Stovall, John Willis (1891–1953). Papers, 1925–1952. 3.50 feet.
Paleontologist. Correspondence (1935–1952) and ledgers (1935–1938) regarding archaeological excavations in Oklahoma, sponsored by the Works Progress Administration and by the Stovall Museum of the University of Oklahoma, including site reports, findings, and operation reports and requests; and publications (1925–1950) by Stovall and others regarding zoology, evolution, and paleontology, as well as operations and procedural manuals of the Works Progress Administration. The correspondence series of this collection reflects the University of Oklahoma’s involvement with the Works Progress Administration.

Biographical Note:
Dr. Stovall was a professor of paleontology at Oklahoma University 1930-1953 and the founder of the University Museum. He unearthed, primarily in Oklahoma and Texas, many perfect dinosaur specimens; some of these are assembled and displayed in the University Museum.

About the Collection:
This collection (6 boxes) focuses primarily on excavation projects sponsored by the Works Progress Administration during the years 1933-51. Included are field reports, bookkeeping records, manpower requests and WPA project forms. This material documents the working partnership between the University of Oklahoma and the WPA on several excavation projects, as well as the wealth of specimens unearthed in these digs. Correspondence between Ralph Shead, the projects' supervisor at O.U., and various in-field supervisors offers a good portrait of individual project workers, as well as detailed progress reports. A smaller part of the collection is papers regarding Dr. Stovall's other projects: requests for photographs, pamphlets, and miscellaneous correspondence.

Box 1  This box contains WPA materials with regard to conducting research projects, (F1-2); also paleontological pamphlets and translations (F3-4).

Box 2  This box contains ledgers recording excavation finds, workers' attendance, expenditures, personnel requests (F1-4).

Box 3  This box includes materials dealing with excavation sites such as monthly progress reports, supply documents, employment reports, etc. (F1-6).

Box 4  This box contains field crew correspondence with Stovall 1935-38 (F1-2); also specimen lists from Optima and Kenton excavations, and WPA outgoing mail lists (F3-5).

Box 5  This box contains correspondence regarding sites, publicity, etc. 1939-52 (F1-3) also project proposals 1932-41 and sponsors contribution Reports and Certificates (F4-6).
Box 6
Box contains WPA letter series forms (F1-2); Project and Site Progress reports, 1940, 1942 (F3-4); WPA personnel data and reclassification slips, correspondence with various site supervisors, 1937-1940.

Box 7
Box contains bookkeeping papers including requisitions, time cards, receiving and inspection reports (F1-2).

Box 1
Folder:

1. Pamphlets including:
   "Questions and Answers on the WPA," "Words: WPA",
   "Bibliography of Research Projects Reports - WPA",


4. Pamphlets including:

Box 2
Folder:

1. Letters between Crompton Tate, Crew Supervisor, and Ralph Shead, WPA Project Supervisor at O.U., (regarding management of several sites).

2. 3 Binders of WPA personnel requests, evaluations, applications for digging projects 1937-1942.

3. Claim Ledger documenting dig site expenditures 1941-42.

4. Ledger recording workers' attendance, excavation finds.
Box 3
Folder:

1. Work Progress Reports 1937-40
2. Monthly Reports 1940-41
3. Physical Progress Reports 1940-42; Financial Statements
4. Supply Fund Documents; 1942 War Emergency manpower request -WPA; 1936 Travel Reimbursement Request
5. Daily Report of Property
6. Weekly Employment Reports, 1940-42

Box 4
Folder:

1. Field Crew #3 Correspondence between Tate, Shead, Stovall - 1935-7.
2. Field Crew #2 (Guymon) Correspondence between McWhirter, Shead, Stovall, 1937.
5. Specimen Lists - Kenton, Oklahoma, 1941.

Box 5
Folder:

1. Misc. letters (1939-52) from Stovall regarding excavation, photos and prints for books, etc.
2. McAlester site, 1941- Correspondence Reports, manpower and supply requisitions.
3. Correspondence-Laura Rogers, Planning and Control Secretary - 1940-42; correspondence-Dr. Wardell, Coordinator of University- Sponsored WPA Projects - 1940-41; Correspondence-Roberts, Tompkins, Beckett-1941-42; Correspondence-C.W. Held - 1940-42; Publicity Items.
4. Sponsors' Contribution Reports and Certificates, 1940-1941.


6. Project Proposals, 1940-41.

Box 6
Folder:

1. WPA General Letter Series:
   1) Division of Employment, 2) General Bulletins

2. WPA General Letter File:
   Budget Procedures, mail, safety, etc.


5. WPA Reclassification slips; Notice to Report to Work on Project Slips - 1937.

6. WPA Personnel Data Forms.

7. Correspondence, primarily of Ross Robe, Chief Payroll Supervisor - 1942.

8. Correspondence, McWhirter - 1938.

9. Correspondence, Copansky - 1940.


Box 7
Folder:

1. Miscellaneous bookkeeping papers including gas receipts; time cards, requisitions, medical compensation forms.

2. Receiving and inspection reports, 1939-1940.

3. Miscellaneous letters and documents regarding a W.P.A. project, 1940-1942.