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**Bill and Lucille Balenti Collection**

**Balenti, Bill (1915–1998), and Lucille Balenti (1917–1985). Papers, 1904–1975. .33 foot.**

Collectors. Newspaper clippings and photocopied images (1904–1975) regarding the Balenti family, and manuscript and typescript narratives (n.d.) of Indian legends by Arapaho, Shoshone, Cherokee, Cheyenne, and Seneca Indians, among others.

**Folder:**

1. News clippings “Cheyenne Bell his Grandmother” *The Daily Times*, February 2, 1975, Pryor, Oklahoma. (copy) Mr. and Mrs. Bill Balenti photographed.
2. Copy of photo – re: Blacksmith’s – Drexell Institute, Carlisle, PA, football team. George Balenti identified.
3. Copy of photo – re: Summer day, 1904, Carlisle Barracks Institute, PA, Mike Balenti, Jr. identified.
4. Copy of page in the *Chronicles of Oklahoma*. Re: Mike Balenti.

**The following is a list of handwritten or typed pages of American Indian legends.**

**Folder:**

1. “Legend of the Big Dipper” told by Clarence Smith - Arapaho
2. “The Little Dipper” told by Wm. Bishop - Cayuga
3. “Morning and Evening Stars” told by Moses Friday - Arapaho
4. “The Coyote and the Wind” told y Caleb Carter – Nez Perze
5. “An Indian Legend of the Sun” told by William Dale - Caddo
6. “The Origin of Thunder” told by William Dale - Caddo
7. “The Pond Lilly” told by Adeline Greenbrier - Menominee
8. “How the Snake’s Head Became Flat” told by Emma LaVette - Shoshone
9. “Tradition of the Crow” told by Louis George – (Klamath) Calf
10. “The Buzzard Once a Beautiful Bird” told by William Owl - Cherokee

11. "The Red Bird" – Cheyenne Legend
12. "The Blue Jay" told by John Bastine - Puyallap
13. "A Story of the Blue Jay" told by John Bastin - Puyallap
14. "Why the Ground Mole is Blind" told by Phenia Anderson - Concow
15. "The Chicken Hawk" told by G. Balenti and M. Balenti
16. "A Legend of the Cows" told by Louis George - Klamath
17. "The Great Spirit and the Monstrous Mosquito" told by Eolison Mt. Pleasant
18. "Legend of the Catfish" told by Elizabeth Keshena - Menominee
19. "Why the Rabbit is Timid" told by Elizabeth Keshena - Menominee
20. "How the Term 'Fire Water' Originated" told by Robert Tahomont - Abenaki
21. "A Mohawk Legend" told by Minnie White - Mohawk
22. "The Brook" by Victor Johnson, Class '04 – Carlisle Indian School
23. "An Indian Morning Prayer" told by G. Balenti and M. Balenti
24. "Beginning of the Osage Tribe" told by John White - Mohawk
25. "Creation of the World and all Indians" told by Stella Bear - Oricharee
26. "The Indians Gift" told by Anna Hauser - Cheyenne
27. "The Senecas' Green Forn Dance" told by Alvin Kennedy - Seneca
28. "Arapaho Tradition of Creation" told by Moses Friday - Arapaho
30. "The Old Man of the Sky" told by Wm. Bishop - Cayuga
31. "Some Indian Superstitions" told by Savannah McDrid - Ukiah
32. "The Thunder Tradition" told by Stacey Beck - Cherokee
33. "Robin Red Breast" told by Iva Miller - Cherokee