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S. H. Mayes Collection

Mayes, Samuel Houston (1845–1927). Printed materials, 1882–1928. .66 foot.

Indian chief. Typescripts of newspaper articles (1882–1928) relating to Mayes's tenure as principal chief of the Cherokees, his negotiations with the Dawes Commission, the preparation of the tribal roll, and the assignment of lands.

Box M-50

Folder:

1. Letter from S. H. Mayes to the National Council, regarding payment for collecting taxes as sheriff of Cooweescoowee District, Dec. 7, 1882.
2. Letter from Mayes to editor of the *Indian Chieftain* denying charge he offered D. W. Bushyhead the office of the treasurer in return for support of Downing ticket in coming election, from *Indian Chieftain*, June 30, 1887.
3. Editorial on Bob Ross and Mayes from the *Tulsa Review*, Jan. 4, 1895.
4. Editorial on Mayes from the *Tulsa Review*, March 8, 1895.
5. Editorial on election of Mayes as chief from the *Wagoner Record*, April 26, 1895.
6. Editorial on election of Mayes as chief from the *Fairland News*, Aug. 9, 1895.
7. Editorial on Mayes and Ross from the *Fairland News*, May 17, 1895.
8. Letter from J. F. Thomson, Cherokee delegate, to Hoke Smith, Secretary of Interior, regarding intruders on Cherokee lands, from the *Fairland News*, May 17, 1895.
9. Editorial on Mayes from the *Cherokee Champion*, May 22, 1895.
10. *Ibid.*, May 29, 1895.
11. *Ibid.*, June 5, 1895.
12. Letter from Mayes to Washington Swimmer accepting Downing party nomination for chief, from the *Indian Chieftain*, June 6, 1895.
13. Editorial on Mayes and Ross from the *Fairland News*, June 14, 1895.
14. *Ibid.*

15. Ibid.
16. Ibid.
17. Article on campaign speeches of Ross and Mayes from the *Wagoner Record*, June 21, 1895.
18. Editorial on Mayes from the *Fairland News*, June 21, 1895.
19. Agreement between Ross and Mayes on illegal entries on Cherokee rolls, from the *Fairland News*, July 5, 1895.
20. Editorial on Mayes and Hoolie Bell from the *Fairland News*, July 12, 1895.
21. Ibid.
22. Ibid.
23. Ibid., July 26, 1895.
24. Ibid., August 2, 1895.
25. Letter of Mayes as Principal Chief to the Senate appointing E. B. Wright as High Sheriff of the Cherokee Nation, November 15, 1895.
26. First annual message of Mayes as Principal Chief, from the *Indian Chieftain*, November 21, 1895.
27. Letter from Mayes to National Council submitting report of the commission on the Wallace roll of freedom, November 21, 1895.
28. Letter from Mayes to National Council transmitting bond of D. W. Lipe, Dec. 2, 1895.
29. Letter from Mayes to National Council, regarding proposal for compromise on freedmen controversy, December 3, 1895.
30. Letter from Mayes to National Council transmitting treasurer's report on intruder improvements, December 3, 1895.
31. Letter from Wash Swimmer as assistant and acting principal chief to National Council, regarding a duplicate warrant, Dec. 18, 1895.
32. Letter from Mayes to National Council, regarding Freedmen claims, Dec. 6, 1895.
33. Letter from Wash Swimmer, acting chief, to National Council, regarding Dawes Commission correspondence and request for information thereon, Dec. 18, 1895.

34. Letter from Mayes to National Council, regarding Dawes Commission, Dec. 12, 1895.
35. Letter from Swimmer, acting chief, to National Council submitting treasurer's statement on receipt of money for railroad right of way, Dec. 19, 1895.
36. Letter from Mayes to President Cleveland regarding intruders in Cherokee Nation, from the *Claremore Progress*, January 18, 1896.
37. Letter from Mayes and Cherokee delegates to the Senate and House of the United States, a defense against the charges of the Dawes Commission against the Cherokee Nation, from the *Indian Chieftain*, January 30, 1896.
38. Proclamation of Mayes for special election for a Senate position, from the *Vinita Leader*, Feb. 27, 1896.
39. Letter from Mayes to National Council, regarding agreements on Freedmen claims, from the *Indian Chieftain*, March 26, 1896.
40. Communication from the Dawes Commission to Mayes, from the *David Progress*, July 23, 1896.
41. Article on Dawes Commission, including proclamation of Mayes, from the *Claremore Progress*, July 25, 1896.
42. Editorial on International Council concerned with Dawes Commission, from the *South McAlester Capital*, August 6, 1896.
43. Message of Mayes to National Council regarding Cherokee citizenship, from the *Claremore Progress*, August 15, 1896.
44. Letter from J. L. Robbins to Mayes, and comment thereon, from the *David Progress*, August 27, 1896, regarding whether Robbins is a Cherokee.
45. Message of Mayes from the *Indian Chieftain*, November 5, 1896. (annual message to the National Council)
46. Editorial on Mayes' message from the *South McAlester Capital*, Nov. 12, 1896.
47. Editorial on Mayes from the *Claremore Progress*, Feb. 13, 1897, regarding the Dawes Commission.
48. Proclamation of Mayes reappointing Bengé and Hastings as Cherokee delegation to Washington, March 18, 1897.

49. Letter of Mayes to editor of the *Indian Chieftain*, defending his role in the freedmen compromise, from the *Indian Chieftain*, July 8, 1897.
50. Editorial on Mayes from the *Purcell Register*, July 22, 1897, critical of his letter to the editor of the *Indian Chieftain*.
51. Message of Mayes to Special Session of National Council regarding citizenship rolls legislation, from the *Indian Chieftain*, July 29, 1897.
52. Circular of Mayes on registration of infants, from the *Claremore Progress*, Aug. 14, 1897.
53. Editorial on Mayes from the *South McAlester Capital*, Sept. 23, 1897, regarding his role in the "negro compromise," critical.
54. News items on Mayes, Bushyhead, etc., from the *Fort Gibson Post*, Oct. 21, 1897, reprinted from the *Siloam Springs (Ark.) Republican*.
55. Message of Mayes to National Council, Nov. 11, 1897.
56. Mayes' Thanksgiving Proclamation, from the *Indian Chieftain*, Nov. 25, 1897.
57. Letter of Mayes to editor of *Indian Chieftain*, from the *Indian Chieftain*, Dec. 16, 1897.
58. Article on "A meeting of the Five Tribes in Congress" from the *Claremore Progress*, Jan. 15, 1898, regarding Dawes Commission and citizenship cases.
59. Article on "The Five Tribes in Congress" from the *Claremore Progress*, Feb. 19, 1898, re Dawes Commission, Indian appropriations, etc.
60. Letter of Mayes to the officers of the several districts, regarding revenue laws, from the *Tahlequah Arrow* and the *Claremore Progress*, March 5, 1898.
61. Letter from A. C. Tanner, acting commissioner, to D. M. Wisdom, Indian agent at Muskogee, regarding the introduction of cattle into Cherokee land by U. S. citizens, from the *Claremore Progress*, March 19, 1898.
62. Article on "The Five Tribes in Congress" from the *Claremore Progress*, April 9, 1898, regarding interviews with Senators and Congressmen on various Indian questions.
63. Article on "The Five Tribes in Congress" from the *Claremore Progress*, April 23, 1898, regarding the passage of the Curtis bill in the House and other matters.
64. *Ibid.*, April 30, 1898.

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1. News item on Mayes from the *Fort Gibson Post*, July 7, 1898, regarding the Curtis bill.
2. Letter from Mayes to National Council, Aug. 4, 1898, re "An Act for the protection of the people of Indian Territory, and for other purposes."
3. Editorial on the Cherokee Council from the *Claremore Progress*, Aug. 6, 1898, regarding work to be done.
4. Message of Mayes to National Council, from the *Indian Chieftain*, Aug. 11, 1898, re (same as #2 above).
5. Article from the *Fort Gibson Post*, Aug. 11, 1898, regarding Mayes and the Curtis Bill.
6. Special message of Mayes to National Council, from the *Indian Chieftain*, Aug. 18, 1898, regarding an attack on the bill.
7. Article entitled "Curtis Law Straight," from the *Fort Gibson Post*, Aug. 18, 1898.
8. Editorial from the *Fort Gibson Post*, Aug. 25, 1898, regarding Mayes and amnesty for convicts.
9. Thanksgiving Proclamation of Mayes, from the *Daily Chieftain*, Nov. 15, 1898.
10. Fourth annual message of Mayes to National Council, from the *Indian Chieftain*, Nov. 17, 1898.
11. Editorial on Mayes' message, from the *Claremore Progress*, Nov. 19, 1898.
12. Editorial on Mayes and the Dawes Commission from the *Fort Gibson Post*, Jan. 12, 1899.
13. Proclamation of Mayes calling for special election on agreement with commission, from the *Vinita Leader*, Jan. 26, 1899.
14. Editorial on call for election by Mayes from the *Purcell Register*, Jan. 27, 1899.
15. Proclamation for election in Cooweescoowee District, from the *Cherokee Vindicator*, Jan. 27, 1899.
16. Editorial on Wolfe Coon, R. B. Ross, and the signing of the treaty, from the *Claremore Progress*, Jan. 28, 1899.
17. Article on outcome of special election (treaty won), from the *Cherokee Vindicator*, Feb. 8, 1899.

18. Letter of John C. West to editor of *Indian Chief*, including letter of Mayes to West, re Freedmen rolls controversy, from the *Indian Chieftain*, May 18, 1889.
19. Letter of Mayes to President Cleveland regarding Freedmen rolls controversy, from the *Indian Chieftain*, May 18, 1889.
20. Article entitled "Chief Mayes after Intruder Improvements," from the *Indian Chieftain*, June 29, 1899.
21. Editorial on Mayes and public school troubles from the *Claremore Progress*, September 2, 1899.
22. Article on marriage of Mayes' former private secretary, from the *Wagoner Record*, Dec. 28, 1899.
23. Editorial on a social held by Mayes, from the *Pryor Creek Clipper*, Feb. 1, 1901.
24. Biographical sketch of Mayes from the *Pryor Creek Clipper*, Sept. 27, 1901.
25. Biographical sketch of Mayes from D. C. Gideon, *Indian Territory* (New York, 1901), pp. 280-81.
26. Editorial on Mayes and an election scandal involving freedmen, from the *Sallisaw Star*, Nov. 28, 1902.
27. *Ibid.*, Jan. 30, 1903.
28. Interview with Mayes on an election scandal involving freedmen, from the *Sallisaw Star*, Feb. 7, 1903.
29. Editorial on the interview with Mayes on the election scandal involving freedmen, *Sallisaw Star*, Feb. 7, 1903.
30. Editorial on Mayes and an election scandal involving freedmen, from the *Sallisaw Star*, Feb. 13, 1903.
31. *Ibid.*
32. Editorial on Mayes and an election scandal involving freedmen, from the *Sallisaw Star*, Feb. 20, 1903.
33. *Ibid.*
34. Letter of W. J. McConnell on bribery and the appropriation bill, from the *Sallisaw Star*, May 29, 1903.

35. Letter from Interior Department, from the *Sallisaw Star*, June 5, 1903.
36. News item on Mayes and lands of Cherokees, from the *Sallisaw Star*, July 17, 1903.
37. "History of Pryor Creek," in the *Pryor Creek Clipper*, Dec. 26, 1903.
38. News item on Mayes from the *Pryor Creek Clipper*, Jan. 16, 1904, regarding x-ray of arm.
39. News item on Mayes from the *Vinita Leader*, June 9, 1904, regarding his views on back payments to white adopted citizens.
40. Same as #39, from the *Fort Gibson Post*, June 16, 1904.
41. Biographical sketch of Mayes from the *Muskogee Phoenix*, October 1, 1905.
42. Article on convention of Eastern Cherokees, from the *Grove Sun*, Jan. 3, 1908.
43. Biographical sketch of Mayes from the *Chronicles of Oklahoma*, 6 (June, 1928), pp. 228-31.