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John S. Ezell Collection

Ezell, John Samuel (1917–2001). Papers, 1955–1984. .33 foot.

Historian. A transcript of an oral history interview (1984) conducted by Herbert R. Hengst with John S. Ezell, recounting Ezell's tenure as dean of the University of Oklahoma College of Arts and Sciences; research and seminar papers (1955–1980) written by Ezell's students and colleagues, including three by Jack Ericson Eblen concerning the growth of the African-American slave population in nineteenth-century America and Cuba, and one by Gary L. Cunningham concerning gambling in frontier Kansas.

Box 1

Folder:

1. Biographical listing for Dr. Ezell in the form of a vita sheet. Three pages.
2. Typescript of a recorded interview conducted by Herbert R. Hengst of the College of Education with Dr. Ezell, conducted on several dates during January and February of 1984. Re: state of the University of Oklahoma, the conduct of its internal and external affairs and his activities while Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, and his recollections and impressions of past University leaders, prominent figures and events, 102 pages.
3. Letter of recommendation by Dr. L. Cross, University President Emeritus, nominating Dr. Ezell for receipt of the Distinguished Service Citation, the University's highest honor. Dated March 2, 1982. Photocopy of original.
4. Photocopies of "Luther Rice Letters". The original letters were presented to The Historical Commission, SBC, by Dr. Samuel J. Ezell. The letters are a part of the Luther Rice Collection of the Dargan-Carver Library, Nashville, Tennessee.
5. Diary of Rosanna Law, a 39-year-old gentlewoman residing in the Upland Country of South Carolina, describing her life and village life in general in the decade before the Civil War. The diary was published by the Greenwood County Historical Society in 1963.
6. "Gambling in the Kansas Cattle Towns: A Prominent and Somewhat Honorable Profession" by Dr. Gary L. Cunningham. Presented at the 1980 Western History Association Convention.
7. Draft copy of "On the Natural Increase of Slave Populations: The Example of the Cuban Black Population, 1775-1900" by Jack Ericson Eblen (February 1972).

8. "Growth of the Black Population in Ante Bellum America, 1820-1860" by Jack Ericson Eblen (April 1971).
9. "A Reconsideration of the Vital Rates of the Black Population of the United States During the Nineteenth Century" by Jack Ericson Eblen. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, New Orleans, April 26-28, 1973.
10. "American Reaction to a Standing Army, 1763-1765" by Walter K. Lambert, completed for History 761 at the University of Michigan (Summer 1966).
11. "The Problems of Speaker Rayburn and His Southern Constituency in 1944". Author and date unknown.
12. "Southern Senators in World War II: An Examination of Their Voting Patterns on Domestic Issues" by Lawrence H. Curry (October 30, 1969).
13. "The Black Belt and the Negro Migration of 1916 to 1918" by Marvin E. Burge.
14. "Common Factors Underlying American Race Riots, 1917-1929" by Quinn Brisben for Dr. Ezell's History 412 class (May 1955).
15. *Black Collegian* (Vol. 3, #5) May-June 1973, signed by A.L. Tolson; *American Visions* (Vol. 1 #1) January/February 1986, a commemorative issue of Martin L. King.