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**Benjamin F. Overton Collection**

**Overton, Benjamin F. (1838–1884). Printed materials, 1874–1906. .33 foot.**  
American Indian chief. Typescripts of newspaper articles (1874–1906) concerning Overton, governor of the Chickasaw Nation, and the Permit Law of 1876.

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**Folder:**

1. Article entitled the "The Peace Commissioners" from the *Cherokee Advocate*, December 19, 1874, regarding territorial status for the Indian country.
2. Letter of Pete Morrison to Editor of the *Vindicator*, from the *Vindicator*, April 17, 1875, regarding the extra session of the Chickasaw Legislature called by Overton to appropriate the money left to the Nation by Congress of the U.S.
3. Letter of Tuskahoma to Editors of the *Vindicator*, from the *Vindicator*, August 28, 1875, regarding answer of previous letter on educational taxes.
4. Message of B.F. Overton to the Legislature, from the *Oklahoma Star*, September 17, 1875, regarding plea for education legislation, etc.
5. "Overton's Utopian Scheme," from the *Oklahoma Star*, October 1, 1875, regarding a plan involving the Indian Lands and the whites.
6. Message of Overton to the Legislature from the *Star Vindicator*, September 20, 1876, regarding intentions of the Governor for legislation in the following session.
7. Permit laws approved by Overton from the *Star Vindicator*, January 13, 1877, regarding laws on the use of Indian land.
8. News item on Overton, from the *Star Vindicator*, January 27, 1877, saying Overton was in Denison on business.
9. A card of R.H. Love from the *Star Vindicator*, February 3, 1877, regarding a character reference by Overton.
10. Editorials on Overton and E.C. Boudinot, from the *Star Vindicator*, February 3, 1877, regarding the meeting in Denison.
11. Editorial on Overton, from the *Star Vindicator*, February 10, 1877, regarding Overton en route to Washington.
12. Proclamation of Overton, from the *Star Vindicator*, March 3, 1877, regarding non-Indians on the lands and the requirements to remain on the lands.

13. Editorial on Overton from the *Star Vindicator*, April 21, 1877, regarding the purchase of arms and ammunition by Overton.
14. "The Cherokee Permit," from the *Star Vindicator*, April 28, 1877, regarding troops and white men on Indian lands.
15. Editorial on Overton, from the *Star Vindicator*, May 5, 1877, regarding Overton's army to evict the non-licensed whites on the Indian lands.
16. Editorial on the Commissioner's Report from the *Star Vindicator*, May 5, 1877, regarding Indian appropriations.
17. "Our Permit Law," from the *Star Vindicator*, May 12, 1877, regarding the law relating to whites on the Indian lands.
18. Letter of R.H. Love from the *Star Vindicator*, May 12, 1877, regarding the militia and the removal of whites from the Indian lands.
19. Editorial on Overton, from the *Star Vindicator*, May 19, 1877, regarding a report that the militia did not want to act for Overton.
20. New item of Permit Law, from the *Star Vindicator*, May 26, 1877, regarding whites on Indian land.
21. Editorial on B.F. Overton from the *Star Vindicator*, May 26, 1877, regarding the permit law.
22. Editorial on Overton, from the *Star Vindicator*, June 2, 1877, regarding the collection of permits by the militia.
23. Justice vs. Chickasaw from the *Star Vindicator*, June 16, 1877, regarding the cost of the permit to use the Indian land.
24. News item of Overton and Cyrus Harris, *Star Vindicator*, July 21, 1877, regarding blacks on Indian land.
25. The Chickasaw Permit Law, *Star Vindicator*, July 28, 1877, regarding the permit law and the Indian Commissioners.
26. Editorial on Overton, from the *Star Vindicator*, August 25, 1877, regarding the permit tax for Indian lands.
27. Editorial on Overton, *Star Vindicator*, September 1, 1877, regarding the permit controversy.
28. Message of Overton, *Atoka Independent*, September 14, 1877, regarding the items Overton thinks need attention from the Chickasaw legislature.

29. Editorial on Overton, *Star Vindicator*, September 15, 1877, regarding relief of the militia group.
30. "Choctaw-Chickasaw Tax Law," *Star Vindicator*, September 15, 1877, regarding petitions to the U.S. Indian agent on the tax law.
31. Editorial on Overton from the *Star Vindicator*, September 22, 1877, regarding Chickasaw relations with the U.S.
32. "Physical attack upon Gov. Overton," from the *Atoka Independent*, October 26, 1877, regarding a buckshot attack.
33. Letter of Simon Peter to Editor from the *Star Vindicator*, October 27, 1877, regarding the permit law.
34. Editorial on Overton, *Star Vindicator*, October 27, 1877, regarding illness of Overton.
35. Editorial on Overton visiting Armstrong Accounting from the *Star Vindicator*, November 6, 1877.
36. Editorial on Overton being in Washington to see about the 1866 Treaty, *Star Vindicator*, November 17, 1877.
37. Interview with Overton, *Star Vindicator*, November 17, 1877, regarding the delegation to Washington about the Treaty of 1866.
38. Editorial on Overton, *Star Vindicator*, December 29, 1877, regarding Indian viewpoints of statehood, etc. (missing 12-15-1994)
39. Memorial on Overton and P.P. Pitchlynn, et al, *Star Vindicator*, January 5, 1878, regarding the Treaty of 1855.
40. "Permit Law of Overton and Jonas Wolf," *Alliance Courier*, January 17, 1898.
41. Editorial on Overton, *Star Vindicator*, February 9, 1878, regarding the taxation decision of the Interior Department.
42. Among the Indians, *Star Vindicator*, March 2, 1878, regarding the Oklahoma Bill.
43. Editorial on Overton, *Star Vindicator*, March 9, 1878, regarding Overton and land sales.
44. Memorial on Overton, *Star Vindicator*, March 9, 1878, regarding the permit law.
45. Editorial on Overton, *Star Vindicator*, March 9, 1878, regarding the impeachment of Overton.

46. Letters of Overton to the Committee on Indian Affairs, *Star Vindicator*, March 9, 1878, regarding the permit law.
47. Letter to 'Dear Mac', *Star Vindicator*, April 6, 1878, regarding Overton's visit to Congressional Committee meetings.
48. Letter to 'Dear Mac', *Star Vindicator*, April 6, 1878, regarding description of Washington, D.C.
49. Letter to 'Dear Mac', *Star Vindicator*, April 6, 1878, regarding the actions of the Congressional Committee.
50. Editorial on Overton, *Star Vindicator*, April 27, 1878, regarding an abusive speech made by Overton against the Committee that signed the petition.
51. Editorial on Overton, *Star Vindicator*, May 4, 1878, regarding Overton being opposed by Col. Reynolds.
52. Editorial on Overton, *Star Vindicator*, May 11, 1878, regarding Overton receiving unlimited powers in Washington.
53. News item of B.F. Overton, *Star Vindicator*, June 29, 1878, regarding the acceptability of Overton as governor.
54. Editorial on Overton, *Star Vindicator*, June 8, 1878, regarding the permit law, the governor, and the Secretary of the Interior.
55. Proclamation of Overton, *Star Vindicator*, June 15, 1878, regarding the permit law.
56. Editorial on Overton, *Star Vindicator*, June 22, 1878, regarding an attack on Overton by the editors of the newspaper.
57. Editorial on a message of Overton, *Star Vindicator*, June 29, 1878, regarding the permit law.
58. Letter of Overton, *Star Vindicator*, July 13, 1878, regarding an attack against the acceptability of Overton as governor.
59. Editorial of Overton, *Star Vindicator*, July 20, 1878, regarding bad dealings of Overton with the Committee over the permit law.
60. Editorial of Overton, *Star Vindicator*, July 27, 1878, regarding an attack against the newspaper by Overton.
61. Editorial on Overton, *Star Vindicator*, July 27, 1878, regarding Overton vs. Harris.

62. Editorial on Overton, *Star Vindicator*, August 3, 1878, regarding the coming elections and candidates.
63. Editorial on Overton, *Star Vindicator*, September 21, 1878, regarding contesting the election in which Overton won over Harris.
64. Letter regarding Overton, *Star Vindicator*, September 28, 1878, regarding the victory of the Overton Party in the elections.
65. Editorial on Overton, *Star Vindicator*, January 4, 1879, regarding Overton going to Washington as a delegate from the Nation.
66. Proclamation of Overton, *Indian Journal*, February 17, 1881, regarding the permit law.
67. Message of Overton, *Indian Journal*, September 20, 1883, regarding general condition of the Nation.
68. Death of Overton, *Indian Journal*, February 21, 1884.
69. "An act signed by Overton," *Purcell Register*, November 17, 1892, regarding the permit law.
70. Same as above.
71. News item on B.F. Overton and son, *Sulphur Journal*, September 8, 1906, regarding an attempt by Overton's son to run some men off his property.
72. *Governor Overton as I Knew Him* by Mollie C. Smith.