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**OCHSENREITER, LOUIS G.**

PAPERS, 1923-1932  
(bulk dates, 1925-1930)  
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## History

Louis G. Ochsenreiter was born on February 17, 1857 to Gephard and Pauline Ochsenreiter in Bradford, Indiana. Ochsenreiter was one of twelve children. In 1865, his family moved to Jordan, Minnesota. When Ochsenreiter's father died in 1867, he went to work at hardware store in St. Paul, Minnesota and afterward at an implement dealership in Jordan.

In 1880, several residents from Jordan, including Ochsenreiter, decided to move to Dakota Territory. They settled around the area of what would become Webster, South Dakota. Ochsenreiter staked a homestead and a tree claim in Rusk Township, Day County. In addition to that, he opened a hardware store in Webster and Bristol with his partner Andrew Smail. Ochsenreiter eventually opened an implement dealership in 1900 and automobile dealership in 1915.

Ochsenreiter served as the first treasurer for Day County as well as Webster Village President from 1888-1889 and again in 1891. In 1892, he assumed leadership of South Dakota World's Fair Commission and served as an Examiner in the Department of Justice from 1903-1907.

Ochsenreiter was married to Nellie R. Murphy in 1887.

## Scope and Content Note

The Louis G. Ochsenreiter Collection contains four series: **Correspondence**, **Manuscripts**, **Printed Materials** and **Topical Files**.

The **Correspondence** series is divided into three sub-series: Incoming, Outgoing, and Miscellaneous. The first two sub-series contain letters to and from Ochsenreiter, mainly concerning his business and financial transactions. He seems to have owned stock in several oil companies and had general land holdings, which is reflected in the correspondence. There are a few personal letters. All of the Correspondence sub-series are arranged alphabetically. Inclusive dates were used to describe multiple letters to or from an individual. The Miscellaneous sub-series contains more letters concerning the hardware and oil business. There is one letter concerning the South Dakota State Historical Society, of which Ochsenreiter was a member.

The **Manuscript** series contains a business receipt from Ochsenreiter and a report of his business finances.

The **Printed Materials** contains four miscellaneous land sale items, newspaper clippings, and two pamphlets concerning petroleum and railroads. The miscellaneous land sale items include an inspector's report from the British Dominions Land Settlement Corporation, a Baker Farm Agency Farm Sale Questionnaire, Canadian Pacific Railway Company map and a Regular Salesman Commission Schedule. The newspaper clippings cover South Dakota political activities in 1928 and there is a complete issue of the *Barreda Record*, a Texas newspaper. This newspaper contains information about the oil industry.

The **Topical Files** contain stockholder reports and other stock and company information from the Barrington Oil Company. Also included in this series are promissory notes and personal and business receipts.

**Additional Resources**

Day County Historical Research Committee

Day County History. Webster, S.D.: The Committee: Order from Day County  
Treasurer, c1981.

Kingsbury, George W. and George Martin Smith

History of Dakota Territory and South Dakota: its history and its people. Chicago,  
The S.J. Clarke Publishing Company, 1915.

Ochsenreiter, Louis G.

History of Day County from 1873-1926. Mitchell, South Dakota, printed on the  
presses of Educator Supply Company, 1926.

**Subjects:**

Day county, (S.D.) -- History

Webster (S.D.) -- History

Box No. Description**Box 1**

## CORRESPONDENCE

## Incoming (4 folders)

Affleck, Archibald

1931, Mar. 28

Archer, Frank

1925, Aug. 20

Babcock, Howard

1928, Feb. 2

Baker, John D.

1929, Aug. 2

Ballentine, Louis (3 items)

1924

Beach, C.C.

1926, Oct. 4

Bloem, Delko (11 items)

1928-1931

Bosley, W.T.

1925, Nov. 20

Burke, V.W. (12 items)

1931, Apr. 13 – Sept. 30

Busick, C.A.

1929, Apr. 29 and May 29

Calden, E.N. (?)

1926, Feb. 2

Carter, G.D. (3 items)

1926

Corrigan, W.F. (3 items)

1926-1928

Crafts, Wilber I. (4 items)

1926-1927

Cronniger, G.E.

1931, May 10 and May 17

Darling, A.B.

1927, Dec. 15 and Dec. 19

Deere and Webber Company

1929, Jan. 21

Elmore, Estelle J.

1929, Oct. 1

Fox, Lawrence K.

1926, Jan. 4

Frantzen, John P. (3 items)

1931-1932

Gillock, F.G.

1925, Dec. 31

Gleason, J. M. (28 items)

1925-1931

Hal (?)

n.d.

Hansel, John W.

1924, Sept. 8 and Sept. 23

Harter, Lloyd E.

1928, Sept. 10

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## CORRESPONDENCE, cont.

## Incoming, cont.

Hendler, M. Harworth  
 1932, Sept. 24  
 Hibbert, J.S. (3 items)  
 1929-1930  
 Howden, John F. (3 items)  
 1932  
 Howe, E.A.  
 1925, May 18  
 Johnson, C.C.  
 1924, Nov. 29  
 Johnson, Gilbert  
 1924, Oct. 7  
 Kopperud, A.  
 1926, Oct. 23  
 Krieger, Darwin E.  
 1925, Oct. 28  
 Leighton, G.B.  
 1931, Sept. 18  
 Limbo, H.O.  
 1925, Dec. 30  
 Locke, Frank Y.  
 1919, Jan. 14  
 1929, Jan. 8  
 Long, Charles H.  
 1924, Mar. 22  
 Manley, Leonard R.  
 1929, May 22  
 Marts, E.R.  
 1924, May 1  
 McComb, William  
 1924, Sept. 3  
 Mills, F. S. (25 items)  
 1926-1930  
 Mills, Mrs.  
 1932, Jan. 11  
 Morno (?), Henry S.  
 1926, Feb. 25 and Sept. 24  
 Moysey, Arthur E.  
 1927, July 19 and July 25  
 Munson, Charles L.  
 1929, Dec. 9  
 1930, July 28  
 Pane, C.W.  
 1929, Nov. 29  
 Pane, Mayme  
 1933, Jan. 31  
 Peterson, C.M.  
 1929, Dec 16  
 Pinney, William B.  
 1923, Oct. 26  
 1924, Jan. 14

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## CORRESPONDENCE, cont.

## Incoming, cont.

Poukley, Walter C.

1924, Sept. 11

Ray, M. (?)

1927, Jan. 18

Roberts E.D. (3 items)

1924

Ross, Betsy

1926, Aug. 30

Schinkel, H.F.

1927, Feb. 19

Shank, Dora, T.

1929, June 6

Smart, W.W.

1927, July 1

Smith, Edward

1925, Dec. 7

Stewart, W. M.

1929, Apr. 19 and Aug. 5

Wade, J.L.

1923, Jan. 10

Wagner, H.A.

1926, Jan. 15

Walker, L.B.

1926, Jan. 16

Weber, C.C. (14 items)

1924-1930, n.d.

Westervelt, R.B.

1925, Apr. 4

Williams (?), H.

1925, Dec. 30

Wilson, Guy

1927, Apr. 30 and May 14

Young and Bisset (3 items)

1928-1929

## Outgoing (1 folder)

Bloem, Delko

1928, Sept. 1

1930, Dec. 8

Carter, G.D. and Company, Limited

1926, Oct. 22 and Oct. 29

Chicago Union Advertising Agency

1924, Jan. 8

Clark, S.W.

1924, Oct. 16

Gleason, J.M.

1926, Jan. 25

Hibbert, J.S.

1929, Dec. 6

1930, Jan. 7

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## CORRESPONDENCE, cont.

## Outgoing, cont.

Johnson, Royal C.

1928, Dec. 24

Krafts, Wilber, I.

1927, Jan. 3

Lewis, Don

1927, Sept. 1

Marts, E.R.

1924, Apr. 26

McCarter, James

1925, Aug. 22

Mills, F. S. (9 items)

1926-1927

Munson, Charles L.

1929, Dec. 14

1930, Apr. 22

Moysey, Arthur E.

1927, Jan. 22

Roberts, E.D.

1924, Apr. 11

Ross, Betsy

1926, Sept. 3

Schinkel, H.F.

1927, Feb. 26

Schmidt, August

1929, Aug. 28

Shank, Dera E. and M.

1929, June 10

Smart, W.W.

1927, July 2

Tungsten Production Company

1928, Jan. 21

Weller, Charles S.

1927, Sept. 5

Williams Lumber Company

1926, Mar. 22

## Miscellaneous (1 folder)

From Baker, John D. to Friend 1929, July 24

From Cornelison, J.B. to Babcock, Howard 1928, Jan 25

From Fox, Lawrence K. To Fellow members of the State Historical Society 1926, Feb. 18

From Marr Oil Company to Stockholders 1931-1932, n.d. (9 items)

From Marts, E.R. to Friend 1924, Apr. 22

From Moco Oil Corporation to Stockholders 1924-1925 (2 items)

From National Business Service 1924 (4 letters)

From Newray Mines Limited to Shareholders 1924, June 17

From North-West Trust Company to Sir 1929, Apr. 8

From Northwestern Blau-Gas Company to Customers 1930, Jan.

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MANUSCRIPTS (1 folder)

Receipt 1926, Feb. 1

Report of L.G. Ochsenreiter Receipts and Disbursements 1926, Oct. 8

PRINTED MATERIALS (1 folder)

Miscellaneous Land Sale Materials (4 items)

Newspaper Clippings

*Barreda Record* 1927, Jan. 15

1928, Mar. 28 untitled Clipping

2 undated untitled Clippings

Pamphlets

Canadian Pacific Railway Company Land On Amortization Terms

Petroleum Business

TOPICAL FILES

Barrington Oil Company (1 folder)

Promissory Notes and Receipts (1 folder)