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**Claude Hensley Collection**

**Hensley, Claude. Papers, 1860–1940. .10 foot.**

Journalist. Typescripts of correspondence (1879) and memoirs (1860–1874) concerning Quanah Parker; the first telephone in Indian Territory; life at Fort Sill and Fort Reno, Oklahoma Territory; and the hunting of buffalo; along with an account (1940) by E. H. Linzee describing the development of Oklahoma Territory.

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**Minor Box H-8**

1. *Quanah Parker, Comanche Chief*, by James Moffitt. re: brief account of the life of Quanah.
2. Typescripts of correspondence. re: the first telephone in Indian Territory between Darlington Agency and Fort Reno, 1879 (?).
3. Memoirs by Neal Evans, police judge at El Reno and post trader at Forts Reno and Sill (1860's and 70's) describes frontier life, depredations by Kiowas, arrest of Satank and Big Tree, and anecdote about the saving of Fort Sill. Also, an anecdote in which Old Crow, a Cheyenne Indian offered Evans a wife for Christmas. Also, a letter commenting on Evans' knowledge of the Battle of Buffalo Wallow, 1874. Also, an anecdote of how Kiowa Indians "robbed" Evans' store at Fort Sill in 1870.
4. Notes by Claude Hensley on buffalo in Oklahoma. re: slaughter of buffalo by hunters, taking of hides, etc.
5. Accounts of the early day newspapers in Oklahoma Territory, written by Hensley.
6. *Development of Oklahoma Territory* by E.H. Linzee, 1940. Memoirs by Linzee in which he describes his impressions of early Oklahoma history concerning: land runs, agriculture, the assassination of Frank Smith, growth of Thomas, Custer City, and Clinton, Al Jennings, and Chris Madsen.