

## Guide to Manuscript Collections | American Indians (By Tribe)

### CHEROKEE

#### **1982.032 Chamberlin, A. N.**

The A. N. (Amory Nelson) Chamberlin Collection contains writings and manuscript materials in English and Cherokee languages. Also included are books used by Reverend William Chamberlin and his son Amory Nelson.

#### **2013.246 Cherokee Death Song Collection**

Contains two copies of sheet music, arrangements of the Cherokee Death Song, "Alknomook: The Death Song of the Cherokee Indians" printed by G. Gilfert No. 177 Broadway, New York, and "The Celebrated Death Song of the Cherokee Indians" printed by Longman and Broderip No. 26 Cheapside and No. 13 Hay Market. This song was very popular c.1789–1825, and was inspired by Cherokee Indian death songs, but was not written by Native Americans. Original authorship is unknown, possible authors including Royall Tyler and Anne Hone Hunter.

#### **1985.066 Cherokee Federal Relations Collection**

This collection pertains to federal relations between US and Cherokee Nation, including a list of Cherokee claims from Alabama, and Treaty of 1866.

#### **1982.013 Cherokee Gospel Tidings Collection**

*Cherokee Gospel Tidings* was a newspaper publication produced in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. The publication contains Sabbath school lessons for Cherokee-speaking people, advertisements, pictures, news about Dwight Mission, and other religious materials. 1899–1903. A. F. Roming, Marble City, Dwight Mission, Thanksgiving, Kendall College, Tulsa University, Sequoyah Presbyterian Church, Religion, and Frisco Line

#### **1998.066 Cherokee National Seminaries Collection**

Centennial Celebration of the opening of the Cherokee National Seminaries, Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Contains images of the seminaries, the John Vaughan Library and other buildings at Northeastern State University, and a program that included both morning and afternoon sessions.

#### **1980.082 Cherokee Nation Board of Education Collection**

Contains the Annual Report of the National Board of Education of the Cherokee Nation.

#### **1980.084 Cherokee Nation Townsites Collection**

Contains two pieces of correspondence detailing the establishment of the townsite of Bartlesville, Indian Territory.

#### **1983.150 Cherokee Seminaries Collection**

Manuscript, "Educational and Cultural Influences of 1908" By Ida Wetzel Tinen

#### **1980.090 Cherokee Towns Collection**

Contains a list of Cherokee towns with the dates of approval and their plats.

#### **2010.017 Executive Committee of the Cherokee Nation Collection**

Meeting minutes and reports from Executive Committee of the Cherokee Tribe.

#### **1983.229 Foreman, Grant**

The Grant Foreman Collection contains correspondence, research, and writings of Grant Foreman on Oklahoma History and regarding the Oklahoma Historical Society. Collection includes brochures, diaries, documents, extensive Five Civilized Tribes data, ledgers, maps, news articles, and scrapbooks.

**2008.125 Heimann, Beth W.**

The collection consists of the papers of Beth W. Heimann. The papers have genealogical value as births, marriages, and deaths are recorded but no original documentation is present. The papers are primarily index cards with historical information about teachers, missionaries, and their families that worked with assorted Indian tribes primarily from 1820 to 1864. The collection was assembled in the twentieth century about activities that occurred in the time period from 1820 to 1864. Heimann also collected historical quotes from Indian leaders about issues of the time period such as the Civil War, value of education, and white men. Church and school information printouts of the American Board Commissioners for Foreign Missions Cherokee Missionaries from 1820 to 1860 also are in the collection. Heimann cited the source of her information from the American Board of Commissioners, which is not part of OHS collections. The collection is in the original order of Beth W. Heimann.

**2006.020 Moulton, Gary**

This collection contains Dr. Gary Moulton's research for his book *John Ross, Cherokee Chief* published in 1978 by the University of Georgia Press. The documents include photocopies of personal and business correspondence, newspaper articles, Cherokee laws, and Senate transactions, and focus on the life and leadership of the nineteenth-century Cherokee Chief John Ross. In addition to photocopies of primary documents, the collection details the sources for Dr. Moulton's research and includes a working draft of his book. Dr. Moulton's photocopies of John Ross's letters and governmental work date primarily from 1807 to 1866, while a small number of secondary sources, including newspaper articles and a brief section of research on another Cherokee leader, John Drew, date from as late as 1978.

**1982.086 Robertson, Alice**

The Alice Robertson Collection contains letters, publications, and documents related to the life and career of Alice Mary Robertson. Other family members are also represented, including her mother Ann Eliza Worcester.

**1981.103 Starr, Emmett**

The collection consists of the papers of Emmet Starr from 1870 to 1930. The papers include notes, documents, and genealogy material concerning the Cherokee Indians. Starr collected Civil War records, Cherokee National records, Creek family histories, and Dawes Commission data (See microfilm AMD 26, 27, 28, and 29 for the genealogical material). The collection includes several ledgers and composition books with lists of names and numbers, and several index cards with names and dates. The collection also includes notes for Starr's books along with some research material. However, the collection does not include a guide to the lists of names.

**1982.008 Vore, Israel G.**

The Israel G. Vore Collection contains letters and transcribed copies of agreements and decrees regarding land disputes of the Texas Cherokees.

**1982.004 Watie, Stand**

The Stand Watie Collection contains material that was brought together by the staff of the Oklahoma Historical Society. The documents include typescript copies of records from the Cherokee Nation under Principle Chief Stand Watie, including speeches given, warrants issued, and claims processed. Also includes reports of actions taken by the Cherokee Nation during the Civil War. The most notable original items include a ledger of military endorsements by Brigadier General Watie January–May 1865, and a bound volume of letters written by Watie and actions taken by Cherokee government July 1863–July 1864. All material in this collection was microfilmed on roll CHN 115.

## **CHEROKEE FREEDMEN**

### **1981.111 Cherokee Freedmen Collection**

Photocopies of the interviews and other documents concerning fifteen freedmen who applied for enrollment at the Dawes Commission. Includes their application for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

### **2007.004 Clark, Jocko**

The materials in box 1 of the Jocko Clark Collection are the research materials of biographer Clark G. Reynolds. The materials in box 2 are Clark family information.

### **1981.105 Federal Writer Project Collection**

The Administrative files contain correspondence between the program operator and the US Federal Government discussing regulations, personnel issues, pay and working conditions of the writers. The Narratives and Biographies series includes typescript notes from interviews and biographical research on a number of individuals residing in Oklahoma. The Topical Files series contains research conducted for the Oklahoma Guide, part of The American Guide series of books published nationwide by the FWP.

### **1982.123 Freedmen Oklahoma Immigration Association**

Photostats of the Articles of Incorporation of the Freedmen Oklahoma Immigration Association (1881). The Organization was created to unite, aid, and protect colored individuals who were immigrating to unoccupied territories of the United States.

### **2010.079 Jerusalem Freedmen Missionary Baptist Church Collection**

The Jerusalem Freedman Missionary Baptist Church Collection contains four record books from the church in Washington, Oklahoma. The books contain hand-written records of Sunday school attendance and notes on the classes; meeting minutes of the Baptist Young People's Union; most featuring pastor B.F. Daniels and recorded by secretary Myrtle Goff.

## **CHEYENNE/CHEYENNE-ARAPAHO**

### **1981.154 Cheyenne and Arapaho Allotment Collection**

Includes copy of the original Cheyenne Arapaho allotment record. The record shows the list of allotments by individual names, relationship within households, townships, and range of assigned lands. 1891

### **1982.041 Cheyenne and Arapaho Land Opening Collection**

1892 Cheyenne and Arapaho Indian allotment certificate issued to Marble, a Cheyenne. Also, three 1901–1905 final receivers receipts for homesteads in Kingfisher, Oklahoma Territory. 1892–1905.

### **2011.039 Cheyenne and Arapaho Veterans Organization (CAVO)**

Contains a newsletter for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Veterans Organization (CAVO) in Concho, Oklahoma.

### **2007.016 Connell, Trustrim**

The Indian Territory Letters collection consists of sixty-nine letters and documents from or pertaining to the life and business dealings of Trustrim Connell. The correspondence deals with Connell's service as the Indian agent for the Cheyenne & Arapaho Agency in Darlington, Indian Territory, and later his business as a goods trader and dealer of general merchandise as a successor to George E. Reynolds and Company, also of Darlington, Indian Territory.

**2015.058 Oakerhater, David Pendleton**

The David Pendleton Oakerhater Collection consists of the journals of Oakerhater, a spiritual leader of the Cheyenne people who was also a prisoner at Fort Marion.

**2012.254 Skye Family Collection**

The collection contains newspaper articles, enrollment documents, and a funeral program for William Wayne Burns.

**1981.147 Touching Cloud**

1898 Certificate naming the Cheyenne Indian Touching Cloud as a delegate to the Indian Congress held in Omaha, Nebraska. 1898

**CHICKASAW**

**1994.011 Chickasaw Census**

A 1901 handwritten copy by Mrs. Melven Cornish of the 1818 roll of Chickasaw Nation members.

**2013.014 Chickasaw Council House Museum Collection**

This collection consists of oversize hand bills and posters related to political campaigns

**2015.253 Chickasaw Nation Collection**

Contains items from the Artesian Hotel, Casino and Spa, and postcards from the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

**2013.255 Chickasaw Nation Constitution and Laws Collection**

Contains a copy of the Chickasaw Nation Constitution and Laws, handwritten on lined paper.

**1986.107 Chickasaw Nation Courts Collection**

Contains information about a member of the Chickasaw nation and two non-citizens who had been charged with larceny, but failed to appear in court.

**1986.108 Chickasaw Nation Judges Collection**

Contains a list of judges for the Chickasaw Courts 1890–1904.

**1981.063 Chickasaw Trust Fund**

Booklet detailing an argument before the House Committee on Indian Affairs by Halbert E. Paine, counsel to the Chickasaw Nation. The Nation asked Congress to make an appropriation for the payment of arrears of interest from the Chickasaw Trust Fund.

**2012.263 Eli Ayers vs. The Chickasaw Nation Collection**

Contains one booklet titled *Eli Ayers vs. The Chickasaw Nation* in which they argued before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Halbert E. Paine, counsel to the Chickasaw Nation.

**CHOCTAW**

**1983.017 Benedict, John D.**

Letters, a scrapbook, and other documents concerning Indian Schools and Indian Affairs. Also, a list of students at the Cherokee Orphanage as of September 1909. Includes names of guardians and addresses.

**2012.257 Chief Cobb Collection**

Speech by Choctaw Chief Cobb about the unjust acts committed against the Choctaws by the White Man with regards to land and the passive activities of the Choctaws. The speech also depicts the dwindling numbers of American Indians in comparison to the white people.

**1982.029 Choctaw Academy of Kentucky**

An 1845 report from the House of Representatives, 28th Congress, 2nd Session concerning whether the Indian youth at the Choctaw Academy in Kentucky are being properly cared for with respect to clothing, boarding, morals, and general education. 1845

**2007.084 Choctaw Advisory Council Minutes**

This collection consists of meeting minutes from the Choctaw Advisory Council as well as some correspondence with Muriel Wright

**1981.013 Choctaw Appeals Docket No. 2-55**

Contains a brief filed in the US Court Of Claims Concerning the case of *The United States of America vs. Joseph Chitto and the Choctaw Nation*.

**1981.007 Choctaw Ball Game Collection**

Judge Orel Busby's Memories Concerning Choctaw and Chickasaw ball games (stick ball) Near Allen (Buffalo Valley) in 1903. Includes full descriptions of the sporting events and other related activities. John Pusley, Silas Lewis, Choctaw Tribal Court, Osage Indians, Games, Indian Doctors, Si Richardson, Silas King. Oversize folder contains a pastel drawing of a stick ball player.

**2011.304 Choctaw Council House Collection**

Documents concerning the preservation of the Choctaw Council House during the 1930s

**1981.006 Choctaw Delegation Resolution**

1806 original letter from President Thomas Jefferson to the Chiefs of the Osage, Missouri, Kansas, Oto, Pawnees, Ioway, and Sioux Tribes. Written in French, the letter welcomes the Indian Tribes to the United States due to the Louisiana Purchase. Includes typewritten translation. 1806

**1995.031 Choctaw District of the Mission M. E. Church**

Ledger for the Choctaw District of the Indians Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1927–1937.

**1981.133 Choctaw Elections Collection**

Two poll books of elections for Skullyville County. Includes lists of voters and votes cast for specific candidates. 1862–1905

**2012.264 Choctaw Hymns Collection**

Contains one Choctaw hymnal.

**1982.014 Choctaw Indians Emigration Collection**

1845, Document #107 from the 28th Congress, 2nd Session, in the House of Representatives. The document contains a letter from the Secretary of War to the Choctaw Indians detailing the contracts for the immigration from Mississippi to Indian Territory. 1845 Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek, Indian Affairs and Removal

**1981.015 Choctaw Nation**

Text of a 1927 address from Principal Choctaw Chief William H. Harrison to the Choctaw people in Poteau, Oklahoma. The address details the tribe's use of law firms to file suits against the US.

**1992.003 Choctaw Nation Council Journal Collection**

Journal of the Choctaw National Council Regarding Acts and Resolutions, 1902–1911.

**1982.057 Choctaw Nation Court Documents Collection**

This collection contains court documents, ledger pages, and court claims related to the Choctaw Nation.

**2006.027 Choctaw Nation Courts Collection**

Contains wills, genealogy, and other court records concerning those living in the Choctaw Nation.

**1984.044 Choctaw Permits Collection**

Permits for traders and renters in the Choctaw Nation

**1985.022 Choctaw Post Offices Collection**

Records of post offices in the Choctaw Nation.

**2015.026 Collection of Choctaw by Blood Jacket Duplicates**

Duplicates of some Choctaw enrollment documents

**1999.066 Duncan, Dorthy**

Manuscripts: "Incidents of Duke Berryhill's Life", "Political Strife among the Choctaw Indians", and "Indian Customs." All by Dorthy Duncan from material supplied by Ross and Earnest McClish.

**1982.243 Harkins, George W.**

Original 1888 letter (and translation page) written in the Choctaw language by George W. Harkins. The document objects to the Springer Bill (HR 1277), which concerns Chickasaw lands.

**1966.004 Joshua W. Anderson Sketchbook Collection**

Linear drawings made in a school notebook by student Joshua W. Anderson at the Choctaw Jones Academy. Anderson is on the Dawes Roll, Choctaw by blood roll # 6193. These drawings were put on display at the St. Louis World's Fair in 1903–1904.

**1982.061 McBeth, Sue L.**

This box contains personal journals and accounts of Sue McBeth and her travels as a missionary among the Choctaw Indians that came to the Goodwater Mission at Boggy Depot. Also included are semi-autobiographies of Reverend Cyrus Kingsbury and Reverend Alfred Wright.

**CREEK**

**2012.127 Burgess, Bird**

The collection consists of reports, meeting minutes, resolutions, and general notes relating to the Creek Nation. The collection spans from 1936 through 1940 with the bulk of the collection resting between 1939 and 1940. Additionally, the collection includes a list of members, tribal towns and some information on allotments.

**1981.150 Creek Indian History Collection**

Nine-page typewritten summary of the history and current condition of the Creek Indians, written by Stephen A. Langone in 1958. Also includes a two-page general appraisal of competence of the Five Civilized Tribes used in the Muskogee Area Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. 1952–1965

**1998.028 Creek Indian Tribal Towns Collection**

Correspondence, maps, and publications pertaining to Creek Indian towns in Oklahoma. 1929–1957

**1996.028 Creek Language Collection**

Grammar, reader, and hymn in the Creek language

**1984.046 Creek Nation Allotments Collection**

Ten Creek allotment records

**1981.153 Creek Nation Journal Collection**

Publication: *Creek Nation Journal Centennial Edition*, 100th Anniversary (1867–1967)

**1982.027 Creek Nation Juror Collection**

Deep Fork District, Creek Nation juror receipt book. Contains receipts for financial payments to jurors, court officials, witnesses, and persons boarding prisoners. Also, includes a few warrants (checks). 1884–1887

**1990.009 Creek Nation Land Fraud**

1898–1912 letters and documents concerning the Creek Nation land fraud cases occurring while Charles Haskell was governor. A grand jury filed charges against various individuals and companies involved, but these charges were eventually dropped. (Burned papers)

**1985.080 Creek Nation Warrants Collection**

Bound volumes of Creek warrants, dated and to whom issued.

**1985.068 Creek National Council Collection**

Minutes of the House of Warriors concerning national elections, bills and resolutions

**1981.140 Creek Tribal Council Collection**

1962 Minutes of proceedings of the Creek Tribal Council meeting held at the Old Creek Council House, Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Includes names of Councilmen, speeches, and committee work. 1962

**1984.040 Deep Fork District Records Collection**

Court records and proceedings of Deep Fork District of the Creek Nation.

**1982.005 Dwight Mission Church Records**

The Dwight Mission Church Records Collection contains the handwritten journal of Reverend Worcester Willey who came to Dwight Mission in 1845. The volume begins with the organization of the first church on April 12, 1822, consisting of eight members; Alfred and Susan Finney, Cephas and Abigail Washburn, James and Minerva Orr, and Jacob and Nancy Hitchcock. The records of the church include names of persons joining the church, baptisms, marriages, and deaths among the congregation.

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In addition to Reverend Willey's journal are membership reports from the years 1849–1852 as well as 1858 and 1860. United States Senate Reports #371 of February 20, 1871, and #486 of March 1, 1888; a biography of Reverend Willey.

The journal contains two misnumberings, pages 44 and 62 are omitted.

**2013.248 Hastain's Creek Allotment Index Collection**

Contains the 1st and 2nd supplements to the *Hastain's Index to Creek Allotments*.

**1982.086 Robertson, Alice**

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**CREEK FREEDMEN**

**1984.039 Sutton, F.M.**

Compilation of information concerning Creek Freedmen from the Dawes Commission

**KIOWA AND AFFILIATED TRIBES**

**1986.088 Kiowa Dance Society**

*Ageless We Dance: A Photographic History of Dance in Kiowa Society from 1890 to 1940*

**2002.026 McKenzie, Parker**

The Parker McKenzie Collection contains materials relating to the language and elders of the Kiowa Native American Tribe, the McKenzie family, and Parker's personal correspondence.

**1982.039 Wichita and Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Ceded lands Homestead Applications**

Lawton and El Reno land district applications for homestead entry within the Wichita and Kiowa, Comanche and Apache ceded lands. Also includes an issue of *The Lawton Daily Democrat* in which details concerning the applications are presented. 1901

**OSAGE**

**1996.004 Comstock, Paul A.**

Paul A. Comstock was an Osage lawyer during the early Twentieth Century. The bulk of the collection contains his case files, filed by the surname of the client. There are some personal and family papers, including a small amount of correspondence of A. W. Comstock. Most of the dated collection is from the 1920 to 1960, but there are files from as early as 1900.

**1997.051 Sutherland, G. K.**

Legal papers to include wills, estates, and correspondence with members of the Osage Tribe.

**1981.110 Osage Indian Leases in Oklahoma**

1917 Government Document 63, 65th Congress, 1st. Session, Osage Indian Leases in Oklahoma. Concerns leases of Osage Indian land to oil and gas companies. Includes specific details about companies and leases. July 12, 1917



### **2007.010 Osage Nation Political Collection**

The Osage Nation Political Collection contains press, and statements regarding the 2006 constitutional referendum vote and official election of 2006.

### **1985.048 Osage Treaty Collection**

Treaty between the United States and the Great and Little Osages ceding a portion of land to the US (original in oversize area).

## **SAC AND FOX**

### **2006.017 McCormick, Mary**

The majority of the papers of Mary McCormick, dating from c. 1968 to 1997 are comprised of copies of Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma documents including business committee and joint committee meeting minutes and meeting packets between 1972 and 1997, general/governing council documents from 1977 to 1995, progress reports from 1985 to 1992, agreements and contracts, Bureau of Indian Affairs correspondence, departmental documents, general correspondence and interoffice memos, printed materials including *Sac and Fox News*, and conference attendance records. Included are two documents Mrs. McCormick wrote, a Sac and Fox language primer in 1975 and "A Tribute to the Sac and Fox", an historical drama that was presented at the annual Powwow in 1992.

Mrs. McCormick's involvement in Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity in 1966 and 1967, the National Congress of American Indians from 1973 to 1995, and Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women from 1969 to 1991 is represented with correspondence, minute meetings, conference records, newsletters, and other papers. This includes her involvement in the Miss Indian Oklahoma Pageant. There are also papers and publications about other tribes/nations and general Native American issues.

Another area of the collection includes papers on American Indian education as well as her university training between 1968 and 1988 at Seminole Junior College, the University of Oklahoma and East Central University, and her career in education at Varnum Public Schools, Wewoka High School, and Horace Mann Elementary School between 1971 and 1995. Information pertaining to her involvement in educator organizations including the National Education Association, the Oklahoma Education Association, and the Seminole County Education Association span the years from 1970 to 1996.

Some papers, campaign information and newsletters, and correspondence document Mrs. McCormick's involvement as a long-time Democrat in Oklahoma especially from 1965 to 1997.

Her activities in the Baptist Church are documented between 1979 and 1997. Personal items include letters and cards sent and received from 1973 to 1996, sheet music, speedway programs, as well as letters, holiday cards, and papers pertaining to her daughters and husband.

### **1982.042 Sac and Fox Land Opening Collection**

Land patents for homestead lands. Names include: John Roberts, Phoebe E. Morse, and Augustus Carr Junior. 1901–1904

## **SEMINOLE**

### **1997.023 Doonkeen, Eula Narcomey**

The Eula Narcomey Doonkeen Collection contains papers that mainly are business in nature during the years she served as vice chief of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma and also as a member of the General Council. The papers include business of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma including constitution and by-laws, minutes of council meetings, committee reports, resolutions and text of bills considered. Some correspondence and legal affairs are also represented.

### **1989.011 Edwards, Katie Bemo Mitchell**

The Katie Edwards Bemo Mitchell Collection contains the handwritten diaries of Mrs. Bemo Mitchell from the time of her youth, 1865, through years teaching in the Seminole Nation, Indian Territory, as well as married and pioneer life of the late nineteenth century. Mrs. Bemo Mitchell was married to Alexander Douglas Bemo, a Creek-Seminole man who founded the first school of the Seminole Nation.

### **2009.145 Indian Territory and Seminole Nation Collection**

Copy, Seminole Nation Treaty

### **2008.102 Seminole Nation Collection**

The Seminole Nation Collection contains materials regarding laws, correspondence from Angie Debo, and an events calendar from 2000 to 2002.