

Red Cloud Agency

(see also Pine Ridge Agency, and Upper Platte Agency)

Red Cloud Agency was established in 1871 on the North Platte River near Fort Laramie in Wyoming. It was mainly responsible for the Oglala Lakota in addition to some Cheyenne and Arapaho people. Prior to 1871, correspondence relating to these people was filed with the Upper Platte Agency. In 1878, after moving several times, the agency settled at White Clay Creek in Dakota and was renamed Pine Ridge Agency.

Letters Received by the Office of Indian Affairs, 1871-1880 (M234).

The records in this microfilm publication consist of communications received by the Office of Indian Affairs from the Red Cloud 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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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,

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