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ACCESSION FORM

Accession Number: MSS 87-126

Name of Collection: HARGRETT COLLECTION

Type:

Personal correspondence	<u> x </u>	Other printed material	<u> </u>
Diaries & minutes	<u> x </u>	Iconographic	<u> </u>
Financial records	<u> x </u>	Audio	<u> </u>
Legal papers	<u> x </u>	Genealogy	<u> </u>
Clippings & scrapbooks	<u> x </u>	Maps	<u> </u>
Literary productions and reports	<u> x </u>	Other	<u> x </u>

Date received: 1970s Date processing completed: 8 Sept. 1988

Source: Mrs. Lester Hargrett
Tulsa, OK

Method of arrival: unknown

Terms: purchased for Museum by Carol White of Cherokee Historical Assoc.

Restrictions: collection may be used only with permission of director of
Museum of the Cherokee Indian

Materials physical condition: poor to good

Inclusive dates: 1730-1906

Size of collection: 2.5 linear feet

Location: Locked file MS7 drawer 1 --- photocopies on shelf, document room,

CONTENT AND SCOPE:

Lester Hargrett was born in Tifton, Georgia, on May 30, 1902, and received his degree from the University of Georgia, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He had a deep and lasting interest in the history of the American Indians, especially the Indians of the Southeast and the Southwest. To the subject he brought scholarship of a high order and exceptional skill in bibliographical work. For many years he was the only scholar in his field of study. From 1935 to 1947 he resided in Washington, D.C., where he carried on his historical and bibliographical work, and during those years he carefully collected printed and manuscript materials relating to the American Indian. In time his collection became the largest and most valuable in the country.

From 1947 to 1949 Hargrett served as the second director of the Gilcrease Institute. After leaving the Institute he moved to Tallahassee, Florida, where he died in February, 1962.

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12. JOHN ROSS TO W. K. GARINEAU. Autograph letter signed. 3 pp. Dated Rossville, Cherokee Nation, December 1, 1823.
States that George Lowrey, Major Ridge, Elijah Hicks, and he have been appointed a delegation to visit Washington on tribal business and reports that John Brown and his wife and daughter, Susan, have removed to the Arkansas, Walter Webber having conducted them there. The letter is franked: "Free. Jno. Ross, P.M."
13. HUGH LAWSON WHITE TO JOHN ROSS. Autograph letter signed. 39 pp. Dated April 26, 1834.
In rendering a legal opinion which Ross has requested, the well-known Tennessee jurist and future United States senator exhaustively reviews Cherokee treaty relations with the United States and examines the acts of Congress governing trade and traders in the Cherokee country. Judge White was no stranger to the Cherokees; he had participated in the expedition against the tribe under General Sevier in 1793.
14. JAMES K. POLK, SAM HOUSTON, JOHN H. EATON, AND OTHERS. Manuscript document signed (copy). 1 p. Dated Washington, March 13, 1826.
Recommending Benjamin F. Currey, subsequently Superintendent of Cherokee Removals, for appointment as postmaster at Nashville, Tennessee, and testifying to his ability and character.
15. ABRAHAM STEINER TO CHARLES R. HICKS. Autograph letter signed. 3 pp. Dated Salem, North Carolina, September 16, 1826, and addressed to Charles R. Hicks, Fortville, Care of the Reverend John R. Smit Postmaster, Springplace, Cherokee Nation.
Observations on the Sequoyan syllabary and advice on press and types for the proposed Cherokee printing press with a copy (4 pp.) of a letter to him by Richard Ronaldson, Philadelphia type founder. The Reverend Abraham Steiner was the first Protestant missionary to the Cherokees. He established the famous and influential Moravian mission at Spring Place, in present Murray County, Georgia, in 1801.

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16. ABRAHAM STEINER TO CHARLES R. HICKS. Autograph letter signed. 3 pp. Dated Salem, North Carolina, October 2, 1826, and addressed to Charles R. Hicks, Fortville, Care of the Reverend John R. Smith, Spring Place, Cherokee Nation. Steiner elaborates his ideas on the kind of printing press and the character and quantity of types needed for the proposed Cherokee tribal press.
17. GEORGE LOWREY TO CHARLES R. HICKS. Autograph letter signed. 2 pp. Lowrey sends Hicks "A List of the number of Cherokee alphabetic characters in the third chapter of St. John" (1 p.) and a similar list (1 p.) for the first three chapters of Genesis. The Sequoyan characters and their numbers are arranged in tabular form. These lists which were necessarily compiled from the manuscript translations made by the native, David Brown, were made for the purpose of ascertaining the quantities of Sequoyan types which would be required for the proposed Cherokee tribal press.
18. MEMORIAL OF THE CHEROKEES. New Echota, 1829. Printed broadside; text in the Sequoyan syllabary and in English. Dated December, 1829. A protest by the Cherokee people against the State of Georgia's extension of her laws over the Indian country. A very rare and striking example of New Echota printing.
19. CHEROKEE PHOENIX EXTRA. New Echota, July 24, 1830. Printed broadside. Wholly devoted to the Address of the Committee and Council of the Cherokee Nation in General Council convened to the People of the United States.
20. A LIST OF PERSONS ENTITLED TO A DRAW OR DRAWS IN THE GOLD REGION IN CAPTAIN PETERSON'S DISTRICT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY, GEORGIA. Manuscript document. 12 pp. Dated July 2, 1832.

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21. WILSON LUMPKIN, GOVERNOR OF GEORGIA, TO COL. WILLIAM HARDIN. Autograph letter signed. 1 p. Dated Milledgeville, Georgia, July 13, 1833. Appoints Hardin to assist Major Benjamin F. Currey in the enrollment of Cherokee Indians for removal.
 22. JOSEPH M. LYNCH (a Cherokee Indian). Manuscript document signed. 1 p. Dated September 3, 1833. A deposition regarding the settlement of the estate of a Cherokee descendent. Notarized by James C. Martin, Judge of Amoah District.
 23. BENJAMIN F. CURREY TO COL. H. MONTGOMERY. Autograph letter signed ("Copy," in Currey's handwriting). 2 pp.
On the publication in The Cherokee Phoenix of a letter to Currey from the War Department surreptitiously copied and printed without his permission, and strictur on the character of Samuel McConnell, a supposed agent of the government who had been active among the Cherokees.
 24. H. MONTGOMERY, CHEROKEE AGENT. Autograph document signed. 1 p. Dated Cherokee Agency, February 20, 1834.
Certifies that Major Benjamin F. Currey is authorized "to pledge the Government for the payment of the just debts of all the (Cherokee) Emigrants to the half of the amount of their improvments, to be paid immediately after the Emigrant arrives at the Western Agency. . . ."
 25. JAMES STANDIFER TO BENJAMIN F. CURREY. Autograph letter signed (contemporary copy, certified). 2 pp. Dated Washington, March 5, 1834, and addressed to Major Currey, Calhoun, E. Tennessee.
On the complaints lodged against Currey by John Walker and observations on the plans and prospects of the Cherokee delegation then visiting Washington.
 26. JAMES STANDIFER TO JOHN WALKER (a Cherokee Indian). Autograph letter signed. 1 p. Dated Washington, D.C., April 6, 1834, and addressed to John Walker, Calhoun, E. Tennessee.
Urges Walker to file complaints against Currey with the President--says President Jackson is determined that "no man shall remain in his service who will not discharge his duty well and treat the Cherokees well."

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27. SAM HOUSTON TO ANDREW ROSS. Autograph letter signed. 2 pp. Dated April 29, 1834. Signed: Houston. A testimonial to the ability, honesty, and faithfulness of Benjamin F. Currey, Superintendent of Cherokee Removals. His removal from service with the Cherokees, Houston declares, would be "an act of most glaring and outrageous injustice."
28. HUGH LAWSON WHITE, UNITED STATES SENATOR FROM TENNESSEE, TO BENJAMIN F. CURREY. Autograph letter signed. 2 pp. Dated Knoxville, Tennessee, August 29, 1834, and addressed to Benjamin F. Currey, Cherokee Enrolling Agent. On matters connected with the appraisal of improvements in the Cherokee Nation.
29. BENJAMIN F. CURREY TO HON. HUGH L. WHITE. Autograph letter signed (copy, in Currey's handwriting). 3 pp. Dated Cherokee Agency, September 12, 1834, and addressed to Hon. H. L. White, Knoxville, Tennessee. On the activities of enrolling and appraising agents in the Cherokee Nation.
30. MAJOR RIDGE, JOHN RIDGE, JOHN FIELDS, JR., CHARLES H. VANN, T. J. PACK TO BENJAMIN F. CURREY. Autograph letter signed. 2 pp. Dated Head of Coosa, Cherokee Nation, May 6, 1835, and addressed to Benjamin F. Currey, Superintendent of Cherokee Removals. Major Ridge and John Fields, Jr. signed by mark (X); the others by signature. The writers assert that the airing of charges against officers engaged in the 1834 removals had retarded emigration. They ascribe the whole trouble to John Ross and his party "who have ever shown themselves . . . capable . . . of throwing obstacles in the way of a treaty and the removal of the tribe by detached parties."
31. WILLIAM M. DAVIS, ENROLLING AND APPRAISING AGENT, TO MAJOR BENJAMIN F. CURREY. Autograph letter signed. 3 pp. Dated Cherokee Agency East, May 6, 1835. Testifies to the rectitude of Currey's conduct in the 1834 Cherokee emigration and ascribes the criticism of Currey to "a spirit of malice and envy towards you and the officers associated with you." He believes that this criticism has done great injury to the service and to the efforts of the government to promote removal.

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32. REVEREND J. R. SCHERMERHORN, UNITED STATES TREATY COMMISSIONER TO THE CHEROKEES. Public notice summoning the Cherokee people to a council at Red Clay in October, 1835. New Echota, 1835. Printed broadside; text in the Sequoyan syllabary. An extremely rare example of New Echota printing.
33. JOHN HOWARD PAYNE TO "SIR". Original holograph letter. 6 pp. folio containing about 3,500 words. Dated Cherokee Nation, near Tennessee border, Sunday October 11, 1835. The letter bears the following endorsement in the handwriting of Benjamin F. Currey, Superintendent of Cherokee Removals: "A communication written by Mr. Payne."
This magnificent letter by the world-famous author "Home Sweet Home" is easily one of the most spectacular and romantic original documents in the whole range of Cherokee history, and the unrelieved severity of its excoriation of the United States government and the State of Georgia for their heartless and rapacious treatment of the Cherokee people simultaneously stamps it as one of the most eloquent and important pleadings of the Cherokee cause ever written. It is wholly unpublished and, so far as is known, has never been copied. The letter comes to a natural conclusion and appears to be the completed text as Payne envisioned it although it lacks the usual concluding epistolary formalities and signature. The explanation of this lies in the circumstance that the author was forcibly deprived of the opportunity to add concluding amenities and his signature, this very document being among those seized at the home of Principal Chief John Ross when Payne was summarily arrested by the Georgia Guard.
34. MAP OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTRY. c. 1835, not signed. Manuscript, colored.
An important map which designates a number of settlements, forts, and residences of prominent Cherokees.
35. BENJAMIN F. CURREY, SPECIAL AGENT, TO THE EDITOR OF MINOR'S RECORDER. Autograph letter signed (copy, in Currey's handwriting). 2 pp. Not dated but c. 1835.
A report on his investigation of the suicide of one Lowmy or Robbin, a Cherokee charged with murder while a prisoner of the Georgia Guard at Dahlonega.

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36. J. ANDERSON TO BENJAMIN F. CURREY. Autograph letter signed. 1 p. Dated Cassville, Georgia, February 16, 1836.
On the activities of Samuel McConnell, supposed secret agent of the government in its negotiations with the Cherokees.
37. ABSALOM BISHOP. Manuscript document signed. 2 pp. Dated Murray County, Georgia, February 10, 1836.
On the intrigues at the Red Clay council ground, the activities of McConnell, and the efforts of John Howard Payne to prevent the negotiation of a treaty with the Cherokees.
38. WILLIAM N. BISHOP, CLERK SUPERIOR COURT, MURRAY COUNTY, GEORGIA. Autograph letter signed. 4 pp. February 11, 1836.
An important account of John Howard Payne's activities at the Red Clay council. Among other things, Bishop reported that some of the Indians entertained the quixotic notion that Payne "came from their old Father the King of England and was to see the Cherokee people righted."
39. JOSHUA HOLDEN TO BENJAMIN F. CURREY. Autograph letter signed. 3 pp. Dated Murray County, Georgia, February 11, 1836.
Charges that John Howard Payne encouraged open resistance on the part of the Cherokees at the Red Clay council in October, 1835, and asserts that Currey suggested to Sergeant Young of the Georgia Guard a forcible examination of the papers on which Payne and Principal Chief John Ross had been working.
40. COL. C. H. NELSON TO BENJAMIN F. CURREY. Autograph letter signed. 2 pp. Dated Polecat Springs, Cherokee County, Georgia, February 12, 1836.
Declares that John Howard Payne at the Red Clay council in October, 1835, predicted a day of retribution for the wrongs done the Cherokee people that he was on intimate terms with John Ross and the Ross party, and that he openly opposed the treaty efforts of the government.

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41. G. W. UNDERWOOD TO BENJAMIN F. CURREY. Autograph letter signed. 2 pp. Dated February 15, 1836. On the activities of John Howard Payne and Principal Chief John Ross at the Red Clay council in October, 1835.
 42. JAMES M. SPULLOCK. Manuscript document signed. 2 pp. Dated Cassville, Georgia, February 16, 1836. Reports a conversation with John T. Adair, a prominent Cherokee Indian, on Senator Hugh L. White's friendly attitude toward the Cherokees.
 43. REZIN RAWLINGS TO BENJAMIN F. CURREY. Autograph letter signed. 2 pp. Dated DeKalb County, Alabama, February 18, 1836. On the activities of John Howard Payne, John Ross, Andrew Ross, Lewis Ross, Samuel McConnell, and others at the Red Clay council in October, 1835. He charges Payne with eavesdropping on the United States commissioners and touches upon the dark intrigues and mutual suspicions which characterized the council. Appended is a statement by Andrew Ross regarding some abolition tracts sent by unknown persons in New York to prominent Cherokees.
 44. A. B. WEIR TO BENJAMIN F. CURREY. Autograph letter signed. 2 pp. Dated Murray County, Georgia, February 22, 1836. Relates to the supposed secret and confidential age of Samuel McConnell, his activities in the Cherokee country, and his part in the arrest of Walker, the Georgia surveyor, in 1832.
 45. JAMES McNAIR. Manuscript document signed. 1 p. Dated McMinn County, Tennessee, February 23, 1836. An affidavit on the arrest of Brown, the Georgia surveyor, and John Ross's part in the affair. Notarized by Benjamin F. Currey.
 46. JAMES PETTITT. Manuscript document signed. 1 p. Dated McMinn County, Tennessee, February 24, 1836. An affidavit on the arrest of Georgia surveyors in the Cherokee Nation. Notarized by Benjamin F. Currey, Superintendent of Cherokee Removals.

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47. CALEB STARR TO BENJAMIN F. CURREY, SUPERINTENDENT OF CHEROKEE REMOVALS. Letter signed. 2 pp. Dated McMinn County, Tennessee, February 29, 1836. On the activities of Samuel McConnell, the supposed secret agent of the government among the Cherokees. Caleb Starr was a white man married to a Cherokee woman.
48. WILLIAM Y. HANSELL TO MAJOR BENJAMIN F. CURREY. Autograph letter signed. 4 pp. Dated Washington, D.C., March 1, 1836. A long, important and highly interesting account of the part played by John Howard Payne in the treaty negotiations at Red Clay.
49. A. R. S. HUNTER TO BENJAMIN S. CURREY. Autograph letter signed. 1 p. Dated Huntington, Macon County, North Carolina, March 3, 1836. On the activities of Lewis Ross, the attitude of Senator Hugh L. White toward the treaty negotiation, the purpose of John Howard Payne's visit to the Cherokees, and the intrigues at the annual Cherokee council at Red Clay.
50. WILLIAM H. UNDERWOOD TO MAJOR BENJAMIN F. CURREY. Autograph letter signed. 3 pp. Dated Gainesville, March 7, 1836. On the efforts of John Howard Payne at the Red Clay council to prevent the negotiation of a treaty and on the activities of Principal Chief John Ross and his brother, Lewis.
51. STEPHEN PAXSON. Manuscript document signed. 1 p. Dated March 10, 1836. A statement on John Howard Payne's treatment by the Georgia Guard while he was imprisoned at Spring Place and on his conduct at Knoxville after his release. The document is notarized by William N. Bishop, Clerk of the Superior Court, Muray County, Georgia.
52. REVEREND J. T. SCHERMERHORN TO BENJAMIN F. CURREY, AGENT TO THE CHEROKEES EAST. Autograph letter signed. 2 pp. Dated Washington, D.C., March 14, 1836. Relates a conversation with John Ridge and expresses the opinion that Samuel McConnell who passed in the Cherokee country for a secret agent of the government was "playing a double game" and that in reality he worked against the treaty negotiations at the Red Clay council.

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53. JAMES COWAN TO BENJAMIN F. CURREY. Autograph letter signed. 1 p. Dated Cowansville, Meigs County, Tennessee, March 17, 1836.
On Judge Hugh L. White's official attitude toward suits for the recovery of reservations under the Cherokee treaty of 1817.
54. SAMUEL FRAZIER TO BENJAMIN F. CURREY. Autograph letter signed. 2 pp. Dated Washington, D.C., March 22, 1836.
On the disposition of the murder charges against the Cherokees, Foreman and Springston.
55. SAMUEL WORKMAN TO BENJAMIN F. CURREY. Manuscript document signed. 2 pp. Dated Athens, Tennessee, March 25, 1836.
Affidavit regarding McMinn County land cases involving Cherokee tribesmen and the indictment of Andrew Springston and James Foreman, Cherokee Indians, for the murder of John Walker, Jr., a surveyor for the State of Georgia.
56. JOEL YANCEY TO MAJOR BENJAMIN F. CURREY, SUPERINTENDENT OF CHEROKEE REMOVALS. Autograph letter signed. 1 p. Dated Washington, D.C., April 10, 1836.
On a rumor current among the Cherokees in 1834 that Senator Hugh L. White of Tennessee favored purchasing title to all Cherokee lands in Georgia "for the benefit of said Cherokees"; he believes that the rumor had prevented many Cherokees from enrolling for emigration.
57. J. H. FOREMAN TO BENJAMIN F. CURREY. Autograph letter signed. 2 pp. Dated Washington, D.C., April 11, 1836.
Relates a conversation at Red Clay in which Samuel McConnell urged him to join the John Ross party and warned him against Currey, Schermerhorn, and John Ridge.
58. BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN E. WOOL. CHEROKEES: IT IS NEARLY A YEAR SINCE I FIRST ARRIVED IN THIS COUNTRY. . . . New Echota, 1837.
Printed broadside. Signed in autograph: John E. Wool.
An address urging the Cherokees to submit peaceably to deportation and warning them that the government will not protect them from white settlers after May 25, 1838.

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59. JOHN BROWN (a Cherokee) TO THE CHEROKEE COMMITTEE NOW IN SESSION AT NEW ECHOTA. Manuscript document signed. 2 pp. Dated September 3, 1837. Petition for recovery of the value of his ferry over the Tennessee River and other property there.
60. JOHN KENNEDY AND THOMAS WILSON, U. S. COMMISSIONERS AND NAT. SMITH, SUPERINTENDENT OF CHEROKEE REMOVAL. ADDRESS TO THE CHIEFS, HEAD-MEN AND PEOPLE OF THE CHEROKEE NATION. Athens, Tennessee, 1837. Printed broadside. Headed: Athens Courier--Extra. Dated Cherokee Agency, December 28, 1837. A stern warning to the Cherokees that the deadline peaceable emigration is fast approaching and they will be removed by force of arms if necessary.

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61. MAJOR GENERAL SCOTT, OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY, SENDS TO THE CHEROKEE PEOPLE REMAINING IN NORTH CAROLINA, GEORGIA, TENNESSEE, AND ALABAMA, THIS ADDRESS. Cherokee Agency, 1838. Printed broadside. Dated May 10, 1838.
Announces his firm determination to remove the Cherokees by force. "Will you, by flight, seek to hide yourselves in the mountains and forests, and thus oblige us to hunt you down? . . . I am an old warrior, and have been present at many a scene of slaughter; but spare me, I beseech you, the horror of witnessing the destruction of the Cherokees. . . ."
 62. GENERAL WINFIELD SCOTT. ORDERS NO. 25. Cherokee Agency, 1838. Printed broadside. Signed in autograph by Winfield Scott and by W. J. Worth, Chief of Staff. Dated Headquarters, Eastern Division, Cherokee Agency, Tennessee, May 17, 1838. This famous order promulgates the regulations governing United States troops in their removal of the Cherokees.
 63. CHEROKEE NATION, GENERAL COUNCIL. Manuscript document signed. 3 pp. Dated Aquohee Camps, July 26, 1838.
A resolution authorizing and empowering a committee headed by John Ross "to make and enter into any and all such arrangements with Maj. Gen. Winfield Scott on the part of the United States which they may deem necessary and proper for effecting the entire removal of the Cherokee people from the east to the west side of the Mississippi River.
This is the original of this momentous document. It is signed "In behalf of all the people" by John Ross, Principal Chief; George Lowrey, Assistant Principal Chief; Lewis Ross and Edward Gunter, Executive Councillors; and by Richard Taylor, President of the National Committee; Stephen Foreman, Clerk of the National Committee; Going Snake, Speaker of the National Council; and Jesse Bushyhead, Clerk of the National Council. The foregoing principals served also as signers in behalf of the 44 other leading men of the tribe whose names are subscribed to the document. The resolution is in the hand of the famous James D. Wafford who acted as secretary of the Council, and whose autograph signature appears immediately below that of Richard Taylor, President of the National Committee. This document is the original instrument of the final capitulation of the Cherokee people to the

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demands of the United States for their removal and as such a most dramatic and poignant document.

64. GENERAL WINFIELD SCOTT TO PRINCIPAL CHIEF JOHN ROSS J. BROWN, E. GUNTER, E. HICKS, SETEMAKE, WHITE PATH AND R. TAYLOR. Autograph letter signed (copy). 2 pp. Dated Headquarters Eastern Division, Cherokee Agency, August 25, 1838. Regarding a contract for subsisting persons and horses in the removal. Scott expresses the hope that "your first detachment of emigrants will be able to set out at an early date."
65. SUPPOSED PLACES, FORTS, POSTS, ROUTES, AND DISTANCES IN THE CHEROKEE NATION, BY LIEUT. E. D. KEYS. 1838 The importance of this map, with its wealth of detail can scarcely be exaggerated.
66. JOHN KENNEDY, COMMISSIONER. OPINION IN THE CASE OF THE WIDOW AND HEIRS OF DAVID McNAIR, APPLICANTS FOR THE VALUE OF A RESERVATION UPON THE LANDS CEDED BY THE TREATY OF 29th DECEMBER, 1835. Athens, Tennessee, 1839. Printed broadside. Headed: Athens Courier, Athens, Tennessee, February 22, 1839. David McNair was a white man who had married into the tribe.
67. OLD SETTLER CHEROKEES, NATIONAL COUNCIL. A RESOLUTION OF THE OLD SETTLER COUNCIL DECLARING UNLAWFUL CERTAIN ACTS OF THE RIVAL JOHN ROSS GOVERNMENT. Manuscript document signed. 1 p. The resolution, adopted in council at Takatoka, November 5, 1839, is signed in autograph by Alex Foreman, President of the Council, and is certified by Thomas Wilson, Secretary to the Chiefs; approved by John Rogers, Principal Chief, John Smith, Second Chief, and Dutch, Third Chief. The resolution is in the handwriting of, and is signed by, John Candy, Clerk of the National Council. John Candy was the first native Cherokee printer and before removal had worked as printer on the Cherokee Phoenix at New Echota.

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116. GEORGIA LEGISLATURE. Report of the Committee to whom was referred so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the enforcement of the law making it penal under certain restrictions for white men to reside within the limits of the Cherokee nation. Milledgeville, 1832. 10 pp.
The original edition accompanied by a modern facsimile reprint.
117. ABRAHAM LINCOLN. The President's Proclamation of Pardon and Amnesty in the Cherokee Language. Translated and printed at Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, by order of Col. Wm. A. Phillips, Commanding First Brigade, Army of the Frontier. 1863. 4 pp.
Text in Sequoyan syllabary.
Doubly distinguished by its association with Abraham Lincoln and by its prime rarity as a Cherokee item.
118. ISAAC McCOY. Remarks on the Practicability of Indian Reform, embracing their Colonization. New York, 1829. 71 pp. Printed wrappers.
Contains historic proposals highly significant to the Cherokees on Indian removal and colonization.
119. JOHN MACKENTOSH. Receipts for the Cure of Most Diseases incident to the Human Family. By the celebrated Indian doctor, John Mackentosh of the Cherokee Nation. New York, 1827. 12 pp.
120. JOEL B. MAYES. Special message of Hon. J. B. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Monday, June 25, 1888. 6 pp.

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- Box 2 -- Folder 2: 121. JOEL B. MAYES. Annual message, 1888. Tahlequah. 23 pp. Printed wrappers.
122. S. H. MAYES. Fourth annual message of S. H. Mayes, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation. Delivered at Tahlequah, Indian Territory, November 8, 1898. 9 pp. Printed wrappers.
123. WILLIAM C. ROGERS. First annual message of Hon. Wm C. Rogers, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation. Tahlequah, Indian Territory, November 6, 1903. 12 pp. Printed wrappers.
124. JOHN ROSS, THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF OF THE CHEROKEE NATION, TO A GENTLEMAN OF PHILADELPHIA. Philadelphia 1837. 40 pp.
A famous review of the Cherokee question and a strong statement of the tribe's grievances against the United States government.
125. JOHN ROSS. Message of the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation. Printed at the Cherokee Messenger office. Baptist Mission, Cherokee Nation, 1859. 8 pp.
126. MESSAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF OF THE CHEROKEE NATION TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL. Delivered October 4, 1860, Tahlequah. 16 pp.
An important message by Principal Chief John Ross on the eve of war. One of but two known copies.
127. JOHN ROSS. Communication of the Delegates of the Cherokee Nation to the President of the United States submitting the Memorial of their National Council, with correspondence between John Ross, Principal Chief, and certain officers of the Rebellious States. Washington, 1866. 48 pp. Printed wrappers.
128. ARGUMENTS. . . IN OPPOSITION TO BILLS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH THE TERRITORY OF OKLAHOMA. Washington, 1872. 15 pp.
An able statement of the case by John Ross.
129. WILLIAM P. ROSS. Remarks in opposition to the Bill to organize the Territory of Oklahoma. Washington, 1874. 30 pp. Printed wrappers.
130. A STATEMENT OF THE INDIAN RELATIONS with a Reply to the article in the . . . North American Review on the Removal of the Indians. New York, 1830. 21 pp.

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131. WILLIAM H. THOMAS. Memorial and Argument submitted to the Cherokee Commissioners, in the claim of Tickoneeska, a Cherokee Indian of North Carolina. . for the value of his pre-emption right to one hundred and sixty acres of land. Also an Explanation of the circumstances under which he and other Cherokees became citizens of the United States with a Brief History of the North Carolina Cherokees from the year 1809. Washington, 1846. 24 pp. Printed wrappers. The well-known William H. Thomas was attorney for the Eastern Cherokees.
132. U.S. SUPREME COURT. Decision in the Cherokee Nation vs. Southern Kansas Railway Company. October Term, 1889, Tahlequah. 21 pp. Printed wrappers. Wholly in syllabary.
133. W. J. WATTS. Cherokee Citizenship and A Brief History of Internal Affairs in the Cherokee Nation, with Record and Acts of the National Council from 1871 to date. Muldrow, Indian Territory, 1895. Printed wrappers.

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134. WILLIAM WIRT. An Opinion on the Claims for Improvements, by the State of Georgia on the Cherokee Nation, under the Treaties of 1817 and 1828. New Echota. Printed for the Cherokee Nation at the Office of the Cherokee Phoenix and Indians' Advocate. John F. Wheeler, printer. 1830.
One of the very rare examples of New Echota printing.
 135. SAMUEL A. WORCESTER. Cherokee Hymns, compiled from several authors and revised. Sixth edition. Park Hill: Mission Press, John Candy, printer. 1841. Text in syllabary.
 136. SAMUEL A. WORCESTER AND ELIAS BOUDINOT. Cherokee Hymns, compiled from several authors and revised. New Echota: J. F. Wheeler and J. Candy, printers. 1833. Text in syllabary.
One of the rarest of all Cherokee items.
 137. SAMUEL A. WORCESTER, translator. Genesis. Park Hill: Mission Press, Edwin Archer, printer. 1856. 173 pp. Original folded sheets, uncut and unopened.
 138. SAMUEL A. WORCESTER, translator. Exodus. Translated into the Cherokee language. Park Hill: Mission Press, Edwin Archer, printer. 1853. 152 pp. Original folded sheets, uncut and unopened.
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140. CHEROKEE NATION. The Act of Union between the Eastern and Western Cherokees, the Constitution and amendments, and the Laws of the Cherokee Nation passed during the session of 1868 and subsequent sessions. Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation: National Press, Edwin Archer, printer. 1870. 100 pp.
141. CHEROKEE NATION. Laws and Joint Resolutions of the National Council, passed and adopted at the Extra and Regular Sessions of 1872. John Doubletooth, printer. Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation, 1873. 61 pp.
142. CHEROKEE NATION. Compiled Laws of the Cherokee Nation. Published by authority of the National Council. Tahlequah, Indian Territory: National Advocate Print. 1881.
143. CHEROKEE NATION. Laws and Joint Resolutions of the Cherokee Nation, enacted by the National Council during the Regular and Extra sessions of 1884, 1885, 1886. E. C. Boudinot, Jr., printer. Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation, 1887.

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144. BERNIE & MAYER, FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS. Manuscript account book, 1843-1848. 277 pp. With a contemporary record of Sequoyah's widow. A document throwing valuable light on the economic life of the Cherokee people in the first decade after removal. Among the scores of accounts (some of them famous men such as Gen. Zachary Taylor, Capt. J. J. Boneville, and Gen. Matthew Arbuckle) of this well-known frontier trading firm are to be found itemized accounts with about thirty-five Cherokees, of whom the following may be singled out for special mention: Mrs. George Guess (the widow of Sequoyah); John Jolly, the Western Cherokee Principal Chief (whose account is marked "settled by death"); Cucumber Jack; George Lowrey; Swimmer Vann; Hiram Bunch; Fodder; several members of the well-known Benge family; Rainstopper; Old Stuton (whose account marked "settled by death"); Broken Canoe; and John F. Wheeler, a white man married to a sister of Stand Watie and Elias Boudinot and formerly printer of the Cherokee Phoenix at New Echota.
145. CHEROKEE NATION. Constitution and Laws of the Cherokee Nation. Published by Authority of the National Council. St. Louis: R. & T. A. Ennis, 1875. 284 pp.
146. "THE UNDERSIGNED MEMBERS OF THE CHEROKEE TRIBE BEING DESIROUS TO REMOVE WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI DO HEREBY voluntarily accept the terms and conclusions of the Treaty made and concluded at New Echota on the 29th Day of December 1835 and ratified May 23rd 1836 and bind themselves to remove to their new homes according to the time affixed to their names, provided the United States will faithfully execute the Treaty in providing them with transportation, subsistence, etc. 27th June 1837." Manuscript document. 3 pp. Evidently a contemporary copy, perhaps an official one; it does not contain the signatures of the enrollees.
This extremely important roll contains 57 names, some of them among the most prominent in the tribe: Major Ridge, Archilla Smith, John Fields, S John Fields, Jr., Ground Mole, Bear Meat, Archy Rowe, John Hawkins, Big Milk, Tecatoca (Takatoka),

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George Downing, Archy Downing, Wrinklesides, Rain Crow, Jackson Mankiller, Bear in the Tree, Thomas Watie, and James Brown--to name but a few. The roll serves also as a census and record for each family : the number of males over eighteen, the number of males under eighteen, the number of females over sixteen, the number of females under sixteen, the number of male slaves, the number of female slaves, and the number of whites connected by marriage.