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2. Tom Benendum, Phi Beta Kappa, OU Regents, 1957-61
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4. Bill Carlisle, correspondence and clippings, 1964
5. A.B. Carpenter, Fountain Murder Case, etc, 1959-65
6. Grisso Family, miscellaneous correspondence, 1958-64
7. Boyd Gunning, OU Memorial Scholarship Funds, 1958-65
8. A.D. Harlan, Fountain Murder Case, Maxwell Land Grant, 1959-65
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    Rainey Elliot, J. Howard Edmundson, George Fitzpatrick, James Foraker, Elmer Fraker, W.J. Gourley, Captain Russel Grant, Charles E. Grounds, Frank Gumm,

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1. James T. Jackson, Fountain Murder Case, etc, 1958-65
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4. Savoie Lottinville, Pre-publication book reviews by Grisso, 1958-64
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   Fred P. Schonwald, Howard Seider, Ward Shaffer, Shamrock Oil & Gas Co., Leon Shipp, Glen Shirley, George Short, R.O. Smith, Earl Sneed, Rosemary Stanton, Roy Stewart, George Shirk.
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2. Summer house rental, 1962
3. Lost Italian glassware, Mrs. Grisso to Ferro and Lazzarini, 1961-62
4. OU Alumni Scandinavia tour, Mrs. Grisso. Itinerary, miscellaneous, 1962
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7. Jack Rittenhouse, general correspondence regarding *From Where the Sun Now Stands*, books, etc, 1963

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9. Book stores and specialists, requests for books, maps, etc., 1957-65

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   Carl Becker, "Everyman His Own Historian", 1960
   Jeff. C. Dykes, "High Spots of Western Illustrating", 1963
3. Copied material on historians, 1938-64
4. Correspondence regarding historians in *Time* Magazine, 1965
5. Correspondence regarding books borrowed from OU, 1964
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2. Dallas Petroleum Club, membership and bylaws, 1958-62
3. Dan Hyatt, regarding Carter-Knox Oil Field, 1965
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6. Miscellaneous oil history, reprints and clippings. 1956-65
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2. Oklahoma saloons, correspondence, James P. Mosier, Arthur McAnally, Muriel Wright, clippings, 1962-63

3. Texas saloons, correspondence and materials, A. Timmons, Phil Cooke, Arthur McAnally, 1962-63

4. Utah saloons, correspondence, Utah State Historical Society, 1962-63

5. Wyoming saloons, correspondence and material, Wyoming State Historical Department, Dean Krakel, clippings, 1962-63

6. Miscellaneous saloon correspondence, N, 1962-63
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   Old Crow Historical Bureau, James Ogletree.

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10. Miscellaneous saloon correspondence, S, 1962-63
    Stitzel-Weller Distiller, St. James Infirmary, sheet music.

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    Jerry Vogle, John Virden.

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5. Carl Albert, peanut speech (1955), 1962
6. Miscellaneous correspondence, 1962
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1. Patrick J. Hurley, speeches (1930) and consent to use in book, 1962-63
2. Various historical societies, requests for material on speeches, 1962
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4. Temple Houston, "In Defence of a Streetwalker" (1899), 1962
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6. Indian speeches, general introduction, 1962
7. Oconostota, The Pathetic Prophesy (1775), 1962
8. Pushmataha, "Attention My Good Red Warriors" (1811), 1962
9. Chief Joseph, "From Where the Sun Now Stands" (1877), 1962
10. Ten Bears, "Do Not Ask Us to Give Up the Bears for the Sheep" (1867), 1962
12. W. H. Knickerbocker, "He Died in Rawhide" (1908), 1962
15. Mark Twain, "Sandwich Islands", 1962
16. George Graham Vest, "Eulogy to the Dog" (1870), 1962

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1. Comments and review on *From Where the Sun Now Stands*, 1962
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5. Correspondence and notes, speeches, book lists, etc., 1963-64
8. Typed copies of the editor's preface, 1962

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2. Collection for Grisso's grandchildren (II), 1953-61

3. Elfego Baca, bibliography, n.d.

4. Poker stories, correspondence and research material: Burk Burnett, 6666 Ranch, Tularosa (FMC), 1960-64

5. Mysterious disappearances, correspondence with Savoie Lottinville, 1959


7. "The Trial of Jesus Christ from a Lawyer's Standpoint", 1962

8. Boundaries of the State of Oklahoma, Correspondence, 1958-64

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1. Oklahoma Westerners, Indian Territory Posse, 1962

2. Oklahoma Westerners, Indian Territory Posse, 1963

3. Oklahoma Westerners, Indian Territory Posse, 1964

4. Oklahoma Westerners, Nominating Committee for New Members, 1964

5. Oklahoma Westerners, Membership List, correspondence, 1964-65

6. Denver Posse of Westerners, 1964

7. Museum and Historical Societies, correspondence regarding information on Western History, 1960-64

8. Oklahoma Historical Society, correspondence, etc., 1960-62

9. Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center, correspondence, 1964-65
10. Correspondence with the Western History Association, 1961-65
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**Box 26 Materials on Fountain Case; Maxwell Land Grant; and Miscellaneous**

1. A. M. Gibson, Chapters I and II of Fountain Book, 1962
2. Correspondence and receipts regarding Fountain Book, 1961-65
3. A. E. Perry, correspondence regarding Fountain Murder Case, etc., 1965
4. A. M. Gibson, correspondence regarding Fountain Book, etc (I), 1961-64
5. A. M. Gibson, correspondence regarding Fountain Book, etc. (II), 1961-64
6. A. M. Gibson, correspondence regarding *From Where the Sun Now Stands*, 1962
7. A. M. Gibson, general correspondence, 1961-64
8. Miscellaneous correspondence, Fountain Murder and Maxwell Land Grant, 1961
10. Maxwell Land Grant, correspondence, 1959-65
11. Hiram Dow, correspondence regarding Fountain Murder, 1961
12. Jack Bell, correspondence regarding *Splendid Misery* and Oklahoma Westerners, 1960-64
13. Herbert Hoover, correspondence regarding fishing, and the Maxwell Land Grant, 1960
14. Miscellaneous business information, 1959-61
15. Various personal records of W.D. Grissio, including high school and college transcripts, mementoes, essays, 1922-28

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3. Grisso funeral, correspondence, arrangements, 1965
4. Composition book, news clippings on prohibition, 1901
5. Grisso's notary public seal, n.d.
6. Negative, Law Class of 1928, 1953

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   Rutherford B. Hayes, 1881
   Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, 1882
   Lucretia R. Garfield, 1881
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   Lucy B. Hayes, 1881
   Wendell Phillips, 1880

   Letters:
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   Rutherford B. Hayes, November 10, 1881
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3. Bachelor of Law Diploma, Leonard King, 1929
5. Biographical sketch, Monkaushka, Yankton Indian, n.d.

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1. Indian rolls of Seminole County, Oklahoma, ca. 1918
2. Buster Brown Shoes sales manual used as a scrapbook. Numerous clippings from *Saturday Evening Post, Ladies Home Journal* regarding World War I, and miscellaneous, 1901-1939
4. "The Candidate for President" by Ed Crossland. Discussion between Socrates and King Willie (William H. Murray), 1931
7. M' Intosh, Creek Chief, biography, n.d.
8. The Chippeway Widow, description, n.d.
9. Rantchwaime, Indian wife, biography, n.d.

**Certificates and Diplomas**  
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**Grisso, W. D.**

1. 1928 diploma from the University of Oklahoma Law School.
2. 1928 camp training certificate, Reserve Officers Training Corps.
3. 1922 military training certificate, Citizens' Military Training Camps.

4. 1952 certificate of commission as Commodore of the Oklahoma Navy, signed by Governor Johnston Murray.

5. 1931 appointment as Second Lieutenant of Infantry of the United States Army, signed by Adjutant General.

6. 1960 certificate as a regent member of the University of Oklahoma Research Institute.

7. 1961 certificate as a life member of the Oklahoma Historical Society.

8. 1951 certificate as a Honorary Assistant Manager and Ambassador of Good Will for the Oklahoma Biltmore Hotel.

9. 1924 initiation into Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

10. 1926 initiation into Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity.

11. 1928 admission to practice law before the U.S. District Court in Eastern Oklahoma.

12. 1930 certificate of Nomination as Democratic Nominee for Oklahoma House of Representatives.

13. 1953 certificate as a member of University of Oklahoma Board of Regents, signed by Governor Johnston Murray.

14. 1926 diploma for Bachelor of Arts from the University of Oklahoma.

15. 1930 certificate of election to Oklahoma House of Representatives, signed by the Secretary of the State Election Board.

16. 1932 certificate of election to the Oklahoma House of Representatives, signed by the Secretary of the State Election Board.