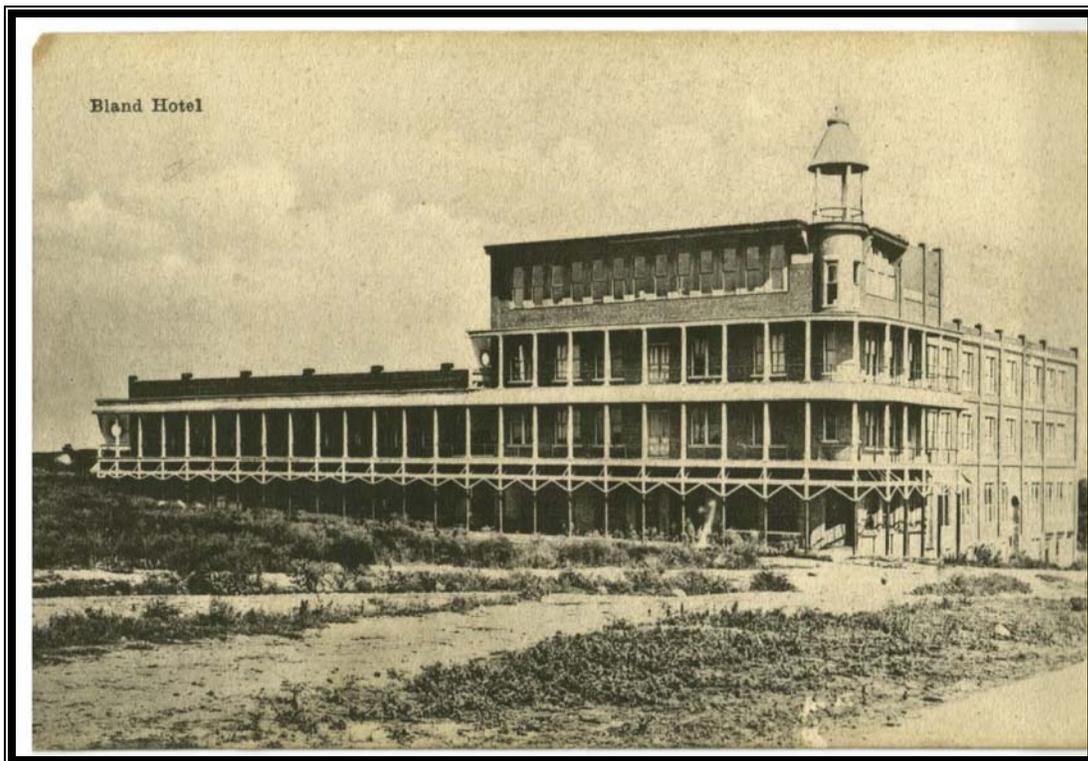




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Acquisition:

Found at Chickasaw National Recreation Area.

Processing:

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Arrangement:

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Extent:

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Series Nbr: 001

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Dates: 1903-1904

Title: BOOK I SEPT 1903 TO DEC'Y 31 1904, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR ITEM 202

Summary Notes:

This book contains reports and correspondence from Joseph F. Swords, Special Inspector for Indian Services, Sulphur Springs Indian Reservation, and later Superintendent of Platt National Park. Much of the correspondence regards collecting lease payments in addition to maintaining order on the reservation. Some letters order persons found intoxicated, noisy, and disorderly off the reservation. Items of particular interest include:

P. 190: "Statements in detail of changes made, accompanying report of May 28, 1904

P. 280: Account of the old pavilion over Silver Springs being torn down and a new pavilion and fence constructed from the used lumber, 08/25/1904

P. 289: Re: Much bitterness in town engendered by issue of leases on buildings still standing on the original reservation. Swords forwarding petition signed by 100 or so holders of lots and improvement within the U. S. Reservation - Government needs to state policy. Need for fences to protect the reservations from people hauling wagons across the land and despoiling the scenery. 09/03/1904

P. 323-327: List showing leases of improvements on the Sulphur Springs Reservation

P. 362-375: "Report relating to matters under my supervision..." Terminated leases, 21 springs found on the reservation, improvements to structures of the springs.

Series Nbr: 001

File Unit: 002

Dates: 1905

Title: II JAN'Y 1ST, 1905 DEC 31: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR ITEM 808[?]

Summary Notes:

This book includes an index in the front tabbed section. It contains the correspondence and reports of Superintendent Joseph F. Swords for the year 1905, a period of great change for the park and the town of Sulphur Springs. Notable items include:

P. 36: List of Structures to be offered for sale situated on the Reservation, Segregated by An Act of Congress, July 1, 1902

P. 57: Letter to the Secretary of the Interior, 03/01/05, re: Bidding for old structures to move to new town, need for map of new town, delivery date for structures, town site appraisal not to commence before July 1, 1905. Refers to petition of 09/03/04

P. 136: Letter to the Secretary of the Interior, 04/23/1905 re: Bidding on structures

P. 141: Letter to the Private Secretary, Department of the Interior, re: Names of streets and avenues in Sulphur Springs 04/28/1905

P. 156 and following: Correspondence re: Hotel Bland (This will continue through the year)

P. 170: 05/18/1905 Letter to Frank Dunham re: "Smoker" with whiskey and beer on Reservation- cautions that it is illegal

P. 204: Statement of John G. Brown, 05/31/1905 on potential worth of the material used in the Bland Hotel

P. 290: "Schedule of Final Bids, Auction Sale of August 1, 1905

P. 298: Letter to the Secretary of the Interior re: Weeds, open deserted wells, collapsing foot bridge, horses and cattle trampling the reservation "at any desired point," need for fencing. Requests \$700.

P. 371: Report relating to matters under his supervision, 10/25/1905. Re: townspeople shouldn't be getting their water from springs on the reservation, need to construct a reservoir (Travertine Lake), need for a hydrologist, clean reservation of rubble, dead trees, etc., hire an additional clerk, stenographer, patrolman, and forester, construct brick houses for an office and residences. Requests \$25,000.

Series Nbr: 001

File Unit: 003

Dates: 01/1906-04/30/1907

Title: III JANY 1903 TO APR 30 1907: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR ITEM 202

Summary Notes:

The major issues addressed in the year 1906 at Platt National Park concerned:
Water issues: Contamination of wells by sewerage, possibility of typhoid fever; improvements at wells, especially at Bromide Springs; proposed sewer to cross reservation lands; report from Charles Gould on conditions of springs; and installation of water mains in Sulphur

Park issues: Hiring of Robert Earl as second patrolman/forester and Una Roberts as clerk/stenographer; fencing reservation; restrooms, benches, weeds, repair of drains; construction of a catch basin at Hillside Spring; the condition of the Rock Creek Bridge; concerns about the arrival of the railroad in Sulphur, building a new Superintendent's Office, and dismantling the Hotel Bland.

Items of interest include:

P. 19: Recommends Eobert Earl as second patrolman and forester, 01/12/06

P. 34: Re: Renting rooms in the Hotel Bland to individuals as no tenant could be found for the entire building, 03/06/06

P. 39: Transmits petition from the Sulphur Commercial Club for bridge across Rock Creek

P. 55: Re: Fencing reservation to permit no cattle to cross, bids received 02/22/06

P. 72: Re: Closing and vacating parts of certain street and alleys for railroad purposes 03/20/06

P. 74: Letter to G. A. Porter, U. S. Marshall re: Definition of jurisdiction to be covered by Townsley and Earl, 03/22/06

P. 76: Three artesian wells opened in Sulphur, need for control of sewage, asks for Charles Gould to come and report on situation, 03/23/06

P. 87: Department of the Interior has no jurisdiction over railroad companies, 03/22/1906

P. 104: Appointment of John Ziegler, a practical tree culturalist, 04/11/06

P. 239: Report relating to matters..., 10/13/1906

P. 282: Report of duties of staff, 12/05/1906

P. 300: Report on work done on springs following Goul's report, 12/22/1906

P. 320: Monthly Report for December, 1906

P. 348: Monthly Report for January, 1907

P. 369: Monthly Report for February, 1907.

Series Nbr: 001

File Unit: 004

Dates: 05/01/1907-11/06/1907

Title: IV: LETTERS 1907 FROM MAY TO NOV 6TH, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR ITEM 202

Summary Notes:

After Sword's retirement, Albert R. Greene arrived from Portland, Ore. to become the new superintendent. His main concern was improving the residences of the rangers, building a new residence for the Superintendent's quarters, and improvements on the springs and throughout the park. The more notable correspondence in this volume include:

- 'P. 5: Greene requests new residence - suggests use of Hotel Bland material, 05/03/07
- P. 28: Immoral behavior at the Hotel Bland, 05/06/07, and following correspondence
- P. 34: Construction of sewer in park, 05/10/07
- P. 38: Request to remove office of Superintendent, 05/10/07
- P. 40: State of Superintendent's Office is deplorable, 05/20/07
- P. 44-63: Analysis of factions in town of Sulphur, lists improvements necessary and requests authority to tear down Hotel Bland, 05/14/07
- P. 65: Temporary water supply for City of Sulphur, 05/14/07
- P. 72: More about possible utilization of the Bland for Supervisor's House, 05/16/07
- P. 78: Report of condition of individual springs, 05/18/07
- P. 129: Re: Moving to Ranger Ziegler's house, 06/10/07
- P. 132: Re: Modification of park rules, 6/12/07
- P. 137: List of Rules for Platt National Park
- P. 165: Need for a footbridge across Rock Creek to Bromide Springs, 06/22/07
- P. 168: Lawlessness at Bromide Springs - need for a Pavilion Guard, 06/22/07
- P. 171: Suggestion to move the Superintendent's house to the Ziegler house and connect them, 06/26/07
- P. 174: Report on housing situation at park, 06/27/07
- P. 194: Re: Repairs on wire fences, 07/08/07
- P. 205: Estimate for needed improvements at Bromide Springs, 07/05/07
- P. 234: Estimate on cost for fencing park, 07/30/07
- P. 255: Unforeseen obstacles re: Improvements to Ziegler House, 08/17/07
- P. 284: Expenses occurred for improvements at Bromide Springs and vicinity, Pavilion Springs, and Coney Island Ford, 08/31/07
- P. 299: Re: Bids for proposed wire suspension bridge at Bromide Springs, 09/03/07
- P. 316: Monthly Reports of Earl, Townsley, and Ziegler for months of June, July, August 1907
- P. 344: Necessity of hiring watchman or policeman, 09/07/07
- P. 347: Furnishes Statement as to what steps have been taken under the following allotments, 09/07/07
- P. 351: Repairs to Watchman Kings building, 09/11/07
- P. 353: Report on condition of affairs at Platt, 09/20/07
- P. 370: Re: Water supplied to Superintendent's house, 09/20/07
- P. 374: Explanation of expenses on improvements of Superintendent's house, 09/30/07
- P. 404: Account of expenditures on improvements of various springs of the park, 09/30/07
- P. 417: Explanation for use of extra paint on Superintendent's house, 10/12/07
- P. 436: Better quarters for Ranger Earl, 10/16/07
- P. 443: Transmits an original resolution that the "South Side" of the City of Sulphur be added to Platt National Park 10/17/07.

Series Nbr: 001

File Unit: 005

Dates: 11/06/1907-07/01/1908

Title: V. LETTERS 1907. FROM NOV. 6 TO JULY 1ST 1908

Summary Notes:

The main issue facing Platt National Park in 1908 was the rebuilding of a suspension bridge over Rock Creek. Additional issues continued to be residential housing for park

staff, fencing the park, weed removal, telephone installation, and the removal of the Hotel Bland.

Particularly interesting items include:

- P. 1: History of the "fifth pavilion" erected over an artificial spring 11/06/07
- P. 4: Re: City of Sulphur taking water from Sulphur Creek, 11/07/07
- P. 8: Re: Value of "South Side" land proposed for inclusion in Platte National Park, 11/09/07
- P. 28: Re: Condition of wooden truss bridge on Davis Avenue, 11/26/07
- P. 32: Re: Information on the "Vendome," 11/26/07
- P. 41: Orders to execute during the closing of the Davis Avenue Bridge, 11/30/07
- P. 44: Re: Necessary repairs on Coney Island Ford and the ford on Sulphur Creek, 11/30/1907
- P. 47: Re: Installation of water system for Superintendent's residence and office and residence of Ranger Townsley, 11/30/1907
- P. 58: Re: Persistent pollution by campers of the stream issuing from Hillside Spring, need for fence, 09/03/1907
- P. 62: Probable cost of bridge across Rock Creek, 12/03/1907
- P. 84: Re: Resignation of Watchman Patrick King, 12/09/1907
- P. 86: Request to post bids for removal of cupola from the Hotel Bland, 12/09/07
- P. 91: Re: Hunting in the park, 12/13/07
- P. 95: Re: Petition from the City of Sulphur asking for an addition to Platt NP of isolated portions known as "South Sulphur, construction by the Government of a sewer, and an appropriation to build a steel and concrete arch bridge, 12/13/07
- P. 98: Description of townsite south of park, 12/09/07
- P. 104: Bids on construction of a wire suspension bridge over Rock Creek, 12/16/1907
- P. 112: Re: Weed removal, 12/21/1907
- P. 122: Re: Resignation of Ranger McDaniel, 12/30/07
- p. 126: Re: final accounting for fencing of Hillside Spring, 01/01/08
- P. 148: Transmitting Monthly Reports from Rangers, Forester, and Watchmen during the month of December, 1907, 01/04/1908
- P. 157: Continuing necessity of a bridge over Rock Creek, 12/16/1908
- P. 166: Re: Matter of providing a reservoir for the City of Sulphur, 01/20/08
- P. 170: Necessity of grading the land at the Superintendent's residence, 01/20/1908
- p. 180: Re: Proceeding with the bidding for the wire suspension bridge at Bromide Springs, 02/01/08
- P. 182: Opinion of Mr. H. V. Hinckley, Consulting Engineer, on Greene's report of the current condition of the bridge, 02/01/1908
- P. 204: Re: Additional facilities at Bromide Springs Pavilion, 02/05/1908
- P. 233: Re: Extending telephone service to the park, 02/14/1908
- P. 243: A Resolution from the 30,000 Club of Sulphur, Oklahoma commending the work of Superintendent Greene, 02/13/1908
- P. 254: Telephones being installed, 02/29/1908
- P. 259: Re: Removal of the Vendome amusement pavilion, 03/04/1908
- P. 264: Re: Final settlement for improvement and repairs of Davis Avenue Bridge, 03/04/08
- p. 293: Earl and Townsley wearing uniforms supplied at their own expense, Greene approves, 03/09/1908
- P. 296: Letter to Mohawk Mining Company re: Purchase and Removal of Hotel Bland, 03/09/1908
- P. 208: Re: Discovery of Mammoth Cave in vicinity, 03/09/1908
- P. 345: Re: Receipt of three bids for the Hotel Bland, 04/03/08
- P. 355: Re: Request for an allowance of \$100 to arrest the erosion of the banks of Rock Creek at the site of the wire suspension bridge, now under construction, 04/13/08
- P. 374: Recommendation that refreshment stands be authorized at Bromide Springs, Antelope Springs and the foot bridge crossing Sulphur Creek, 04/29/08

- P. 378: Re: Information on people, firms, or corporations taking water for sale or profit, 04/29/08
- P. 383: Account of expenditures for the month of April in construction of wire suspension bridge, 05/04/08
- P. 386: Account of expenditures for the month of April for protecting the banks of Rock Creek, 05/04/08
- P. 407: Re: Grass and weed mowing, 05/14/08
- P. 414: Re: Lack of suitable fence around park, 05/19/08
- P. 424: Re: Encroachments by the City of Sulphur on the boulevard surrounding Platt National Park, 05/21/08
- P. 429: Request for \$75.00 to finish wire suspension foot bridge, 05/15/08
- P. 436: Re: Damage to park from cyclone, 05/30/08
- P. 461: List of the Rules and Regulations for Platt National Park, 06/08/08
- P. 477: For Scientific American. Wire Suspension Bridge at Bromide Springs, Platt National Park, Sulphur, Oklahoma," no date
- P. 485, Re: Unsafe condition of foot bridge across Sulphur Creek in West Central Park, 06/25/08
- P. 488 Re: Accounts in final settlement for the construction of the wire suspension foot bridge, 06/26/08

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Dates: 07/02/1908-01/04/1909

Title: VI. LETTERS 1908. FROM JULY 2ND TO JAN'Y 4TH, 1909. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ITEM 202, 5

Summary Notes:

Issues concerning the park during this period included the demolition of the Hotel Bland, the building of the Stone Arch Footbridge, enforcement of the law, particularly regarding alcohol in the park, installation of electric lights in park, and completion of the fencing project. Items of particular interest include:

- P. 7: Re: Authorization of telephone service in Platt National Park, 02/21/1908
- P. 17: Explains circumstances of Watchman Clark's pumping of water for visitors, 07/06/08
- P. 27: Importance of lighting certain portions of park, 07/08/08
- P. 43: Necessity for protecting the banks of Rock Creek by shore dams or jetties, 07/18/08
- P. 45: Recommendation to sell the old Superintendent's office, 07/18/08
- P. 46: Re: trees damaged at the park by cyclone- can't find buyers, etc., 07/18/08
- P. 68: Re: James Durham, impostor, 07/28/08
- P. 70: Re: Privilege temporarily granted by the Department of the City of Sulphur taking a supply of water from Sulphur Creek and its implications, 07/28/08
- P. 91: Bids received for the construction of a foot bridge across Sulphur Creek, 08/03/1908
- P. 97: Brook-side Trail along Sulphur Creek to its source badly in need of repairs, 08/03/08
- P. 99: Authorizes use of day labor for fencing park, 05/27/1908
- P. 108: Installation of electric lights in the residence of the Superintendent has been completed, 08/05/08
- P. 137: Re; Removal of encroachments on the boulevards surrounding the park, 08/17/08

- P. 139: Report of the more important arrests for violation of the rules during the present season thus far, 08/27/08
- P. 142: Re: Licensing of burro transportation and vehicles conveying tourists to points in the park, 08/17/08
- P. 146: Completed questionnaire for Platt National Park, no date
- P. 154: Ascertain what steps have been taken by the City of Sulphur to secure a permanent water supply, 08/29/08
- P. 160: Re: Lanes and roads proposed to remain open within the park and the objections of citizens, 08/24/08
- P. 175: Re: Obtaining 5440 bois d'arc fence poles, 08/27/08
- P/ 182: Re: Sulphur Light & Power Company illegally obtaining water from Rock Creek, 08/38/08
- P. 186-190: Affidavits re: Arrests in the Park and threats against the lives of the Park Rangers, 08/28/08
- P. 193: Re: Bids for proposed foot bridge across Sulphur Creek, 09/02/08
- P. 217: Re: Monthly reports of progress of work, etc. under construction in the park; Protection of banks at Coney Island; Mowing Grass and Weeds; Repairs to Brook-side Trail, "Contingent Fund;" Fencing Park and Lanes, 09/07/08
- P. 232: Re: Capacity and character of electrical machinery required for light plant in Platt National Park, 09/14/08
- P. 234: The City of Sulphur has taken no steps to secure a permanent water supply, 09/15/08
- P. 242: Explanation of rules on procuring spring water, condition of Bromide-Sulphur Spring, 09/19/08
- P. 247: Plans for a stone arch footbridge near the mouth of Sulphur Creek have been approved, 09/22/08
- P. 248: Letter to J. V. Jenkins re: Plans submitted to engineer's office in Washington needs more specific information on plans, 09/22/08
- P. 250-255: Arrests for drinking whiskey in the park, 09/08
- P. 258-266: Seven page report including: "General Statement," "Visitors," "Improvements and Repairs," "Arrests," "Animals Driven Across Park," "Trespassing of Live Stock," "Available Mineral Springs," "Animals, Birds, and Fish," "Buildings and Their Condition," "Roads and Trails," and "Recommendations"
- P. 269: Hotel Bland is removed and material used in construction of the Deaf and Dumb Institution, 09/26/08
- P. 271-272: Drawings of Memorial Arch and silhouette of span of proposed bridge, no date
- P. 273-277: Re: Complaints of late Superintendent Swords and others about the "Grand Entrance" to the park, suggestions on proposed entrance, 09/28/08
- P. 291: Monthly Statement for September. Includes: fencing, repair of roads, seating, Bermuda sodding, condition of bridges, Hotel Bland, Cliffside Trail, and domestic water system, 10/02/08
- P. 302: Re: Weeds, possibility of planting Bermuda sod, 08/24/08
- P. 315: Authorization for electrical light service for lighting park, 07/15/08
- P. 321: List of arrests made during September, 10/05/08
- P. 332-344: Resignation of Park Ranger Carl Frederic Maxey due to incident in arrest of Jesse Smith, 09/15/08-10/09/08
- P. 346, 347: Drawings of the present public road and the proposed re-alignment, map of Sulphur Creek showing new channels cut by floods, no date
- P. 353: Sulphur Light and Power has removed pipes and earth restored to original condition, 10/17/08
- P. 383: Monthly Report for October. Includes: fencing, Bermuda sodding, park seats, changing alignment of public road, repairs to Bromide-Sulphur and Taff Springs, stone arch foot-bridge, grading ground and making roads at main entrance, repair roads and trails. "Contingent Fund," Davis Avenue Bridge, and general remarks, 11/07/08

- P. 396-404: Death of Virgil P. McGoodwin in accident (Additional letters in later correspondence)
- P. 412: Report as to whether the light steel bridge with plans marked "A" would be sufficient, 11/23/08
- P. 415: Bids for construction of Rock Arch Foot Bridge opened, 11/23/08
- P. 424-435: Report on current condition of springs, 11/25/08
- P. 444: Transmits account in final settlement of expenses incurred for material and labor in fencing the park, 11/05/08
- P. 456: Monthly Report for November. Includes: fencing, temporary foot-bridge, seats in park, changing alignment of road, Cliffside Trail, fire guards, main entrance and roads, Bromide-Sulphur and Black Sulphur Springs, protecting "Little Niagara," repairs of roads and building, depredations of hunters, and general remarks, 12/05/08
- P. 477: Report on abutments for the Davis Avenue Bridge- nearing completion, 12/22/08
- P. 479: Report of arrests for October and November, 12/23/08
- P494-499: Suspension of Forester Zeigler, 01/04/1909.

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File Unit: 007

Dates: 01/04/1909-08/10/1909

Title: VII LETTERS 1909 FROM JAN'Y 4TH AUGUST 10TH 1909 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR ITEM 202, 5

Summary Notes:

The major project for Platt National Park in the first part of 1909 was the new Davis Avenue Bridge. Superintendent Green continued to make improvements and campaign against lawlessness in the park. The town of Sulphur was allowed to continue using park water for an unspecified length of time and was given a small portion of park land for construction of a court house. Notable items include:

- P. 3: Monthly Report for December, 1908. Includes: improvements at Little Niagara, Cliffside Trail, painting Silver Springs Pavilion, Pavilion at Bromide-Sulphur & Black Sulphur Springs, fireguards, removing Davis Avenue Bridge and grading approaches, bridge abutments and wing walls, roadways to main entrance, Rock Arch Foot-bridge, and Contingent Account, 01/04/1909
- P. 10: Letter to James G. McGoodwin re: settling funeral expenses for his brother, 01/05/09
- P. 26: One bid opened and accepted for construction of a bridge across Rock Creek at Davis Avenue, 01/12/09
- P. 46: Re: Official telegram from Dept of Interior awarding notice of acceptance of bid by the Midland Bridge Company, 01/16/09
- P. 48: Request that plants be sent to park from the Botanical Gardens, 01/19/09 (Second letter 01/21/09)
- P. 57: Re: Questions concerning the details of the Davis Avenue Bridge from the Midland Bridge Co., 01/8/09
- P. 66: Re: removal of refreshment stand to a different location, 01/27/09
- P. 69: Tentative schedule of licenses for privileges in the park for 1909 season, 01/28/09
- P. 79: Transmits resolution from the citizens of Sulphur appointed to select a site for the Court House and wants a portion of park land which is OK with Greene, 02/02/09
- P. 84: Final expenses incurred for erection of pavilions and general improvements at Bromide-Sulphur and Black Sulphur Springs, 02/05/09
- P. 93: Monthly report for January, 1909. Includes: Bromide-Sulphur and Black-Sulphur Springs, Cliff-side Trail, roads to main entrance, Rock Arch Foot-Bridge across Travertine

Creek, approaches to Davis Avenue Bridge, etc, fire guards, contingent fund, and other improvements, 02/05/09

P. 102: Re: suggestion of the Honorable Scott Ferris advising the making of a ford across Rock Creek for use during the building of the bridge at Davis Avenue, 02/08/09

P. 127: Re: Residents of South Side attempting to sell their part of the town to the Government for inclusion in Platt National Park, 02/22/09

P. 140: Re: City of Sulphur allowed the time it was given to construct a reservoir to expire, and question of the city's continued use of Travertine Creek water, 03/03/09

P. 160-168: Monthly Report for February. Includes: Rock Arch Footbridge, Davis Avenue Bridge, filling excavation at Rock Arch Foot Bridge, Repair of Pavilions and storm damage, domestic water works system, Main Entrance, fireguards, flowing and seeding, Contingent Account, Renfro Tract, Bourland's Restaurant, limited fishing privileges, birds and squirrels, city water supply from the park, arrests, and visitors, 03/08/09

P. 178: City of Sulphur has no money or credit to provide an adequate water supply and petitions the free use of a supply of water from Travertine Creek for a period of ten years, 03/15/09

P. 189-193: Re: Appropriation for Sanitary Sewer, 03/18/09

P. 205: Question of whether it would be practicable to undertake any of the work provided for at present, 03/27/09

P. 223: City of Sulphur not given right to use water for any specified period, request that the Mayor report annually to department, 04/03/09

P. 225: Monthly Report for March, 1909. Includes: fireguards, repairs at Pavilion and Hillside Springs and storm damages, concrete seats, Davis Avenue Bridge, Main Entrance roads, flowing and planting forage crops, contingent fund, and shipments of bromide water, 04/03/09

P.229: Re: the impracticability of the construction of a second bridge across Rock Creek, 04/03/09

P. 256-259: Report re: on use of Rangers' time, 04/19/09

P. 260: Planting elms and forest trees along the mall lane through the park and in the yard of the Superintendents residence, willows, preparation for a nursery, 04/19/09

P. 274: Letter to Midland Bridge Co., stating that finish date of May 18 was wrong - should have been May 8th, 04/20/09

P278-281: Correspondence re: Unauthorized photos and postcards of park, 04/09

P. 286: Re: Midland Bridge Co.'s application for thirty days, 04/26/09

P. 305: Re: Issuance of permits for transportation and other privileges in the park, 05/06/09

P. 312: "Memorandum of Arrest, Hannah and Mrs. C. C. White," 05/08/09

P. 316-321: Re: Report desired on whether it would be practicable to dispense with at least one telephone and reduce lighting to afford to pay for prevention of further erosion at wire suspension bridge, 05/08/09

P. 322: Monthly Report for April, 1909. Includes: roads leading from Main Entrance, Contingent Fund, grasses and grains, Bromide Springs, natural restoration, revetment work, flower beds, shade and ornamental trees, and general remarks, 05/20/09

P. 245: Resignation of A. R. Greene as Superintendent of Platt National Park, 05/18/09

P. 346: U. S. vs John Slagel, Assaulting an officer with a deadly weapon, 05/13/09

P. 347: Letter to Secretary of the Interior from Green recommending Ranger Forest S. Townsley as new Superintendent of Platt National Park, 05/19/09

P. 354: A reiteration of the above letter - more points in favor of Townsley, 05/26/09

P. 378: Suggested form for license to photograph in park and selling them, 05/12/09

P. 386: Record of arrests in Platt National Park for the month of May, 1909

P. 394: Monthly Report for May, 1909. Includes: Davis Avenue Bridge and approaches, Contingent Fund, forage crops, and general conditions, 06/14/1909

P. 403: Letter to Mayor of Sulphur re: raised water rates now excessive and unreasonable, 06/21/09

P. 408: Transmits accounts in final settlement for construction of superstructure of Davis Avenue Bridge, 06/22/09

P. 432-445: Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1909. Includes: visitors; live stock crossing the park; buildings and their condition; bridges, culverts, roads, and trails; sanitary sewer, light plant, and lake; improvements of springs; and general remarks, 07/05/09

P. 446: United States vs. Lloyd Williams, 07/04/09

Monthly Report for June, 1909. Includes: Davis Avenue Bridge and approaches, Contingent Fund, forage crops, and general conditions, 07/06/09

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File Unit: 008

Dates: 08/10/1909-08/04/1910

Title: VIII 1909 LETTERS AUG. 10 TO AUG. 4, 1910

Summary Notes:

The most important issue in the Park during this period was the unsafe and unsanitary sewage system. The City of Sulphur maintained that they could not afford to fix this condition and the Government had established the park in that area, it was the responsibility of the Government. The other notable event was the retirement of Albert Greene and the arrival of William French as Superintendent.

Items of particular interest include:

P. 1: United States vs Lee Hamilton Keller: Charge violation of Rule 8, Platt National Park, no date

P. 8: Monthly Report for July, 1909. Includes Contingent Fund and General Remarks, 08/12/1909

P. 33: Monthly Report for August, 1909. Includes Contingent Fund and General Remarks,

P. 41: Re: Deliberate purpose on the part of certain citizens of Sulphur to make improper use of the Davis Avenue Bridge across Rock Creek, 09/07/09

P. 60: Transmits report of J. W. Youree, Superintendent of the water system of the City of Sulphur, Oklahoma for year ending July 31, 1909, 09/20/09

P. 65: Letter from Greene to William French re: his arrival as Greene's replacement, 09/22/09

P. 85: Memorandum re: Men apprehended with a gun which was confiscated, same men started fire later in the park, 10/02/1909

P. 87: Monthly Report for September, 1909. Includes "Contingent Fund," (work at Big Tom Spring, fire guards, due to drought Lon Polk allowed to water herds at Travertine Creek in the park), 10/02/09

P. 92: Re: letter from Hon. Scott Ferris in regard to the unsanitary conditions existing in the park by reason of the drainage of the sewage of the City of Sulphur into the same, 10/04/09

P. 97: Requests information on sewers from Chas. E. Hagerty, Civil and Sanitary Engineer from Muskogee, Oklahoma, 10/05/09

P. 106: Letter to Hagerty thanking him for information, hoping that his successor will be able to pay for further examination, 10/15/09

P. 108: Letter to Greene from Mayor stating that the City has no funds and feels the Park would be better suited to install a sewer system, 10/16/09

P. 110 Resolution by a committee appointed by the City that "we immediath [sic] importune the Secretary of the Interior to take steps to install a proper sewerage system," 10/11/09

P. 114: Report from Greene on situation, stench affecting park visitation, 10/26/09

- P. 133 Report to William French from Greene for use in French's report for year 1910. Includes protection of creek banks, road to Bromide Mountain, foot-bridge at Cave Island, repairs at Pavilion Springs, domestic water supply, shade trees along lanes, artificial pond at Wilson Spring, suspension bridge at Lake Placid, seizure of rifle [see p. 85], iron safe for office, repairs to Superintendent's residence, repairs to rangers' quarters, and protection against swine, 10/22/09
- P. 147: Monthly Report for October up to the present time, this being his last day, 10/22/09
- P. 155: French's Oath of Office, 10/23/09
- P. 165: Supplement to Monthly Report for October, 11/02/09
- P. 183: Letter from French requesting clarification in the matter of the sale of privileges in the park such as photography and vehicle licensing, 11/11/09
- P. 207: Monthly Report for November, 1909. Includes: bridge at Lake Placid, repairs to Brookside Trail, Repairs to fence links, Bermuda grass, repairs to roads, 12/06/09
- p. 209: One arrest made during November, Mr. I. W. Saunders, for taking photographs with a large camera to sell in town without a license [See p. 180-181 for record of interrogation], 12/06/09
- P. 218-229: Report on necessary improvements at park, including sewer system, repairs to springs, increase in salaries of existing park force and additional employees, superintendent's residence, office, and barn, bath house, wagon bridge over Travertine Creek, and driveway to summit of Bromide Mountain, 12/15/09
- P. 249: Monthly Report for December, 1909. Includes repairs to roads, repairs to fences, 01/06/1910
- P. 269: Monthly Report for January, 1910. Includes grading roads and making paths near Bromide Springs, repairs to Watchman's House, burning off weeds and grass, repairs to fence, repairs to Bromide Bridge, 02/04/1910
- P. 279: Re: Establishment of a Soldiers Home near Platt National Park, but not within Park, 02/14/1910
- P. 285: Re: Combination dam and wagon bridge across Travertine Creek and raising sewer system, 02/24/1910
- P. 310: Re: elimination of public drinking cups for health reasons, 03/07/1910
- P. 340: Monthly Report for March, 1910. Includes repairs to roads and trails, repairs to fences, preparing ground and planting alfalfa, 04/06/1910
- P. 349: Requests how to handle unlicensed vehicles in park, 04/13/1910
- P. 355: To Sulphur Electric & Refrigerating Co, re: Only three of eleven lights are working in the park, 04/18/1910
- P. 366: Re: L. F. Houghton of Sulphur complaint that French had refused to forward a permit for approval, 05/04/1910
- P. 374: Monthly Report for April, 1910. Includes repairs to trails, preparing flower beds and planting them, repairs to windmill, approaches to Davis Avenue Bridge, general news, and sale of licenses, 05/06/1910
- P. 406: Monthly Report for May, 1910. Includes repairs to roads and fords, weed cutting, repairs to springs, 06/04/1910
- P. 412: Repairs to Big Tom Spring will cost more than was authorized - request cancellation so that money can be used for other repairs, 06/12/1910
- P. 417: re: Telephone Company request to extend phone line in park in order to supply service to South Side of town, 06/18/1910
- P. 442: As the park has been allotted \$5,000 for the ensuing year which will only cover salaries should the lighting and telephone lines be discontinued?, 06/29/1910
- P. 452: Monthly Report for June, 1910. Includes graveling approaches to Davis Avenue Bridge and Coney Island Ford, repairs to Brookside Trail, weed cutting, and general news, 07/02/1910
- P. 466: Statement of John Christian, arrested in park, 07/15/1910
- P. 469: Testimony of Orman S. Puckett, camper in the Park, 07/15/1910
- P. 471: Testimony of J. T. Reeves, camper in the Park, 07/15/1910
- P. 472: Statement of Forest S. Townsley, Ranger in Park, 07/15/1910

- P. 473: John Christian declared an obnoxious person and expelled from park, 07/15/1910
P. 474: Re: Request of the Oklahoma School for the Deaf for certain acreage, 07/15/1910
P. 496: Report of arrests in park for July, 1910, 08/01/1910
P. 497: Monthly Report for July, 1910. Includes repairs to "Big Tom" Spring, wood cutting, and harvesting alfalfa, 08/01/1910
P. 500: French is of the opinion that the lighting in the park be canceled and money used to better advantage, 08/04/1910
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File Unit: 009

Dates: 008/05/1910-05/31/1911

Title: LETTERS BOOK 9 FROM AUGUST 5TH, 1910 TO MAY 31, 1911 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR ITEM 208, 5

Summary Notes:

Items of particular interest include:

- P. 11: Re: Water system of office an entire failure, options? 08/08/1910
P. 15: For any work incurring any expense, a request for an allotment must be made to the Department of the Interior, 08/09/10
P. 18: Mr. Bourland's stand finally removed from the Park, 08/10/10
P. 36: Request to be allowed either to negotiated with the City of Sulphur for connection with their water main or be allowed to expend \$50 to install a system, 08/19/1910
P. 43-45: Re: Matter of telephone extension through park, 08/23/1910
P. 80-90: Report of condition of affairs and the management of the Platt National Park since June 30, 1910. Includes work done during the fiscal year, road to Bromide Mountain, foot bridge at Cave Island, foot bridge across Travertine Creek at Lake Placid, repairs to Pavilion Springs, domestic water supply, shade trees along lands, artificial pond at Wilson Springs, seizure of rifle, repairs to roads, road leading south from east street south to Travertine Creek, Road leading from 2nd[?] Street West South to and intersecting with the above mentioned road, general road repairs, cutting of grain and weeds, alfalfa sown, the crops sown, trails constructed and repaired, repaired roof of barn, placed wire netting over windows at superintendents residence, plowing and planting of ground, live stock crossed the park, and buildings in the park and their condition, 09/06/10
P. 92-108 are numbered as Sections and contain information on the above subjects
P. 124: Re: Condition of roads, estimate of cost to fix them, 09/20/1910
P. 138: Re: Application for the City of Sulphur supplying water for the use of the park and the School of the Deaf, 09/27/1910
P. 141: Resolution of the City Council that the Water Superintendent lay a water main to be connected to the pipe at the wind-mill and other areas, 09/26/1910
P. 155: Monthly Report for September, 1910. Includes condition of park and work done, 10/03/1910
P. 166: Re: Suggestion of dry closet system to treat sewer problems, 10/05/1910 (Letter on same issue, P. 174)
P. 184: Request for an allotment to plaster one room in the superintendent's residence and repair the fireplace, and to pay for markers ordered last fiscal year, 10/11/1910
P. 205 Re: Question of possible contamination of Lon Pelk waters his cattle in Park, 10/26/1910
P. 223: Monthly Report for October, 1910. Includes condition of park and work done during the month, 11/01/1910

P. 230: French has been authorized by the Department of the Interior to bring up the subject of the Dry Closet system to the School of the Deaf, 11/05/1910
p. 252: Re: Impacts of the City Council's Resolution on the Park, 11/18/1910
P. 255: Letter to the Mayor from the Chairman, County Board of Health warning that the Negro River Branch emptying into Travertine Creek is endangering the health of the entire City, 11/06/1910 (Correspondence and resolutions re: the above continues on the following pages)
P. 267 :Monthly Report for November, 1910
P. 294: Monthly Report for December. 1910
P. 319-320: Allowing City to remove City Water from Travertine Creek, stating area and hours for pumping, 02/01/1911
P. 323: Monthly Report for January, 1911
P. 331: Re: Request for needed repairs to lights and lines in West Central Park, 02/08/1911
P. 245: Monthly Report for February, 1911
P. 349: "Corrected Report to March 1st, 1911" re: Appropriations, dated March 1st, 1911, February 28th, 1911
P. 361: Re: House formerly occupied by Ranger Maxey, need for repair, 03/13/1911
P. 372: Re: Low to no flows in the springs, 03/15/1911
P. 386: Re: license plate use in parks, 03/22/1911
P. 399: Request to advise Department as to improvements to improve flow at the springs and whether the City of Sulphur plans to resume pumping, 03/29/1911
P. 420: Monthly Report for March, 1911
P. 470: Request to graze cows on a fenced portion of the Reservation to keep weeds down, 05/05/1911

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File Unit: 010

Dates: 06/01/1922-02/05/1923

Title: #10: JUNE 1, 1911 TO FEB 5TH, 1912 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ITEM 202

Summary Notes:

During this period the main concern of the Park was sewer improvement. Additional issues were problems with the Sulphur Electric and Refrigeration Company, drought, and the building of bath houses in the park.

Items of particular interest include:

P. 7: Progress of work on Big Tom Spring, no date [June, 1911]

P. 15: People of Sulphur threatened with typhoid; sewage conditions deplorable, 06/03/1911

P. 18: The development of Medicine Springs declared a success, 06/03/1911

P. 20: Monthly Report for May, 1911

P. 23-29: Re: Plan for rebuilding of Big Tom Spring of the pavilion group, 06/06/1911

P. 34-46: Submits following plans for a new sewer system, 06/12/1011

P. 85-87: Dissatisfaction with Sulphur Electric and Refrigeration Co., 07/01/1911

P. 89-95: Monthly Report for June, 1911

P. 101-102: Re: Privileges of stock water for Lon Polk, with restrictions, 07/06/1911

P. 104-114: Yearly Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1911

P. 118-119: Re: Electric Company's cutting of the current of electrical lights throughout the park, 07/18/1911 [More on pp. 122-126 and following]

P. 135-138: Re: Potential expenditures on Mule Team, 07/29/1911

P. 148-151: Monthly Report of July, 1911, 08/02/1911

P. 165-166: Re: Further consideration on allotment; draws attention to sanitary conditions growing worse with the drought, 08/11/1911
P. 192-197: More on the electric lights being out, 08/17/1911
P. 203: Re: Park's proposed sewer system does not empty into Travertine Cree, 08/19/1911
P. 205-210: Statement of Mr. J. E. Langfor of Commerce, Texas; Statement of Ranger Robert E. Earl; Statement of Will. J. French re: firearm in park, 08/24/1911 [More on pg. 225]
P. 249: Re; Best way to ship and care for Sulphur water, 09/22/1911
P. 286-288: Monthly Report for September, 1911
P. 293: Recommendations for Appropriations, 09/06/1911
P. 294-304: Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1911
P. 318: Request for return of Una Roberts, 10/14/1911
P. 325-328: Report on condition of housing at park, 10/08/1911
P. 328-332: Report re: Keeping of stallions and jacks in the park, 10/18/1911
P. 333-334: Re: Proposition to allow grazing in the park to reduce weeds, 10/18/1911
P. 366-369: Monthly Report for October, 11/3/1911
P. 386-387: Re: Condition of building currently serving as Park Office, 11/16/1911
P. 389-391: Re: Two request to make application for a twenty year lease of a bathhouse site on the Platt National Park, 11/21/1911
P. 412-413: Monthly Report for the month of November, 12/04/1911
P. 428-429: Re: Proposed bathhouses, 12/13/1911
P. 442-455: Monthly Report for December, 1911, 12/08/1912
P. 457-458: Re Recommended allotments, 01/09/1912
P. 459-460: Present available funds not sufficient for a suitable and sightly office building, 01/10/1912
P. 486-488: Re: Allotment for proposed roads and trails, 01/26/1912
P. 494: Withdraws recommendation for bathhouse site requested by the Vendome Company, 01/31/1912

Series Nbr: 001

File Unit: 011

Dates: 02/05/1912-10/25/1912

Title: NO. 11. FROM FEB 5TH TO OCT 25, 1912. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR ITEM 202.

Summary Notes:

In 1912 visitors and shipping of the park's waters were the most pressing issues in the park. A system of concrete walks through the park was begun, and more rest houses were constructed. No work was done on a new sewer system as the City of Sulphur was not yet able to pay for its share. Interesting items include:

P. 10: Monthly Report for January, 1912, 02/05/1912

P. 53: Re: Shipment of a half a dozen pheasants, 02/24/1912

P. 60: Unsatisfactory work done on controlling switch for park lights by George F. Shell, electrician, 02/28/1912 (additional correspondence following)

P. 68: Where in the park to place the beaver which the Department contemplated shipping from Yellowstone Park, 02/29/1912

- P. 75: Request authority to begin a system of cement walks in the Park, 03/01/1912
P. 104: Park unsuitable for beaver, 03/09/1912
P. 105: Conditions in the park in February, 1912, 03/09/1912
P. 120: Re: H.R. Bill 20998: A Bill to authorize the Rapid Transit Interurban Company, 03/18/1912
P. 128: Re: Contemplated installation of a system of cement sidewalks - further details, extent, cost, etc. 03/21/1912
P. 185: Monthly report for March, 1912, 04/09/1912
P. 193: Buffalo and Antelope Springs are flowing again, 04/15/1912. Includes a newspaper clipping
P. 196: Re: The Rapid Transit Interurban Company's use of the Davis Avenue Bridge and French's recommendations on the situation, 04/16/1912
P. 227: Antelope Springs has begun to flow at its proper outlet, 05/09/1912
P. 231: Account of expenditures on repair of Park Residences, 05/11/1912
P. 235: Monthly report for April, 1912, 05/13/1912
P. 292: Monthly report for May, 1912, 06/08/1912
P. 331: Monthly report for June, 1912, 07/06/1912
P. 342: Attendance at park so large that bromide water cannot be shipped until season is over, 07/13/1912
346-348: Re: Decrease in Appropriations for fiscal year 1913, 07/17/1912
P. 358: Re: Confiscating non-licensed vehicles or animals in park, 07/30/1912
P. 367: List of expenditures considered best for the welfare of the park, 08/05/1912
P. 371: Monthly report for July, 1912, 08/06/1912
P. 394: Letter to Mayor and City Council of Sulphur asking when the City will be able to provide their part of the funds for a sewer system, 08/31/1912
P. 403: Monthly report for August, 1912, 09/06/1912
P. 414-436: Re: Recommended allotments, 09/16/1912
P. 449: Re: Departmental telegram ordering all park telephones removed except for one in Superintendent's office, 09/28/1912
P. 469: Monthly report for September, 1912, 10/04/1912
P. 473: Statement of Park's appropriation and revenues up to and including September 30, 1912, 10/04/1912
P. 478: "The Platt National Park. To Be Submitted at the Yosemite Park Conference to be Held at Yosemite National Park, California," no date
P. 489: Re: Park being used as a hiding place for whiskey, 10/11/1912.

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File Unit: 012

Dates: 10/30/1912-01/31/1913

Title: NO. 12. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ITEM 202

Summary Notes:

This book finished the series, with the final piece of correspondence dating 01/31/1913.

Interesting items include:

P. 36: Re: Status of the park appropriation and revenues up to and including October 31, 1912

P. 49: Monthly report for November, 12/04/1912

P. 53: Re: Expenses for Yosemite National Park, National Park Superintendents, 12/05/12

(Follow-up letter P. 97, 01/10/1913)

P. 56: Statement showing the status of the Park appropriation and revenues up to and including November 30, 1912
P. 59: Possible rental of Ranger Robert Earl's residence after he leaves, 12/14/1912
P. 84: Request to thin a grove of timber on Travertine Creek, 01/07/1913
P. 88 Monthly report for December, 1912
P. 100: The \$17,500 for construction of sanitary sewer system has been transmitted by the City to the Secretary of the Interior, 01/11/1913
P. 102: Statement showing the status of the Park appropriation and revenues up to and including December 31, 1912
P. 106: Mr. Shell still has not replaced the No. 12 wire in the controlling switch, 01/17/1912.

Series Nbr: 001
File Unit: 013
Dates: 04/01/1904-08/1910
Title: 5-933

Summary Notes:

This is an accounting book with holograph entries in black ink. It includes:
Rental payments from April 1, 1904 through 10/01/1906
Licenses, 1909
Refunds, 1910
Priveleges, 07/1910
Labor Acct., 08/1910
Gravel Acct, 08/1910
Priveleges sold during August 1910
Gravel Acct. August 1910
Contingent Acct. 1910
Allotments for Fiscal year ending 1910
Leases (pp.200-351)
Rents and leases are identified by owners name. See index in front section of book.

Series Nbr: 001
File Unit: 014
Dates: No dates.
Title: UNTITLED

Summary Notes:

This book contains alphabetical indexed columns with Signatures, Name, Application No., Lease No., Claim No., and Remarks, in columns across the page. There are no dates listed.

Series Nbr: 001
File Unit: 015
Dates: 03/1908-01/06/1913
Title: RANGERS AND WATCHMAN REPORTS. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR ITEM 203

Summary Notes:

This book contains reports from the rangers on duty Forest S. Townsley and Robert Earl listing their activities and the weather at the Park, and reports from the Watchman listing amount of visitors and amount of water taken from the springs. A considerable amount of entries refer to "Riding fence post."

Series Nbr: 001

File Unit: 016

Dates: 1904-1912

Title: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR 1-942, 1904-1912

Summary Notes:

This book contains an index to secretaries' letters, pp. 2-137; other officials or official letters, pp. 250-283; miscellaneous letters, pp. 400-453; allotment letters asking for authority of expenditure of funds, pp. 374-377; and a list of reports to make p.348. Items are crossed off with blue pencil.

Series Nbr: 001

File Unit: 017

Dates: 08/02/1903-12/1904

Title: AUGUST 2 TO MARCH 1903

Summary Notes:

This is a record of rents and leases kept by Inspector Frank C. Churchill of the Indian Bureau. Churchill's prime duty was to collect the rental payments on the houses acquired by the government after the purchase of Platt National Park and to protect them until the Government could dispose of them by selling the houses to the highest bidder.

Series Nbr: 001

File Unit: 018

Dates: 1910-1914

Title: CASH BOOK, BOOK #1 U. S. GOVERNMENT BINDERY 920.

Summary Notes:

Across the top of each page is written "Statement of Receipts, Cash, and Property, and Disbursements, Issues, and Expenditures, and a Record of all Contracts, at [blank], U. S. Indian Agent, for the [blank] Quarter, 190_. Agency [blank]." Different types of records are organized in groups throughout the book, such as Salaries, Lights in the Superintendent's residence, and Allotment for floors on Washington Bridge. Also contains a detached index and sheets 1 through 15 from another smaller book with ink and pencil entries for an unclear reasons.
