Judge. Correspondence (1894–1947) regarding the personal affairs of Cole, politics and government at both the state and local levels, and legal cases before the Oklahoma court system; legal briefs (1909–1925) of Oklahoma cases; publications (1908–1956) regarding politics and government at the local, state, and national levels; and speeches (n.d.) delivered by Cole before civic, fraternal, and other groups.

Biography:
R.S. Cole was born August 22, 1881 in Andrew County, Missouri. He was educated at Kirksville, Missouri, State Normal School and attended Missouri State University where he studied law. Cole moved to Pawnee, OK, April 26, 1909 and set up a private practice. He married Mary Cross from Missouri on June 11, 1910, and had two girls Oliva and Virginia; born 1911 and 1919, respectively. Cole was elected County Attorney of Pawnee, 1910-15. In 1917, he was elected Mayor of Pawnee, but resigned to take the position of the Assistant U.S. District Attorney for the Western District of Okla., 1917-18. Elected District Judge of the 21st Judicial District of Okla., 1918. Re-elected 1922. He resigned on May 1, 1923 to take the position of lawyer for the Gypsy/Gulf Oil Company in Tulsa, OK. Retired from the company on June 1, 1951. Cole was a member and First Vice-President of the Oklahoma State Historical Society and he actively gathered his family history (Seleman) throughout his life of which a compilation was accepted at the Library of Congress in 1943. R.S. Cole's collection consists of personal, legal and political correspondence. Documents and news clippings about legal proceedings in which he was involved, and part of his personal law library are included.

General Correspondence

Box 1

Folder:
1. General Correspondence, 1865-1902.
2. General Correspondence, 1899-1905.
3. School pamphlets and announcements, 1900-1925.
4. General Correspondence, 1906.
5. Documents pertaining to Eliza Cole (R.S. Cole's sister), 1900, 1902-1903, 1907.

Box 2
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1. Law Quiz, 1907.
2. General Correspondence, 1907.
3. General Correspondence, 1908.
4. General Correspondence, 1909.
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Box 3
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1. General Correspondence, 1911.
2. General Correspondence, 1912.
3. General Correspondence, 1913.
4. General Correspondence, (Bound), 1914.
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Box 4
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1. General Correspondence, (Bound), 1914.
2. General Correspondence, 1915.
3. General Correspondence, 1916.

Box 5
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1. General and Legal Correspondence, (Bound), 1917.
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3. General and Legal Correspondence, (Bound), 1918.
4. General Correspondence, 1918.
5. Reports, papers and clippings pertaining to the draft, 1918.

Box 10
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1. General and Legal Correspondence (Bound), 1919.
2. General Correspondence, 1919.

Box 11
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1. General and Legal Correspondence Highlights McGee Investigation (Bound), 1920-1921.
2. General and Legal Correspondence (Bound), 1920.
3. General and Legal Correspondence (Bound), 1920.

Box 12
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1. General and Legal Correspondence, (Bound), 1921.
2. General and Legal Correspondence, (Bound), 1921.
3. General and Legal Correspondence, 1921.
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1. General and Legal Correspondence, (Bound), 1922.
2. General and Legal Correspondence, (Bound), 1922.
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4. General Correspondence, (Bound), 1922.

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1. General and Legal Correspondence (Bound), 1923.
2. General Correspondence, 1923.

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1. General Correspondence, 1924.
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1. General Correspondence, 1928.
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4. General Correspondence, 1931.
5. General Correspondence, 1932.
6. General Correspondence, 1933.

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3. General Correspondence, 1935.
4. General Correspondence, 1935.
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Box 19
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2. General Correspondence, 1940.
3. General Correspondence, 1941.
4. General Correspondence, 1942.
5. General Correspondence, 1943.
6. General Correspondence, 1944.
7. General Correspondence, 1948-49.


Family History

Box 20

Folder:

1. Bedford and Selecman Family History (Correspondence), 1903-51.

2. Allen, Ashers, Ashleys, Barber, Burson, Cowon, Daily, Edminston - Family Histories (Missouri).

3. Garner, Holt, King, Rainey's, Singleton, Sitton, Todd, Toole - Family Histories (Missouri).


5. Selecman Family Newsletters, 1938, 1942.

6. Bedford and Selecman Family History - Correspondence (Bound), 1908, 1911-16.

Sons of the American Revolution - Correspondence

Box 21

Folder:

1. General Correspondence, 1929-30.

2. General Correspondence, 1931.

3. General Correspondence, 1932-33.

4. General Correspondence, 1934-56.

Political Correspondence

Box 22

Folder:
1. Political History of Pawnee County and other OK towns and Missouri, 1893-1913.
2. Political Correspondence, 1908-1914.
3. Pawnee County Expense List as County Attorney, 1910-15.
4. Political Correspondence, 1916.
5. Political Correspondence, 1916.
6. Political Correspondence, 1917.
7. Political Correspondence, (Bound), 1918.

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2. Political Correspondence, 1923.
3. Political Correspondence, 1932.
4. Political Correspondence, 1932.
5. Political Correspondence, 1932.

Box 24

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1. Endorsements/Patronage, 1931-32, 1934.
2. Endorsements/Patronage, 1933.
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4. Endorsements/Patronage, 1933.
5. Endorsements/Patronage, 1933.

Box 25
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1. Political Materials and Clippings, 1932.
2. Political Correspondence, 1933.
3. Political Correspondence, 1934.
4. Political Correspondence, 1935-36, 1941.
5. Political Booklets and Pamphlets.

Political Manuscripts

Box 26

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1. Political Manuscripts written by Cole, 1928-50's.
2. Political Manuscripts written by Cole, 1943-47.
4. Political Manuscripts written by Cole, 1940s.

Tulsa County General Elections

Box 27

Folder:

2. City of Tulsa Audit Report, 1931-32.
3. Tulsa County General Election, 1934.
5. Tulsa County General Election, 1952.

Political Material
Box 28

Folder:

1. List of names and various wards, ca.1910-13.
2. Election of 1911 (Pawnee County), 1911.
3. Politics - Republicans, 1930-60.
5. Oklahoma Republican Candidates, 1908-50.
6. "Wilkie for President," 1940.

Democratic Politics

Box 29

Folder:

1. Cleveland's Administration (Booklet), 1892.
2. Democratic Politics, 1907-10.
United States District Attorney

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Box 31

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3. Correspondence of Clerks of the District Courts - Okla. Territory. 1907.
4. Correspondence of County Treasurer (Pawnee), 1909-11.

Legal Correspondence

Box 32

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1. Legal Papers and Correspondence, 1889-1908.
2. Legal Papers and Correspondence, 1909.
3. Legal Papers and Correspondence, 1910.

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1. Legal Papers and Correspondence, 1911.
2. Legal Papers and Correspondence, 1912.
3. Legal Papers and Correspondence, 1912.
4. Legal Papers and Correspondence, 1913.
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1. Legal Papers and Correspondence, 1913.

2. Legal Correspondence, 1913.

3. Legal Papers and Correspondence, 1914-15.

4. Legal Papers and Correspondence, 1915.

5. Last Wills and Testaments, 1915-17.

Box 35

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1. Legal Papers and Correspondence, 1916.

2. Legal Papers and Correspondence, 1916.

3. Legal Papers and Correspondence, 1916.

4. Legal Papers and Correspondence, 1916.

Box 36

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1. Legal Correspondence, (Bound), 1916.

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3. Legal Correspondence, (Bound), 1917-18.

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5. Legal Correspondence, (Bound), 1918.

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1. Legal Papers and Correspondence, 1917.
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1. Legal Correspondence, 1930.
2. Legal Correspondence, 1931.
3. Legal Papers and Correspondence, 1932-39.
4. Legal Papers and Correspondence, 1940.
Box 40

Folder:

1. Legal Correspondence pertaining to Gypsy/Gulf Oil Company, 1913-39.
3. Gypsy Oil Co. vs. Poole (Casemade), 1936.
4. Legal Correspondence pertaining to Gulf Oil Co., 1940-44.

Box 41

Folder:

1. Legal Correspondence, pertaining to Gulf Oil Co., 1945-50.
2. General and Legal Correspondence with Gulf Oil Co. after Cole's Retirement, 1951-1952.

Gulf Oil Corporation

Box 42

1. Gulf Oil Legal Correspondence, 1922-45.
2. Gulf Oil Stock Plan and Benefits, 1924-37.

Legal Briefs (Cole)

Box 43

Folder:

1. Record of Cases, ca. 1900-1923.
5. E.S. Hutchison vs. Mary L. Hutchison, 1923.

Box 44

Folder:
4. State vs. 20 cases whiskey, 1910.
5. State vs. Roy Buchanon (Murder), 1910.
7. State vs. Flossie Ward (Court Clerk), 1911.
Box 45

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1. State vs. Manning - Casemade, (Bound), 1911.


3. Legal Briefs, (Bounds), 1914-16.

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2. Legal Briefs, (Bound), 1918.

3. Legal Briefs, (Bound), 1918.

4. List of Cases, (Bound), 1921-22.

5. Thomas, et al vs. City of Tulsa, (Bound), 1922.

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11. Board of County Commissioners of Okmulgee County, OK vs. School District #25, Okmulgee and Board of County Commissioners of Okmulgee County, OK vs. Board of Ed., City of Okmulgee. 1928-30.

12. Gypsy Oil co. vs. V.V. Criswell, 1931.


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2. Webber vs. Stuart, 1917.

3. Legal Briefs, (Bound), 1919.

4. Legal Briefs, (Bound), 1919.

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Trial Notes

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1. Legal Brief, (Bound), 1921.

2. Trial Notes, (Bound), 1920.

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2. Trial Notes, (Bound), 1923.

**Office Dockets**

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**Folder:**

1. Law Glossary, (Bound).
2. Office Docket, (Bound), 1913.
3. Office Docket, (Bound), 1920-22.
4. Office Docket, (Bound), 1920-22.

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1. Office Docket, (Bound), 1910.
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4. Office Docket, (Bound), 1913.
5. Office Docket, (Bound), 1914.

**Box 59**

**Folder:**

1. Bar Dockets/Assignment of Cases (Booklets), 1895-1921.

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**Court Cases**

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4. Supreme Court Controversy, 1929.
5. Estate of Lonzo Huddleston, 1932.

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1. Laws, Rules and Regulations concerning leasing Osage Indian Lands, (Bound), 1913-18.
2. Osage Indian Lands, 1917.

S.R. Lewis

Box 63

Folder:

1. S.R. Lewis; Papers pertaining to the Loyal Creek Band, 1919-1952.
2. General Correspondence pertaining to the Loyal Creek Band, 1919-1952.
3. Papers pertaining to the Creek Indian claims before the Indian claims Commission (S.R. Lewis), 1919-1952.

Box 64

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1. General Correspondence belonging to S.R. Lewis, 1927-40.
2. General Correspondence, and papers of S.R. Lewis, 1929-42.


**Relief and Bar Association Material**

**Box 65**

**Folder:**

1. Correspondence, and Material pertaining to relief and the Mississippi Valley Unemployment Conference (Mrs. Cole), 1931-32.

2. Bar Dockets for Pawnee County, 1908, 10-11
   Material on Pawnee County Bar Association, 1910-12


5. Roster of Lawyers and County Officials - Tulsa County, 1919.
   Roster of State and County officers - Okla., 1932.

6. Civil and Equity Dockets in the District Court in Tulsa County, 1920-21.

   Tulsa County Rules of the District Court, 1947.

8. Memorial Service held by the Tulsa County Bar Association
   Re: George Tilden Brown, 1922.

9. Tulsa County Bar Association Yearbooks, 1939-55.

    Rules for admission to the Bar of the State of Okla., 1911, 1942.


    Court Calendar of District Court Pawnee County, 1921.


Box 66

Folder:
2. Right Wing: Left Wing; Third Party political Material, ca. 1950-60.
3. Material pertaining to Communism, Political Morality and Taxes in the U.S.

Historical Society

Box 67

Folder:
1. General Correspondence (National and State Societies), 1911-1955.
2. General Correspondence (Oklahoma Historical Society), 1912-49.

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1. General Correspondence (Oklahoma Historical Society), 1950-52.
2. General Correspondence (Oklahoma Historical Society), 1953-54.
3. General Correspondence (Oklahoma Historical Society), 1955-58.

General Material

Box 69

Folder:
2. Church Correspondence and Publication.
3. 42 Documents of the Freedom Train.
8. Kirksville, Missouri (Picture Booklet), ca. 1900's.
11. Copy of a journal by J.T. Rule. In RE: Trip from Wisconsin to California (Gold), 1850.
14. Documents pertaining to marriages and Land Deeds; Boone Co., MO, 1818-1866.

Box 70

Folder:

1. Correspondence pertaining to Cole's editorship of the University of Missouri; Sentinel and pamphlets on fraternities, 1908.
2. Oklahoma State Manual; Booklets on various organizations, 1909.
3. Various letterheads.
4. Christmas Correspondence, ca. 1930-60.
5. Postcards and namecards of various people and organizations. Cole’s Stamp Collection.

Box 71

Folder:

3. Material pertaining to the constitution and other non-partisan political questions.


5. Vacation material, 1944-50.

6. Oklahoma recreational pamphlets/maps.

Speeches

Box 72

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5. Governor C.N. Haskell - Oklahoma, April 30, 1908.


7. Wm. H. Murray : Opening his campaign for Governor - Oklahoma.


Box 73

1. Various speakers : A-G.

2. Various speakers : H-Z.

News clippings

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1. News clippings, ca. 1800s.
2. News clippings, ca. 1900s.
3. News clippings, ca. 1920s.

Box 75

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1. News clippings, (Bound), ca. 1920s.
2. News clippings, ca. 1920s.
3. News clippings, ca. 1930s.
4. News clippings, ca. 1940s.
5. News clippings, ca. 1950s.

Miscellaneous Publications

Box 76

Folder:

2. Educational and Teaches Associations, 1908-12, 56.
4. Chautauqua - Oklahoma and Missouri, 1908, 1911.
5. List of County Officers - Oklahoma, 1911-12, 15, 16.
8. "Indenture" - Seminole Coal Co. of Delaware and W.T. Owens and Co., Trustee at Tulsa, February 1, 1930.

Telephone Directories

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R.S. Cole's Law Library (partial)

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1. Brief Volume 1, (Bound), ca. 1900-10.

2. Brief Volume 2, (Bound), ca. 1900-10.

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1. Brief Volume 3, (Bound), ca. 1900-10.

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1. Brief Volume 4, (Bound), ca. 1908.

2. Brief Volume 5, (Bound), 1908-10.
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1. Brief Volume 6, (Bound), ca. 1908-09.
2. Brief Volume 8, (Bound), ca. 1909.

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2. Brief Volume 10, (Bound), ca. 1909.

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2. Brief Volume 12, (Bound), ca. 1909-10.

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1. Brief Volume 13, (Bound), ca. 1908-10.
2. Brief Volume 14, (Bound), ca. 1907-08.

Box 86
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1. Brief Volume 15, (Bound), ca. 1910-12.
2. Brief Volume 16, (Bound), ca. 1908-10.

Box 87
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1. Brief Volume 17, (Bound), ca. 1908.

2. Brief Volume 18, (Bound), ca. 1911.

Box 88
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1. Brief Volume 19, (Bound), ca. 1908.
2. Brief Volume 20, (Bound), ca. 1908.

Box 89
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1. Brief Volume 21, (Bound), ca. 1911-12.
2. Brief Volume 22, (Bound), ca. 1911-12.

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1. Brief Volume 23, (Bound), ca. 1912.

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1. Brief Volume 25, (Bound), ca. 1911.
2. Brief Volume 26, (Bound), ca. 1912.

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1. Brief Volume 27, (Bound), ca. 1910-12.
2. Brief Volume 28, (Bound), ca. 1910-12.

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1. Brief Volume 29, (Bound), ca. 1914.
2. Brief Volume 30, (Bound), ca. 1909-11.

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2. Brief Volume 32, (Bound), ca. 1911.

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2. Brief Volume 34, (Bound), ca. 1912-14.

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1. Brief - Murder, (Bound), ca. 1914.
2. Brief - Murder, (Bound), ca. 1910-12.

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**Printed Materials**

**Box 100**

**University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri**

**Folder:**

13. "Graduates of the University of Missouri From Its Foundation to 1902."
17. Play program, 1905.
18. "The Nymph."
25. "Record Facts Relating to the Creation, Location and Maintenance of the College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts".
26. "The 08 Shamrock".
27. "General Regulations of the Missouri State military School by the Council of the University of Missouri," 1907.
30. "Farmers' County Fair University of Missouri," 1907.

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