DRUMMING UP

WEALTH

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Special Thanks

In correlation with Native American Heritage Month and the release of the film *Killers of the Flower Moon*, Chambers Library Archives & Special Collections presents *Drumming Up Wealth*. The exhibit focuses on primary sources from the A.A. (Jack) Drummond collection and aims to provide a better understanding of the systematic transfer of wealth from Osage citizens to newly arrived white settlers during the early 20th century.

Chambers Library Archives & Special Collections offers opportunities for students to experience learning through direct engagement with primary source material. Our exhibits provide a deeper look into documented histories placing them in a clearer context.

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As sometimes happens when you are an archivist, I received an email from a reporter in August of 2021 inquiring about one of our collections. I didn't know it then, but that email eventually led to this presentation and exhibit. The patron was Rachel Adams-Heard an investigative reporter for *Bloomberg News*. As always, we were ready to offer her as much assistance as possible.

Researching Alfred Alexander (Jack) Drummond, Rachel Initially contacted the Oklahoma Historical Society (OHS) looking for his collection. She learned about the collection from the preface of Terry Hammons' book, Ranching from the Front Seat of a Buick. Hammons used these materials in writing this biography of Drummond, a noted cattle rancher and oil landman in the early 20th Century. The collection, which documents Drummond's businesses and personal life, amounts to 122 cubic feet of materials. In the preface, Hammons indicates Drummond gave his papers to OHS after completing the manuscript. Rachel particularly wanted to access 32 taped interviews Hammons conducted with Drummond.

While Hammons initially recommended Drummond donate his papers to OHS, at some point he had a change of heart. It seemed like a logical decision since the Drummond family had donated their home in Hominy with all its contents to OHS in 1980 along with a gift of \$100,000. Jack himself contributed \$25,000 to a new book series by the OHS Interpretation Division titled *Oklahoma Pioneers*. Volume I would be the biography of Jack Drummond.

So how did Jack Drummond's Collection end up at UCO? What changed Hammons mind? Hammons wrote a letter to then UCO History Professor Don Green PhD, also an OHS board member, thanking him for accepting the collection. Both men were historians who wrote about cattle and oil in Oklahoma, so they deeply valued Drummond's materials. It seems there was something happening at

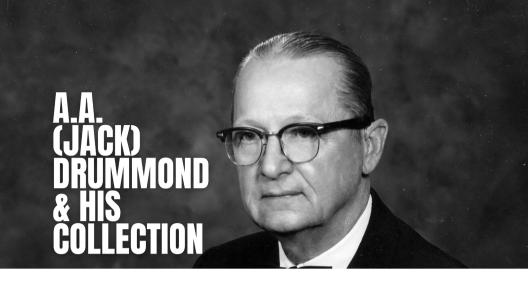
OHS that troubled Hammons as he writes, "I was glad the Historical Society got them, [Drummond papers] but then they went to hell, as we both remember, and I was chagrinned that I left them the papers. Those bozos will put what they have in a basement and they will never do anybody a scrap of good." This lack of confidence in OHS influenced Hammons to instruct Drummond to withdraw his materials from OHS.

In August 1982, Drummond signed the papers transferring his collection to Central State University, where Dr. Green and Library Dean Dr. Lolley had just established a research archive within the library. In 1981, the Archives Development Committee was looking for primary source materials to beef up holdings and attract researchers. In the minutes of the initial committee meetings, Green alludes to a potential collection of significance being offered, likely speaking of the Drummond Collection which Hammons was no doubt looking to place elsewhere.

Today the Drummond Collection is fully accessible to researchers. The 32 taped interviews are available online in audio and transcript form, which podcaster Rachel Adams-Heard was delighted to learn since she lives in Houston. However, her research didn't start with the Drummond Collection. She started by trying to find out who owns Osage headrights. Adams-Heard discovered the Drummond's own headrights. This led her to UCO and eventually to developing her award-winning podcast *In Trust*, which delves deeply into the Drummond family connection with Osage County and the Osage Nation

With the recent release of Martin Scorsese's new film, Killers of the Flower Moon, public interest in the Osage Nation has been reignited. Rachel Adams-Heard's utilization of the Drummond Collection to develop the podcast demonstrates the importance of preserving primary sources and how popular culture can help highlight and rekindle interest in historic events.

Nicole Willard, Senior Director Max Chambers Library Edmond, OK Nov. 3, 2023



WHO IS JACK DRUMMOND & WHY DOES HE MATTER?

Alfred Alexander Drummond was an Oklahoma rancher and entrepreneurial oil and landman in Osage County and later in the Madill area. Born in the Osage Nation, then a part of Indian Territory, Drummond grew-up in Hominy, where his father prospered as a trader for the Osage Nation. As an adult Drummond took up ranching and by the time he was 35, held 17,000 deeded acres and controlled another 70,000 leased acres in Osage County. Strained family relations and neighbor resentment toward him as an Osage County "land hog" led Drummond to diversify purchasing land in southern Oklahoma near Lake Texoma in Marshall County. Drummond descendants continue to ranch in Oklahoma today. Former UCO History Professor Don Green Ph.D. said the Drummond Collection, "may constitute the largest simple group of archival materials dealing with the history of a 20th Century rancher." Drummond made significant contributions to the Oklahoma cattle industry.

- Emerged as a regional leader in the livestock industry
- Chief founder of the Oklahoma Livestock Marketing Association
- Developed the practice of pasturing cattle for a fee and raising steers
- Major breeder of Hereford and Black Angus cattle he was an innovator in herd improvement



Jack & mother Adeline

WHAT IS IN HIS ARCHIVAL COLLECTION?

A.A. (Jack) Drummond donated his personal papers and business records to UCO in 1982. The materials document his life and businesses including records of early cattle ranching in Osage County and oil inundation (law)suits regarding oil at Lake Texoma. The materials also include business and personal correspondence, legal and financial documents, newspapers, maps, photographs, audio tapes, and personal memorabilia. The memorabilia includes scrapbooks from his naval service in the Pacific aboard the USS Stewart when he visited India, Japan, and several Pacific Islands, and cassette tapes of interviews by Terry Hammons from 1978–1980 in preparation for his book Ranching from the Front Seat of A Buick: The Life of Oklahoma's A.A. "Jack" Drummond.

PROFILE

Born:

• December 2, 1896

Location:

• Pawhuska, Oklahoma

Died:

• September 26, 1989

Location:

• Madill, Oklahoma

1st Wife:

- Madelaine Russell
- (1920- s. 1933; divorced 1939)

Children:

• Madelaine Drummond

2nd Wife:

- Ferne (Fran) Boles
- (1943- her death 1978)

Children:

- Joan Gilliam (stepdaughter)
- James A. (Combs)
 Drummond (adopted grandson)

Third Wife:

- Tiajuana Pruitt Duncan Drummond
- (1980-his death 1989)

Education:

- 1910-1915: Oklahoma A&M (OSU)
- 1915: Officer Candide School, Presidio, San Francisco
- 1915: University of Illinois

Military:

- 1917-1919: WWI
- 1942-1946: WWII

Related To:

- Ree Drummond (Pioneer Woman)
- Gentner Drummond (OK Attorney General)



49th Presentation of Drummond Sabre Award, OSU 5/11/65

DRUMMOND TIMELINE

1864: Jack's Father Frederick Drummond born, Ardrossan Scotland

1870: Jack's mother Adeline Gentner born, Lenexa Kansas

1884: Fred Drummond immigrates to America

1887: Fred moves to Pawhuska, OK to clerk at the Osage Mercantile Company

1890: Fred & Adeline marry

1892: Jack's brother Roy Cecil Drummond born

1895: Jack's brother Frederick Gentner Drummond born

1896: Alfred Alexander (Jack) Drummond born

1903: Drummond family moves to Hominy, starts the Hominy Trading Company

1913: Fred Drummond dies

1916: Federal Farm Loan Act

1921: Jack briefly works at Hominy Trading Company

1922: Jack starts his own cattle business

1924: George Smith becomes ranch manager at Kyger Ranch (partnership will end in massive lawsuit)

1926: Jack & Cecil buy William (Bill) Hale's Three-Mile Pasture before Bill goes to jail for several Osage murders

1934: New Deal: Cattle Killing Program

1996: Ree Drummond marries Ladd Drummond (Roy Cecil Drummond's great grandson)

2006: Ree Drummond starts her blog "Pioneer Woman"

2011: Pioneer Woman premieres on the Food Network

2023: Gentner Drummond becomes the 19th Attorney General of Oklahoma (Roy Cecil Drummond's great grandson)

OSAGE TIMELINE

1865: Sold Kansas land to purchase land in Indian Territory

1871: Removal from Kansas to Oklahoma

1872: Act of Congress creating
Osage Reservation
1,470,559 acres purchased from
Cherokee for \$1,099,137.41

1887: Dawes Act

tribally held land divided into individual allotments Dawes Commission fails to convince tribal leaders to break up communal lands

1898: Curtis Act

Forces tribal members to enroll with the Dawes Commission to maintain tribal citizenship and rights

Undermines tribal sovereignty, encourages assimilation, and allows for privatization paving the way for Land Runs

1906: Act of June 28, 1906 "Allotment Act"

1907: Osage Reservation incorporates as Oklahoma State's largest county

1921-1926: Reign of Terror Over two-dozen murders & mysterious disappearances take place among wealthy Osage **1921:** body of Anna Brown found in a ravine

1925: Osage Tribal Council asks the federal government to investigate the murders. The newly formed FBI investigates.

1925: Congress passes legislation limiting inheritance of headrights only to those heirs of half or more Osage ancestry

1965: Governor Henry Bellmon granted full pardon to Ernest Burkhart

1999: Osage Nation sues US in court of Federal Claims (dockets 99-550 and 00-169) for mismanaging its trust funds and its mineral estate.

2011: Court of Federal Claims awarded \$330.7 million in damages in partial compensation for some of the mismanagement claims, covering the period from 1972-2000

2016: Bought Ted Turner's 43,000acre Bluestem Ranch (a portion of which contained William Hale's land)

IMPORTANT TERMS

ABSTRACT

A written record of a property's complete legal history including all title transfers, previous owners, liens or other legal actions taken against the property from original ownership to present day.



ALLOTMENT

An Act of Congress passed on June 28, 1906 providing for the division of Osage lands among 2,229 tribal citizens, each receiving a 160-acre homestead and 657-acres of surface rights.

COMPETENCY



Government assessment of an individual's ability to manage their own affairs particularly in relation to wealth and land. A 1921 Act of Congress required appointment of a guardian to any Osage citizen of half or more blood quantum until passing an often arbitrary and discriminatory competency test. All minors received guardians even if living with their parents. Local courts appointed guardians from among prominent white men.



DEEDED LAND

Any land owned by an individual or company. States or governments own non-deeded lands.





A network of regional cooperative banks that provide long-term loans to farmers and ranchers. Founded in 1916, as a network of 12 regional banks, it is now a system of 70 banks in the Farm Credit System. Member banks are cooperatives owned by their customers.

GUARDIAN



A white citizen assigned by the government to an individual tribal member and charged with a legal duty to protect their rights and interests. This gave the guardian control of all finances making headright owners and allotees into targets for corruption and violence. In popular culture, the topic of guardianship and conservatorship came to light with Britney Spears and Michael Oher.



HEADRIGHT

A colonial distribution based on the number of "heads" or individuals in a family. Each headright allots a certain share in royalties, rents, sales, or bonuses arising from an Osage Mineral Estate. This is part of the fragmentation and loss of tribal lands.



OSAGE MINERAL ESTATE

Any right, title, or interest in oil, gas, coal, or other sub-surface minerals on the 1.47-million-acre Osage Nation Reservation. Purchased in 1872, the nation later deeded their reservation in trust to the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs who continue to manage the land today. Non-Osage citizens currently own about 25% of headrights.



REIGN OF TERROR

A series of unsolved murders in Osage County, OK of young adult Osage tribal members between 1918-1931. The immense wealth members of the Osage nation received from leases on their oil-producing land made them targets. During this decade, numerous white men married Osage women with the intention of taking over their headrights and oil wealth.



TRUST

A system by which the U.S. government holds land, assets, and/or funds "in trust" for tribal nations. While meant to 'protect' tribal assets, it often results in mismanagement and loss of resources leading to legal disputes.





Typically, a minor or incapacitated adult placed under the protection of a legal guardian or government entity. In this case, a concept used to justify federal intervention and control over various aspects of tribal life. Historically, the US government treated tribal nations as wards claiming responsibility for their welfare after removal. This resulted in forced assimilation via paternalistic policies like guardianship, boarding schools, and the dissolution of tribal governments.

SELECTION OF DOCUMENTS FROM DRUMMOND COLLECTION



Regulations for nonnative people to purchase headrights



Receipt for purchase of headright from Addie Drummond by Jack Drummond



Letter from Department of Interior regarding forms & instructions for purchase of headrights













List of Competent Osage Indians provided by Osage County Abstract Company for their customers

KEY PLAYERS



ROY CECIL DRUMMOND

- Oldest brother
- Strong, confident, outdoorsman, cowman
- · Jack bought the land, Cecil worked it
- Jack put some of the land in Cecil's name (caused tension in the family in later decades)



FREDERICK GENTNER DRUMMOND

- Middle brother
- A thinker, quieter, circumspect
- Learned accounting and Osage language from father
- · Harvard Business School one year
- took over the Hominy Trading Company in 1913 after their father's death.
- Refused to give Jack his Christmas bonus, turned out to be the best thing he ever did for Jack
- · Life was in the bank and family store



WILLIAM HALE

- Cattleman
 - Called himself "King of the Osage"
- · Reserve Deputy Sheriff for Fairfax
- Owned 5,000 acre ranch, leased 45,000 more acres
- Arrested 1926 for murders of Bill & Rita Smith and Henry Roan
- Sold ranch to the Drummond & Mullendore families



LEE RUSSELL

- Father-in-law
- Prominent Texas & Osage cowman
- · Helped with advise and contacts in the industry
- Personal friendship/mentorship until Drummond's divorce from daughter



ANNA MARX LAMOTTE

- 1st Husband Congressman Bird S. McGuire
- Wealth estimated from \$150,000-\$300,000
 - Acquired mostly after marriage to George LaMotte (clerk at Osage Agency)
- · Acted as land broker between landmen & Osages
 - Leased land to Drummond in Kyger country
- 1917: Claimed to control by lease, deed, or contract 1/3 of Osage Nation
- Tried in federal court for "conspiracy to defraud" the government in matter of Osage Indian property
 - Found not guilty



GEORGE SMITH

- Foreman of Kyger Ranch
 - Worked for \$75/month & 1/2 interest in herd of hogs and 100 yearling steers
- Jack financed his sons college education
- Manager of Kyger Ranch in 1933
- During consolidation into Cross-Ls Ranch, made a partner
 - Land put in his name
- Conspiracy with National Livestock Credit Corporation to relieve Drummond of land and influence
 - Drummond v. Smith (1939)



MILTON FREELAND & FATHER J.L.

- Met 1923
- Manager Stockyard Loan Company
- Business & Personal Relationship for 30 years
- Freeland operation was a cattle loan brokerage firm
 - · Short-term loans to cowmen on steers
 - Sold loans to eastern banks as commercial paper



CLARENCE SONODA

- Agent for Japanese export company seeking American Oil
- 1938-1940
- Drummond acted as agent for the Japanese exporters
- 1940 FDR banned sale of scrap iron and steel, Drummond cut ties

CROSS-L RANCH



- A consolidation of all of Drummonds land and partnerships into one ranch
 - 60,000 acres
 - 23.000 deeded acres
 - 2,000 cow herd
 - Pasture 10,000 to 15,000 steers annually



HOMINY TRADING COMPANY

- Family store bought in 1903
- Run by Cecil after death of father
- 1921: Jack worked in men's department
 - Sold silk shirts in sizes 48 to 54
 - Bought for \$8 each, sold for \$50



BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

- Formed in 1824
- US federal agency within the Department of the Interior
- Responsible for implementing federal laws & policies related to Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and managing over 55,700,000 acres of reservations held in trust by the US government for indigenous tribes
- Osage Indian Agency a field instillation of the Bureau of Indian Affairs that administers Osage affairs



STOCKYARD LOAN COMPANY

- Drummond's major source of credit
- A "packer's" bank (meat packing industry)
- Operated by Armour and Cudahay
- Provided financial cushion to absorb any losses



LAND ACQUISITION

- 1. Obtain an Osage County Plat book
- 2. Memorize every section & acre
 - a. Who owns it?
 - b. What type of land?
 - c. How much is it worth?
- 3. When land comes up for sale or lease be ready to buy
 - a.If needed, form partnership and buy land under partner's name with your money (could cause issues down the line if not well documented)

Drummond Cattle Brands

INVEST IN CATTLE

Complex business pattern embracing two main ranching activities:

- 1. Pasture for a fee
 - a. Provides steady, low-risk income
 - b. Low profits
 - c. Slow growth
 - d. Covers expenses
- 2. Raise personally owned steers
 - a. Riskier
 - b. On a good year the profits are high
 - c. Extra money = further investment



"You know the secret to success in the cattle business is finance.

You have to know how to pay those cattle holders." -A.A.

Drummond

BUY ON CREDIT

By the end of the 1920s, Drummond borrowed several hundred thousand dollars annually to finance his and his partners' herds.

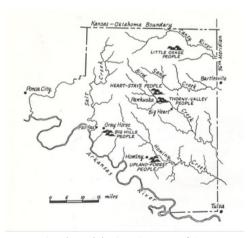
- · Make loans in winter and early spring when buying cattle
- · Repay loans in fall after selling cattle at market.
- In a weak market, hold cattle over for the winter, and renew the loan

"Credit was essential to Drummond because he never had enough cash to buy his own steers. Good steers cost between \$80 and \$100 apiece; even plain cattle usually commanded from \$20 to \$40 a head. Since he bought them by the thousands, he had to borrow money. The cattle were their own collateral, but it was his good reputation and his Osage land that made him a sound credit risk."

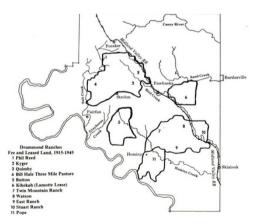
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SELL CATTLE

- 1. Cowboys round up largest steers at 1,000 per train
- 2.Drive herd to nearest railroad stockpen
- 3. Railroad assumes all responsibility for care while in transit
- 4. Commission company takes responsibility at stockyards
- 5. Rancher's agent or commission man sells cattle to highest bidder
 - a.Deducts pasture bill, freight, insurance, feed, yardage, and commission
 - b. Sends the remainder to Jack
 - c.If pastured cattle, send Jack pasture \$ and forward remainder to cattle owner



Map showing original settlements of Osage tribal bands



OIL

- 1.Get scammed out of ~\$94,000 in fake oil deal
 - a.Lose most of your money
- 2. Start business relationship with Japanese oil company
 - a. Work as agent buying land
 - b. Cut ties due to WWII
- 3. Form partnership
 - a. Partner loses \$50,000 in deal
 - b. Pays back in land
 - c.Land has oil
 - d. Buy up surrounding land for cheap
 - i.Bonus: no mineral right restrictions
- 4. Government builds dam and floods land for Lake Texoma
 - a. Sue government for inundation funds
- 5. Reinvest in other projects

Newspaper headlines about how Jack "lost" his money

RICH RANCHER ATE BIG TURKEY FEAST IN CHICAGO HOTEL, TOOK NAP, AWOKE WITH \$97,000 GONE

Oklahoma Rancher Loses Fortune in Chicago Hotel

Jack Drummond's Turkey Dinner Costs Him Money Belt That He Said Held \$91,000 in Cash; Confidence Game Hinted to Police.

Sapulpa Herald November 26, 1932 Oklahoma City Times November 26, 1932

\$1,650 a Year to Every Osage Man, Woman and Child—Tremendous Riches of Osage Oil Lands

Little did the Government dream the wonderful favor it was conferring upon the Osage Indian Tribe when it moved it from Kansas to the hills of Osage county. The discovery of oil in immense quantities has made this land worth more than any farm.

The Osage Indians, without any effort on their part, have become the richest Indians in the country. The Government payroll contains the names of 2,240 Osages, and among these is divided \$10,000 a day in oil royalties. This means that oil to the amount of \$80,000 a day is being produced. In addition to this are large sums from the periodical sale of lesses. The last such sale brought \$900 for every Indian.

Every Indian man, woman and child receives \$405 every three months, or \$1,620 annually. The average Indian family, consisting of man, wife and five children, has an oil income of \$16,940 a year.

Sixty-eight thousand acres previously released by the Government have produced MILLIONS OF DOLLARS for both the Indians and the leasees. In ten years oil production in this rich county increased from four million to over nine million barrels, and experts say that the field has been scarcely scratched.

Oklahoma City Times November 6, 1917



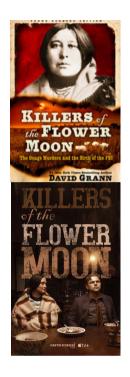


RESOURCES

KILLERS OF THE FLOWER MOON

Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann tells the story of a series of brutal murders in the Osage Nation during the 1920s following the discovery of oil on tribal land. Meticulously researched, the book's "dogged original research and superb narrative skills come together in this gripping account of pitiless evil"

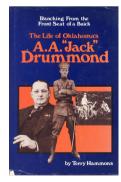
The 2023 film adaptation directed by Martin Scorsese opened to critical and public acclaim with many applauding the Osage representation within the film. However, the film garnered controversy questioning whether a film directed and written by non-Osage could truly give the story justice.



JACK DRUMMOND BIOGRAPHY BY TERRY HAMMONS

Ranching From the Front Seat of a Buick: The Life of Oklahoma's A.A. "Jack" Drummond details the rise of an American ranching family from Oklahoma. This authoritative text highlights the ebb and flow of the ranching business during the early 20th century.

While meticulously researched and highly analytical yet readable, the book lacks conventional documentation or a bibliography. Hammons' interviews and use of the collection are valuable, but a bibliography would lend greater credibility to the work. Including a list of sources consulted allows readers and researchers to find further information on the topic.



BLOOMBERG IN TRUST PODCAST

This award-winning podcast, researched and presented by Rachel Adams-Heard an investigative journalist at Bloomberg, delves into the search for headrights owners and how these entities acquired them. This search led her to the Drummond family and how they laid the foundation for "a modern American dynasty of land and influence that continues to this day."

"As soon as I got the tip about this story, it struck me as something that was potentially really important to answer. I was interested in getting to the bottom of if it was true."

- Rachel Adams-Heard





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OSAGE NATION

During the 17th C. the Osage migrated from the Ohio river valley settling on the Ozark Plateau and the plains of western Missouri due to Iroquois expansion. They remained here until the 19th Century when they ceded their land to the U.S. government settling on a reservation in southern Kansas, then removed again to Indian Territory. The Wahzhazhe people are 24,000 strong today with half of Osage citizens living in Oklahoma. Follow @OsageNation on YouTube to learn more about the culture, language, and people.





Archival Collections

A.A. (Jack) Drummond Collection. UCO Chambers Library Archives and Special Collections.

Books at UCO Archives

Ranching from the Front Seat of a Buick: The Life of Oklahoma's A.A. "Jack" Drummond by Terry Hammons

The Drummond Family History by John R. Drummond

Osage Indians Semi-Centennial Celebration 1907-1957

Osage Indian Tribe Centennial Celebration 1872-1972

Websites

Gateway to Oklahoma History: https://gateway.okhistory.org/

In Trust: A Bloomberg Podcast: www.bloomberg.com/features/2022-in-trust-podcast/

The Osage Nation: www.osagenation-nsn.gov/

Further Resources

The Fred and Addie Drummond Home: www.okhistory.org/sites/drummondhome

White Hair Memorial and Osage cultural heritage collections: www.okhistory.org/sites/whitehair

Wahzhazhe people are not a relic of the past, but more than 24,000 strong today. Osage Nation recently launched the Wahzhazhe Always campaign as an ongoing reminder that community, hope, language, cultural heritage, and service remain central to Osage people Learn more about the Wahzhazhe: www.youtube.com/@OsagenationnsnGovmedia/videos

A digital project by journalist Brittany Harlow investigating Tulsa, a city founded by Muscogee Creek allottee families: https://verifiednews.network/stealing-tvlse/

Historian Russell Cobb's article about similar scandals and the ensuing transfer of wealth in other regions of Indian Territory:

<u>www.centerforpublicsecrets.org/post/all-crooks-at-tulsa-the-myth-of-tommy-atkins-the-enduring-legacy-of-an-oil-capital-fraud-pt-l</u>

How to search the history of your family's allotment or land holdings (at the Oklahoma History Center). Research Guides at www.okhistory.org/research