

## **Governor's Guide**

### **Governor William Murray**

#### **RG 8-I-1      Pardon and Parole**

Box 1

Folder 1:      *Correspondence, 1931-1934.*  
Includes a proclamation of Washington's Birthday in 1934, a letter recommending a pardon (Jefferson County politics), requests for leaves of absence, reprieves, temporary paroles, paroles, and movement of prisoners. Murray's reactions to occasional editorials about decisions.

2:      *Paroles, etc. 1931-1934.*  
Correspondence on paroles, leaves of absence, reprieves, pardons, and clemency. An item deals with the difficulty on the part of a law firm in collecting a fee because payment was attempted by means of the transfer of a deed to property not owned. Also included is a copy of the weekly letter about pardon and parole policy. Other letters explain aspects of the policy, and indicate Murray's personal opinions of the various types of crime. Matthew Kimes becomes an issue when rumors of his parole provoke letters and petitions of protest, forcing Murray to explain his release of Kimes. A misfiled letter deals with allegations that the Federal Emergency Relief Administration (FERA) spent too much money on mules.

#### **RG 8-I-2      Land Office**

Box 1

Folder 1:      *School Land Commission-1931, 1932, 1933.*  
Topics include minor rewards for political loyalty, and money problems such as requests for loan repayments extensions and a threat to sue the commission. Additional items are minutes for February 2, 1931, letters of endorsement, a list of loans owed by legislators and former legislators as of December 31, 1932 (with a list of land commissioners under each governor), an audit contract for 1932, material on foreclosure sales, a request for the right to cut wood on school lands, report of the secretary for 1931-1932, report of foreclosures as of December 31, 1932, and a letter from the secretary about a proposal to modify loan terms. The secretary threatened to resign. An executive order authorized the National Guard to bar the land office door to the pretended land office secretary and other persons in 1933. Other items concern the collection of delinquent interest, minutes for October 1933, a 1933 digest of laws concerning tax sales, an analysis of the Homestead Act, and a "statement of facts" by Murray about the situation in the secretary's office in 1933.

Box 1 Cont'd

- Folder 2: *School Land Transactions, 1932-1934.*  
The file includes material on questionable loans, a report of an investigative committee, a record of cash and securities transferred from Becketto Carpenter, a report of legal descriptions of farm loan foreclosures, a report of the audit of February 1932, on oil royalties, the charges against Sam Pollard of embezzlement, the colonization of Bolivia, drought relief, timber, re-sales, and more.

**RG 8-I-3      Federal Emergency Relief Administration (F.E.R.A.)**

Box 1

- Folder 1: *Rogers County, 1933.*  
Contains a 1931 application for stay of execution for Paul Cole, charges of irregularities in the Oklahoma Building and Loan Association, project proposals, and payroll records for Roger Mills and Latimer county projects.
- 2: *Rogers County, 1933.*  
Payrolls for Latimer and Roger Mills counties.
- 3: *Pottawatomie County, 1933.*  
Includes project proposals, quarterly requests for money by the capitol custodian for fiscal year 1934, and a copy of the Rules and Regulations adopted by the Emergency Relief Board, February 7, 1931.
- 4-5: *Pushmataha County and Roger Mills County, 1933.*  
Projects approved.
- 6: *Lake Murray, 1933.*  
Contents are an affidavit, claim, and itemized statement for making abstracts.
- 7-9: *Woods County and Washington County and Washita County, 1933.*  
Projects approved.
- 10: *Woodward County, 1933.*  
Projects approved and a county map showing locations of projects.
- 11: *Love County, 1933.*  
Projects approved and correspondence.
- Box 2
- Folder 1: *Seminole County, 1933.*  
Projects approved.

Box 2 Cont'd

Folder 2: *Atoka County, 1933.*

Requests for projects, employment materials, a resolution for the Wynona city dam, allegations of waste, and projects approved with related correspondence. Projects include Coal (with a profile of the proposed dam), Kingfisher, Okmulgee, and Pontotoc Counties. Items include an easement in Cotton County for Murray Lake, and projects in Texas, Tulsa, Seminole, Hughes, Nowata, and Delaware counties.

3: *Pontotoc County Indians Projects-Special, 1933.*

Projects approved for Pontotoc County Indians.

4: *Public Lakes Listed, 1933.*

Correspondence and resolutions on Byrd-Mill, Krebs City Lake, Hominy, Welston Lake, the Okmulgee County dam, the LeFlore County dam, Dustin Lake, Gage Lake, and assorted projects in Bristow, Seminole, Drumright, and Beaver. Items include maps, blue prints, a deed, and more.

5-8: *Pontotoc County and Stephens County and Texas County and Tillman County, 1933.*

Projects approved.

9: *Tulsa County, 1933.*

Correspondence and projects approved. The Tulsa NRA suggests a survey to determine the impact of relief programs on the unemployed.

10: *Oklahoma County Soup Kitchen, 1933.*

Items on supply authorizations and purchases. Includes both the soup kitchen and the State Relief Camp.

11: *Sequoyah County, 1933.*

Projects approved.

12: *Private Lakes Listed.*

Includes a list of lakes by county, a blueprint for Murray Lake and Dam, a deed for public access to a private lake on the condition that the state build and maintain a dam on said lake, and lake projects in Jefferson, Logan, and Muskogee counties. A resolution from Haskell provides right of access in return for a dam. Approvals are from Beaver, Delaware, and Beckham Counties. Correspondence concerns the project at Guymon. Other county projects are in Texas, Jackson, Jefferson, Harper, Greer counties, Fargo, Arnett, Shattuck, and Oklahoma. Tillman County material includes a near complete package on Lake Billie Murray Jr. Hughes and Roger Mills counties also have projects. A final item is a list of charters issued for October 1932.

Box 2 Cont'd

Folder 13: *Carter County, 1933.*

Topics include the 1932 Red Cross clothes making project, a boy scout camp, the American Legion, City Beautiful projects in Healdton, Ardmore, and others, a proposed RFC loan to build a Healdton city recreation lake, and 1933 cemetery and other clean-up ideas. Other projects include canning, building a sewing room, and creating a dam. Another letter concerns postage stamps.

14: *Pittsburg County, 1933.*  
Projects approved.

14(2): *Miscellaneous Projects, 1933.*

Unemployment relief census material from Okfuskee, Pittsburg, Nowata, Delaware, Harmon, Greer, Major, Washington, Osage, and Murray counties.

**RG 8-I-4      Miscellaneous**

Box 1

Folder 1: *William H. Murray-Special Messages, Addresses, Speeches, 1934.*

A telegram from Harry Byrd on the Madison memorial, a telegram to Governor Gifford Pinchot, deficiencies are sought to finance condemnations for Lake Murray, and a court decision requires the state to pay more than it originally offered. Other items are the governor's information letter about modes and methods of work relief, "Speech Delivered by Hon. Melvin Cornish, Chairman, Oklahoma Tax Commission, April 23, 1931," and material about a series of meetings on saving state money, proclamations of Hospital Day, prayer days, the National Congress on Unemployment Relief, additional pages of the Cornish speech, Murray's speech to the constitutional revision committee, and a press release about Murray's decoration day speech in Los Angeles. Additional items concern the declaration of martial law at the Red River Bridge, tax relief, restriction of depositories for public funds, financing of farm-to-market roads, and closing of propagated oil wells. A final item is a copy of "Extemporaneous Remarks by Murray before the legislative session of February 4, 1937."

2: *Claims Filed 155-180, 1933.*  
Miscellaneous, including rewards with affidavits.

3-12: *Charters Issued, 1931.*  
Monthly lists, January through October.

Box 1 Cont'd

Folder 13: *Duties of Secretary's Office, 1928.*  
Contents are a cover letter for a vetoed bill in July 1933, two copies of a letter from the secretary of state to Governor Johnston about the duties of the secretary of state, and a summary of activities and expenses for the governor's annual message.

14: *Certified Copy, Lake Elmer Thomas, 1939.*  
Includes copies from the secretary of state on material related to Wichita Little Medicine Lake and correspondence.

15: *Grady County Election, 1931.*  
Materials on the election to move territory from Grady to Stephens county includes a list of voters with notes about unauthorized voters, an affidavit about the comparative distance of the two county seats, minutes of the Grady County election board, a protest against the calling of the election, a list of petitioners for the election, an affidavit about the number of votes cast in the 1934 gubernatorial election in Grady County, township maps with calculations of the numbers of votes and a summary of the calculations, maps of Stephens and Grady counties, the proclamation of election and certification of posting, appointment of election commissioners, and protests and objections.

16-26: *Claims Filed, 1-283, 1932.*  
In order by month and claim number include office expenses, payrolls, rewards, and special investigations.

Box 2

Folders 1-15: *Claims Filed, 284-362, 1932- August 1933.*

16: *Unpaid Claims of Textbook Commission, 1932-1933.*  
Travel and office expenses.

17-28: *Claims Filed, July 1934-June 1935, 1-479.*

29: *Requisitions for Current Expenses, Governor's Office, Quarter ending June, 1934.*  
Ledger sheets.

30: *Monthly Reports Submitted to Auditor, 1932-1934.*  
Monthly reports of unspent balance in assorted numbered or named accounts.

Box 3

- Folder 1: *Investigation into the Petroleum Industry, 1931.*  
Includes a bound transcript of the proceedings of the governor's committee. It includes a history of the problem, cross examination, and recommendations.
- 2-6: *Meeting of State Board of Equalization, May, August-November 1932.*  
Minutes.
- 7: *Report of Sale of Alcohol for Non-Beverage Purposes, 1931.*  
Porter-Crew and Alexander drug reports of customers and quantities by month.
- 8: *Meeting, Board of Directors, Historical Society.*  
Minutes, December 22, 1930.
- 9: *Rewards Paid, 1931-1932.*  
Claims, affidavits, court documents, correspondence about armed robberies.
- 10: *Appropriations for Governor's Office, 1931-1935.*  
Lists of money appropriated each fiscal year by account.
- 11: *Claims Filed, 77-102, September-October 1933.*
- 12: *Deficiency Certificates, 1931-1935.*  
Criminal Identification Bureau, FERA, blind teacher authority, Department of Public Health, land for Lake Murray, and salaries. Includes a summary of taxes paid in Oklahoma during 1934, an estimate of the general revenue fund for 1935, and a letter about renting or purchasing a typewriter.
- 13: *Report, Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, 1932-1934.*  
Monthly reports of the number of transactions by type.

Box 4

- Folder 1: *Senate Bills to be approved by Governor, April-May 1935.*  
Contained are cover letters for enrolled senate bills and joint resolutions.
- 2: *House Bills to be approved by Governor, April 24-30, 1935.*  
Contained are cover letters for enrolled house bills and joint resolutions,
- 3: *Meetings of Land Office Commission, May 1932.*
- 4: *Deficiency Certificates, 1-2-3, 1932-1933.*  
Board of education salaries and printing expenses.

Box 4 Cont'd

- Folder 5: *Claims, Trial of Bill Guess, 1932.*  
Claims, statement of expenses, deficiency.
- 6: *Special Message of Governor, Deficiency Claims, 1933.*  
A copy of the message of the governor to the legislature itemizing pre-1931 deficiencies still outstanding. A 1933 letter about salary warrants.
- 7-17: *Charters Issued, January-November 1932.*
- 18-24: *Meetings, State Board of Equalization, May-November 1933.*  
Minutes.
- 25: *Reports of State Departments and Institutions, 1932.*  
A cover letter.
- 26: *Reports of State Departments and Institutions, 1935.*  
A cover letter.
- 27: *Report of Sale of Alcohol for Non-Beverage Purposes, 1932.*  
Includes two copies of the Porter-Crew report for October, a copy of the annual report of the OSBI fingerprint division for 1932, additional Porter-Crew and Alexander monthly reports, and letters about expired bonds.
- 28: *Claims Filed, January 1931.*  
Miscellaneous office expenses.
- 29: *Deficiency Certificates 24-30, 1930-1931.*  
Lists and copies of deficiencies, and correspondence requesting and justifying.
- 30-39: *Charters Issued, March-December 1933.*

Box 5

- Folder 1: *Charters Issued, January 1933.*  
Includes alcohol reports of the Alexander Drug Company from 1933 through 1936, two 1935 letters about approved apothecary bonds, a 1931 letter about the rules and regulations of sale.
- 2: *Charters Issued, February 1933.*  
List.
- 3: *Report of Sale of Alcohol for Non-Beverage Purposes, 1933.*  
Contents include one Alexander monthly report for May 1935 and 1935 letters listing approved bonds.

Box 5 Cont'd

Folder 4-5: *Meetings of State Board of Equalization-June-July 1932.*  
Minutes.

- 6: *Rewards-Letters Pertaining to Rewards, 1934.*  
Includes a 1929 claim for the 1928 capture of Bill Maggert, a 1931 claim for the capture of J.B. Payne, a 1935 claim and letter to Marland requesting a reward for assistance in capturing the murderer C.N. Nunn in 1934, 1935 correspondence about the reward for Pretty Boy Floyd, a 1927 proclamation offering a reward for capturing bank robbers, correspondence about the reward for the capture of Floyd Norris, accused murderer of W.H. Berry, and more from 1934-1935.
- 7: *Appointments and Commissions, November-December 1934.*  
The file contains materials about the appointments of a district judge, county commissioners, members of the board of affairs, and regent Lloyd Noble. Other material includes a 1934 deportation letter, 1934 paroles, a 1934 assignment of contract by the fire marshal to pay off a loan, financial matters, a proclamation of Memorial Day, and additional appointments including judges and members of the governor's staff.
- 8: *Appointments and Commissions, September, 1934.*  
Appointments of a dental examiner, county commissioners, and members of the governor's staff.
- 9: *Appointments and Commissions, August 1934.*  
Appointments are of a textbook commissioner and a large number of colonels on the governor's staff.
- 10: *Appointments and Commissions, July 1934.*  
Items concern the disqualification of a judge and his replacement, the appointment of Lloyd Noble as regent, an appointment to the textbook commission, a list of regents, endorsement of Noble, appointments of judges county commissioner appointments, and commissions of more colonels.
- 11-12: *Appointments and Commissions, April-June 1934.*
- 13: *Deficiency Certificates Issued by Governor Marland, 1934-1935.*  
List and copies of certificates.
- 14: *Appointments and Commissions, April 1934.*  
Justices and a county commissioner.



Box 5 Cont'd

Folder 15: *Executive Appointments, 1934.*

Items include a reward, an authorization of the secretary of state to go into debt, special attorney appointments, a cancelled textbook contract, an appointment of a judge, a proclamation and appointment of delegates to the International Petroleum Exposition, a deficiency authorization and a claim for A & M College, an alcohol bond, a soldiers' unit at Central State Hospital, refunds of the gross production tax, and other material.

16: *Proclamations, 1934.*

Includes a reward, Oklahoma Day at the Chicago World's Fair in 1933, Washington's Birthday, mourning for Charles Haskell in 1933, a bank holiday, a voting holiday, and reward paperwork for Earl Quinn.

17: *Miscellaneous.*

Includes claims from 1934.

18: *Messages and Remarks to the Legislature, 1931.*

19: *Convention on 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment, 1933.*

Includes appointments of delegates to county conventions, appointments of electors, and lists on delegate selection in attempting to repeal prohibition.

20: *Report of Committee of Ministers to Investigate and Inspect the Fifteen Charitable and Eleemosynary Institutions of Oklahoma.*

Box 6

Contents are case-mades for the 1932 murder case of State v. Proctor McDonald, the 1932 murder case of State v. Charlie Lattimer, the 1936 murder case of State v. Roy Hodges and C.F. Daley, and 1930 murder conviction appeal of Noah Langley v. State.

Box 7

Contents are the two volume case-made in the 1931 murder case of State v. Earl Quinn.

Box 8

Contained is the third volume of the Quinn case-made as well as the case-made in the 1931 murder case of the State v. Ira J. Elder.

Box 9

Case-mades are for State v. Bennie Sango, a 1931 murder case, and State v. John and Ben Hughes, a 1926 armed robbery case.

## Box 10

Case-mades for the State v. W.E. Karr, 1931 murder, Tom Fench, Jr., 1933 murder, Chester Sasser, et al, 1934 armed robbery, R.B. Carpenter, 1932 auto theft, Jack Poppino and Clarence Welch, 1931 robbery by force, and John Neeld, 1931 murder.

## Box 11

Case-mades for the State v. Fillmore Davis in a 1931 murder case and the State v. John Lemke in a 1933 murder case.

## Box 12

Materials on the clemency request for Blue Rigsby and include the case-made in the 1931 murder case.

## **RG 8-I-5      Legislative Correspondence**

### Box 1

- Folder 1:      *Communications to the 14<sup>th</sup> Legislature, January 1933.*  
Includes a printed copy of the first message for 1933, a cover letter for state agency reports from 1932, a list of appointments of county federal relief directors, a message to the house about money for the Sulphur tuberculosis hospital, a special message about deficiencies, a special message about a corrupt justice of peace in Caddo County, a special message about senatorial footdragging, and a report of the land office commissioners.
- 2:      *Communications to 14<sup>th</sup> Legislature, February 1933.*  
Includes a message to the senate about Cicero and the oil control investigation, an affidavit about senate bribery, a special message about mortgage foreclosure, a message and executive order about highway commission reform, a message impugning the character of witness in the oil investigation, a veto, and a letter about bills approved.
- 3:      *Communications to 14<sup>th</sup> Legislature, March 1933.*  
Items concern bills approved, Murray's appearance before a joint session, the emergency banking law, vetoes, Lake Murray, and suggestions for modification of certain bills.
- 4:      *Communications to 14<sup>th</sup> Legislature, April 1933.*  
Contents are vetoes of bills, approvals, advocacy of specific bills, and a report of federal work relief in Oklahoma for April 1933.

Box 1 Cont'd

- Folder 5: *Communications to 14<sup>th</sup> Legislature, May 1933.*  
Contains Murray's message defending his handling of relief money, a request that tax legislation be given emergency status, a report of audit of the land office, and suggested legislation.
- 6: *Communications to 14<sup>th</sup> Legislature, June 1933.*  
Items deal with signed bills, vetoes, suggested legislation, reports to Murray about the Bar Commission Fund, appropriations for the textbook commission, suggestions for the formation of the Oklahoma Rangers, and an oil depletion clause to the income tax bill.
- 7: *Communications to 14<sup>th</sup> Legislature, July 1933.*  
Includes a copy of an act to transport pupils, a message about the signing of the income tax law, suggested legislation, a message about the sales tax law, bills approved and a message about the Red River case and the resulting lawsuit.
- 8: *Messages to 13<sup>th</sup> Legislature.*  
Contents are a printed copy of the second message to the legislature in 1931, copies of Murray's extemporaneous remarks of February 4, 1931, and Murray's last message to the 13<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

**RG 8-I-6      Executive Journals (Ledgers)**