

## **Governor's Guide Governor Henry Johnston**

### **RG 8-G-1      General Correspondence, 1927-1929**

Box 1

Folder 1:

*A.*

Includes clippings from the McAlester News-Capital and the Daily Oklahoman about Carl Albert, correspondence about political support, cotton, the Ku Klux Klan, seed potato inspection, the Pure Bred Race and the Arnett Athenaeum, corruption in Pushmataha County, a Pan American Highway, cotton marketing, the Holmes Home of Redeeming Love, roads and the highway commission, problems in fish and game, attempt to expel Johnston from the Masons, a floating university, and more.

2:      *B, January-March.*

Letters of support and suggestions for special interest legislation. Topics include a parole, a suggestion to increase the salaries of county officials, a city-manager-form-of-government election in Oklahoma City, W. A. Bourland's visions, taxes and lending, flood control, the anti-business climate under Johnston (letter from T. E. Braniff), the short ballot, an investigation of the insurance department, the Ku Klux Klan and divorce, and phrenology.

3:      *B, April-June.*

Correspondence on John Brown (of Siloam Springs), a private investigator chasing a fugitive, conditions at Pauls Valley, a reward offer after a jewelry store robbery, illegally opened mail, immigrants, another attempt to oust another Langston president, highways and roads, and former Governor Martin E. Trapp (Johnston wrote an article attacking his predecessor-copy enclosed).

4:      *B, July-September.*

Letters of support with letters from job seekers. Matters include an invitation to Battle Creek, bank commissioners, John Brown and his college, and a fraudulent scheme by the Shaughnessy Knitting Company.

5:      *B, October-December.*

Contents are requests for jobs and pensions, and other personal matters.

6:      *C, January-March.*

Includes an editorial from the Chandler News-Publicist about conflicts between the governor and the legislature, letters of support, requests for favors, suggestions for legislation, and items on roads, banking, and John Brown.

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Folder 7: *C, April-June.*

Items concern problems with Marland Oil, arms limitation, a candle birthday card for Calvin Coolidge (photo included), Oklahoma A & M, and alleged abuse of office in Blaine County.

Box 2

Folder 1: *C, July-September.*

Concerns a reward, a fired teacher, the Oklahoma Publishing Company, cattle dipping, and publisher's flyers about Foreman's Pioneer Days in the southwest and Hafen's Overland Mail.

2: *C, October-December.*

Topics include Indian lands, boiler insurance, the Al Jennings Show, the Oklahoma City Community Fund, and requests for favors.

3: *D, January-March.*

Includes clippings from the Muskogee Daily Phoenix concerning Johnston's request for a show of support while the Craig County Gazette attacks Johnston. Topics include burial associations, the Izaak Walton League, pensions for superannuated teachers, and the insurance board.

4: *D, April-June.*

Topics include gasoline, corruption in Shidler, and the highway department.

5: *D, July-September.*

Items on gasoline, political conditions in Buffalo, and local crimes elsewhere.

6: *D, October-December.*

Applications and endorsements.

7: *E, January-March.*

Letters of support and dealing with cotton ginning and highways.

8: *E, April-June.*

Topics are the highway department and the health commission.

9-10: *E, July-September/E, October-December.*

11: *F, January-March.*

Includes a series of labels and an order form for the Osage Canning Factory, materials about labeling laws, letters of support for the governor's appointment of women to positions, Johnston's views about capital punishment, a letter opposing Johnston, material about the

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- Folder 11: Washington bicentennial, brooms and broomcorn, and the Oklahoma Society for the Friendless.
- 12: *F, April-June.*  
Letters of support, letters about crippled children, roads, oil, and theosophy.
- 13: *F, July-September.*  
Includes an editorial from Henryetta newspaper and items about Marland and saw-proof jail bars.
- 14: *F, October-December.*  
Includes items in which Johnston explains his duties and his religious affiliation, a demand for the pardon of Ruth Ball, letters of support, and material about a reward.
- 15: *G, January-March.*  
Includes materials concerning Johnston's clean habits, Mrs. O.O. Hammonds, legislative politics, support, the highway commission, pensions, attacks on big business, a prospectus for the U.S. Tax Company, and material about the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Health Association.

Box 3

- Folder 1: *G, April-June.*  
Items on the politics of creating road maintenance districts, opposition to corporations, assorted vetoes, oil and gas, and opposition to a special investigative session.
- 2: *G, July-September.*  
Materials about the Guthrie Mill and Elevator controversy, settlement of labor disputes, artichokes, and construction expenditures.
- 3: *G, October-December.*  
Books given or sold to Johnston.
- 4: *H, January-March.*  
Letters of support, contents on speed limit, criminals, building, a theft-proof license plate, evolution, a bank in Chandler, local and personal matters, Narcotics Education Week, and the Governor's Message of February 1, 1927.
- 5: *H, April-June.*  
Concerns garnishment, the Caddo County road bond election, land tax problems, politics, a bank robbery, letters of support, license plates, vetoes, paving, and editorial clippings about the A & M College.

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- Folder 6: *H, July-September.*  
Topics on temperance, politics, St. Gregory's College, John Brown, freight rates, science and the Bible, and humane society about horse abuse.
- 7: *H, October-December.*  
Application for the presidency of the colored A & M School.
- 8: *I, January-March.*  
Topics are the Italian Barbers Benevolent Society, and the Oklahoma Association of Ice Cream Manufacturers about a building at the A & M College.
- 9: *I, April-June.*
- 10: *I, July-September.*  
Includes a letter from Secretary of State Kellogg about the establishment of an international institute for the unification of private law.
- 11: *I, October-December.*  
Copies of the Index, the Prohibition Party newspaper published in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Proceedings, Board of County Commissioners, Osage County, January 10, 1928.  
Assessments hearing.

Box 4

- Folder 1: *J, January-March.*  
Items on anti-Catholic book, a Japanese publication about America, support for the governor, personal problems, Lions Club politics, a solicitation, and politics.
- 2: *J, April-June.*  
Letters of support and personal matters, an attack on the Daily Oklahoman and material about speedy trials and crime.
- 3: *J, July-September.*  
Includes the poem "Beautiful Oklahoma," the industrial court case of V. G. Jones, a car license, the Jack and Jill Athletic and Social Club, the anti-Catholic book, and a flyer about the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church conference at Boley.
- 4: *J, October-December.*  
Aside from a Christmas Seals solicitation and material about highway employees' insurance, the themes are politics and meditation.

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- Folder 5: *K, January-March.*  
Included among the letters of support and requests for personal favors are items dealing with the farm bloc, the highway commission, and politics. Also enclosed is a financial report of the King Kade Hotel Company.
- 6: *K, April-June.*  
Includes a copy of Johnston's handout to the newspapers refused by the Poteau News. Topics are Oklahomans Incorporated (a branch of the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce), the oil tax, real estate, the game law, and Daughters of 1812 letters and publications.
- 7: *K, July-September.*  
Items on an offer of the American Legion radio station for a Johnston broadcast, letters of support, a robbery, and a missing person case in which the Missouri governor requests that special broadcasts be aired on Oklahoma stations.
- 8: *K, October-December.*
- 9: *L, January-March.*  
Includes letters of support, and topics on religion, girls' basketball at Lawton, business matters, prison labor, and judicial reform.
- 10: *L, April-June.*  
Items include letters of support, a copy of the Idaho resolution calling for an earlier assumption of office by U. S. congressmen, and items on politics and Bible study.
- 11: *L, July-September.*  
Items on a personal property problem, support, and radio stations.
- 12: *L, October-December.*  
Letters on a murder case, personal favors, and support.
- 13: *Mc, January-March.*  
Includes letters of support and concerns about a bank failure, voter registration at Devol, a pardon and parole, Mrs. O. O. Hammonds, boards of regents, evolution, politics, and the Joplin old fiddlers contest.
- 14: *Mc, April-June.*  
Includes clemency and other favors, support, and local taxes.
- 15-16: *Mc, July-September/Mc, October-December.*  
Concerns personal favors and the salvation of Matthew Kimes.

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*Office file.*

Information about legislation passed in 1927, including bill number, title, movement through the legislative process, final passage, and signing.

Box 5

Folder 1:

*M, January-March.*

Letters of support, items about politics, nurses training, prohibition violations, personal matters, a bond forfeiture case, and Harn's offer of land for a street.

2:

*M, April-June.*

Items are letters of support, a request for an audit of an independent school district, a letter about empire building, the governor's message to Lindbergh, a telegram congratulating Carl Albert, and material about natural gas, the plight of farmers, the Chicago Iron Works lawsuit, and a district judge for the Northwest district.

3:

*M, July-September.*

Concerns are the old folks' home and pensions, personal favors, the Osage County political ring, buying of clemency, the Ku Klux Klan, chaplains, and flood control.

4:

*M, October-December.*

Letters to Cecil B. DeMille about atheism, and items on personal favors, politics, crime control, a wayward girl, clemency, and pardons.

5:

*N, January-March.*

Includes letters of support and religious solicitations, a manuscript by J. A. Norman, the father of statehood, about his career, and correspondence from Norman as well as literature from the Nut Growers Association.

6:

*N, April-June.*

Letters deal with oil royalties, political loyalty, a weak local law enforcement, a National Kindergarten Association solicitation, an anti-Trapp letter, a church solicitation, triplets, and the Ku Klux Klan.

7:

*N, July-September.*

Topics include Sacco-Vanzetti, a proposed memorial boulevard in Washington, D. C., a National Democratic Review request for a Johnston article, mining law revision, and prison-made brooms. A flyer advertises J. A. Newsom, a religious speaker.

8:

*N, October-December.*

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- Folder 9: *O, January-March.*  
Includes letters of support, suggestions for saving money, and resolutions of support for both the National Defense Act of 1920 and swifter justice.
- 10: *O, April-June.*  
Topics include the old folks of Cheyenne and Arapaho.
- 11: *O, July-September.*  
Includes an audit request for Garfield County.
- 12: *O, October-December.*  
Topics are personal problems, capital punishment, and poultry.
- 13: *P, January-March.*  
Includes letters of support, a letter from Gifford Pinchot about the electric monopoly, and letters about tax sharks, politics, and the highway fund.
- 14: *P, April-June.*  
Items about John Brown's college, letters of support, and items about politics and corruption.
- 15: *P, July-September.*  
Letters deal with a monument to David L. Payne, a brochure describes the Pocahontas Virginia Community Church, a flyer about the Macedonia School House as well as letters about prohibition violations, religious solicitation, banking, and politics. A letter from Gifford Pinchot about corrupt election practices.
- 16: *P, October-December.*  
Includes a clipping entitled "A Dozen Reasons Why the Governor Should Be Impeached," information on Cecil B. DeMille, an inquiry about a missing person, Alexander Johnston, a solicitation from the Oklahoma Public Health Association, a proposal to make a film of Johnston, and advocacy of flood control.

Box 6

- Folder 1: *R, January-March.*  
Items deal with Romanian anti-Semitism, support for the governor, exclusion of blacks from the gallery of the state house of representatives, the abolition of the office of oil and gas inspector, the capitol cigar and candy vendor, politics at the state penitentiary, a flyer concerning Johnston's visit to Enid, and letters from A. S. Riddler.

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- Folder 2: *R, April-June.*  
Includes letters of support, items on the National Ministerial Alliance proposal for interracial cooperation, Matthew Kimes, a polluted creek, an appointment, and politics.
- 3: *R, July-September.*  
Items concern radio merchandising, the Kimes gang, politics, a missing person, the Pauls Valley Training School, letters of support, and financial statements from banks.
- 4: *R, October-December.*  
Topics include an unpaid bill, and a missing person.
- 5: *S, January-March.*  
Letters of support and items dealing with politics, workers compensation, the prohibition of carnivals, Americanism, the Stable Money Association, the Henry S. Johnston for Governor Club, clippings from the Black Dispatch about the NAACP, Langston and a black KKK as well as letters from Laurence Smith, principal of the Purcell separate school.
- 6: *S, January-March.*  
Includes the Oklahoma City Times for January 21, 1927 on the highway commission and highway law, and items are a suggestion for the control of overproduction of oil, press releases, a program from the Education for Parenthood conference, rumors of a war with Mexico, paved roads, cotton farmers, taxes, W. B. Shafer and the Southern states advertising fund, highway legislation, oil, and support.
- 7: *S, April-June.*  
Concerns a religious solicitation, John H. Scott's discussion of the saving power of "psychology," an item entitled "The Fanatic in Our Midst," the Pawhuska Journal-Capital for June 5, 1927, the Society of Tammany Fourth of July celebration, the Prisoners Relief Society industrial farm for independents of inmates, and the Monmouth Battle sesquicentennial.
- 8: *S, July-September.*  
Items concern the Stadium Corporation at Oklahoma A & M (includes 1927 campus map), Sacco and Vanzetti, the politics of personalities, and Southwestern Bell's switch to dial telephones in Oklahoma City.
- 9: *S, October-December.*  
Includes a tax complaint, requests from needy persons, a solicitation from the Cornish Home, a denied radio operator's license, a miracle cure, Prayers for August, money to be spent on the governor's mansion, clemency, and chiropractic medicine.



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- Folder 10: *T, January-March.*  
Items deal with letters of support, the Temple of Prayer Incorporated (includes a postcard photograph of the proposed temple), interest rate regulation, and the gasoline "trust."
- 11: *T, April-June.*  
Items on Bob Taylor Memorial Association, and the poem, "Oklahoma."
- 12: *T, July-September.*  
Letters deal with politics, repeal of obsolete laws, and orphans. Includes a clipping about "law enforcement," and material about Governor Dan Moody of Texas.
- 13: *T, October-December.*  
Topics include the Matthew Krimes case.

Box 7

- Folder 1: *W, January-March.*  
Items deal with executions, law enforcement actions, mandatory Bible reading in schools, good roads, road laws, lawlessness in Seminole, irregularities in the mine department, John Brown, support, world peace, a bank robbery, the National Welfare Association, and oil. Includes a letter to the Daily Oklahoman about politics, pro-Johnston editorials, and the program for the Victory Banquet celebrating seven years of prohibition.
- 2: *W, April-June.*  
Correspondents discuss the economic situation, personal favors, newspaper misrepresentation of Johnston, school money, politics, and support. The National Federation of Music Clubs promotes new music for "America the Beautiful."
- 3: *W, July-September.*  
Items deal with opposition to the Daily Oklahoman, politics, school attendance, personal favors, requests for information, dental matters, the Red River Valley Pecan Growers Association, and others.
- 4: *W, September-November.*  
Letters deal with personal favors, Al Jennings' movies, and politics.
- 5: *Q.*  
Congratulations and expressions of support.
- 6: *U.*  
Items on the United Safety Association, flag week, an audit of Garfield County, and Americanism.

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- Folder 7: *V.*  
Topics include gasoline, Antioch College, politics, requests for favors, support, and a letter from a genealogist.
- 8: *Y.*  
Mentioned are Lindbergh, a solution to agricultural problems, a complaint, letters of support, and National Thrift Week literature.
- 9: *Z.*  
Includes a thank you for an expression of sympathy, a private matter, support from Louise Zumwalt and Paul Brown.
- 10: *Secretary Mountcastle's Private Letters.*  
Includes letters about assorted civil cases and personal matters.
- 11: *Commencement Exercise Invitations.*  
Invitations to high school graduations.
- 12: *Miscellaneous file.*  
Includes a copy of a Moman Pruitt speech against Johnston's efforts to reform the criminal code, a note entitled "Perplexed," two unsigned messages, "A Prayer For You" from "Mother J", assorted poetry, "The Essence of Some of the Proofs that Christ Used My Mind to Start the Results Named in Isaiah II: 1-10, Beginning of Man's New World, a "Report on Sta Catarina & La Ampliacion Mining Property", and correspondence with Theodore Bilbo and H. E. Sullivan.
- 13: *Messages; Requests for Printed Copies.*  
Includes requests for copies of the governor's messages to the legislature, correspondence with J. F. Murray about the Chicago Bridge and Ironworks lawsuit.
- 14: *Forestry Congress.*  
Includes commissions declined and accepted, a note of the money due to Oklahoma from U. S. forests, a misfiled request for an audit, a misfiled requisition, copies of the Proceedings of the 8<sup>th</sup> Southern Forestry Congress 1926, and copies of two speeches by Congressman Martin Davey of Ohio Concerning forests.
- 15: *Miscellaneous Warrants Issued 1928.*

Box 8

- Folder 1: *Apothecary File.*  
Correspondence concerns tax free alcohol, bond applications and renewals, a list of bonded druggists, and reports of sales.

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- Folder 2: *Statements of Foreign Corporations.*  
Forms listing boards of directors, assets, etc. from such firms as International Harvester, B. F. Goodrich, and others.

Box 9

- Folder 1: *September Invitations.*  
Invitations to Rainbow Girls, county fairs, cities, the National Guard encampment, towns on his tour of Southeastern Oklahoma, the opening of the soldiers' ward at Norman, Lindbergh Day, the Petroleum Exposition, the Oklahoma Federation of Labor meeting, the function of the Reserve Officers Association, the Western States Taxpayers Association meeting, the dedication of the Saratoga battlefield, church functions, and others.
- 2-3: *November Invitations/December Invitations.*
- 4: *Office Copy, Transcript of Charter Amendments for Tulsa.*
- 5: *January-March Invitations.*

Box 10

- Folder 1: *May Invitations.*  
Invitations to religious services, dedications, the National Electric Light Association 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and conventions. Misfiled are a copy of the Indian Journal about Coolidge's veto of the McNary-Haugen Bill and correspondence with an applicant for the presidency of Oklahoma Business Academy at Tonkawa.
- 2: *July Invitations.*  
Includes an itinerary for the Fourth of July, and invitations include the American Prison Association meeting, and the Governors' Conference.
- 3-4: *August Invitations/October Invitations.*  
Includes invitations to Indian Day in the Black Hills.

Box 11

- Folder 1: *Proclamations.*  
During the years between 1927 and 1929 proclamations dealt with a charter amendment for Shawnee, Aviation Week, Boys Week, Child's Health Day, National Hospital Day, the 141<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the Constitution, Education Week, Fire Prevention Week, American Forest Week, Home Improvement Day and Tree Planting week, Law and Order Sunday, Southwestern American Livestock show, Relief for Flood Sufferers, War Risk Insurance Expiration Day, American Red Cross Fund Drive, Stroud becoming a city, an amendment to the El Reno city charter, the calling up of the National Guard against the governor's political

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Folder 1: enemies, initiative petitions, rewards, Armistice Day, Memorial Tree Planting Day, Cheyenne and Arapaho Day, Flag Day, Hospital Day, Labor Day, Memorial Day, Mothers Day, Navy Day, Oklahoma City Day, Boomer Day, Statehood Day, and Thanksgiving Day.

2: *Petitions.*

Includes a petition for an audit of Osage County after a county official and others were convicted of conspiracy to defraud.

3-4: *April Invitations/May Invitations.*

Includes invitations to the Carl Albert banquet.

Box 12

Folder 1: *Highway Department.*

Includes Meeting Minutes between 1927 and 1929 with gaps, copies of a summary of highway work from January 1919 to September 1922, and a report of expenditures of the Board of Medical Examiners for 1916.

2: *University of Oklahoma Financial Reports.*

Reports for 1925, 1926, 1928, and 1929.

3: *Metal Mining Act.*

Correspondence about proposed legislation of 1928; model legislation to regulate the mining of lead, zinc, and other metals.

4: *Executive Orders.*

Orders to Barrett relieving the National Guard of duty at the capitol, ordering the Guard to prevent unauthorized meetings in the capitol, and allowing members-elect to enter the Senate chamber.

5: *Miscellaneous.*

Includes the case made in the first degree rape case of James Edward Forrest, a death penalty case, a letter about the manufacture of fertilizer at the state penitentiary, a copy of a House bill authorizing the taxation of express companies, a list of school district populations by county according to the 1910 census, a copy of the Senate bill proposing to establish election boards, copies of House bills to establish a state Negro hospital and to relocate Negro training schools, an act creating the state police, an act about the sale of land received by the state through foreclosure, an act concerning the regulation of narcotics, an act about county boards of public welfare, acts concerning the regulation of child labor, a childrens' code commission, school attendance, maternity hospitals, protection of the eyes of new-born infants, parent-child relationships, pre-natal injuries, judicial districts, and a higher education coordinating board, a list of bills, information about a Nebraska law on

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Folder 5: indeterminate sentences, a joint resolution limiting the variety of degrees authorized to be given by state institutions, and a two page item on Henry Johnson v. the State.

6: *Miscellaneous.*  
Includes briefs relating to the Supreme Court case concerning the removal of the capitol to Oklahoma City, a case of alleged illegal appropriation of property decided by the territorial court, bill creating the state police, another copy of indeterminate sentences, a letter on the blue sky law, bill on vagrancy and infant abuse, a copy of the committee report about the financing of a state law enforcement department.

7: *Transcript from Pottawatomie County Court in Case of Tom Guest v. Oklahoma.*  
Murder case with the death penalty given.

**RG 8-G-2      Appointment and Office Register, Governor's Office**

Box 1

Folders 1-2: *August and December, 1927.*

3-11: *February through October, 1928.*

12: *Warrant Register, 1927-1928.*

**RG 8-G-3      Trial Transcripts**

Box 1

Folder 1: *State v. Webb Easterwood, 1927.*  
Case made, 1925 arson, and two protests of clemency, Carter County District Court.

2: *State v. Edgar Lane, 1927.*  
Case made, statutory rape, Carter County District Court.

3: *State v. Spencer Wiley and Francis Alston, 1927-1928.*  
Case made, murder, Kingfisher County District Court.

4: *Mary A. Adams v. Horace A. Adams, 1927.*  
Case made, Logan County District Court

**RG 8-G-4      Executive Journals (Ledgers)**