Indian traders. Papers of Thomas M. Finney, Indian trader at Gray Horse, Osage Agency, Oklahoma Territory, and of Frank F. Finney, historian and employee of the Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Company, including correspondence (1925–1936) relating to T. M. Finney’s book Pioneer Days of the Osage Indians, West of ’96; historical materials (1827–1977) such as correspondence, news clippings, magazine articles, and bibliographic notes of Frank Finney on topics such as the Cherokee Strip, the Osage Indian Agency, Gray Horse Trading Post, the Dalton Gang, Kaw Indian Agency, Buffalo Bill, Pawnee Bill, peyotism, President Herbert Hoover’s early days in Pawhuska, Oklahoma, and Maria Tallchief; field notebooks (1915–1949) kept by Frank Finney while an employee of the Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Company; finished and unfinished articles and stories (1891–1969) by Frank Finney, Thomas Finney, and J. E. Finney, including research notes, newspaper clippings, and magazine articles; and oil and gas files (1896–1972) of Frank Finney, with articles and documents primarily relating to the Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Company and oil and gas leases on Osage Indian lands.

Box 1
File folders 1–6 of Box 1 contain manuscript copies of and correspondence relating to Thomas McKean Finney's book, "Pioneer Days with the Osage Indians," and other correspondence, as well as an account book kept by Finney.

3. "Pioneer Days with the Osage Indians" by T.M. Finney (original copy), 1925.
4. "Pioneer Days with the Osage Indians" by T.M. Finney (Original typed manuscript), 1925.
5. Miscellaneous correspondence. Includes accounts of Gray Horse Store (1905 -1906) and matters relating to the store following John Florer's death; letter in support of T.M. Finney as postmaster (1897); and opera program (1881).

File folders 7-16 of Box 1 were kept in loose leaf notebooks and contain historical materials such as correspondence, newspaper clippings, magazine articles, photographs, and bibliographic notes.
from a variety of sources including United States Government agency reports, history books, and
manuscript collections.

7. Autobiography and biographies of T.M. Finney; articles on early days among Indians, etc;
and copies of diaries kept by Finney, 1874-1964.

8. Buffalo, cattle, and the Cherokee Strip, 1874-1905.
Subjects covered include Osage Indian history, buffalo hunts, cattle on the Osage
Reservation, and the opening of the Cherokee Strip. Includes original of certificate issued
to John Florer to enter lands with opening of the Cherokee Strip.

Provides a chronological account of the Osage Agency and the Osage Indians. Also
includes information about Osage posts.

Includes entries from T.M. Finney's diary, newspaper clippings, and photographs.

11. Artists, language, newspapers, 1853-1961
Subjects covered include Indian languages, Osage language, Cherokee language, sign
language, and pictography. Includes Osage dictionary compiled by T.M. Finney and sign
language cards.

Includes information about Dennis T. Flynn and the candidacies of T.M. Finney, John N.
Florer, and M.F. Stilwell.

Includes "The Story of Gas" from the American Gas Association, "The First Fifty" about
Standard Oil Company (Indiana), Nellie Johnstone No. 1 first producing oil well in
Oklahoma, and the Osage Oil and Gas Blanket Lease.

Includes notes and correspondence with Everett Carpenter concerning geology.

Includes information concerning the Osage Indian murders.

Provides a chronological account of settlement.

Box 2
This box contains historical materials such as correspondence, newspaper clippings, photographs,
wild west show program, manuscripts of articles, and bibliographic notes. This material was
originally organized in separate binders by Frank F. Finney. The remainder of box 2 contains nine
field notebooks kept by Frank F. Finney as an employee of the Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Company.


2. Osage customs, character, religion, peyote, and articles by T.M. Finney in the Lawrence Standard newspaper, 1851-1931. Other topics covered include customs, scalping, Indian origin, and dance.

3. Indian Territory prior to 1870: 1827-1947. Includes notes concerning the development of federal Indian relations, the liquor question among the Indians, and treaty history.


8. Gray Horse "A", 1884-1898. Includes article, "At Home with the Osages" by Frank F. Finney; biography of Gray Horse (Ka-Wah-Ho-Tsa), the Osage medicine man; entry from T.M. Finney's diary regarding the establishment of Gray Horse Trading Post; original license to trade with Indians issued to John Florer; drawings of the Gray Horse Trading Post; and a broadside announcing a minstrel show.
Includes article, "The Osages, A Contented People" by Frank F. Finney; and information concerning Mary Truegiver.
Photocopy of “Johnny Florrer’s Axle Grease,” by Alfred Henry Lewis, in The Republic, November 24, 1901. [Original in Oversized Box 1.]

Photographs and correspondence primarily concerning Gray Horse School, ponies, and baby board.

11. Peyote, 1936-1967
Includes interviews with Fred Lookout, Jr., Chief of the Osages, account of Frank F. Finney attending peyote ceremony, and diagrams of altars in East Moon Church and West Moon Church, Hominy, Oklahoma.

12. Witch of Shady Creek, 1892-1939.
References Hotema, witchcraft, superstitions, and customs. Includes article, "The Witch of Shady Creek" by Frank F. Finney.

Photographs, drawing, and grave of Pah-Hue-Skah.

14. Opening of the Oklahoma "Unassigned Lands" and the 1889 Run, 1889-1964
Includes letter from J.H. Sherburne.

15. Indian trade and traders, 1875-1957
Includes notes concerning laws and licensing of Indian trading, and specific information regarding trading with Pawnee Indians and Osage Indians.

Includes letter from J.H. Ralston, founder of town of Ralston, information about bridge at Ralston, and article, "The Indians Were Too Wild" by Frank F. Finney.

Photographs and list of names of dead buried at Gray Horse Cemetery.

18. Early Days in Ponca, 1898-1940.
Article entitled "Early Days in Ponca", photographs of Bill Pickett riding bronco at Ponca City, entry from T.M. Finney's diary, and information about Pioneer Woman statue.

Photographs and newspaper articles about John Stink.

Includes original licenses to trade with Indians of Thomas M. Finney, list of leases made by and between the Osage Nation and U.S. citizens in 1883, copy of memorandum of agreement between John Florer and William J. Pollock regarding permission to graze cattle on Osage reservation, and entries in diary of T.M. Finney.


26. Memories of early Bartlesville for Margaret Teague and her history, 1959-1966. Includes information about Bartlesville provided by Frank F. Finney, to Margaret Teague and the Bartlesville Historical Commission. Article entitled "Bartlesville Annals" by Frank F. Finney, and list of Osage sub-lessees of the Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Company. Also list of Bartlesville Office Volunteer Fire Department and correspondence between Finney and U.S. Senators and Congressmen concerning the affairs of the day (1939).


29. Indian Territory, 1948. Includes maps and information about the fourteen flags over Oklahoma.

30. Oklahoma towns, 1948, 1964. Short manuscript entitled "Vanished Towns of Oklahoma", correspondence with George H. Shirk, and a list of towns and villages in Oklahoma still in existence established before statehood under different names than they have at present and a list describing their origins.

31. Cattle country and the Cherokee Outlet, 1883, 1893.
Includes manuscript entitled "The Osage Reservation Appears as a Growing Cattle Kingdom following the Abandonment of Cherokee Outlet Grass Lands", list of registration booths for the opening, and photographs.


Includes letter to John Florer from Emmett Dalton, and article entitled "The Daltons Part Company with the Law" by Frank F. Finney.

34. Andrew Jackson Blackwell, 1893-1927.
Manuscript - "Andrew Jackson Blackwell: Indian Territory's Strangest Character" by Frank F. Finney.

Museums in Bartlesville, Pawhuska, and Oklahoma City most notably Woolaroc, Oklahoma Historical Society, and the Cowboy Hall of Fame. Lists of items transferred, bills of sale, etc.

Nine field notebooks (1915-1949) kept by Frank F. Finney while an employee of the Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Company. Notebooks contain news clippings, tables, charts, handwritten notes, etc. Also wallet, pipe coating calculator, Armstrong's gas well flow computer, concrete calculator, and air lift calculator.

**Box 3**
This box is a collection of Frank F. Finney's files on various historical subjects primarily concerning the southwest. These files primarily contain newspaper clippings along with a few original articles and documents.


Includes interview with Mrs. W.B. Frederick.

3. Cattle and cowboys, 1939-1940.
Includes "The Osage Reservation Appears as a Growing Cattle Kingdom following the Abandonment of Cherokee Outlet Grass Lands."

News clippings concerning Osage County, cattle, etc.

Includes correspondence between Frank F. Finney and Hayden Donahue.

Includes Indian stories.


News clippings and Chronicles article entitled "Early Oklahoma Artists" by Jacobson and d'Ueele.

News clippings.


Includes essay entitled "The Cherokee Outlet" by Frank F. Finney and news clippings.

Licensed trader, Gray Horse, Oklahoma.

Research notes and news clippings concerning the town of Ochelata, the Ochelatans, and the Indian called Ochelata.

News clippings.

News clippings.


18. "The Osages and Their Agency During the Term of Isaac T. Gibson, Quaker Agent" by Frank F. Finney, 1958-1959. Includes correspondence with Muriel Wright and research notes.

Research notes and correspondence with John Joseph Mathews.


"Outlaws, United States Marshals and the Hanging Judge" by Frank F. Finney, and research notes.

Research notes and news clippings primarily concerning the Pawnee Indians with some information about Pawnee Bill.

Includes essay entitled "Oklahoma Pioneers," correspondence between E.W. Marland and Frank F. Finney, and news clippings.


News clippings about Ponca City.

Includes conversations with Fred Lookout, Jr., news clippings, and research notes.

27. Rogers, Will, 1936-1940.
News clippings.

Correspondence with Clyde H. Porter and research notes.

29. Sherburne family, 1908-1951.
Correspondence between J.H. Sherburne, licensed Indian trader at the Ponca Agency, and T.M. Finney. Also correspondence between Sherburne family members and Frank F. Finney.


News clippings.


Research notes and letter to Muriel Wright.


37. Metal coin from the Dunlap & Florer, Osage Traders store.

**Box 4**

This box contains finished and unfinished articles and stories by Frank F. Finney, T.M. Finney, and James E. Finney, research notes, news clippings, and magazine articles.


15. Gray Horse - Fairfax, Osage, 1912. Stipulations in legal case of Anna Pollock Florer against the Osage Tribe and Peter C. Bigheart, Principal Chief, in the Circuit Court of the U.S. for the Western District of Oklahoma. Research notes.


32. Oklahoma towns, 1940 •

Essay entitled "Markets and Contracts for Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Company Gas since the Date of the Oklahoma City Discovery Well, both for Oklahoma City Gas and for Gas from Other Areas." Assorted correspondence, research notes, and news clippings.

Research notes and news clippings.

35. Newspapers – Osage, 1803, 1875-1877.
Copies of The Indian Herald • Osage Indian Agency, I.T. and the Missouri Gazette • St. Louis, Louisiana.


Research notes, correspondence, and news clippings.

39. Story ideas, many regarding liquor, n.d.
Note cards.

40. Traders - Osage and others, 1898-1957.

41. Language – Indians, 1939.

**Box 5**
This box contains Frank F. Finney's files on oil and gas history including articles and documents related to the beginning of the Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Company (I.T.I.O.), and oil and gas leases in Osage.
1. Correspondence. Includes letters to and from Mortimer Stilwell, Secretary/Treasurer of Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Company and Frank F. Finney, 1907-1922, 1936, 1961. Also contains list of "consumers of gas in field, March, 1912;" document entitled "Differences Between the Parties over the Smelter Contract for Gas;" account information and pipe report of Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Company; and information pertaining to patent of a check valve and disc gas well regulation, pressure control and measurement.

2. Correspondence with Burdette Blue, President of Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Company and other correspondence, 1923-1941. Includes information pertaining to Osage Gas Lease, 1934; revenue from sales to Cities Service Gas Company, Osage District; yearly deliveries from I.T.I.O. Co. booster stations; and analysis of cost of operation and earnings, I.T.I.O. Co., Osage Gas Lease.

3. "Early History of the Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Company and the Beginning of the Oil Industry in Oklahoma," Chronicles of Oklahoma • v. XXXVII, n. 2, 1896-1972. Also includes letter from E.B. Foster to John Florer, 1896; information pertaining to the Osage Oil and Gas Blanket Lease early development; oil and gas lease, I.T.I.O., 1907; Osage Oil Company well records; lecture by Frank F. Finney to the Bartlesville Chamber of Commerce; and assorted correspondence, some involving Burdette Blue.

4. History of the Osage Oil and Gas Leases, including Blanket Lease and Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Company, 1914-1958. Includes "Outline of the Early History of the Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Company and the Beginning of the Oil Industry in Oklahoma;" document titled "In re Edwin B. Foster Oil and Gas Lease Covering Osage Reservation, Oklahoma;" "Extension of Tribal Ownership and Leases in the Osage;" "Ownership of Mineral Rights of the Indians in the Osage Reservation in Oklahoma and the Granting of Leases Thereon;" paper read before the Bartlesville Accountant Club on the early oil industry in Oklahoma (Chas. F. Leech); notes pertaining to founding of I.T.I.O Co.; "Acquiring of the Osage Reservation, by the Osage Indians and Oil Operation Thereon;" wells drilled by I.T.I.O. Co. on leases owned by its sub-lessees; statement of description and abstract of title of all leases held by the I.T.I.O. Co.; assorted correspondence; and research notes.

5. Osage Oil and Gas Leases includes well record for first well in Osage, and copies of Blanket Leases, 1896-1959. Also recapitulation of business of I.T.I.O. 1903-1914, gas wells in service 1913, news clippings, and assorted correspondence.

6. Articles, mainly oil and gas, saved by Frank F. Finney, 1954. Magazine articles by various authors.


8. Oil and gas, Charles Gerald Forbes. Notes from his thesis sent to Frank F. Finney for review. "Flush Production" was published, 1941.
   Magazine articles by various authors.


11. Osage leases. Correspondence with James A. Veasey, Legal Research Library, Ann Arbor, 
    Michigan, 1941.

   News clippings and magazine articles.

13. Early oil men and companies. "Old Timer" and grand oil men of the petroleum industry, 
    1909-1940. 
   Includes list of leading oil men (1909), list of Osage sub-lessees (1909), report of drilling 
   wells Osage County (1917), and correspondence between Finney and A.P. McBride, H.R. 
   Gruber, and C.L. McMahon.


   Includes correspondence, "Operation and Control of Natural Gas Wells," diagrams relating 
   to gauging gas wells by back pressure method and plan for installation of surface equipment 
   for siphon line production of wet gas wells, and magazine article.

16. "The Control of Salt Water in Natural Gas Wells" and "Operation and Control of Natural 
    Gas Wells" by Frank F. Finney, n.d.

17. Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Company memos, etc., 1930-1941. 
   Memos organized under headings: rates, Oklahoma City, outside, contracts C.S. (Cities 
   Service), taxes, gas to lessors, and green gas employees.

18. Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Company memos, etc., 1939. 
   Memos titled "Oil and Gas Production and Marketing Bulletin."

19. "Gas Well Care and Operation" by H.R. Pierce, Report no. 26, Indian Territory Illuminating 
    Oil Company, Gas Engineering Division, 1926.

    Includes lists of employees awarded service emblems, I.T.I.O. mailing lists, telephone 
    directory of Cities Service Oil Company employees, news clippings, and list of employees 
    of South Osage area.

21. Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Company – Gas Department, 1926-1933.

22. Oil and gas statistics – history, 1927-1941.
"Natural Gas" by Lott and Hopkins, Department of Interior; "The Oil Industry in Your State" by Independent Petroleum Association of America; "The Trend of Natural Gas" by Frank B. Long, Oklahoma Natural Gas Company; Monthly Summary of Gas Company Statistics; "Oil Field Workers and the Wage-Hour Law;" "Gas the Awakened Giant" by H. F. Weeks, American Gas Association; memos and other articles.

“Accidents in the Petroleum Industry of Oklahoma" by H.C. Fowler, Department of Commerce, charts, graphs, and articles.

Producing Horizons and Depths of Gas Fields Connected to Cities Service Gas System in Kansas and in Oklahoma, Oil Zones of the United States compiled by the Oil and Gas Journal, the Panhandle Oil and Gas Field, Well Logs and Field Data of Active Oil Areas in the west central Oklahoma, charts, tables, and news clippings.

Box 6
This box contains files on subjects such as the early history of oil and gas development, oil and gas leases, and material specific to the history of the Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Company. In addition, this box contains books and journals dealing with the oil and gas industry.

1. Legal opinions and legislation, 1927-1939.
File primarily contains memos between officers of the I.T.I.O. concerning legal matters.
Also Mid Continent Oil and Gas Association bulletin.

Newsletter, list of personnel, etc.

Includes surface leases to December 31, 1934, memoranda, charts, and correspondence.

4. Oil and gas lease information, 1919-1942.
Cities Service Oil Company Summary of Available Gas as Shown by Quarterly Gauge Taken December, 1941 of Gas Wells in Osage County also Contract Wells and Casinghead Gas; correspondence to I.T.I.O. from the Department of the Interior, Office of Indian Affairs Field Service; E.C. Brand Lease, Wasson Pool, Gaines County, Texas Owned by I.T.I.O. and Phillips Petroleum Company; Producing Horizons Index Map; Sim Dabbs Lease, Langlie Field, Lea County, New Mexico Owned by I.T.I.O. and Cities Service Oil Company; Purcell Lease, Wheeler County, Texas Owned by I.T.I.O. and R.W. Briggs; information concerning the interests of I.T.I.O. gas in Texas; samples of oil and gas leases; and miscellaneous correspondence.

6. Rules, regulations and requirements, 1920-1942. Memoranda, correspondence, booklets, cause docket papers, and other materials pertaining to the Railroad Commission of Texas.

7. Rules, regulations and requirements, 1932-1940. Memoranda, correspondence, and other materials pertaining to the Department of Interior Geological Survey, the Kansas Corporation Commission, and New Mexico.

8. Matters pertaining to transfer of gas properties to American Pipe Line Company, 1940-1941. Memoranda, contracts, bill of sale, etc.

The I.T.I.O. News • 18 issues (3 duplicates), March 1929-December 1931.

Oklahoma - Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, September 1928.

Oklahoma City's Relation to the Oil Industry - A Survey, October 1939.

The Oil Industry of the United States - American Petroleum Institute, 1930.


Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association Bulletin - January 1941.

"Importance of Stripper Reserves and Pipe Line Divorcement" address by Roy M. Johnson, July 1939.

American Gas Journal - December 1927.

The Transmitter and Electrical Journal - December 1930.

Oil Bulletin - March 1928.

The ABC's of Science in Oil Recovery by Hugh S. Taylor, American Petroleum Institute, 1927.


Hazards in Handling Gasoline by George A. Burrell, Department of the Interior, 1928.

Oil and Gas in Oklahoma by H.T. Beckwith, Oklahoma Geological Survey, 1928.
Measurement of Gas and Liquids by Orifice Meter by Henry Westcott, Metric Metal Works, 1922.

Natural Gas Handbook by John Diehl, Metric Metal Works, 1927.


Natural Gas Association of America seventh annual meeting, 1912.

Measurement, Compression and Transmission of Natural Gas by Lester Lichty, John Wiley and Sons, Inc., 1924.

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**Box 1 (Location 8374)**

Newspaper article: “Johnny Florrer’s Axle Grease,” by Alfred Henry Lewis, in *The Republic*, November 24, 1901. [very fragile, use photocopies.]

Water color painting by Pawnee artist, "Clifford Jim" of Pawhuska, n.d.

Items from Thomas McKean Finney's scrapbooks. Includes "Silver Anniversary Oklahoma Statehood Program," Bartlesville, Oklahoma, November 16, 1932; newspaper accounts of Mortimer F. Stilwell (half brother of Frank F. Finney and stepson of T.M. Finney), Stilwell was first general manager of the Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Company, a founder of Union National Bank in Bartlesville, and Republican nominee for Oklahoma State Treasurer upon statehood; "Oklahoma Consistory," Guthrie, Oklahoma, May, 1919; newspaper accounts of early traders and brothers, T.M. Finney and J.E. Finney; newspaper accounts of John N. Florer, first trader with Osages, and instrumental in getting Fosters into Osage and obtaining famous "Blanket Lease"; newspaper accounts of Walter Osage Florer, first white child born in the Osage; newspaper accounts of John L. Bird, first sheriff of Osage County and brother-in-law of John Florer; newspaper accounts of Dr. R.E. Bird, brother of John Bird and son-in-law of John Florer; and other newspaper clippings.

Pen and ink drawings of Indians, cowboys, etc., by T.M. Finney of Gray Horse, 1870s and 1880s.

Magazine articles: "Opening a Land of Destiny" and "How the West Was Won.", n.d.

Newspaper clippings: "Pioneer Writes Osage History" and "Passing of Tom Finney Removes One of Real Oldtimers of Osage." 1935.

Drawings mainly by T.M. Finney of early Gray Horse and Pawhuska including the Florer Store, the agency in Pawhuska, Gray Horse subagency, and Finney's home in Gray Horse, 1873-1890s.

Miscellaneous magazine articles saved by Frank Finney on various historical subjects such as End of the Trail sculptor James Earle Fraser, the arts of the pioneers, the opening of the west, 75 year anniversary of Battle at Little Bighorn River, Lincoln and the settlement of New Salem, Osage dance, and the Cherokee Strip race.

Diagram of proposed surface connections for gas wells used for flowing service - Oklahoma City District, 1932.

Diagram of surface connections for gas wells used for flowing service Oklahoma City District, 1932.

Diagram of high pressure well regulation using flow bean and high pressure regulator as automatic cut-off, 1930.

**Box 2 (Location: 8374)**

Two American Indian blankets.

One American Indian garment