



CHICKASAW NATIONAL RECREATION AREA  
**LAKE OF THE ARBUCKLES RECORDS  
OF PLATT NATIONAL PARK**

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"The Point", Lake of the Arbuckles  
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Of Platt National Park**

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**Description:**

This collection contains documents relating to the construction of Lake of the Arbuckles at Platt National Park before the park changed its name in 1976 to Chickasaw National Recreation Area. Documents in this collection include plan of development report for the Arbuckle Project, definite plan development report for the Arbuckle Project, reports, surveys, photographs, and negatives.

**Copyright:**

No copyrighted material is contained in this collection.

**Acquisition:**

These records were found at Chickasaw National Recreation Area.

**Processing:**

This collection was processed and cataloged at the Intermountain Region Museum Services Center by Leslie Matthaei in August 2008.

**Arrangement:**

This collection is arranged in three series and where possible, maintained in original order.

**Extent:**

This collection totals 1 LF.

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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

**Collection: CHIC 00088**

**Collection Title: LAKE OF THE ARBUCKLES RECORDS  
OF PLATT NATIONAL PARK**

**Catalog No** CHIC 2559

**Accession No** CHIC-00088

**Inclusive Dates** 1960-1983

**Bulk Dates** 1963-1968

### **History**

Beginning in the mid-1930s, the Arbuckle Project was a proposed response by various Federal, State, and local agencies to the lowering water tables and the deteriorating quality of water for residents of south-central Oklahoma. In 1947, the Bureau of Reclamation took inventory on land and water resource needs and problems of the Red River Basin. In the following decade, increase use of area water resources and a drought required an urgent response from the bureau to address growing water concerns. By 1956, the bureau initiated an investigation into the Arbuckle Project, which proposed the regulation of the flow of Rock Creek, a tributary of the Washita River. The project called for the development of Arbuckle Dam which flowed into a newly developed reservoir, or Lake of the Arbuckles. In 1961, the Bureau of Reclamation prepared a plan of development for the project. On August 24, 1962 the Arbuckle Project was authorized by Public Law 87-594. A definite plan report was completed by the Bureau of Reclamation in 1963 and revised in 1964.

The benefits of the dam and the reservoir include regulated water flows to surrounding cities, towns, and commercial operations and the creation of various recreational activities including fishing and boating. The area occupied by the Arbuckle Dam and Lake of the Arbuckles is within the boundaries of Chickasaw National Recreation Area. The park, through an agreement between the Bureau of Reclamation, the Arbuckle Master Conservancy District, and the National Park Service, assumes primary responsibility for the public recreational use of land and waters of the Arbuckle Project.

### **Scope**

This collection contains the plan of development and the definite plan report for the Arbuckle Project developed by the Bureau of Reclamation; various recreational and archeological reports for the Arbuckle Recreation Area; and photographs of scenes and landscapes surrounding the dam and reservoir.

### **Arrangement**

This collection is arranged in three series and where possible, maintained in original order.

**Provenance** These records were found at Chickasaw National Recreation Area.

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**Extent** 1 LF

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## ***SERIES DESCRIPTIONS***

**Collection/Series:** CHIC 00088/001

**Series Title:** ARBUCKLES PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PLANS

**Accession:** CHIC-00088      **Catalog Nbr:** CHIC 2559

**Inclusive Dates:** 06/1960, 05/1963-04/1964      **Bulk Dates:** 05/1963

**Scope:** This series contains reports, appendices, and addendums relating to the Bureau of Reclamation's plan of development, prepared in 1961, and the bureau's definite plan report, prepared in 1963.

**Arrangement:** Documents in this series are grouped together based on the plan of development and definite plan reports, then by year, then by the report's assigned serial number.

**Provenance:** These records were found at Chickasaw National Recreation Area.

**Series Nbr:** 001

**File Unit:** 001

**Dates:** 06/1960

**Title:** PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT FOR ARBUCKLE PROJECT, JUNE 1960, SERIAL NO. 65

**Summary Notes:**

This folder contains a copy of the plan of development for the Arbuckle Project, prepared by the Bureau of Reclamation, Region 5, Serial No. 65.

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**Series Nbr:** 001

**File Unit:** 002

**Dates:** 05/1963

**Title:** DEFINITE PLAN REPORT, ARBUCKLE PROJECT, MAY 1963

**Summary Notes:**

This folder contains a copy of the definite plan report for the Arbuckle Project prepared by the Bureau of Reclamation, Region 5 with pages 20-23, 27-33, and 37-57 missing.

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**Series Nbr:** 001

**File Unit:** 003

**Dates:** 1962, 03/1963, 05/1963

**Title:** DEFINITE PLAN REPORT, ARBUCKLE PROJECT, MAY 1963, SERIAL NO. 48

**Summary Notes:**

This folder contains a copy of the definite plan report for the Arbuckle Project prepared by the Bureau of Reclamation, Region 5, Serial No. 48; House document No. 242 on a report on the Arbuckle Project, Oklahoma from the Assistant Secretary of the Interior; and a supplemental project report for recreation use and development for the Arbuckle Project prepared by the Southwest Regional Office, National Park Service for Region 5, Bureau of Reclamation.

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**Series Nbr:** 001

**File Unit:** 004

**Dates:** 05/1963

**Title:** DEFINITE PLAN REPORT, ARBUCKLE PROJECT, MAY 1963, SERIAL NO. 50

**Summary Notes:**

This folder contains a copy of the definite plan report for the Arbuckle Project prepared by the Bureau of Reclamation, Region 5, Serial No. 50.

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**Series Nbr:** 001

**File Unit:** 005

**Dates:** 05/1963

**Title:** APPENDICES TO DEFINITE PLAN REPORT, ARBUCKLE PROJECT, MAY 1963, SERIAL NO. 21

**Summary Notes:**

This folder contains a copy of the Appendix A - plans and estimates and Appendix B - hydrology for the definite plan report for the Arbuckle Project prepared by the Bureau of Reclamation, Region 5, Serial No. 21.

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**Series Nbr:** 001

**File Unit:** 006

**Dates:** 05/1963

**Title:** APPENDICES TO DEFINITE PLAN REPORT, ARBUCKLE PROJECT, MAY 1963, SERIAL NO. 21

**Summary Notes:**

This folder contains a copy of the Appendix A - plans and estimates and Appendix B - hydrology for the definite plan report for the Arbuckle Project prepared by the Bureau of Reclamation, Region 5, Serial No. 23.

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**Series Nbr:** 001

**File Unit:** 007

**Dates:** 01/1964

**Title:** ADDENDUM TO APPENDIX B - HYRDOLOGY, DEFINITE PLAN REPORT, ARBUCKLE PROJECT, JANUARY 1964, SERIAL NO. 12

**Summary Notes:**

This folder contains a copy of the addendum to Appendix B - hydrology for the definite plan report for the Arbuckle Project prepared by the Bureau of Reclamation, Region 5, Serial No. 12.

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**Series Nbr:** 001

**File Unit:** 008

**Dates:** 01/1964

**Title:** ADDENDUM TO APPENDIX B - HYRDOLOGY, DEFINITE PLAN REPORT, ARBUCKLE PROJECT, JANUARY 1964, SERIAL NO. 20

**Summary Notes:**

This folder contains a copy of the addendum to Appendix B - hydrology for the definite plan report for the Arbuckle Project prepared by the Bureau of Reclamation, Region 5, Serial No. 20.

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**Series Nbr:** 001

**File Unit:** 009

**Dates:** 04/1964

**Title:** ADDENDUM TO DEFINITE PLAN REPORT, ARBUCKLE PROJECT, APRIL 1964,  
SERIAL NO. 44

**Summary Notes:**

This folder contains a copy of an addendum to the definite plan report for the Arbuckle Project prepared by the Bureau of Reclamation, Region 5, Serial No. 44.

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**Series Nbr:** 001

**File Unit:** 010

**Dates:** 04/1964

**Title:** ADDENDUM TO DEFINITE PLAN REPORT, ARBUCKLE PROJECT, APRIL 1964,  
SERIAL NO. 48

**Summary Notes:**

This folder contains a copy of an addendum to the definite plan report for the Arbuckle Project prepared by the Bureau of Reclamation, Region 5, Serial No. 48.

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**Collection/Series:** CHIC 00088/002

**Series Title:** MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS

**Accession:** CHIC-00088

**Catalog Nbr:** CHIC 2559

**Inclusive Dates:** 1960-1969

**Bulk Dates:** 1966, 1968

**Scope:** This series contains correspondence, memorandums, and reports.

**Arrangement:** Documents in this series maintain original order and are arranged alphabetically.

**Provenance:** These records were found at Chickasaw National Recreation Area.

**Series Nbr:** 002

**File Unit:** 001

**Dates:** 03/1966-04/1968

**Title:** A2615: ARBUCKLE RECREATIONS AREA MONTHLY NARRATIVE REPORT

**Summary Notes:**

This folder contains a memorandum regarding new reporting directives for the Reports Management Handbook; memorandums from the Superintendent's of Platt National Park to the National Park Service director regarding new area monthly reports for the Arbuckle Recreation Area from April 1966 to April 1968 including photocopies of photographs and three copies of flow charts of the program evaluations and reviews.

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**Series Nbr:** 002

**File Unit:** 002

**Dates:** 12/1966

**Title:** APPENDIX F - RESERVOIR REGULATION MANUAL FOR ARBUCKLE RESERVOIR

**Summary Notes:**

This folder contains Appendix F to the Reservoir Regulation Master Manual, Red River Basin, Tulsa District, prepared by the United States Army Engineer District, Tulsa Corps of Engineers, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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**Series Nbr:** 002

**File Unit:** 003

**Dates:** Unknown

**Title:** ARBUCKLE PROJECT PAMPHLET

**Summary Notes:**

This folder contains three copies of the pamphlet, "Arbuckle Project," prepared by the United State Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation.

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**Series Nbr:** 002

**File Unit:** 004

**Dates:** 09/1964

**Title:** ARBUCKLE RECREATION AREA, OKLAHOMA - A PROPOSAL

**Summary Notes:**

This folder contains a copy of "Arbuckle Recreation Area, Oklahoma - A Proposal," prepared by the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Southwest Region.

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**Series Nbr:** 002  
**File Unit:** 005  
**Dates:** 12/27/1968, 05/21/1968  
**Title:** ARCHEOLOGICAL RESEARCH MANAGEMENT PLAN

**Summary Notes:**

This folder contains memorandums regarding the Platt-Arbuckle archeological research management plan including a draft copy of the plan.

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**Series Nbr:** 002  
**File Unit:** 006  
**Dates:** Unknown  
**Title:** MURRAY COUNTRY RECREATION POTENTIAL APPRAISAL

**Summary Notes:**

This folder contains a copy of "Murray County Recreation Potential Appraisal," prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service.

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**Series Nbr:** 002  
**File Unit:** 007  
**Dates:** 11/1965  
**Title:** PLATT NATIONAL PARK, ARBUCKLE RECREATION AREA RECREATION POTENTIAL

**Summary Notes:**

This folder contains a copy of "Platt National Park - Arbuckle Recreation Area, Recreation Potential (A Professional Analysis and Report)," prepared by the United States Department of Interior, National Park Service.

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**Series Nbr:** 002  
**File Unit:** 008  
**Dates:** Unknown  
**Title:** PROPOSED ARBUCKLE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

**Summary Notes:**

This folder contains a copy of an area investigation report entitled "Proposed Arbuckle Recreation Area, Oklahoma," including black and white photographs.

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**Series Nbr:** 002

**File Unit:** 009

**Dates:** 1969

**Title:** A SUMMARY APPRAISAL OF OUTDOOR RECREATION POTENTIAL IN SOUTHERN OKLAHOMA

**Summary Notes:**

This folder contains a copy of "A Summary Appraisal of Outdoor Recreation Potential in Southern Arizona," prepared by the Southern Oklahoma Development Association.

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**Series Nbr:** 002

**File Unit:** 010

**Dates:** 1960

**Title:** SURVEY AND APPRAISAL OF THE ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES OF THE LAKE OF THE ARBUCKLES RESERVOIR

**Summary Notes:**

This folder contains a copy of "Survey and Appraisal of the Archeological Resources of the Lake of the Arbuckles Reservoir, Murray County, Oklahoma," by Robert E. Bell. this report was submitted to the National Park Service by the University of Oklahoma through purchase order RO 33-204.

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**Collection/Series:** CHIC 00088/003

**Series Title:** PHOTOGRAPHS

**Accession:** CHIC-00088

**Catalog Nbr:** CHIC 2559

**Inclusive Dates:** 1969-1983

**Bulk Dates:** 1976

**Scope:** This series contains black and white 8x10, 4x6, and 4x5 photographs of the construction of, landscapes of, and recreation at Lake of the Arbuckles. This series also include 10 black and white 120 mm negatives of the dedication of the lake and the Goddard Youth Camp in 1968 and various contact sheets.

**Arrangement:** Photographs are first arranged by the Dewey Decimal System code used before the introduction of the NPS 19 Disposition Schedule and then by topic.

**Provenance:** These records were found at Chickasaw National Recreation Area.

**Series Nbr:** 003  
**File Unit:** 001  
**Dates:** Unknown  
**Title:** 977.1 - CONSTRUCTION OF ARBUCKLE LAKE AND DAM

**Summary Notes:**

This folder contains five 8x10 black and white aerial photographs of the construction of Lake of the Arbuckles and Arbuckle Dam.

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**Series Nbr:** 003  
**File Unit:** 002  
**Dates:** Unknown, 05/1969, 07/1976  
**Title:** 977.2 - SWIMMING, BOATING, SKIING, FISHING - ARBUCKLE LAKE

**Summary Notes:**

This folder contains 10 - 8x10 black and white photographs of various lake scenes including boating, swimming, fishing, and sailing. Also included in this folder are six black and white and color contact sheets.

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**Series Nbr:** 003  
**File Unit:** 003  
**Dates:** Unknown, 07/1976, 03/1983  
**Title:** 977.4 - ARBUCKLE DAM AND LAKE

**Summary Notes:**

This folder contains 10 - 8x10 black and white photographs of various scenes including roads and scenic landscapes surrounding the lake and dam; three black and white 4x6 photographs of Oklahoma State Game Ranger Kelly Roberson and assistants dumping cedars for fish attracters in March 1983; and four black and white and color contact sheets.

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**Series Nbr:** 003  
**File Unit:** 004  
**Dates:** 05/1968  
**Title:** DEDICATION OF LAKE OF THE ARBUCKLES AND GODDARD YOUTH CAMP

**Summary Notes:**

This folder contains eight 4x5 black and white photographs and 10 - 120mm black and white negatives of the dedication ceremony.

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