. Oliver Benson, et al. *Oklahoma Votes: 1907-1962*, Bureau of Government Research, University of Oklahoma, 1964.
2. Finances, re: state taxes, budgets, public welfare. 1948-1950.
3. *History of Debt Limitations*, folder with research notes; *Comparison of Debt Limitations Among States* (mimeo).
4. Oklahoma Tax Commission. *Debt Limitation in Oklahoma* (mimeo); folder with research notes.
5. Constitutions of Oklahoma and other states, typed, on revenue and taxes.

6. U.S. Department of Commerce. *Compendium of State Government Finances in 1948*. Government Printing Office, 1949.
 7. John P. Duncan. *City Government, Constitutional Data*, Constitutional Study #20, prepared for Oklahoma State Legislative Council.
 8. *Observations on Constitutional Revision*, California (1949?).
 9. The Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, July 1948.
 10. John C. Conner. *Office of the State treasurer: State of Oklahoma* (mimeo), 1949.
 11. State Legislative Council. "The Council Programs in the 22nd Session", Report #7, July 15, 1949.
 12. Minutes of the Public Health and Welfare Committee of the State Legislative Council, January 26, 1950 (mimeo).
 13. Division of the Budget, State of Oklahoma. *Preparation of the Budget* (mimeo).
 14. Milo Perkins. *Agricultural Aspects of Food Stamp Plan Operations*, October 10, 1939.
 15. Report of the Committee on Revision, Compilation, Style and Arrangement to the Constitutional Convention, March 13, 1907.
 16. Flyer advertising a rally organized by Leo Vincent of the People's Central committee of Oklahoma Territory, 1894.
 17. Charter of the City of Mangum, Greer County, Oklahoma, adopted November 10, 1914, amended March 16, 1925. Published September 25, 1925.
- Charter and Amendments of the City of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, Commission Form of Government. Okmulgee, Indian Territory, incorporated November 1900; Okmulgee, Oklahoma made City of the First Class, April 15, 1908; Okmulgee entered Commission form of Government, June 10, 1912.
- Revised Official Form #14*. For use in preparation of Board of Education Bonds issued by incorporated cities. Prescribed by the State of Oklahoma, 1919.
- Co-Education's Beginnings in "The Great Southwest"* by Jesse L. Boyd
- Analysis of Legislative Apportionment Proposal of First Assistant Attorney General*, prepared by the Bureau of Government Research, University of Oklahoma, June 25, 1962.

-Municipal Appropriations, Oklahoma Cities and Towns, 1932-33, compiled by
Oklahoma Utilities Association from records in the Office of the State Auditor.
Issued July 15, 1932.