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William Charles Rogers Collection

Rogers, William Charles. Printed materials, 1893–1907. .66 foot.

Indian chief. Typescripts of editorials and newspaper articles (1893–1907) concerning Rogers, the last principal chief of the Cherokees prior to statehood; a court case in 1900; the 1903 campaign for chief of the Cherokees; the closing of tribal government; and the Sequoyah Movement.

Box 1

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1. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Purcell Register*, June 23, 1893, regarding the fact that Rogers was released from prison after two years for a murder charge.
2. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Claremore Progress*, June 9, 1900, regarding the Indian police in charge of Rogers' store for nonpayment of taxes.
3. Injunction granted from the *Claremore Progress*, June 16, 1900, regarding the Rogers' property.
4. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Claremore Progress*, July 14, 1900, regarding Rogers' payment of tribal taxes.
5. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Claremore Progress*, July 21, 1900, regarding his tax case.
6. News item on William Charles Rogers and George Wright from the *Wagoner Record*, August 2, 1900, regarding the tax case as it involves the right of the U.S. to enforce laws of the Cherokee Nation, and the arguments by each side.
7. Tax case won from the *Claremore Progress*, September 8, 1900, regarding the Rogers case.
8. Editorials on William Charles Rogers from the *Stillwell Standard*, July 18, 1902, regarding the nomination of Rogers as chief of the Cherokee Nation.
9. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Stillwell Standard*, August 8, 1902, regarding support of Rogers as the next chief.

10. News item of William Charles Rogers from the *Stillwell Standard*, August 22, 1902, regarding the *Standard's* condemnation of the *Fort Gibson Post* for its attack on William Charles Rogers' nomination.
11. News item on William Charles Rogers from the *Stillwell Standard*, August 29, 1902, regarding Rogers not becoming the next chief.
12. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Collinsville News*, September 11, 1902, regarding the *Fort Gibson Post*.
13. The National Council from the *Sallisaw Star*, November 28, 1902, regarding resolutions passed, etc.
14. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Sallisaw Star*, June 5, 1903, regarding the Downing Party Convention, et al.
15. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Claremore Progress*, June 27, 1903, regarding Rogers as the next chief of the Cherokee.
16. Editorial of the Downing candidates from the *Collinsville News*, July 9, 1903, regarding Rogers as the candidate for chief of the Downing Party.
17. Editorial of the Downing ticket from the *Collinsville News*, July 16, 1903, regarding support of Rogers for the position of chief.
18. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Collinsville News*, July 16, 1903, regarding support of Rogers for the position of chief.
19. Letter of Rogers and Faulkner from the *Cherokee Advocate*, July 18, 1903, regarding the platform and issues of the campaign.
20. "Rogers is the Acme," from the *Vinita Chieftain*, July 30, 1903, opposing the nomination of Rogers.
21. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Claremore Messenger*, July 31, 1903, regarding criticism of Rogers. Also a similar editorial from the *Sallisaw Star*, July 31, 1903.
22. Election of Rogers from the *Weekly Examiner*, August 1, 1903, regarding support for Rogers in the oncoming election; *Claremore Progress*, August 1, 1903.
23. The Cherokee election from the *Vinita Leader*, August 6, 1903, regarding the election of Rogers as chief.

24. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Sallisaw Star*, August 7, 1903, regarding the count of votes in the Rogers victory; *Claremore Messenger*, August 7, 1903.
25. Election of William Charles Rogers from the *South McAlester News*, August 13, 1903, praising Rogers.
26. News item of William Charles Rogers from the *Weekly Examiner*, August 15, 1903, praising the recently elected chief.
27. News item of William Charles Rogers from the *Cherokee Advocate*, September 12, 1903, regarding Rogers' qualification as chief.
28. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Claremore Messenger*, November 6, 1903, regarding the race for the offices to be distributed by Rogers.
29. First annual message of William Charles Rogers to the National Council, November 6, 1903.
30. "Excessive Holdings," from the *Vinita Chieftain*, November 12, 1903, regarding four indictments held against William Charles Rogers by the grand jury; officer not responsible, *Vinita Chieftain*, November 26, 1903.
31. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Claremore Messenger*, November 13, 1903, regarding the proposition to sell the surplus lands of the Cherokees.
32. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Claremore Messenger*, November 13, 1903, regarding the selling of surplus lands proposal.
33. News item on William Charles Rogers from the *Claremore Messenger*, November 13, 1903, regarding the Council electing the officers, and Rogers' staff appointments.
34. News item on William Charles Rogers from the *Weekly Examiner*, November 14, 1903, regarding Rogers being arrested for excess holdings in the Cherokee Nation.
35. Thanksgiving Proclamation of William Charles Rogers from the *Reporter*, November 20, 1903.
36. Editorial on the Cherokee schools from the *Weekly Examiner*, January 2, 1904, regarding the need for more schools.
37. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Collinsville News*, March 3, 1904, regarding Rogers "is a great and just chief."

38. "Chief Rogers takes up Fight" from the *Vinita Leader*, May 26, 1904, regarding intruders of non-citizen cattlemen on Cherokee lands.
39. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Reporter*, May 27, 1904, regarding a court battle to prevent white, intermarried citizens of the Cherokee Nation from sharing in the land allotments.
40. News item on William Charles Rogers from the *Weekly Examiner*, July 9, 1904, regarding Rogers' travel to the Democratic convention in St. Louis.
41. Protest from the *Vinita Leader*, July 14, 1904, regarding the platform of the party to join Oklahoma and Indian Territories as one state.
42. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Collinsville News*, July 14, 1904, regarding praise of Rogers as a delegate.
43. Editorial on Burton and Rogers' letter from the *Muldrow Press*, July 29, 1904, regarding the release of Burton from position as executive secretary of Cherokee Nation.
44. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Collinsville News*, August 11, 1904, regarding Indian police charging for cattle on the public domain.
45. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Weekly Examiner*, August 27, 1904, regarding accusations of graft against Rogers by other newspapers.
46. News item of William Charles Rogers and Pleasant Porter from the *Reporter*, October 7, 1904, regarding Rogers' attendance at the World's Fair in St. Louis, Missouri.
47. Proclamation of Pleasant Porter and William Charles Rogers from the *Wagoner Weekly Sayings*, October 20, 1904, regarding asking President Roosevelt to ask Congress for statehood for the Indian Territory. Also, an editorial on a meeting of chiefs, *South McAlester Capital*, October 20, 1904.
48. Editorial on the message of William Charles Rogers from the *Adair Weekly Ledger*, November 18, 1904, regarding finances and citizenship issues.
49. Second Annual Message of William Charles Rogers from the *Cherokee Advocate*, November 19, 1904, regarding current legislation.
50. Editorial on the message of William Charles Rogers from the *Weekly Examiner*, November 19, 1904.
51. Thanksgiving Proclamation of William Charles Rogers from the *Cherokee Advocate*, November 19, 1904.

52. News item of William Charles Rogers from the *Adair Weekly Ledger*, November 25, 1904, regarding a bill in Congress for the removal of restrictions on people's allotted lands in the Cherokee Nation.
53. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Muldrow Press*, December 9, 1904, regarding the question of removal of restrictions upon the allotment of lands.
54. "Last Cherokee Council," from the *Welch Watchman*, December 15, 1904, regarding the end of the Cherokee Nation with the adjournment of the Council.
55. Editorial on an address by Lahay from the *Nowata Advertiser*, December 16, 1904, regarding Cherokee citizens to become good U.S. citizens.
56. Article on William Charles Rogers from the *Madill News*, December 23, 1904, regarding Rogers as the new head of a bank.
57. Interview with William Charles Rogers from the *Cherokee Advocate*, December 24, 1904, regarding the restrictions on the sale of Indian lands.
58. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Indian Republican*, December 30, 1904, regarding a synopsis of the chiefs of the Cherokee Nation.
59. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Indian Republican*, January 6, 1905, regarding Rogers as a stockholder in the Bank of Talala.
60. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Wynnewood New Era*, February 2, 1905, regarding acts received by Rogers from the Cherokee National Council.
61. Article regarding an act received by Rogers from the *Coalgate Courier*, February 2, 1905.

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62. "Old Payment Rolls," from the *Collinsville News*, February 9, 1905, regarding the Dawes Commission and the payment rolls of 1896.
63. Editorial on unfinished enrollment from the *Reporter*, April 7, 1905, regarding the field parties of the Dawes Commission.
64. News item on William Charles Rogers from the *Weekly Examiner*, April 29, 1905, regarding the Delaware holdings and the president of the U.S. ignoring Indian laws on the lands.

65. Editorial on the Cherokee from the *Reporter*, May 26, 1905, regarding that the court states that intermarried whites before November 28, 1877, are entitled to a share in the Cherokee land funds.
66. Editorial on William Charles Rogers and Johnston, et al, from the *Bartlesville Enterprise*, June 2, 1905, regarding the closing of Cherokee education and its prospects.
67. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Vinita Republican*, June 9, 1905, regarding the fact that Rogers called an election of the Council for August.
68. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Tulsa Chief*, July 4, 1905, regarding the deliverance of the deed of land to Rogers from the Dawes Commission.
69. Proclamation of Rogers and Green McCurtain from the *Tulsa Democrat*, July 14, 1905, regarding the purpose of discussing statehood.
70. "Convention called by Rogers and McCurtain" from the *Madill News*, July 14, 1905, regarding the statehood idea.
71. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Pauls Valley Sentinel*, July 20, 1905, regarding Rogers will not announce the proclamation for an election in the Cherokee Nation.
72. "Separate Statehood," from the *Signal*, July 27, 1905, regarding the call for a convention.
73. "Hope for the Babies," from the *Vinita Leader*, July 27, 1905, regarding the proposal of Rogers to give the lands of the intermarried whites who are not entitled to a share to the Cherokee infants not on the rolls.
74. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Indian Republican*, July 28, 1905, regarding the constitutional convention of Muskogee.
75. Editorial on William Charles Rogers and McCurtain from the *Bartlesville Enterprise*, August 3, 1905, regarding the statehood convention.
76. Editorial on William Charles Rogers about the election, from the *Madill News*, August 4, 1905, regarding Rogers' refusal to call an election for members of the National Council.
77. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Ochelatan*, regarding the absence of an election.
78. Convention of statehood from the *Muskogee Democrat*, August 21, 1905, regarding the account of the convention.

79. Editorial on William Charles Rogers and McCurtain from the *Broken Arrow Ledger*, August 24, 1905, regarding the convention.
80. A convention called by William Charles Rogers from the *Marietta Monitor*, August 25, 1905, regarding a protest against Rogers for refusing to call election for members of the Council.
81. Editorial regarding the convention from the *Francis Bulletin*, September 1, 1905.
82. Proclamation of William Charles Rogers from the *Cherokee Advocate*, September 2, 1905, regarding calling the Council to meet September 18, 1905. Also, an editorial on William Charles Rogers, *Fargo Journal*, September 15, 1905.
83. Editorial on Indian schools from the *Chelsea Reporter*, September 15, 1905, regarding the breakdown of schools on Indian lands, now run by the U.S. government.
84. Editorial on the Cherokee Council, from the *Mannsville News*, September 22, 1905, regarding a resolution to be introduced favoring statehood.
85. Message of William Charles Rogers from the *Vinita Daily Chieftain*, September 27, 1905, regarding the provisions of the July 1902 treaty and its meaning to lands and statehood.
86. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Wagoner Weekly Saying*, September 28, 1905, regarding a compromise of the intermarried provisions and the land allotments.
87. Editorial on the message by William Charles Rogers from the *Mill Creek Times*, September 29, 1905, regarding land allotments.
88. Article from the *Muskogee Phoenix*, October 1, 1905, regarding the fate of the Indian in the U.S., and a biography of William Charles Rogers.
89. Editorial on William Charles Rogers and Bell from the *Wagoner Weekly Sayings*, October 5, 1905, regarding Rogers and attorneys paid for time they did not serve the Cherokee Nation.
90. Resolution passed by the Cherokee Council, from the *Chelsea Commercial*, October 6, 1905, regarding the sale of surplus lands and the education of Cherokees.
91. "Last Session of the Cherokee Council," from the *Chelsea Commercial*, October 6, 1905, regarding the last resolutions.

92. Editorial on the Cherokee Corn Carnival from the *Claremore Progress*, October 7, 1905.
93. Editorial on William Charles Rogers and McCurtain from the *Chelsea Reporter*, October 13, 1905, regarding the end of the Cherokee Council.
94. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Indian Republican*, November 17, 1905, regarding Rogers' argument and the Council.
95. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Chelsea Commercial*, November 17, 1905, regarding Rogers' message that he will not recognize the Council.
96. "An Act of Rogers," from the *Idabel Signal*, October 17, 1905, regarding a resolution on the adoption of the constitution of the Muskogee Convention.
97. "An Act Approved by Rogers," from the *Collinsville News*, November 24, 1904, regarding negotiations for an agreement with the U.S., supplemental to the Cherokees becoming a nation or state with Indian Territory.
98. Editorial on the message of William Charles Rogers from the *Wilburton News*, November 24, 1904, regarding the large amount of grafting in leases in the land.
99. Article from the *Wapanucka Press*, November 24, 1904, regarding the work before the Cherokee Council. Also, "Important Queries," *Coalgate Courier*, November 24, 1904.
100. "Lock Horns with Chief," from the *Muskogee Daily Phoenix*, November 12, 1905, regarding the Council being at odds with the chief.
101. Letter of William Charles Rogers from the *Cherokee Advocate*, November 18, 1905, regarding a letter to the outlaw Council.
102. Article regarding William Charles Rogers to be put on trial, from the *Muskogee Daily Phoenix*, November 18, 1905.
103. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Stillwell Standard*, November 23, 1905, regarding the issuance of articles of impeachment against Rogers for not recognizing the Council.
104. News item of William Charles Rogers from the *Collinsville News*, November 23, 1905, regarding the impeachment proceedings.
105. Editorial on William Charles Rogers and Hastings, from the *Bartlesville Enterprise*, November 23, 1905, regarding a Commission to prepare legislation after March, 1906.

106. "Impeachment of Rogers," from the *Ramona Herald*, November 24, 1905, *Nowata Advertiser*, November 24, 1905, *Francis Bulletin*, November 24, 1905.
107. "Situation of the Cherokee Row," from the *Muskogee Daily Phoenix*, November 24, 1905, regarding a protest against the recognition of Rogers as chief by the U.S. Department of the Interior.
108. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Indian Republican*, November 24, 1905, regarding the complications of two chiefs now that Boudinot has been presented by the Council.
109. News item of William Charles Rogers from the *Welch Watchman*, November 30, 1905, regarding going to Washington to ask that Judge Raymond not be appointed.
110. "Impeachment of Rogers," from the *Indian Citizen*, November 30, 1905, regarding the history of the conflict between Rogers and the Council.
111. "Impeachment of Rogers," from the *Mannsville News*, December 1, 1905, regarding the Council in opposition to Rogers has adjourned.
112. Letter of Tuhee on William Charles Rogers, et al, from the *Muskogee Democrat*, December 7, 1905, regarding the confusion over the Council and the two chiefs now present.
113. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Wilburton Gazette*, December 8, 1905, regarding the fight over the impeachment and its validity.
114. "Fight over Cherokee Chief," from the *Vinita Leader*, December 14, 1905, regarding the probability that Rogers' right will be upheld by the U.S. Department of the Interior.
115. "Rogers recognized as Chief," from the *Vinita Leader*, January 4, 1906.
116. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Wilburton Gazette*, January 5, 1906, regarding the history of the controversy and the results.
117. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Chelsea Reporter*, February 16, 1906, regarding an incident on a white clerk, and a law that involved a speech of Rogers.
118. News item on William Charles Rogers from the *Skiatook Sentinel*, July 5, 1906, regarding Rogers as an elected delegate to the Tulsa Convention.
119. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Oklahoma Constitution*, July 13, 1906, regarding the role of Rogers in the Convention at Tulsa.

120. Biographical sketch of Rogers from the *Chilocco School Journal*, November, 1906.
121. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Skiatook Sentinel*, December 6, 1906, regarding Rogers' departure from Muskogee.
122. Editorial on William Charles Rogers and Johnston from the *Tulsa Chief*, December 18, 1906, regarding Rogers' career.
123. "Cherokee Babies," from the *Welch Watchman*, January 10, 1907, regarding allotment of Indian lands to Indian children born since July 1, 1902.
124. Editorial from the *Welch Watchman*, January 24, 1907, regarding senatorial amendment on removal and Indian lands.
125. "Notice Approved by Rogers," from the *Dewey World*, June 12, 1907, regarding Missouri, Kansas, Texas Railroad and Indian lands.
126. Editorial on William Charles Rogers from the *Skiatook Sentinel*, November 21, 1907, regarding a meeting of the governors of the Five Tribes in Muskogee.
127. "Impeachment of William Charles Rogers," from an unidentified clipping, n.d.
128. Editorial from the *New Fort Gibson Era*, March 28, 1912, regarding the payment per Cherokee to be about \$15. Also, "Cherokee Advocate Type," from *New Fort Gibson Era*, March 28, 1912.