Professor. General correspondence (1911–1957); papers (1923–1950) regarding the University of Oklahoma chapter of the geology fraternity, Sigma Gamma Epsilon; correspondence (1925–1942), membership lists, and expense records (1934–1935) from the Oklahoma Academy of Science; manuscripts, reprints, and research correspondence (1932–1934) from Decker’s research on the geology of Oklahoma and on graptolites; correspondence (1925–1946) and notebooks (n.d.) concerning the Methodist Episcopal Church in Norman, Oklahoma; correspondence and printed material (1931–1952) concerning the University of Oklahoma; and correspondence and printed material (1913–1955) from geological associations and other universities.

Biographical notes:
Born Dixon, Ill., 1868; A.B. Northwestern, 1906; A.M. Chicago, 1908; ten years on farm because of illness of parents; Ph.D., 1917; Hon. Sc.D., Oklahoma City University, 1935. Institute of Geology, Northwestern, 1908-09; Asst. Chicago, 1908, 1912, 1917; summers Ill., 1912-13; Colo. State Col., 1923; Cornell, 1924-26; inst. geol., Oklahoma 1916; head of Dept. of Paleontology 1930; 1931 placed in charge of general correspondence and distribution of publications of Oklahoma Geological Survey, closed that year because of lack of appropriations, and maintained this work until reopening of dept. July, 1935. Professor Emeritus of Paleontology, (retired 1951) after 34 years service. Fellow Geological Society; fellow Paleontological Society; member Association. Petroleum Geologists (Secretary.-treasurer, 1919-26); Society Econ. Paleontology and Mineralogy (pres. 1930); Oklahoma Academy (pres. 34). Internationally recognized authority on graptolites. Grand President of Sigma Gamma Epsilon from 1924-32. A prolific writer. His field: graptolites; minor faults and folds in Great Lakes region; transverse structures in Arbuckle Mountains of Oklahoma; Arbuckle and Viola lime-stone; Henryhouse and Sylvan Shales; petroleum and natural gas of U.S.

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Correspondence, acknowledgements; 1927-1944
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Sigma Gamma Epsilon
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  Conference, 1939
  Correspondence, General

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Oklahoma Academy of Science
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  Essays
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Box 11
Manuscripts:
Cambrian Graptolites from Tennessee
Cambrian Graptolites from Virginia
The Paleozoic Section of the Arbuckle and Wichita Uplifts in Oklahoma, by E.O. Ulrich.
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Rothrock, "Structure in Cimmaron County, Oklahoma."
"The Role of Plants in the Rocks."
Decker and Wilfred J. Monk, "A New Devonian Species of Dictyonema from Oklahoma."
Decker, "Stratigraphic Significance of Athens Shale Graptolites."
Decker, "Faulted Graptolites Shows Joins Formation Deep Near Edmond, Oklahoma."
"The Simpson Group: Divisible into Eight not Only Five, Valid Formational Units."
"Correlation of Oklahoma Section With Other Upper Section (chart)."
Decker, review of "Patterns of Survival; An Anatomy of Life," by John H. Bradley. "Brachiopoda"
Decker, "Paleontological Note For Journal of Paleontology."
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Decker, "The Cambrian Graptolites From Wisconsin,"
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Decker, "Age of the Toads in the A.H. Holloman Sand Pit at Frederick, Oklahoma."
Decker, "Note on Classification of Graptolites,"
"A Dendroid Graptolite from the Haragan Formation of Oklahoma."
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Miscellaneous Manuscripts and Correspondence, 1932-34:
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Decker, Ordovician Graptolites on Cephalopod From Baffin Island.
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Dept. of Paleontology Expenses, 1931-1932

Descriptions and lists of Courses offered in Geology, Summer 1939.

Course Material, 1913-1931.

Minutes of Geology Faulty meeting and Student questionnaires, 1945.


Physical Geography Exams and Field trips, 1924.

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Mimeographed lists of exchange collection.

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Invertebrate Fossil inventory, May 29, 1931.

Correspondence concerning Fossil exchange collection, 1919-1933.

Correspondence of the American Assn. of Petroleum Geologists, 1940-1952. (List of members, Constitution and Bylaws)

Correspondence on Fall Field Meeting of the Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists. Oct. 24-26, 1930.

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Journals of the University Senate; Minutes of Geology and Geography Faculty Meetings, 1945; *A & S News*; Geology Bulletin from Augustana College.

Correspondence concerning the Guardianship of Royel E. Jeffs, 1933.

Correspondence on a field trip to examine a Simpson Group, Arbuckle Mountains, 1930-31.

Correspondence concerning a national history museum for the University of Oklahoma, 1931-32.

Poem in Memory of Mrs. Decker by Lydia E. Parks.

National Research Council Correspondence, 1934-1936.

Correspondence with the Geological Society of America, 1926-55.

Correspondence with U.S. National Museum (Smithsonian Institution), 1920-1952.

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Correspondence on Topographic and Geologic Survey Commission for State of Penn., 1913.

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Undated miscellaneous correspondence

Microscope information, 1931

Board of Regents resolution relating to research professorships, 1949.

Correspondence with Research Committee, 1934-1945.

Graduate study correspondence and thesis outlines, 1932-1952.

List of graduates from University of Oklahoma up to 1927.

Correspondence with Prof. U.S. Grant, 1916-1932.

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Correspondence on Methodist-Episcopal Church, Norman (Includes correspondence to and from Lew Wentz), 1926-1929.

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Notebooks:
   - First Methodist Episcopal Church
   - Univ. of Oklahoma Invertebrate Paleontology, study collection
   - Field notes

University of Texas Publications:
   - Geological Society of American (____)
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Sigma Xi, manual of procedure.
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Penn. State College Bulletins, 1932-1933
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Dissertation regulations of Univ. of Chicago.
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Form letter of the Technical Club of Oklahoma, 1923.

Box 16
1. Correspondence from David Monlux to Jonathan Monlux, July 8, 1861 - August 17, 1862.

    July 8, 1861 _____, Missouri, illness in camp, Confederate attack expected night before July 4, 1861, Winfield rifles, saber bayonets, Alton,
Illinois, 13 rounds in cartridge box, but no uniforms issued, "cars run through the arsenal and the guards stop them ...."


_____ 1861 Medical practices. Confederate artillery, "six 24-pounders and 7 six-pounders." "a good union man" synonymous with "a good union," quartered in private homes at Cape Girardeau.

Undated Taking of Forth Henry. General Grant, 70 thousand troops, attack on Fort Denilson. Union troops reload muskets while flat on their backs, "they thought all of our men the first fier." Describes 700 Union dead, Confederate wounded and dead "piled up four deep and forty in a pile." "Gray backs" synonymous with "cecesh." "Called the battle of Dover.... 130 peaces of canon..... 11 thousand prisoners." Mention General Johnson. "at ft. himan across from ft. henry"

July 26, 1862 In Memphis. Describes march from Corinth to Chualla on the Memphis and Charleston railroad, to Lagrange, to Holly Springs, to Moscow, searching for "cecesh troops." 4th of July celebration. To Mound Pleasant searching for Confederate Calvary, "Started for Memphis, we was 4 days on the road we come through German Town the boys broke into a store and got about $4000 dollars worth of goods ou of on store and they broke into a drug store and got all the wines they could drink General Sherman rode past where the boys was taking the things out and he never said a word."

Aug. 17, 1862 Last letter written, he was killed soon after. Sick list of 8 or 9 out of regiment, formally 100. New uniforms, "pretty much like the old one only the jackets are longer." Prices of commodities. Offers to buy and send coffee home. "... if ever i get out of the army i am going to live an old back and do my own cooking..."

2. Reprints of articles by Charles E. Decker include:

"Physical Characteristics of the Arbuckle Limestone," 1928.


"Two More Ordovician Well-Core Graptolites, Crane County, Texas," 1942.

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"Transverse Structures in Arbuckle Mountains of OK," 1926.


"Two Lower Paleozoic Groups, Arbuckle and Wichita Mountains, OK," 1939.


Publications by Others:


**MAPS**

Maps in the Charles E. Decker Collection are in the Map Drawers. See Map Guide for complete location numbers.

1. Texas road map by Sinclair Refining Co. Contains mileage charts and insets of several Texas cities. 26" x 26".

2. Canada and the U.S. (Middle West Sheet) by the Canadian Dept. of Interior, 1930. 27” x 32” colored map.

3. Canada and the U.S. (Pacific Sheet) by the Canadian Dept. of Interior 1930. 28” x 26” colored map.


10. Oklahoma, Oil and Gas producing areas. 16" x 31" black and white with gas areas in red. c 1930's

11. A township and range "blank", printed by the Star Printery of Muskogee. Black and white 12" x 12".


15. Oklahoma mineral resources map, directed by Chas. N. Gould of the Oklahoma Geological Survey. 7" x 12" black and white.


17. Caddo and Grady Counties, a geologic map from the Oklahoma Geological Survey. Black and white, 7" x 8".

18. Arbuckle Mountains and the Ardmore Basin, a geologic map from the Oklahoma Geological Survey. 15" x 15" black and white.


22. Oklahoma; 12" x 20" black and white.

23. Oklahoma; 8" x 13" black and white. Same map as #22 but on a smaller scale.

24. Oklahoma; Oil and Gas producing areas (1920's). Directed by C.W. Shannon of the O.G.S. 14" x 29" black and white.

25. Oklahoma; A Progress Geologic Map done by the O.G.S. in 1916. A black and white 16" x 26" map.
26. Arbuckle Mountains; O.G.S. map by Decker, Cooper and McGehee in 1931. A large cloth backed 32" x 49" black and white map.

27. Western Arkansas; A geological plot map with stations and eratics. 13" x 24" blue and white.


29. Culbertson County, Texas, showing property owned by the University of Texas (area of West Texas, between the Pecos and Rio Grande) marked in red. 17" x 24".

30. North Central and Panhandle areas of Texas; A geologic map done for the Society of Economic Paleontologists and mineralogists in 1927. 22" x 32" blue and white.