Governor. Letterbooks of correspondence sent (1902–1911) and letters received (1901–1911) by Ferguson during his term as governor of Oklahoma Territory, along with a scrapbook containing newspaper clippings about Ferguson.

About the collection:
Boxes 1-4 contain letterbook volumes of letters sent by Ferguson, all signed. Each volume has a name index in the front or back. All letters are carbon copies, and the twelve volumes cover the dates April 1902 to January 1906.

Boxes 4-7 contain correspondence received, filed by year.

Box 8 contains correspondence received, filed alphabetically by last name.

Box 1:

Scrapbook: clippings on Ferguson and related matters from various Oklahoma newspapers, limited mostly to the years of his governorship, 1901-06.

Letterbook I: letters sent April 9, 1902 to Oct. 5, 1902. Correspondence concerning appointments to various positions, speaking engagements, and various aspects of territorial politics. Included are letters to Theodore Roosevelt, David Ross Boyd, John H. Dillon, D.T. Flynn, and Gov. Otero of New Mexico.

Letterbook II: letters sent Oct. 6, 1902 to March 9, 1903. Largely consists of correspondence relative to administrative matters of territorial affairs. This volume also includes references to speaking engagements and personal items. Included are letters to C.M. Cade, Secretary of Interior Hitchcock, and Secretary of Agriculture Wilson.

Letterbook III: letters sent March 9, 1903 to May 25, 1903. A new theme entering into the Governor's correspondence during this period is the World's Fair at St. Louis. Fred L. Wenner was the secretary of the Oklahoma Commission.

Box 2:

Letterbook IV: letters sent May 27, 1903 to Oct. 18, 1903. School land leases, administrative matters, speaking engagements, politics, etc.

Letterbook V: letters sent Oct. 20, 1903 to March 10, 1904. Includes letters to Bird McGuire on
political conditions in Oklahoma Territory. Also included are speaking engagements, appointments to office, free transportation, etc.

Letterbook VI: letters sent March 10, 1904 to June 17, 1904. World's Fair, school lands, letters to Bird McGuire, etc.

Letterbook VII: letters sent June 17, 1904 to Oct. 4, 1904. Territorial political matters dominate this volume, though a trip to the World's Fair, July 4 celebrations, and the usual matters are included.

Box 3:

Letterbook VIII: Oct. 4, 1904 to Feb. 7, 1905. The usual matters are covered here, plus a letter of congratulations to Robert LaFollette on being elected governor in Wisconsin.

Letterbook IX: letters sent Feb. 7, 1905 to June 14, 1905. In addition to the usual matters, there are a number of letters on the question of statehood for Oklahoma and Indian Territories.

Letterbook X: letters sent June 14, 1905 to Oct. 9, 1905. This volume includes correspondence relative to the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition at Portland, Oregon; the serious illness of Ferguson's wife, and a letter by Ferguson expressing his sentiment on the giant trusts.

Letterbook XI: letters sent Oct. 9, 1905 to Jan. 9, 1906. In addition to the usual matters, this volume contains an interesting letter to President Theodore Roosevelt regarding the coming end of Ferguson's term as governor.

Box 4:


Folder: Description of contents:

1 Correspondence received: Dec. 1901 to Feb. 1902.
2 Correspondence received: March 1902.
3 Correspondence received: April 1902.
4 Correspondence received: May 1902.
5 Correspondence received: August 1902.
6 Correspondence received: Nov. 1902.
Correspondence received: Dec. 1902.

Correspondence received: Jan. 1903.

Correspondence received: Feb. 1903.

Box 5:

Correspondence received: Feb. 1903.

Correspondence received: March 1903.

Correspondence received: April 1903.

Correspondence received: May 1903.

Correspondence received: June 1903.

Correspondence received: July 1903.

Correspondence received: August 1903.

Correspondence received: Sept. 1903.

Correspondence received: Oct. 1903.

Correspondence received: Nov. 1903.

Box 6:

Correspondence received: Dec. 1903.

Correspondence received: Jan. 1904.

Correspondence received: Feb. 1904.

Correspondence received: March 1904.

Correspondence received: April 1904.

Correspondence received: May 1904.

Correspondence received: June 1904.

Correspondence received: July 1904.
9 Correspondence received: August 1904.

Box 7:

1 Correspondence received: Sept. 1904.
2 Correspondence received: March 1905.
3 Correspondence received: July 1905.
4 Correspondence received: Dec. 1904.
5 Correspondence received: Aug. 1905.
6 Correspondence received: Sept. 1905.
7 Correspondence received: Aug. 18, 1906.
8 Correspondence received: Feb. 26, 1911.
9 Correspondence received: No date.

Box 8:

1 Correspondence received: "A"
2 Correspondence received: "B"
3 Correspondence received: "C"
4 Correspondence received: "D"
5 Correspondence received: "E"
6 Correspondence received: "F"
7 Correspondence received: "G"
8 Correspondence received: "H"
9 Correspondence received: "I-J"
10 Correspondence received: "K-L"
11 Correspondence received: "M-N-O"
Correspondence received: "P-Q"
Correspondence received: "S"
Correspondence received: "T"
Correspondence received: "U-V-W" (Two Folders)
Correspondence received: "X-Y-Z"
Correspondence received: "A"
Correspondence received: "B"
Correspondence received: "C"
Correspondence received: "D"
Correspondence received: "E-F"
Correspondence received: "G"
Correspondence received: "H,I,J"
Correspondence received: "K,L"
Correspondence received: "M"
Correspondence received: "N,O"
Correspondence received: "P,Q"
Correspondence received: "R"
Correspondence received: "R,S"
Correspondence received: "T,U,V"
Correspondence received: "W,X,Y,Z"

Typescripts of T.B. Ferguson biographical materials:

"Thompson B. Ferguson Dead," The Okeene Leader, Thursday, Feb. 17, 1921

Outline of the history and family of T.B. Ferguson, dated 01/97
Certificates and Diplomas Collection
Box #3

Thompson Benton Ferguson Collection


Note: Governor Ferguson's marriage license may be found in the Walter Scott Ferguson Certificates and Diplomas collection.