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**Richard A. Conkling Collection**

**Conkling, Richard A. (1885–1952). Papers, 1914–1953. .10 foot.**

Petroleum geologist. Correspondence (1921–1922) to Conkling from his colleagues concerning personnel changes at Roxana Petroleum Corporation, Ardmore, Oklahoma, including Conkling's resignation as head geologist in 1922 and his subsequent employment; an employment contract (1914) between Conkling and the Bataafsche Petroleum Maatschappij, an allied corporation of Roxana Petroleum based in the Netherlands; and certificates (1929–1946) issued to Conkling by the University of Oklahoma. Also included is a reprint of a biographical article (1952) written by Albert S. Clinkscales shortly after Conkling's death.

**Box 1**

**Folder**

1. Two reprints of a biography of Conkling by Albert S. Clinkscales titled "Richard A. Conkling (1885-1952)," *The Bulletin of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists*, Volume 36, Number 10, October 1952.
2. Correspondences to Richard A. Conkling from certain co-workers concerning his resignation from Roxana Petroleum Company (April 11, 1922-September 29, 1922), with the exception of a letter to Mr. Conkling from J. Th. Erb dated October 26, 1921 dealing with an unrelated business matter.
3. Certificates and club cards showing Conkling's admittance into certain organizations:
  - a. Certificate of his acceptance into the Chapter of Sigma Chi, July 14, 1924.
  - b. Certificate of his completion at the University of Oklahoma in Interpretation of Aerial Photographs, November 2, 1942.
  - c. Certificate Award for Distinguished Service in Sigma Chi, November 16, 1946.
  - d. Membership Card for the Oklahoma City Geological Society, 1951-1952.
  - e. Membership Card for the Sigma Chi Alumni Association of Oklahoma City, 1952.
  - f. Membership Card for the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, 1952.
  - g. Membership Card for the Oklahoma Club, Oklahoma City, 1952.
  - h. Membership Card for the Oklahoma Motor Club, expired August 7, 1952.
  - i. Membership Card for the Varsity O Club, The University of Oklahoma, expired September 1, 1952.

- j. Membership Card for the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association, expired January, 1953.
- k. Two fraternity pins contained in white envelope: one positively identified as a Sigma Chi, the other perhaps a pin for the Gamma Alpha Society, of which he was a member at the University of Chicago.
- l. Royal Dutch Contract which shows his appointment to the Roxana Petroleum Company as Chief Geologist.
- m. Conkling's business card for his private practice in Oklahoma City announcing the opening, July 1, 1923.