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Overview of the Collection

Title	Native American Government Documents
Dates	1828 - 1870
Quantity	.4 linear feet
Collection Number	MS 321
Summary	This collection consists of transcripts of congressional meetings from 1828 – 1870 addressing tribal matters from the Cherokee
Repository	Pittsburg State University, Leonard Axe Library, Special Collections & University Archives 1701 S. Broadway Pittsburg, Kansas 66762 (620) 235-4883 speccol@pittstate.edu
Access Restrictions	There are no restrictions and the collection is open for research. Researchers must use the collection in accordance with the policies of the Special Collections & University Archives, Leonard H. Axe Library, Pittsburg State University
Languages	English

Detailed Description of the Collections:

Report of the Secretary of War, in Relation to the Number of White Persons Residing on Chickasaw and Choctaw Lands, February 1st, 1827. 19th Congress, 2nd Session. This document is the report made by Superintendent of Indian Affairs Thomas L. McKenney to Secretary of War James Barbour in adherence to the Intercourse Act releasing the information on squatters within the Chickasaw and Choctaw territory which he states “there is nothing... to warrant the belief that the Missionaries and Teachers ... have their influence with such tribes.”

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Supplemental Report from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, December 9th, 1828. 20th Congress, 2nd Session. This document is a supplemental report of annual appropriations (provision of funds).

Memorial of the Inhabitants of Montgomery County, March 1st, 1830. 21st Congress, 1st Session. This document is a memorial from the inhabitants of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, asking congress to protect the Cherokees lands and laws and customs.

Chickasaw Fund: Letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, February 10, 1846. 29th Congress, 1st Session. This document is a transcript of a letter made by Secretary of the Treasury Robert J. Walker to Indiana representative and Speaker of the House John Wesley Davis requesting appropriations for the Bureau of Indian Affairs from Congress.

Memorial of the Chief and Delegates of the Wyandot Indians, February 16th, 1846. 29th Congress, 1st Session. This document is a memorial from chiefs and delegates (James Washington, Henry Jaquis, John Greyeyes, John Armstrong) of the Wyandotte Nation asking Congress to “recognize the second valuation of our improvements as a fulfillment to the treaty (treaty of 1842 ceding land in Ohio to the United States)” protesting the government’s actions of relocating the Wyandotte Nation to the far west.

Extinguishment of Indian Titles: Resolutions of the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wisconsin Relative to the Extinguishment of the Indian Title to Certain Lands , February 19th, 1846. 29th Congress, 1st Session. This document shows the “extinguishment of the Indian title to the lands north of the Fox River, in said Territory, and between Wolf and Wisconsin rivers.” The Indian title was sold by the Menominee Native Americans.

In Senate of the United States: Mr. Jarnagin Made the Following Report, February 19th, 1847. 29th Congress, 2nd Session. This document is a report made by the Bureau of Indian Affairs accessing the validity of the Cherokee’s treaty fund (Treaty of New Echota) of \$5,000,000 in trade for their lands and asking Congress to begin paying the fund.

Memorial of Members of Black Bob’s Band of Shawnee Indians Against Any Attempt to Force Their People to Break Up Their Tribal Organization, and Against a Division of Their Lands, February 11th, 1870. 41st Congress, 2nd Session. This document is a petition from the citizens of Johnson County, Kansas, claiming that the “lands known as the Black Bob reserve ... are very unequal in quality and value ... that the Indians are deriving no benefit from the sale of their lands, but squander the money they receive in drunken frolics, and are led to commit murder and other heinous crimes, and reduce themselves to vagabondage and ruin.” The Shawnee were expelled from their land to northeastern Oklahoma.

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Resolutions of the Legislature of Kansas in Favor of Increased Protection on the Frontier of That State Against Depredations by the Indians.....February 9, 1870. 41st Congress, 2nd Session. This document resolves to declare the government protect settlers, and against reduction of the army.

Resolutions of the Legislature of Kansas in Favor of the Removal of All Indians Who Have Not Become Citizens....., February 16th, 1870. 41st Congress, 2nd Session. This document is the petition by Henry C. Olney requesting removal of Indians who have not become citizens; the rights of the railroads to build through the Indian territories; and secure legislation to remove all Indian tribes from the state.