

## **Pine Ridge Agency**

(see also Red Cloud Agency and Upper Platte Agency)

Originally established as Red Cloud Agency in 1871, it was located on the North Platte River near Fort Laramie in eastern Wyoming and was primarily responsible for the Oglala band of the Lakota. In 1873 the agency moved to the White River near Camp Robinson in Nebraska; in 1877, to the Missouri River at the mouth of Medicine Creek in present day South Dakota; and in 1878, to White Clay Creek where it became known as Pine Ridge Agency.

Prominent among Oglala leaders were Red Cloud, Crazy Horse, American Horse, Young Man Afraid of His Horses, Little Wound, and Conquering Bear. These men defended their homelands against the encroachment of non-Indians in the latter part of the 19th Century and became famous for their efforts. In 1890 the Wounded Knee Massacre ended widespread, armed conflict between the United States government and the Lakota.

Today Pine Ridge Reservation is home to the 2nd largest American Indian population in the United States. Located in southwestern South Dakota, it has a land base of 1.7 million acres and stretches across Shannon and Jackson counties. Billy Mills, 1964 Olympic gold medal winner in the 10,000-meter race, was born on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

## **COLLECTIONS**

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Chief's Certificates, 1873-1874 Photocopies of seven certificates issued to Indian chiefs stating that the chief is chief of a band of Indians whose influence has been to preserve peace and harmony with the United States. Documents are signed by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.	H76-105	Box 3568A
Pine Ridge Ambulance Service, Legal Documents, 1991-1994 Consists of correspondence, email messages, transcripts of hearings, incident reports, and other reports related to the Pine Ridge Ambulance Service.	98-046	Box 5341
White Clay District, List of Indian Issues, 1900 Lists ration items issued to individual Indians and families in the White Clay District (Bennett County) on November 10, 1900. Ration items include axes, blankets, cooking utensils, clothing, and bedding.	92-080	MD 089

## CORRESPONDENCE

### Correspondence Received from the Office of Indian Affairs, Indian Warehouses, and Special Agents, 1871-1907.

This series contains correspondence received by the Pine Ridge Agency, which from 1871 to 1890 is arranged chronologically by date of letter. From 1891 to 1907, letters are grouped into six general subject headings (accounts, education, claims and finance, land, miscellany, and requisitions) and thereunder arranged chronologically. The great majority of the correspondence originates with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, but a few letters are from Office of Indian Affairs warehouses in New York, Chicago, or Omaha, or from special agents.

These correspondence files are housed at the National Archives facility in Kansas City, Missouri, and were microfilmed at the request of the South Dakota State Archives for the Indian Archives Project.

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This series and General Correspondence (by Subject) constitute the Pine Ridge Agency's main correspondence file between 1907 and the adoption of the decimal correspondence filing in 1926. This series is arranged alphabetically according to subject heading or correspondent.

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This series and General Correspondence (Alphabetical) constitute the Pine Ridge Agency's main correspondence file between 1907 and the adoption of the decimal correspondence filing in 1926. This series is arranged alphabetically by subject heading. Within each subject heading, letters are arranged chronologically. Some folders have a table of contents.

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These correspondence files are housed at the National Archives facility in Kansas City, Missouri, and were microfilmed at the request of the South Dakota State Archives for the Indian Archives Project.

This series comprises the agency's main correspondence and record holding file from 1925 to 1960. It succeeded the "General Correspondence (by Subject)" files. As early as 1921, the superintendent's office was utilizing a decimal filing scheme for some of its records. With the adoption of the field office decimal code provided by the Office of Indian Affairs in 1925, most of the superintendent's office records were channeled into this file. The file was used through 1960; some records dated 1961-1965 have also been found in the file. Apparently, the agency

placed pre-1925 documents in the decimal file as well, as correspondence created as early as 1900 appears. However, the bulk of the records derive from the period 1920 to 1960.

Much of the file consists of letters received and copies of letters sent. Correspondence with all classes of agency correspondents, from the Office of Indian Affairs to business firms, agency employees, and private individuals, are represented. In addition, there are forms, reports, maps, bills, receipts, and various other documents created or received in the course of operating the agency. While the superintendent's office was directly involved in the creation and receipt of much of the documentation, other agency officials and administrative divisions are also represented.

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These records were selected from Bureau of Indian Affairs Criminal Case Files for their relevance to South Dakota and microfilmed at the request of the State Archives for the Indian Archives project. The original files are available at the National Archives facility in Kansas City, Missouri. For law enforcement files after 1926, see RG 75, Series 73 (Criminal Case Files).

The files contain correspondence relating to agency law enforcement investigations on the reservation. Correspondents include the agency superintendent, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and other BIA officials, the U.S. Attorney and Assistant Attorney for South Dakota, U.S. Marshalls, the Secretary of the Interior, reservation stock detectives, alleged lawbreakers, witnesses, and others. Files may also include related documentation such as affidavits or informal testimony of witnesses. There are also some oaths of office for agency employees. Occasionally, cases were taken to the U.S. Attorney for possible prosecution in the federal courts, but most appear to have been resolved locally by the superintendent.

Among the subjects dealt with are criminal and non-criminal matters, including land leases, land improvements, liquor traffic, tax payments, use of peyote, theft, trespass, assault, forgery, threats exchanged, larceny, rape, murder, suicide, automobile accidents, delinquent students, and escaped and wanted criminals.

Files are arranged by case file number. Case files #3 to #540 are included, although there are gaps in the file numbers.

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## **Letters Sent to the Office of Indian Affairs by the Pine Ridge Agency, 1874-1914 (M1282).**

The records in this microfilm publication consist of correspondence and reports sent to the Office of Indian Affairs by the official in charge of the Pine Ridge Indian Agency from August 11, 1875 through June 30, 1914. The microfilm was purchased by the State Archives as part of the Indian Archives project; the original documents are held by the National Archives facility in Kansas City, Missouri. Most of the letters and reports were copied into 51 letterpress copybooks; however, some loose documents were interfiled in some volumes. The loose documents have



been filmed as roll 1; the copybooks constitute rolls 2-52. Documents are arranged roughly chronologically by date written, although volumes often overlap by a few weeks or months. All of the volumes have a name and subject index except volumes 9, 15-19, 28-30, and 49.

The letters and reports in this publication are nearly always addressed specifically to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. The correspondence concerns both general and particular agency policy, agreements with Indian bands or tribes, Indian and non-Indian employees, supplies and equipment, complaints made by Indians, letters or petitions submitted by Indians or others and forwarded by the agent, and financial matters. Lists of Indian or non-Indian employees and other lists of Indians, financial reports, and form replies to depredation claims are occasionally found as enclosures. Vol. 16 (1892) includes a census of 4,974 Indian, but some of the pages are very faded that they are illegible or barely legible. The census provides the name, age, sex, relationship to the head of the family, and census number of each individual. There is also a list of Indians killed by whites and whites killed by Indians, 1873-1874.

Among the loose documents is a set of proceedings (June 1, 1879) of a council held between the new agent (Valentine T. McGillycuddy), Lieutenant Chase of the Army, and nine Oglala chiefs. The occasion was the annual sun dance celebration. The brief discussion concerned the Indians' complaints about trespassing and horse stealing and the benign purpose of the sun dance.

Some letters include comments by the agent on his perception of Indian characteristics and on his hopes or expectations regarding the future of the Oglala Sioux.

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### **Miscellaneous Letters Received, 1871-1907.**

These records are housed at the National Archives facility in Kansas City, Missouri. The State Archives requested that these records be microfilmed as part of the Indian Archives project.

These letters, addressed to the Pine Ridge Agent, were from military officers; commercial suppliers (bills, receipts, and bills of lading are sometimes included); the Office of the Superintendent of Indian Affairs for Dakota (at Yukon); other Indian agencies; U.S. Marshals; other government officials; agency employees (including education officials such as the Superintendent of the Oglala Boarding School); U.S. consulates in Europe and Australia; Indians residing on the Pine Ridge Reservation and elsewhere; missionaries; the Secretary of the Interior;

the Board of Indian Commissioners; and other persons doing business with or interested in the Pine Ridge Agency.

Also included are a few Treasury Department notices of requisitions drawn for agency funds, inventories of agency stock, and letters received from the Treasury Department and the Office of Indian Affairs concerning the agency's accounts. In some boxes documents related to supply accounts will be found in a separate folder.

All aspects of the business of the agency were discussed in this correspondence, including Indians abandoned in Europe or Australia by wild west shows, employment applications, reports from subordinate agency employees, financial matters, general policy, and the purchase of supplies. Occasionally letters sent to the acting agent by the agent while the latter was away from the reservation are present.

There are letters from Indians authorizing the agent to pay the per capita (annuity) money due them to another person while they were away working for a wild west show (April 30, 1894, filed under "authorizations"). There is also a folder of copies of correspondence with and among military officers on and off the reservation (2 Apr 1873 - 22 Sept 1893, in the first box of the series).

The correspondence is arranged chronologically by date of letter through 1890; from 1891 it is arranged alphabetically by surname of the sender; from 1896 it is again arranged chronologically. There are gaps of up to six months in these records.

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## Miscellaneous Letters Sent by the Agents or Superintendents at the Pine Ridge Indian Agency, 1876-1914 (M1229).

This microfilm publication from the National Archives reproduces on 76 rolls the miscellaneous letters sent by the official in charge of the Pine Ridge Indian Agency from August 25, 1876 through June 30, 1914. The official had the title of “agent” until December 1908, when it was changed to “superintendent.” These letters are part of the records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (RG 75), and the originals can be viewed at the National Archives facility in Kansas City, Missouri. The State Archives purchased the microfilm publication from the National Archives as part of the Indian Archives project.

The miscellaneous letters sent (including a few telegrams, notes, and circulars) in this microfilm publication were copied into 80 letterpress copybooks; a few loose documents were interfiled in some volumes. Letters are arranged roughly chronologically, and all of the volumes have a name and subject index except volumes 1, 6, 20-22, 35-36, and 40-41. The letters were addressed to the Commissioner and other Office of Indian Affairs (OIA) officials; commercial suppliers; employees and potential employees of the agency; other Indian agents; military officers; local and state officials; and private citizens.

All of volume 20 is devoted to correspondence regarding controversies at the agency. Volume 22 includes statements by Red Cloud and other Oglala leaders. A letter of March 11, 1904 (in vol. 45), contains agent Brennan’s brief explanation of the events that culminated in the Wounded Knee tragedy of 1890. Subjects covered throughout the other volumes include agency or OIA policy; routine agency affairs such as the procuring of supplies and applications for employment; incidents such as crimes, cattle roundups, and recruiting for Wild West shows; complaints and requests from Indians; the ejection of non-Indians from the reservation; money due Indians from the government; and (particularly in vol. 9) answers to exceptions raised about the agency’s cash and property accounts. Some of the earlier correspondence with Army officers, such as the commander of Camp Robinson in Nebraska, deals with the maintenance of order around the agency and the location and movement of Indians and Indian leaders. Most of the remainder of the correspondence in the 1870s and early 1880s concerns the contracting for and distribution of rations.

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On the two rolls of this National Archives microfilm publication are reproduced a number of letters, telegrams, reports, and maps that relate to the Army investigation of the Battle at Wounded Knee Creek and to the background of Sioux unrest and consequent Army activity during the years 1890-1891. The records are a part of the records of the Adjutant General's Office (RG 94).

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## RECORDS, MISCELLANEOUS

### Field Notes of Boundary Surveys, 1875-1905.

This series consists of field notes of boundary surveys. The land surveys were conducted on four separate occasions: 1875, 1879-1881, 1890-1894 and 1901-1905. The surveys were taken to

establish the reservation boundaries and township boundaries within the reservation and were conducted under the supervision of the General Land Office.

The notes include the locations of boundary markers set by the surveyors. Most sheets also include index diagrams of the areas surveyed; lists of the surveyor's assistants and their duties; signed oaths taken by both the surveyor and his assistants; and descriptions of the character and quality of the land. A limited number of astronomical observations appear.

These records were microfilmed by the National Archives at the request of the State Archives. The originals are housed at the National Archives facility in Kansas City, Missouri. Many of these notes are duplicated in the "GLO Land Survey Field Notes" collection on the [South Dakota Digital Archives](#).

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### **Indian Census Rolls, 1886-1942 (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.

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These record series were selected by State Archives staff from the records of the Pine Ridge Agency held by the National Archives facility in Kansas City, Missouri. The records were microfilmed at the request of the State Archives.

**Series 14: Correspondence of Earl S. Cleaver (Records of District Farmers and Field Agents), 1924-1927.**

The correspondence is arranged chronologically by date of letter. These are letters received by the superintendent from Cleaver, the district farmer for the Medicine Root District. There are also copies of letters sent to Cleaver by the superintendent and copies of letters sent by Cleaver to other parties. The subjects covered include the farmer's responsibilities as, in effect, a sub-agent, such as allotment leases, work for Indians, applications for pro-rata shares of tribal funds, census sheets and the character of certain non-Indians on the reservation.

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Arranged chronologically by date of letter. These are mostly original letters, notes and telegrams sent to the superintendent and endorsed by him for the attention of Mr. Guyer, the agency's field agent. Correspondents were usually agency employees (such as district farmers), ranchers, reservation Indians, other Indian agents, business firms and unidentified parties. There are also some letters sent by the superintendent to Guyer or by Guyer to the superintendent, and occasional enclosures. There is an undated list of Indians who had been issued sorghum syrup and two land plats (for Township 42, Range 41 and Township 43, Ranges 41 and 42). The subjects include such problems as cattle trespass, abandonment of a work crew in Belle Fourche, South Dakota, unlawful use of allotted land, the late delivery of supplies, the improper use of Government property and similar complaints.

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**Series 16: Monthly Reports of District Farmers and Related Lists, 1888-1903.**

Arranged chronologically by date of report. The reports were forwarded by the district "additional farmers" to the OIA through the agent. They include an accounting of time spent and work accomplished while undertaking various sorts of agricultural and related work with the Indians of the farmer's district. There are blanks for reporting the condition of stock and farm equipment; the need of the district for equipment, stock, seeds and lumber; and "general remarks." The reports are for the period February 1, 1888-July 1, 1890 (with gaps). The remainder of this series' time span is taken up by related lists of Indians who have left the reservation without permission, who own specified numbers of cattle, who are taking up farming, or who have otherwise come to the attention of one of the district farmers.

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**Series 17: Anonymous Journal, 1920-1921.**

The entries are arranged chronologically. This is apparently the journal of one of the reservation's district farmers. Included are entries related to the handling and distribution of hay, corn, and cattle; notations of cattle branded and fields plowed and planted; references to land leases; complaints of damage to crops and of trespassing; mention of the burial of a dead Indian; narratives of events pertaining to the operation of farms; and remarks on other affairs connected with the duties of the district farmer. Some entries consist of allegations by Indians that a specific problem existed. There are also some entries concerning travel expenses, apparently for agency employees; lists of names with corresponding unidentified dollar figures; and lengthy discussions of land livestock controversies.

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The folders are arranged chronologically by date span of the records within; thereunder the documents are arranged chronologically by date of documents. These records include letters and other documents bearing on such controversies as claims for Indian deprivations, the December 29, 1890 tragedy at Wounded Knee, the distribution of supplies, an inspection of the agency by a special inspector from the Department of Interior, a fire, a lawsuit, alleged padding of the payroll, an unpopular school superintendent, the return of part of the reservation to the public



domain, and other events. See "Miscellaneous Letters Sent" (M1229) Vol. 20 for correspondence relating to controversies in the period 1889-1892.

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Four transcriptions, dated May 26 and 27 and June 1, are present, as is an undated transcription of part of the June 5 session. The second transcription records part of the proceedings of a three-day council, beginning on September 26, 1877, between various Sioux and Arapaho chiefs, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, the Secretary of the Interior, General George Crook and President Rutherford B. Hayes. The council dealt with treaty rights and obligations, supplies, and the location of agencies within the Great Sioux Reservation. This copy of the transcription was made in 1894.

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**Series 69: Proceedings of a Council to Accept Reduction of the Great Sioux Reservation, 1889.**

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**Series 70: Account of a Council of Pine Ridge and Rosebud Sioux, 1892.**

The notes are arranged chronologically by date of dispatch. These are manuscript notes of dispatches sent by newspaper correspondent J.A. Finley; they relay his interpretation of the course of a council between Indian leaders from the two adjoining reservations. Special Agent James A. Cooper presided. The council was held to confirm the boundary between the two reservations, which in 1888-89 had been established as two of the remnants of the Great Sioux Reservation. Red Cloud and Young Man Afraid of his Horse were among the prominent Sioux chiefs present. Such controversial policies as the attendance of Indian children at eastern boarding schools and Indians workings as picturesque romantics in wild west shows were also discussed.

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**Series 71: Petitions, 1875-1907.**

Arranged chronologically by date of document. These mostly manuscript documents include petitions from Indians to the agent, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs or the President of the United States. The subjects include appointments to agency positions, the retention of an agent, alleged treaty rights, problems with particular individuals, mandatory haircuts for Indian children, the location of a store, payment of per capita money, charges of slander, and granting of collective title to the reservation to the Indian inhabitants. In most cases there are multiple petitioners, but some documents are pleas from individual Indians. See "Decimal Correspondence" (code 069), for related correspondence.

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**Series 97: Miscellaneous Allotment Records, 1906-1911.**

Arranged chronologically by date of document. These varied records include a note from an "additional farmer" (district farmer) and two notes from unidentified persons regarding specific allotments. There is also a copy of a letter from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to six Indians concerning allotment policy; two lists which provide the name, age and in some cases the home district, allotment number, allotment size and age of Indians taking allotments; lists of Indians with their allotment numbers; an allotment certificate; and various notes sent by additional farmers. The notes are addressed to Special Allotting Agent Charles H. Bates.

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**Series 98: Copies of Letters Sent by Special Allotting and Disbursing Agent Charles H. Bates, 1904-1914.**

These are arranged chronologically by date of letter. Vol. 1 includes letters dated 1904-1914; vol. 2 includes letters dated 1904-1911. Both volumes have name and subject indexes.

These are letterpress copybooks; nearly all the copies are in typescript. A few telegrams are included. Land allotment work was begun on the Pine Ridge Reservation on Aug. 26, 1904, and was the responsibility of special agent Charles H. Bates. The letters are signed by Bates, usually in his capacity as "Allotting Agent." Occasionally he signs as "Special Allotting and Disbursing Agent," or "Surveyor and Special Disbursing Agent." The correspondence concerns his work allotting land and is addressed to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, the Assistant US Treasurer (regarding his disbursing account), Pine Ridge Agent John Brennan, other OIA employees on and off the reservation, Indians, and private citizens. There are occasional references to his related work on other South Dakota reservation.

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**Series 99: Reports of Special Allotting Agent Charles H. Bates, 1904-1909.**

Arranged chronologically by date of report, with gaps of up to three months. These are duplicate weekly reports submitted by Bates to the Office of Indian Affairs. They specify the total number of allotments made to date, the week's total, miles surveyed, money expended and other data relevant to his expenditure of time and money. There is also provision for remarks and for an estimate (usually not made) of the time required to complete the work.

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**Series 101: Allottee Record Cards, 1904-1909.**

Arranged alphabetically by surname of head of family.

These are typescript index cards recording the name, allotment number, sex, age, and relationship to the head of the family of reservation allottees. Some cards also include a notation of an individual's relationship to an allottee listed on another card under a different head of family. In most cases the husband, wife and children living at home are listed on one card.

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**Series 102: Revision of Names on Allotment Roll, ca. 1906.**

Entries are arranged alphabetically by family surname.

This register lists all members of a given family, along with their relationship to the head of the household and their Indian name, English (or school) name, sex, age, allotment roll number and (in some cases) relationship to other families on the reservation. There are 6,687 people listed.

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**Series 103: Land Allotment Ledger, 1910-1917.**

Entries are arranged numerically by allotment number; they have been entered in generally chronological order.

Allotment numbers 4440-8269 are included. The name, age, sex and relationship to the head of the household are specified. The land concerned is located by range, township, section and minor division. Remarks are sometimes included, usually referring the entry to another allottee and including information on marriages, deaths or relationship to other allottees. With the individual allotment entries are occasional entries noting the reservation of sections of land for forest or school purposes.

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**Series 104: List of Allottees, ca. 1912-1913.**

Entries are arranged alphabetically by surname of allottee.

This is a portion of a typescript list, including only persons with surnames beginning with the letters A-M. The list appears to have been originally compiled in ca. 1912-13. See Series 125 (1913 annuity payroll list) for age comparisons. The list notes the names of each individual in a family holding an allotment; whether the person is the head of the family or a wife, son or daughter; whether he or she is deceased; and his or her age, home district, and allotment number.

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**Series 105: Copies of Allotted Land Appraisals and Related Records, 1948.**

Arranged chronologically by date of appraisal certificate. These mimeographed certificates were completed by an agency employee, usually a range guard. They provide the location of the land involved and specify the allottee's name, the allotment number, the "character" and value of the land (eg., "50 acres are useful grazing," "50 acres are irrigable," the land is worth 200 dollars for mineral exploitation"). The appraiser certifies that he had inspected the land; the superintendent

certifies that he had appointed the appraiser. Related records consist mostly of copies of cover letters sent by the superintendent with copies of the certificates to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Regional Director in Billings, Montana. Trust deeds transferring the land from one Indian to another (with the US as trustee) accompanied the certificates to Billings, but copies of the deeds are not present in this series. The cover letters provide detailed information about the transfer of land and request the approval of the Regional Director. A few applications for patents in fee simple, recommended by the superintendent, were sent to the Regional Director and are discussed in cover letters present in this series. There is also a letter from one A.J. Tyndall to the superintendent regarding a land transaction.

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**Series 113: Schedules and Vouchers for Sales of Allotted or Inherited Indian Lands, 1915-1918.**

Entries are arranged numerically by sale number. These quarterly schedules provide the sale and allotment numbers, the names of sellers and buyers, the price, and the date of sale of transactions.

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**Series 114: Land Sale and Lease Deposit Ledger, 1918-1922.**

Entries are arranged chronologically by date of transaction.

This manuscript ledger records the date, amount and purpose of deposits made to the special deposit accounts of Indians receiving money for the sale (usually) or lease of an allotment. The name of the payer is noted, as is that of the Indian receiving the payment, the journal voucher number, the allotment number, the land sale number and the balance in the account after the transaction.

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Land Sale and Lease Deposit Ledger, 1 July 1918 - 30 Sept 1922	8	5227

**Series 115: Abstracts of Special Deposit Accounts, 1918-1921.**

Entries are arranged chronologically by quarter.

These abstracts note the name of the Indian holding an account, the source of funds for any receipts (e.g., oil and gas lease, land sale number, lease payment), the balance in the account, any receipts or withdrawals and remarks on the transaction.

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Abstracts of Special Deposit Accounts, 30 Sept 1918 - 31 Dec 1921	8	5227

**Series 116: Land Purchase Reports, 1938.**

The documents are arranged numerically by tract number.

These are completed forms, sometimes with accompanying related correspondence, on which a land field agent reports (apparently to the superintendent) on the nature and value of tracts of land which the Government proposed to buy under the terms of the Indian Reorganization Act. The purchases were being arranged as part of the planned 1940 land acquisition project. Statements of the size, location and nature of the land are included, as is a list of any improvements thereon, and a plat of the land.

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**Bureau of Indian Affairs, Special Case Files, 1893-1905.**

These files were selected from the Bureau of Indian Affairs's Special Case files for their pertinence to the Indian nations of South Dakota. They were microfilmed at the request of the SD State Archives. The originals are available in Washington, D.C. at the National Archives. The files listed here pertain to the Pine Ridge Agency. For a complete list of Special Case files at the State Archives, see the "Special Topics" section of this guide.

The Special Case files bring related documents together from different places in the general incoming correspondence. Subjects mostly deal with land and property matters.

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Sacs and Foxes, Half-breed Patents, 1860. Sale of Oto and Missouri lands in Kansas and Nebraska (Santee), 1885. <b>Sioux Commission, 1890: Cheyenne River, Pine Ridge, Standing Rock, Santee, and Ponca.</b>	5034
Talks and Councils with Indians in Dakota and Montana (OIA-ISP #68), 1867-1889. Indian Peace Commission, 1865-1868. <b>Enumeration of Adult Men, 1889 (Santee, Flandreau, Ponca, Rosebud, Cheyenne River, Pine Ridge, Crow Creek, Lower Brule, Standing Rock).</b>	5036

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<b>Report of Irregular Employees, Pine Ridge Agency, 1905.</b> Investigation of Cheyenne River Agency, 1901-1905. Investigation of Complaints at Lower Brule Agency, 1907. Report of Irregular Employees, Rosebud Agency, 1905. Special Series A - Indian Allotment Applications for Lands within the Great Sioux Reservation, 1891-1898 (unarranged).	5038
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## **Reports of Inspections of the Field Jurisdictions of the Office of Indian Affairs, 1880-1900 (M1070).**

This microfilm publication from the National Archives contains reports prepared by inspectors for the Indian Service and submitted to the Office of Indian Affairs. Inspectors for the Indian Service were first appointed July 1, 1873, under the provision of an act of February 14, 1873 (17 Stat. 463). The 1873 act required each agency to be visited by an inspector at least once a year, preferably twice a year by alternate inspectors. The inspectors investigated all matters pertaining to the conditions of the Indians and the extent to which they adopted white civilization, reservation boundaries, the use of reservation lands, the state of industry, the character and abilities of the agent and other employees, school conditions, the state of agency fiscal records, and enforcement or violation of the law.

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