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Register of Papers

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ROBERT LATHAM OWEN

(1856 - 1947)

The papers of Robert Latham Owen, banker, monetary reformer, U. S. Senator from Oklahoma, were presented to the Library of Congress by Senator Owen.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 2 shelves

Approximate number of items: 2,600  
17 containers

The papers are open to students and may be used under Library restrictions.

No dedication of literary right to Senator Owen's collection exists.

## Biographical Note

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| 1856, Feb. 3  | Born, Lynchburg, Virginia                                    |
| 1877          | A.M., Washington and Lee University                          |
| 1880          | Began practice of law  |
| 1885-89       | U. S. Indian Agent for Five Civilized Tribes                 |
| 1889, Dec. 31 | Married Daisey D. Hester                                     |
| 1890-1900     | Organizer and President, First National Bank of Muskogee     |
| 1892-96       | Member, Democratic National Committee                        |
| 1907-25       | U. S. Senator from Oklahoma - drafter of Federal Reserve Act |
|               | Practiced law after retirement from Senate                   |
| 1947, July 19 | Died   |

Author of: The Federal Reserve Act. 1919.

See: Who Was Who in America, 1943-50, vol. II, Marquis.

Description of Series

The small collection of Owen papers is disappointing in that it consists mostly of papers collected after Mr. Owen retired from the Senate, and fail to mirror his work there.

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The papers show Mr. Owen's continuing interest in monetary matters and the functioning of the Federal Reserve Board, together with throw-backs to the old argument as to who was primarily responsible for the passage of the Federal Reserve Act.

The files are now being re-arranged. Correspondence is for the period 1932-38, but earlier papers would be more valuable. Senator Owen's records were left in the Senate Office Building.