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Cutlip, C. Guy (1881-1938)
Papers 1867-1967
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Judge. Records (1930-1931) of the Oklahoma Bar Association's board of governors; speeches (1927-1936) by Cutlip; manuscripts (n.d.) regarding the history of Seminole County, Oklahoma, Wewoka, Oklahoma, and the Seminole Indian Nation; Seminole Indian land allotment certificates (1901-1902); Cutlip's travel diaries and personal diaries (1920-1936); records (1905-1910) of the Wewoka Masonic Lodge; and a financial ledger (1867-1872) of the Wewoka Trading Company.

Provenance of Records

C. Guy Cutlip was born near Medicine Lodge, Kansas, on April 6, 1881. In 1889 his family made the run into Oklahoma, settling at Kingfisher. In 1895 they moved to Tecumseh. After a public school education, Cutlip worked as a clerk and stenographer for Judge J. D. F. Jennings until 1901 when he became a stenographer for a lawyer in Wewoka. In 1902 he and his father tried the banking business for short time. Cutlip then became a clerk for the Atlas Abstract Company of Holdenville, which gave him useful training in oil leases. Through private study he became an attorney at Wewoka. From 1908 to 1911, he served as assistant county attorney for Seminole county. In 1919, he bought the Wewoka Trading Company and the Wewoka Realty and Trust Company, which were destroyed by fire in 1925. He was a law partner to Thomas J. Horsley. In 1930, Cutlip became a member of the Board of Governors of the Oklahoma Bar Association. In 1931 Governor William H. Murray appointed Cutlip as judge of the newly created Superior Court at Seminole; he was then elected to the position in 1934. Late in 1936 Cutlip was incapacitated by a heart attack. Recovering, he returned to court in the summer of 1937 only to suffer a second attack that fall. He died on January 24, 1938.

Cutlip was active in the Wewoka Masonic Lodge and a member of the Lions Club. He served as the first president of the local Chamber of Commerce. He was Wewoka's first mayor from 1921, 1926 and a delegate to the 1932 Democratic National Convention.

Cutlip married Amo Butts in 1903. Their daughter Maxine (Mrs. Claud Douglas) was born in 1906. Amo Cutlip, who served as president of the Oklahoma Federation of Women's Clubs, died on January 14, 1945.

Description of Collection