

Governor's Guide
Governor Charles Haskell

8-A-1 Administrative Files

Box 1

- Folder 1: *E. B. Cockrell, Bank Commissioner 1905-1907, 1911.*
 Correspondence relating to E. B. Cockrell's articles "Kansas and Her Bank Deposits" and "To the Country Bankers, Depositors' Protection Through National and State Supervision" published in the American Banker and the Southwestern Banker respectively.
- 2: *Rules for Admission to the Bar as Adopted on November 19, 1907.*
- 3: *Constitution of the State of Oklahoma as Adopted in 1907.*
- 4: *Statistical Data Compiled by the Secretary of State, September 17, 1907.*
 Election results by county for congressmen and state officers.
- 4a: *Fifth Congressional District Nominations: Certificates of Nomination, 1907.*
 Henry D. McKnight (Republican); Wood Hubbard (Socialist);
 Claude Weaver (Democrat); Scott Ferris (Democrat).
- 5-8: *Muskogee County Poll Books, General Election, September 17, 1907.*
- 9: *Tally of Votes by County and Townships.*
 Totals on ratification of the State Constitution and Prohibition, pro and con.
- 10: *Thanksgiving Proclamations, 1907.*
- 11: *Vote by Counties for Governor, September 17, 1907.*
 Votes tallied for Frantz, Haskell and Ross.

Box 2

- Folder 1: *Orville T. Smith, 1907-1908*
 Legal suit seeking eviction of Smith, counselor to the Governor, from his residence.
- 2: *John & Dan Bailey v. Charles N. & Lillie E. Haskell, August 17, 1908.*
 District Court #274, suit for payment of services rendered to Haskell by attorneys John and Dan Bailey.

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- 3: *Bank Guaranty Fund, Opinion from U.S. Dept. of Justice, July 28, 1908.*
Letter regarding the "legal right of national banks contributing to the guaranty fund or to avail themselves of other privileges with the state banking act."
- 4: *Choctaw County, County Commissioners v. J. M. Meredith, Sheriff.*
Petition for removal from office by T. E. Oakes, L. W. Ratliff and T. D. Hisben against J. M. Meredith, Sheriff of Choctaw County for willful misadministration, corruption and oppression in office.
- 5: *Complaint File #42 from Corporation Commission, January 17, 1908.*
A petition filed by C. B. Clark representing the towns of Bradley and Lindsay with the Oklahoma Railroad Commission calling for a "regular schedule and efficient rail yard." This file includes various correspondence to the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company (C.R.I.P.).
- 6: *County Election Boards, Precinct Personnel, 1908.*
- 7: *Express and Drayage Charges, 1908.*
Claim against Robert E. Lozier for Wells Fargo & Co. Express drayage charges on three boxes containing contraband whiskey.
- 8: *Laws for the Protection of Game and Fish, Act of 1903.*
- 9: *Governor's Office Expenses, 1908.*
- 10: *Enrolled House Bills 363, 397 and 174 and Senate Bills 454, 1908.*
H.B. 174-Initiative and Referendum Powers; H.B. 363-Levy and Collection of Revenue Tax; H.B. 397-Creation of Court of Appeals; S.B. 454-Regulation of Trusts and Monopolies
- 11: *Enrolled House Bill 556, 1908.*
H.B. 556-Graduated Land Tax and Income Tax.
- 12: *Legislative Material, Senate Bill 114a and 179, Acts, 1908.*
Drafts of S.B. 114a-Incorporation and Government of Cities and S.B. 179-Memorandum by Taylor and Billups amending the General Election Law. Introduced acts on sale of intoxicating liquors and regulation of oil pipe lines.
- 13: *Legislative Approvals, 1908.*
- 14: *U.S. Tax for Liquor Dealers.*
A pamphlet compiled and published by Fred S. Caldwell, Counsel to the Governor, containing information for county officials about establishments, which paid the liquor tax.

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Folders 15-19: *Oil Companies, 1908.*

List of oil companies incorporated throughout the state showing assets, officers and various stockholders.

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Folder 1: *Opinion on Steps Necessary to Amend the State Constitution, December 4, 1908.*

2: *City of Pond Creek v. Charles N. Ernest, Clerk of Grant County, June 1908.*
An injunction bond with an order from the Supreme Court of Oklahoma appointing a special officer.

3-7: *Proclamations, 1908.*

8: *Rand, McNally and Company's Oklahoma Map, 1908.*

8a: *Rewards, Petitions, Proclamations and Correspondence, 1908-1909.*

9: *Town of Ryan v. Town of Waurika, October 20, 1908.*
Supreme Court Civil Case file #408 concerns litigation arising from the Jefferson County Seat election, the appointment of C.A. Galbraith to be the referee in the case, and his request for the ballot boxes as evidence.

10: *State v. Robert Crittenden, #53, July 23, 1908.*
Included is a court transcript involving Robert Crittenden, convicted of robbery and later of larceny, and County Attorney W. J. Crump requesting a pardon.

11: *State v. Prairie Oil and Gas Company, #177.*
Documents pertaining to the Prairie Oil Supreme Court case as well as a similar case in Ohio, which involved an oil pipeline monopoly. It includes a copy of a brief in regard to Governor Haskell v. A. H. Huston, Judge of the Eleventh Judicial District and Charles West, Attorney General, which arose out of the Prairie Oil and Gas Company case.

12: *State v. Cassius W. Rambo, #261, October 8, 1908.*
This case involves the recovery of funds by the state from Cassius W. Rambo who served as Treasurer of the Territory of Oklahoma.

Box 4

Folder 1: *State v. State Capital Company, #245, and State v. L. T. Russell, 1908.*
The suit against the State Capital Company resulted from the over-payment of publishing costs by the Territorial Government in Guthrie. L. T. Russell was sued for publishing whiskey advertisements.

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- Folder 2: *State University, 1908.*
Reconstruction of the university building at Norman.
- 3: *Woods County Petition, 1908.*
A petition for the transfer of part of Woods County to Major County.
- 4: *Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Company, 1908-1909.*
Correspondence about pipelines moving gas out of Oklahoma owned by the I.T.I. Oil Company. The file includes letters to the Attorney General and the Corporation Commission, Certificate of Corporation, and copies of newspaper articles from the Bartlesville Daily Enterprise relating to an oil monopoly.
- 5: *Transfer of Portions of Caddo County to Grady County, 1908-1910.*
- 6-10: *Transfer of Portions of Kiowa County-Hunter Township to Tillman County, 1908-1909.*

Box 5 *Kiowa County-Hunter Township, 1908-1909.*

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- Folders 1-2: *Proposed County of Swanson, July 2, 1909.*
- 3-5: *Swanson County Hearing, May 17, May 23, and August 12, 1910.*
- 6: *Affidavits Regarding the Removal of County Seat from Mountain Park to Snyder, County of Swanson, September 7, 1910.*
- 7: *Altus, 1909.*
Petition to change the status of Altus to a "city of the first class."
- 8: *Atoka, 1909.*
Petition to change the status of Atoka to a "city of the first class."
- 9: *Cherokee, 1909.*
Petition to change the status of Cherokee to a "city of the first class."
- 10-11: *Clinton, 1909.*
Petition to change the status of Clinton to a "city of the first class."
- 12-16: *Cook County, 1909.*
Petitions to the Governor calling for a special election creating Cook County from portions of Caddo and Canadian Counties.

Box 7

- Folder 1: *Letter to U.S. President William Taft, August 3, 1909.*
An appeal to the President to withhold interstate commerce rights over shipment of liquor in Oklahoma and to cease collection of the federal revenue tax on the sale of liquor so that the State could enforce its prohibition laws.
- 2: *Proposed County of Harmon, June 1, 1909.*
- 3: *James Hepburn, Logan County Attorney v. J. C. Strang, County Judge, John Mahoney, Logan County Sheriff, and Scott McReynolds, January 18, 1909.*
Suit claiming defamation of character of Governor Haskell.
- 4: *Investigation of Lansing Penitentiary in Kansas, January 7, 1909.*
- 5: *Proclamations, Lincoln Day, February 12, 1909.*
- 6: *District Judge W. N. Maben, Bribery Charge Case, 1909.*
Maben was convicted of taking a bribe from a bootlegger in Pottawatomie County.
- 7: *G.U. McKinney, 1909.*
Request to Judge Tolbert for position as court reporter.
- 8: *National Surety Company v. State Banking Board, October, 1909.*
Involves a \$50,000 bond with the National Surety Company by the Columbia Bank and Trust Company.
- 9: *Permit to Bear Arms, March 17, 1909.*
Letter allowing Joe Palmer to bear arms while in the employ of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company.
- 10: *Pure Food and Drug Commission, October 30, 1909.*
First annual report of the commission submitted to Governor Haskell.
- 11: *Rewards, Petitions, Proclamations, and Correspondence, 1909.*
- 12: *Salaries and Fees of County Officials, 1909.*
- 13: *Shattuck, 1909.*
Petition to change the status of Shattuck to a “city of the first class.”
- 14: *Tonkawa Preparatory School, 1909.*
Various letters from concerned citizens about the reappointment of James H. Kelley as president of the school.

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- 15: *U.S. v. C.N. Haskell, Clarence Turner and Walter Eaton, 1909.*
Case brought against the Governor by the Creek Nation regarding Muskogee town site lots.
- 16: *Transfer of Portions of Wagner County to Tulsa County, 1909.*
- 17: *Law Enforcement, 1909.*
Letters from Woodward County on the enforcement of prohibition.

Box 8

- Folder 1: *State Rifle Range, Military Department Expenditures, 1909-1910.*
- 2: *Major J. Porter Spaulding, 1909-1910.*
Correspondence, post cards and invitations sent to Spaulding.
- 3-4: *Cache County, 1909-1910.*
Petitions to the Governor asking for a special election to form Cache County.
- 5: *13th Census of the United States, November 26, 1910.*
- 6: *State Banking Board, February 1, 1910 and September 17, 1910.*
Reports, minutes and requisitions, and listing of the expense account incurred and paid by the Bank Commissioner during the liquidation of the Columbia Bank and Trust Company.
- 7: *Frankston, Texas Bank Robbery, 1909-1910.*
Affidavits of citizens as to the identity of the suspects.
- 8: *Capital Location, June 11, 1910.*
A brief history of the deliberations of the Territorial Legislature from 1890 to 1902 concerning the location of the capital.
- 9: *Relocation of State Capital and Selection of Site and Building, 1910.*
- 10-15: *State Capitol Options, 1910.*
Four options on lands being considered for the site of the State Capitol in Oklahoma City.

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- Folder 1: *County Roll of Democrats, 1910.*
Names submitted by legislators for New State Tribune mailing list.

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- Folder 2: *County Democrats (Garfield-Murray).*
- 3: *County Democrats (Noble-Tulsa).*
- 4: *Newspapers.*
List of Democratic editors within the state.
- 4a: *General Reports of Dentists, 1907-1910.*
- 5: *State Board of Equalization, 1910.*
Transcripts of the meeting of January 11, 1910 concerning railroad and gas line taxes.
- 5a: *Biennial Report to the Board of Trustees of the Hospital for the Insane, July 1, 1910.*
- 6-8: *Rep. Maris requests Investigation of Expenditures Made by Haskell's Office, February 9-25, 1910.*

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- Folder 1: *Rep. Maris requests Investigation of Expenditures Made by Haskell's Office, February 9-25, 1910.*
- 2: *Kansas City Star, September-October, 1900.*
"The Star's Campaign Forum" highlights the Democratic and Republican positions in the upcoming U.S. Presidential election.
- 3: *Outstanding Loans, Commissioners of the Land Office, 1910.*
Outstanding loans from Lincoln, Pontotoc, Bryan, and Marshall Counties.
- 4: *Report of Clerk of District Court of Logan County, May 4, 1906-March 31, 1910.*
- 5: *Report of General Agent Oil and Gas Lands and Town Site Lands, December 21, 1910.*
Inspection report on oil and gas potential of lands in Pawnee, Kay, Kiowa, Comanche, and Greer Counties authored by R. L. Lunsford, General Agent to the Commissioners of the Land Office in Oklahoma.
- 6: *Correspondence, Petitions, Proclamations, and Rewards, 1910.*
- 7: *Sayre, County of Beckham, 1910.*
Petition to change the status of Sayre to a "city of the first class."

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- Folder 8: *State v. C. L. Gobin, #1232, 1909.*
Court order and trial transcript in a prohibition case.
- 9: *Court Reporters to the Supreme Court, February 8, 1910.*
- 10: *Wilburton, 1910.*
Petition to change the status of Wilburton to a "city of the first class."

Box 11

- Folders 1-3: *Rewards, Petitions, Proclamations, and Correspondence, 1910-1911.*
- 4: *Message to the Legislature, January 3, 1911.*
This sets time for State of State address.
- 4a: *Endorsement of Governor Haskell by Hobart County and Kiowa County.*
Correspondence supporting Governor Haskell who was under attack by U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt during the 1908 election year.
- 5: *Granite State Reformatory.*
A letter from the warden detailing specifications for permanent quarters.
- 6: *Haskell-Roosevelt Incident.*
An monographic account of the dispute between Governor Haskell and President Roosevelt including affidavits concerning Roosevelt's violation of the Prohibition laws while hunting on an Indian Reservation in April, 1905.
- 7: *State Dispensary Investigation.*
An investigation by the Governor following an inspection by the State Examiner and Inspector of the State Dispensary.
- 8: *Commissioners of the Land Office.*
Documents relating to the management and maintenance of the Land Office.
- 8a: *Powers of the Governor.*
- 9: *Prison Rules.*
- 10: *Senate Bill Number 4 (454), 1908.*
An act relating to trusts, monopolies and trade.
- 11: *Senatorial District Election Commission Members.*

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- Folder 12: *State v. Harve Daulton*
A Comanche County District Court transcript involving an armed robbery.
- 13: *Fred S. Caldwell, Counsel to Governor, Report on Prohibition, December 1, 1908-December 31, 1910.*
This report lists costs, actions, and duties of the Governor's Office.
- 14: *Correspondence.*
Telegrams from Attorney General Charles West to the Governor about the Columbia Bank liquidation.

8-A-2 **Addresses**

Box 1

- Folder 1: *Oklahoma Prohibition Convention, April 15, 1908.*
An address by Haskell before the Convention at Guthrie, which became the state prohibitionists' platform.
- 2: *Governor Haskell Address at Sulphur, 1909.*
An address to Sulphur concerning government interest and views on big business.
- 3: *"Story of Freak Law Libel on Oklahoma" and "Traducing Oklahoma."*
Printed stories libelous to the Legislature.
- 4: *Dishonest Journalism.*
Letter from Governor Haskell concerning the Supreme Court's decision on the legality of the referendum petition to the Taylor Election Law.
- 5: *Address to People of State on Newspaper Criticism of Banking Law, November 15, 1909.*
Governor Haskell spoke about the Columbia Bank and Trust Company liquidation.
- 6: *Prohibition Speeches.*
- 7: *Address of Welcome, January 12, 1910.*
This speech delivered in Guthrie addressed the effects of new laws on education.
- 8: *"Defends State Administration," May 7, 1910.*
Governor Haskell delivered this speech in Alva.

8-A-3 **Messages to the Legislature**

Box 1

- Folder 1: *Numbers 1-54.*
 These addresses to the Legislature concern bills passed and approved by the Governor.
- 2: *Numbers 55-84.*
- 3: *Numbers 85-116.*
- 4: *Numbers 117-144.*

8-A-4 **Application and Appointment Files**

Box 1

- Folders 1-10: *County Commissioners, 1908-1910.*
 These appointments are for Cherokee, Choctaw, Jefferson, McCurtain, McIntosh, Okmulgee, Pittsburg, Seminole, and Wagner Counties, respectively.
- 11: *Board of Affairs, 1909.*
- 12: *Board of Agriculture, 1909.*

Box 2

- Folder 1: *Bank Commissioner, 1907-1910.*
- 2: *Claremore Preparatory School-Faculty, 1909.*
- 3: *Clerical positions, 1908-1910.*
- 4: *Clerk of County Court, Porum.*
- 5: *Clerk of Criminal Court of Appeals, 1908.*
- 6: *Board of Dental Examiners, 1911.*
- 7: *Board of Education, 1909.*
- 8: *Board of Embalmers, 1909.*
- 9: *Game Warden, 1909.*

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Folder 10: *Board of Health, 1908.*

- 11-16: *Judge, 3rd Judicial District, Muskogee, 1908.*
Applications and endorsements for Mel G. Bailey, Charles Bagg, W. H. Bingham, R. P. de Graffenried, Charles S. Stephens, and other candidates.
- 17-18: *Judge, 7th Judicial District, Atoka, 1909.*
Applications and endorsements for J.H. Chambers and Robert M. Rainey.
- 19: *Judge, 20th Judicial District, Enid, 1910.*
Applications and endorsements for James W. Steen.

Box 3

Folder 1: *Board of Medical Examiners, 1908.*

- 2: *Military Department, 1907.*
Governor's Staff, Aide-de-Camp with rank of Major.
- 3: *Board of the Examination of Registered Nurses, 1909.*
- 4: *Prison Guard, 1908.*
- 5: *School Land Appraisers, 1908.*
- 6-8: *State University, Faculty, 1908.*
- 9: *State University, Regents, 1908.*
Endorsements for H. L. Hutchinson, J. D. Lydick, and Rev. A. G. Murray.
- 10: *State University, Regents, 1908.*
Endorsements for G. Arthur Neeley.
- 11: *State University, 1908.*
Letters requesting reinstatement of Professor L. W. Cole.
- 12: *Superior Judge, Tulsa County, 1910.*
M. A. Brekenridge.
- 13: *Traffic Rate Department.*
- 14: *United Confederate Veterans Home, Ardmore, 1910-1911.*
- 15: *Whitaker Orphans' Home, Pryor Creek, Board of Directors, 1909.*

Boxes 2-3 *American Book Company-Briefs of Textbooks, N.D. List of books available to the state school systems.*

8-A-10 Alcohol Distributorships, 1908-1910

Box 1 *Applications, bonds, affidavits and correspondence related to the grant of an alcohol distributorship. These are arranged alphabetically according to petitioners last name.*

8-A-11 Complete Record (Executive Journal)

The Haskell Administration kept two journals. They include appointments to boards, commissions and other institutions, pardons, requisitions, proclamations, charters, special messages, approved bills, special elections and other data. These ledgers provide an overview of the actions taken by the Governor's Office.