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Creek Nation Collection. Papers, 1849–1943. .33 foot.

American Indian tribe. Court decisions, treasury warrants, and related legal documents (1868–1900); correspondence (1873–1898); and typescripts of newspaper articles (1849–1943). All relate to land, institutions, and the affairs of the Creek Nation, Indian Territory. Correspondents include Samuel Checote, Ward Coachman, Joseph M. Perryman, and Isparhecher.

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1. Four written decisions by Judge William F. McIntosh, Judge in North Fork District, Creek Nation, 1868-1869. (guilty were sentenced to lashes on the bare back)
2. Eight warrants allowing the withdrawal of funds from the Creek Nation Treasury. (all are dated 1895). Also a blank marriage permit.
3. Typescript summary of the trial: Muskogee Nation vs. Timmie Jack, (1896). Lists witnesses, attorneys, jury members, verdict, and sentence.
4. Printed copy of "Permit Law of the Muskogee Nation, approved November 5, 1900". Re taxation of non-citizens engaged in business.
5. Letter from Samuel Checote to chiefs of Sac and Fox Indians, Aug. 9, 1873, re: restricting sale of goods and property between Indians of the two tribes without special permits.
6. Letter from Ward Coachman to Charles Thompson, March 27, 1878, inviting Thompson to ceremony of laying cornerstone for new Creek capitol building.
7. Letter from Ward Coachman to Charles Thompson, September 18, 1879, re: trial of persons from one tribe who commit crimes against the citizens of another.
8. Letter from Samuel Checote to D.W. Bushyhead, October 14, 1880, re: extradition of criminals.
9. Two letters of introduction for two Oto Indians who were searching for lost horses: one by John S. Shorb, Sac and Fox Agent, July 1, 1881, and one by Samuel Checote to D.W. Bushyhead, July 30, 1881.
10. Letter from Samuel Checote to R. Bunch, April 3, 1883, re: recovery of a stolen/stray horse.
11. Letter of J.M. Perryman to D.W. Bushyhead, September 18, 1884, re: appointment of delegates to represent Creek Nation.

12. Letter from Isparhecher to S.H. Mays (Cherokee Chief), May 8, 1897, re: land allotment for the Five Civilized Tribes and his views on this.
13. Letter of Isparhecher to D.M. Wisdom, March 14, 1898, asks Agent to warn land owners around the Creek Nation to keep their cattle from grazing within the Creek lands because it was a violation of Creek and federal law.
14. *The Indian Advocate* May 1849, letter of Reverend A.L. Hay, re: general conditions among the Creek, religion, education, etc.
15. *The Indian Journal* December 7, 1876, re: visit of the Sioux to Indian Territory, i.e. Creek Nation. Has typescript of welcome speech given by Locher Harjo and a speech by Sioux leader Spotted Tail.
16. *Indian Journal* July 31, 1879; resolutions of the Creek National Constitutional Party's platform.
17. *Indian Journal* November 2, 1882; "The Corn Fable of the Creeks," as told by Taylor Postoak, second chief.
18. *Indian Journal* March 15, 1883; re: rumors of a war within Creek Nation; Indian named Spiechee was leading raids.
19. *The Duncan Banner* November 10, 1894; editorial on Creek Council meeting; especially concerning permit law for non-citizens.
20. *The Vinita Leader* February 17, 1898; general history of Creeks by Bill Arp.
21. *The South McAlester Capital* March 31, 1898; editorial, re: the return of Creeks who had settled in Texas to the Indian Territory.
22. ----- January 13, 1898; interview with Cub McIntosh, a Creek delegate, who was trying to have tribal courts reestablished.
23. ----- August 31, 1899; dispute concerning the proper appointment of school superintendents for Creek schools.
24. *Twin Territories* December 1899; brief article on Creek Capitol building.
25. *The Purcell Register* January 25, 1901; re: armed Creek Indians led by Crazy Snake going about the area enforcing old Creek laws.
26. *Indian Journal* February 22, 1901; history of the Creeks, especially their origins in Mexico from Aztec stock; also a history of notable Creek families.

27. *Muskogee Phoenix* February 28, 1901; executive order of Lah-Tah-Mekko, re: the arrest and trial of those participating in the recent uprising; list of participants, etc. (refer to 25 above).
28. *Tulsa Democrat* March 1, 1901; history of the land upon which the Creek Nation was settled.
29. *Indian Journal* March 8, 1901; reprint of the article in 28.
30. *Twin Territories* April 1902; cites early Creek laws and punishments for offenders.
31. *Indian Journal* July 25, 1902; agreement by Creek Nation to accept allotment of land; anger over fact that many non-citizens were trying to obtain lands by fraud.
32. *The Coalgate Courier* August 7, 1902; editorial on Snake Indians, a band of Creeks who followed Crazy Snake, and their opposition to allotment.
33. *The Tahlequah Arrow* February 28, 1903; Creek legend that Pocahontas was a Creek Indian.
34. *Crowder City Advertiser* May 6, 1904; payment of funds to loyal Creek Indians (from Civil War?), especially concerns heirs of Opothleyahola.
35. *The Wilburton News* June 30, 1904; closing of Creek rolls by the Dawes Commission.
36. *South McAlester Capital* August 25, 1904; binding of Creek Supreme court records and amusing stories found in them.
37. ----- September 8, 1904; relates a story found in the Creek Supreme Court records concerning the capture and adoption of four white girls during the War of 1812.
38. *The Lindsay News* September 9, 1904; editorial on Creek rolls, closing of the rolls, work of the Dawes Commission, gives number of citizens and freedmen.
39. *The Madill News* October 14, 1904; editorial on last Creek Council; views of Governor Pleasant Porter, actions taken by council, etc.
40. *South McAlester Capital* October 20, 1904; editorial on bill passed by Creeks established a committee to investigate fraud in the appraisalment and sale of town lots following allotment.
41. *Pauls Valley Enterprise* October 27, 1904; introduction of a bill to establish an information bureau for Creeks who could not read English.
42. *The Kingston Messenger* October 28, 1904, investigation of fraud in sale of town lots. (refer to 40 above).

43. *Crowder City Advertiser* October 28, 1904, sale of a silver commemorative medal given to the Creeks by King George III.
44. *The Madill News* November 18, 1904; dismissal of A.P. Murphy as attorney of the Creek National Council.
45. *The Indian Republican* January 13, 1905; editorial on Creek capitol at Okmulgee; also discusses the operation Creek courts and punishment.
46. *Broken Arrow Ledger* May 11, 1905; letter by J. George Wright (U.S. Indian Inspector for Indian Territory) announcing that all businesses within Creek Nation will begin paying a tax as prescribed by the new permit law.
47. *Sturm's Oklahoma Magazine* Vol. 1, no.2, pp. 82-87. September 1905; "The Creek Nation and Her People," a history of the Creeks covering the Mexican origins, descriptions of laws, removal and the Trail of Tears, settlement in Oklahoma, their language, wars, and tribal government.
48. *The Territorial Enterprise* October 20, 1905; an act by the Creek Council dissolving the national school system as required by the federal government; also appropriates money for the operation of the schools until their dissolution in 1906.
49. *The Claremore Progress* July 21, 1906; saving the Creek Council House at Okmulgee as a museum since tribal government were being terminated with statehood.
50. *The State Tribune* January 10, 1907; offer by Andrew Carnegie to buy the council house at Okmulgee for \$50,000.
51. *Berwyn Light* March 21, 1907; planned visit of James A. Garfield (Secretary of Interior) to the Creeks. Election of Roly E. Canard - Daily Oklahoma.
52. *The Welch Watchman* August 22, 1907; account of the visit of Garfield (refer to the 51 above).
53. *The Dewey World* July 1, 1908; Oklahoma Supreme Court ruling on the McCumber amendment of 1906 which dealt with the restrictions on holding of lands by full-bloods (alienation of title)
54. *Okmulgee Republican* April 27, 1911; "History of Creek Indians" written by Mrs. W.M. Bryson; covers social divisions among Creeks, ceremonies, tribal government, wars, and treaties.
55. *Muskogee Daily Phoenix* October 12, 1941; "History of Eufaula Boarding School Dates Back for More Than a Century", also: typescripts of documents relating to the Eufaula Boarding School--"History of Asbury Manual Labor School, Eufaula High School and

- Eufaula Boarding School"; Group Schedules for students at Eufaula B.S. for 1941, 1943, and 1944-1945; Roster of students at Eufaula B.S. for the year 1942, gives name, hometown, and status of parents and home life; same as preceding for 1943; enrollment statistics for students according to grade and tribe.
56. Unidentified clipping; "Many Treaties Necessary before all Georgia was finally ceded to Whites by Indians; general history of treaty arrangements with Creeks; history of McIntosh family, especially William and Chilli; treaty violations; dissention among Creeks over treaties; murder of William McIntosh; treaties of 1826 and 1827.
 57. Unidentified clipping: "Oweete, A Maid of Indian Spring"; Creek legend of Oweeta.
 58. *The Claremore Progress* September 24, 1898; statistics concerning the Creeks (also the Choctaws, Chickasaws, and Cherokees), gives population of tribe, number, and type of people adopted into the tribe (i.e. whites, freedmen, other Indians, etc.)
 59. *Holdenville Times* August 17, 1906; "Editorial on Indian Slave Holders" deals with slavery among the Five Civilized Tribes.
 60. *Letter*: To Honorable J.M. Perryman, Principal Chief of the Creek nation, I.T. from John Jumper, Principal Chief of the Seminole Nation, I.T. re: To meet in Council with other Nations to discuss the relinquishing their title or claim to their Territory. Dated: July 28, 1884.
Letter: To bring Brig. Gen. D.H. Cooper from Samuel Checote. re: Creek and Seminole Chiefs and soldiers in favor of Checote becoming Brig. Gen. of the Creek and Seminole Brigade. Dated: September 1, 1864.
Abstract and title of Willie Segro--Dated February 25, 1903.
 61. 1893--*Letter*: Sac and Fox Nation to Creek Nation. Petition to buy land for the Sac and Fox to live on.
1883--*Letter*: Council pays for coffin of man killed by the Light-Horsemen.
1883--*Letter*: To Creek Chief. Aid in removing intruders.
1888--*Letter*: Claim against estate of Simon Brown by School.
1879--*Letter*: Announcing election of a member to house of Kings.
1876--*Letter*: Appointment of Prosecuting Attorney.
 62. Document, Doneghy Investment Company-- largest owner of Creek land in Indian Territory. Brochure has names of persons who had allotments, where they were located, and the price of each piece of land for sale. Doneghy Investment Company, Muskogee, Indian Territory.
 63. Census roll of Creek Indians including roll number, name, age, name of father, name of mother, and B and P. Roll is arranged in alphabetical order by name. [Note: WHC staff have no additional information on what "B and P" abbreviations mean.]
 64. Warrants for rations for needy, June 14, 1875.

65. Appointment of Wallace McNac as attorney to represent the Creeks, signed Lochar Harjo, January 8, 1876.
66. Letter from Ward Coachman to Charles Thompson, re: necessity to appoint a delegation to represent Creek interests before the extra session of Congress, March 17, 1879. Letter from Coachman to Thompson, re: visit of Senatorial Committee to the Territory, September 30, 1878.
67. Letter from Ward Coachman to Cheemanthla and Bob Ellis, re: election, May 27, 1879.
68. Letter from Creek Nation to Council of the Muskogee Nation, re: payment for coffin for man killed by Light Horsemen, December 3, 1883. Letter from Clinton B. Frisk to Samuel Checote, re: aid in removing intruders, Aug. 25, 1883. Appointment of S.B. Callahan as Private Secretary to Samuel Checote, June 11, 1883.
69. Letter from Samuel Checote to J.M. Perryman, re: bills in Congress, May 24, 1884.
70. Letter from Ira A. Cain to Reverend Geo. Showers, re: unpaid bill, December 10, 1888. Letter from N.B. Moore to L.C. Perryman, re: census roll and bill before Congress, also a list of men to supervise census takers in each district, March 20, 1890. Letter from Perryman to R.V. Belt, re: payment to Indians married to whites, January 24, 1891.
71. Letter from J.P. Stanley to Chief of the Muskogee Nation, re: petition from Sac and Fox to Creek to buy land for Sac and Fox to live on, October 9, 1893. Letter from Roley McIntosh to George Wright, re: investigation of railroad tie cutting business, November 26, 1898. Letter from Moty Tiger to National Council, re: warrants for teacher and supply expenses for council sessions, Oct. 13, 1900.
72. Letter from P. Porter to Martin Jones, re: election of new members to the House of Kings, called the House of Warriors, March 1, 1901. Letter from A. Grant Evans to P. Porter, re: the maintenance of a school in Creek Nation by the Presbytery, November 20, 1902. Letter from Washington Grayson, re: the insufficiency of Tribal funds for continuing three boarding schools.
73. Records of deed holders in the 10th and 11th Townships showing the number of acres as well as the section and range number, circa 1900.