

**University of Oklahoma Libraries**  
**Western History Collections**

**Karl and Iva Schmitt Collection**

**Schmitt, Karl, and Iva Schmitt. Papers, 1947–1965. 4.50 feet.**

Anthropologists. Field notes (1947–1951); articles (1947–1965); and other research notes (n.d.) concerning the Schmitts' work among the Wichita Indians, the Caddo, the Pawnee, and other southern plains tribes.

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**Box 1 - Folders 1-38**

**Folder:**

1. Acculturation: Misc. materials (Wichita, Pawnee)
2. Adolescence -- Young man and womanhood (Wichita)
3. Adoption
4. Agriculture (Wichita)
5. Program: "The Voice of the American Indian," 12-27-60 to 12-1-62
6. Program: "The Kinzua Dam Controversy: A Practical Solution, Without Shame." (Seneca)
7. Report, handwritten, "Wedel's Argument for Southeastern and Eastern Relations." Report, "Wedel's Argument for Southeastern Origin for Pawnee"
8. Clipping on Aukish
9. Clippings, on the Band of Wacos, Tarwakonis - food
10. Handwritten report on birth and infancy
11. Clippings, Behavior with Relation to Age (Wichita)
12. Clippings on ceremonials -- Rites De Passage (Wichita)
13. Clippings on childhood -- orientation of the child (Wichita)
14. Clippings in Christianity
15. Clippings on concept of life after death and attitude toward the dead

16. Correspondence from Fred Eggan  
Reprints on the Natchez
17. Clippings on death (Wichita)
18. Clippings on discipline and negative sanctions
19. Clippings on division of labor
20. Clippings on doctoring and medicine (Wichita)
21. Clippings on drinking (alcohol)
22. Report, handwritten, "Dual Economy -- Importance of Agriculture Compared"
23. Clippings, attitudes toward food
24. Clippings, cooking arrangements
25. Clippings on diet and preparation of food
26. Clippings on food storage
27. Clippings on manner of eating
28. Clippings on utensils
29. Clippings on economic cooperation
30. Clippings on economic exchange
31. Clippings on fears
32. Clippings from field notes
33. Field notes -- New Tulsa and Arbeka Stomp Grounds (Creek)
34. Report, "Archaeological Chronology of the Middle Atlantic States" by Karl Schmitt
35. Karl Schmitt's Notes, Carbon #1
36. Karl Schmitt's Caddo Notes -- Carbon #2 (dances, rites & ceremonies)
37. Karl Schmitt's Caddo Notes -- Carbon #3

38. Original field notes --- misc.
39. "The Brown site, GD-1, Grady County, Oklahoma" by Karl Schmitt & Ray Toldon, Jr.  
"Congressional Campaigning in Mexico: A View from the Provinces," by Karl Schmitt

**Box 2 - Folders 1-7**

**Folder:**

1. Field notes of Donald H. Dietrich, Summer, 1948-49
2. Iva Schmitt's Notes #2 -- Carried on plane to Japan, 1949-50
3. Field Notes on the Wichita: 7-28-48, 9-21, 23, 25, 28-48, 10-5, 7, 12-14-48
4. Field notes carbons, mainly Wichita, Caddo, 1947-51
5. Field notes carbons, mainly Wichita, Caddo, 1947-51
6. Field notes carbons, mainly Wichita, Caddo, 1947-51

**Box 3 - Folders 1-17**

**Folder:**

1. Field notes, Donald H. Dietrich
2. Carbons, 1947-51
3. Carbons, 1947-51
4. Other functionaries and specialists, secular and religious
5. Genealogies
6. Gift exchange
7. Ghost dance
8. Group ceremonials
9. Gossip
10. Health
11. "History of Louisiana," Part II, Chapter 1

12. Horses
13. Photographs -- Chieftains of Cheyenne Nation
14. Grass Houses
15. Shelters and other structures
16. Storage of belongings
17. Later house types

**Box 4 - Folders 1-70 (Wichita)**

**Folder:**

1. Tipi
2. In-group friction
3. Intertribal ceremonies
4. Kinship terminology
5. Language
6. Law and order
7. Leaders (political and ceremonial)
8. Library techniques
9. Gathering
10. Hunting
11. Marriage
12. Material culture, misc.
13. Medicine bundles
14. Minor ceremonies
15. Mythology
16. Names, personal

17. Other animals
18. Dogs
19. Philosophy
20. Photographs of Kiowa Nation
21. Photographs of Comanches
22. Photo Wichita Nation, from Phillips Collection
23. Photographs of the Wichita Nation
24. Moore site photograph
25. Photographs, unidentified
26. Cleanliness
27. Clothes, hairstyles, jewelry
28. Physique
29. Tattooing
30. Amusements
31. Children's play and amusements
32. Gambling
33. Humor
34. Visiting
35. Pornography
36. Pregnancy and post-pregnancy confinement
37. Property
38. Plains Archaeological System
39. Other tribes

40. Kichai
41. Wichita -- Pawnee
42. Wichita -- Osage
43. Wichita -- Kiowa
44. Wichita -- Delaware
45. Wichita -- Creek
46. Cheyenne -- Arapaho
47. Wichita -- Comanche
48. Wichita -- Caddo
49. Arikara
50. General
51. Indian -- Spanish
52. Indians -- traders
53. Relations with U.S. government and schools
54. Report, "Traditions of the Waco Indians," by Dorothy Scarborough
55. Seventeenth century
56. Segar, Homer
57. Sex organizations and sex regulations
58. Social satisfaction
59. Societies (?)
60. Stealing
61. Supernatural beings; beliefs concerning supernatural
62. Teasing and humor

63. Thesis: Statement of problem
64. Type of residence -- household constituency
65. Use of mescal beans
66. The village
67. War
68. Winter organization and buffalo hunt
69. Witchcraft
70. Unidentified materials

**Box 5 - Folders 1-17**

**Folder:**

1. Caddo list
2. "Preliminary Appraisal of Swanson Site"  
"Museum News -- University of South Dakota"  
"El Palacio"  
Notes on archaeology and sites
3. Reprints -- Indian articles
4. Modern dances
5. Catlin -- Pawnee Piet Village: North Fork, Red River
6. Unidentified materials
7. "Pan Indian Culture"  
"Indian Adjustment in the Northern Plains"  
"Trends in Indian Adjustment in the Southwest"  
"Indian Adjustment in Oklahoma"
8. Program: American Indian Expo -- 1952

"Voice of the American Indian"

9. Unidentified handwritten notes
  10. Unidentified handwritten notes
  11. Sex lineage chart
- Handwritten notes, 1940
12. Handwritten notes of anthropological notations
  13. Assorted notes
  14. Assorted notes
  15. Arikara Field Notes (Karl's); June, July 1951
  16. Arikara and Pawnee notes
  17. Arikara Field Notes -- June 1951

**Box 6 - Folders 1-13**

**Folder:**

1. Arikara reading
  2. Arikara kinship schedules
  3. Charles Lange: Caddo vs. U.S. Before Indian Claims Commission
  4. Caddo Dance -- Stovall
  5. Caddo death customs
  6. Caddo: Karl Schmitt's paper
  7. Caddoan kinship charts
  8. Caddo kinship schedules
  9. Caddo kinship terminology
  10. Caddo linguistics
- Caddo tribal role



- A modern Caddo Arrowshoot  
Caddo, misc.
11. William's paper on Caddo kinship  
Troike -- Proto-Caddoan kinship
  12. Caddo photographs
  13. "The Role of Caddoan Horticulturists in Culture History on the Great Plains" by  
Preston Holder, 1951

**Box 7 - Folders 1-10**

**Folder:**

1. Navajo field work
2. Kickapoo field notes (kinship)
3. Miscellaneous
4. Exhibit programs, miscellaneous
5. Original papers
6. Osage kinship  
Osage tales
7. Part II - Pawnee Carbons
8. Nebraska State Historical Society, "The Pawnee"  
Pawnee Archaeology  
Pawnee Constitution and Charter
9. Ceremonies of Pawnees
10. Ceremonies of Pawnees

**Box 8 - Folders 1-9**

**Folder:**

1. Pawnee earth lodges
2. Pawnee field notes -- cut copy and handwritten

3. Pawnee field notes -- typewritten
4. "Notes on Pawnee History and Society"  
Pawnee Homecomings, 4th, 7th, 9th  
"The Pawnee Indians" by G. Hyde
5. Pawnee kinship
6. Pawnee kinship terminology
7. Sloanton -- Pawnee kinship  
Pawnee subsistence pattern  
Pawnee tribal roll  
References for Pawnee field notes
8. Pawnee literature  
Pawnee reading notes
9. Pawnee reading (type D)

**Box 9 - Folders 1-9**

**Folder:**

1. Peyote papers (Native American Church, Correspondence, Charter)
2. Seminole Dance
3. Shawnee bread dance
4. Wichita etiquette  
Wichita dance  
Wichita concepts of time and space  
Wichita calendar  
Wichita archaeology and art
5. Wichita -- Caddo annual report to Indian Commissioner

- Wichita -- Caddo annual report, 1869-
6. Wichita Claim -- tribal papers
  7. Wichita factionalism, dance, and death customs
- Wichita Claim -- tribal paper
8. Wichita -- Caddo annual report to
  9. Student reports on the Wichitas

**Box 10 - Folders 1-6**

**Folder:**

1. Wichita History -- Bolton: 16th century, 1719-1835, 19th century, traditional
  2. "Migration of the Wichita Indians"
- Marcy's Exploration of Red River
- Wichita language
- "Wichita-Kiowa relations and 1874 outbreak"
- Indian leaflets and articles
3. Wichita kinship, kinship lineage schedules
  4. Kinship experts excerpts from Wichita mythology
  5. Wichita -- Cora West
  6. Wichita tribal roll data -- J. Haddon, informant, and other informants

**Box 11 - Folders 1-6**

**Folder:**

1. Caddo information
2. Caddo information
3. Caddo information
4. Societal aspects
5. Societal aspects

6. Societal aspects

**Box 12 - Folders 1-6**

**Folder:**

1. Societal aspects
2. Societal aspects
3. Caddo societal aspects
4. Caddo societal aspects
5. Caddo societal aspects
6. Caddo societal aspects

**Box 13 - Folders 1-7**

**Folder:**

1. Cross-referenced books
2. Indian societal aspects
3. Indian societal aspects
4. Indian societal aspects
5. Indian societal aspects
6. Documents on Peyote  
  
"A Program for Indian Citizens," January 1961
7. Index cards to unknown volume

**Box 14 - Folders 1-33 (Wichita)**

**Folder:**

1. Iva's Wichita -- Caddo Notes: June 1949, July 1950, December 1951
2. Karl Schmitt's field notes
3. Karl Schmitt's field notes:  
Dance  
Doctors  
Old villages  
Musical instruments

4. Karl Schmitt's field notes:  
Medicine to stop wind  
Dreams  
Leather and bison
5. Karl Schmitt's field notes:  
Republicans and democrats  
Tipi  
Kinship
6. Respect and religion (or) Children and sex
7. Karl Schmitt's field notes:  
John MacIntosh  
Piercing ears  
Culture change
8. Karl Schmitt's field notes:  
Wife stealing
9. Karl Schmitt's field notes:  
Tribal schisms
10. Karl Schmitt's field notes:  
Thanksgiving dinner
11. Dancing
12. Karl Schmitt's field notes:  
Chieftom and bands
13. Karl Schmitt's field notes:  
Dances
14. Karl Schmitt's field notes  
Cultural aspects
15. Karl Schmitt's field notes:  
Grass house
16. Karl Schmitt's field notes:  
Warfare
17. Karl Schmitt's field notes:  
Dancing

- Child discipline
- Foot race
- Buffalo dances
  
- 18. Karl Schmitt's field notes:
  - Caddy hand-game and dancing
  - Children in government schools
  - Kiowa outbreak of warfare
  - Scalp dance -- warfare coups
  
- 19. Karl Schmitt's field notes:
  - Housing -- Tipi
  - Tribal relations
  - Buffalo
  - Buffalo ceremonies
  
- 20. Housing
  - Ghost dance, betting, handgame
  - Housing -- Tipi
  - Medicine doctors
  
- 21. Karl Schmitt's field notes:
  - Bear dance
  - Comanches
  - Eagle dance
  - Doctoring
  
- 22. Karl Schmitt's field notes:
  - Male naming
  - Reservation issue day
  - Moccasins -- Sweat baths
  - Pawnees -- Deer dance
  
- 23. Material culture
  - Tattoos
  - Funerals, witches
  - Witches
  
- 24. Karl Schmitt's field notes:
  - Riverside School
  - Pottery
  - Hatierch ceremony
  
- 25. Karl Schmitt's field notes:
  - Material culture -- Horn dance
  - Peyote doctoring

- Witches  
Thanksgiving prayer
26. Karl Schmitt's field notes:  
Arbor construction  
Snake doctor myth  
Pawnee-Wichita ceremony  
Brothers
27. Karl Schmitt's field notes:  
Teasing  
Wichita-Pawnee handgame, tobacco ceremony  
Handgame sacred
28. Karl Schmitt's field notes:  
Butchering pledged beef  
Give away Wichita-Pawnee meeting  
Bows and arrows  
Christmas ceremony
29. Karl Schmitt's field notes:  
Wichita-Pawnee relations  
Extra-tribal relations  
Hatstierch  
Chiefs and witches
30. Karl Schmitt's field notes:  
Misc. important  
Chiefs -- Ghost dance  
Arrows and arrow-making  
Death customs
31. Karl Schmitt's field notes:  
Peyote Arbors -- modern medicine  
Cuts  
Caddoes, Kiowas and Bears
32. Karl Schmitt's field notes:  
Give away for service  
Peyote visions  
Wichita-Pawnee tobacco ceremony  
Devil's canyon site
33. Karl Schmitt's field notes:  
Pawnee  
Eating fish

Sign language

**Box 15 - Folders 1-6**

**Folder:**

1. Personality Cards of Performers and Unidentified Others
2. Personality Cards of Performers and Others
3. Wichita Personality Inventory Cards
4. Wichita Personality Inventory Cards
5. Wichita Personality Inventory Cards
6. Wichita Personality Inventory Cards

**Sound Recordings:**

**Box 1 - Folders 1-7**

**Folder:**

1. Tape identification cards
2. Unidentified cards
3. Unidentified cards

**Tapes #700-#723**

1. Caddo songs, recorded 1949
2. Content unidentified
3. Content unidentified
4. Caddo and Wichita songs
5. Creek and Caddo content
6. Unidentified tribal content
7. Unidentified tribal content

**Box 2 - Folders 1-7**

**Folder:**



1. Hatsierch songs
2. Caddo songs, recorded 1949
3. Katkihaki-Pawnee kinship terms
4. Unidentified
5. Chicago roundtable
6. Wichita songs
7. Caddo children's songs

**Box 3 - Folders 1-7**

**Folder:**

1. Unidentified content
2. Caddo songs
3. Caddo
4. Wichita songs #1
5. Wichita songs #2
6. Rock Springs Baptist Church
7. Arapaho and Peyote songs

**Box 4 - Folders 1-6**

**Folder:**

1. Caddo songs
2. Kaililohailailo kinship terms
3. Wichita personality inventories
4. Same
5. Same
6. Unidentified tape

**See Also: Photograph Archives for the Karl and Iva Schmitt Collection**

**Sound Recordings Collection:**

Karl and Iva Schmitt Collection. 24 reels

Songs and dance ceremonies from these tribes: Caddo, Creek, Wichita, Seminole, Arapaho, Pawnee (all 24 tapes are now on cassette tapes)

- 700 Caddo: Turkey Dance, Victory or Drum Dance, World War II Flag Songs, Caddo Round Dance, Women Songs
- 701 Caddo: Women Songs, Women Dance, Pay Songs, Bell or Bean Dance, Cherokee Dance, Duck Dance, Corn Dance, Alligator Dance, Bear Dance
- 702 Caddo: Ghost Dance, Stirrup Dance, Old Caddo Bell Dance, Buffalo Dance, Coon Dance, Morning Dance
- 703 Caddo: Caddo Morning Dance
- 704 Caddo: Flag Song, Old War Song, Old Eagle Dance, Old War Songs, Caddo Round Dance (AKA "Caddo 49"), Caddo Ghost Dance
- 705 Creek: Stomp Dance, Corner (?) Dance, Feather Dance  
Caddo: Morning Dance, Coon Dance
- 706 Wichita: Women Dance, Wolf Songs (AKA Young Dog Songs), Service Club Song - War Dance, Flag Song, Wichita and Pawnee War Dance, Kidia Songs, Horn Dance, Wichita and Pawnee War Dance
- 707 Wichita Church Songs: Prayer Song, Invitation Song, Wichita Hymn, Doxology (in English)
- 708 Wichita: Hats-tierch (?) ceremony
- 709 Wichita: Deer Lodge Songs, Powers with Moon, Medicine Women's Song, Power from Bird, Lullabies, Bald-Headed Buzzard, Rabbit which slipped and started fire, Rain Songs, Blessing Song, Turkey Dance Song, Song of Thanks  
Pawnee: Prayer Song for Warriors
- 710 Wichita: Song of Thanks, Wolf Songs, War Dance Songs, Hand Game
- 711 Wichita: War Dance Songs
- 712 (Reel to reel tape indicates this is Creek music, but when it was duplicated onto cassettes, reel-to-reel was of Al Jolson songs. The Schmitts often recorded Indian music over other music.)

- 713 Karl and Iva Schmitt with unidentified tribe members discussing kinship terms
- 714 Karl and Iva Schmitt at Elbow Woods, North Dakota, on June 30, 1951 with unidentified tribe members discussing kinship terms. Some singing of Kohomoni songs
- 715 Caddo: Caddo Children Singing, Turkey Dance
- 716 Karl and Iva Schmitt with unidentified tribe members discussing kinship terms
- 717 Schmitts with Maude Stephenson on Feb. 3, 1952 in Norman, Oklahoma, discussing Ketkihaka kinship terms. Pawnee
- 718 Creeks on WNAD
- 719 Caddo tribal members in Binger, OK, 9/16/52, discussing kinship terms  
Wichita tribal members discussing kinship terms and culture, i.e. duties of men and women, pets, hunting, etc.
- 720 Caddo: Round Dance Songs
- 721 Karl and Iva Schmitt with unidentified tribal members discussing language
- 722 Blank
- 723 Indian speaker. Pawnee Flag Song, Victory songs in honor and memory of Dr. Schmitt. WNAD broadcast