

Ponca Agency

(See also Winnebago Agency)

The Ponca Agency was established in 1859 and was located between the Niobrara and Missouri Rivers in present day Nebraska. In 1877, the Ponca Indians and the agency were moved to the Quapaw Reservation in Indian Territory. The agency was consolidated into the Ponca, Pawnee, and Otoe Agency in 1882. In 1878, some of the Ponca returned to Nebraska and were attached to the Santee Sioux Agency, which was consolidated into the Yankton Agency in 1917. In 1933, these Santee Sioux and Ponca Indians living in Nebraska were transferred to the Winnebago Agency.

Letters Received by the Office of Indian Affairs, 1859-1880 (M234).

The records in this microfilm publication consist of communications received by the Office of Indian Affairs from the Ponca Agency 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 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.

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<i>A Message from the President of the United States transmitting a report of the commission appointed December 18, 1880 to ascertain the fact in regard to the removal of the Ponca Indians.</i> Washington, D.C.: GPO, 1881.	E99.P7 U53
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<i>Circumstances of the removal of the Ponca Indians from their reservation.</i> Washington, D.C.: GPO, 1880.	E99.P7 U5

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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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