Pioneer. Correspondence, newspaper clippings, photographs, governmental reports, maps, copies of claims, a transcript of a diary, and related research notes (1861–1991) regarding the life of Richard F. Blinn and his family. The wife and child of Blinn were taken captive by Cheyenne Indians in 1868.

Box 1
Correspondence, news clippings, photographs, and related research notes regarding the life of Richard F. Blinn and his family. Blinn had engaged in trade in 1867 at Fort Lyon. On October 9, 1868, Blinn and his family were travelling in a wagon train about 50 miles east of Fort Lyon. Two hundred Cheyenne Indians attacked the wagon train and took Blinn's wife and child captive. After the attack and capture of these Cheyennes by General Custer at the Battle of the Washita on December 27, 1868, it was determined that Blinn's family had been killed.

1. Richard F. Blinn.
   Includes biographical information, photographs, copies of marriage, death and military records, and correspondence concerning Blinn and the Blinn family, 1861, 1968, 1981.

2. Hubble Blinn Story.
   Includes biographical information and newspapers clippings re. Hubble Blinn, frontiersman and Indian fighter, n.d.

   Claims filed with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for $2, 400 indemnity for money, goods, and poverty lost in wagon train attack by Cheyenne Indians. Includes news clippings, correspondence, and copies of claims, 1871, 1873, 1892, 1966-67.

4. Route and Group.
   Includes maps showing Old Santa Fe Trail, emigrant routes and army posts, correspondence, and copies of articles, 1959, 1967.

5. Capture.
   Research notes, news clippings, and correspondence concerning the capture of Blinn's family, and the battle of the Washita, 1927, 1968.

6. Where Buried?
   Research notes, news clippings, articles, and correspondence re. the conflicting stories as to where Clara Blinn, and son, Willie Blinn, are buried, 1968-69, 1989.
7 Battle of Washita.
Research notes, news clippings, articles, copies of reports and letters in archival reports and letters in archival repositories, and correspondence re. the Battle of the Washita, 1868, 1967-68.

8 Diary and Search.
Transcript of diary written by Richard F. Blinn which is owned by Blanche Whitemore, Perrysburg, Ohio. The diary covers the period from March 1868 - February 1869.

9 Family Stories.
Research notes, article, and correspondence re. anecdotal material, n.d.

10 Jane Blinn Hunt.
Correspondence, notes, and news clippings concerning Jane Blinn's research into the story of Richard, Clara, and Willie Blinn, 1967-69.

11 Harrington Name.
Includes story told by William Harrington about his sister's (Clara Blinn) captivity and death. Correspondence, death records, articles, news clippings, and copies of letters stored in archival repositories, 1967-69, 1989-91.

12 Indian Trader.

13 Willie Die?
Correspondence and research notes including "The Richard F. Blinn Indian Story, " and "James W. Ross Wrote to Perrysburg, Ohio about Blinn Case.", 1967-68.

14 Miscellaneous Information.
Assorted correspondence, notes, articles, and news clippings concerning Jane Blinn's research, 1967-88.

15 Miscellaneous Booklets and Papers.

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