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Scope and Content

The American Indian File is an artificially assembled collection which includes miscellaneous pieces and four smaller groups of papers concerning Indians east of the Mississippi River in the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. The documents are primarily concerned with the transfer of land from Indians to whites and include deeds, indentures, treaties, proclamations and mortgages. Nearly all the papers are dated

from 1642 to 1815, with a very few pieces from the late 19th and the 20th centuries. Also included is information on military and political affairs, negotiations and Indian ethnology, primarily between 1780 to 1850. Tribes belonging to the Iroquoian language family, including the Cherokees and Senecas, are most fully represented, but tribes in the Algonquian family, especially in the Great Lakes region are also represented.

The four small groups of papers include 78 pieces from the files of Jasper Parrish, U.S. agent to the Six Nations, 1804-1828; 26 pieces from the files of Henry Rowe Schoolcraft, ethnologist and U.S. agent to the tribes around Lake Superior, 1822-1838; 18 pieces from the files of George Boyd, U.S. agent in Michigan, 1816-1846; and 8 pieces from the files of Pierce Mason Butler, U.S. agent to the Cherokees, 1834-1844