Bill and Lucille Balenti Collection

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.


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
5. “An Indian Legend of the Sun” 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
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
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
29. “The Old Man of the Sky” told by Wm. Bishop - Cayuga
30. “Some Indian Superstitions” told by Savannah McDrid - Ukiah
32. “Robin Red Breast” told by Iva Miller - Cherokee