

Secretary of the Interior

Congress delegated supervision of the territories to the Secretary of State until 1873 when they were assigned to the Department of the Interior. The Secretary of the Interior did not delegate responsibility for supervising territorial affairs; all territorial business was conducted by the Office of the Secretary. Most correspondence with the territories was conducted by the Patents and Miscellaneous Division, except for the appointment of territorial officials, which was handled by the Appointments Division.

Interior Department Territorial Papers: Dakota, 1863-1889 (M310).

These papers are chiefly transcripts of executive proceedings of the territorial governors; copies of letters from the territorial governors to federal and territorial officials and private individuals; and letters received by the Office of the Secretary relating to the U.S. penitentiary in Dakota and other miscellaneous subjects.

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Reports of Inspection of the Field Jurisdictions of the Office of Indian Affairs, 1873-1900 (M1070).

Beginning in 1873, inspectors were required to make annual visits to each agency and report on the conditions of the Indians and the extent to which they adopted white culture, reservation boundaries, the use of reservation lands, the state of industry (usually farming and cattle grazing), the character and abilities of the agent and other employees, school conditions, the status of agency fiscal records, and enforcement or violation of the law. These reports are an excellent resource for information about agency employees and Indian day schools, as well as the administration of the agency. The following rolls were purchased by State Archives' staff for their relevance to South Dakota.

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