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Fred L. Wenner Collection

Wenner, Fred Lincoln (1865–1950). Papers, 1887–1956. 3.33 feet.

Journalist. Typescripts and manuscripts (1889–1939), and newspaper clippings (n.d.) regarding the settlement and history of the territory and state of Oklahoma, with information concerning schools, cities and towns, justice, government, and religion; and correspondence (1904–1950) between Wenner and the Territorial Board for the Leasing of School Lands, of which Wenner was secretary, regarding board business, and from governors and other notable personalities of Oklahoma Territory regarding politics and government, social conditions, and early territorial history. This collection also includes a warrant issued by the city of East Guthrie, Indian Territory, (later Guthrie, Oklahoma Territory) and dated June, 1889.

Box 1

- 1 Manuscript: about the Dalton Gang at Coffeyville
- 2 Manuscript: "Ah-Pe-Ah-Hah-Pah"
- 3 Biography of Wenner
- 4 WPA Writings on Logan County
- 5 Manuscript: Guthrie Material
- 6 Manuscript: Guthrie Material
- 7 Manuscript: Guthrie Material
- 8 Manuscript: about Guthrie
- 9 Manuscript: Personal Stories of Guthrie (Logan County) Residents
- 10 Manuscript: about Oklahoma Governors
- 11 Manuscript: about 89ers and the Opening
- 12 Manuscript: about the Run of 89
- 13 Manuscript: on Grazing Leases in Oklahoma
- 14 Manuscript: about Oklahoma Expansion

- 15 Manuscript: on History of the Guthrie Building and Loan Association
- 16 Manuscript: on Transportation in Indian Territory and Oklahoma
- 17 Manuscript: about Homesteaders
- 18 Manuscript: about the creation of Indian Territory
- 19 Manuscript: on No-Man's-Land
- 20 Manuscript: about Jack Stillwell (Battle of Arickeree Fork of Republican River)
- 21 Manuscript: about the Cherokee Strip Cow Puncher's Association
- 22 Manuscript: about Chandler and Snyder Cyclones
- 23 Manuscript: on Sacred Heart Abbey
- 24 Manuscript: on Wenner's activities in Oklahoma
- 25 Comments on the Run into Kiowa and Comanche Lands
- 26 Manuscript: on Lands Granted Oklahoma for Educational Institutions
- 27 Manuscript: on Pioneering in Oklahoma, the Benedictine Sisters
- 28 Manuscript: about Oklahoma Statehood
- 29 Manuscript: about Police Department of Guthrie

Box 2

- 1 Correspondence sent: from Fred Wenner, 1944-1953
- 2 Correspondence sent: from an unidentified author, n.d.
- 3 Correspondence received: to Fred Wenner, 1891-1955.
- 4 Correspondence received: to Fred Wenner and other unspecified recipients, n.d.
- 5 Territorial, Governors, Executive Stationery, and Inaugural and Legislative Banquet Menus, 1897.
- 6 1904 World's Fair, the Louisiana Exposition.
- 7 Guthrie stationery

- 8 Personal stationery of Wenner
- 9 Blank stationery from the Free Press Publishing Co.
- 10 Blank stationery from the Territory of Oklahoma School Land Department
- 11 Blank stationery from the Oklahoma Sunday School Association and the Oklahoma Federation of Commercial and Industrial Organizations
- 12 Blank stationery from the Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce
- 13 Blank stationery from miscellaneous organizations
- 14 Envelopes

Box 3

- 1 Printed material: an 18-page typed biographical sketch of Wenner by Bud Schreiber, 1951.
- 2 Publication by Wenner: "The Story of Oklahoma and the 89ers," 1939.
- 3 Postcards to Robert Wenner, 1905-1920, county tax and insurance receipts, 1946-1951.
- 4 Convention report: "The Oklahoma Sunday School Worker" (Wenner, General Secretary), 1890-1897.
- 5 City Hill: "Minute and Ordinance Book" and "Police Docket," May-December 1889.
- 6 Miscellaneous items relating to Guthrie: brochures, maps, city ordinances, deed to the state capital, fiscal survey of Guthrie, and a report of audits of the city, 1889-1952.
- 7 Maps of Oklahoma, circa 1907.
- 8 WPA historical records survey, November 1936.
- 9 Oklahoma State Constitution (2 copies), n.d.
- 10 Printed material: "A Standard History of Oklahoma" and pamphlets, n.d.
- 11 "A Handbook of Useful Information Concerning the Plate Service of the American Press Association," June 1891.

Box 4

- 1 Pamphlet: "Oklahoma Territory Pioneer," April 1936.
- 2 Pioneer Accounts of Early Oklahoma History, n.d.

- 3 Articles: about the Hay Meadow Massacre, 1888.
- 4 City warrant for John Dillon, July 1889, and correspondence from John Dillon to Fred Wenner, city treasurer, November-December 1938.
- 5 Article: "How the Capital was moved from Guthrie," by Fred Wenner, 1911-1913.
- 6 Draft of the Statehood Enabling Act, n.d.
- 7 Articles by Fred Wenner and newspaper articles on early Oklahoma history. 1899-1949.
- 8 Program: for the First Annual Institute of Government and Politics, and correspondence: from John Alley to Fred Warren and from Mrs. Major Kidd to Fred Warren, 1925-1941.
- 9 Proclamation of a legal holiday given by Governor Filson and related articles, circa 1931.
- 10 Logan County Treasurer's report and correspondence: from the State Examiner to Fred Wenner concerning the treasurer's report, July-August 1931.
- 11 Map of the Cherokee Strip, circa 1880.
- 12 List of territorial officials and a manuscript about the territorial officials, 1929.
- 13 Report: "Essential Data Regarding Your Community" and receipts from the Logan County Bank, 1907.
- 14 Published material: "History of the Early Banking Houses of Guthrie, Oklahoma" by E.H. Kelley, n.d.
- 15 Program cover for the Logan County High School commencement ceremony, 1909.
- 16 Brochure: "Historic Guthrie Oklahoma," October 1951.
- 17 Manuscript and newspaper article concerning the federal jail in Guthrie.
- 18 Dedication of the Guthrie Viaduct Armory, March 17, 1937.

Box 5

1. A "Red Rope" Pocket Folder of miscellaneous notes -- research notes, ideas for articles, jokes, etc., and some clippings which go along with the subject of the notes.
2. Registration lists of original 89ers in Guthrie, 1937-1941.
3. Magazine: World's Fair Bulletin, vol. 5, no. 11, September 1904.

4. Two unidentified bound volumes containing 272 pages of typewritten material (carbon copies). There is no obvious connection between these volumes and Fred L. Wenner. They are concerned primarily with the murder case of United States vs. Sam Robinson and 29 others. Robinson and his men were accused of the murder of four men named Gross, Hubbard, Wilcox, and Eaton at Wild Horse Lake, No Man's Land, now Texas County, Oklahoma, on July 25, 1888. Four were convicted and sentenced to be hung, but the Supreme Court overturned the ruling and the case was stricken from the docket in 1895. (The story of the massacre, its background, and its after-effects is told well in Carl Coke Rister, No Man's Land, pp. 129-139.) (The event is sometimes known as the Haystacks Murders.) These two volumes contain primarily examinations of witnesses, though there are also some letters from Attorney-General Richard Olney to Robert E. Hannay, U.S. Attorney at Paris, Texas, concerning the case, and a few other times, a few of which even seem to be concerned with another case (involving George Gillen).

Box 6: Items concerning the Territorial Board for the Leasing of School Lands on which Wenner served as secretary from 1903-1908.

- 1 Pamphlets (reports of the secretary)
- 2 Legislation
- 3 Oil and Gas Leases
- 4 Clippings
- 5 Receipt Book, 1908
- 6 Correspondence, 1904-05
- 7 Correspondence, 1905-06
- 8 Miscellaneous, including a letter by Wenner dated Oct. 13, 1950, commenting on his term as secretary of this board, and a bill setting aside a section of school land in Territory of Oklahoma for establishment of a state soldiers' home, n.d.

Box 7

- 1 Clippings: by Wenner
- 2 Clippings: about Wenner
- 3 Clippings: about Guthrie and the 89ers
- 4 Scrapbook of Miscellaneous Clippings (mostly in some way related to Oklahoma History).

Box 8

- 1 Clippings: about American Indians (These are in envelopes, according to categories, labeled by Wenner.)

- 2 Miscellaneous clippings: the only central theme of these clippings is that they are related in some way to Oklahoma history.

Box 9: Miscellaneous (Oklahoma History)

- 1 Indian stories and items, 1890-99.
- 2 School lands and taxes following statehood, mostly political.
- 3 Daily Oklahoman, April 10, 1925.
- 4 Newspaper articles about the Constitutional Convention Reunion
- 5 Early-day clippings and data
- 6 Miscellaneous newspaper clippings about Oklahoma History
- 7 Newspaper clippings concerning the history of Oklahoma

Box 10

- 1 News clippings, re: History of Oklahoma, 1889-1844.
- 2 News clippings, re: History of Oklahoma, 1896-1935.
- 3 News clippings, re; History of Oklahoma, 1897-1933.

Box 11

- 1 Letterhead of the Oklahoma Commission of the Louisiana Purchase Centennial Exposition.
- 2 Scrapbook of the 1904 World's Fair at St. Louis, Mo. Includes Diary and Daily Official Program of the World's Fair. Postcards of exhibit halls.
- 3 Letter from Edward H. Brush to Fred Wenner, December 18, 1903.
- 4 "Railroad History of Logan County, Oklahoma" by H.T. Anderson.
- 5 Personal papers of Wenner including business cards, notary public commission, auto registration, note books and wallets.
- 6 Oklahoma State Constitution.

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- 1 Certificate of Attendance at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. 1904.
- 2 World's Fair Fraternal Building Association of Saint Louis, Mo. Membership certificate.

May 1904.

- 3 Small printed poster: a warning by Governor Frantz to stay off school lands, n.d.

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1. Invitation to the One-Hundredth Anniversary of the Acquisition of the Louisiana Territory, April 30 and May 1-2, 1903.
2. Menu for the Exposition Internationale de Saint Louis Commissariat General de la Republic Francaise, MDCCIV.