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Dr. Berlin Basil Chapman Collection

Chapman, Berlin Basil (1900–1994). Papers, 1889–1955. 1 foot.

Historian. Photocopies of correspondence, reports, and news articles (1889–1955) by Chapman regarding the history of Oklahoma Territory, including Lincoln County, the towns of Chandler, Mountain View, and Stillwater, and the Boomers led by David L. Payne. The collection also contains material relating to Oklahoma State University and the loyalty oaths required of the state's college and university faculties during the early 1950s. Also included is a proclamation (1923) by Governor J. C. Walton declaring martial law in Okmulgee County, Oklahoma.

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1. Proclamation by Oklahoma Governor J.C. Walton, dated June 26, 1923, declaring martial law in Okmulgee County, Oklahoma, effective as of that date. This document has been de-acidified and encapsulated.
2. Photocopy of telegram from ex-Oklahoma Governor William H. Murray, addressed to Berlin B. Chapman of Oklahoma A&M College, notifying him of Murray's acceptance of an invitation to speak at a reception/gathering, the topic of which was to be Amos D. Maxwell's graduate thesis, "The Sequoyah Convention." Murray requests that his round-trip bus ticket be paid by the college, as it has not yet reimbursed him for the last lecture there, 1950.
3. Photocopies of campaign cards printed by Cowboy Pink Williams in support of his race for the lieutenant governorship of Oklahoma--which he won; original campaign cards of the same, but with different message. They are notable due to their unconventionality, 1954-1955
4. Photocopy of the table of contents of Chapman's report, "Oklahoma Territory and the National Archives: A Study in Federal Lands."
5. Photostats (two) of a program entitled "Third Annual Territorial Oratorical Contest at Guthrie, O.T., 1897.
6. Letter by President Benjamin Harrison addressed to John W. Noble (photocopy of), regarding a report calling for further assistance from troops in keeping white intruders off Indian lands in the Indian Territory, 1891; Homestead proof (photocopy of) entitled "Homestead Proof--Testimony of Claimant," filed by Frank A. Niblack of Chandler, Oklahoma, Oklahoma Territory, 1897; Report by Berlin B. Chapman, entitled "Lincoln County: An Archival Study." Re: history of

- Chandler and of Lincoln County, includes listings of Chandler town site claimants, 1891-1897.
7. Report by Berlin B. Chapman entitled " Miscellaneous Notes: Opening of Oklahoma District, 1889".
 8. Photocopy of newspaper article written b Berlin B. Chapman entitled "Oklahoma A & M Oath of Allegiance Caused Stir in 1951." Re: the requirement of the Legislature for all college faculty in Oklahoma to sign an anti-communist loyalty oath, and the problems it created, notably with Ainsley H. Diamond, 1951.
 9. Photocopy of newspaper article written by Berlin B. Chapman entitled "True Story is Revealed on History Legislation." Re: the events through which the head of the history department at Oklahoma A & M overruled a Dean through an act of legislation, 1945.
 10. Photocopies and photographic copies of documents regarding the Boomers who settled on Stillwater Creek, Oklahoma Territory in December 1884: telegram from C.C. Angus, Brigadier General commanding, addressed to the adjutant general. notifying him that the Boomers at Stillwater were prepared to engage federal troops, 1885; oath of office, declaring loyalty to position of military officer and to the USA, administered to and signed by First Lieutenant Matthias Walter Day at Fort Reno, Indian Territory in March 1884; page three of a report by Lieutenant Matthias W. Day, dated December 25, 1884, regarding the Boomers settled on the future ton site of Stillwater; photograph of First Lieutenant Matthias W. Day, USA, undated; memorial of David L. Payne's Oklahoma Colony of Boomers, presented to the U.S. Senate by Preston B. Plumb of Kansas, January 7, 1885.
 11. Photocopies of letters to and from various persons in regard to the legal cases *William vs. Updegraff* and *Jarndyce vs. Jarndyce* in regard to the problems some Oklahoma A & M professors with the Anti-Communist loyalty oath of 1951. Includes material regarding the University of Oklahoma contribution to the defense of the professors, to the role played by the Norman and Stillwaters chapters of the American Association of University Professors, and Don Emery. Correspondents include Robert Wieman and Robert J. Emery. Also included is a memo circulated amongst the University of Oklahoma faculty regarding their Faculty Assistance Fund, by which they supported the defense of the professors.
 12. Letter from R.M. Cavin to ? Re: applying for a small stock farm in the Comanche Reservation, April 1896.
 13. No. 32: State Lands; Part VIII: town sites, surveys, 11 land officers and 14 town site boards, town site lands for schools.
 14. No. 33: Six Government Town Sites in the Big Pasture.

15. No. 34: Surveying Oklahoma--An Archival Study; No. 35: 11 Land Offices and 14 Town Site Boards; No. 36: Proceeds of Town Sites for Schools in Oklahoma.
16. Photographs of documents regarding the Otoe and Missouri Indians, as well as maps. The maps are of the former territorial domain of the Otoe and Missouri before removal to the Indian Territory. The documents are as follows: playbill from the Otoe Indian School and Otoe Agency in the Indian Territory, 1888; excerpt from a letter regarding the selection of a site for the Otoe Agency in the Indian Territory, 1881; page from letter concerning the territorial domain of the Otoes, 1816; copy of the first Indian Allotment ever made, 1860; certificate issued by the Otoe and Missouri Tribal Council marking the tenth anniversary of the Indian Claims Commission Act of 1946, and extending gratitude to President Harry S. Truman and the Seventy-Ninth Congress of the United States for each of their roles in its passage, 1965.

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1. Original typescripts of "Fragments," and edited, concise version of Chapman's original work, entitled "Oklahoma Territory and the National Archives: A study in Federal Lands." In this folder: introduction, table of contents to "Fragments".
2. Part I: "Indian reservations in Oklahoma Territory;" No. 1: Central and Southern Reservations; No. 2: Sac and Fox Reservation; No. 3: Pottawatomie and Absentee Shawnee Reservation; No. 4: Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Reservation; No. 5: Cheyenne and Arapaho Reservation; No. 6: Kickapoo Reservation.
3. Part II: "Establishment of Reservations in the Cherokee Country West of 96 Degrees;" No. 7: Kaw Reservation; No. 8: Pawnee Reservation; No. 9: Ponca Reservation; No. 10: Nez Perces and Tonkawa Reservations; No. 11: Otoe and Missouri Reservation.
4. Part III: "Extinguishing the Titles or Interest of the Five Civilized Tribes;" No. 12: Creek Indians; No. 13: Seminole Indians; No. 14: Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians (Leased District).
5. Part IV: "Allotments on Central and Southern Reservations;" No. 15: Sac and Fox Reservation; No. 16: Pottawatomie and Absentee Shawnee Reservation; No. 17: Cheyenne and Arapaho Reservation; No. 18: Wichita Reservation; No. 19: Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Reservation.
6. Part V: "Allotments on Reservations in Cherokee Outlet;" No. 20: Tonkawa Reservation; No. 21: Pawnee Reservation; No. 22: Cherokee Allotments in the Outlet; No. 23: Ponca Reservation; No. 24: Otoe and Missouri Reservation.

7. Part VI: "Land Openings;" No. 25: Oklahoma District; No. 26: Public Land Strip; No. 27: Iowa, Sac and Fox, and Pottawatomie and Absentee Shawnee Reservations, Lincoln County.
8. No. 28: Cheyenne and Arapaho Reservation; No. 29: Cherokee Outlet.

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1. Homestead certificate, affidavit, and accompanying paperwork of Mr. David Rouse, a German immigrant who homesteaded at Cowboy Flats, Oklahoma Territory. The paperwork is from the U.S. Land Office, Guthrie, Oklahoma Territory. (David Rouse was the Grandfather of contemporary author Maurice C. Rouse, who wrote "Cowboy Flat: From Cow Country to Combine"), 1892-1899.
2. Works regarding the Indians of North America by Dr. Denmei Ueda, a Japanese Scholar, printed in Japanese: "A Historical Study on the Collapse of Indian Constitutions," 1974; periodical entitled "The Sociology of Law," in which appears the article by Ueda, "The United States Indian Claims Commission Act of 1946," 1980; periodical entitled "The Journal of Law and Economics," in which appears "Benjamin Franklin--A Bicentennial Look at His Two Countries," 1976.
3. "A Study of the Indian Claims Commission," 1979; "Indians and the United States Constitution," 1983.
4. Photocopies of documents regarding the settlement of the city of Mountain View, Oklahoma Territory, 1901-1902.
5. Photocopy of letter by Territorial Governor George W. Steele to the President of the United States, Benjamin Harrison, regarding the President's visit to the Territory of Oklahoma, 1890.
6. Receipt of payment for portion of the town site of South Oklahoma, Oklahoma Territory, signed by Angelo C. Scott, later President of Oklahoma A & M College in Stillwater. NOTE: South Oklahoma was located in what is now Oklahoma City, immediately south of the downtown area, 1949.
7. Letter to Chapman from Edward Everett Dale, a University of Oklahoma history professor, regarding the meeting of the Oklahoma Historical Society at Old Central on the Stillwater Campus, notable for its wry humor, 1949; thank you note from Grant and Carolyn Thomas Foreman, 1949; accompanying letter from Dr. Chapman regarding the above two items, 1988.
8. Newspaper articles regarding Vingie E. Roe, former professor at Oklahoma A & M, 1986.

9. Bound volume, color green, entitled "The Claim of Texas to Greer County." Consists of a series of articles authored by Chapman and published in the Southwestern Historical Quarterly, Volume III, Nos. 1, 2, & 4, 1819-1896.
10. Publication: court brief No. 173 before the Indian Claims Commission, *The Cherokee Nation or Tribe of Indians vs. The United States, Defendant*. This publication is undated. Autographed on the inside front cover by Earl Boyd Pierce, Attorney for the Cherokee Nation, to Dr. Chapman in appreciation for his research; photographic negative, as well as a reproduction of, a certificate issued by the Office of the Northern Superintendence to Jim Arke-ke-tah, appointing him Chief of the Otoe and Missouri Tribe of Indians, 1875; photographic negatives of the frontispiece of Dr. Chapman's book, *Otoes and Missouri*, consisting of a land grant issued by the U.S. to an Otoe, 1860; certificate issued to Dr. Chapman for appreciation of his research and subsequent publication regarding the history of the Otoe and Missouri Indians, by the governing bodies of that tribe, 1969.
11. "Lincoln County (Oklahoma Territory): An Archival Study," 1981; two letters of correspondence between Dr. Chapman and Wolf Rüdiger Hess, son of Nazi leader Rudolf Hess, regarding his father's awareness of the world situation in post-war years, 1945-1955; report written by Berlin Chapman regarding research in the National Archives in the 1930s, and regarding Gaston Litton and Kathryn M. Murphy, Reference Archivist, in the National Archives, 1931-1951.
12. Homestead entry document, No. 3879, August 26, 1889; four copies of wholesale price list for liquors from the company of Grommes and Ulrich, Chicago, fall 1896; photocopy of letter from Angie Debo to B.B. Chapman, dated August 23, 1983. She discusses her early years in Beattie, Kansas, the move with her parents into Indian Territory in 1899, and the portrait done of her with Charles Banks Wilson.
13. "The Ainu and the Constitution of Japan" by Dr. Denmei Ueda; a list of publications by Ueda; correspondence between Dr. Chapman and Dr. Ueda; a brief description of a manuscripts collection Re: the history of St. Louis Catholic School at Pawhuska, OK and of St. John's Catholic School at Hominy Creek, OK, housed at the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions in Washington, D.C., 199-1991.
14. A report of Dr. Chapman's association with Grant and Carolyn Foreman. Both Mr. and Mrs. Foreman are distinguished authors and researchers in the area of Native American history and the history of Oklahoma, 1991.
15. A copy of lawyer Paul M. Niebell's report of one of his experiences with an Indian case in the Federal Court System. This particular incident regards a claim involving two tracts of land in what used to be the Seminole Nation in Oklahoma, 1991

16. A photocopy of a newspaper article from the *Stillwater NEWSPRESS*, written by Dr. Chapman, entitled "Ehud Noble Darling Could be Labeled First Aggie," 1991
17. Letter from Professor Denmei Ueda, July 21, 1991; photocopy of article about Frank "Pistol Pete" Eaton relating frontier experiences for Professor Chapman's class, 1954-1991; pamphlet entitled *Economic and Social Data Among Pre-Federal Records*, printed by the National Archives and Records Service, 1973; letter to Dr. Ueda from Richard Nile, November 30, 1990; letter from Dr. Ueda to Dr. Chapman, March 12, 1991; letter to Dr. Ueda to Dr. Chapman, August 6, 1991; photocopy of *Who's Who in the World, 10th Edition*, with a listing for Dr. Ueda, 1991-1992; copy of a call for papers relating to Indigenous Rights in the Pacific and North America, March 15, 1991
18. "Just when is OSU's Anniversary?" *Stillwater NEWSPRESS*, photocopy, March 3, 1891; letter from Angie Debo to Dr. Chapman, Re: a quote by Dr. Chapman attributed to her, June 2, 1981; Dr. Chapman's reply to Dr. Debo, Re: the quote, also a letter to the editor of the *NEWSPRESS*, Re: the founding of OSU, February 8, 1981; letter from Dr. Debo describing a trip she took to Zuni, New Mexico, 1967; letter from Dale Chlouber to Chapman, Re: Washington Irving Trail Museum, Ripley, Oklahoma, July 24, 1993
19. Report to Research Foundation, Oklahoma State University, bibliography of Chapman's publications, biographical information and a letter to Dr. M. Edmison, OSU Research Foundation director, September 1975
20. "Miscellaneous Notes--Opening of Oklahoma District, 1889" by B.B. Chapman, 12 pages, Xerox copies. Sections titled: They Saw and Did It Best; Land Offices; Oklahoma City; Federal Politics and the Settlement; and Homestead Contest Papers Destroyed
21. "Advice to Go West Young Man" by Dr. B.B. Chapman, Stillwater, Oklahoma NewsPlus, March 29, 1989. A two page typed letter from Chapman to Professor Kenneth S. Sacks, March 16, 1994; Letter from Robert E. Cunningham to Berlin B. Chapman, October 23, 1983
22. Letter from Berlin B. Chapman to Donald L. DeWitt, September 5, 1994; letter from Paul M. Niebell to Berlin B. Chapman, August 26, 1994; "An Incident in the Life of a Claims Attorney for the American Indians"--a nine page article by Paul M. Niebell

Sound Recording #900 The story of the experiences of Mr. Carl B. Chapman, and American serviceman during World War II, in the Rhine Valley of Germany. This recording, of Chapman himself, relates his 71 days in the Rhine during the last months of the war, describing in detail the German soldier, his observation of combat and sensation of being under heavy bombardment, 1945.