

Bureau of Indian Affairs

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, commonly called the Office of Indian Affairs until 1947, was created within the War Department in 1824 where it operated until 1849. In 1849 the Office of Indian Affairs was transferred to the Department of Interior, where it remains today. General correspondence and records of the BIA are filed under Record Group 75 and include reports, vital statistics, tribal census rolls, probate records, annuity and allotment records, accounting records, individual case files, and school records.

Supervision of Indian affairs was achieved through two types of field jurisdiction – superintendencies and agencies. Responsibility for Indian affairs in geographic areas fell to superintendents whose main duty was to supervise relations among Indian peoples and to supervise conduct of Indian agents.

Initially agents were viewed as diplomatic representatives of the United States, preserving and restoring peace among Indian peoples and non-Indians, while inducing Indian nations to cede their lands to the federal government. During the reservation era, their roles shifted toward the education and “civilization” of Indian peoples. The Bureau of Indian Affairs continues to operate offices at all the South Dakota agencies.

Register of Letters Received by the Office of Indian Affairs, 1861-1880 (M18).

The records in this microfilm publication consists of registers of letters received by the Office of Indian Affairs from 1861 to 1880. Register entries include the name of the writer; the date the letter was written; the date it was received; the place where it was written; a summary of its contents; the jurisdiction or other heading under which the letter was filed; and the file number assigned to each letter upon its receipt.

Each volume is divided into alphabetical sections; the letters “I” and “J” were combined for registering and filing purposes. The registers contain some cross-references to enclosures and to letters registered under a name different from the expected one.

The entire collection of 126 rolls is available from the National Archives and Records Administration. The original letters are available in microfilm publication M234, Letters Received by the Office of Indian Affairs (see below).

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1861, Jan-Jun	56	4894
1861, Jul-Dec	57	4895
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1863, Jan-Jun	60	4898
1863, Jul-Dec	61	4899
1864, Jan-May	62	4900
1864, Jun-Dec	63	4901
1865, Jan-Jun	64	4902
1865, Jul-Dec	65	4903
1866, Jan-Apr	66	4904
1866, May-Aug	67	4905
1866, Sep-Dec	68	4906
1867, Jan-Mar	69	4907
1867, Apr-Jun	70	4908
1867, Jul-Sep	71	4909
1867, Oct-Dec	72	4910
1868, Jan-Mar	73	4911
1868, Apr-Jun	74	4912
1868, Jul-Sep	75	4913
1868, Oct-Dec	76	4914
1869, Jan-Mar	77	4915
1869, Apr-Jun	78	4916
1869, Jul-Sep	79	4917
1869, Sep-Dec	80	4918
1870, Jan-Mar	81	4919
1870, Apr-Jun	82	4920
1870, Jul-Sep	83	4921
1870, Oct-Dec	84	4922
1871, Jan-Mar	85	4923
1871, Apr-Jun	86	4924
1871, Jul-Sep	87	4925
1871, Oct-Dec	88	4926
1872, Jan-Mar	89	4927

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1872, Apr-Jun	90	4928
1872, Jul-Sep	91	4929
1872, Oct-Dec	92	4930
1873, Jan-Mar	93	4931
1873, Apr-Jun	94	4932
1873, Jul-Sep	95	4933
1873, Oct-Dec	96	4934
1874, Jan-Mar	97	4935
1874, Feb-Jun	98	4936
1874, Jul-Sep	99	4937
1874, Oct-Dec	100	4938
1875, Jan-Mar	101	4939
1875, Apr-Jun	102	4940
1875, Jul-Sep	103	4941
1875, Oct-Dec	104	4942
1876, Jan-Mar	105	4943
1876, Apr-Jun	106	4944
1876, Jul-Sep	107	4945
1876, Oct-Dec	108	4946
1877, Jan-Mar	109	4947
1877, Apr-Jun	110	4948
1877, Jul-Sep	111	4949
1877, Oct-Dec	112	4950
1878, Jan-Mar	113	4951
1878, Apr-Jun	114	4952
1878, Jul-Sep	115	4953
1878, Oct-Dec	116	4954
1879, Jan-Apr (A-M)	117	4955
1879, Jan-Jun (N-Z)	118	4956
1879, May-Aug (A-M)	119	4957

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1879, Sep-Dec (A-M)	120	4958
1879, Jul-Dec (N-Z)	121	4959
1880, Jan-May (A-M)	122	4960
1880, Jun-Oct (A-M)	123	4961
1880, Nov-Dec (A-M)	124	4962
1880, Jan-May (N-Z)	125	4963
1880, Jun-Dec (N-Z)	126	4964

Register of Letters Received by the Office of Indian Affairs, 1881-1907 (P2186).

This microfilm publication consists of registers for letters received by the Office of Indian Affairs from 1881 to 1907 from Office employees, government officials, and private sources concerning Indians and the business and activities of the Office. Register entries include the name and address of the writer; date the letter was received; date the letter was written; an indication of its subject matter; its file number; the division of the Office to which the letter was referred for handling; and references to related records. Sometimes a note is included about the actions taken.

Letters were registered in these volumes chronologically in order of receipt. File numbers were assigned, beginning with each year, in the order in which the letters were registered. Beginning in June 1905, letters from the Secretary of the Interior were registered in separate volumes and only the file numbers to these letters were entered in the main series of registers. These separate registers comprise the last three rolls of the publication. Many letters were registered that were not filed with the series of incoming letters. Some were referred to the Secretary of the Interior, the Second Auditor, or some other official outside the Office. An indication of such a referral was usually made in the register. When a letter was withdrawn from the main series of incoming correspondence and filed with some other series of records of the Office, a notation sometimes was made in the register and a cross-reference placed with the correspondence. Since the registers are arranged chronologically, alphabetical indexes were compiled to help locate letters relating to particular subjects. These indexes are available in microfilm publication P2187.

Roll 1 of this publication begins with Volume 127 of the registers, picking up where publication M18 ended.

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1881, Jan-Apr	1	4581
1881, Apr-Jul	2	4582

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1881, Jul-Oct	3	4583
1881, Nov - 1882, Feb	4	4584
1882, Feb-May	5	4585
1882, May-Sep	6	4586
1882, Sep-Dec	7	4587
1882, Dec - 1883, Mar	8	4588
1883, Mar-Jul	9	4589
1883, Jul-Oct	10	4590
1883, Oct - 1884, Feb	11	4591
1884, Feb-May	12	4592
1884, May-Sep	13	4593
1884, Sep-Dec	14	4594
1884, Dec - 1885, Apr	15	4595
1885, Apr-Jun	16	4596
1885, Jun-Sep	17	4597
1885, Sep-Dec	18	4598
1885, Dec - 1886, Feb	19	4599
1886, Feb-Apr	20	4600
1886, May-Jul	21	4601
1886, Jul-Sep	22	4602
1886, Sep-Dec	23	4603
1886, Dec - 1887, Feb	24	4604
1887, Feb-May	25	4605
1887, May-Jul	26	4606
1887, Jul-Oct	27	4607
1887, Oct-Dec	28	4608
1888, Jan-Mar	29	4609
1888, Mar-Jun	30	4610
1888, Jun-Sep	31	4611
1888, Sep-Dec	32	4612

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1888, Dec - 1889, Feb	33	4613
1889, Feb-May	34	4614
1889, May-Jul	35	4615
1889, Jul-Sep	36	4616
1889, Sep-Dec	37	4617
1889, Dec - 1890, Feb	38	4618
1890, Feb-Apr	39	4619
1890, Apr-Jul	40	4620
1890, Jul-Sep	41	4621
1890, Sep-Nov	42	4622
1890, Nov - 1891, Jan	43	4623
1891, Jan-Mar	44	4624
1891, Mar-May	45	4625
1891, May-Jul	46	4626
1891, Jul-Sep	47	4627
1891, Sep-Nov	48	4628
1891, Nov - 1892, Jan	49	4629
1892, Jan-Mar	50	4630
1892, Mar-May	51	4631
1892, May-Jul	52	4632
1892, Jul-Sep	53	4633
1892, Sep-Nov	54	4634
1892, Nov - 1893, Jan	55	4635
1893, Jan-Apr	56	4636
1893, Apr-Jun	57	4637
1893, Jun-Jul	58	4638
1893, Jul-Sep	59	4639
1893, Sep-Nov	60	4640
1893, Nov - 1894, Jan	61	4641
1894, Jan-Mar	62	4642

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1894, Mar-May	63	4643
1894, May-Jul	64	4644
1894, Jul-Sep	65	4645
1894, Sep-Nov	66	4646
1894, Nov - 1895, Jan	67	4647
1895, Jan-Mar	68	4648
1895, Mar-Apr	69	4649
1895, Apr-Jun	70	4650
1895, Jun-Aug	71	4651
1895, Aug-Oct	72	4652
1895, Oct-Dec	73	4653
1895, Dec - 1896, Feb	74	4654
1896, Feb-Apr	75	4655
1896, Apr-Jun	76	4656
1896, Jun-Aug	77	4657
1896, Aug-Oct	78	4658
1896, Oct-Dec	79	4659
1897, Jan-Mar	80	4660
1897, Mar-May	81	4661
1897, May-Jul	82	4662
1897, Jul-Sep	83	4663
1897, Sep-Nov	84	4664
1897, Nov - 1898, Jan	85	4665
1898, Jan-Mar	86	4666
1898, Mar-May	87	4667
1898, May-Jul	88	4668
1898, Jul-Oct	89	4669
1898, Oct-Dec	90	4670
1898, Dec - 1899, Mar	91	4671
1899, Mar-May	92	4672

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1899, May-Jul	93	4673
1899, Jul-Sep	94	4674
1899, Sep-Nov	95	4675
1899, Nov - 1900, Jan	96	4676
1900, Jan-Apr	97	4677
1900, Apr-Jun	98	4678
1900, Jun-Aug	99	4679
1900, Aug-Oct	100	4680
1900, Oct-Dec	101	4681
1900, Dec - 1901, Jan	102	4682
1901, Jan-Mar	103	4683
1901, Mar-May	104	4684
1901, May-Jul	105	4685
1901, Jul-Sep	106	4686
1901, Sep-Oct	107	4687
1901, Oct-Dec	108	4688
1901, Dec - 1902, Feb	109	4689
1902, Feb-Apr	110	4690
1902, Apr-May	111	4691
1902, May-Jul	112	4692
1902, Jul-Sep	113	4693
1902, Sep-Nov	114	4694
1902, Nov - 1903, Jan	115	4695
1903, Jan-Feb	116	4696
1903, Feb-Apr	117	4697
1903, Apr-Jun	118	4698
1903, Jun-Aug	119	4699
1903, Aug-Oct	120	4700
1903, Oct-Dec	121	4701
1903, Dec - 1904, Feb	122	4702

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1904, Feb-Apr	123	4703
1904, Apr-May	124	4704
1904, May-Jul	125	4705
1904, Jul-Sep	126	4706
1904, Sep-Nov	127	4707
1904, Nov - 1905, Jan	128	4708
1905, Jan-Mar	129	4709
1905, Apr-Jun	130	4710
1905, Mar-Apr	131	4711
1905, Jun-Aug	132	4712
1905, Aug-Oct	133	4713
1905, Oct-Dec	134	4714
1905, Dec - 1906, Feb	135	4715
1906, Feb-Apr	136	4716
1906, Apr-Jul	137	4717
1906, Jul-Aug	138	4718
1906, Aug-Nov	139	4719
1906, Nov - 1907, Jan	140	4720
1907, Jan-Feb	141	4721
1907, Feb-Apr	142	4722
1907, Apr-Jun	143	4723
1907, Jun-Aug	144	4724
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Alphabetical indexes to the letters in microfilm publication P2186.

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1881-86, A-K	1	4546
1881-86, L-Z	2	4547
1887-92, A-C	3	4548
1887-92, D-G	4	4549
1887-92, H-L	5	4550
1887-92, M-P	6	4551
1887-92, Q-S	7	4552
1887-92, T-Z	8	4553
1893-99, A-C	9	4554
1893-99, D-F	10	4555
1893-99, G-J	11	4556
1893-99, K-M	12	4557
1893-99, N-Q	13	4558
1893-99, R-S	14	4559
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1900-06, A-B	16	4561
1900-06, C-D	17	4562
1900-06, E-F	18	4563
1900-06, G-H	19	4564
1900-06, I-K	20	4565
1900-06, L-M	21	4566
1900-06, N-O	22	4567
1900-06, P-R	23	4568
1900-06, S	24	4569
1900-06, T-Z	25	4570
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1907, E-F	28	4573
1907, G-H	29	4574
1907, I-K	30	4575
1907, L-M	31	4576
1907, N-O	32	4577
1907, P-R	33	4578
1907, S	34	4579
1907, T-Z	35	4580

Letters Received by the Office of Indian Affairs, 1824-1880 (M234).

The records in this microfilm publication consist of communications received by the Office of Indian Affairs from the agencies concerning the general situation of the Indians, their population, education, health, and medical care, and their agriculture and subsistence. The letters cover such matters of administrative concern as emigration, land allotments, annuity payments, depredations, claims, complaints, traders, buildings, supplies, employees, and accounts. Correspondence is grouped by agency, then by year, and thereunder arranged alphabetically by initial letter of surname or official position of the writer. Within each alphabetical section, correspondence is arranged by file number, which was assigned to each letter as they were registered (see publication M18).

The rolls listed below contain records from agencies outside South Dakota that have relevance for our regional history. The rolls containing records from South Dakota agencies are listed in that agency's section of the guide. The entire collection of 962 rolls is available from the National Archives and Records Administration.

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Council Bluffs Agency, 1836-1843	215	5997
Council Bluffs Agency, 1844-1846	216	5998
Council Bluffs Agency, 1847-1851	217	5999
Council Bluffs Agency, 1852-1857	218	6000
Nebraska Agencies, 1876	519	6001
Nebraska Agencies, 1877 (A28 – L100)	520	6002
Nebraska Agencies, 1877 (L108 – W109)	521	6003
Nebraska Agencies, 1877 (W121) – 1878 (I1260)	522	6004
Nebraska Agencies, 1878 (I1306 – O2)	523	6005
Nebraska Agencies, 1878 (O32 – W2614)	524	6006
Nebraska Agencies, 1879 (A15 – K530)	525	6007
Nebraska Agencies, 1879 (K531 – V16)	526	6008

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Nebraska Agencies, 1879 (V22) – 1880 (G94)	527	6009
Nebraska Agencies, 1880 (G106 – L532)	528	6010
Nebraska Agencies, 1880 (L568 – Y19)	529	6011
Ponca Agency, 1864-1870	671	6012
Ponca Agency, 1871-1873	672	6013
Ponca Agency, 1874-1875	673	6014
Ponca Agency, 1876-1877	674	6015
Ponca Agency, 1878 (A350-W1582)	675	6016
Ponca Agency, 1878 (W1627) – 1879	676	6017
Ponca Agency, 1880	677	6018
St. Peter's Agency, 1824-1836	757	6019
St. Peter's Agency, 1837-1839	758	6020
St. Peter's Agency, 1840-1844	759	6021
St. Peter's Agency, 1845-1850	760	6022
St. Peter's Agency, 1851-1854	761	6023
St. Peter's Agency, 1855-1858	762	6024
St. Peter's Agency, 1859-1861	763	6025
St. Peter's Agency, 1862-1865	764	6026
St. Peter's Agency, 1866-1867	765	6027
St. Peter's Agency, 1868-1870	766	6028
St. Peter's Agency Reserves, 1839-1849		
Winnebago Agency, 1826-1847	931	6029A
Winnebago Agency, 1848-1850	932	6029B
Winnebago Agency, 1851-1853	933	6030
Winnebago Agency, 1854-1859	934	6031
Winnebago Agency, 1860-1862	935	6032
Winnebago Agency, 1863	936	6033
Winnebago Agency, 1864	937	6034
Winnebago Agency, 1865	938	6035
Winnebago Agency, 1866	939	6036
Winnebago Agency, 1867	940	6037
Winnebago Agency, 1868	941	6038
Winnebago Agency, 1869-1870	942	6039
Winnebago Agency, 1871-1872	943	6040
Winnebago Agency, 1873	944	6041
Winnebago Agency, 1874	945	6042
Winnebago Agency, 1875	946	6043
Winnebago Agency Emigration, 1833-1852	947	6044A
Winnebago Agency Reserves, 1836-1847	947	6044B

Letters Sent by the Office of Indian Affairs, 1860-1881 (M21).

This microfilm publication consists of handwritten copies of the general outgoing correspondence of the Office of Indian Affairs. Included are instructions to superintendents, agents, and other employees and acknowledgements of and replies to incoming correspondence. Reports to the Secretary of the Interior and to certain other officials, including chairmen of congressional committees, were copied in a separate series of volumes called "Report Books," published as M348, Report Books of the Office of Indian Affairs.

Until 1869 the letters were copied in chronological order. Beginning in that year, two or more books were used simultaneously. Letters relating to certain broad subjects (such as land, finance, and civilization) were copied into separate books, but within each book the arrangement continued to be chronological. Most of the volumes are indexed by name of addressee and, to some extent, by subject. There are also marginal notations of the page numbers for other letters to the same person.

The entire collection of 166 rolls is available from the National Archives and Records Administration.

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Index 1860, Dec - 1861, Jun	65	4750
1861, Jun-Oct	66	4751
1861, Oct - 1862, Mar	67	4752
1862, Mar-Aug	68	4753
1862, Aug - 1863, Jan	69	4754
1863, Jan-Jun	70	4755
1863, Jun-Oct	71	4756
1863, Oct - 1864, Jan	72	4757
1864, Jan-Apr	73	4758
1864, Apr-Jul	74	4759
1864, Jul-Dec	75	4760
1864, Dec - 1865, Apr	76	4761
1865, Apr-Aug	77	4762
1865, Aug-Dec	78	4763
1865, Dec - 1866, Apr	79	4764
1866, Apr-Jul	80	4765
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1866, Oct - 1867, Apr	82	4767
1867, Apr-Aug	83	4768
1867, Aug-Nov	84	4769
1867, Nov - 1868, Feb	85	4770
1868, Feb-Jun	86	4771
1868, Jun-Sep	87	4772
1868, Sep - 1869, Jan	88	4773
1869, Jan-Apr	89	4774
1869, Apr-Jul	90	4775
1869, Jul-Oct	91	4776
Land and civilization 1869, Aug-Dec	92	4777
Finance and miscellaneous 1869, Oct - 1870, Mar	93	4778
Land and civilization 1869, Dec - 1870, Apr	94	4779
Finance and miscellaneous 1870, Mar-Aug	95	4780
Land and civilization 1870, Apr-Aug	96	4781
Finance and miscellaneous 1870, Aug-Dec	97	4782
Land and civilization 1870, Aug-Dec	98	4783
Finance and miscellaneous 1871, Jan-May	99	4784
Land and civilization 1870, Dec - 1871, Apr	100	4785
Finance and miscellaneous 1871, May-Aug	101	4786
Land and civilization 1871, Apr-Aug	102	4787
Land and civilization 1871, Aug - 1872, Jan	103	4788
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Finance and miscellaneous 1872, Apr-Oct	107	4792
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Finance and miscellaneous 1872, Oct - 1873, Apr	109	4794
Land and civilization 1872, Oct - 1873, Mar	110	4795
Finance 1873, Apr-Jul	111	4796
Land and civilization 1873, Mar-Jul	112	4797
Finance 1873, Jul-Nov	113	4798
Land and civilization 1873, Jul-Dec	114	4799
Finance 1873, Nov - 1874, Mar	115	4800
Land and civilization 1873, Dec - 1874, Apr	116	4801
Finance 1874, Mar-Jul	117	4802
Land and civilization 1874, Apr-Aug	118	4803
Finance 1874, Jul-Sep	119	4804
Land and civilization 1874, Aug-Nov	120	4805
Finance 1874, Sep-Dec	121	4806
Land and civilization 1874, Nov - 1875, Mar	122	4807
Finance 1874, Dec - 1875, Apr	123	4808
Miscellaneous 1875, Mar-Jul	124	4809
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Miscellaneous 1875, Jul-Nov	126	4811
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Miscellaneous 1875, Nov - 1876, Mar	128	4813
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Miscellaneous 1876, Mar-Aug	130	4815
Finance 1876, Jan-Apr	131	4816
Miscellaneous 1876, Aug - 1877, Mar	132	4817
Finance 1876, Apr-Aug	133	4818
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Finance 1876, Aug-Dec	135	4820
Miscellaneous 1877, Mar-Sep	136	4821
Finance 1876, Dec - 1877, Apr	137	4822
Miscellaneous 1877, Sep - 1878, Mar	138	4823
Finance 1877, Apr-Aug	139	4824
Accounts 1877, Sep - 1878, Apr	140	4825
Finance 1877, Aug-Dec	141	4826
Miscellaneous 1878, Mar-Jul	142	4827
Accounts 1878, Apr-Sep	143	4828
Miscellaneous 1878, Jul - 1879, Jan	144	4829
Finance 1877, Dec - 1878, Mar	145	4830
Accounts 1878, Sep - 1879, Feb	146	4831
Land 1879, Jan-Aug	147	4832
Accounts 1879, Feb-Jun	148	4833
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Land 1879, Aug - 1880, Apr	152	4837
Finance 1878, Mar-Jul	153	4838
Miscellaneous 1879, Sep - 1880, Oct	154	4839
Accounts 1880, Jan-Jun	155	4840
Finance 1878, Jul-Oct	156	4841
Accounts 1880, Jun-Oct	157	4842
Land 1880, Apr - 1881, May	158	4843
Miscellaneous 1880, Oct - 1882, Jan	159	4844
Finance 1878, Oct - 1879, Mar	160	4845
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Finance 1879, Dec - 1880, May	164	4849
Finance 1880, May-Aug	165	4850
Finance 1880, Sep - 1881, Jan	166	4851

Publications

TITLE	LOCATION
Office of Indian Affairs Bulletins, 1921-1923. (H82-073)	Box 3600A
<i>American Indians and the Federal Relationship; Plus a Partial Listing of Other United States Indian Groups.</i> Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1972.	E93. A52

TITLE	LOCATION
<i>Biographical and Historical Index of American Indians and Persons Involved in Indian Affairs.</i> Boston: G.K. Hall, 1966.	Research Room Z1209. U494
<i>Federal Indian Policies, from the Colonial Period through the early 1970's.</i> Washington, D.C.: GPO, 1975.	Oversize E93. U6388
<i>Indians of the Central Plains.</i> Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1968.	E78.K16 U5
<i>Indians of Montana, Wyoming.</i> Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1977.	E78.M9 U5
Department of the Interior, <i>Reports of the Board of Indian Commissioners</i> , Washington: Government Printing Office, 1869-1932.	E93. U58; MF 6102-6104
<i>Letter from the Secretary of the Interior, Communicating, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate of December 8, 1879, information in relation to the number of mining camps located on the Ute Indian Reservation in Colorado.</i> Washington, 1880.	E99. U8 U5
<i>Peyote.</i> Bulletin 21. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Office of Indian Affairs, 1929.	E98. R3 U52
<i>Preliminary inventory of the records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.</i> Washington, 1965.	CD3026. A32 no. 163
<i>Regulations Relating to the Determination of Heirs and Approval of wills, except members of Five Civilized Tribes and Osage Indians.</i> Washington, D.C.: GPO, 1915.	E98. P9 U7 1915
<i>Report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to the Secretary of the Interior.</i> Washington D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1824-1939	E98. U72
<i>School facilities on the Sioux Indian reservation; letter from the Secretary of the Interior, submitting a report as to the probable cost of providing adequate school facilities for the children of the Sioux tribes.</i> Washington, D.C.: GPO, 1917.	E97.5.U51
<i>Special files of the Office of Indian Affairs, 1807-1904.</i> Washington: GSA, 1971.	E93. U5 S64
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Report Books of the Office of Indian Affairs, 1860-1885 (M348).

This microfilm publication consists of report books containing handwritten copies of letters sent by the Office of Indian Affairs to members of the President's cabinet having supervisory responsibility for Indian Affairs. The report books also contain some copies of letters to the President, Members of Congress, and other government officials. The use of the report books to

record letters to officials other than the supervising Secretary was gradually discontinued, and by 1870 the report books only contained letters to the Secretary of the Interior.

All communications to the Secretary were considered “reports.” They range from extensive narratives, such as annual reports, to brief letters transmitting documents or recommending appointments. They relate to almost every aspect of the administration of Indian affairs, including the negotiation and enforcement of treaties; estimates and appropriations; legislation; investigations; claims (particularly for depredations); maintenance of order and military operations; liquor control; establishment of reservations, trust funds, and schools; the field organization of the Indian service; location of agencies; appointments; and employees, buildings, supplies, and accounts.

The letters were transcribed in chronological order, with some exceptions. Frequently, at the end of a volume there are some letters that were omitted from their proper date order in the book. Report Book 33 (reproduced on NARA roll 33) contains many letters erroneously omitted from other volumes.

The entire collection of 53 rolls is available from the National Archives and Records Administration. These letters are not duplicated in the “Letters Sent” series (M21).

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This microfilm publication contains the Special Files of the Office of Indian Affairs. The Special Files consist of correspondence, reports, accounts, affidavits, and other records that were brought

together for easy reference. The records relate principally to claims and investigations but include some other subjects. The claims were those of traders for goods furnished to Indians or to the government, transportation contractors for shipping services, attorneys for legal fees, other persons for services to Indians or to the government, both Indians and whites for losses from depredations, Indians for losses resulting from their removal from the East, and persons claiming the right to share in tribal benefits. Many of the claims were submitted in conformance with provisions of treaties between Indian tribes and the United States. The investigations, other than those of claims, relate principally to the conduct of employees of the office.

Most of the records in this series were withdrawn from the general incoming correspondence of the office; but some records of special commissions, transmitted to the office when their work was completed, are also included. Most of the files relate to a single subject. The inclusive dates of the series are those of the records in the files, usually the date of receipt in the office or by a commission. The actual dates of individual documents, especially those submitted as evidence for claims, may be much earlier.

These particular rolls were selected and purchased by State Archives staff for their relevance to South Dakota history. The entire collection of 85 rolls is available from the National Archives and Records Administration. The following list is taken from inserts provided by the National Archives.

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Indian Census Rolls, 1885-1940 (M595).

Because Indians on reservations were not citizens until 1924, nineteenth and early twentieth century census takers did not count Indians for congressional representation. Instead, the U.S. government took special censuses in connection with Indian treaties, the last of which was in 1871. The result of many treaties was to extinguish Indian ties to land. Typically, the Indians agreed to reduce their landholdings or to move to an area less desired for white settlement. Some treaties provided for the dissolution of the tribes and the allotment of land to individual Indians. The censuses determined who was eligible for the allotments.

These census rolls were usually submitted each year by agents or superintendents in charge of Indian reservations, as required by an act of July 4, 1884. The data on the rolls vary to some extent, but usually given are the English and/or Indian name of the person, roll number, age or date of birth, sex, and relationship to head of family. Beginning in 1930, the rolls also show the degree of Indian blood, marital status, ward status, place of residence, and sometimes other information. For certain years – including 1935, 1936, 1938, and 1939 – only supplemental rolls of additions and deletions were compiled. Most of the 1940 rolls have been retained by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and are not included in this publication.

There is not a census for every reservation or group of Indians for every year. Only persons who maintained a formal affiliation with a tribe under Federal supervision are listed on these census rolls.

The census rolls listed below are from agencies outside South Dakota that have relevance for our regional history. The Indian census rolls for South Dakota agencies are listed in that agency's section of the guide.

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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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