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22. John Beach to Captain Allen. March 15, 1845. In regard to the “participation of Mr. Street and Mr. Baker in a transaction” at the trading post of the Scotts.


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37. John Beach to John Chambers. July 2, 1845. In regard to the $500.00 from the estate of General Street.

37. John Beach to John Chambers. August 1, 1845. Enclosing the abstract for the month of July 1845.

37. John Beach to John Chambers. August 6, 1845. In regard to the council held by the Sacs and the Foxes.


40. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. August 15, 1845. In regard to funds for the Agency.

41. John Beach to John Chambers. August 22, 1845. In regard to a trip to St. Louis.

Book XII

Series: Raccoon River Agency; Agency City, I.T.; St. Louis, Missouri; Westport, Missouri: John Beach, Indian Agent, Sac and fox Indians.

August 1845 – May 1846

Letters from John Beach, principally to T.H. Harvey, Superintendent of Indian affairs, St. Louis, Missouri, with a few to Governor John Chambers and Captain Allen, Commanding Fort Des Moines, in regard to: Indian removal, provisions; liquor among the Indians; money for “half-breeds;” abstracts and quarterly reports.
From Raccoon River Agency

1. John Beach to T.H. Harvey, Supt. of Indian Affairs, St. Louis, Missouri. August 22, 1845. In regard to the removal of the Sacs and the Foxes.

2. John Beach to T. H. Harvey. August 29, 1845. In regard to the receipts forwarded to Beach by S.S. Phelps.


9. John Beach to John Chambers. Sept. 18, 1845. In regard to Beach’s inability to accompany the Indians.

11. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. Sept. 18, 1845. In regard to procuring supplies for the Sacs and the Foxes.


From Agency City, I.T.
15. John Beach to John Chambers. Oct. 11, 1845. In regard to leaving post and that most of the Sac and Foxes were on their way to Missouri.


From St. Louis, Missouri


19. John Beach to the U.S. Commissioner of Indian Affairs. Dec. 1, 1845. Enclosing the abstracts for the months of October and November.

20. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. Dec. 8, 1845. In regard to the contracts for supplying the Sac and Foxes with provisions.

20. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. Dec. 10, 1845. In regard to money of certain “half-breeds.”

20. John Beach to U.S. Commissioner of Indian Affairs. Dec. 18, 1845. In regard to the buildings for the new agency.

21. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. March 9, 1846. In regard to the difficulties in locating the Sac and Foxes.

22. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. March 10, 1846. In regard to supplying the Sac and Foxes.

24. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. March 24, 1846. In regard to the payment to the Sac and Foxes; also to his conversation with J.B. Scott.


29. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. March 28, 1846. In regard to the removal of a bookcase from the old agency.

29. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. March 28, 1846. Enclosing claims for depredations supposed to have been made by the Sac and the Foxes.


30. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. April 9, 1846. In regard to the condition of the Sac and the Foxes.

From Westport, Missouri

33. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. April 16, 1846. In regard to the purchase for a tract of land by the Sacs and the Foxes.

34. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. April 24, 1846. In regard to money of certain “half-breeds.”

34. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. April 27, 1846. In regard to the visit to the Sac and the Foxes – concerning their removal.

37. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. May 1, 1846. Enclosing abstracts for the month of April.

37. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. May 1, 1846. In regard to one Sac and Fox who refused to move.

39. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. May 1, 1846. In regard to the fact that the agency had no building.

40. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. May 11, 1846. In regard to the Sac and Foxes coming to a conclusion concerning the “final home.”

Book XIII

Series: Westport, Missouri; Agency for Sacs and Foxes, Osage River: John Beach, Indian Agent.

May 1846 – July 1847

Letters from John Beach to T.H. Harvey, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, St. Louis, Missouri, John H. Whistler, Trading House, Osage River, and others in regard to: licensing of men engaged in Indian trade; complaints against traders; appointment of DR. Spalding as physician to the Sac-Fox tribe; protection of money; erection of public buildings.

Page Number: From Westport, Missouri
1. John Beach to Major T.H. Harvey. May 21, 1846. Explanation concerning the present location of the Smith family.

1. John Beach to Major Harvey. June 1, 1846. Enclosing abstract of receipts and expenditures for the month of May 1846.

2. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. June 10, 1846. Enclosing claims of D.S. Phelps against the Sac and Fox Indians for a horse stolen.


3. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. July 6, 1846. In reply to a letter from Mr. Haverty concerning the duties of his office.

4. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. July 11, 1846. In regard to certain buildings now being erected for the Sacs and the Foxes.

   From Agency for Sacs and Foxes, Osage River


6. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. Sept. 1, 1846. In regard to change of public money during the month of August.


6. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. Sept. 1, 1846. Yearly report of Beach concerning the work he had done in his capacity as United States Indian Agent.


16. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. Oct. 16, 1846. In regard to a circular sent to each of several traders.


19. John Beach to W.L. and T.B. Scott. Oct. 20, 1846. In regard to his authority to prohibit the employment of persons engaged in Indian Trade.


27. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. Dec. 22, 1846. Concerning the claim of S.S. Phelps for a horse stolen by the Sac and Fox Indians.

29. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. Dec. 26, 1846. Explaining why there was no report concerning the fund.


33. John Beach to W.A. Scott. Feb. 3, 1847. Setting date for the examination of complaints against the Messrs. Scott, traders.

33. John Beach to First Dragoons. Ft. Leavenworth. Feb. 8, Sending thanks for information obtained from them.


37. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. Feb. 15, 1847. In regard to the contract to suspend building operations.


39. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. March 10, 1847. Enclosing original papers concerning a certain complaint.
40. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. March 24, 1847. Enclosing money and property accounts for the current quarter year.


42. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. May 25, 1847. Concerning contractor for erection of public buildings on the Agency for the Sac and Fox Indians.

42. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. May 25, 1847. Asking means of protection and safeguarding money.

43. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. May 26, 1847. Third and Fourth Quarterly report of the current year.

44. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. May 26, 1847. Regarding his visit with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in Washington D.C.

44. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. May 28, 1847. Abstract of money received and expended during current month.


46. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. June 18, 1847. Paying to daughter of Amos Farrar - $1000 through guardian.

46. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. June 25, 1847. In regard to W.A. Scott’s statement concerning complaints.

47. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. June 26, 1847. Concerning appointment of Dr. Volney Spalding as resident physician to the Sac and Fox Indian Tribe.


Book XIV

Series: Agency for Sacs and Foxes, Osage River, John Beach, Indian Agent.
Temporary Wichita Agency, Henry Shanklin, Indian Agent.
Sac and Fox Agency, Kansas, Albert Wiley and John Hadley, Indian Agents.
Kiowa and Comanche Agency, I.T., Laurence Tatum, Indian Agent.

July – August 1847
Letters from John Beach to T.H. Harvey, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, St. Louis, Missouri, in regard to: agency building and financial matters; establishing a school for Sax and Fox Indians; the lack of books in the Sac and Fox language.

August 1867
Two letters from Henry Shanklin, Indian Agent, to Colonel James Northam, Superintendent Indian Affairs, Lawrence, Kansas, in regard to: removal of Indians near Lawrence; and cholera among the Indians.

August 1867 – December 1868
Two letters from Albert Wiley, Indian Agent to Thomas Murphy, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Atchison, Kansas, in regard to: the yearly report; the commissioner appointed to select a reservation for the Sac and Fox Indians. Also, a list of Indians within the Sac and Fox Agency.

July 1869 – April 1870
Notes on a conference between John Hadley, Sac and Fox Agent in Kansas, and Laurence Tatum on removal of Indians and deeds of an agency in Indian Territory. Also, correspondence between Tatum and various officials in regard to: horses taken by Pawnees; Alice Todd, a girl taken by the Kiowas; issuing of trader’s licenses; teaching school at the Kiowa and Comanche Agency.

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From: Agency for Sacs and Foxes, Osage River

1. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. July 5, 1847. In regard to the agency building.


2. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. July 15, 1847. In regard to the establishment of a manual labor school among the Sacs and the Foxes.

6. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. July 15, 1847. In regard to papers received from Mr. Scott.
7. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. August 2, 1847. In regard to the disbursements for July.

    Last Correspondence from John Beach

7. John Beach to T.H. Harvey. August 5, 1847. In regard to the fact that there are no books published in the Sac and Fox language.


    From Temporary Wichita Agency

13. Henry Shanklin, Indian Agent, to Col. James Northam, Supt. of Indian Affairs, Lawrence, Kansas. August 8, 1867. In regard to cholera among the Indians.

14. Same as number 13.

15. Same as numbers 13 and 14.

    Sac and Fox Agency, Kansas


18. List of the number of Indians within the Sac and Fox Agency. August 21, 1868.


30. Jacob M. Troth to Agent of the Comanches. Jan. 22, 1870. In regard to arrangements for horses taken by Pawnees on war path to be returned to the Comanches.

31. Jonathan Richards, Clerk, Office of Supt. of Indian Affairs, Lawrence Kansas, to Laurence Tatum, Indian Agent. Jan. 27, 1870. Forwarding a letter from Jacob M. Troth concerning the conduct of the Pawnee and Wichita Reserve.

32. W.R. Schafter to H. Clay Wood. Jan. 24, 1870. In regard to the story told by a Comanche woman held by Tonkawas, of a girl captive of the Kiowas answering to the description of Alice Todd.

34. John Lee to Laurence Tatum. April 1, 1870. In regard to the capturer of Alice Todd.

35. Henry Clay Wood to Laurence Tatum. April 1, 1871. In regard to the Comanche woman and Alice Todd.

36. Ed Parker, U.S. Commissioner of Indian Affairs. April 4, 1870. Circular to Agencies. No person shall issue license except the Office of Commissioner and no one shall trade without one.

38. April 9, 1870. Contract between Laurence Tatum, Indian Agent, and Josiah Butler. In regard to teaching schools on the Kiowa and Comanche Agency, I.T.

39. E.H. Dunfree to Enoch Hoag, Supt. of Indian Affairs, Lawrence, Kansas. April 26, 1870. Complaining that Laurence Tatum has refused him a trader’s license.

**Book XV**


March 1850 – February 1878

Miscellaneous records of bills, purchases of supplies, building construction, Indian trade, and relations with the Indians – including disputes and murders; Tatum’s Third Annual Report of Conditions of the Kiowas.

Page Number:

1. Claim to the United States from Alexander Majors. A bill of $47.00 for feeding some horses belonging to the Sacs and the Foxes. March 30, 1850.

2. April 10, 1858 to May 1, 1858. List of the expenditures of an Indian Agent.

Sac and Fox Agency, Kansas

3. B.B. Grennurd (?) to P. Fuller, Indian Agent. Jan 28, 1860. in regard to a present from the Chief of the Sac and Fox to a Danish Minister.

4. Three credit slips for the Sac and Fox Indians to T.C. Stevens and Co.

5. An account of the cost of building of “Pah-Tah-Quaw” house.

6. Agent to the commissioner of Indian Affairs. Nov. 20, 1867. In regard to persons engaged in trade with the Indians.

Kiowa Agency


8. Lawrie Tatum to B. Darling. Sept. 6, 1870. In regard to the Kiowas’ Camps.

Wichita Agency, I.T.

9. ---- to Jonathan Richards, Indian Agent, May 12, 1871. In regard to a badly injured man belonging to the Wichita Agency.


Kiowa Agency, Fort Sill, I.T.

11. Lawrie Tatum’s third Annual Report concerning the conditions of Indians on the Kiowa Agency, etc. Sept. 1, 1871.


29. Statement concerning the stirrups that F.P. Schiffbauer bought. August 8, 1877.

Wichita, Kansas

30. List of provisions bought by F.P. Schiffbauer of the Trickey Brothers and Co. and a list of lumber purchased by them from Schellabarger and Oliver for F.P. Schiffbauer. August 8, 1877.

32. List of guns bought by F.P. Schiffbauer from Dodd, Brown, and Co. August 21, 1877.

33. List of materials shirting, etc., bought by F.P. Schiffbauer of Dodd, Brown and Co. August 27, 1877.

34. F.P. Schiffbauer’s purchases from Trickey Bros. And Co. Sept. 10, 1877.


37. List of purchases made by L. Spooner of Tricky Brothers and Company, n.d.


40. Copy of affirmation to be sworn to by an agent when granting a license.

41. S.R. Whitall – Official copy of endorsement on letter commanding officer of Fort Sill to assist adjutant General in regard to the trading place of certain Indians. Feb. 21, 1878.

**Book XVI**


Fort Sill, Laurie Tatum.

Kiowa Agency, I.T., Laurie Tatum, Indian Agent, George H. Smith

April 1870 – March 1871

Correspondence between government officials, and letters to Indian Agents in regard to: white children captured by Indians; conditions on the Kiowa reservation; destitution among the Shawnees; movement of Indians; legal duties of agents; authorization of attorneys who represent Indians.

Page Number: Fort Sill

3. Sworn statement of T. Buckmeyer made May 18, 1870. Concerning three of his children being stolen by Indians. (see also p. 12).

5. Letter with no signature concerning the trip of Satanta, a Kiowa Chief, to Washington D.C.


10. Same letters as on page 9.

Wichita Agency

11. Enoch Hoag to Jonathan Richards, Indian Agent, June 19, 1870. In regard to separate agency for the Wichitas.

12. July 2, 1870. Oath sworn by T. Buckmeyer in regard to the escape of one of his three children stolen by Indians on May 16, 1870.


15. John B. Garrett to Laurie Tatum. July 17, 1870. In regard to the “present condition in Indian Territory.”

Kiowa Agency, I.T.

17. August 1, 1870. Marks of three Indians signed for receiving military suits from Laurie Tatum, Indian Agent.

18. Description of a captive child of John Calvin Ledbetter.

19. W.R. ____ to Laurie Tatum. August 10, 1870. In regard to “the balance of the money.”

20. August 13, 1870. Shurfs, Davis and Barsall to the Office of the Superintendent of Indian Affairs. In regard to a circular concerning saw mill.


27. Same letter appearing on page 25.

Kiowa Agency, I.T.


31. B. Darlington to Jonathan Richards. No Date. In regard to an agent acting as an officer.


34. Henry Bruner to Agent of ----- Tribe. In regard to a stolen horse bought by a Seminole.


36. E.S. Parker to Enoch Hoag. Feb. 18, 1871. In regard to the movements of five Indians supposed to be Cheyennes.

37. Adjutant General to Captain Sansom. March 8, 1871. Statement of H.M. and H.E. Smith in regard to the capture of their boys by a party of Indians.

**Book XVII**

Series: Fort Sill, I.T., Laurie Tatum, Indian Agent.
    Wichita Agency, Jonathan Richards, Indian Agent.
August 1871 – April 1872

Correspondence between military and government officials and letters between these officials and agents in regard to: captive animals; subsistence sent to Wichita Agency; preparation of a delegate of Indians to visit Washington, D.C.

Page Number:

1. Laurie Tatum to illegible. August 19, 1871. Mostly illegible, mentions Indians that were never in the agency.

2. From Laurie Tatum. August 23, 1871. Illegible.


4. To Laurie Tatum from J.K. Mizues. August 26, 1871. In regard to the recovery of captured animals.


Invoice of subsistence furnished to the Wichita Agency – sugar, bacon, coffee and flour. September 23, 1871.


Invoice of subsistence furnished to the Wichita Agency – coffee, tobacco. September 24, 1871.

7. Receipt, Laurie Tatum – drugs. September 6, 1871.

8. To unknown from a commissioner. September 29, 1871. In regard to forming a list of all government employees under charge of Indian agents.

9-10. To Laurie Tatum from Fort Richardson, Texas. In response to a letter received two weeks earlier. Illegible. November 23, 1871.

11. To Henry Armstrong from J.W. Hiff. Informs Armstrong that his son has been missing since September 30. He was most likely captured with another man, Robert Morris, by Cheyenne Indians. Hiff fears that he is dead. November 26, 1871.

12-13. Addressed to Sir from E.S. Parker, Commissioner. In regard to a complaint that flour sent to the Kiowa, Wichita and Cheyenne Agencies was bad. Commissioner denied action being taken to correct matter. There was no proof. December 4, 1871.
14. Addressed to Sir from H.A. Walker, Commissioner. In regard to the search for Henry Armstrong’s son, or the knowledge of his fate. December 9, 1871.

15. To Laurie Tatum from Cyrus Beede. In regard to the gathering of all headmen for all the tribes. December 11, 1871.

16-17. From Laurie Tatum. Dated December 8, 1871. illegible – apparent water damage.

18. To Laurie Tatum from Cyrus Beede. In regard to the denial of action being taken to replace bad flour. December 11, 1871.

19. To Laurie Tatum from Cyrus Beede. In regard to sending inquiries to locate Henry Armstrong’s son and Robert Morris. December 13, 1871.

20. Addressed to Sir from H.A. Walker, Commissioner. In regard to proper collections of funds recorded by Laurie Tatum.


24-25. To Cyrus Beede from Enoch Hoag. In regard to a delegate of Kiowas, Apaches and Cheyennes being formed to travel to Washington D.C., to represent their tribes. February 1, 1872.


27. To Laurie Tatum from Cyrus Beede. In regard to the preparation of a delegate of Indians to visit Washington D.C. February 14, 1872.

28-29. To Jonathan Richards from Enoch Hoag. In regard to scattered Indians picking an agency, settling down and going into industry works. February 15, 1872.

30. To Jonathan Richards from Laurie Tatum. In regard to acquiring stockings and other goods for Cheyennes. March 11, 1872.

31. To Jonathan Richards from Cyrus Beede. In regard to incompetent testimony for case #123. March 18, 1872.
32-33. To Enoch Hoag from F.A. Walker. In regard to the denial of Laurie Tatum’s request for stockings for the Kiowas, Comanches and Apaches. March 27, 1872.

34. To Laurie Tatum from Red River, Texas. In regard to the recovery of 5 stolen animals with two still missing. No dates.

35. To Laurie Tatum in regard to a confrontation at Chandler’s ranch because of whiskey. April 24, 1872. Addresser illegible.

36. To Laurie Tatum from Fort Smith. In regard to illegal activities in Indian Country. April 26, 1872.

**Book XVIII**

Series: Fort Sill, I.T., Laurie Tatum, Indian Agent.
Wichita Agency, Jonathan Richards, Indian Agent.

February 1872 – October 1872
Correspondence between military and government officials and between these officials to Indian Agents in regard to: Indian raids; white captives; whites killed by Indians; the transferring and removal of Indians; trade with the Indians.

Page Number:

1-2. To Enoch Hoag from Laurie Tatum. In regard to the transferring of Comanche Chiefs and bands to the Wichita Agency. February 3, 1872.

3. To Laurie Tatum from James Davidson. In regard to the arrest of Michael Roach. April 23, 1872.

4. To Jonathan Richards from Enoch Hoag. In regard to the grievances made by Blake Beaver and other Indians. May 2, 1872.

5. To Jonathan Richards from Enoch Hoag. In regard to the capturing of 121 government militia. May 27, 1872.

6-7. To Laurie Tatum from G. Griffith. The denial of entry into Griffith’s agency boundaries to arrest Buffalo Bill and other violators. May 11, 1872.

8-9. To Jonathan Richards from J.W. Schofield. In regard to the list of persons who need to be removed from the Wichita Agency. May 13, 1872.


15. To Laurie Tatum from Enoch Hoag. In regard to enclosed correspondence detailing a raid. May 28, 1872.

16-18. To the Assistant Adjutant General, Department of the Missouri from Orlando H. Moore. In regard to a stampede caused by Indians, which resulted in the loss of 121 government mules, 1 public horse, 2 private horses and a cow. It’s believed that the Indians were Cheyenne or Kiowa. May 17, 1872.


20. Circular letter relative to annual reports from the Department of the Interior; Office of Indian Affairs. June 15, 1872.

21. To Laurie Tatum from Cyrus Beede. In regard to a letter from Satanta and Big Tree that Beede needs to present to the Kiowas. June 16, 1872.


23. To Jonathan Richards from the Board of Indian Commissioners. In regard to the work being done to civilize and Christianize the Indians. Standard form probably sent to all agents. July 11, 1872.

24-25. To Jonathan Richards from J.W. Schofield. In regard to the denial of further issuance of arms to individuals or corporations unless such arms are sold for protection when approved by the Department. The Secretary of War declared this. September 2, 1872.

26. To Laurie Tatum from J.W. Schofield. In regard to the casket being used for the body of Professor Parish. September 8, 1872.


28. To Mr. Richards, acting agent for the Kiowas, from Laurie Tatum. In regard to the Lee boy soon to be returned to Tatum’s Agency. September 27, 1872.
29. To Fort Hays, Kansas from J.H. Edwards, 89th District. In regard to a missing party of 3 or 4 men and a woman. The party has not been heard from in seven weeks, but their wagon has been found. Edwards is requesting that a party be sent out to look for the bodies. September 30, 1872.

30. To Laurie Tatum from Edward Hoag. In regard to the capturing of a man, boy and 23 mules from Fredricksburg, Texas. The case needs investigating. October 4, 1872.

31-32. To Laurie Tatum from Jonathan Richards. Richards details the trading habits of the Indians on his reservation. Richards believes that trading should be regulated and possibly limited. October 5, 1872.

33. To J.H. Edwards from H. Hamilton. Telegram – Kiowa files. The body of Dick Jordan and a servant were found. They appeared to be dead about five weeks. George Jordan’s body not found. Mary believed to be alive and captured by Kiowas. No date.

34-36. To the Assistant Adjutant General, Department of the Missouri from Thomas H. Niell. Detailed report that Niell sent a party out to search for the Jordans and their servant. October 6, 1872.

37. To the Assistant Adjutant General, Department of the Missouri from Thomas H. Neill. Details the deaths of Dick and George Jordan and their servant. Neill gives a description of Mary with the belief that she is still alive. October 7, 1872.

Book XIX

Series: Fort Sill, I.T., Laurie Tatum, Indian Agent.
Wichita Agency, Jonathan Richards, Indian Agent.
Wichita Agency, R.S. MacKenzie, Indian Agent.

March 1871 – August 1871
Correspondence between government officials and agents in regard to whites killed by Indians; white children taken by Indians; trade with the Indians; white captives and stealing done by Indians.

Page Number:

1-3. To E.I. Davis, Governor of Texas from John W. Samson. Samson privately asks the Governor to take action to find two small children believed to have been taken by Comanches or Kiowas. March 11, 1871.

5-6. To Laurie Tatum from E.I. Davis, Governor of Texas. Davis describes Samson’s account of the abducted children and insists that the responsible Indians are from the Fort Sill agency. Davis wants Laurie to take immediate action. March 17, 1871.

7-8. To Laurie Tatum. March 18, 1871. Illegible- copy too light.

9. Circular received by Jonathan Richards from E.S. Parker. Requests that all communication with the Department of the Interior, Office of Indian Affairs are stopped unless it is of the greatest emergency. March 22, 1871.

10. Illegible. Copy too light.

11. To Jonathan A. Richards from Enoch Hoag. Refers to a letter Hoag received from Commissioner Parker. April 8, 1871.

12-16. To Enoch Hoag. From an Acting Commissioner. The commissioner reports that a captive, Rudolph Fisher married a Comanche woman and does not want to leave the band. He wants Tatum to persuade Fisher or the Indians to release Fisher and all other captives. He also enclosed a letter from a Mr. Smith, whose two sons were captured by either Kiowas or Comanche bands. Tatum must inquire about the two boys. April 4, 1871.

17. To Laurie Tatum from Enoch Hoag. Hoag instructs Tatum to inquire about Rudolph Fisher, Mr. Fisher’s two sons and other captives. Note: page(s) missing. April 8, 1871.

18. To Agent Richards from Laurie Tatum. In regard to the deposition of the allegations of Sylvester stealing a horse. May 19, 1871.

19. To Jonathan Richards from Laurie Tatum. Tatum is sending for Dave, a Towacona Chief and Sam to give a deposition regarding Sylvester stealing a horse. May 20, 1871.


22-23. To Jonathan Richards from a Pawnee agent. The Pawnees at Richards’ location that have yet to return to their reservation. May 23, 1871.

24. To Laurie Tatum from Cyrus Beede. Refers to 6 claims against Kiowas and Comanches. June 9, 1871.

25. To W.H. Howard from Laurie Tatum. Tatum is trying to prevent the rationing of the Indians at his location. June 8, 1871.
26. To Enoch Hoag from E.S. Parker. In regard to the payment of goods and supplies given to the Indians. June 24, 1871.


28-29. To Laurie Tatum from R.S. MacKenzie. MacKenzie requests the presence of Mr. Leiper, an interpreter for the case of Satanta and Big Tree. June 25, 1871.


31. To Laurie Tatum from Enoch Hoag. In regard to the changes regarding the arrests of criminals by the military, Indian reserves and agents. June 26, 1871.

32. To Laurie Tatum from Enoch Hoag. In regard to the payments of goods and supplies given to the Indians. June 28, 1871.

33. To Laurie Tatum from Enoch Hoag. In regard to a letter from Agent Richards stating that Comanche Chiefs put in a request for relocation. July 4, 1871.

34-35. To Laurie Tatum from E.S. Parker. Informs Tatum that there are persons trading in Indian Territory that do not have licenses. July 20, 1871.


38. To Enoch Hoag from Laurie Tatum. August 4, 1871. Illegible.

39. To Laurie Tatum from E.J. Davis, Governor of Texas. Davis requests that Tatum investigates the case of H.M. Smith’s missing children. August 11, 1871.

40-42. To Enoch Hoag. August 12, 1871. Illegible, page(s) missing.

43. To Laurie Tatum. Sender received Tatum’s letter that the Kiowas complied with demands. August 14, 1871.

44. To Major Schofield from Laurie Tatum. Tatum requests that the mules turned over to the Major’s command are held on to for a short term. August 16, 1871.

45-46. To Enoch Hoag from Laurie Tatum. August 18, 1871. Illegible.

47. To Laurie Tatum. Sender requests the use of a government saw mill. August 18, 1871.
Book XX

Series: Sac and Fox Agency, I.T., Levi Woodard, Indian Agent.
Fort Sill, I.T., Laurie Tatum, Indian Agent.
Wichita Agency, Jonathan Richards, Indian Agent.

July 1872 – December 1872
Correspondence between military and government officials (a few letters labeled “Kiowa File” or “Sac-Fox File”) and letters between these officials to Indian Agents in regard to: whites killed by Indians; white children taken by Indians; Indian captives traded for white captives; trade with the Indians.

Page Number:

1. Thomas H. Neill, Lieutenant Colonel 6th Cavalry, Commanding Camp near Fort Hays, Kansas, to Lieutenant Colonel R. Williams, Assistant Adjutant General, Headquarters Department of Missouri, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in regard to the massacre of the Jordan brothers and the “Sweede.” October 8, 1872.

4. James M. Harvey, Governor of Kansas, to General John Pope, Commanding Department of Missouri, in regard to the murder of Richard and George Jordan and a Swedish boy, Frederick Norman, and the capture of Mary (Mrs. Richard) Jordan. October 8, 1872.

7. John Pope, Lieutenant Colonel 6th Cavalry, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to Enoch Hoag, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Lawrence, Kansas, regarding the murder of Jordan brothers and the Swedish boy, and the abduction of Mrs. Jordan. October 11, 1872.

9. Copy of the above letter (Kiowa file).

12. Copy of pages 7 and 9. (Kiowa file).


15. Thomas H. Neill, 6th U.S. Cavalry, Camp near Fort Hays, Kansas, to Assistant Adjutant General, Department of the Missouri, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in regard to the murder of Dick and George Jordan and a Swedish hired servant. October 17, 1872. (Kiowa file).

18. Levi Woodard, Indian Agent, to E.A. Hayt, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C., requesting a special license for trader, Lewis Prickett, to sell fire arms and ammunition. October 26, ___. (Kiowa file).

19. T.A. Walker, Commissioner, Officer of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C., to Jonathan Richards, Indian Agent, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Lawrence,
Kansas. A circular supporting a decision by the Comptroller, Treasury Department, not to authorize the sale of certain articles to the Indians. October 31, 1872.


22. Telegram from John H. Edwards, Ellis, Kansas, to the commanding officer at Fort Hays, Kansas, reporting the disappearance of some people, and requesting troops to hunt for them or their bodies. September 30, 1872.

23. Ronald James (Runje?), Colonel 4th Cavalry, Fort Richardson, Texas, to Laurie Tatum, Indian Agent, Fort Sill, I.T., reporting white captives and stolen horses found among the Indians and requesting that Tatum asks his department for a new plan to deal with the Indians. September 9, 1872.


27. Cyrus Beede, Chief Clerk, Office of Indian Affairs, Lawrence, Kansas, to Laurie Tatum, Indian Agent, asking Tatum to find out which tribe or band killed the Jordan brothers and the Swedish boy and abducted Richard Jordan’s wife. October 14, 1872.

28. Copy of the preceding letter.

29. C.C. Augur, Brigadier General, Headquarters Department of Texas, to Laurie Tatum, Fort Sill, I.T., agreeing to trade Indian captives for white captives. November 22, 1872.


33. R. Radcliff, (?), Fredericksburg, Gillespie County, Teas, to Laurie Tatum, Indian Agent, Fort Sill, Indian Territory, inquiring about a boy captured by the Indians. December 3, 1872.

34. P. Buchmeier, Loyal Valley, Mason County, Texas, to Laurie Tatum, Fort Sill, Indian Territory, asking Tatum to be on the look-out for his step-son who was stolen by the Indians. (see also Book II) December 3, 1872.
35. C.C. Augur, Brigadier General, Headquarters, Department of Texas, to Major John P. Hatch, 4th Cavalry, commanding Fort Concho, Texas, giving orders for the delivery of Indian prisoners to Laurie Tatum at Fort Sill. December 5, 1872.


**Book XXI**

Series: Kiowa Agency, Fort Sill, I.T., Laurie Tatum, Indian Agent.
Kiowa Agency, I.T., James M. Haworth, Indian Agent.
Cheyenne and Arapahoe Agency, I.T., John D. Miles, Indian Agent.

December 1872 – May 1873
Military correspondence in regard to delivery of Indian prisoners and their release, and the trading of Indian prisoners for white captives among the Indians. Letters from various government officials, local residents, and other Indian agents in regard to: agency employees – employment, payment, issuing of rations; agency employees – employment, payment, issuing of rations; cattle stolen by Indians; and children taken captive by Indians.

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1. Second copy of letter from C.C. Augur, Brigadier General, Headquarters Department of Texas, to Major John P. Hatch, 4th Cavalry, Commanding Fort Concho, Texas, giving orders for the delivery of Indian prisoners to Laurie Tatum at Fort Sill. December 5, 1872. (Copy 1, Book XIX, p. 35)

3. John P. Hatch, Major 4th Cavalry, Fort Concho, Texas, to Laurie Tatum, Indian Agent, Kiowa Agency, Indian Territory, informing Tatum of the departure from Fort Concho of Indian prisoners under escort. December 12, 1872.

4. G.W. Schofield, Major 10th Cavalry, Commanding Fort Sill, I.T., to Laurie Tatum, Indian Agent, Kiowa Agency, offering to deliver three captive boys to San Antonio for return to their homes. January 5, 1873.

5. Edward P. Smith, Commissioner, Department of the Interior, Office of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C., to Enoch Hoag, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Lawrence, Kansas, explaining why a license should be granted to J.S. Evans and Co., and outlining the procedure to be used. January 9, 1873.

9. C.C. Augur, Brigadier General, Headquarters Department of Texas, to Laurie Tatum, Indian Agent, Fort Sill, I.T., offering to release Indian prisoners in trade for white captives. January 16, 1873.
10. Enoch Hoag, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Lawrence, Kansas, to Laurie Tatum asking that he give reasons for requesting an increase in the provisions given to employees. January 14, 1873.

11. Enoch Hoag to Laurie Tatum stating that agency employees must provide their own subsistence, and requesting that Tatum look into the efficiency of all employees. January 25, 1873. (Kiowa file).

13. (S.)? Radcliff, Fredericksburg, (Texas), to Laurie Tatum, Indian Agent, Kiowa Agency, Fort Sill, Texas, in regard to Mr. Buchmeyer’s son who was taken by Apache Indians (See also p. 19, 36 and Book XIX, p. 34). February 12, 1873.

14. Calvin Cooper, Burnet County, Texas, to Mr. Tatum in regard to an eight or nine year old boy brought to Tatum by the Indians. Cooper describes the capture of his grandson by the Indians and asks for a description of the boy brought to Tatum. February 15, 1873.

15. John D. Miles, Indian Agent, Cheyenne and Arapahoe Agency, I.T., to Laurie Tatum, Indian Agent, Kiowa Agency, requesting that the three agents, Miles, Tatum, and Richards, act together to establish a policy for payment of employees and the issuing of rations. February 21, 1873. (Kiowa file). See also p. 10.

18. Laurie Tatum, Indian Agent, Kiowa Agency, to Jonathan Richards, Indian Agent, cautioning him about Frank Hamilton, a man he considers unreliable. March 5, 1873.

19. No signature, Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, to Laurie Tatum, Fort Sill, Indian Reservation, in regard to Frederick Norman Lehman, or Bushmeier, captured by the Indians in 1870. March 20, 1873.

20. C. Delano, Secretary, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C., to the acting commander of Indian Affairs, in regard to pardoning Satanta and Big Tree. March 22, 1873. (Kiowa file).

21. C. Delano, Secretary, Department of the Interior, to Edmund J. Davis, Governor, Austin, Texas, requesting that the governor pardon and release Satanta and Big Tree. March 22, 1873. (Kiowa file).

23. Edward P. Smith, Commissioner, Office of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C., to Enoch Hoag, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Lawrence, Kansas, in regard to the pardon of the Kiowa chiefs, Satanta and Big Tree. April 3, 1873.

24. Cyrus Beede, Chief Clerk, Office of Indian Affairs, Lawrence, Kansas, to J.M. Haworth, Indian agent, Kiowa Agency, I.T., refusing to grant permission for two or three Apaches claiming a relationship with the Tonkawas, to live near Fort Richardson. April 8, 1873.
25. Copy of the above letter.

26. Enoch Hoag, Superintendent, Office of Indian Affairs, Lawrence, Kansas, to Edmund J. Davis, Governor, Austin, Texas, in regard to arranging a public meeting with the Indians to take place when the Indian chiefs in captivity are returned to the Indians. April 4, 1873. (Kiowa file).

28. Enoch Hoag, Superintendent, Office of Indian Affairs, Lawrence, Kansas to Edward P. Smith, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C., requesting a public council with the Indians upon release of Satanta and Big Tree at which pledges of peace and friendship may be obtained. April 9, 1873. (Kiowa file).

30. J.A. Augur, Assistant Adjutant General, Headquarters Department of Texas, to the Commanding Officer, Fort Sill, I.T., ordering the release of Indians captured by General McKenzie. April 14, 1873.

31. B.P. McDonald, Contractor, to Major Jonathan Richards, Agent, Wichita Indian Agency, Indian Territory, in regard to cattle lost in delivery and believed stolen by the Indians. April 18, 1873.

33. W.T. Waybourn, Sheriff, Montague County, Red River Station, Texas to L. Tatum, Indian Agent, stating that he has recovered some Indian horses stolen by whites and can recover others if Tatum will send him someone who can identify the horses. April 21, 1873.

34. Cyrus Beede, chief clerk, Office of Indian Affairs, Lawrence Kansas, to J.M. Haworth, Kiowa Agency, Indian Territory, affirming the appointment and suspension of employees. May 10, 1873.

35. No signature, Department of the Interior, Office of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C., to the Kiowa Agency, approving the appointment of new employees. May 6, 1873.

37. Henry C. King, Senator 29th District, to James M. Haworth, Indian Agent, Fort Sill, Indian Territory, in regard to Frederick Herman Lehman, or Bushmeier, a German boy who was captured by the Indians May 16, 1870, and who spoke only German. May 8, 1873. (Kiowa file).

39. (R – L.)? MacKenzie, Colonel 4th Cavalry, Commanding Fort Clark, Texas, to Mr. Laurie Tatum, Fort Sill, I.T., inquiring if (?) Henrigues, a boy captured by the Indians, had been returned. May 9, 1873. (Kiowa file).

40. John D. Miles, Indian Agent, Cheyenne and Arapahoe Agency, I.T., to J.M. Haworth, Agent, Kiowa Agency, I.T., reporting that the Cheyenne soldiers and chiefs feel guilty since they murdered the four surveyors on the 19th of March.
Miles describes the Tribes gathered at the agency – says their intentions are peaceful. May 10, 1873.

Book XXII

Kiowa and Comanche Agency, Fort Sill, I.T., James M. Haworth, Indian Agent.
Sac and Fox Agency, I.T., John H. Pickering, Indian Agent.
Wichita Agency, I.T., Jonathan Richards, Indian Agent.

March 1873 – November 1878

Correspondence between military and government officials, Indian agents, Indians, and private citizens in regard to horse stealing by both Indians and whites; cattle driven through the Sac and Fox Reservation; murder of Wichita Chief, Essadawa, by the Osages; sale of arms to the Indians; destitution of the Indians; Pima Indians looking over Sac and Fox area as a location for Pima tribe; a personal account of an Indian attack; annual reports and various activities in the operation of the agencies.

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1. Isaac T. Gibson, Indian Agent, Office for Osages, Coffeyville, P.O., Kansas, to Enoch Hoag, Superintendent Indian Affairs, in regard to 900 Osages on Salt Creek 25 miles west of the agency, who returned horses stolen from other tribes by their war parties. March 12, 1873.

4. Cyrus Beede, Chief Clerk, Office of Indian Affairs, Lawrence, Kansas, to J.M. Haworth, Indian Agent, Kiowa and Comanche Agency, Indian Territory, directing Beede to cooperate with John D. Miles in making up a delegation of Indians to go to Washington. May 16, 1873.

5. John H. Pickering, Indian Agent, Sac and Fox Agency, I.T., authorizes Louis Gokey to collect 5 cents on all cattle driven through the Sac and Fox Reservation. June 23, 1873.

6. Enoch Hoag, Superintendent, Indian Affairs, Lawrence, Kansas, to Jonathan Richards, Indian Agent, acknowledges news of the murder of Wichita chief, Essadawa, by Osages, and asks Richards to tell the Wichitas that the guilty Osages will be punished; also asks that the Wichitas not seek revenge.

10. E.P. Smith, commissioner, Department of the Interior, Office of Indian Affairs, to Jonathan Richards, Indian Agent, a circular letter relative to annual reports. June 30, 1873.

11. --- Commissioner, to J. Richards, circular letter similar to above letter. June 10, 1871.

12. Edmond Thornton, (Vanita)?, Indian Territory, America, to A. Gallico, London, England, in regard to “Harney” (Henry) Gallico who left some papers with Thornton in April and has not return for them. He suspects that the young man may have been foully dealt with, and recommends that Gallico contact the Department of the Interior. July 5, 1873. (Page 2 of the letter is missing. For newspaper account, see letter on p. 16).


15. Cyrus Beede, Chief Clerk, Office of Indian Affairs, Lawrence, Kansas, to Jonathan Richards, Indian Agent, Wichita Agency, I.T., concerning Indian claims of white depredations. August 9, 1873. (Kiowa file).

16. Article from the Brantford Evening Courier in regard to the disappearance of Henry George Gallico. August 14, 1873.

17. B.R. Conen, Acting Secretary of Interior; rules and regulations concerning the sale of arms to uncivilized or hostile people. September 6, 1873.


28. Jim Bob to “x” with name cut off page, Shawnee Town, to Jonathan Richards, Indian Agent, saying that they are out of rations, have nothing to buy with, are not prepared to hunt, and requesting rations for 27 people. October 9, 1873. (See also Book XXVII, p 18-a).
29. Copy of above letter.

30. Cyrus Beede, chief clerk, Office of Indian Affairs, Lawrence, Kansas, to John H. Pickering, Indian Agent, Sac and Fox Agency, I.T., introducing Major J.H. Stout, Agent for the Pimas Indians in Arizona, with a delegation of these Indians who are looking over the area as a location for the tribe. October 31, 1873.


32. A signed agreement between Jonathan Richards, Indian Agent for the Wichitas, and John A. Breckenridge who agrees to build fences for the protection of crops. January 26, 1874.

34. Cyrus Beede, Chief Clerk, Office of Indian Affairs, Lawrence, Kansas, to Jonathan Richards, Indian Agent, Wichita Agency, I.T., in regard to vouchers received from the Agency. January 27, 1874.

35. J.M. Haworth, Indian Agent, Kiowa and Comanche Agency, to General J.W. Davidson, inquiring whether Indian traders doing business near Indian Commissaries are in accordance with the orders of Davidson’s Department. March 28, 1874.

36. Johnson W.C., Fort Davis, Texas, to Mr. Will Madden, Fort Sill, I.T., a personal letter to “the boys,” giving an account of an attack by 40 Indians on his party of seven men with pack animals. March 4, 1874.

37. William (Homes)?, captain, Office of Assistant Quartermasters, Fort Sill, I.T., to Indian Agent, Comanche and Kiowa Agency, Fort Sill, I.T., requesting that the Indian Agent vacate the house lent to him. November 6, 1878.

Book XXIII


April – July 1874
Correspondence from and to military officials, government officials, Indian agents, Indians, and private citizens, in regard to: Indians moving from one agency to another; the licensing of J.S. Evans and Company to trade with the
Indians; sale of arms to the Indians; Indian depredations; white thieves and outlaws among the Indians; lack of Indian faith in the government; attempts to preserve the peace between the Indians and the government during an Indian uprising.

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1. J.W. Davidson, Lt. Col. 10th Cavalry, Fort Sill, I.T., to Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Texas, forwarding letters from M.C. Johnson and Colonel MacKenzie. April 3, 1874.

2. John Jumper, Chief, Seminole Nation, to Hon. Warlopie and J.A. Richards, Indian Agent, asking them to use every means in their power to induce Seminoles among them to return home. April 30, 1874.

5. E.P. Smith, Commissioner, Office of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C., to James M. Haworth, Indian Agent, Kiowa Agency, Fort Sill, I.T., requesting a prompt reply on the sale of arms and ammunition to Indians by Cheyenne and Wichita traders. May 4, 1874.

6. C.H. Carlton, Captain 10th Cavalry, Fort Sill, to James Haworth, Indian Agent, assuring him of help if there is trouble with the Indians. May 7, 1874.

9. Copy of the above letter.

12. Thomas Canard, Judge District Court, Wewoka District, Creek Nation, to Major J.H. Pickering, Agent, Sac and Fox Agency, I.T., reporting an unsuccessful attempt to collection $20 for Little Island. May 7, 1874.

13. [E.P. Smith, Commissioner?], Office of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C., to Enoch Hoag, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Lawrence, Kansas, in regard to the license granted J.S. Evans and Company to trade with the Indians and the conditions of the agreement. May 8, 1874. (Last part of letter missing. For related correspondence, see Book XXII, p. 23).

14. Theo. (?), Captain 11th Infantry, Fort Griffin, Texas, to Mr. J.M. Haworth, Indian Agent, Fort Sill, I.T., in regard to the presence at Fort Griffin of Ta-nos-tee and men of his tribe, receipt of Haworth’s letter reporting the Indian’s unauthorized absence, and return of the Indians accompanied by troops. May 9, 1874.

16. J.M. Haworth, Indian Agent, Kiowa and Comanche Agency, to General J.W. Davidson, Commanding Post(?), offering to send a Mexican interpreter and Caddo Indian with a scouting party to follow the trail of some stolen stock – troops to return if Indians had them, continue on if whites had the stock. May 18, 1874.
17. W.R. Harmon, First Lt. 10th Cavalry. Fort Sill, I.T., reporting on the trail of the stolen animals. Both the Indian trailer and the interpreter said Comanches had them. May 19, 1874.

18. E.P. Smith, Commissioner, Office of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C., to W.W. Alderson, Indian Agent, Milk River Agency, Fort Peck, Missouri Territory, in regard to regulations governing the sale of arms and ammunition to the Indians. May 11, 1874.

21. Edward F. Hoag, Assistant Clerk, Office of Indian Affairs, Lawrence, Kansas, to Jonathan Richards, Indian Agent, concerning strict compliance with regulations governing the sale of arms and ammunition to Indians. May 15, 1874.

23. Enoch Hoag, Superintendent, Office of Indian Affairs, Lawrence, Kansas, to J.M. Haworth, Indian Agent, in regard to modification of the license of Evans and Company. May 16, 1874.

24. George P. Bruce, Lieutenant Colonel, 11th Infantry, Fort Griffin, Texas, to J.M. Haworth, Indian Agent, Fort Sill, I.T., stating that he does not object to Ta-nos-tee and his companion joining the Tonkawas. June 11, 1874.

25. B.K. Wetherell, Lee and Reynolds Ranche, near Red Fork, I.T., to Enoch Hoag, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, reporting murders by the Indians and requesting that action be taken to prevent further loss of life. July 4, 1874.

27. Enoch Hoag, Superintendent, Office of Indian Affairs, Lawrence, Kansas, to Jonathan Richards, James M. Haworth, and John D. Miles, Indian Agents, Southwestern Agencies, attributing Indian depredations to the presence of white men among the Indians who have increased Indian lack of faith in the government in order to provoke an Indian war; to lack of beef and flour for the Indians during 1873; and to the presence of white thieves and outlaws in Indian country who agitate whites as well as Indians. Hoag asks for the agents’ help in promoting a meeting with the Indians. July 8, 1874.


36. Enoch Hoag, Superintendent, Office of Indian Affairs, Lawrence, Kansas, to Jonathan Richards, Indian Agent, in regard to a letter from Agent Gibson, at Sewell’s Ranch, saying that the war is at an end north of the Red Fork, and inquiring about Richards’ agency. July 22, 1874.

Book XXIV

Pawnee agency, I.T., R.F. Catterson, Sub Agent.
Wichita Agency, Jonathan Richards, Indian Agent.
Cheyenne and Arapaho Agency, John D. Miles, Indian Agent.

March 1874 - November 1875
Correspondence from and to government officials, military officials, private citizens, Indians, and Indian agents in regard to: Indian attacks; conflicts of cavalry and ranchers with the Indians; Indian destitution; a census of tribes and farming statistics at the Wichita, Anadarko, 1874; Seminoles appointed to return Seminole families among the Caddos; Pawnees moving from the Wichita Agency to the Pawnee Agency; agency reports; beef issues and the delivery of goods and supplies to the agencies. And an invitation to an Indian International Fair.

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1. Telegram from R. Williams, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to Colonel R.S. Mackenzie, 4th Cavalry, Commanding fort Sill, I.T., reporting a fight between a large party of Indians and Company H, 5th Cavalry, and subsequent dispatchment of troops to reinforce a detachment out with an Indian hunting party. November 3, 1875.


6. William Burgess, Indian Agent, Pawnee Indian Agency, Genoa, Nebraska, to Jonathan Richards, Indian Agent, in regard to Pawnees who were supposed to leave Richards’ agency. August 18, 1875.

7. R.F. Catterson, Sub Agent for Pawnee, Pawnee Agency, I.T., to Jonathan Richards, Indian Agent, Wichita Agency, I.T., requesting that Richards furnish 120 Pawnees with supplies needed for their removal to the Pawnee Agency. August 16, 1875.

9. Edward P. Smith, Commissioner, Office of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C., a circular to Indian agents directing them to report the number and kind of employees at their agencies. August 2, 1875.

10. W.E. Campbell, Bitter Creek, to Jonathan Richards, Indian Agent, in regard to wheat available for $1.00 per bushel at William Chisholm’s on the Canadian or Francis Berrie’s five miles below Elm Springs. October 4, 1875. (Kiowa file).
11. R.S. Mackenzie, Colonel 4th Cavalry, Fort Still, I.T., to Mr. Jonathan Richards, Indian Agent, Wichita Agency, I.T., in regard to Aaron Wilson whom he will send parties out to arrest. September 23, 1875.

12. Special orders of Captain (?) Davis, signed by Frank S. Hinkle, 2nd Lieutenant, 5th Infantry, Adjutant, [Hodges]? Camp near Cheyenne Agency, I.T., to a corporal to proceed with seven Indians (names) to Fort Sill, I.T., August 11, 1875.

13. An invitation from the Indian International Fair (Joshua, Ross, Secretary), to the Sac and Fox Agent inviting him to attend the fair. July 30, 1875.

14. Articles of agreement between Edward P. Smith, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and D.J. McCann of Nebraska, for the delivery of goods and supplies to agencies in the West. May 25, 1875. (Section is missing between pages 15 and 16; last part of the agreement is also missing.)

20. Enoch Hoag, Superintendent, Office of Indian Affairs, Lawrence, Kansas, to J.M. Haworth, Indian Agent, requesting a report on the quantity and quality of beef issues for the Indians. May 24, 1875.

22. W.H. Wood, Colonel, 11th Infantry, Fort Richardson, to Commanding Officer at Fort Sill, report of a telegram received in regard to two Indians circling a cow herder. July 27, 1875.


24. John D. Miles, Indian Agent, Cheyenne and Arapahoe Agency, Darlington, Indian Territory, to James M. Haworth, Kiowa Agency, I.T., stating that the Cheyenne’s would soon be in to surrender, and requesting that Haworth find out from his Indians who among the Cheyenne’s participated in raids and murders. March 1, 1875.

25. E.L. Griffin to O.G. Given, M.D., Fon-Du-Lac, Wisconsin; a cover letter with cow pox crusts and points for vaccinations. Griffin gives directions for use of crusts and points, also requests report of results. February 2, 1875. (Part of letter is missing.)


28. Edward P. Smith, Commissioner, Office of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C., to Jonathan Richards, Indian Agent, in regard to his request – through
Superintendent, Enoch Hoag – for supplies for 40 lodges of Pawnees. December 1, 1874.

30. George Washington, Washington Ranche, to Agent Miles reporting an Indian attack and requesting that Miles keep the Arapahoes, Apaches, and Cheyennes on the west side of the road from the Cheyenne Agency to Fort Sill so that Washington’s scouts will know who they are. October (?), 1874.


32. $100 reward offered by the Cheyenne Agency, I.T. (witness, J.A. Covington) to anyone who finds the remains of Edward O’Leary who left the agency with Charles M. Monahan in search of stray cattle (Monahan’s body was found). October 26, 1874. (see also p. 37).

33. Statistics of farming, etc., at the Wichita Agency, Anadarko, I.T., for the year 1874, giving a census of tribes – male, female, mixed blood, etc. – schools, crimes, land being farmed, herds, and businesses. Signed by Jonathan Richards (Section between p. 33 and p. 34 is missing).

37. (Signature missing) Cheyenne and Arapahoe Agency, Darlington, I.T., to James M. Haworth, Indian Agent, Fort Sill, I.T., reporting the massacre of Charles W. Monahan, Chief Herder. September 16, 1874.

38. Seminole Agency, I.T., to Jonathan Richards, informing him that Tulsee Micco and two other men have been appointed by the Seminole Council to return the Seminoles now among the Caddos, and requesting the help of Richards and the Caddos. March 17, 1874. (Last part of letter is missing).

39. B.H. (Grienon?), Colonel 10th Cavalry, saying he understands there is a reward for Spratt, and another of $2,000 for John Hughes, alias Bob Case. No date. (Appears to be the last page of a letter.)

40. Philip McCusker to Dunham asking him to forward a paper to Tatum, and write him to lend sugar by ox train. No date.

Book XXV

Kiowa and Comanche Agency, Frank Malby, Acting Agent (Oct. 1875), J.M. Haworth, Agent (Oct. 1876)
Cheyenne and Arapahoe Agency, Darlington, I.T., John D. Miles, Indian Agent.
Leavenworth, Kansas, A.S. Hiatt, Indian Agent.
November 1875 – January 1877

Correspondence between military and government officials, private citizens, Indians, and Indian agents in regard to: a depredation claim against the Indians; Indian prisoners; trouble with whites living at the agencies or among the Indians; agency supplies and monthly reports; reports on the education and advancement of the Indians; Indian trade and sale of arms to the Indians; captives among the Indians; Indian hunting parties and military details sent with them as protection against marauding bands of Indians; a census of Indians at the Kiowa and Comanche Agency.

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1. J.D. Smith, Commissioner, Office of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C., to William Nicholson, Superintendent Indian Affairs, Lawrence, Kansas, in regard to inventories sent with the depredation claim of Lemeuel Spooner. January 17, 1877. (Kiowa file).

3. S.H. Galpin, Office of Indian Affairs, Lawrence, Kansas, to Wichita Agent, giving an account of events enroute to Lawrence, a report to Washington that the Wichita Agency received too much hard bread and bacon, trouble with a man named Leeds, and asking for the name of the Deputy Marshals who arrested George Washington. (See Book XXIII, p. 30 for Geo. Washington Ranche) January 4, 1877.

5. George Washington, Fort Smith, Arkansas, to Mr. Williams, Agent, Wichita Agency, in regard to his (Washington’s) arrest. December 23, 1876.


11. R.H. Platt, 1st Lieutenant, 10th Cavalry, in charge of Indian prisoners, Fort Marion, St. Augustine, to Lieutenant Colonel J.W. Forsyth, Military Section, Chicago, Illinois, reporting on the condition, the interest in learning, and the advancement of the Indians in his charge. September 23, 1876.

12. J.D. Cameron, Secretary of War, Washington, D.C., to the Secretary of the interior, advising against the release of the Kiowas being held at Fort Marion Florida. August 5, 1876. (Kiowa file).

14. The Marks of 22 Kiowa chiefs on a petition to “our Great Father, His Excellency, the President of the United States,” asking for the release of Kiowas being held by the government. June 1876.
18. William Nicholson, Superintendent, Office of Indian Affairs, Lawrence, Kansas, to A.C. Williams, Indian Agent, on compliance with government regulations on the sale of arms to uncivilized or hostile Indians. June 19, 1876.

20. William Nicholson, Superintendent, Office of Indian Affairs, Lawrence, Kansas, to J.M. Haworth, Indian Agent, Kiowa and Comanche Agency, I.T., in regard to a Mexican woman captured by Comanches in 1868 who is searching for her home. June 19, 1876.


24. John D. Miles, Indian Agent, Cheyenne and Arapahoe Agency, Darlington, I.T., to colonel J.K. Mizner, Commanding Fort Reno, I.T., reporting the offenses of Philip McCusker, past interpreter at Fort Reno, and requesting that he not be permitted to return to the reservation. May 5, 1876.

25. A.S. Hiatt, Leavenworth, Kansas, to A.C. Williams, Indian Agent. Hiatt desired to trade with the Indians and inquires whether permission will be granted to his friend, Huddleston, who wants to join him. September 1876.

27. R.S. Mackenzie, Wichita Agency, I.T., to Commanding Officer, Fort Sill. Orders to military details – each composed of a non-commissioned officer and a small number of men – to accompany Indian hunting parties when requested. April 30, 1876.

28. George W. Fox, Fort Sill, I.T., to General J.W. Davidson, Commanding Post, Fort Sill, I.T., reporting that in his trade with the Kiowas in the camping of Kicking Bird, he has seen guns and ammunition in the possession of Indians who said they obtained them from the Cheyenne or Wichita agencies. April 2, 1876.

30. Certification of the truth of data in the monthly report, Wichita Agency. Signed by Jonas Edge, Clerk, and Jonathan Richards, Agent. For the month ending March 31, 1876.


32. Frank Malby, Acting Indian Agent, Kiowa and Comanche Agency, to General R.S. Mackenzie, Commanding Fort Sill, I.T., enumerating a census of the Indians at the agency. October 18, 1875.

34. John Simpson, Company H, 4th Cavalry, Camp on Wichita River, to Mr. Richards, promising to find out as much as possible about the Cheyennes, and
reporting that Tosh a way sent runners to Asahabit’s band suggesting they hunt together. November 7, 1875. (See also communication p. 36, 37).

35. R.S. Mackenzie, Colonel 4th Cavalry, commanding Fort Sill, I.T., to Mr. Malby, Acting Indian Agent, Fort Sill, I.T., in regard to three Comanches joining Tosh a way’s buffalo hunt. November 4, 1875.

36. Jonathan Richards, Indian Agent, Wichita Agency, I.T., Anadarko, to the Corporal in charge of Comanches under Asa-habit and Toshawa on buffalo hunt, relaying General Mackenzie’s request that they learn all they can about the Northern Cheyennes. November 4, 1875.

37. R.S. Mackenzie, Colonel 4th Cavalry, Commanding Fort Sill, I.T., to Jonathan Richards, Indian Agent, Wichita Agency, I.T., regarding a telegram from general Pope asking for information on a party of Indians coming south, and warning the hunting party with Tosh-a-way and Asa-haba to be careful. November 3, 1875.

Book XXVI

Series: Kiowa and Comanche Agency, Fort Sill, I.T., James M. Haworth, Indian Agent.
Sac and Fox Agency, Levi Woodard, Indian Agent.
Wichita Agency, Anadarko, I.T., A.C. Williams, Indian Agent.

January 1877 – March 1878
Correspondence between military and government officials, private citizens, Indian agents, and Indians in regard to: trade with the Indians; beef issues; agency supplies; education of Indian children; Indian hunting stopped and Indians taught to farm; request for census of Indians and livestock; violation of tribal regulations by white men, and Indian claims against whites; Indian horse thieves; Indian prisoners, and white claims against Indians; report of marauding by Indian hunters in Texas Panhandle, and request that Indians not be permitted to hunt north of the North Fork of the Red River.

Page Number:

1. S.R. Platt, Assistant Adjutant General, Endorsement of letter by Brigadier General Pope, Commanding Fort Sill, I.T., to the Assistant Adjutant General, Department of the Missouri, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in regard to the trading place of Indians at Fort Sill. February 15, 1878.

2. R.H. Pratt, St. Augustine, to J.M. Haworth, Agent, Fort Sill, I.T., in regard to Indian prisoners. February 11, 1878.

3. Copy of the above letter.


10. John P. Hatch, Lieutenant Colonel, 4th Cavalry, Commanding Fort Elliott, Texas, to the Assistant Adjutant General, Department of the Missouri, in regard to reports of bad behavior of Indians now hunting in the Texas Panhandle, recommends that agents not permit Indians to hunt north of the North Fork of the Red River.


15. William Nicholson, Superintendent, Office of Indian Affairs, Lawrence, Kansas, to J.M. Haworth, Indian Agent, Kiowa and Comanche Agency, I.T., in regard to funds for the purchase of supplies. October 18, 1877.


19. Levi Woodard, Indian Agent, to the chiefs and councilmen of the Pottawatomie Tribe, I.T., assuring them that white men living on land set apart for the tribe can be dealt with, and requesting that they report any violations of tribal regulations that may be made by white men. September 13, 1877.

22. W.E. Campbell, Bitter Creek, I.T., to A.C. Williams, Wichita Agency, I.T., in regard to the Indians who stole his horses. September 7, 1877.

23. J.D. Smith, Commissioner, Officer of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C., to William Nicholson, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Lawrence, Kansas, approving transportation costs to send a former Indian captive to his father. August 9, 1877.

25. Levi Woodard, Agent, to William Nicholson, Department of Indian Affairs, Lawrence, Kansas, inquiring whether anything was being done about the claim of an Indian chief against a white man for recovery of his land. July 23, 1877.

26. William Nicholson, Superintendent, Office of Indian Affairs, Lawrence, Kansas, to A.C. Williams, Indian Agent, Wichita Agency, I.T., authorizing monthly
instead of weekly issues of supplies to Indians at the Wichita Agency. July 19, 1877.


29. George F. Nicholson, Acting Superintendent, Office of Indian Affairs, Lawrence, Kansas, to J.M. Haworth, Indian Agent, Kiowa and Comanche Agency, I.T., in regard to releasing some of the Indian prisoners being held in Florida. March 15, 1877.

30. A list of supplies purchased by Benjamin Coates from David Landreth and Sons and shipped from Philadelphia to Andrew C. Williams, Anadarko, I.T. March 3, 1877.

31. R.H. Platt, 1st Lieutenant, 10th Cavalry. In charge of Indian prisoners, Fort Marion, St. Augustine, Florida, to Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D.C., reporting the desires of the captives to return to their families, and recommending clemency. February 20, 1877.

35. R.H. Platt, 1st Lieutenant, 4th Cavalry. In charge of Indian prisoners, to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington D.C., recommending – compliance with the desire of Mr. Early – the release of the best behaved older men among the prisoners, and describing the education of the Indians being held. March 6, 1877.


41. War Department, Signal Service Telegraph. E.A. Hayt, Commissioner, to (?) Indian Agent, Fort Sill, I.T., stating that hunting must be stopped and the Indians taught to raise crops. (?) 1878. (Kiowa file).

42. Levi Woodard, Indian Agent, to E.A. Hayt, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C., in regard to traders and trading among the Indians. March 2, 1878.
44. Enoch Hoag, Superintendent, to (?), in regard to Tosh-a-way and Asa-habit and their bands. (Letter faded; date not readable.)

**Book XXVI**

Series: Sac and Fox Agency, Levi Woodard, Indian Agent.
Pawnee Agency, I.T., Samuel S. Ely, Indian Agent.
Wichita Agency, A.C. Williams, Indian Agent.
Kiowa Agency, Fort Sill, I.T., Colonel, P.B. Hunt, Indian Agent, Mr. Richards, Acting Agent.

March 1878 – November 1881
84 questions and answers concerning the Kiowa and Comanche Reservation.
Correspondence between Indian agents, private citizens, government and military officials in regard to: stock on the Sac and Fox Reservation, and a list of Indians who own the stock; an Indian from the Wichita Agency visiting relatives on the Pawnee Reservation; Indians on the Kiowa and Comanche Reservation arrested for being there without passes; horse stealing; Indian military prisoners; agency housing; and correspondence in regard to materials for construction of a school and commissary at the Anadarko Agency.

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1. Answers to 84 questions concerning the Kiowa-Comanche Reserve. Questions cover location, topography, crops, number of Indians (by tribe), dress, type of subsistence, schools, weather at the agency, etc.

29. Levi Woodard, Agent, to E.A. Hayt, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C., in regard to an enclosed list of stock on the Sac and Fox reservation and names of Indians who own the stock. March 28, 1878.

30. Copy of telegram in Book XXV, p. 41.


32. Copy of the above letter.

33. Fort Sill, I.T. (Signature cut off), to Colonel P.B. Hunt, Indian Agent, in regard to the prevention of horse stealing from the Kiowas and Comanches. July 28, 1878.

34. J.W. Davidson, Brigadier General, Fort sill, I.T., to Colonel Hunt, Indian Agent, in regard to two men on the Kiowa and Comanche Reserve who were arrested for being there without passes. July 29, 1878.
35. S.P. Whitall, Post Adjutant in charge of military prisoners, to Colonel P.B. Hunt, Indian Agent, in regard to Indian military prisoners and inspection of the Indian farm to be transferred. July 30, 1878.

36. Thomas J. Gore, Superintendent, Texas State Penitentiary, Huntsville, Texas, to P.B. Hunt, Indian Agent, Fort Sill, I.T., in regard to Indian prisoners, the death of Little Bull, and the bad health of Satanta. September 3, 1878.


39. J.W. Davidson, Commanding Fort Sill, I.T., to Mr. Richards, acting Agent, stating that due to the sale of the building now housing the Ordinance Sergeant, he (Davidson) is forced to resume temporary possession of the cottage recently loaned to the agent, Colonel Hunt. November 9, 1881.

**Book XXVIII**

Series: Kiowa and Comanche Agency, Anadarko, various Indian Agents, including: P.B. Hunt, James M. Haworth; George D. Day; F.D. Baldwin.

Wichita Agency, P.B. Hunt, Indian Agent.

Sac and Fox Agency, Indian Agents include: Jacob V. Carter; E.B. Townsend.

Cheyenne and Arapahoe Agency, John D. Miles, Indian Agent.

February 1878 – September 1899

Correspondence between military officials, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Indians, and Indian Agents in regard to: Indians leaving their reservations to hunt; rations for the Indians; Indian prisoners; Indian students sent away to school; leasing of Indian lands; supplies for the agencies; agency offices opening and closing; white thieves and desperadoes.

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1. Unsigned. Kiowa and Comanche Agency, Anadarko, to Mr. Kuhn. An Indian writes in broken English asking to see Mr. Kuhn about reporting the young men who had gone to hunt buffalo.


4. First page of a letter from fort Elliott to J.M. Haworth, Indian Agent, Kiowa and Comanche Agency, in regard to lack of game for the Indians who do not have enough to eat. February 3, 1878.
5. S.P. Whitall, 2nd Lieutenant, 10th Infantry, Fort Sill, I.T., to Indian Agent, Kiowa and Comanche Agency, I.T., in regard to Captain Nolan’s supply camp and wagons hired to carry rations to the Indians. January 17, 1879.

5a. E.A. Hayt, Commissioner, Office of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C., to P.B. Hunt, Agent, Anadarko, I.T., refusing to request that Big Bow, Kiowa Chief, be turned over to the military and confined. December 3, 1878.

5c. George W. McCrary, Secretary of War, Washington, D.C., to E.A. Hayt, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, in regard to the insubordination of Big Bow, a Kiowa Chief. November 23, 1878.

6a. An advertisement from J.D. Bingham, U.S. Deputy Quartermaster General, for bids from contractors for supplies of coal, hay, and oats for forts in Kansas, Indian Territory, and Texas. May 10, 1880.

7. Page from a ledger of P.B. Hunt, Indian Agent, June 30, 1879.

8a. H. Price, Commissioner, Office of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C., to Jacob V. Carter, Indian Agent, Sac and Fox Agency, I.T., telling Carter that the Department does not approve of the leasing of Indian lands, and instructing him to require J.H. Beaty to remove his herd from the reserve. June 20, 1882.


10a. Robert T. Lincoln, Secretary of War, Washington City, to the Secretary of the Interior, stating that United States troops cannot be used to aid civil authorities in regard to capturing the desperadoes who raided Caldwell, Kansas. January 3, 1882.

11a. Telegram from C.A. Tingle, 2nd Lieutenant, 2nd Infantry, Texas Division, Denison, Texas, to P.B. Hunt, Indian Agent, Wichita Agency, I.T., in regard to reopening the office at Hunt’s Agency. December 18, 1880.

11b. Copy of above telegram.

12a. H. Price, Commissioner, Office of Indian Affairs, Washington, to P.B. Hunt, Indian Agent, Kiowa and Comanche Agency, I.T., requesting weekly and monthly statements of public funds which had not been received since January. July 5, 1881.

13a. H. Price, Commissioner, Office of Indian Affairs, Washington, to P.B. Hunt, Indian Agent, Kiowa, Agency, I.T., refusing Hunt’s request that the government transport agency goods and supplies from the railroad terminus to the agency. June 18, 1881.

14a. M.F. Eggleston, 2nd Lieutenant, 10th Cavalry, to Jacob P. Price (no title or address), giving an account of Indian ponies stolen near Fort Sill, providing information to aid in prosecution of the thieves whom he names, and giving the names of material witnesses. No date (the theft took place “about August 20, 1881”).

15. John D. Miles, Indian Agent, Cheyenne and Arapaho Agency, to Colonel P.B. Hunt, Indian Agent, Anadarko, I.T., saying he can have the brick he requested. November 12, 1800.

16a. John P. Hatch, Lieutenant Colonel, 4th Cavalry, Commanding Fort Sill, I.T., to P.B. Hunt, Indian Agent, Anadarko, I.T., informing Hunt that troops cannot be sent out to act under the authority of James N. Jones or any other employee of the Indian Department, and stating that troops will act solely under the instructions of the officer in command. March 11, 1880.

17a. J.J. Burnett, Anadarko, Oklahoma, to George D. Day, Indian Agent, Kiowa and Comanche Agency, Anadarko, Oklahoma, in regard to renting 200,000 acres of Indian land for six cents per acre for one year, agreeing to pay the costs of surveying the area if he is allowed to deduct these costs from the first rent payment and remove fences he has put up when the lease expires. May 3, 1892.

18a. A letter, in broken English, from Jim Bob, and Indian, to Baldwin, in regard to an Indian student who ran away from school, and a grandmother who asks for one of her grandchildren. No date (See also, Book XXI, p. 28).

18b. An Indian ( no signature), to Mr. Baldwin, describing an old woman who cries for her grandchildren, and relating what the old woman asked him to tell Baldwin: “…You mean; you don’t think she is old… You take all her grandchildren to school.” No date (For Baldwin, see p. 22-a).

19a. H. Price, Commissioner, Office of Indian Affairs, Washington, to Jacob V. Carter, Indian Agent, Sac and Fox Agency, I.T., requesting that Carter find out whether rumors of leasing Indian lands to U.S. citizens for 10 years is true. October 4, 1883.

20. A newspaper account of the depredations of Apache kid. No date. (see also 22a)
21. James (?), Anadarko, O.T., to W.A. Jones, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, saying that he is leaving for Omaha with a quota of Indians but has not secured any Kiowas or Comanches because of unidentified opposition that has led them to believe the government does not want them to go. September 12, 1899.

22a. V.E. Stattler, 1st Lieutenant, 10th Infantry, Acting Indian Agent, Mescalero Agency, Mescalero, New Mexico, to Captain F.D. Baldwin, Agent, Kiowa Comanches, Anadarko, O.T., in regard to an Indian woman who disappeared from the Mescalero reservation after one of Baldwin’s Indians was there to get his wife. Stattler reports rumors of the Apache kid being in the area and asks Baldwin to let him know if the missing woman is on his reservation. Newspaper clipping enclosed (see p. 20). December 13, 1895.


24. Telegram to Colonel Hunt from (?): “Wish to execute bond in St. Louis see of Col. Hunt’s order is correct.” No date.

Addition: Folder

Treaty – Government of the United States with the Kiowa and Comanche, 1867.
Treaty – Government of the United States with the Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache, 1867.
Treaty – Government of the United States with the Cheyenne and Arapaho, 1867.

Note: This document was housed in room 458. It did not originally belong to this collection but was placed with it because of the Kiowa Indian subject matter.

Book XXIX

Photostats I

Series: Miscellaneous Indian documents and letters

May 1831 – March 1899

Miscellaneous affidavits, licenses, peace treaties, certificates, lists (e.g., cattle brands made at Fort Sill), circulars, letters, an 1831-32 map based upon a survey of Indian lands, a map of a ranch, outpost, or stage station. Government and Indian officials include presidents Polk and Tyler, Sam Houston, Jessie Chisholm, Isaac McCoy, Stand Watie, leaders of the Western Creek Nation and leaders of a
council of eight Indian nations. Tribes include: Ano-dah-kos, Choctaw, Cherokee, Sac, Pottawatomie, Creek, Seminole, Osage, Kiowa and Caddo.


2. Affidavit of Jesse Chisholm concerning a horse stolen by a Caddo, 1866.

3. Patent granted by President Tyler to the Choctaws in consideration of the Treaty of 1830.

4. Stand Watie’s commission as Brigadier General, C.S.A.

5. Stand Watie’s Masonic certificate, 1867.

6. Grazer’s licenses granted by the Cherokee Nation to Gregory Eldred & Co. – for grazing on the Salt Fork and Cimarron Rivers, 1883.

7. Ranches of the Cherokee Outlet.


9. Letter, Ft. Gibson, Sept. 25, 1838 – Sack (Sac) and Pottawatomie Indians said to be stirring up trouble. Urging the Cherokee, Creek, and Seminole to unite in a war against the U.S. along the Arkansas and Missouri frontiers.

10. Letter, Cherokee Nation, Sept. 21, 1838, refuting letter no. 9 – i.e. that rising is or was contemplated.

11. Itemized estimate of the amount needed to fulfill the treaty with the Osages January 11, 1839.

12. Letter of transmittal accompanying the Osage treaty of 1839, with explanation of the situation at the time of the signing by the Osage.


14. Letter from the Osage chiefs to the President, Jan. 11, 1839. Assenting to withdrawal of their school fund if necessary for acceptance of the new treaty.

16. Account of the Kiowa Agent with surveyor Tyler for his survey of lands, March 1899.

17. Areas of “open range” surveyed by Tyler in Kiowa country, with names of lessees.

18. Letter from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to the Kiowa Agent, July 13, 1881, asking the agent’s views on the feasibility of establishing a cattle trail through Kiowa-Comanche lands.

19. Letter from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to the Kiowa Agent, Oct. 31, 1894; concerning legal and illegal trails and travel through Indian Territory.

20. Department of the Interior instructions concerning the forms to be used in official correspondence, March, 1878.

21. List of tribes moved west of the Mississippi River and the costs of removals from 1826 to 1838.

22. Rolls of the different Capt.’s Companies of Emigrating Choctaws, 1831.

23. Peace treaty between the Cherokees and Osages, done at Ft. Gibson, May 18, 1831.

24. Letter to the Secretary of War from Isaac McCoy, Neosho River, I.T., Sept. 12, 1832. Concerning Indian dissatisfaction with lands and other grievances and also the projected removal to new lands.

25. Letter to the Secretary of War from Isaac McCoy, Oct. 20, 1832 – Concerning new Indian lands and the surveying of them.

26. Letter to the Secretary of War from Isaac McCoy, Sept. 11, 1832 – report on the carrying out of the survey for Indian lands.

27. Letter to the Secretary of War from Isaac McCoy, Nov. 29, 1832 – concerning payment for the survey of western lands.

28. Map resulting from the survey mentioned above 1831-32.

29. Letter to the Secretary of War from Isaac McCoy, March 19, 1832 – concerning money paid to an assistant for the survey of 1831-32. And other expenses of McCoy connected with the survey.

30. Letter to the Secretary of War from Isaac McCoy, June 21, 1832 – money paid to an assistant for the survey.
31. Same as no. 30, only to a different man, and for a different amount.

32. Letter to the Secretary of War from Isaac McCoy, Dec. 26, 1832 asking settlement of McCoy’s account in connection with his survey and exploration of western lands.

33. Picture of a frontier ranch, outpost, or stage station (?).

34. Portion of a business ledger, 1877-78 (cattle).

Book XXX

Photostats II

Series: Letters from General Sheridan to Generals Sherman and Augur and to various government officials.

July 1872 – 1877
Letters from General Sheridan to Generals Sherman and Augur, and to government officials in regard to Indian depredations; the capture of Satanta; and the removal of Indian prisoners to Seacoast forts.

1. Letter from General Sheridan, Nov. 14, 1874, relating the imprisonment of Satanta in Texas and advocating removal of hostile Indian leaders to sea-coast forts where they can be watched.

2. Letter concerning the removal of all Cheyenne and Arapaho Indians from the vicinity of the North Canadian to that of Ft. Sill, 1877 – also the expenses of posts in Oklahoma and the location of Indians generally.

3. Letter, July 8, 1872, concerning Kiowa thieves and murderers – their treatment said to be too lenient.

4. Letter to General Sherman, Sept. 5, 1874, giving news of the Indian campaign and troop movements.

5. Order to General Augur, Nov. 20, 1874, directing him to convene a military commission to try and sentence hostile Kiowa, Comanche and others accused to committing depredations.

6. Letter, Dec. 18, 1874, requesting that the Comanches at the Wichita Agency, be moved to Ft. Sill, to impede the illegal whiskey trade.

7. Letter, from General Sheridan to the Governor of Texas, March 25, 1873, concerning the need for an Army post in the Texas panhandle to cope with the Indians.
Book XXXI

Photostats III

Series: Letters from General Sheridan to Generals Sherman, Augur, and Pope.

July 1872 – December 1878
Letters from General Sheridan to Generals Sherman, Augur, and Pope in regard to Indian removal; Indian movements; control of Indians; plans to send Indian leaders to sea-coast forts; troop movements against the Indians, the sale of whiskey and arms to the Indians.

1. Letter (Army), Chicago, March 27, 1877 – concerning the disposition of Arapahoe, Sioux, and Cheyenne, arguing against including them with the Shoshone – removal of Northern Arapahoe to Ft. Reno claimed the best plan.

2. Letter (Army) – concerning military control of the reservations as the best policy

3. Letter, Sheridan, August 11, 1875 – concerning control of Indians.

4. Letter, Sheridan, July 1, 1873 – concerning Indian Dept. activities.

5. Letter (Army) May 25, 1874 – stating that the Comanches, Kiowas, and Cheyennes have fled from their reservations

6. Letter, Sherman, Nov. 13, 187? – movement of cavalry against Cheyenne hostiles and again suggesting the removal of hostile leaders to the seacoast forts

7. Letter to General Pope, Dec. 24, 1878 concerning a letter from the Governor of Kansas on protection by the Army from troublesome Kiowas.

8. Letter to General Augur, Nov. 27, 1874 – an order to send Forsyth for information from Sioux City to the Indian country.

9. Letter, Sheridan to Sherman, Feb. 26, 1874 – Comanches to be rounded up and turned over to the Indian Dept. No arms to be sold or given to Indians under previous order.


11. Letter, (no date) concerning trade in whiskey and the difficulties of law enforcement in the Indian Territory.
12. On a letter previously written concerning the sale of arms to Indians in which it was recommended that such sales be made capital offenses.

13. Illegible.

14. Part of a letter, Sheridan (no date) – concerning punishment for the Comanche hostiles.

15. Part of a letter, Sheridan (no date) – concerning a sum of money.

16. Part of a letter, Sheridan (no date) – concerning the movements of some Cheyennes.

Book XXXII

Photostats IV

Series: Letters from General Sheridan to Generals Terry, Townsend, and Pope and to various government officials.

December 1872 – October 1878
Letters from General Sheridan to Generals Terry, Townsend, Pope, Colonel Williams, and the governor of Texas in regard to: methods of subduing Indians; condition of the Indians; Indian raids; need for total and unconditional surrender of the Indians; the Indian Bureau’s lack of prevention of arms trade with the Indians.


3. Letter, Sheridan, Jan. 30, 1873 – regarding the prospect of pursuing Indians into Mexico.

4. Letter, Sheridan to Pope, Dec. 26, 1878 – regarding the need for a post on McClellan Creek to break up illegal trade – the difficulties of policy trade.

5. Letter, Sheridan to Pope, Dec. 30, 1878, concerning possible trouble at the Cheyenne-Arapahoe Agency.

7. On a letter regarding Col. Smith’s report of the attitude of Indians around Ft. Laramie, March 23, 1873 – raiding by Indians from the Red Cloud Agency.


9. Letter, Sheridan to Col. Williams, Sept. (or Oct.) 5, 1874 – commending Miles and Williams for their success against Indians, warning of the danger of relaxing until all the hostiles have been harried and pursued and captured – need for total and unconditional surrender of hostiles, no arms to be retained by them, all surrendered and captured hostiles to be considered prisoners of war (Apaches?)


11. Letter, Sheridan, Aug. 7, 1873 – prevention of illegal arms trade impossible as long as trade is supervised by the Indian Bureau, which barely regulates any trade at all.

12. Letter, Sheridan to Governor of Texas, Dec. 16, 1874 – assurance that all possible steps are being taken to keep Indians from raiding into Texas.

**Book XXXIII**

Photostats V

Series: Letters from General Sheridan to Generals Sherman and Pope.

July 1872 – April 1877

Letters from General Sheridan to Generals Sherman and Pope in regard to: Indian attacks; Indian dissatisfaction; the murder of Mrs. Richards and Miss Hall by Indian raiders; loan of arms to the Rodgers colony in Kansas; troop movements against the Indians; punishing of “hostiles”; inefficient enforcement of arms regulations by the Indian Bureau; Indian methods of saving and reloading cartridges.


2. Letter, Sheridan, Sept. 25, 1872 – expedition to the San Pete valley said to have been an error.

3. Letter, Sheridan to Sherman, June 11, 1873 – attacks on Ft. Lincoln by Indians from the Cheyenne and Grand River agencies, attack formulated at the agencies.

4. Letter, Sheridan to Pope, July 17, 1873 – opinion on best location for post to control the Cheyenne and Arapahoe – dissatisfaction of the Indians.
5. Letter, August 1, 1873 – attack on Camp Brown and murder of Mrs. Richards and Miss Hall by Indian raiders.

6. Letter, Sheridan, August 12, 1873 – advocating Army control of reservations and punishment of raiders as only way to end Indian troubles.

7. Letter, Sheridan, August 20, 1873 – on the Rodgers colony in Kansas and the loan of arms to them for protection.


10. Letter, Sheridan to Pope, July 22, 1874 – concerning the Army punishing of Indian hostiles on reservations if necessary, also the location of the hostiles and the transfer of troops to Gen’l Augur’s command.

11. Part of a letter (Sheridan?) to Pope, Dec. 3, 1874 – concerning punishment of capture hostiles, sale of captured ponies, and the imprisonment of hostile leaders.

12. Letter, Sheridan to Pope, Oct. 21, 1876 – on the location of a post and reservation and the action taken in this connection by the Texas legislature.

13. Letter, Sheridan, Dec. 29, 1876 – request for information relative to Army compliance with requests of the Adjutant Gen’l of Texas.

14. Letter, Sheridan, April 7, 1877 – concerning the regulation of the sale of arms and ammunition to Indians, inefficient enforcement of rules by the Indian Bureau – Indian methods of saving and re-loading cartridges.


16. Letter, Sheridan to Townsend, Nov. 8, 1877 – concerning safety of Indian prisoners at Ft. Lincoln, recommending their transfer to Leavenworth.

17. Letter, Sheridan to Pope, Nov.14, 1877 – concerning Indian prisoners.

18. Letter, Sheridan to Sherman, July 2, 1878 – concerning trouble along the Rio Grande border; aid given raiding Indians and thieves by Mexicans; Mexican disregard for American law, the central government of Mexico or the property and lives of Americans – perpetual unrest along the border – writer gives his opinions on how best to end border troubles.
Book XXXIV

Photostats VI

Series: Letters from General Sheridan to Generals Townsend, Ord, Sherman, Augur and Drum.

September 1872 – December 1878

Letters and telegrams from General Sheridan to Generals Townsend, Ord, Sherman, Augur, and Drum, in regard to: fighting the Indians; the need of a post in the Big Horn Valley; use of wisdom in handling the Indians (They should not be underestimated); Sheridan’s recommendation that Indian prisoners be sent to Florida (he does not agree with Pope sending them to Leavenworth); Sheridan’s disagreement with plans to move Indians from fort Sill; the waste of funds by the Indian Bureau; conditions in the Texas panhandle, New Mexico, and Kansas


2. Telegram, Sheridan to Townsend, May 26, 1874 – Kiowa capture of Army mules and supplies; Pope requests more troops to control the Indians.

3. Letter, Sheridan to General Ord, Sept. 6, 1872 – Sheridan will travel along the Northern Pac. R.R. to the crossing of the Missouri River; need for a post in the Big Horn Valley – reports of skirmishes with Indians.

4. Letter, Sheridan to Sherman, Sept. 25, 1872 – concerning the use of wisdom in handling Indians, they should not be underestimated – attack on Baker’s troops by Sioux, who only ended their attack because their guns were out ranged by those of the Army.

5. Letter, Sheridan to General Augur, Nov. 27, 1874 – order for the disposition of Indian prisoners, confinement of their leaders.

6. Telegram, to Sherman (Sheridan), Feb. 26, 1875 – plans of Pope to march Stone Calf’s Cheyennes and his other Indian prisoners to Leavenworth, Sheridan does not agree, advises confinement of hostile leaders in Florida as planned.

7. Telegram, Sheridan to Augur, March 1, 1875 – Indian prisoners (Kiowa) to be sent to Leavenworth by presidential order.

8. Telegram, Sheridan to General Drum, March 3, 1875 – Pope to be ordered to take Indian prisoners to Leavenworth, and to contact Sherman for details.
9. Letter, Sheridan, August 12, 1875 – Army will cooperate with the Indian Bureau on Indian (Kiowa) removals, though he does not agree with the plans to remove them from Ft. Sill, hostilities are definitely ended – opinion on arbitrary removal of Indians in general.

10. Letter, Sheridan to the Governor of Texas (Cooke), Nov. 22, 1875 – concerning an Army post for the panhandle of Texas.


13. Letter, Sheridan (no date) – reporting Cheyenne and Arapahoe raids in the Wind River country from the area of Ft. Fetterman.

14. Letter, Sheridan to Townsend, Nov. 19, 1878 – on Pope’s pursuit of Cheyennes through Kansas, reasons for the outbreak, the problem of more troops for Kansas, affairs in Kansas and the dangers of the situation.

      Letter, Sheridan to Sherman, Nov. 26, 1878 – concerning his report for 1878, and that he did not intend to formulate charges against the Secretary of the Interior – but that in all fairness and honesty has only sought to report the state of affairs regarding Indian outbreaks and the causes of them and the waste of funds occasions by the Indian Bureau.


17. Letter, Sheridan (no date) – concerning affairs in New Mexico.

**Box 11 File Folder 1**

Series: Fort Sill, I.T., Laurie Tatum, Indian Agent.
Sac and Fox Agency, I.T., John H. Pickering, Indian Agent.
Wichita Agency, I.T., Jonathan Richards, Indian Agent.
Wichita Agency, Andrew Williams, Indian Agent.

April 1843 – June 1895
Documents and correspondence of military and government officials and letters between these officials to agents in regard to: safe passage of travel for Indians; stolen animals; whites killed by Indians; goods given to Indians; and allocation of land for Indians.

1. Certificate (Photostat), Texas, April 15, 1874 – Sam Houston, President of the Republic of Texas To Whom It May Concern stating that Bintah, Chief of the
Caddos, and his tribe have been awarded safe passage and protection provided that peace is kept.

Certificate (Photostat), Washington City, July 25, 1946 – To Whom It May Concern stating that Jose Maria, an Anadarko Chief visited the City and conducted himself in a peaceful manner. It is signed by the President and the Secretary of War.


3. Letter from Little Bear, Chief of Little Osage Indians, to the Agent for the Wichita Indians re. stolen horses. August 16, 1866.

4. Letter, Southern Indian District Headquarters, to the farmers under the direction of the headquarters directing them to build a house. Signatures illegible. April 5, 1869.

5. Letter (copy), Southern Indian District Headquarters, stating that the Indian farms may keep ¼ of what they grow instead of the agreed 1/10. Signatures illegible. April 12, 1867.

6. Letter (Copy), Laurie Tatum to Special Commissioners in regard to the purchase of ammunition and giving special permits for the purchasing of horses and mules to Indians. August 19, 1869.

7. Letter, Wichita and Comanche Agency to Commissioners Bruno, Bishop, and Dodge in regard to relocating the agency to a new location and sugar rations. August 18, 1869.


9. Letter, from the Department of the Interior, Office of Indian Affairs inquiring to the truth of a captured train and slain people. Signature illegible. September 5, 1871.


16. Letter, to Agent Richards re. a stolen horse. Signature illegible. March 19, 1874.

17. Letter from John D. Miles to Agent Richards re. the return of a stolen horse. March 19, 1874.

18. Circular to Indian Agents and others from the Treasury Department re. accounts. May 28, 1875.


20. Letter to the Governor of Indian Territory from Greenbriar White Sulphur Springs extending their hospitality. June 30, 1877.


22. Circular to U.S. Indian Agents re. instructions related to official correspondence from the Department of Indian Affairs. August 21, 1877.

23. Photostat, to Andrew Williams from the Department of the Interior, re. the acknowledgment of Williams’ resignation. February 17, 1878.


26. Letter (original) to Kiowa, Comanche, and Wichita Agency from A.A. West re. teaching positions and salaries. January 24, 1881.

27. Letter, to H. Price, Commissioner of Indian Affairs re. a report of the Shawnee refusal of allotted land and the possibility of the Pottawatomies sharing land with the Shawnees. April 6, 1883.


30. Letter to Secretary of State of Indian Territories from America Police Record Co. re. Sheriffs listings for Indian Territory. December 30, 1884.


32. Pamphlet, “Lands of Indians Residing upon the Umatilla Reservation.” Hearing before the Committee on Indian Affairs, United States Senate. February 4, 1926.


34. Letter to Wichita Agency re. a stolen pony. Signature illegible. June 20, 1871.


36. Blank proposal form.

37. Empty envelope marked “File letters sent to Flynn asking places.” No date.