

**Letters Received by the Office of Indian Affairs, 1861-80 (M-234). Inventory available from NARA.**

<b>Inclusive dates</b>	<b>NARA roll #</b>	<b>SD Archives roll #</b>
1861-67	250	1435
1868-70	251	1435
1871-73	252	1436
1874	253	1436
1875 (A47-I856)	254	1437
1875 (I865-W1842 1/2)	255	1437
1876 (A4-H893)	256	1438
1876 (H919-R310)	257	1438
1876 (R357-Y3)	258	1439
1877 (A6-D392)	259	1440
1877 (D395-L338)	260	1440
1877 (L358-W92)	261	1441
1877 (W94-Y159)	262	1441
1878 (A10-D541)	263	1442
1878 (D543-H853)	264	1442
1878 (H858-M1460)	265	1443
1878 (M1495-Y165)	266	1443
1879 (A4-D252)	267	1444
1879 (D264-G333)	268	1444
1879 (G341-O353)	269	1445
1880 (A2-D141)	271	1446
1880 (D143-H1465)	272	1447
1880 (H1505-Y82)	273	1448

## **Records of the Superintendencies and Agencies of the Office of Indian Affairs**

By the time the Office of Indian Affairs was established in 1824, the system of superintendencies and agencies was well organized. Superintendents had general responsibility for Indian affairs in a geographical area, usually a Territory, but sometimes a larger area. Their duties included the supervision of intertribal relationships in their jurisdictions and between the tribes and citizens of the United States or other persons, and the supervisions of the conduct and accounts of agents responsible to them. Agents were immediately responsible for the affairs of one or more tribes. They attempted to preserve or restore peace and often tried to induce Indians to cede their lands and to move to areas less threatened by white encroachment. They also distributed money and goods and carried out other provisions of treaties with the Indians. Gradually, as the Indians were confined on reservations, the agents became more concerned with education and "civilizing" them.

The records maintained by field offices relate to almost all aspects of Indian administration in the field. Records of a superintendency included those of the agencies over which it had jurisdiction. Sometimes records of reservation schools and other field units are included with the agency records. The kinds of records maintained did not vary much from jurisdiction, although there are great differences in the quantities that have survived. Most of the correspondence of superintendents and independent agents was conducted with the central office of the Bureau, but considerable correspondence was exchanged between superintendents and agents within then superintendency. Also found is correspondence with other field officials and employees, Army officers, businessmen, and Indians.

### **Records of the Dakota Superintendency, 1861-1870 and 1877-78, and the Wyoming Superintendency, 1870. (M1016) 13 rolls. DP.**

#### **Dakota Superintendency**

Letters received and accounts

<b>Inclusive Dates</b>	<b>NARA roll #</b>	<b>SD Archives roll #</b>
1861-63	1	6070
1864-65	2	6071
1866	3	6072
1867	4	6073
1868	5	6074

1869	6	6075
Letters received from the commission of Indian Affairs and from the Cheyenne River, Crow Creek (Upper Missouri), Fort Berthold, and Grand River Agents		
	7	6076
Letters received from the Ponca, Whetstone, and Yankton Agents; Miscellaneous letters received; monthly statements of letters received; tabular statements of funds remitted to Superintendent		
1870	8	6077
Letters received from the commission of Indian Affairs and from the Cheyenne River, Crow Creek (Upper Missouri), Fort Berthold, and Grand River Agents		
	9	6078
Letters received from the Ponca, Whetstone, and Yankton Agents; Miscellaneous letters received; tabular statements of fun remitted to the Superintendent		
1873-1878	10	6079
Miscellaneous records relation to Indian matters in Dakota; Letters received from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs; Accounts		
1861-66	11	6080
Unbound copies of letters sent		
1865-70	12	6081
Letters sent		
1870,1877-78	13	6082
Letters sent, <b>Wyoming Superintendency</b> : Letters sent and endorsements		