

Santee Agency

(see also Flandreau Agency and Yankton Agency)

The Santee Sioux Agency was established in 1866 when the Sioux who had been assigned to the Crow Creek Agency moved to a reservation in Nebraska. This new agency succeeded the St. Peters Agency.

Indian Census Rolls, 1885-1917 (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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Letters Received by the Office of Indian Affairs, 1871-1876 (M234).

The records in this microfilm publication consist of communications received by the Office of Indian Affairs from the Santee 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>Treaty between the United States and the Mendawakanton and Wahpakoota Bands of Dakota or Sioux Tribe of Indians.</i> June 19, 1858. Washington, D.C.: GPO, 1858.	KF 8228. M435 1858

Santee Agency: Superintendent's Annual Narrative and Statistical Reports from Field Jurisdictions of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1910-1917 (M1011).

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