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Connelley, William Elsey (1855-ca. 1929)  
Papers 1854-1925  
2.33 feet

**Author.** Correspondence (ca. 1923) regarding the Benders of Kansas, and the genealogy of families in Big Sandy Valley, Kentucky; notebooks (ca. 1854-1913) concerning the Civil War, William Quantrill, Indians, linguistics, border wars, Kansas history prior to the 20th century, and the genealogy of families of Big Sandy Valley, Kentucky; clippings (ca. 1855-1900) concerning Indian mythology, legends, and relations with whites, the Civil War within Kansas and adjoining states, as well as other Kansas history; manuscripts (ca. 1902) concerning politics, Indian mythology, folklore, linguistics, and relations with whites, John Brown, William Quantrill, and Kansas history; and pamphlets (1857-1925) concerning politics within and between Indian and white groups, Indian mythology, folklore, linguistics, "Wild Bill" Hickok, and John Brown. The collection also includes diaries (1858-1911) of Connelley, and of George Ela who writes of Kansas farm life, local Indian groups and their linguistics, and his Civil War experiences at Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

**Box 1**

1. Articles:
  - a. Excerpt from *Our Red Brother*, June 28, 1894, on the "Indian Territory", and a list of intermarried Chickasaw and Choctaw citizens.
2. Portion of a manuscript entitled, "Wild Horses," apparently intended for the *Chronicles of Oklahoma*.
3. Drawings. Various animals giving the type of picture Connelley wants to be used to depict the animals in his stories.
  - a. Deer; Wolf; Turtle; Bear; Swan; Hawk; Beaver; Porcupine.
4. Paper read by William E. Connelley, Secy. of the Kansas State Historical Society, at Manhattan, October 25, 1929, on the occasion of the celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the city of Manhattan.
5. Clippings:
  - a. "A Missourian after Whom a Town, a Mountain, and a River are Named, (Bill Williams)" from the *St. Louis Globe Democrat*, December 24, 1911.