OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Title: Selected records of the Office of Indian Affairs.
Date: 1797-1909 (bulk 1814-1860).
Abstract: Negative photocopies, a microfilm reproduction, and typed transcripts of manuscript letters, reports, circulars, Indian censuses, maps, drawings, and other documents concerning the Sioux (Dakota), Chippewa (Ojibwe) and Winnebago Indians under the jurisdiction of the Michigan and St. Louis superintendencies in present-day Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan.
Quantity: 2.2 cu. ft. (5 boxes) and 1 microfilm reel.
Location: See Detailed Description section for shelf locations.

HISTORY OF THE COLLECTION

This collection is an artificial compilation assembled by several individuals in numerous acquisitions over many years. This process contributed to the inconsistent placement of documents within the collection’s arrangement scheme, whose sections generally correspond to Office of Indian Affairs record series, as has the apparent movement of some items from their original filing locations by individuals other than the compilers. As a result, the current location of some materials may not be consistent with the section titles and descriptions given in the Detailed Description of the Collection portion of the inventory.

Some of the typed transcriptions of handwritten photographic reproductions are filed with the items they transcribe, while others are filed separately. Some of the transcribed photocopies may no longer be present in the collection.

Many items in the collection were selected from those contained in The Mereness Calendar: Federal Documents on the Upper Mississippi Valley, 1780-1890.
SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

Subjects covered include the fur trade; Indian conflicts, treaties, boundaries, lands, reservations, annuities, missions, education and schools, health, depredations, and claims; and other aspects of Indian affairs. Correspondents include commissioners and superintendents of Indian affairs, Indian agents and sub-agents, secretaries of war and interior, fur traders, missionaries, teachers, and territorial and state government officials.

ARRANGEMENT OF THE COLLECTION

The records are arranged in the following five sections: Letters received; letters sent (from letter books); letters sent (from report books); Michigan Superintendency of Indian Affairs, letters received and letters sent; and miscellaneous records.

The intellectual arrangement of the paper records in each section does not correspond to their physical arrangement in the boxes, as indicated in the Detailed Description of the Collection.

INDEX TERMS

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Topics:
- Fur trade.
- Dakota Indians.
- Ojibwa Indians.
- Winnebago Indians.
- Indians of North America -- Minnesota.
- Indians of North America -- Wisconsin.
- Indians of North America -- Michigan.

Persons:
- Cass, Lewis, 1782-1866.
- Clark, William, 1770-1838.
- Schoolcraft, Henry Rowe, 1793-1864.
- Crooks, Ramsay, 1787-1859.
- Taliaferro, Lawrence, 1794-1871.
- Calhoun, John C. (John Caldwell), 1782-1850.
- Ramsey, Alexander, 1815-1903.

Organizations:
Types of Documentation:
Microforms.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Preferred Citation:

Microfilm Producer:
Originals: National Archives (Record Group 75, Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs).
Available for sale or interlibrary loan from the Minnesota Historical Society.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.

Letters received:
Correspondence and related materials received by the Office of Indian Affairs and by superintendents, agents, and sub-agents whose records were sent to the Office of Indian Affairs when their offices were discontinued.

Location Reel
M674 1 1797-1827 (bulk 1820-1827).
The number above each document image on the microfilm refers to the document’s number in The Mereness Calendar: Federal Documents on the Upper Mississippi Valley, 1780-1890.

Location Box
P2669 1 1818-1830. 8 folders.
P2669 5 1831 - November 1835, 1844-1852. 6 folders.
P2669 2 July 1835 – December 1849. 6 folders.

Letters sent (from letter books):

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Copies of the general outgoing correspondence of the Office of Indian Affairs to superintendents, agents, and sub-agents; government officials; and others involved in Indian affairs.

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P2669 4 Letters sent (from report books), 1843-1860.
Copies of communications sent by the Office of Indian Affairs to members of the President’s cabinet having supervisory responsibility for Indian affairs, primarily the secretary of war or the secretary of the interior; to members of Congress; and to other government officials.

Michigan Superintendency of Indian Affairs, letters received and sent (from letter books):
Correspondence of the superintendent and agents whose records were sent to the Office of Indian Affairs when their offices were discontinued.

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Miscellaneous records:
Annual report of Philander Prescott, 1856.
Sioux Claims Commission records, 1863.
Letter regarding the claim of the estate of Ramsay Crooks against Chippewa Indian bands, 1896.
Regulations for cutting timber on the Fond du Lac and White Earth reservations, 1904-1905.
Report of Inspector E. B. Linnen on conditions at the White Earth Agency and at schools on the White Earth Reservation, 1909.