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C. D. (Charles Duncan) Campbell Collection

Campbell, Charles Duncan (b. 1877). Papers, 1901–1921. .10 foot.

Oilman and postmaster. Correspondence (1905–1907) from Wilbur E. Campbell concerning his oil company and the Prairie Oil Company, his purchase of a Tulsa, Oklahoma, sub-division, and the introduction of a land-purchasing bill into the 1907 Oklahoma legislature. The collection also includes a letter (1907) from T. S. Boyers concerning Boyers's family history, and letters (1901) from W. T. Flynn concerning Campbell's appointment as postmaster of Apache, Oklahoma Territory.

Biography:

Wilbur Emery Campbell was born on a farm near Brownsville, Pennsylvania, January 26, 1847. During the Civil War, he fought for the Northern Army at the age of 16. Following the war, he worked for Union Pacific Railroad until he had enough capital to buy a ranch in Kansas. It was in Wichita, Kansas where he met Emily Duncan and married her on January 21, 1871. During this time, he acquired land in the Indian Territory. Because he knew this land so well, he was able to help his relatives and friends secure claims in the years 1889 and 1893. At about the turn of the century, he gave up ranching and began the Campbell Land and Oil Company in Tulsa.

W.E. and Emily Campbell reared six children: Wilbur Denton Campbell, Robert Boyers Campbell (see note*), Charles Duncan Campbell (donor of this collection), Roy Hamilton Campbell, Frank Lee Campbell, and Gladys E. Campbell.

The collection itself contains 20 pieces, all letters spanning from the dates 1901 to 1921. Ten letters are from W.E. Campbell to one of his sons, C.D. (Charles Duncan). Seven letters are addressed to C.D. from Emily Campbell. There are also four other assorted letters. Especially in the ten letters from Campbell to Campbell, there are numerous references to the status of the oil company.

*Please see the R.B. Campbell Collection for more material concerning W.E. Campbell. This collection includes a biography on W.E. Campbell and a sketch he made of the Glenpool area.

Folder:

- 1. W.E. Campbell correspondence, contains material on land, oil and thoroughbred horses, June 13, 1905-October 29, 1907.**
 - a. W.E. Campbell to C.D. Campbell, June 13, 1905
 - b. W.E. Campbell to C.D., June 15, 1906
 - c. W.E. to C.D. and his wife Alice, March 10, 1907

- d. W.E. Campbell to Gladys E. Campbell, March 13, year unknown
- e. W.E. Campbell to C.D., July 12, 1907
- f. W.E. to C.D., August 27, 1907
- g. W.E. to C.D., October 1, 1907
- h. W.E. to C.D., October 2, 1907
- i. W.E. to C.D., October 15, 1907
- j. W.E. to C.D., October 26, 1907
- k. W.E. to C.D., October 29, 1907

2. Mrs. W.E. Campbell (Emily Campbell) correspondence, contains various information on her husband's business and its relation to her, March 3, 1912-November 26, 1921:

- a. Campbell to C.D., March 3, 1912
- b. Campbell to C.D., date unknown, 1912
- c. Campbell to C.D., May 20, 1912
- d. Campbell to C.D., December 4, 1912
- e. Campbell to C.D. and his wife Alice, November 26, 1921
- f. Campbell to son, date unknown
- g. Campbell to C.D., not dated, fragments only

3. Miscellaneous correspondence:

- a. J.S. Boxers, M.D. to W.E. Campbell, March 8, 1907, contains information about the genealogy of C.D. Campbell's paternal grandmother's side.
- b. Mrs. Buellah Campbell to C.D. Campbell, January 14, 1913?
- c. D.J. Flynn to W.E. Campbell, July 16, 1901-November 4, 1902, contents connected to C.D. Campbell's appointment as postmaster at Apache, Oklahoma
- d. Two envelopes, nothing enclosed, one addressed to C.D. Campbell from W.E. Campbell and the other to C.D. Campbell from the Department of the Interior