**Guide to American Indian Manuscripts at Gilcrease**

This guide is intended to help the researcher discover the resources in the collection related to American Indian tribes.

\*indicates most extensive collections

**Algonquin**

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| **Collection Title** | **Date Range** | **Note** |
| Algonquin Manuscript | 1645 | Description of trip to Algonquin country in present-day Canada and United States |

**Arapaho (See Also Cheyenne-Arapaho)**

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| **Collection Title** | **Date Range** | **Note** |
| Charles F. Ashley-Papers | 1886-1929 | Agent to Cheyenne-Arapaho |
| Brinton Darlington Letterbook | 1871-1873 | Agent to Cheyenne-Arapaho |
| Peyote Papers | 1918, 1923 |  |

**Biloxi**

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| **Collection Title** | **Date Range** | **Note** |
| Biloxi Vocabulary | 1862 | Siouan dialect once spoken in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas |

**Cayuga (See Iroquois Confederacy)**

**Cherokee**

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| **Collection Title** | **Date Range** | **Note** |
| **Principal Sources** |  |  |
| \*Cherokee Papers | 1804-1871 | Contains Cherokee Old Settlers’ Council proceedings between 1838 – 1865, notes on the Sequoyah syllabary, maps of New Echota and Brainerd Mission, and General Stand Watie’s official surrender in 1865. In Cherokee and English. |
| \*Cherokee, Eastern Band | 1752-1907 | Some in Cherokee |
| \*Foreman Collection | Various | Research notes, letters, Photostats, etc. |
| **\***John Ross Papers. Many of these papers are included in Moulton’s 2 volume *Papers of John Ross*. | 1814-1897 | Most items are in English, but a few in Cherokee. |
| Mary Jane Ross Papers | 1826 – 1948 | A collection of letters primarily between Lewis and Henry Ross. Also contains receipts, birth and marriage certificates, and newspaper clippings. In Cherokee and English. |
| George W. Benge Papers | 1885-1919 | Benge served as Circuit Court Judge in Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation and ran unsuccessfully for Cherokee Chief. These papers contain his correspondence during this time period. |
| John Lowery Brown Diary | 1779 - 1852 | Gold Rush Journal |
| Cherokee Treaty | 1804 | Eustinalee 1804 |
| John Drew Papers | 1812-1916 | Financial and legal records including slave transactions; also contains Civil War correspondence as Drew served as a Confederate colonel in Indian Territory |
| George W. Fields Papers | 1920-25 | Contains bound manuscript entitled *The Texas Cherokees, 1820 -1839* and other materials regarding Cherokee claims against the state of Texas |
| Dr. William Fyfe Papers | 1752-1773 | Description of Cherokees |
| Benjamin Hawkins Papers | 1785-1812 | Several letters regarding Creeks and Cherokees |
| Holway Hope Collection |  | Union Mission Research |
| Andrew Jackson Papers | 1813-1847 |  |
| Keetoowah Society Ledger Book | Ca. 1900 |  |
| Lowery Diary | 1838 | Diary of a traveler in East Tennessee during roundup of Cherokees for removal |
| Will West Long Papers | 1883-1939 | Some in Cherokee |
| Alexander Longe Papers | 1698 |  |
| McIntosh Papers | 1823 | Letter to John Ross |
| Major Alexander Monypenny | 1760-1761 | Diary of expedition against Cherokees |
| Orr Papers | 1824-1848 | Dwight Mission Letters |
| Paton, Leslie & Co. | 1799 | Folder 6 ledger of debts due to the company from Indians and traders on Creek and Cherokee lands. |
| John Howard Payne Papers | 1832-1852 | Some refer to arrest of John Ross and Payne |
| William Petty Papers | 1780,1782 | Regarding lands ceded in 1773 by Creeks and Cherokees to the crown. |
| William A. Phillips Papers | 1865-1893 | Various documents including one item-an Abraham Lincoln proclamation in Cherokee |
| Peter Pitchlynn Papers | 1727 – 1929; predominate dates 1830 - 1850 | Primarily Choctaw with some Cherokee material including letters regarding the removal of both tribes, and land transactions after removal. |
| Mary Jane Ross Papers | 1826-1948 | Ross Family |
| Sequoyah Papers | 1835-1860 | Mostly related to Syllabary |
| Earl of Shelburne Papers | 1780-1782 | One item dealing with lands ceded to settle debts with traders. |
| John W. Swain Papers | 1862-1911 | Cherokee citizenship papers for John Swain, letters regarding mineral rights, property, etc. |
| Zachary Taylor-Papers | 1836-1842 | Letters regarding Cherokee, Creek, Seminole, Choctaw, and Comanche |
| James Greene Walker-Papers | 1861-1881 | Methodist missionary in Tahlequah |
| Stand Watie | 1863-1865 | Civil War Correspondence |
| Samuel Austin Worcester | 1831-1868 | Missionary |

**Manuscripts Written in Cherokee Syllabary**

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| **Collection Title** | **Folder #s** | **Date Range** |
| Cherokee Tribe Eastern Band | 20, 22, 24, 26 | 19th century-1907 |
| Cherokee-Papers | 38, 53, 62, 64, 72-90 | 1863- early 20th century |
| Will West Long-Papers | 6-119 |  |
| John Ross-Papers | 178, 246, 344, 593, 1148, 1149, 1264, 1317, 1391, 1400 | 1835- early 20th century |
| Rufus Cochran-Ledger | Entire Manuscript | Late 19th and Early 20th Century |
| George W. Benge-Papers | 3, 8-9, 12-15, 17, 26-30, 35-38, 45, 63-64 | 1888-1919 |
| Sequoyah Papers | 1, 3, 5, 8-11 | Unknown date range; mostly Photostats |

**Cheyenne-Arapaho**

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| **Collection Title** | **Date Range** | **Note** |
| Charles Ashley Papers | 1889-1894 | Cheyenne-Arapaho Agent |
| Lt. Heber M. Creel Papers | 1879-1881 | Ethnology and philology of Cheyenne |
| Frederick William Benteen Papers | 1892 | Battle with Cheyenne in 1867 |
| Brinton Darlington Letterbook | 1871-1873 | Indian Agent to Cheyenne |
| Foreman Papers |  |  |
| \*Ranald S. Mackenzie Letterbook | 1878-1881 | Southern Cheyenne in Indian Territory. Folder 5. |
| Peyote Papers | 1916-1923 | Cheyenne and Arapaho |
| Fort Reno Ledger Drawings | 1879 and 1887 | Cheyenne and Arapaho ledger drawings |

**Chickasaw**

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| **Collection Title** | **Date Range** | **Note** |
| Chickasaw Incompetent Fund Ledger | 1890 |  |
| Chickasaw Probate Court Records | 1902-1905 |  |
| Chickasaw Papers | 1791-1899 | Business and government affairs |
| Civil War Papers, Confederate Treaty | 1861 | Choctaws, Chickasaws, and Creeks |
| \*Foreman Collection and Foreman Photostats |  | Research notes, letters, Photostats, etc. |
| Benjamin Hawkins Papers | 1798 | Letter from Tellico to Col. David Henley, Agent of War regarding Major Colbert and the condition of his people |
| Natchez Treaty | 1792 | Written in Spanish |
| Gen. Samuel Bell Maxey | 1882 | Files 208 and 215 |
| Peter Pitchlynn Papers |  | Pitchlynn was Choctaw Chief, and these papers have numerous letters relating to Choctaw dealings with the Chickasaws. |

**Chippewa**

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| **Collection Title** | **Date Range** | **Note** |
| Wyandotte Papers | 1805 | Treaty |
| John M. Armstrong Papers | 1833 – 1890 | Missions, Delaware-Wyandotte Treaty and land transactions |

**Choctaw**

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| **Collection Title** | **Date Range** | **Note** |
| **Principal Sources** |  |  |
| \*Peter Pitchlynn Papers | 1797-1929 | Large collection of papers regarding tribal affairs and family matters |
| \*Choctaw Papers | 1846-1903 | Land warrants, Court of Claims |
| \*Gardner Papers | Early 1900s | Wheelock Church, Choctaw legends, Folsom families, removal, etc. Mostly typescripts. |
| \*Foreman Collection and Foreman Photostats | Various | Research notes, letters, Photostats, etc. |
| **Other Sources** |  |  |
| John T. Cochrane-Choctaw Papers | 1819-1868 | Missionary |
| Confederate Treaty | 1861 | Choctaws, Chickasaws, and Creeks |
| John Edwards Papers | 1861 | Missionary and abolitionist. An account of his escape from Choctaw Country in 1861 |
| Gen. Samuel Bell Maxey Papers | 1881-1882 | 2 letters regarding railroads in Choctaw Nation |
| Natchez Treaty | 1792 | Written in Spanish |
| Albert Pike Papers | 1861-1862 | Attorney for Choctaws |
| Zachary Taylor Papers | 1836-1842 | Letters regarding Cherokees, Creeks, Seminoles, Choctaws, and Comanches |

**Comanche**

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| **Collection Title** | **Date Range** | **Note** |
| Charles F. Ashley-Papers | 1889 | Letter from Howling Wolf describing visit to Comanche Agency |
| Foreman Papers | 1827-1839 | Research Notes |
| Kiowa Papers | 1900 | Folder 1-Description of Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache Indian lands to be opened for settlement. |
| \*Ranald S. Mackenzie Letterbook | 1878-1881 | Southern Cheyenne in Indian Territory. Folder 5. |
| Albert Pike-Papers | 1861 | Folder 1. |
| Zachary Taylor-Papers | 1842 | Folder 5-White boy purchased from Comanches. |

**Crow**

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| **Collection Title** | **Date Range** | **Note** |
| Crow Tribal Roll | 1880 | 300 names with both Crow and English spelling |
| Crow Papers | 1889-1890 | Descriptions and count of people and stock |
| Benteen and Golden Document |  | Folder 18-Crow scout account of Battle of the Little Big Horn. |
| Peyote Papers | 1925 | Missionary at Crow Agency asking for scripture to discourage use of peyote |

**Delaware**

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| **Collection Title** | **Date Range** | **Note** |
| John M. Armstrong-Papers (Attorney for Wyandotte) | 1840s | Missions, Delaware-Wyandotte Treaty and land transactions |
| Black Beaver | 1877 | Going out for buffalo hunt. |
| John Drew Papers | 1859 | Folder 255A. Biographies of some Delaware. |
| Eastern Indians Papers |  |  |
| Patrick Gordon Letter | 1735 | Regarding sale of rum to Indians. |
| John Ross Papers |  | Several items between 1828 and 1865 |
| George Washington Speech | 1779 | Address to the Delaware |
| Anthony Wayne Papers | 1795 | Letter regarding captives surrendered by the Delaware |
| Wyandotte Papers | 1805 | Treaty |

**Iroquois Confederacy**

**(Mohawk, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca, Tuscarora, Oneida)**

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| **Collection Title** | **Date Range** | **Note** |
| James M. Armstrong-Papers | 1849 | Letter from Missionary James N. Casick, Tuscarora Village |
| Henry Barclay-Papers | 1763 | Letter discussing printing of Mohawk prayer book. |
| Capt. William Hyde-Papers | 1698 | Description-physical appearance, dress, etc. by British officer |
| Eastern Indians | 1818 | Treaty |
| Foreman Papers | Various | Research Notes |
| Frederick Haldeman Papers | 1783-1807 | Miscellaneous papers related to the Six Nations |
| Patrick Gordon Letter | 1735 | Regarding sale of rum to Indians |
| Iroquois Treaty | 1723 | Treaty with Mohicans and Scatacook Indians |
| William Johnson-Papers | 1767 | Report of execution of New Jersey man for murder of Oneida Indian |
| Onondaga-Merriam Letters | 1850-1859 | Letters by teachers at Indian Mission School |
| Pond and Steedman Report | 1792 | Report from Sec. of War and report of Pond and Steedman on trip into the Six Nation area. |
| John Ross Papers | 1800s | A few items about Seneca in Indian Territory |
| Seneca Papers | 1882-1885 | Seneca Constitution |
| Six Nation Papers | 1698-1928 | Small collection of papers |

**Miami**

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| **Collection Title** | **Date Range** | **Note** |
| Thomas F. Richardville-Papers | 1860-1910 | Miami Chief |
| Foreman Papers |  |  |

**Mohican (Mohegan) and Pequot**

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| **Collection Title** | **Date Range** | **Note** |
| Iroquois Treaty | 1723 | Treaty with Iroquois Confederacy |
| Mahomet Petition (Mohegan) | 1737 | Petition to King George II for protection from settlers in Connecticut |
| Gurdon Saltonstall-Papers | 1716 | Letter giving account of tribes |

**Muscogee (Creek)**

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| **Collection Title** | **Date Range** | **Note** |
| \*Creek Papers | 1782-1893 | Tribal Affairs |
| \*Benjamin Hawkins Papers | 1782-1805 | Letters concerning Creek Affairs |
| Jackson Barnett | 1937-1939 | Estate litigation of wealthy Creek |
| Civil War Papers – Confederate | 1960s | Two letters mention Creeks |
| Confederate Treaty | 1861 | Choctaws, Chickasaws, and Creeks |
| Foreman Collection and Foreman Photostats | Mostly 1820-1900 | Research notes, letters, Photostats, etc. |
| George W. Grayson Papers | 1918 | Miscellaneous |
| Hall-Pennant Document | 1775 | Manuscript observations of visit to Creek towns and investigation of men trying to extort land from Creeks. |
| Ethan Allen Hitchcock, Diaries 7, 16-18  Ethan Allen Hitchcock-Papers | 1836, 1840-41  1842-1843 | He mentions Creeks before the removal in 1836, and in 1840 he was sent to Indian Territory to investigate fraud by Indian Tribes. |
| Andrew Jackson-Papers | 1813-1847 | One letter regarding Creek prisoners |
| Major Gen. Thomas S. Jessup-Papers | 1836-1837 | Matters concerning Creeks in GA, AL, and FL |
| Knox-Willett Letters | 1790 | Two letters regarding treaty negotiations |
| Lilah Lindsay-Papers | 1938 | Memoirs of school life in Indian Territory at Coweta Mission |
| \*McIntosh Papers | 1802-1906 | Several letters related to the murder of Chief Wm. McIntosh, Creek removal, and family matters with family tree. |
| Rhett Motte-Papers | 1836 | Military surgeon’s service in Creek War. |
| Gen. Samuel B. Maxey-Papers | 1860s | Several letters mentioning Creeks in Civil War |
| Osage Indian Papers | 1844 | Folder 9 Statement to Creek agent about a murder and stolen horses. |
| Panton, Leslie, & Co. | 1741-1800 | Merchant and trader in Florida |
| William Petty-Papers | 1782 | Information about land ceded by Cherokees and Creeks in 1773 |
| Alexander Posey-Papers | 1889-1907 | Journal kept when he was superintendent of Creek Orphan’s Home |
| Winfield Scott-Papers | 1836 | Letters concerning Creek War and removal |
| Earl of Shelburne-Papers | 1780-1782 | One item dealing with lands ceded to settle debts with traders. |
| Zachary Taylor-Papers | 1836-1842 | Letters regarding Cherokees, Creeks, Seminoles, Choctaws, and Comanches. |
| Anthony Wayne-Papers | 1791-1795 | Letter regarding prisoners and property carried off by Creeks and depredations committed by Creeks. |
| William Whitefield Ledger | 1858-1861 | Customer purchases and orders at Creek Agency |
| Samuel Worcester | Various | Information about missionary work among Creeks and Cherokees |

**Narraganset**

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| **Collection Title** | **Date Range** | **Note** |
| Narraganset Papers | 1777 | Petition-Protests leasing of land to non-Narragansets |

**Osage**

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| **Collection Title** | **Date Range** | **Note** |
| Foreman Collection and Foreman Photostats | Mostly 1820-1900 | Research notes, letters, Photostats, etc. |
| Osage Indian Papers | 1821-1868 | Miscellaneous, many in poor condition |
| Osage Indian Report | 1865 | Folder 2045. 215 page document on the ethnology and origins of the Osages by Alice Marriott. |
| Peter Pitchlynn Papers | 1865 | Folder 2045. Report by Detective Edwin Tucker to Maj. Gen. James Blunt re: report of rebel or Indian force on Walnut. Scouts found 300-600 Osages who had killed one man. |
| John Ross Papers |  | There are several letters in the Ross papers regarding Osages. |

**Oneida and Onondaga (See Iroquois Confederacy)**

**Ottawa and Pottawatomie**

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| **Collection Title** | **Date Range** | **Note** |
| Pottawatomie Papers | 1828 & 1882 | Isaac McCoy journal of visit to Ottawa and Pottawatomie |
| Thomas F. Richardville-Papers | 1860-1910 | Various |
| Wyandotte Papers | 1805 | Treaty |

**Penobscot**

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| **Collection Title** | **Date Range** | **Note** |
| Penobscot Questionnaire | 1771 | Describes way of life, customs, religion, etc. |

**Pottawatomie (See Ottawa and Pottawatomie)**

**Seminole**

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| **Collection Title** | **Date Range** | **Note** |
| Seminole Papers\* | 1824-1858 | Mostly during years in Florida |
| John Charles Casey-Papers\* | 1825-1859 | Agent to Seminoles |
| John F. Brown-Papers | 1897-1905 | Seminole Chief |
| Foreman Collection and Foreman Photostats | Mostly 1820-1900 | Research notes, letters, Photostats, etc. |
| Ethan Allen Hitchcock-Diaries Nos. 6, 7, 16, 18, 19 | 1836-1841 | Seminoles in Florida |
| Ethan Allen Hitchcock-Papers | 1842-1843 | Regarding Seminole War |
| Parch Corn Letter | Circa 1840 | Letter to his son about removal |
| John Ross-Papers | 1838 | Folder 303-Long document recounting efforts of Cherokee delegation as mediators between Seminoles and U.S. Govt. Typescript available. |
| Seminole Capitulation | 1837 | Surrender and agreement to removal |
| Zachary Taylor Papers | 1836-1842 | Letters regarding Cherokees, Creeks, Seminoles, Choctaws, and Comanches. |
| Mary Waite Papers | 1841 | Letter regarding Florida Indians and militia. |

**Seneca (See Iroquois Confederacy)**

**Sioux (Lakota, Dakota)**

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| **Collection Title** | **Date Range** | **Note** |
| A.T. Lea (Special Agent for the Sioux)-Papers | 1889-1892 | Material regarding Battle of Wounded Knee |
| Sioux Papers | 1864-1893 | Documents regarding Yankton Sioux, and Sioux refugees in Canada |
| Philip Cole Papers |  | Letters and articles about Little Big Horn |
| Benteen-Goldin Letters  Bound volume in Rare Books compiled by E.H. Brinenstool |  |  |
| Ranald McKenzie Papers | 1876-1881 | Many typescripts available |
| George Armstrong Custer-Papers | 1876 | Letter and telegrams announcing plans shortly before Little Big Horn. |

**Six Nations (See Iroquois Confederacy)**

**Wyandotte**

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| **Collection Title** | **Date Range** | **Note** |
| John Armstrong Papers | 1833-1890 | Tribal matters in Ohio and Kansas |
| Treaty of Eastern Indians | 1818-1826 | Seneca, Wyandotte, Delaware treaty |
| Wyandotte Papers | 1905-1855 | Trade laws; treaty with Ottawa, Chippewa, Munsee, Delaware, Shawnee, and Pottawatomie |

**General Native American Related Material**

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| **Collection Title** | **Date Range** | **Note** |
| Indian Presents | 1710 | Gifts to Indians who accompanied an expedition into Nova Scotia |
| Indian Slave Documents | 1668-1750 | Run away Indian slave, and bill of sale for Indian slave |
| Indian Spies’ Report | 1709 | Indian spies sent into Canada to spy on French |

**Grant Foreman Collection:** Contains a mix of original documents and Photostats with a focus on tribes in Indian Territory and eastern Oklahoma. These were collected by Grant and Carolyn Foreman as material for their many books on Oklahoma history.

**Ethan Allen Hitchcock Diaries:** The 89 diaries of Ethan Allen Hitchcock contain numerous references to Indian tribes. Hitchcock was delegated to investigate fraud against the Indians in Indian Territory in 1840 and 1841. Although these diaries have never been transcribed in their entirety, transcription is in progress. The diaries are in good condition and are quite legible. The entire period covered is 1819-1868.

**Hargrett Collection:** Collection of pamphlets, government imprints, maps, broadsides, royal decrees, Indian Reorganization Act (1934) tribal constitutions. Covers a large number of tribes across the land now known as the United States. The entire period covered is 1591 – 1942; predominantly mid-19th century.

**Oklahoma Native American Photographs Collection:** 1,627 photographs that represent American Indian tribes from across the United States.

**-Documents with Presidential Signatures that relate to Indian affairs.**

**-**James Buchanan, Richardville, Thomas F. Papers

-Abraham Lincoln Papers

-Thomas Jefferson

-Andrew Johnson, Andrew Johnson Papers, 1865

-William McKinley, Chickasaw Papers

**-**James Madison in James Jackson Papers

-James Monroe, Creek Papers, 1817

-Franklin Pierce

-James Polk

-Theodore Roosevelt

-John Tyler

-**Documents with Signatures of Other Prominent Individuals**

-Maximilian I, Emperor of Mexico, 1864-1867