

Information Sheet

R **Ritter family.**
100 **Ritter and Howard families, papers, 1850-1956.**
 Fifty folders and nine volumes.

THIS COLLECTION IS IN OFF-SITE STORAGE. AT LEAST TWO DAYS' ADVANCE NOTICE IS REQUIRED FOR RESEARCH USE.

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Three generations of two families are represented in this collection. Both the Ritter and Howard families settled in Jasper County just before the Civil War, and both followed similar pursuits after the war. They were linked in 1920 by the marriage of H. A. "Bill" Howard and Mae Ritter.

Most of the material in the collection falls into three general categories: land and farm records, mining leases, and the records of the Stone School District. Printed material from the Anti-Horse Thief Association and papers pertaining to public works in Jasper County during the 1920s and 1930s comprise two other, smaller, categories.

Although neither family actively engaged in mining on their properties around Oronogo and Carl Junction, both leased their lands to prospecting and mining firms. Included here are leases and related correspondence, prospect drill records, and a ledger detailing royalty payments made by mining companies operating on J. S. Wright's lands near Carl Junction. Chronologically the records reflect the period of greatest production in the mineral district of southwestern Missouri.

The farm papers include a multitude of deeds, rent records, and a set of farm records kept by H. A. Howard, 1939-1954. Also included are records pertaining to several unallotted parcels of land purchased in Indian Territory (now in McCurtain and Mayes counties, Oklahoma) by Lewis G. Howard in 1911-1914. Howard worked through the U.S. Indian Service to complete the transactions, the details of which are found in Folder 8. The same folder contains papers pertaining to the construction during World War II of a U.S. Army ordnance plant near Pryor, Oklahoma, on land owned by the Howards.

The largest group of records in the collection are those of the Stone School District, 1903-1940. Seven bound volumes and fifteen folders of loose material are available, which represent all the varieties of records kept by the teachers and officers of the district. The collection contains term and monthly reports of the teachers and district clerks, financial reports from the county treasurer to the district, annual enumeration of

students, teacher's contracts and applications, and miscellaneous receipts and correspondence. The records are from the papers of Arthur and Rosa Ritter, who were officers of the district for over twenty years.

Arthur Ritter also was involved in other public duties, including positions as commissioner of the Carl Junction Public Road District, and supervising engineer on various Works Progress Administration projects sponsored by the Jasper County Relief Organization. Ritter's appointments as road commissioner and WPA project proposals are in Folders 20 and 21.

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- Volume 1: District Record Book, 1906-1912.
- Volume 2: District Clerk's Record, 1921-1929.
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- Volume 4: District Clerk's Record, 1933-1939.
- Volume 5: Teacher's Record of Attendance and Standing, 1920-1925
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Volume 8: Mining royalty ledger, J. S. Wright, Jasper County, Mo., 1883-1902.

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