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Charles B. Rhodes Collection

Rhodes, Charles B. (1862–1949). Papers, 1864–1950. .75 foot.

U.S. marshal. Correspondence (1895–1946) regarding the Indian Territory Day celebration of 1939 and regarding Thomas Rhodes's experiences in the military during World War I; certificates (1864–1912) appointing Charles B. Rhodes as a teacher in Arkansas and in the Cherokee Nation and as a U.S. deputy marshal, and exempting a relative of Rhodes from military service during the Civil War; news clippings (1905–1950) regarding lawmen, outlaws, judges, and Rhodes; postcards (1929–1949) of Colorado's Royal Gorge bridge and of the Southern Belle Railroad; a score (1894) of a patriotic hymn composed by a youth from Indian Territory; a poster (1900) advertising a reunion of the Old Settlers Band of the Cherokee Indians; poetry and short stories (1894–1942) regarding Oklahoma, Belle Starr, and the Creek National Council House at Okmulgee, Indian Territory; political ribbons (1907–1912) advertising the first Muskogee County (Oklahoma) Republican Party convention, the Muskogee County delegation to the first state Republican Party convention, and the delegation's support of William H. Taft for president in 1909; and publications (1908–1938), including programs of the reunion of former U.S. marshals in 1908, and of the forty-fifth anniversary of the First National Bank of Vinita, Oklahoma. Also in this collection is an original manuscript (1875–1907), presumably by Rhodes, regarding the U.S. District Court at Fort Smith, Arkansas, its judge, Isaac C. Parker, and the cases tried there, with commentary regarding the crimes and criminals of Indian Territory.

Box 1 (R-24)

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- 2 List of U.S. Marshals and Deputies. 1870-1907.
- 3 Chapter 1: "World's Greatest Court and the Functions of Two Hundred United States Deputy Marshals." n.d.
- 4 Chapter 2: "Lest We Forget." n.d.
- 5 Newspaper: Front page of *Tulsa World* with a review of "Lest We Forget." November 1940.
- 6 Chapter 5: "George Maledon and His Ropes." n.d.
- 7 Chapter 6: "The First Execution Committed at Fort Smith, John Childers." n.d.
- 8 Chapter 8: "Spare the Rod and Spoil the Child" and Chapter 9: "To the Youth of Today." n.d.

- 9 Chapter 10: "Daniel Evans." n.d.
- 10 Chapter 15: "Spurs and Boots Lead to Conviction of Murderer." n.d.
- 11 Chapter 16: "The Rattlesnake Case," Chapter 17: "Kill Me Now, Silas Hampton," and Chapter 18: "White Man and Negro Discuss." n.d.
- 12 Chapter 19: "Gathers Flowers for Her Own Funeral." n.d.
- 13 Chapter 20: "Two Bad Men." n.d.
- 14 Chapter 21: "the Last Case of 1883," and Chapter 22: "The Only Victim of the Gallows, April 17, 1885." n.d.
- 15 Chapter 23: "Threw his Victim in a well, Thomas L. Thompson." n.d.
- 16 Chapter 24: "Murder for Sixteen Dollars." n.d.
- 17 Chapter 25: "Tenee's Story." n.d.
- 18 Chapter 26: "Two Other Executions in 1885." n.d.
- 19 Chapter 27: "The Steel Vest." n.d.
- 20 Chapter 28: "Double Execution." n.d.
- 21 Chapter 29: "Robert Wolf, the Gun was Discharged." n.d.
- 22 Chapter 30: "Wholesale Axe Murder," Chapter 31: "Wanted in Four States." n.d.
- 23 Chapter 32: "Romance and Murder," Chapter 33: "A Trip to Texas." n.d.
- 24 Chapter 34: "First Trip Out." n.d.
- 25 Chapter 38: "Double Axe Killing." n.d.
- 26 Chapter 39: "Belle Starr, the Female Desperado." n.d.
- 27 Chapter 40: "Dog Leads to Capture of Murderers." n.d.
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- 30 Chapter 43: "The Oak Lodge Murder." n.d.

- 31 Chapter 44: "The Camp Meeting Murder." n.d.
- 32 Chapter 45: "The Story of an Illicit Love and the Destruction of a home." n.d.
- 33 Chapter 46: "Hired to Kill for Ten Dollars." n.d.
- 34 Chapter 47: "No Man's Massacre." n.d.
- 35 Chapter 48: "United States, Marshal, Two Sons and Old Maid." n.d.
- 36 Chapter 49: "The First Appeal." n.d.
- 37 Chapter 50: "The Rose of Cimarron." n.d.
- 38 Chapter 51: "Huge Sign-Board Erected at a Train Crossing" and Chapter 52: "Excitement in Lobby of Federal Jail." n.d.
- 39 Chapter 53: "Acts of a Demon." n.d.
- 40 Chapter 54: "Sheppard Busby and the Indian Girls." n.d.
- 41 Chapter 55: "Barred from a Turkey Shooting Match." n.d.
- 42 Chapter 56: "A Battle Between United States Deputy Marshal and an Outlaw." n.d.
- 43 Chapter 57: "The Dalton Boys, Trusted Deputy Marshals who turned to Ruffians." n.d.
- 44 Chapter 58: "Pair Recall Battle Forty-five Years Ago." n.d.
- 45 Chapter 59: "Another Sensational Murder." n.d.
- 46 Chapter 60: "United States Deputy Marshal Faces Murder Charge." n.d.
- 47 Chapter 61: "The Bentonville Bank Robbery." n.d.
- 48 Chapter 62: "Lewis Holder in San Bois Mountains." n.d.
- 49 Chapter 63: "Willie Johnson, a Life Sentence" and Chapter 64: "Annie Maledon, The Hangman's Daughter." n.d.
- 50 Chapter 65: "Holder's Ghost." n.d.
- 51 Chapter 66: "Outlaw Calls Man Out of Bed to Direct Him to Road" and Chapter 67: "Watt Grayson Robbed of \$30,000." n.d.
- 52 Chapter 69: "The Criminal Romance of Bob Rogers the Outlaw." n.d.

- 53 Chapter 70: "He Murdered a Fool." n.d.
- 54 Chapter 71: "A Bunch of Nervy Folks." n.d.
- 55 Chapter 72: "The Devil and His Angels." n.d.
- 56 Chapter 73: "Crimes and Execution of Crawford Goldsby (Alias Cherokee Bill)." n.d.
- 57 Chapter 74: "The Next Greatest Court." n.d.
- 58 Chapter 75: "Bill Tilghman United States Deputy Marshal." n.d.
- 59 Chapter 76: "A Greenleaf Mountain Romance." n.d.
- 60 Chapter 77: "Crime on Wheels, Air, Land and Sea, and Our National Police Power and the Press." n.d.
- 61 Chapter 78: "W.H. Darrough." n.d.
- 62 Chapter 79: "Clark Wasson." n.d.
- 63 Chapter 80: "The Last Convention," Memorial Service Program, two copies. n.d.
- 64 Chapter 81: "Delivers Oration at His Wife's Funeral." n.d.
- 65 Printed and handwritten material: The Wickliff Gang --Charley, Tom and John." n.d.
- 66 Four drafts of "Story of the Capture of Ned Christie with Picture of the Captors," eight copies of "Ned Christie, Outlaw," and a picture of U.S. Deputy Marshals." n.d.
- 67 Two drafts of "The Gaucho or South American Cow Boy of Argentina." n.d.
- 68 Article: "W.A. "Guss" Lubbes, Veteran Indian Scout Dies at Home Here" and obituary for W.A. Lubbes. circa 1931.
- 69 Printed material: "History of Jas. C. Wilkinson." n.d.
- 70 Printed material: "Hogshooter School" and section D3 of *The Daily Oklahoman*. 1939.
- 71 Printed material: "Imported Killer" and article in the newspaper by C.B. Rhodes. 1939.
- 72 Handwritten material: "A Queer Incident, But a True One." n.d.
- 73 Court Record of the Lewis trial. April 1894
- 74 Two drafts of: "The Glamorous Cow Boy, Deputy United States Marshal, and the Famous

- Texas Ranger" and handwritten notes. n.d.
- 75 Handwritten material: "Dream" and newspaper article: "Dream is Credited with Saving Life of Pioneer U.S. Marshal." 1904.
- 76 Biographical chapters on C.B. Rhodes and Judge Isaac Parker. n.d.

Box 2 (R-25)

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- 1 Personal correspondence: from Thomas Rhodes to family. August 1917.
- 2 Personal correspondence: to Thomas Rhodes. February 1918.
- 3 Personal correspondence: from Thomas Rhodes. February 1918.
- 4 Personal correspondence: from Thomas Rhodes. November 1918.
- 5 Personal correspondence: from Louise to Papa and Anna. November.
- 6 Personal correspondence. n.d.
- 7 Professional Correspondence: from B.L. Wertz. April 1946.
- 8 Professional Correspondence concerning the Indian Territory Day Celebration: from O.C. Cash. February 1939.
- 9 Newspaper article in *The Muskogee Times-Democrat*: "Pioneer Peace Officer, C.B. Rhodes, 87, dies." 1949.
- 10 Newspaper article in *Muskogee Daily Phoenix*: "Many Years After Long Hunt for Man Hired to Kill Him, Pioneer Officer Learned of Narrow Escapes." November 1937.
- 11 Newspaper article: "The Town Tambour." 1950.
- 12 Newspaper article in *Muskogee Daily Phoenix*: "Doctor, Detective, Hypnotist." December 1937.
- 13 Newspaper articles announcing lectures by C.B. Rhodes. n.d.
- 14 Newspaper article in *Muskogee Daily Phoenix*: "First U.S. Marshals In Old Territorial Days Led Rugged Life, One of Last Survivors Recalls." September 1946.
- 15 Magazine article in *The Labor Magazine*: "My Country Tis of Thee." n.d.
- 16 Newspaper article in *Muskogee Daily Phoenix*: "Lonely Memorial in Hills Marks Grave of

- Woman Outlaw..." January 1936.
- 17 Newspaper article in *Muskogee Daily Phoenix*: "Services Set Today for C.B. Rhodes, 87." November 1949.
 - 18 Picture of C.B. Rhodes: "The Peace Officer" and marriage announcement for C.B. Rhodes' daughter. n.d.
 - 19 Letters to the editor: from C.B. Rhodes. n.d.
 - 20 Newspaper article in *The Westville Record*: "Many Visitors Enjoy Splendid Program." September 1937.
 - 21 Newspaper article in *The Kansas City Journal*: "Royal Visitor Recalls Oklahoma's Bad Men." October 1939.
 - 22 Newspaper article: "Mr., Mrs. C.B. Rhodes Feted on 55th Wedding Anniversary." n.d.
 - 23 Newspaper article in *The Nowata Daily Star*: "Pioneer Nowata Teacher Tells of Early Days Indian Territory." January 1938.
 - 24 Board of Education certificate appointing C.B. Rhodes as a teacher. January 1900.
 - 25 Certificate of Exemption for a Drafted Person on Account of Disability. October 1864.
 - 26 Teacher's License give to C.B. Rhodes by the Department of Public Instruction in Arkansas. June 1901.
 - 27 Receipts from the Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association of Oklahoma and the Grand Recorder of Nebraska. 1890-1944.
 - 28 Newspaper article in *Muskogee Daily Phoenix*: "Big Day was Celebrated." April 1932.
 - 29 Newspaper article in *Tulsa Daily World*: "Oklahoma to Observe its 33rd Anniversary This Week..." November 1940.
 - 30 Newspaper article in *Tulsa Daily World*: "Bud Ledbetter--Pioneer G-Man of West." March 1937.
 - 31 Newspaper article in *The Sequoyah County Times*: "Wild and Untamed Oklahoma." November 1937.
 - 32 Newspaper article in *Muskogee Daily Phoenix*: "Eastern Oklahoma Honors Man Who Wrote Cherokee Alphabet." June 1936.
 - 33 Letter to the editor: from David T. Nowlin. February 1939.

- 34 Newspaper article in *The Fort Smithian*: "Has Camp Chaffee Ruined Fort Smith?" August 1943.
- 35 Newspaper article in *The Fort Smithian*: "Former Fort Smith Boy in Jap Prison." n.d.
- 36 Newspaper article: "Moman Pruiett--Defender." n.d.
- 37 Newspaper article: "Court Records Tell Passing of Southwest's Lawlessness." n.d.
- 38 Newspaper article in *The Fort Smithian*: "Fort Smith Boy German Prisoner Writes Home Folks." August 1943.
- 39 Newspaper articles in *The Fort Smithian*. August 1943.
- 40 Newspaper article in *The Kansas City Star*: "A Judge With a Stern Sense of Justice Tamed Outlaws in Old Indian Territory." January 1946.
- 41 Newspaper article in *The Daily Oklahoman*: "A Prince Albert of the Prairie." May 1941.
- 42 Newspaper article in *The Daily Oklahoman*: "Dean of the Law." June 1940.
- 43 Brochure: celebrating the 45th anniversary of the First National Bank of Vinita, Oklahoma. 1937.
- 44 Brochure: for the New Southern Belle Streamlined Hospitality. n.d.
- 45 Printed Material: Spirit of '93 printed by the Garfield County Democrats. September 1938.
- 46 Printed Material: "The Seven Little Shepherds" and "Historic Spots Around Tahlequah." May 1938.
- 47 Membership cards: Oklahoma Sheriff & Peace Officers Assn. and Oklahoma Education Association. 1938-1939.
- 48 Business cards: Flower, Feed and Grain of Muskogee Oklahoma and Standard Advertising & Printing Co. n.d.
- 49 Postcard and memos. n.d.
- 50 Printed material: "Oklahoma--Passe en Poesy." n.d.
- 51 Printed material: "Belle Starr." February 1942.
- 52 Printed material: "The Old Council House." December 1941.

- 53 Poem: "Birthday 73" by W.H. Kornegay. April 1938.
- 54 Handwritten material: "The Ship that Never Returned." n.d.
- 55 Printed material: "An Indian's Prayer." n.d.
- 56 Handwritten material: "Columbia the Gem of the Ocean." n.d.
- 57 Newspaper article in *The Muskogee News-Shopper*: "Shucks, Tilden Cramp Could Have Told Them." January 1950.
- 58 Newspaper article in *The Leader*: "County Pioneer Came to Oklahoma in Covered Wagon, Took Homestead." April 1936.
- 59 Newspaper article in *Muskogee Daily Phoenix*: "Many Guns and Liquor Lie Beneath Old Bridge." January 1938.
- 60 Newspaper article in *Tulsa World*: "Credit the Indians, too, in Birth of Oklahoma." October 1946.
- 61 Newspaper article in *The Daily Oklahoman*: "History of Oklahoma." March 1939.
- 62 Newspaper picture: "Dedicate Shrine to Sequoyah." June 1936.
- 63 Newspaper article: "Ancient Prints Used to Rebuild Old Fort." May 1936.
- 64 Newspaper article: "Many Guns and Liquor Lie Beneath Old Bridge." 1938.
- 65 Newspaper article: "Hills Lose Evil Bands in New Bid." n.d.
- 66 Newspaper article in *Muskogee Daily Phoenix*: "Great Texan Solaced By the Lovely 'Tiana' " September 1935.
- 67 Newspaper article: " 'Pussyfoot' Agitated Western Gunmen and English Students in Dry Crusade." circa 1943.
- 68 Newspaper: *Tulsa Daily World*, front page. September 1905.
- 69 Newspaper article in *Muskogee Daily Phoenix*: "Vian Woman Faces Death Penalty Demand in Webbers Slaying." February 1938.
- 70 Campaign ribbon: "Taft for President." 1912.
- 71 Campaign ribbon: "I am for Taft." February 1912.
- 72 Campaign ribbon: "Muskogee County Delegation to Republican State Convention." August

- 1907.
- 73 Campaign ribbon: "Delegate." July 1907.
- 74 Campaign ribbon: "Muskogee County." n.d.
- 75 Campaign ribbon: "Jim Harris for National Committeeman." n.d.
- 76 Newspaper article: "Carry Bodies on Shoulders." n.d.
- 77 Newspaper article: "Hills Lose Evil Bands in New Bid." n.d.
- 78 Newspaper article: "Sequoyah County Man was Acquainted With Belle Starr." n.d.
- 79 Newspaper article: "Outlaws Disguised as Ministers Came to Guthrie in '89." April 1936.
- 80 Newspaper article: "Earle Murphy Tells of Tragedy." n.d.
- 81 Newspaper articles in *Tulsa Daily World*. October 1946.
- 82 Newspaper article: "Death of Berryville Woman Recalls Massacre of 1857." n.d.
- 83 Magazine article in *The Kansas City Southern Magazine*: "Retracing the Years." 1937.
- 84 Article in the *Pathfinder*: "World at War." October 1944.
- 85 Newspaper article: "Thrifty." n.d.
- 86 Newspaper article: "Dean Sebring, Editor of Westville Record, Native of State, Dies." n.d.
- 87 Newspaper articles in the *Westville Record*. May 1940.
- 88 Newspaper article: "Legal Notices--A Few Years Hence." n.d.
- 89 Newspaper article in *Muskogee Daily Phoenix*: "Checotah Woman Recalls Time When Fanatical Band Swooped Down from Mountains of Southern Utah to Massacre a Caravan of 120 Gold-Seeking Emigrants from Arkansas." October 1938.

Outsized Material, Location 08302:

Scrapbook (undated)

Outsized Material, Location 08323:

Poster, 1900.