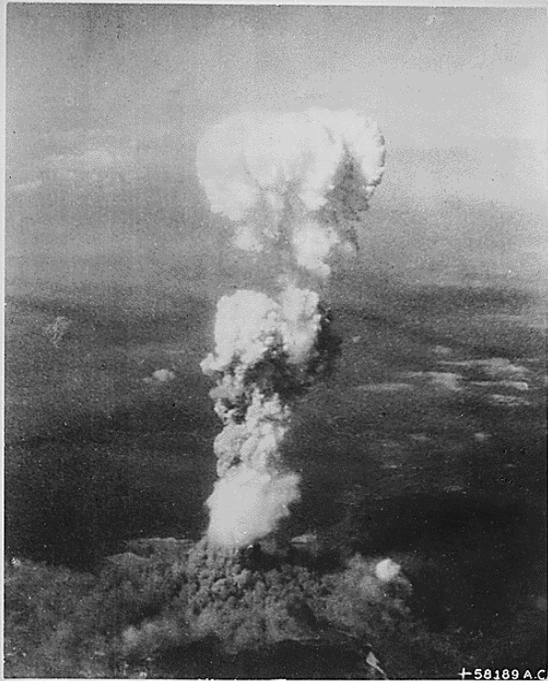


April 2015

Truman's Decision to Use the Atomic Bomb and Its Legacy with Dr. Sam Walker

On **Thursday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m.**, the National Archives will present, in partnership with the Harry S Truman Center at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum, **Dr. Sam Walker**, who will provide commentary and discussion regarding **Truman's Decision to Use the Atomic Bomb and Its Legacy**. A free light reception will precede the lecture at 6:00 p.m.



In recognition of the 70th anniversary of President Truman's decision to drop the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan in August of 1945, Walker will discuss the impact of the decision as a part of ushering in an era known as the Nuclear Age. This program is part of the UMKC Center's Truman Legacy Series that highlights policies and issues whose origins date to the Truman Administration and continue in today's world.

To make a reservation for this **free program** call 816-268-8010 or email kansascity.educate@nara.gov. Requests for ADA accommodations must be submitted five business days prior to events.

Above left: At the time this photo was made, smoke billowed 20,000 feet above Hiroshima while smoke from the burst of the first atomic bomb had spread over 10,000 feet on the target at the base of the rising column. Two planes of the 509th Composite Group, part of the 313th Wing of the 20th Air Force, participated in this mission, one to carry the bomb, the other to act as escort. National Archives at College Park, Record Group 342, Records of U.S. Air Force Commands, Activities, and Organizations, 1900-2003, Black and White Photographs of U.S. Air Force and Predecessors' Activities, Facilities, and Personnel, Domestic and Foreign, 1930-1975. National Archives Identifier 542192.

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Upcoming Events

Unless noted, all events are held at the National Archives
400 West Pershing Road
Kansas City, MO 64108

- APRIL 2 - 10:00 A.M.
GENEALOGY WORKSHOP:
*ORDER IN THE COURT:
FINDING YOUR FAMILY IN
COURT RECORDS*
- APRIL 9 - 6:30 P.M.
LECTURE AND DISCUSSION:
*TRUMAN'S DECISION TO
USE THE ATOMIC BOMB
WITH DR. SAM WALKER*
- APRIL 29 - 6:30 P.M.
LECTURE AND DISCUSSION:
*THE STRUGGLE TO
IMPLEMENT OBAMACARE:
IMPLICATIONS FOR
AMERICAN GOVERNANCE
WITH DR. FRANK
THOMPSON*

We Want You! - To Volunteer at the National Archives

Are you an experienced genealogist? Would you be willing to volunteer and help other genealogists with their research? The National Archives at Kansas City is seeking volunteers to assist in our Public Access Computer Room on Wednesdays, Fridays, and/or Saturdays. We are looking for individuals with knowledge of Ancestry.com, Fold3.com, FamilySearch.org, and a broad understanding of family history research.

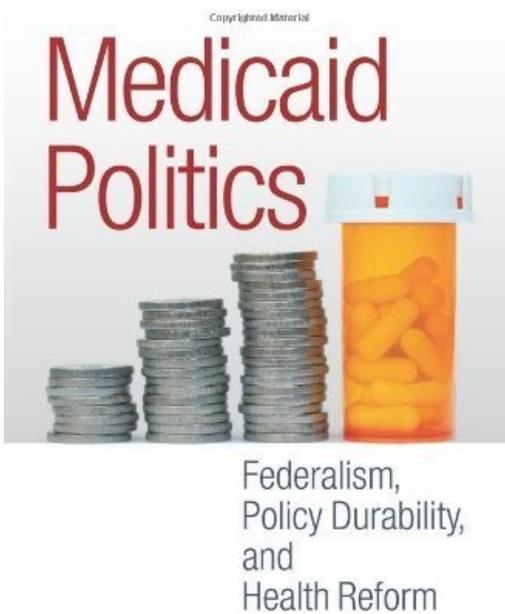
If you are interested or know someone who may be a good fit please visit <http://www.archives.gov/kansas-city/volunteer.html> or contact Elizabeth Burnes, Interim Volunteer Program Coordinator, at 816-268-8093 or elizabeth.burnes@nara.gov.



The Struggle to Implement Obamacare: Implications for American Governance with Dr. Frank Thompson

On **Wednesday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m.**, the National Archives at Kansas City will present, in partnership with Park University, **Dr. Frank Thompson**, who will provide commentary and discussion regarding *The Struggle to Implement Obamacare: Implications for American Governance*. A free light reception will precede the lecture at 6:00 p.m.

According to Thompson, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 was an epic policy breakthrough, culminating a century of effort to expand health insurance coverage to nearly all Americans, but those striving to implement the law have faced a difficult, contentious context marked by deep-seated partisan polarization. Thompson's discussion will track the progress to date in implementing two major provisions of the PPACA — the creation of viable insurance exchanges and the expansion of Medicaid. The lecture will also show how the PPACA intersects with broader issues of American governance: the rise of the executive branch within the separation-of-powers system, the increased importance of the administrative presidency and the emergence of fractious federalism rooted in partisan polarization. Copies of Thompson's book will be available for purchase and signing.



Frank J. Thompson

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The lecture series is named in honor of the late Park University professor emeritus of political science and public administration, Jerzy Hauptmann, Ph.D. Hauptmann taught at Park for more than 50 years, and he launched the University's first graduate degree program in 1982. In 2001, Park University's School for Public Affairs was renamed the Hauptmann School of Public Affairs in honor of this remarkable educator.

The Dr. Jerzy Hauptmann Distinguished Guest Lecture Series was established through the generosity of alumni, colleagues and friends of Hauptmann upon his 40th anniversary at Park University. The Lecture Series brings outstanding scholars to the Kansas City area to address topics related to Hauptmann's three areas of study: international politics, public administration, and democracy.

Are you on the National Archives at Kansas City electronic mail list?



If we don't have your address on file, please send an email with your preferred email address to kansascity.educate@nara.gov or call 816-268-8000. By providing your address, you grant the National Archives at Kansas City permission to send you information about upcoming exhibitions, special events, and programs. Per the Privacy Act of 1974, we will not share your personal information with third parties.

All Sewn Up: The Garment Industry Goes to Court Exhibition

What's in a Name?

In 1924, the National Cloak & Suit Company filed suit against the National Army Stores Company over a trademark infringement. The National Cloak & Suit Company (located in Kansas City and New York) contended they had registered the word "National" as its trademark in the United States Patent Office. They claimed that the defendants (a Kansas City company) sold the same general type of merchandise and used the shortened name "The National." They sought \$25,000 in damages. Although many of the details of this case are unknown, eventually the plaintiff dismissed the case in 1927 "without prejudice."

This court case has been preserved in the United States District Court holdings of the National Archives at Kansas City. Researchers investigating this case will find all the expected court documents, along with two full-color merchandise catalogs entered into the court record as "Exhibits" for the National Cloak and Suit Company. In addition to documenting the details of the court case, these colorful catalogs also document the style of dress available for purchase in Kansas City in the early 1920s for men, women, and children.

You can view one of the catalogs and additional materials from this court case on display in the exhibit *All Sewn Up: The Garment Industry Goes to Court*, available for viewing Tuesday-Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the National Archives at Kansas City. Admission is free. To schedule a group tour call 816-268-8013 or email mickey.ebert@nara.gov.

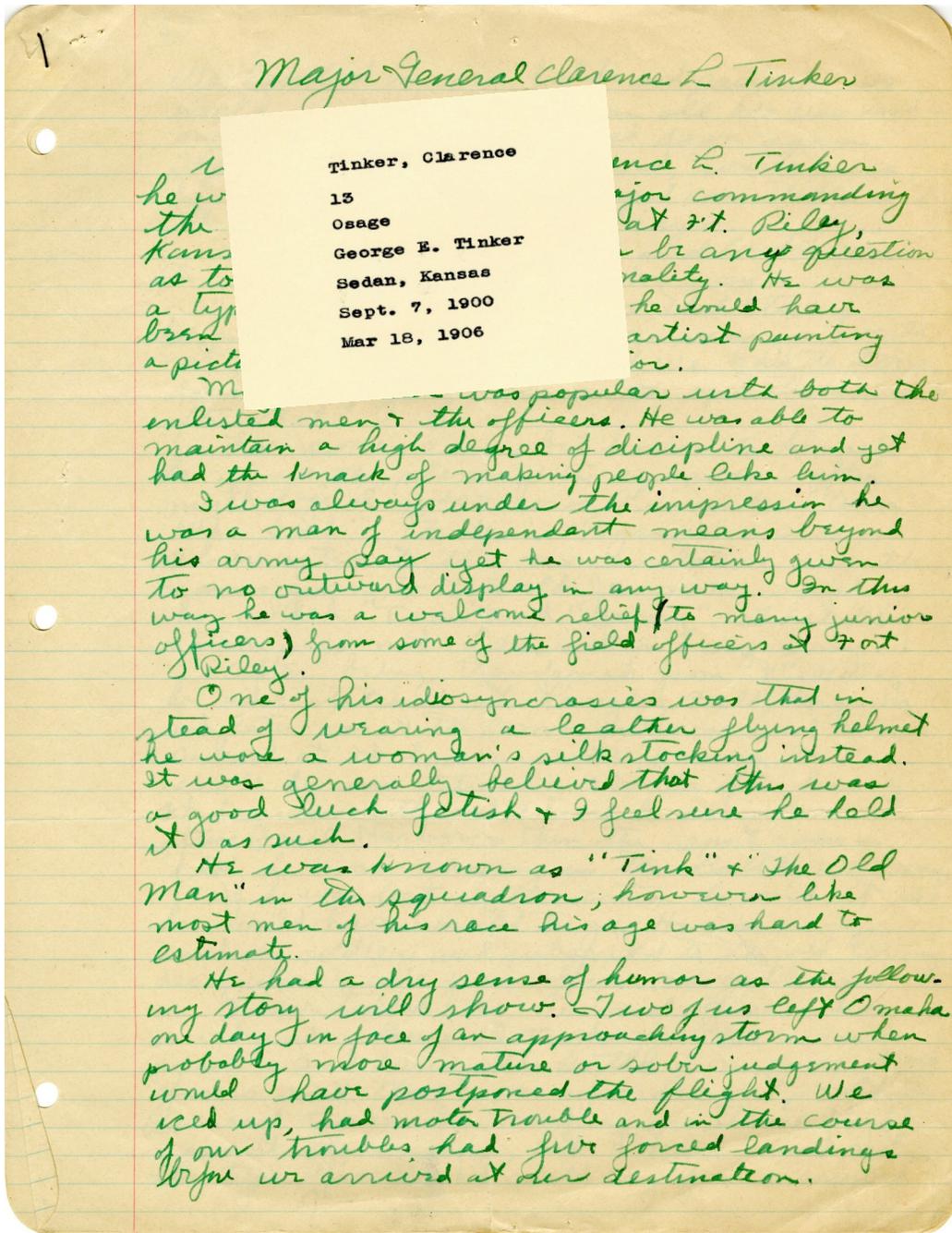


Above: The "National" Money-Saving Style Book for Spring & Summer 1920, *National Cloak and Suit Company v. Joseph Sonken and Mose Silverman*, 1920. National Archives at Kansas City, Record Group 21, Records of the District Courts of the United States, Equity Case Files, 1913-1938, *National Cloak and Suit Company v. Joseph Sonken and Mose Silverman*, National Archives Identifier 572373.

Hidden Treasures from the Stacks

From Haskell to Midway: Major General Clarence L. Tinker

Every semester students from Haskell Indian Nations University visit the National Archives at Kansas City. We often pull records from the early days of Haskell, including Student Case Files from notable individuals. Found among our earliest Haskell Student Case Files is one for Clarence Tinker, born November 21, 1887, near Pawhuska, Oklahoma. A member of the Osage tribe, Tinker was a student at Haskell from September 7, 1900 – March 18, 1906. In terms of actual records documenting his experience at Haskell, his case file is unremarkable, consisting of one page showing the dates he attended. However, included in his file are numerous documents from the 1940s relating to his military service. By reading through these documents, though, we discovered a true hidden treasure in our stacks—Tinker was the first American Indian to attain the rank of Major General in the U.S. Army. Sadly he was also the first American general to die in combat during World War II.



After Tinker left Haskell, he finished his schooling at Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, Missouri. Upon graduation he served as a lieutenant in the Philippine Constabulary and later joined the U.S. Army in 1912. He rose steadily through the ranks, and in 1920 joined the U.S. Army Air Service (later Army Air Corps) where he took training to become a pilot. Tinker served in a variety of posts across the United States, including attending the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth. Following the December 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor, Tinker was named commander of the Air Forces in Hawaii. It was here that he attained the rank of Major General.

Included in the file is a reminiscence of Tinker written by "army friend" Tate V. Ragan of Kansas City, that provides some insight into Tinker, the individual. Ragan wrote that Tinker "was popular with both the enlisted men and the officers. He was able to maintain a high degree of discipline and yet had the knack of making people like him." He noted that the Major General was referred to as "Tink" or the "Old Man" by those in the squadron. "One of his idiosyncrosies (sic) was that instead of wearing a leather flying helmet he wore a woman's silk stocking instead.

Above: Document from Student Case File of Clarence Tinker showing the dates he attended Haskell over the a page from the reminiscence of Tate V. Ragan. National Archives at Kansas City, Record Group 75, Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Haskell Indian Nations University, Student Case Files, 1884-1980, National Archives Identifier 592971.

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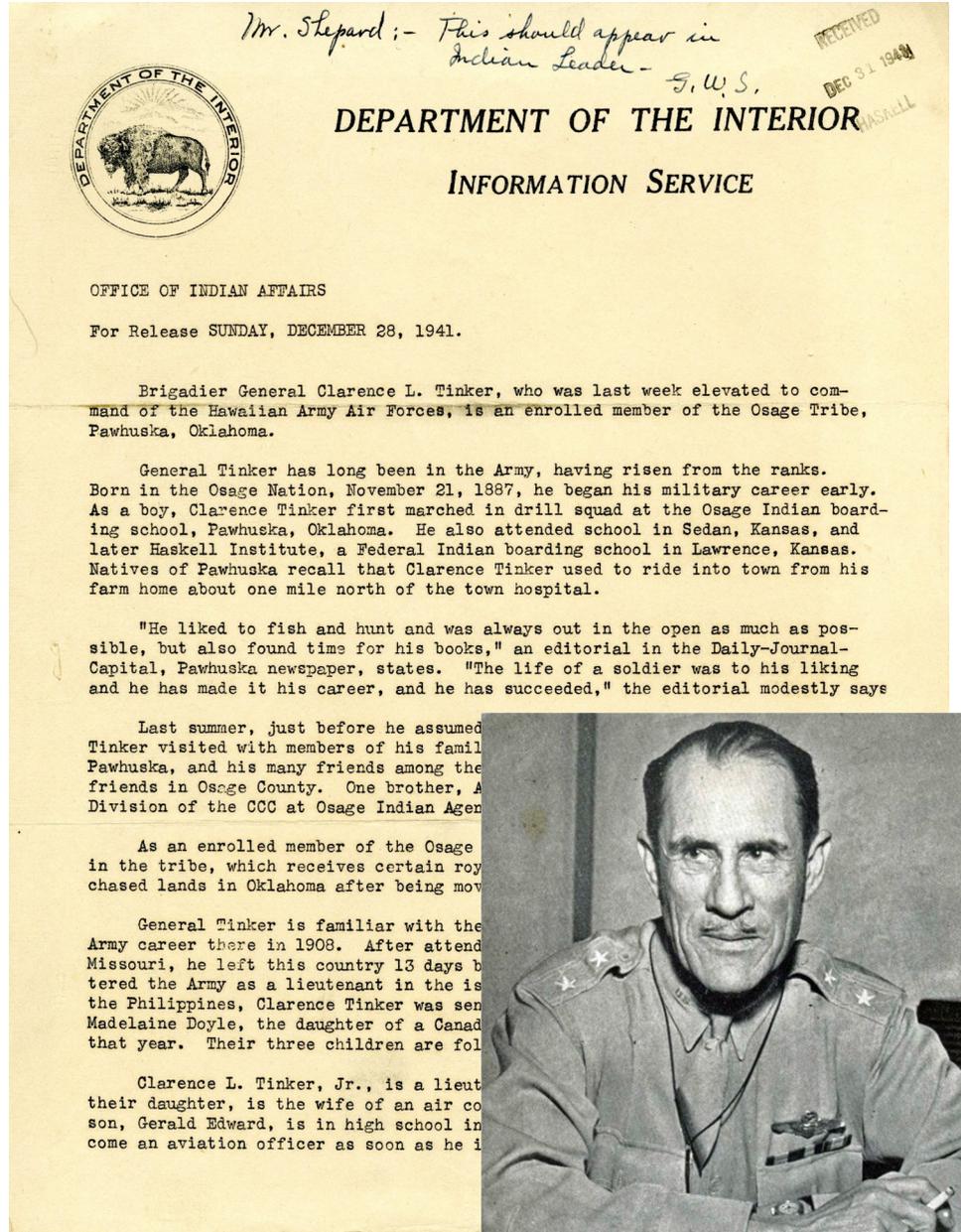
It was generally believed that this was a good luck fetish and I feel sure he held it as such.”

On June 7, 1942, while participating in a long-range bombing attack against the Japanese (part of the Battle of Midway), Tinker's plane went out of control and disappeared into the clouds. Neither the plane nor the bodies of the eight crew members were ever recovered. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal posthumously. In addition on October 14, 1942, the Oklahoma City Air Depot was renamed Tinker Field. Today it is known as Tinker Air Force Base. Even today the Osage honor the General annually by dancing to a song written as a tribute to Tinker. The words of Tate Ragan perhaps sum up best the loss and legacy of Tinker: “The service has lost a splendid officer and Haskell an alumnus of which it [should be] justly proud.”

For more information about Bureau of Indian Affairs records please visit the National Archives online catalog at www.archives.gov/research/catalog/.

Right: Press release sent out by the Office of Indian Affairs in December 1941. National Archives at Kansas City, Record Group 75, Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Haskell Indian Nations University, Student Case Files, 1884-1980, National Archives Identifier 592971.

Head shot of Major General Clarence Leonard Tinker. Tinker was an enrolled member of the Osage Nation and the highest ranking Native American officer in the U. S. Army. Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is named in his honor. Image courtesy of the U.S. War Department.



HOURS OF OPERATION: Tuesday through Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Closed on Sunday, Monday, and Federal holidays. Hours are subject to change due to special programs and weather. The National Archives is located at 400 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, Missouri, 64108.



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