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Harold Beach Goodrich

Goodrich, Harold Beach. Papers, 1904–1943. .25 foot.

Petroleum geologist. Correspondence (1931–1943) of Goodrich regarding his geological interests and research; blueprints and charts (ca. 1930) showing geological data, as well as one entitled “Graphic History of Oklahoma Oil Production, 1930,” all compiled by Goodrich; news clippings (ca. 1940) regarding geological developments; data, in manuscript form, regarding the availability of oil in California; and a bibliography of sources regarding oil in California, compiled by Goodrich.

Box G-9: Reprints related to the oil industry, formal research notes, handwritten notes.

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1. Fowler, H.C. “Development in the American Petroleum Industry, 1914-19: Exploration, Drilling, Production and Transportation.” *Information Circular* 7171 (June 1941). Department of the Interior - Bureau of Mines. In addition, typed notes (35 pages) on *Information circular* 7171 by Goodrich.
2. Typed formal research notes on the oil industry, and commentary on the work of other researchers within the field.
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4. Handwritten informal notes.

Box G-8: Business correspondence, charts and graphs, newspaper clippings, reports and speech written by Goodrich and published materials.

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1. Business correspondence relating to the oil industry and the research conducted by Goodrich (1931-1943).
2. Charts and graphs relating to oil production. Several are original hand drawn copies with a fragile nature; others are copies of these originals. Several of the charts were compiled by Goodrich. The charts include “History of Oklahoma Oil Production During 1930;” a correlation chart of oil production; “Oil Production Yearly of California;” record copied and transferred to graphic log form by Goodrich from “Observations on the Saliferous Rock Formations in the Valley of the Ohio;” “Production Conditions of Venango, PA Oil District;” chart of the historical analysis for comparison occurrences of petroleum in North America; “Graphic Representation of Early Drilling Records.”

3. Newspaper clippings on the topic of increased oil production during 1939-1940.
4. Formal written papers and reports by Goodrich: *Report of the Chanslor and Canfield Midway Oil Company* (September 18, 1904); *Early Discoveries of Petroleum in the United States* (1932); *Importance of Surface Showings of Oil from an Historical Viewpoint*. In addition, one typewritten speech by Goodrich of the paper *Early Discoveries* listed above.
5. Published materials: *Bulletin of the American Institute of Mining Engineering* (July 1917); J. V. Howell, "Historical Development of the Structural Theory of Accumulation of Oil and Gas," reprint from *Problems of Petroleum Geology* (August 1934); "United States, Appt. vs. Southern Pacific Co. et al," *Decisions of the Supreme Court of the U. S.* 251 (October 1919); one copy of pages 1008-1009 of the *Mineral Yearbook* (1937).