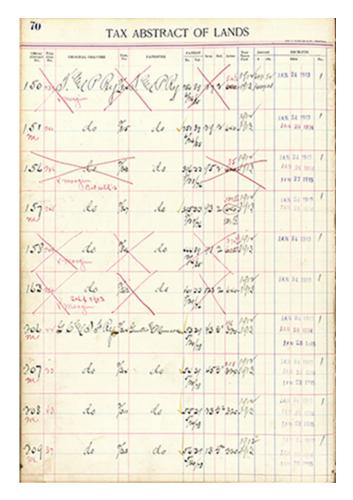
JA Cattle Company

The JA Cattle Company was founded by John Adair and Charles Goodnight in the late 19th century, and its records are among the Southwest Collection's most prominent holdings. They encompass over 218 boxes of material, including correspondence, financial records, land abstracts, maps, and scrapbooks. Accounting ledgers, such as this one dating from the 1910s, number in the dozens. Unique among all of it is this Burroughs Class I, Model 9 adding machine. Manufactured from 1895 until 1920, these machines were essential for clerks in the booming, pre-Depression U.S. economy. It, and hundreds of ledgers, helped the JA Cattle company thrive until the present day.



The Southwest Collection was unofficially founded in 1925 when Elizabeth Howard West began collecting the records of early Texas ranches. Holdings now include local, state, national, and internationally significant collections, such as the papers of U.S. Secretary of Education Lauro Cavazos, Governors Coke Stevenson and Preston Smith, Dr. Ted Fujita (creator of the F-scale for classifying tornadoes), and astronauts Rick Husband and Willie McCool. But it all began with ranching collections like that of the JA Cattle Company.

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