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Related Archival Materials note
Indian Claims Commission Decisions in cooperation with the University of Tulsa Law Library and the National Indian Law Library, the Electronic Publishing Center digitized all 43 volumes of this collection, http://digital.library.okstate.edu/icc/index.html.
General note
Tribal names used were taken from the formal Indian Claims Commission Index or the documents themselves.
Custodial history
The collection consists of Louis J. O'Marr's original work files. The collection was then inherited by his granddaughter Valerie Lloyd upon his death. Lloyd gave the collection to Joy Strayer in 2003. Joy Strayer donated the collection to the Braun Research Library in 2007.
Biographical note
Louis J. O'Marr was a judge appointed to the Indian Claims Commission. A former grocer and a small-town Wyoming lawyer, he was elected state attorney general in 1943. Although not possessing any special expertise in Indian affairs, he was appointed as an assistant Commissioner to the Indian Claims Commission, created on August 13, 1946, and sworn in on April 10, 1946 by President Harry S. Truman.
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Scope and Contents note
A majority of the collection consists of copies of legal documents brought before the Indian Claims Commission. Commission documents include petitions, reports, findings of facts, amendments, opinions, orders, and appeals. Also included are policies, draft reports, O'Marr correspondence, photographs, newspaper clippings, and copies of historic acts and treaties.
Series II deals predominately with California Indian groups, however, there is a small portion that pertains to groups in Nevada.
Processing history
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Arrangement
Series; Organized into three series; divided by case or subject and then arranged alphabetically by tribal name and then by date.
Series I: General policy documents and correspondence
Series II: Indians of California claims Sub-series I: Appeals Sub-series II: Claims Sub-series III: Newspaper clippings
Sub-series IV: Rules and acts documents
Series III: Non-California Indian claims Sub-series I: Claims and appeals of individual tribes or nations includes legal documents involving individual tribes, nations, or bands. Some claims for one group could include multiple docket numbers
Sub-series II: Claims and appeals for combined tribes or nations includes a single case with multiple docket numbers, plaintiffs, and petitioners listed. This sub-series is arranged alphabetically by the tribal name first listed on the claim
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Subjects and Indexing Terms
Cherokee Indians -- Claims
Creek Indians -- Claims
Crow Indians -- Claims
Dakota Indians -- Claims
Delaware Indians -- Claims
Legal documents
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Mohave Indians -- Claims
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Omaha Indians -- Claims
Seminole Indians -- Claims
Shoshoni Indians -- Claims
Southern Paiute Indians -- Claims

Series I: General policy documents and correspondence, 1952-63
Physical Description: Box 2

Series II: Indians of California, 1848-1962
Physical Description: Box 1

Sub-Series I: Appeals
Scope and contents
Appeals docket no. 2-16 documents and reports:
“Brief for the Appellant, the United State” June 1, 1961
“Memorandum in opposition to motion of the Mohave Tribe of Indians, et. al., for leave to
file motion to dismiss appeals” September 29, 1961
“Brief of the Indians of California as appellees on certain issues and as appellants on
other issues (Part I, p 1-177)” [no date]
“Brief of the Indians of California as appellees on certain issues and as appellants on
other issues (Part II, p 178-245)” [no date]
“Supplement 1 to brief of Indian of California part I (pp. 1-197)” [no date]
“Supplement 1 to brief of Indian of California part II (pp. 198-299)” [no date]
“Supplement 2 to brief of Indian of California—illustrative maps” [no date]
“Reply to brief of the Indians of California in response to brief of the United States filed
April 27, 1962, and to briefs of so-called tribal claimants” August 31, 1962
Appeals docket no. 9, May 6, 1952
Sub-Series II: Claims

Scope and contents
Indians of California; Docket 31; 1948-1956 Indians of California; Docket 37; 1948-1949
Pitt River Indians of California; Docket 347; 1959 Indians of California; Docket 31;
1954-1961 Indians of California (Includes article, “Kroeber and the Indian Claims
Commission Cases” by Omar C. Stewear) Indians of California; Docket 31; 1959 Indians of
California; Docket 37 Baron Long (Mission Indians); Docket 80 Yokiah Tribe; Docket 176
Yana Tribe of Indians; Docket 215 (Shasta), Stanley W. Miller; Docket 333 Draft reports
Indians of California; Docket 31; 1953-1958 Indians of California; Docket 37 Baron Long
(Mission Indians); Docket 80 Northern Paiute Nation; Docket 87 Southern Paiute Nation;
Docket 88 Yokiah Tribe; Docket 176 Yana Tribe of Indians; Docket 215 Colorado River
Tribes; Docket 283 Washoe Tribe, Nevada & California; Docket 288 Mohave Tribe; Docket
295 Quechan Tribe of Fort Yuma; Docket 319 Reservation Morongo Band of Mission
Indians; Docket 325 Southern Paiute Nation; Docket 330 (Shasta), Stanley W. Miller;
Docket 333 Pitt River Indians of California; Docket 347 Chemehuevi Tribe; Docket 351

Sub-Series III: Newspaper clippings, 1963

Sub-Series IV: Rules and act documents

Scope and contents
“An act to ascertain and settle the private Land Claims in the State of California.” March
3, 1851
“Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo”, mimeograph copy, 1848

Series III: Non-California Indian claims

Physical Description: Box 2
Sub-Series I: Claims and appeals for individual tribes or nations

Scope and contents
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Sub-Series II: Claims and appeals for combined tribes or nations

Scope and contents
Red Lake Band; Docket 18-E; 1959 Ottawa & Chippewa of Michigan; Docket 58 Citizen Band of Potawatomi; Docket 146; 1964 Potawatomi Tribe; Docket 15-M Robert Dominic (Ottawa Chippewa); Docket 40-K Quileute Tribe; Docket 1955; 1962 Quinaielt Tribe of Indians; Docket 241 Sioux Tribe of Indians; Docket 74; 1965 Chippewa Cree Tribe; Docket 221-A Yankton Sioux Tribe; Docket 332-A Fort Berthold Reservation Tribes; Docket 350-B & C Red Lake; Docket 113; 1961 Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa; Docket 191 Little Shell Band of Chippewa; Docket 18-A