

University of Oklahoma Libraries
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Jesse L. Rader Collection

Rader, Jesse Lee (b. 1883). Papers, 1901–1952. .75 foot.

University librarian. Correspondence (1906–1953) from friends and library associates, regarding the Oklahoma Library Commission and Oklahoma Library Association, including a letter from University of Oklahoma president David Ross Boyd, regarding Boyd's dismissal and the dismissal of numerous faculty at the university, including Rader, by Governor C. N. Haskell; postcards (1907) of Virginia scenes; a speech (1952) delivered by Rader at a dinner in his honor; minutes (1952) of meetings of the Oklahoma Library Association; student grade reports (1905–1906) issued to Rader by the University of Oklahoma; consumer rationing books (1942–1943) used by Rader and family during World War II; publications (1901–1952), including a newspaper, the front page of which is devoted to news of the first oil well in the Oklahoma City oil field; an original book jacket for Adolph Hitler's *Mein Kampf*; a University of Oklahoma student handbook (1904–1905); a magazine, *The Delta*, published by Sigma Nu; newspaper articles regarding the presidency of Theodore Roosevelt; certificates (1905–1951) issued to Rader; programs (1909–1910) of ceremonies and events conducted by University of Oklahoma fraternities and the Oklahoma Library Association; and constitutions and bylaws (1905–1907) of the Oklahoma Library Association and of University of Oklahoma student clubs and societies, including the Websterian Literary Society and Kanuntaklage Dramatic Club. Also included in this collection is an anthropometrical table (1902) used by the University of Oklahoma to measure and chart student physiques.

Box R-1

Folder:

1. Photocopies from a rare book, which may be in the DeGolyer Collection; two copies of the first photo of students at the University of Oklahoma, circa October 1892.
2. Correspondence, August 1951 and June 1952.
3. Mementos from a dinner in honor of Rader, 1953.
4. Miscellaneous correspondence and newspaper clippings, 1901-1952; a book dust jacket from *Mein Kampf* by Adolf Hitler.
5. Official correspondence of David R. Boyd and Arthur G. Evans, University of Oklahoma presidents, 1908-1910.
6. *Oklahoma City Times*--December 5, 1928: "Oklahoma City's First Gusher!"; "What Democracy Stands For", extracts of a speech by John Sharp Williams in the U.S. House of Representatives, April 27, 1906; Students' Handbook for 1904-1905, printed by the Young Men's Christian Association.

7. War ration books for the Rader family during World War II.
8. Miscellaneous correspondence, 1906-1911.
9. Miscellaneous club programs, constitutions and by-laws, and certificates, 1907-1911.

Box R-2

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1. Facsimiles of six autograph signatures of William Shakespeare, including a brief description of each document.
2. Phi Beta Kappa correspondence and constitution, 1929-1950.
3. Constitution of the Ka-Nun-Ta-Klage Dramatic Club, no date. Ka-Nun-Ta-Klage is Chickasaw for "great players".
4. *Market Observations* from Harris, Upham and Company, 1947-1951.
5. Income tax material, 1936-1943.
6. *The Delta of Sigma Nu*, September 1952.
7. "Organized Labor in Wyandotte County, Kansas. Its Record of Lawlessness, Infamy, and Disaster to Workingmen, Their Wives and Children", an address by George W. Martin of the *Kansas City Gazette* to the Mayor and Council, March 14, 1899.
8. Collections of poems, etc., 1951.
9. Two imprints of the Great Seal of the Choctaw Nation, pressed into foil paper.
10. Official correspondence and minutes of meetings of the DeGolyer Collection and its Committee, 1951; lists of books to be purchased for the Collection, 1951. The DeGolyer Collection is also known as the History of Science Collection, housed on the fifth floor of the Bizzell Library, Main Library.
11. First Presbyterian Church of Norman pamphlet showing proposed building plans, 1940.
12. Letter from Alwin Adam re: the farm, 1950.
13. Royalty statements from Row, Peterson and Company for *Readings in Oklahoma History*, 1944, and an undated statement.
14. Leaflet advertising *Muleback to the Convention: Letters of J. Ross Browne* from the Book

- Club of California, 1950.
15. Book review of *Indigo: A Novel of India* by Christine Weston, c. 1943.
 16. Book review of *Under Cover* by John Roy Carlson, c. 1943.
 17. *Bibles of Yore* Catalog XXV, #25, Autumn 1950.
 18. Correspondence re: *South of Forty* by J.L. Rader, 1948.
 19. Sigma Nu fraternity materials, 1935-1939.
 20. Correspondence re: Rader's election as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, London, England. Most of the correspondences are letters of congratulations, 1950-1951.
 21. "The Jackass", a short essay apparently by Rader, no date.
 22. "Contempt", a short essay apparently by Rader, no date.
 23. Bookplate collection, no date.
 24. Miscellaneous correspondence and photocopies, c. 1950s.
 25. "The Role of the Librarian in the 1950s", a speech given by Carl Milam at the Oklahoma Library Association Convention, March 16, 1951.
 26. Letter from Dean Wood to Rader re: Wood's research on the Santa Fe Trail, November 10, 1951; a book review of *The Old Santa Fe Trail From the Missouri River* from the *Kansas City, Missouri Times*, October 26, 1951.
 27. Correspondence with P.D. Perkins re: "The Historical Sketchbook and Guide to New Orleans", 1932.
 28. World Almanac, 1951.
 29. Memorandum of Travel Expense filled out for a trip to Dallas, Texas to pick up a gift of books from E. DeGolyer, December 1950.
 30. Reviews of *South of Forty* by J.L. Rader. The reviews are glued to part of a manila folder, 1947.
 31. Stock report, no date.
 32. Text of a speech given by Rader at the Oklahoma Library Association Convention, March 16-17, 1951.

33. "Historical and Biographical Sketch of the Rader-Raeder Family".
34. "The Secret Treaty of San Ildefonso" between Spain and France, taken from Count de Gar? en Histoire Generale des Traités de Paix, Tome 8, pages 46-49.
35. Rader's correspondence with publishers, 1951.
36. "The University and Institutional Integrity", a speech given by Cortez A.M. Ewing at the Emory Appreciation Dinner, March 22, 1957; miscellaneous correspondence, 1951.
37. "Shocking Stuff" by H.L. Mencken, an article about the reviews of Mark Twain's "The Mysterious Stranger", no date.
38. "Nine Historic Days to Remember" from World War II, no date.
39. Miscellaneous material about Oklahoma.
40. Photographic reproductions of documents, appear to be in Latin; "O Credo de um Bibliotecario" by Jesse L. Rader, no date.

Addition 7-11-1990

An unsigned painting showing an American Indian ceremony. 38 x 23 ½ . Canvas.
Received from J. L. Rader, May 17, 1951. Location: Room 351-A on top of map cabinet.