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James R. Tolbert Collection

Tolbert, James Randolph (1862–1942). Papers, 1909–1941. 20 feet.

Attorney. Correspondence (1909–1941) regarding Tolbert's participation in Oklahoma politics, including his election to office, terms served as a state legislator, and the Al Smith for President campaign in Oklahoma, of which he was head; reports (1923) and accompanying documentation for the impeachment proceedings and investigation of Governor Jack Walton by a special committee of the legislature, of which Tolbert was vice chair; and posters (1942) by Norman Rockwell, produced during World War II and entitled "The Four Freedoms."

- Box 1-14** Correspondence (incoming and outgoing correspondence during Colbert's tenure as Judge of District Court for the Seventeenth Judicial District, Blaine County, Watonga, Oklahoma, and as a partner in several law firms; much correspondence with attorneys and court clerks concerning cases pending, grand jury proceedings, pardons and paroles, etc.)
- Box 15-16** Newspaper Clippings (U.S. Congressional Primary, 1913)
- Box 17-18** Year Books (1925-1940)
- Box 19** Business Ledgers
- Box 20** Miscellaneous (bills, receipts, blueprints, Bible, etc.)
- Box 21** Cleve Christian v. Mid-Continent Life Insurance Co., 1929
- Box 22-32** Committee on Impeachment and Investigation of Executive, Legislative and Judicial Officers, 1923
- Box 33** Legislative Bills and Journals, 1911-1913
- Box 34** Newspaper Reports related to Governor Walton's Impeachment
- Box 35** Judicial and Political Miscellaneous
- Box 36-37** Al Smith Campaign
- Box 38-39** Pamphlets and Leaflets
- Box 40-46** Tolbert, Ruth Ann (school notes, correspondence, business receipts, and guide books)

Box 47 Newspaper Clippings

Box 48-49 Tolbert, Miles (law school notebooks)

Box 1: Correspondence

1. 1907
2. 1908 January-June
Includes correspondence from Governor C.N. Haskell and Assistant Attorney General W.C. Reeves.
3. 1908 July-December
Includes correspondence from Chief Justice R.L. Williams; also letters concerning cases involving the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad Company.
4. 1909 January-June
Includes correspondence from Assistant Attorney General Edward G. Spilman.
5. 1909 July-December
Includes correspondence from Governor C.N. Haskell, County Attorney Rutherford Brett, University of Oklahoma President A. Grant Evans, and Associate Justice Matthew J. Kane.
6. 1910 January-March
Includes correspondence from Chief Justice Jesse Dunn, assistant Attorney General Spilman, Dept. of Interior District Agent Sisson, the Law and Order League of Hobart, Oklahoma, and legislators of Oklahoma's Second Legislature.

Box 2: Correspondence

1. 1910 April-May
Includes correspondence from Chief Justice Jesse Dunn, U.S. Senators T.P. Gore and Robert L. Owen, and the Oklahoma Anti-Saloon League.
2. 1910 June-July
Includes correspondence from Chief Justice Jesse Dunn, State Auditor M.E. Trapp, and Governor C.N. Haskell.
3. 1910 August-September
Includes correspondence from Oklahoma State Democratic Executive Committee, Rutherford Brett, Commissioners of the Land Office, and U.S. Senator Robert L. Owen.
4. 1910 October-December
Includes correspondence from Oklahoma Anti-Saloon League, Assistant State Auditor, Democratic candidate for Governor Lee Cruce, and inmates of both the Oklahoma State Reformatory and the Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

5. 1911 January-February
Includes numerous correspondence from legislators in the State Senate and the House of Representatives, and several interesting letters from Raymond Tolbert, son of J.R. Tolbert, a student at the University of Oklahoma College of Law.

Box 3: Correspondence

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1. 1911 March-May
Includes correspondence from Raymond Tolbert, Governor Lee Cruce, and Chairman Frank Mathews of the State Board of Public Affairs.
2. 1911 June-December
Includes correspondence from Commissioners of the Land Office, Rock Island Lines Law Department, and R.S. Winn and Co. (McGuire Sanitary Furnace).
3. 1912 January-July
Includes correspondence from County Attorney A.L. Emery, Governor Lee Cruce, Rutherford Brett, Attorney General Charles West, and Raymond Tolbert.
4. 1912 August-October
Includes correspondence from the University of Oklahoma Registrar Errett Newby, Governor Lee Cruce, Chief Justice John Turner, U.S. Representative Scott Ferris, and inmates.
5. 1912 November-December
Includes correspondence from offices of the Attorney General and the Commissioners of the Land Office.

Box 4: Correspondence

Folder:

1. 1913 January-March
Includes correspondence from Chief Justice Samuel Hayes, Attorney General Charles West, Judge Frank Mathews, and Governor Lee Cruce.
2. 1913 April-June
Includes correspondence from U.S. Representative Joe Eagle, the office of the Governor, and U.S. Senator Robert L. Owen.
3. 1913 July-August
4. 1913 September-October
Includes correspondence from Chief Justice Samuel Hayes, Governor Lee Cruce, and inmates.
5. 1913 November-December
Includes correspondence from U.S. Senator Robert L. Owen, County Attorney A.L. Bloss,

and R.L. Williams.

Box 5: Correspondence

Folder:

1. 1914 January 1-15
2. 1914 January 16-31
Primarily contains outgoing correspondence, also list of leading democrats in the community.
3. 1914 February 1-15
Similar to Folder 2, also correspondence from Board of Prison Control Chairman A.K. West.
4. 1914 February 16-29
Includes correspondence addressed, James R. Tolbert, candidate for Congress Seventh District.
5. 1914 March 1-15
6. 1914 March 16-31

Box 6: Correspondence

Folder:

1. 1914 April 1-9
Includes correspondence from Parole Officer Frank Rice of the board of Prison Control.
2. 1914 April 11-30
Includes correspondence from Tolbert's campaign for Seventh District Congressman.
3. 1914 May 1-19
Mostly campaign correspondence.
4. 1914 May 21-30
Mostly campaign correspondence.
5. 1914 June 1-31
Mostly campaign correspondence.

Box 7: Correspondence

Folder:

1. 1914 July 1-25
Mostly campaign correspondence, also correspondence from Raymond Tolbert.
2. 1914 July 26-August 28

3. 1914 September 1-December 31
Includes correspondence concerning Tolbert's defeat in his campaign for Congress, also letters from R.L. Williams and T.P. Gore.
4. 1915 January-March
Includes inmate correspondence, correspondence from Anti-Saloon League of America, and bill receipts.

Box 8: Correspondence

Folder:

1. 1915 April-July
Includes correspondence from Congressman Jim McClintic and J.G. Price of the Oklahoma State Reformatory.
2. 1915 August-December
Includes correspondence from Rutherford Brett, and Superintendent O.W. Stewart of the Oklahoma School for the Blind.
3. 1916-1920
Incoming and outgoing correspondence of the Tolbert & Tolbert law firm.
4. 1922
Correspondence concerning Tolbert's recent election to the Oklahoma State Legislature.
5. 1923 January-February
Correspondence re. the Guarantee Fund Law, State Banks Law, and other legislation.

Box 9: Correspondence

Folder:

1. 1923 March-September
Includes correspondence from the Commissioner of Charities and Corrections Mabel Bassett, Insurance Commissioner E.W. Hardin, U.S. Representative W.W. Hastings, and U.S. Senator Robert Owen.
2. 1923 October-December
Includes correspondence from Connecticut Governor Charles Templeton, Indiana Governor Warren McCray, and other governors with re. to questions about a cabinet form of government, boards of control, executive mansions, revolving funds, etc.
3. 1924 January-June
Includes similar correspondence to those found in Box 9, Folder 2.
4. 1924 July-1925 May
Includes correspondence regarding candidacy of Judge Thomas Edwards, and letter from Governor M.E. Trapp.

Box 10: Correspondence

Folder:

1. 1925 June-1926 July
Includes correspondence re. preparations by Tolbert to run for Attorney General.
2. 1926 August-December
Correspondence expressing disappointment that Tolbert was not nominated for Attorney General.
3. 1927 January-April
4. 1927 May-August
General correspondence, and receipts for good and services.
5. 1927 September-December

Box 11: Correspondence (general correspondence, and receipts for goods and services)

Folder:

1. 1928 January-June
2. 1928 July-December
3. 1929 January-June
4. 1929 July-December
5. 1930 January-April

Box 12: Correspondence (general correspondence, and receipts for goods and services)

Folder:

1. 1930 May-December
Includes correspondence from Buttram for Governor Club.
2. 1931 January-June
3. 1931 July-1932 February
4. 1932 March-December

Box 13: Correspondence (general correspondence, receipts for goods and services)

Folder:

1. 1933-1935
Includes correspondence from congressman Wesley Disney and state legislator Tom Anglin.
2. 1936 January-1937 March

3. 1937 April-December
4. 1938-1939
5. 1940-1941

Box 14: Correspondence, undated (general correspondence)

Folder:

1. A-P
2. Q-Z
3. Fragmentary

Box 15: Newspaper Clippings

Folder:

1. U.S. Congressional Primary, 1913 (J.R. Tolbert, candidate for Congressional seat in the Seventh District)
2. U.S. Congressional Primary, 1913
3. U.S. Congressional Primary, 1913

Box 16: Newspaper Clippings and Other Publications

Folder:

1. U.S. Congressional Primary, 1913
2. U.S. Congressional Primary, 1913
3. U.S. Congressional Primary, 1913
4. *Program Eighteenth Annual Banquet of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society, May 12, 1939*

St. Joseph's Four Seasons Almanac and Dixie Song Book, 1907

A War Cook Book by the Woman's Committee Council of National Defense, Oklahoma City, 1918

Cook Book for Use With the Pressure Cooker, 1919

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder

Clabber Girl Baking Book

American Cookery, March, 1940

The Home Cook Book

Box 17: Year Books, 1925-1935

(Day by day calendars kept by Tolbert. They include appointments, notes re. cases, addresses, listing of bills, etc.)

Box 18: Year Books, 1935, 1937, 1938, 1940

Box 19: Business Ledgers, 1917-1918, 1919-1920

Ledger listing accounts for books and stationary, and G.H. Sodom and Company Consignments, n.d.

Register listing names and amounts, 1917-18

Register listing account names and amounts, 1919-1920

Double-entry Ledger listing accounts, expenses, bank accounts, and other entries, n.d.

Box 20: Miscellaneous

Folder:

1. Bills and receipts, 1916-1917
2. Blueprints, 1912?
3. Bible, partial
4. Invitations, favors, programs

Box 21: Cleve Christian v. Mid-Continent Life Insurance Company, Proceedings, 1929

Box 22: Committee on Impeachment and Investigation of Executive.

Legislative and Judicial Officers, Special Session, Ninth Legislature of Oklahoma, Testimony, Vol. I-V, 1923.

Box 23: Committee on Impeachment and Investigation of Executive.

Executive, Legislative and Judicial Officers, Special Session, Ninth Legislature of Oklahoma, Hearings, Vol. I-IV, 1923.

Box 24: Committee on Impeachment...Hearings, Vol. V-VIII, 1923.

Box 25: Committee on Impeachment...Hearings, Vol. IX-XII, 1923.

Box 26: Committee on Impeachment...Hearings, Vol. XIII-XVI, XX, 1923.

Box 27: Committee on Impeachment...Hearings, Vol. XXIII-XXVII, 1923.

Box 28: Committee on Impeachment...Hearings, Vol. XXVIII-XXX, 1923.

Box 29: Committee on Impeachment...Hearings, Misc., Vol. I-IV, 1923.

Box 30: Committee on Impeachment...Hearings, Misc., Vol. VI-IX, 1923.

Box 31: Transcript of Proceedings of Senate of Oklahoma Sitting as Court of Impeachment

Box 32: Committee on Impeachment and Investigation of Executive. Legislative and Judicial Officers, 1923-1924.

Folder:

1. Aims and Procedures (includes numerous reports)
2. Attorney General - Banking Commissioner (General Committee hearing, Vol. XXXI)
3. Beasley, S.M. (Investigation, H.R. #17)
4. Childers, C.C.
5. Corporation Commission
6. Durant, W.A.
7. Hardin, E.W.
8. Parkinson, Fred
9. Reliance Shirt Company
10. Short, G.F. (testimony)
11. Tolbert, James R. (proceedings of committee to investigate Judge James R. Tolbert)
12. Whitehurst, George C.

Box 33: Senate Journal of the Fourth Legislature of the State of Oklahoma, 1912-1913
Journal of the Proceedings of the Senate, 1911

House and Senate Bills, individual file, n.d.

Box 34: Newspaper Reports Relating to the Governor Walton Impeachment Case
"The Oklahoma Leader"
May 14, 1923; November 4, 1923; February 22, 1924.

Box 35: Judicial and Political Miscellaneous**Folder:**

1. Judicial, miscellaneous, 1909-1936 (includes petition to Governor E.W. Marland, leases and contracts, petition in case State of Oklahoma v. M.V. Shaw, etc.)
2. "The Cat"
3. Central State Teachers College, 1921-1924 (data re.)
4. Colonel A.E. Humphreys
5. Greer County (luncheon program)
6. Kiowa County (Y.M.C.A. campaign)
7. McClintic, James V.
8. Murray, W.H. (what Murray said when he introduced Alf Landon at Ok. City in Presidential campaign)
9. Oklahoma Cotton Growers Association
10. Oklahoma House of Representatives
11. Tolbert, J.R. Notes

Box 36: Al Smith Campaign, 1927**Folder:**

1. Correspondence, Feb. 20 - Apr. 30, 1928.
2. Correspondence, June - July, 1928 (undated correspondence and fragments).
3. Misc., minutes, delegate lists, etc.
4. Bills and bank account
5. Bulletins and leaflets
6. Speeches
7. Interviews (in connection with)

Box 37: Al Smith Campaign, 1927**Folder:**

1. Newspaper Clippings

2. Newspaper Clippings
3. Scrapbook (newspaper clippings)

Box 38: Pamphlets and Leaflets Concerning Oklahoma

Official Report of the Joint Labor Legislative Board of Oklahoma

Banking Laws of the State of Oklahoma

War in the East, Peace in the West, Thank God for Wilson Department of Labor Bulletin, 1922

Tentative Law for the Care and Treatment of the Insane in This State

House Journal, Apr. 16, 1913

Appropriation Bill, State of Illinois

Docket, May and June 1913

"Justification of the War with the Government of Germany by the U.S.", speech of Robert L. Owen, 1917

"The Peace Treaty and League of Nations", address by Pres. Wilson, 1919

"Racial Equality and the League of Nation", speech of Sen. James A. Reed, 1919

Speech Material for League of Nations Addresses

Joint Debate on the Covenant of Paris, League of Nations, Apr. 1919

"What We Are Fighting For, League of Nations", Oct. 1917

"The Second Liberty Loan of 1917"

"America First, Seniority Counts" by T.P. Gore

"Magna Charta" 1920

"Ratify the Covenant" by W.H. Taft

"The League Bulletin", 1919

"A Report on Recent Construction and Results of Railroad Operation in Oklahoma" By Corporation Commission, 1910

"New Road Laws of Oklahoma", 1915-1916

"To Prevent Gambling in Farm Products", speech of Scott Ferris, 1913

"Our Rural Life and Farm Problems", address by S.A. Lindsey, 1913

"Rural Credits" by Frederic Haskin, 1913

"National Rural Banking System", speech of Duncan Fletcher, 1913

"Agricultural Credit, Report of the U.S. Commission

"The Egyptian Question" by Robert L. Owen

Box 39: Pamphlets on Various Subjects

Folder:

1. Political Speeches, Leaflets
2. Political Pamphlets, platforms, constitutions, etc.

The Enemies of Civilization

Civil Service Laws of Ohio, 1921

Constitution and By-Laws of the San Jacinto Society, 1908

Canons of Professional Ethics

Realism and Romanticism of the 14 Year Old Tennessee Soldier Boy by W.C. Blair

Representation in Industry by John D. Rockefeller

Bible pamphlets

"The Effect of Chemistry in the Development of the South" by Pat Harrison, 1931

Box 40: Tolbert, Ruth Ann

School notes and papers of Ruth Ann Tolbert, James R. Tolbert, and Miles Tolbert at Hobart High School, and the University of Oklahoma, n.d.

Box 41: Tolbert, Ruth Ann

Personal correspondence, Ruth Ann Tolbert. 1916-1939.

School notes and personal correspondence of Ruth Ann Tolbert, James R. Tolbert, Raymond Tolbert, and Miles Tolbert at Hobart High School, and the University of Oklahoma, n.d.

Box 42: Tolbert, Ruth Ann

Folder:

1. Cancelled checks, 1918, September 1924 - August 1925.
2. Ruth Ann Tolbert, Tolbert and Tolbert, and Rialto Theater cancelled checks, 1928-1929.
3. Bank statements, bank books, and deposit slips, 1915-1929.

Box 43: Tolbert, Ruth Ann

Movie Exhibitor's Date Books (Film Booking Offices of America, Joseph P. Kennedy, and Paramount Pictures), 1926-1929.

Box 44: Tolbert, Ruth Ann

School notes (notebooks and loose leaf paper), n.d.

Box 45: Tolbert, Miles

School notebooks (includes notebook filled with plant specimens), n.d.

Box 46: Tolbert, Ruth Ann

Folder:

1. Souvenir Post Card Album (primarily Yellowstone Park), n.d.
2. Guide Books and Travel Folders (1) (includes highway maps, etc. throughout U.S. and Canada)
3. Guide Books and Travel Folders (2) (includes highway maps, etc. throughout U.S. and Canada)
4. Tolbert, Ruth Ann

Trip to Europe, 1923 (S.S. Pres. Van Buren, U.S. Lines - musical program, dinner menu, etc.; also Madame Tussaud's Exhibition Catalog, Shakespeare Summer Festival Program, Florence, Italy guidebook, and Ruth Ann Tolbert's passport)

Box 47: Newspaper Clippings (includes poster - James R. Tolbert, Candidate for Congress, Democratic Primary, August 4, 1914)

Box 48: Tolbert, Miles

Law School Notebooks (5) on evidence, property, trusts, and bills and notes

Box 49: Tolbert, Miles

Law School Notebooks (7) on mortgages, equity, sales, bills and notes, and trusts