

**University of Oklahoma Libraries**  
**Western History Collections**

**Leon C. Phillips Collection**

**Phillips, Leon Chase (1890–1958). Papers, 1933–1951. 10 feet.**

Governor. Correspondence (1934–1951) regarding Phillips's gubernatorial, legislative, and political affairs; scrapbooks (1936–1941) containing loose news clippings on his political career; publications (1933–1941) about political conventions, along with event programs from numerous organizations; trial transcripts (1943–1944) from cases involving the state of Oklahoma; speeches (1936–1944) delivered by Phillips; government documents (1940); cartoons (n.d.) regarding Phillips and his political career, as well as politics and state government; and certificates (1932–1951) awarded Phillips by businesses, civic organizations, and state government. Also included in this collection is a leather-bound copy of Phillips's 1939 inaugural address.

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**Box 1 - Scrapbooks**

Scrapbook. Reprints of Capitol Comment from across the state. Dec. 1939 - March 1940

Scrapbook. State newspaper clippings regarding Phillips' policies and decisions as Governor. Jan.-March 1940

**Box 2 - Scrapbooks**

Scrapbook. State newspaper clippings regarding Phillips' policies and decisions as Governor. March-April 1940

Scrapbook. Reprints of Capitol Comment from across the state. March-May 1940

**Box 3 - Scrapbooks**

Scrapbook. State newspaper clippings regarding Phillips' policies and decisions as Governor. April-July 1940

Scrapbook. State newspaper clippings regarding Phillips' policies and decisions as Governor, Aug.-Dec. 1940

**Box 4 - Scrapbooks**

Scrapbook. Reprints of Capitol Comment from across the state, Aug-Dec. 1940

**Box 5 - Scrapbooks**

Scrapbook. State newspaper clippings regarding Phillips' policies and decisions as Governor. Jan-Feb. 1941

### **Box 6 - Scrapbooks**

Scrapbook. State newspaper clippings regarding Phillips' policies and decisions as Governor, April-June 1941

### **Box 7 - Correspondence**

#### **Folder:**

1. Congratulations on 33rd degree, 1934-35
2. Misc. correspondence, 1942
3. New Castle bridge auto accident, 1940-41
4. Regarding acquittal, 1944
5. Regarding Dr. Tom Lowry, 1944-46
6. Regarding Phillips leaving office of Governor, 1943
7. Regarding portraits of Phillips, 1938-45

#### **Printed Material**

*Directory of State of Oklahoma.*

Reproduction of Lincoln letter to Mrs. Bixby, Gettysburg address and excerpts from Lincoln's reply to a committee from Workingmen's Assn. of N.Y.

Rules of the House of Representatives, State of Oklahoma, 1933, 1935

### **Box 8 - Correspondence**

#### **Folder:**

1. Misc. Democratic correspondence, 1947-51
2. Misc. Republican correspondence, 1942-43
3. Regarding J.Z. Armstrong's reports, 1941-42
4. Regarding Manufacturers Record, 1943
5. Regarding Phillips run for governor, 1938
6. Regarding switching from the Democratic to Republican parties, 1943

7. Support for election to speakership, 1934-35
8. To and from E.H. Moore, 1942-50
9. To and from Frank P. Douglas, 1944-46

**Box 9 - Correspondence and Other Paperwork**

**Folder:**

1. Census of United States and Oklahoma, 1940
2. Correspondence and lists of state officials, 1939-41
3. Correspondence with convicts and former convicts, 1943-44
4. Correspondence with Richard Lloyd Jones regarding the parole of Howard Love, 1941
5. Creeds, 1941
6. Democratic platforms, 1934, 1938
7. List of state employees, 1939-41
8. Murray and Coe - Recount in Okfuskee County, 1950
9. Notice of change of party affiliation, n.d.
10. Phil Kennamer case, 1939-43
11. Phil Kennamer case, 1939-41
12. Regarding investigators from the Governor's Office, 1939-41
13. Textbook investigation involving Gomer Smith, 1942-43

**Box 10 - Trial Transcripts**

**Folder:**

1. Leon C. Phillips' Testimony before Joint Legislative Investigatory Committee, March 29, 1943
2. State of Oklahoma vs. Fred D. Love, 1943
3. State of Oklahoma vs. William A. Strong, Fred D. Love, and Charles D. McNally, 1943

4. Robert Fitzgerald vs. State of Oklahoma, 1944
5. State of Oklahoma vs. Robert R. Fitzgerald, 1944

**Box 11 - Correspondence, etc.**

**Folder:**

1. Holiday correspondence, n.d.
2. Support and encouragement during and after his trial, 1943-44  
3 copies of McNally Report, Jan. 12, 1940

**Trial Transcripts**

1. USA vs. Leon C. Phillips et al, (Hearing on application for temporary injunction), Mar. 26, 1940
2. Champlin Refining Co. of Enid & Oil Workers National Union Local No. 220 before the National Labor Relations Board, Feb. 5, 1943
3. State of Oklahoma vs. Leon C. Phillips, preliminary hearings, Aug. 3-4, 1943

**Box 12 - Correspondence, etc.**

**Folder:**

1. Announcement for re-election, 1935
2. Ardmore jury lists, 1944
3. Briefs and information for trial, 1944
4. Correspondence with Clayton Carter and Guy Stigler regarding Fitzgerald, Hunt, Bitting, 1943-48
5. Correspondence with Dudley Law firm, 1943-45
6. Correspondence with witnesses
7. Governor Phillips' addresses, 1941-42
8. Grand jury report, n.d.
9. Jury lists, 1943-44
10. Material evidence for Eisminger case, 1944

11. Messages to the eighteenth legislature, 1941
12. Subpoenas, 1944

**Box 13 - Speeches**

**Speeches, Manuscript**

1. Acceptance address re: public safety award, n.d.
2. Cherokee speech, Nov. 4, 1944
3. Inaugural address, Jan. 9, 1939
4. Message to the 19th legislature, Jan. 5, 1943
5. Oklahoma City speech, Nov. 6, 1944
6. Oklahoma Retail Merchants Association, May 27, 1936
7. Over KVOO & WKY, July 2, 1936
8. Retail Merchants of Oklahoma City, June 9, 1936
9. State Democratic Convention, 1938

**Speeches, printed**

1. Message to 18th legislature, Jan. 7, 1941
10. 2. Over KOMA & KTUL, Mar. 3, 1941
3. Selected messages to the 18th legislature, 1941-42
4. Selected speeches, n.d.

**Correspondence**

11. Regarding speeches, 1944

**Box 14 - Paperwork**

**Folder:**

1. Granite State Reformatory Personnel forms
2. Ledger and account book
3. O.M.A. Board of Regents meeting, Aug. 30, 1939

4. O.M.A. Investigation, Mar. 1939
5. Western Oklahoma Charity Hospital personnel forms
6. Will Rogers Statue, book, 1939

#### **Box 15 - Government Documents**

##### **Folder:**

1. Oklahoma Budget Estimates, 1942-43
2. Oklahoma Criminal Court of Appeals
3. Supreme Court cases concerning Oklahoma and Governor Phillips, 1939-40
4. War Department Civil Functions Appropriation Bill, 1940

##### **Misc. Publications**

1. Cattle brands article by L. E. Crawford, manuscript, 1940
2. Data on Governor's chair, Jan. 9, 1939
3. Golden Anniversary of the run of 1889 invitation, April 22, 1939
4. List of contributors from Custer County for Governor's chair, Jan. 9, 1939
5. Oklahoma Democratic State convention, 1940
6. Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, n.d.
7. O.S.M.A. Journal Vol. XXXVIII No. 12, Dec. 1945
8. Selective Service Award program, Apr. 5, 1946
9. Souvenir booklet, Tulsa, Oil Capital of the World, Sept. 1938
10. Will Rogers Rodeo program, 1940

#### **Box 16 - Newspaper Clippings**

##### **Folder:**

1. Highway Commission - Newspaper clippings, prior to June 1, 1940
2. Legislation - Newspaper clippings, 1941-42
3. Misc. papers and newspaper clippings from Marie's files, Jan.-Feb. 1939

4. Oklahoma Tax Commission - newspaper clippings, 1939-40
5. Oklahoma Tax Commission - newspaper clippings, 1941
6. Photographs of Phillips - newspaper clippings, 1939-42
7. Revenue and deficit funding - newspaper clippings, 1940-42
8. Roads and highways - newspaper clippings, 1940-41
9. Special session - newspaper clippings, 1936
10. Taxation legislation - newspaper clippings, 1941

**Box 17 - Newspaper Clippings**

**Folder:**

1. Constitutional amendments, 1941
2. County consolidation, 1941
3. Crable, co-ordinating bill, 1940-41
4. Denison Dam, 1940
5. Federal Court of Oil, Oct. 1941
6. Marland campaign for Senate, 1936
7. Misc. legislation, 1940-41
8. Organization and programs, 1940-41
9. Red and Trinity Rivers, 1941
10. Run-off primary, 1941
11. Speakership race, 1940-41
12. Special session, 1936
13. Tulsa-roads and levee, 1941

**Box 18 - Bound Material**

1. Made in Oklahoma, n.d.
2. Oil- newspaper clippings, 1939-40

3. Scrapbook, 1937-38
4. Will Rogers dedication, 1945-47

**Newspaper clippings, etc.**

**Folder:**

1. Conspiracy case, newspaper clippings, 1944
2. Josh Lee, newspaper clippings, 1938-41
3. Made in the south, May 20, 1940
4. Oklahoma House of Representatives, newspaper clippings, 1936-38
5. Politics, newspaper clippings, 1938
6. Prisons, reform, and parole, newspaper clippings, 1939-1941
7. Scrapbook, newspaper clippings, 1934-43
8. Special session, newspaper clippings, 1936
9. Tax legislation, newspaper clippings, 1941

**Box 19 - House Bills**

**Folder:**

1. House Bills of the 17th Legislature, 1939
2. Messages to the 17th Legislature, 1939
3. Returned House Bills, 1941

**Box 20 - House and Senate Bills**

**Folder:**

1. Bills undisposed of, June 7, 1941
2. House and Senate Resolutions, 1941
3. House Bills - Memoranda, 1941
4. House bills of the 17th legislature, 1939
5. Proposed Constitutional Amendment, 1941
6. Recommendations by the Governor, 1941



7. Regarding House Bills, 1941
8. Revenue bills, 1941
9. Senate Bills vetoed, 1941

#### **Box 21 - Official Papers**

1. Capital Grounds Oil Wells, 1940
2. Senate Bills Passed, 1941
3. Senate Bills - Memoranda, 1941
4. Senate Bills returned, 1941

#### **Scrapbook**

1. Grand River Dam Authority, 1935-40

#### **Box 22 - Trial Transcripts**

1. State of Oklahoma vs. Robert R. Fitzgerald, volume 1, Nov. 17-19, 1943
2. State of Oklahoma vs. Robert R. Fitzgerald, volume 2, Nov. 20-23, 1943
3. State of Oklahoma vs. Robert R. Fitzgerald, volume 3, Nov. 24-26, 1943

#### **Box 23 - Trial Transcripts**

##### **Fitzgerald Trial**

1. Cross examination of Mrs. Marie Eisiminger, Jan. 12, 1944
2. Testimony of Fred D. Lowe, Jan. 12, 1944
3. Testimony of Fred Hunt, Nov. 23, 1943
4. Testimony of Jack Fink, n.d.
5. Testimony of Leon C. Phillips, n.d.
6. Testimony of Ralph Newton, May 1944

##### **Other Trials**

1. State of Oklahoma vs. Robert R. Fitzgerald, Fred Hunt, & C.L. (Tipp) Bitting, Dec. 10, 1943

2. State of Oklahoma vs. William A Strong, May 12-14, 1943

#### **Box 24 - Trial Transcripts**

##### **Folder:**

1. State of Oklahoma vs. Fred D. Lowe, June 21-22, 1943
2. Statement of Fred D. Love, June 22, 1943
3. State of Oklahoma vs. Robert R. Fitzgerald, testimony of Fred. D. Lowe and William A. Strong, Nov. 18, 1943
4. State of Oklahoma vs. Robert R. Fitzgerald, testimony of Carl Pruitt and Fred Ratcliff, n.d.
5. State of Oklahoma vs. Leon C. Phillips, testimony of Fred D. Lowe, Feb. 24-25, 1944
6. State of Oklahoma vs. Leon C. Phillips, own testimony, Feb. 26, 1944

#### **Box 25 - Trial Transcripts**

##### **Folder:**

1. State of Oklahoma vs. Leon C. Phillips and Robert R. Fitzgerald, preliminary hearing, Aug. 3-4, 1943
2. State of Oklahoma vs. Leon C. Phillips and Robert R. Fitzgerald, proceedings at hearing on motion of defendants on filing bill of particulars and other jurisdictional pleadings, Oct. 1, 1943
3. State of Oklahoma vs. Robert R. Fitzgerald and Bess P. Vernon, preliminary hearing, Oct. 8, 1943
4. State of Oklahoma vs. Leon C. Phillips, testimony of Lewis R. Morris, Feb. 26, 1944
5. Testimony of Fred Lowe in Phillips trial, Oct. 12, 1944
6. Testimony of Foster Estes, n.d.

#### **Box 26 - Speeches**

##### **Folder:**

1. Cherokee speech, Nov. 4, 1944
2. House Journal, 27th Legislature, May 20, 1959

3. Joint Session (House & Senate), Mar. 14, 1941
4. Message to 18th Legislature and background information, Jan. 1941
5. Oklahoma City Speech, Nov. 6, 1944
6. Republican announcement, June 9, 1943
7. Selected addresses, 1939-40
8. Selected addresses continued, 1939-40
9. Selected addresses, 18th Legislature, 1941-42

**Published Materials**

1. Guidon yearbook, 1940
2. Message to 18th Legislature, Jan. 7, 1941
3. Oklahoma Directory, 1937
4. Will Rogers Statue, book, n.d.

**Box 27 - Miscellaneous Paperwork**

**Folder:**

1. Balanced Budget Amendment Editorial, Dec. 19, 1962
2. Correspondence backing Phillips' run for speakership, 1936
3. Correspondence regarding George M. McLean, 1943-44
4. Correspondence regarding Phillips' biography, 1962
5. Correspondence with J. Walter Long Jr., 1943-53
6. Correspondence with James A. Farley, 1943-47
7. Interstate Oil Compact Commission, Apr. 5, 1940
8. Interstate Oil Compact Minutes, Aug. 23, 1940
9. Reminiscences about Leon C. Phillips, n.d.

## **Oversized Materials**

### **Box 1 - Scrapbooks**

1. Extra Session of the 16th Legislature, Nov. 1936-Jan. 1937
2. Grand River and Denison Dam, 1939-1940

### **Box 2 - Scrapbooks**

1. Misc. Newspaper Clippings, Jan.-May 1935
2. Misc. Newspaper Clippings, Jan. 1935-Dec. 1936
3. Governor Phillips and family, 1939-44

### **Box 3 - Scrapbooks**

1. Misc. Newspaper Clippings, Apr. 1935-Nov. 1936
2. Misc. Newspaper Clippings, Jan. - Mar. 1937
3. Political cartoons, n.d.