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Record Group 03/01/03: Presidential Papers / Assistant to the President
Morris L. Wardell, 1937-1941

Biographical Note:

Morris L. Wardell (1889-1957) began his service with the University of Oklahoma as Assistant Professor of History on February 1, 1925. Previously, he had received his B.A. from OU in 1919 and his M.A. from Harvard in 1922.

In 1927 Wardell became the faculty advisor to the honorary freshmen fraternity, Phi Eta Sigma. He served as advisor until his death on February 5, 1957. (Pete Kyle McCarter, Vice President under President George Lynn Cross, assumed this role.) Wardell also served as Acting Dean of Men between 1927 and 1929. In 1929 he became Associate Professor of History which he followed with a year's sabbatical leave.

In 1935 he became Professor of History and later in 1936 received his Ph. D. from the University of Chicago. Between 1937 and 1941 Wardell served President William Bennett Bizzell as Assistant to the President. He returned to teaching history upon Joseph August Brandt's ascension to the presidency.

Between April 12, 1943 and November 1, 1945 Wardell was appointed Acting Director of the Extension Division and also served for a time as Director of the Summer Session. On January 1, 1946 he became a David Ross Boyd Professor of history. On February 5, 1957, Wardell died.

For additional records kept by Dr. Wardell, see also:

- University Archives Record Group 40/10: College of Arts & Sciences, Department of History
- WHC Manuscripts Division: Morris L. Wardell Collection
- WHC Manuscripts Division: Prisoner of War Camps Collection

Office of the President, Assistant to the President
Dr. Morris L. Wardell, WPA/NYA Materials

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Box 1: College Work Program Papers

Folder:

1. Appropriations, 1942-1943
2. Appropriations, 1942-1943
3. Bulletins
4. Case Histories
5. General, 1941-1942

6. General, 1942-1943
7. General, 1941-1943
8. Letters, December 1939-June 1942
9. Magazine Articles
10. Regional & National Correspondence, 1942-1943
11. Region IX, 1941-1942
12. Region IX, 1942-1943

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Box 2: College Work Program

Folder:

1. Region IX, 1943
2. Reports, 1941-1942
3. Reports and Minutes of Meetings, 1941-1942
4. Reports
5. State Meeting
6. Travel Vouchers Correspondence

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Box 3: N.Y.A.

Folder:

1. Citizenship Project
2. Conference, National
3. General, 1939-1940
4. General, 1940-1941
5. General, 1937-1941
6. General, 1942-1943
7. Prospects
8. Report Forms
9. Report at University of Florida
10. Report, 1939-1940
11. Resident Project

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Box 4: War Labor Board - W.P.A.

Folder:

1. Bulletins & Correspondence
2. Bulletins & Reports
3. Correspondence, 1943
4. Sheffield Steel Corporation Reports
5. United Steelworkers of America Bulletins & Reports
6. Occupational Specification Manual - W.P.A.
7. Personnel - W.P.A.
8. General, 1942
9. Memoranda Book & Form Letters

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Box 5 W.P.A. – General

Folder:

1. Booklet
2. Circular - Tech Series
3. Clippings
4. Meeting, February 10, 1940
5. Conference, April 26, 1940
6. Conference, Fall 1940
7. Conference, November 1-2, 1940
8. Meeting, July 18, 1941
9. Conference, February 19, 1942
10. Conference, October 8, 1942
11. Correspondence, July - December 1935
12. Correspondence, 1937-1943
13. Defense
14. Department Head Approvals, 1935-1936
15. Directory, 1941-1942

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Box 6: W.P.A. – General

Folder:

1. Employment, 1938-1941
2. Fullerton, 1938-1941
3. Guidebook, 1940-1942
4. Guidebook, 2nd edition, 1942
5. Health Almanac, 1942
6. Inquiries
7. Mailing Lists
8. Mariner
9. Museum Service Handbook
10. Programs, 1940-41
11. Questionnaires
12. Report, April 1940
13. Report, April 1940
14. Report, October 15, 1940

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Box 7: W.P.A. – General

Folder:

1. University Sponsorship, 1934-1940
2. Report of WPA Projects sponsored by OU, February 19, 1942
3. Report, October 8, 1942
4. Sponsors Correspondence
5. Forms
6. Research Exchange Lists

7. Releases
8. Rejected Projects
9. Project Receipts
10. Project Approvals

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Box 8: W.P.A. - Projects, Archeology – Clerical

Folder:

1. Archeological Project - Monthly Reports
2. Archeological Projects
3. Art Projects, 1935
4. Art Project, Monthly Reports, 1940-1942
5. Art Project, 1941-1942
6. Bone Digging Project
7. Bone Digging Project; Monthly Report
8. Bone Digging Project; Special Narrative Report
9. Child Protection Program
10. Clerical Assistance Program - Civil Defense
11. Clerical Assistance Program, Monthly Reports, 1942

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Box 9: W.P.A. Projects, Colchicine - Museum Project

Folder:

1. Colchicine Research Project, 1942
2. Community Service Project; Annual Report
3. Correspondence Study Project, 1939-1942
4. Correspondence Study Project; Monthly Reports
5. Correspondence Study Project; Final Report; June 30, 1942; also includes *Bulletin: Correspondence Courses by University of Oklahoma through Work Projects Administration* by Perry Carmichael, 1941.
6. Defense Project
7. Emergency Disaster Project
8. Fluid Meter Project
9. Fluid Meter Project- Monthly Reports, 1940-1941
10. American Indian Today, 1941-1942
11. Indian Arts & Crafts Project
12. Museum Service Data; Final Report
13. Museum Project
14. Museum Project

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Box 10: Museum Project - Recreation Project

Folder:

1. Museum Project, Monthly Reports, 1940-1945
2. Music Project, 1939-1940
3. Music Project, Monthly Reports, 1940

4. Music Project Accomplishment Report, 1935-1940
5. Music Project, 1941
6. Music Project, News Bulletin
7. Music Project, Monthly Reports, 1941-1942
8. Reports: Art, Music, Museum & Correspondence Projects, April 25, 1940
9. Nieman Marker Project
10. Project Reports
11. Project Descriptions
12. Public Records Project, 1942
13. Recreation Project, Monthly Reports

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Box 11: Recreation-Vocabulary

Folder:

1. Recreation, 1939-1940
2. Recreation and Monthly Reports, 1939-1941
3. Recreation, 1941-1943
4. Recreation Project, Federal Security Agency, 1941
5. Research Assistant Project
6. Research & Records, 1940
7. State Historical Records Survey
8. Theatre Project
9. University Research Assistance Project, 1939-1942
10. University Research Assistance Project, Monthly Reports, 1940-1942
11. Vocabulary Project
12. Vocabulary Project

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Box 12: Vocabulary - Writers (W.P.A.)

Folder:

1. Vocabulary Project, Hanna-Rinsland Correspondence
2. Vocabulary Project, Monthly Reports
3. Word Study Project, Final Report
4. War Services Program, 1942
5. Writers Project, 1940
6. Writers Project, Monthly Report, 1940-1944
7. Writers Project
8. Writers Project

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Box 13: Red Cross Correspondence

Folder:

1. War Fund
2. War Fund
3. War Fund
4. War Campaign

5. Red Cross, 1943
6. Red Cross, 1945
7. Red Cross, 1946
8. Red Cross, 1946-1947
9. Red Cross, 1946-1947

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Box 14: Red Cross

Folder:

1. Red Cross - 1946-1947
2. Red Cross - General
3. Red Cross - General
4. Red Cross - General
5. Red Cross - General

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Box 15: Miscellaneous

Folder:

1. Fraternity Bulletins & Reports, 1925
2. Oklahoma Council of Churches Correspondence & Reports, 1941-42
3. Oklahoma University Foundation Booklets, Etc.
4. Oklahoma University Foundation Booklets, Etc.
5. Oklahoma University Foundation Charter, 1940 (Superceded by a later charter that is in effect now)
6. Oklahoma State Coordinating Board for Higher Education Report, 1939
7. War Savings Staff, 1942

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Box 16: Miscellaneous

Folder:

1. YMCA Correspondence & Reports, 1941-42
2. YMCA Recommendations for Secretary, 1941
3. YM-OSU Committee Publicity Material
4. Operating Procedure Booklet
5. Federal Works Agency Operating Procedure Memorandum - No. G-5
6. Miss Ola Beckett - Correspondence

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College & University Bulletins, Alabama - Kentucky

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Box 18

College & University Bulletins, Kentucky - Pennsylvania

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College & University Bulletins, Phillips - Texas

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Box 20

Transcript of Oklahoma State Senate Committee Investigation, 1931

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Box 21: Carnegie Survey Correspondence

Folder:

1. Brown University
2. Carnegie Corporation
3. University of Chicago
4. Harvard University
5. University of Illinois
6. University of Indiana

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Box 22: Carnegie Survey Correspondence

Folder:

1. University of Iowa
2. University of Kentucky
3. University of Minnesota
4. University of Minnesota
5. University of Minnesota

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Box 23: Carnegie Survey Correspondence

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1. University of Nebraska
2. University of Nebraska
3. University of New York
4. University of North Carolina
5. Ohio University

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Box 24: Carnegie Survey Correspondence

Folder:

1. Ohio University
2. Ohio State University
3. Princeton University
4. St. John's University
5. University of Texas
6. University of Virginia

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Box 25: Carnegie Survey Correspondence

University of Wisconsin

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Box 26

Folder:

1. Semi-Centennial Bulletins
2. Semi-Centennial Bulletins
3. Semi-Centennial Bulletins
4. Semi-Centennial Projects
5. Semi-Centennial Projects
6. Memoranda to President Brandt
7. Inauguration of President Cross