

**University of Oklahoma Libraries
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Indian War Veterans Collection

Indian War Veterans Collection. Papers, 1937–1956. .50 foot.

Veterans' organization. Correspondence (1930–1954), including personal data sheets on veterans of Indian wars and letters requesting assistance in obtaining pensions; diary extracts (1866–1893) describing experiences in various Indian wars, especially from 1860 to 1900, against the Apaches, Arapahos, Cheyennes, Comanches, Dakotas, Kiowas, and Paiutes; a manuscript (n.d.) written by Gen. T. H. Slavens, entitled "San Carlos, Arizona in the Eighties; The Land of the Apache," describing Indian activity in the San Carlos area, 1849–1894; and publications including issues of *Winners of the West* (1937–1944), *The Veteran Corps Bulletin* (1952, 1954), *The William McKinley Camp Bulletin* (1954), *War Path* (1955–1956), and the *Proceedings* of the twenty-fifth annual convention of veterans of Indian wars.

About the collection:

This collection consists of material gathered for a proposed Indian Wars Veterans project to be conducted by Don Rickey, librarian of the Phillips Collection. The purpose of the project was to collect data, by questionnaires, interviews, and primary sources, on the veterans of the Indian Wars. Included are several typescripts of diaries and articles dealing with the period. A major portion of the collection consists of the files of Viola Ransom Wood, National Historian of the United Veterans of the Indian Wars, USA, including correspondence and data sheets of U.V.I.A. members.

**Box 1
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1. Indian Wars Veterans Project (Phillips Collection). Correspondence concerning the project and requests for funding from the Faculty Research Committee. 1954
2. Blank questionnaires for the project, n.d.
3. Manuscript "San Carlos, Arizona, in the Eighties", by Brigadier General T.H. Slavens, and notes, n.d.
4. Correspondence to Brigadier General Slavens, 1935-1944.
5. Map (tracings) and notes regarding the Battle of the Wichita, showing the location of the Indian village, no dates
6. Diary typescripts of Clarence Rogers, 1st Cavalry Fort Grant, Arizona, January 31 - July 14, 1893.
7. Typescript extracts from the diary of an Army officer's wife at Fort Leavenworth and Fort Bridger, 1866.

8. Notes compiled by Major Bertram Cadwalder in preparing "Wars, Campaigns...from the ...Closing Period of the "Civil War...to August, 1912" for the Historical Section, Army War College. Divided by campaigns or operations, the narrative is arranged chronologically, and includes extracts from reports of the Department commanders and Secretaries of War. Despite its title, these notes are limited to Indian Wars. An introduction and index are included, n.d.
9. *The Veterans Corps Bulletin*: #271 (November, 1952) #272 (December, 1952), #279 (May, 1954). *William McKinley Camp Bulletin* (William McKinley Camp #6, U. S. Spanish War Veterans)--Volume 27 (June, 1954). 1952-1954.

Box 2
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1. Correspondence and material submitted for publication to the *National Tribune*, file 1-- articles concerning legislation, pensions, and obituaries, 1930s.
2. Correspondence and material submitted for publication to the *National Tribune*, 1930s.
3. *The War Path*, Volume 10, #2 (May, 1955); Volume 10 #4 (November, 1955); and Volume 10 #7 (November, 1956), 1955-1956.
4. Correspondence and data sheets from the files of Viola Ransom Wood, National Historian of the United Indian War Veterans. These files consist of data sheets filled out for organization members, showing their relationship to Indian War Veterans, and any correspondence with those members. Wood included her personal notes on members with the files, and interfiled her notes on veterans and their dependents who had not filled out data sheets, 1930-1954.
5. A file for Mrs. C.A. Cannefax Burger, n.d.

Box 3
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1. Correspondence and data sheets, 1, n.d.
2. Correspondence and data sheets, 2, n.d.
3. Correspondence and data sheets, 3, n.d.
4. Correspondence and data sheets, 4, n.d.

Box 4
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1. Correspondence and data sheets, 5, n.d.
2. Correspondence and data sheets, 6, n.d.

3. Correspondence and data sheets, 7, n.d.

4. Correspondence and data sheets, 8, n.d.

Box 5

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1. Correspondence and data sheets, 9, n.d.

2. Correspondence and data sheets--"Groups of which there is little information on", n.d.