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William P. Ross Collection

Ross, William Potter (1820–1891). Printed materials, 1866–1891. .75 foot.

Indian chief. Typescripts of newspaper articles (1866–1891) of Ross's messages and instructions to the Cherokee Nation, the Cherokee council, and the Cherokee delegation to Washington, D.C., regarding reconstruction, tribal government, financial matters, organization of Oklahoma Territory, education, Sequoyah, and the use of lands, along with biographical information on Ross.

Box 1

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1. Message of William P. Ross from the *Laws of the Cherokee Nation*, October 19, 1866. Re: upon the election of W.P. Ross to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John Ross
2. Message of W.P. Ross to the Cherokee Council from *The Life and Times of William P. Ross*. Re: Oct. 19, 1866, the same address as above
3. Memorial signed by Ross and other chiefs, from the *Cherokee Advocate*, June 18, 1870. Re: public renewal to treaties with the US
4. Letter of E. Hoag to Ross from the *Cherokee Advocate*, April 1, 1871. Re: invitation to bring the tribe to a meeting of many nations
5. Editorial on Speech of Ross, from the *Cherokee Advocate*, March 2, 1872. Re: praising the speech for what it says
6. Editorial on Ross from the *Cherokee Advocate*, May 4, 1872. Re: Experiences of Ross and the US Deputy Marshals and their relationships to the Cherokee
7. Editorial on Ross and Downing from the *Cherokee Advocate*, August 23, 1873. Re: recent elections
8. Editorial on W.P. Ross and Downing from the *Cherokee Advocate*, Oct. 11, 1873. Re: two parties in the Cherokee politics: Ross Party and Downing Party
9. Ross to the National Council, Nov. 22, 1873. Re: Guardianship of an orphan
10. Ross to the National Council, Nov. 28, 1873. Re: instructing the delegation to Washington

11. Acts approved by Ross from the *Cherokee Advocate*, January 17, 1874
12. Proclamation Approved by Ross from the *Cherokee Advocate*, Jan. 17, 1874. Re: providing one clerk in each district
13. An Act approved by Ross from the *Cherokee Advocate*, Jan. 24, 1874. Re: Cherokee citizenship and prohibiting the carrying of weapons
14. Speech of W. Ross from the *Cherokee Advocate*, Feb. 21, 1874. Re: the trip to Washington and the efforts to organize the Territory of Oklahoma
15. Acts approved by Ross from the *Cherokee Advocate*, Feb. 14, 1874. Re: creation of a fiscal year for financial matters
16. The Parker Bill introduced from the *Cherokee Advocate*, March 7, 1874. Re: The organization of the Territory of Oklahoma
17. Memorial of Cherokee Delegation on Protest, from the *Cherokee Advocate*, March 28, 1874. Re: removal of Cherokee east of Mississippi to Indian Territory
18. Letter of Gould and Jones to Editor of *The Sun*, from the *Cherokee Advocate*, April 4, 1874. Re: the Treaty of 1866
19. Letter of Native to Editor from the *Cherokee Advocate*, June 6, 1874. Re: the controversy over Indian education
20. Editorial on Female High School, from the *Cherokee Advocate*, July 11, 1874. Re: Open House of the school to show how well the children are doing
21. Speech of Ross from the *Cherokee Advocate*, Oct. 17, 1874. Re: topics of general interest to the people of the Cherokee Nation
22. Ross to the National Council, November 4, 1874. Re: return without approval of bill to give aid to those who lost money in the removal in 1839
23. Message from Ross to National Council, November 9, 1874. Re: lands in Indian Territory to be purchased
24. Ross to National Council, November 20, 1874. Re: a petition on stock driven through Indian lands
25. Thanksgiving Proclamation, from the *Cherokee Advocate*, November 14, 1874
26. Ross to National Council, November 18, 1874. Re: improvements on Shaw Place. (See Box 2, folders 12-15)

27. Editorial on John Ross, Sequoyah, from the *Cherokee Advocate*, November 14, 1874. Re: bust's prepared of Sequoyah and John Ross, Chief
28. Council proceedings from the *Cherokee Advocate*, November 14, 1874. Re: Cherokee citizenship and other issues
29. Editorial on Ross from the *Cherokee Advocate*, January 16, 1875. Re: lawlessness by the Governor to prevent a Territory government

Box 2

Folder:

1. Acts approved by Ross from the *Cherokee Advocate*, January 16, 1875. Re: seven new acts for the Cherokee Nation on permit laws, etc.
2. Acts approved by Ross from the *Cherokee Advocate*, January 30, 1875. Re: citizenship, education, etc.
3. Ross to the National Council, November 1, 1875. Re: refusal to sign an Act authorizing Appointment of a special deputy
4. Appointment of Ross to Senate from the *Vindicator*, Feb. 2, 1876. Re: name of Ross sent to US Congress for confirmation as US Indian Agent for Five Civilized Tribes
5. Criticism of Ross from the *Cherokee Advocate*, March 1, 1876, for the appointment of Ross as the Indian agent
6. Nomination of Ross withdrawn by the *Cherokee Advocate*, March 11, 1876. Re: the name of Ross withdrawn by the President because he was an Indian citizen
7. Editorial on Proclamation of Ross from the *Cherokee Advocate*, May 6, 1876. Re: objection to the work because of irregularities in the promulgating of the rule
8. Letter of Ross to Boudinot from the *Cherokee Advocate*, Feb. 3, 1877. Re: the bill to organize Oklahoma Territory
9. Address of Cherokees by Ross from the *Indian Journal*, May 17, 1877. Re: Cherokee education
10. News item of W.P. Ross from the *Star Vindicator*, Oct. 20, 1877. Re: the faction of Indians in favor of the territorial government
11. The Cherokee Council by the *Star Vindicator*, Dec. 1, 1877. Re: their lack of legislative progress

12. Ross to Rev. Jones, July 10, 1874. Re: appraisal of improvements for Commission. (See Box 1, Folder 26)
13. Smith to Department of Interior, Sept. 12, 1874. Re: same as above
14. Smith to Department of Interior, Sept. 12, 1874. Re: same as above
15. Jones to Ross from Sept. 24, 1874. Re: the improvements made on the Shaw Place
16. Ross to National Council, Nov. 19, 1874. Re: authority to print laws
17. Report of the Cherokee Delegates to the National Council, from the *Cherokee Advocate*, Dec. 26, 1874. Re: the trip to Washington to organize the Indian country into a Territory government of the US
18. Letter of a Cherokee woman from the *Star Vindicator*, Nov. 23, 1878. Re: rudeness of Ross to the members of the Congressional Committee
19. Editorial on Ross and Boudinot, et al, from the *Cherokee Advocate*, Sept. 29, 1882. Re: the entrance of Ross and others on the Bar of the Circuit Court
20. Editorial on Ross from the *Indian Chieftain*, Nov. 20, 1890. Re: treaty appropriations with the Cherokee, Shawnee, Delawares and Freedmen
21. Biographical sketch of Ross from the *Cherokee Telephone*, July 23, 1891. Re: his life and times
22. Death of W.P. Ross from the *Vinita World*, July 25, 1891. Re: his death on July 20
23. Editorial on Ross from the *Cherokee Champion*, June 12, 1895. Re: Ross was a good man and should not be a handicap to Bob Ross and his political intentions
24. Arp and the Indian from the *Fort Gibson Post*, Feb. 17, 1898. Re: a book on Indians and what the book says of Ross and others
25. Now incorporated from the *Fort Gibson Post*, June 2, 1898. Re: granting of a petition of citizens of Fort Gibson to form municipality under Arkansas
26. Editorial on Ross and Boudinot from the *Fort Gibson Post*, May 7, 1898. Re: naming territory Fort Gibson
27. Old times with Cherokee, from the *Wagoner Record*, July 26, 1900. Re: the influence of the intermarried whites upon the Cherokee Nation

28. An Act approved by Ross from the *Wagoner Record*, Sept. 27, 1900. Re: an interesting article referring to paying Sequoyah a pension for his life
29. Amendments approved by Ross, from the *Claremore Register*, Aug. 2, 1901. Re: the allotment of Indian lands
30. Letter of C.A. Cummins from *The Reporter*, Jan. 30, 1903. Re: the remembrances of Cherokee days past and the part played in them by Ross
31. The Eastern Cherokee, from the *Marble City Enterprise*, June 23, 1906. Re: letter received by W.P. Ross from a man in Claremore about the emigration of the Cherokee to the West
32. Editorial on W.P. Ross from the *Muldrow Press*, Nov. 15, 1907. Re: burning of the old wood house formerly owned by W.P. Ross
33. When the Cherokee held Fair, from the *Guthrie Daily Leader*, Sept. 26, 1910. Re: the part in it by Ross
34. Biographical sketch of Ross from the *New Fort Gibson Era*, March 28, 1912. Re: as Ross was the first editor of the *Cherokee Advocate*
35. Biographical sketch of Ross from Thoburn and Holcomb, *A History of Oklahoma*
36. William P. Ross from John D. Benedict, *Muskogee and Northeastern Oklahoma*
37. Message of Ross from *The Life and Times of William P. Ross*
38. Ross biography from *The Life and Times of William P. Ross*
39. Biography of Ross from *The Indian Territory*
40. Address of D.E. Ward from *The Reporter*, June 26, 1903