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Collection Summary

Title: Robert Latham Owen Papers

Span Dates: 1910-1941

ID No.: MSS35311

Creator: Owen, Robert Latham, 1856-1947

Extent: 1,640 items

Extent: 8 containers

Extent: 3.2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: United States senator from Oklahoma, banker, and lawyer. Correspondence, memoranda, drafts of articles and speeches, a manuscript of a book about money, annotated copies of the *Congressional Record* and legislative bills, graphs, statistics, newspaper clippings, and printed matter relating primarily to fiscal and monetary issues.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Binderup, Charles Gustav, 1873-1950--Correspondence.

Coughlin, Charles E. (Charles Edward), 1891-1979--Correspondence.

Cromwell, James H. R. (James Henry Roberts), 1896- --Correspondence.

Farley, James A. (James Aloysius), 1888-1976--Correspondence.

Fisher, Irving, 1867-1947--Correspondence.

Glass, Carter, 1858-1946--Correspondence.

Moley, Raymond, 1886-1975--Correspondence.

Owen, Robert L. (Robert Latham), 1856-1947.

Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945--Correspondence.

Voorhis, Jerry, 1901-1984--Correspondence.

Subjects

Credit.

Depressions.

Finance, Public.

Finance.

Money.

Occupations

Bankers.

Lawyers.

Senators, U.S. Congress--Oklahoma.

Provenance

The papers of Robert Latham Owen, United States senator from Oklahoma, banker, and lawyer, were given to the Library of Congress by Owen in 1931 and 1942.

Processing History

The papers of Robert Latham Owen were arranged and described in 1995. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Robert Latham Owen is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Robert Latham Owen are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Robert Latham Owen Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1856, Feb. 2	Born, Lynchburg, Va.
1877	M.A., Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.
1880	Admitted to the bar and began law practice, Tahlequah, Okla.
1885-1889	United States Indian agent for the Five Civilized Tribes
1889	Married Daisey D. Hester
1890	Organized and became president of First National Bank of Muskogee, Muskogee, Okla.
1892-1896	Member, Democratic National Committee
1907-1935	United States senator, Okla.
1908	LL.D., Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.
1913-1947	Organized and served as chairman of the National Popular Government League
1926	Practiced law, Washington, D.C.
1947, July 19	Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Robert Latham Owens (1856-1947) span the years 1910-1941. The bulk of collection consists of material after Owen's retirement from the United States Senate in 1925. The papers are divided into three series: [General Correspondence](#), [Speeches, Articles, and Book File](#), and [Miscellany](#).

The [General Correspondence](#) contains letters between Owen and members of Congress, cabinet members, and other public officials. Most of the correspondence relates to Owen's views on monetary matters, especially during the depression period. [The Speeches, Articles, and Book File](#) includes drafts of articles and speeches, and a manuscript of a book about money. Files in the [Miscellany](#) series include annotated copies of the *Congressional Record* and legislative bills, statistical information, newspaper clippings and printed matter relating to fiscal matters such as the causes of economic depressions and government control of currency and credit. Correspondents include Charles Gustav Binderup, Charles E. Coughlin, James H. R. Cromwell, Irving Fisher, James A. Farley, Carter Glass, Raymond Moley, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Jerry Voorhis.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in three series:

- [General Correspondence, 1926-1941](#)

- Speeches, Articles, and Book File, 1920-1941
- Miscellany, 1910-1940

Description of Series

Container	Series
BOX 1-4	<p><u>General Correspondence, 1926-1941</u> Incoming and outgoing letters and telegrams. Arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX 5-7	<p><u>Speeches, Articles, and Book File, 1920-1941</u> Handwritten and typewritten drafts of speeches, articles, and Owen's book titled <i>Money</i>. Arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX 7-8	<p><u>Miscellany, 1910-1940</u> Manuscripts, memoranda, annotated copies of the <i>Congressional Record</i> and legislative bills, notes, graphs, tables, press clippings, and printed material. Arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.</p>

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BOX 1-4	General Correspondence, 1926-1941 Incoming and outgoing letters and telegrams. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 1	1926, Jan.-1936, Mar. (15 folders)
BOX 2	1936, Apr.-1938, May (15 folders)
BOX 3	1938, aug.-1939, Apr. (11 folders)
BOX 4	1939, May-1941, Mar. (15 folders)
BOX 5-7	Speeches, Articles, and Book File, 1920-1941 Handwritten and typewritten drafts of speeches, articles, and Owen's book titled <i>Money</i> . Arranged chronologically.
BOX 5	Articles and speeches
BOX 5	1920-1941, undated (13 folders)
BOX 6	Undated (13 folders)
BOX 7	Book, <i>Money</i> , undated (5 folders)
BOX 7-8	Miscellany, 1910-1940 Manuscripts, memoranda, annotated copies of the <i>Congressional Record</i> and legislative bills, notes, graphs, tables, press clippings, and printed material. Arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.
BOX 7	Bills, resolutions, and comments, 1937-1938
BOX 7	Biographical material, undated
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BOX 8	Manuscripts, memoranda, and comments, 1937-1939, undated
BOX 8	National Monetary Commission, 1910
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BOX 8	Press clippings, 1929-1940, undated
BOX 8	Printed matter, 1913-1940, undated (2 folders)

Miscellany, 1910-1940

Container Contents

BOX 8 Statistics, graphs, and tables, 1930-1940, undated