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Richard M. Long Collection

Collection Summary

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None

Content Note

This collection consists of numerous photographs and publications, obtained by Richard M. Long while in the process of writing his 1969 book, *Wichita Century: A Pictorial History of Wichita, 1870-1970*. Drafts of the book manuscript are included as well as extensive research notes involving two Wichita murder cases from 1938 and 1950. Personal papers, correspondence and other documents comprise the remainder of the collection.

Biography

Richard M. Long was born in Wichita, Kansas, in 1898. He began his employment with the *Wichita Eagle* newspaper as a delivery boy in 1914. One year later, he became a proofreader and continued in that position until he graduated from high school. After graduating from Fairmount College in 1921, he joined the staff as a reporter. He specialized in business and political reporting until 1934.

For the next five years of his life, Long was the executive secretary for U.S. Senator George McGill. He returned to the Wichita Eagle as the news editor in 1939. In 1946, he was appointed the managing editor of the evening edition and of the Wichita Morning Eagle in 1950. In 1958 he was appointed the managing editor of both newspapers. Long retired from the newspaper in 1963.

Long was a director of the Kansas State Historical Society from 1950-1958 and its president in 1958-59. He was a director of the Wichita Historical Museum and one of the founders and president of Historical Wichita, Inc. That organization created Wichita's Old Cowtown Museum. He was also a member of the Wichita Library Board and chairman in 1950. Finally, Mr. Long was the editor of *Wichita Century*, the city's centennial book that was published in October 1969.

After a long illness, Long died on December 20, 1971.

Detailed Description: Series Listing

Series 1	Box 1	Personal and Professional Papers. This series includes a miscellaneous assortment of Long's personal correspondence and professional interests.
Series 2	Box 2-Box 3	Photographs. This series includes photographs, obtained from several sources, by Long while conducting research for his book, <i>Wichita Century</i> . The themes of the photographs are arranged in alphabetical order.
Series 3	Box 4	Printed Materials. This series includes pamphlets, books, historical documents and yearbooks about Wichita.
Series 4	Box 5	Oversized Photographs. This series contains oversized photographs.

Detailed Description: Box and Folder Listing

Series 1 – Personal and Professional Papers

Box 1	FF 1	Letters written from Robert “Bob” Long to his parents, during his enrollment at Kemper Military School in Boonville, Missouri. Contains letters from 1950-1952.
Box 1	FF 2	Spiral notebook containing “Wichita Historical Panels,” which include articles written by Dick Long and sketches drawn by Ben Hammond. The series was published in the Wichita Eagle. The notebook includes panels from 1940-1943.
Box 1	FF 3	Original drafts of the <i>Wichita Century</i> book, authored by Long.
Box 1	FF 4	Descriptions and photographs included within the <i>Wichita Century</i> book.
Box 1	FF 5	Poetry: “The Legend of Chief Wichita” and “Wichita’s Beginning,” authored by Clifford E. Sutton.
Box 1	FF 6	Newspaper articles
Box 1	FF 7	Personal and professional papers

Box 1	FF 8	Photographs and documents related to the Bruce Gibson Smoll murder case and the subsequent conviction of the accused, Ernest L. Hoefgen. Mr. Smoll was killed in 1938 and the trial was conducted in 1944. Letters from various sources involved in the case are included.
Box 1	FF 9	Newspapers articles of the Bruce Gibson Smoll murder case; from the initial disappearance of Smoll to the hanging of the convicted murderer, Ernest L. Hoefgen. Included are articles written about the arguments for against the death penalty.
Box 1	FF 10	Documents relating to the Carolyn Louise Stoddard 1950 murder case. Included are newspaper articles, depositions, police interviews and letters from newspaper readers showing concern about the police investigation.

Series 2 – Photographs

Box 2	FF 1	Aerial scenes
Box 2	FF 2	Aviation
Box 2	FF 2a	Aviation
Box 2	FF 3	Aviation pioneers
Box 2	FF 3a	Banks; National Bank of Commerce
Box 2	FF 4	Bridges
Box 2	FF 5	Businesses
Box 2	FF 6	Churches
Box 2	FF 7	Cody, William F.
Box 2	FF 8	Coleman Company, Inc.
Box 2	FF 9	Cowtown Museum (Old Cowtown Museum)
Box 2	FF 10	Domestic laundry
Box 2	FF 11	Fire scenes
Box 2	FF 12	Fire department
Box 2	FF 13	Flood scenes
Box 2	FF 14	Historical maps and documents
Box 2	FF 15	Homes (private)
Box 2	FF 16	Hospitals
Box 2	FF 17	Hotels

Box 2	FF 18	Innes, George & Co. -- Building and employees
Box 2	FF 19	Kansas Gas & Electric Company 1953 building before final demolition, 1914 and 1935 service trucks
Box 2	FF 20	Long, Richard M.
Box 2	FF 21	Masonic building
Box 2	FF 22	Mathewson, William
Box 2	FF 23	Mayors of Wichita
Box 2	FF 24	Murdock family
Box 2	FF 25	Muster roll (1868 and 1869)
Box 2	FF 26	National Baseball Congress
Box 2	FF 27	Native Americans
Box 2	FF 28	Oil exploration
Box 3	FF 1	Parades
Box 3	FF 2	Parks
Box 3	FF 3	People, identified
Box 3	FF 4	People, unidentified
Box 3	FF 5	Police
Box 3	FF 6	Public buildings
Box 3	FF 7	Railroad stations
Box 3	FF 8	Salvation Army
Box 3	FF 9	School children and buildings
Box 3	FF 10	Sedgwick County jury
Box 3	FF 11	Steffen's Bakery
Box 3	FF 12	Steffen's Ice Cream & Breitch Ice Company
Box 3	FF 13	Stockyards
Box 3	FF 14	Street scenes
Box 3	FF 15	Theaters
Box 3	FF 16	Transportation

Box 3	FF 17	U. S. Presidents
Box 3	FF 18	Wichita businesses
Box 3	FF 19	Wichita Country Club
Box 3	FF 20	Wichita Eagle
Box 3	FF 21	Wichita Museum paintings
Box 3	FF 22	World War I
Box 3	FF 23	Miscellaneous photos

Series 3 – Printed Materials

Box 4	FF 1	The Great Way to the Great Southwest. Pamphlet. Publisher A. Owen Jennings, n.d.
Box 4	FF 2	“Wichita’s Victory Arch.” Program printed for the May 16, 1919 dedication of the arch.
Box 4	FF 3	Wichita’s Story. Historical booklet providing a sketch of the city, published in 1968 by Wichita Public Schools.
Box 4	FF 4	Wichita Magazine. Issue dated July 19, 1945, commemorating the city’s 75th anniversary. Official publication of the Wichita Chamber of Commerce.
Box 4	FF 5	The Flood. July 7, 1904. Souvenir pamphlet containing photographs of the Wichita flood.
Box 4	FF 6	Guide Book of Wichita Cowtown 1869-1872, n.d.
Box 4	FF 7	Trails. Pamphlet documenting the history of the Santa Fe and Oregon trails in Kansas, n.d. Wichita. Pamphlet documenting the history of Wichita. n.d.
Box 4	FF 8	Sales brochure and handout explaining the contents of the book, Wichita Century, published by the Wichita Historical Museum Association.
Box 4	FF 9	Wichita Illustrated History 1868-1880. Book compiled and written by The Daughters of the American Revolution, October 1914.
Box 4	FF 10	Wichita. Color booklet produced by The Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce, 1970.
Box 4	FF 11	The Story of Water in Wichita. Color booklet produced by the Wichita Department of Water and Water Pollution Control, n.d..
Box 4	FF 12	Wichita Report, A Letter from the Gang You Left Behind, Coleman Company, Inc. World War II newsletter. Designed to provide information to the employees, within the Armed Services, about their company back home, c.1943.; “Thirty Thousand Yesterdays,” an unpublished history of The Coleman Lamp and Stove Company and a biography of the company’s president, W. C. Coleman, n.d.

Box 4	FF 13	Souvenir History of The Wichita Fire Department 1872-1911. Booklet published by the Fireman's Relief Association, 1911.
Box 4	FF 14	Wichita People. Guide book to the city of Wichita, published by the Wichita Chamber of Commerce, 1946.
Box 4	FF 15	Golden Anniversary, 1870-1920, booklet about the first fifty years of Wichita Lodge No. 99 A.F. & A.M.; and Symbolic Lodge Class Roster, 1914 yearbook of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Wichita, Kansas.
Box 4	FF 16	Wichita In The Seventies, 40th anniversary pictorial booklet of Wichita, 1908; Wichita, illustrated booklet published by Fred Harvey, 1914; Souvenir of Wichita, published by Hyde and Humble, Stationers, n.d.; Album of Wichita, Kansas, photo album published by Ward Brothers, Columbus, Ohio, n.d.
Box 4	FF 17	The Story of Wichita. Photocopy of an article written by John T. Neville, Detroit Editor of the magazine Aviation, illustrating Wichita's influence in the aviation industry, 1930.
Box 4	FF 18	Published drawing of William Mathewson's residence, Wichita, Kansas, n.d..
Box 4	FF 19	Photocopies of Souvenir of Wichita and Wichita, The City of Opportunities
Box 4	FF 20	Wichitans in Cartoon. Photocopy of book that includes a series of cartoons of business and professional men of Wichita. The cartoonist is A. G. Allen who collaborates with the biographer and humorist Charles Bigelow, n.d.
Box 4	FF 21	Wichita Eagle newspaper annual report, 1958; "Editorially Speaking," Wichita Eagle brochure to its advertisers. Print date undetermined; Found in the Files of The Wichita Eagle, booklet illustrating the seventy-one year history of the newspaper, c.1943.
Box 4	FF 22	1914 and 1915 Wichita High School yearbooks.
Box 4	FF 23	1916 and 1917 Wichita High School yearbooks.
Box 4	FF 24	Photographic copy prints of images published in the photo gravure section of the Wichita Eagle showing Wichita in its infancy. Many are from collection of W. S. Rogers.
Box 4	FF 25	One page advertisement for The Lee Investment Company, n.d.
Box 4	FF 26	Original certificate of election presented to Mayor William Greiffenstein in 1879; original receipts for annual subscriptions to the Wichita Beacon newspaper, 1878 and 1879.

Series 4 – Oversized Photographs

Box 5	Oversized photographs. Include street scenes; downtown views; images of people, school children, business interiors and factory interiors; and pages from a 1917 photo album showing water system with views of the rivers, boathouse, dams and distribution system.
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