

Descriptions of Available Unprocessed Collections -- UT School of Law

These collections are available for research but have not been fully processed. Occasionally an inventory or checklist is available for researchers in the Rare Books Reading Room.

Leo G. Blackstock papers, 1925-1979, bulk 1940-1955.

- *Extent:* 6.5 linear ft.
- *Blackstock, Leo G., 1899-1972.* Blackstock taught at Trinity University (1924-25) and Sam Houston State Teachers College (1925-27) before joining the faculty of The University of Texas in 1927 as Professor of Business Law. He was also a Visiting Professor in the School of Law (1953-66), teaching military law and legal accounting. During 1937-39 he took a leave to serve as Chief Examiner, Gas Utilities Division, Texas Railroad Commission. Blackstock was called to active duty in the U.S. Army, Judge Advocate General's Corps, in 1940. He served in the New Guinea and Philippine campaigns (1944-45) and prosecuted Japanese war criminals as Chief of the Prosecution Division, General Headquarters, Tokyo (1945-1948). He left active duty as a colonel and returned to his teaching duties at The University in 1948, until his retirement in 1971. He received his B.A. (1923), M.B.A. (1925), and LL.B. (1933) from The University of Texas.
- *Scope and Content:* Case files contain correspondence, reports, and case files relating to Blackstock's service as prosecutor in trials of Class B and Class C war criminals in Japan, and in courts-martial. Instructional materials include manuals, outlines, and handouts for courses on military law. Printed materials on military law include slip opinions, manuals, newsletters, and other material. Military records contain rosters, orders, memoranda, and other records documenting Blackstock's service in the Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Army, and also include correspondence and oaths of allegiance of the League of Defenders [sic] (1942-1945), who apparently fought the Japanese in Mindanao, Philippines. Faculty papers relate to Blackstock's service as a faculty member in the UT-Austin School of Business and School of Law. Photographs show Blackstock and other participants in the Judge Advocate General's School. Sojourn in Occupied Japan, by Graham Belcher (Mrs.

Leo G.) Blackstock, describes life in Japan during the U.S. occupation.

- *Arrangement:* Organized in the following series: I. Case files, Japanese war crimes, 1945-49. II. Case files, courts-martial. III. Instructional materials, military law, U.S. Army. IV. Instructional materials, military law, University of Texas School of Law. V. Printed materials, military law, 1940-1955. VI. Military records. VII. Faculty papers. VIII. Personal papers. IX. Photographs, Judge Advocate General's School, 5 items, 1952-1953. X. Maps, Third Army maneuvers, Texas-Louisiana, 5 items, 1940. XI. Sojourn in Occupied Japan / Graham Belcher Blackstock, 1 volume, 1979.

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Faculty writings collection, 1907-[ongoing].

- *Extent:* Over 3,500 vols.
- *Scope and Content:* A collection of publications authored by the School of Law faculty which documents the development of legal education and legal scholarship at The University of Texas. It includes books, mimeographed casebooks, complete issues of journals, article reprints, photocopies of articles, and a few typescript drafts & speeches. As of 1996, the collection contained works by 151 authors, with over 200 items added each year. Since at least the 1980s, the Tarlton Law Library has asked law professors to donate their publications. Other items have been transferred from the Law Library's general collection, separated from manuscript collections, or donated by others. The earliest item in the collection is GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF THE LAW OF TORTS by John C. Townes (1907), and the earliest Law School casebook is Leon Green's CASES ON CIVIL PROCEDURE IN TRIAL COURTS (1925).
- *Arrangement:* Arranged by author. Most publications of current faculty are on display in the Faculty Writings Exhibit.
- *Finding aid:* Items added since 1992 are entered in a database; inquire in the Tarlton Law Library's Rare Book Reading Room for details.

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Lauch McLaurin papers, 1890-1920, bulk 1907-1920.

- *Extent:* 1.5 linear ft. (4 boxes).
- *McLaurin, Lauch, 1854-1920.* A professor of law at the University of Texas School of Law (1907-1920), Judge Lauch McLaurin (1854-1920) was born in Simpson County, Mississippi, and privately educated in Hinds County and Brandon, Mississippi. Graduating from the University of Mississippi with a B.A. degree in 1874, McLaurin studied with Gen. Robert Lowery for the bar which he passed at the age of 21. Setting up practice in Port Gibson, Mississippi in 1876, McLaurin became the youngest man ever appointed to the office of Chancellor (1883-1890). In 1890 he resigned the office of Chancellor of the 10th District of Mississippi to move to Dallas where he established a corporate law practice with Judge Bookhut and later with Gen. A.P. Wozencraft. Their clients included Southwestern Telegraph & Telephone Company and Postal Telegraph-Cable Company. In 1907 McLaurin resigned from his lucrative private practice to accept an appointment to teach law at the University of Texas which he continued to do until his death on Dec. 21, 1920. McLaurin and his wife, Ida Steven McLaurin, had no surviving children.
- *Scope and Content:* The bulk of the collection consists of McLaurin's course materials for Commerical Paper (1911-1920), Constitutional Law (1910-1920), Municipal Corporations (1909-1920), and Suretyship and Guaranty (1911-1920). Of particular interest are the materials from the investigation of Dr. Albert Benedict Wolfe of the University of Texas Department of Economics and Sociology on charges of promoting socialism and free love. Included are correspondence, the transcript of the proceedings, McLaurin's personal notes and draft of the committee report, and the findings of the investigating committee (1920). McLaurin's personal papers consist primarily of financial records, insurance policies, and materials relating to his real estate holdings in Dallas, Texas (1890-1920) including tax bills and receipts, statements of account, and deeds. Of note is the T. Richardson correspondence (1920) in which Richardson, a 72-year old postal worker in Boston, former Black Republican and principal of the black school in Port Gibson, Mississippi, appealed to McLaurin to help him

obtain the federal pension denied him by the postal service. The papers of Tom Scurry, a law student who lived briefly with the McLaurins in the spring of 1919, are also included in the collection.

- *Arrangement:* As with other men of his era, McLaurin bundled his papers in used envelopes or secured them with string or rubber bands. Correspondence, financial records, and legal documents are often arranged together to maintain the original order of his papers.

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Law School subject vertical files, 1897- [ongoing], bulk ca. 1940-present.

- *Extent:* 14 linear ft. (34 boxes).
- *Scope and Content:* The Law School Subject Vertical Files contain news clippings, ephemera, publications, correspondence, and other materials documenting the history of the University of Texas School of Law and its activities, traditions, students, organizations, publications, and faculty. Tarlton Law Library staff has continually added new material to the files since at least the 1950s. Files may also contain cross references to other sources in the Law Library. Materials include biographical source on Law School faculty and outstanding alumni; and materials documenting Law School buildings, the Peregrinus (the Law School mascot), and other Law School traditions.
- *Arrangement:* The subject files are organized into the following series: general Law School material; Law School activities & traditions; students & law classes; Law School publications & organizations; lectures, conferences & other special events; and Law School faculty. The subject files are arranged alphabetically within each series; items within the files are arranged chronologically.
- *Finding aid:* A detailed finding aid to the collection is available in the Tarlton Library's Rare Book Reading Room.

Law school photograph collection, 1883-[ongoing] .

- *Extent:* About 300 photographs and negatives.

- *Scope and Content:* An artificial collection of several hundred photographs which document the faculty, students, facilities, and traditions of the University of Texas School of Law. Of special note are the series of composite photographs of the Law School's senior classes and faculty, which begin with the first graduating class in 1884 and continue until 1960. Other significant groups include photographs of the various buildings which have housed the Law School, and of the faculty. Some photographs were separated from manuscript collections.
- *Arrangement:* Organized into the following series: I. Law school buildings, 1953, undated; II. Activities and traditions, 1911, 1987; III. Law classes, 1883-1982; IV. Individual law students, 1884-1979; V. Law school faculty (individuals), [ca. 1905-ongoing]; VI. Law school faculty (groups), 1912-1995.
- *Finding aid:* A detailed finding aid to the collection is available in the Tarlton Library's Rare Book Reading Room.

Records of the Legal Eagles football team, 1955-1997.

- *Extent:* 0.3 linear ft. 21 color photographs.
- *Legal Eagles (Football team).* The Legal Eagles, an intramural football team from the School of Law, University of Texas at Austin, have frequently won Law School and Graduate School football league championships. Professor Charles Alan Wright coached the Legal Eagles since their inception in 1955 to 1991, when he became Athletic Director and Professor Thomas O. McGarity took over as coach. Substitute coaches over the years have included Professors Bernard J. Ward and Fred Cohen, and Mr. Don Dickson.
- *Scope and Content:* "The Legal Eagles, 1955-1992," a booklet compiled by Kathy R. Bartsch, sketches the team's history with win-loss records, rosters, clippings, and a directory of former players; team statistics for 1993-1995, and 1997 update this information. Correspondence (1970-1981) consists mainly of invitations from coaches Charles Alan Wright and Bernard J. Ward to former Legal Eagles to play on the Eagle Exes team for the annual "Beer Bowl" game and the replies, and includes reminiscences about past

games. Also included are team rosters, schedules and scores of past games, and group photographs of the Legal Eagles and Eagle Exes.

- *Arrangement:* 1. "The Legal Eagles, 1955-1992" (1 vol.). -- 2. Rosters, schedules & statistics, 1955-1993. -- 3-4. Correspondence, 1970-1981. -- 5. Correspondence, Charles Alan Wright and Bernard J. Ward, 1966-1979. -- 6. Photographs, 1967-1995, 1997 & undated. -- 7-10. Team statistics, 1993-1995, 1997.

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Bryant Smith papers, 1933-1973.

- *Extent:* 10 items.
- *Smith, Bryant, 1888-1973.* A professor of law, University of Texas, 1926-1939, Bryant Smith received his LL.B. from the University of Colorado (1916) and a J.S.D. from Yale University (1927). Before coming to Texas he taught law at the University of Colorado (1919-20) and Washington University (1920-26), and taught at Arizona after leaving Texas. He taught and published in constitutional law and a variety of property and business law topics.
- *Scope and Content:* Materials include: text of a speech Bryant gave in 1933(?) to the graduating class of his alma mater, Guilford College, N.C.; typescript draft of "The Menace of the Years", which was published in POLITICAL SCIENCE QUARTERLY 54:2 (June 1939), 161-174; correspondence and partial typescript drafts for a work critical of the U.S. Supreme Court's Brown v. Board of Education decision and racial integration in general, entitled "Racial Contradictions and Paradoxes" and/or "The National Conscience and Southern Wrong", which was rejected in 1964 by Bobbs-Merrill Co. Photocopies of originals.