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Apache Indians

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Klamath Indians

subject
Tohono O'Odham Indians
Evander M. Sweet, Jr., a Southern Methodist preacher, began his ministry in Oklahoma during that region's first years of statehood (1907-1914). He represented Protestant churches there in a successful drive to place an amendment in the State Constitution restricting the use of alcoholic beverages among Native Americans. From 1915-1921 he was an Inspector with the US Bureau of Indian Affairs. During these years, Federal appropriations for Indian needs were dramatically decreased in an effort to force Native Americans from reservations into the mainstream of American life. By 1920 the deterioration of the quality of Indian life was so apparent that the need for reforms was evident. Sweet's investigation reports cover a wide range of Indian complaints and provide a valuable picture of Indian-White relations under the Dawes Act. Sweet was terminated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1921 and became an agent for Pacific Mutual Life, eventually moving to...
Stockton (Calif.) where he remained active in Methodist affairs.

Scope and Content
This collection of correspondence, agency reports, field notes, and photographs was compiled by Evander M. Sweet, Jr., Inspector of Indian Services for the BIA from 1915 to 1921. Much of the material consists of Sweet's inspection and investigative reports prepared for Indian reservations and agencies in Arizona, California, Idaho, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

Box 1: INSPECTIONS---ARIZONA, Pt. 1
1.01: Apache 1920 letter about booklist
1.02: Camp Verde 1916-1920 special reports and correspondence with the Supt. of Indian Affairs
1.03: Camp Verde 1917-1921 Inspection Reports, 12/12-9/4/17 also correspondence betww. Supt. and Comm. of Indian Affairs.
1.04: Camp Verde 1920 Inspection Report, April 2, 1920
1.05: Parker 1916 field notes and negatives (Colorado River)
1.06: Parker 1917 Inspection Report, June 27, 1917 (Colorado River)
1.07: Parker 1918 correspondence and photos (Colorado River)
1.08: Parker 1916-1918 corresp. (photos) and field notes (Colorado River)
1.09: Parker 1917 complaint and answers also corresp. (Colorado River)
1.10: Parker 1918 special reports and telegram (Colorado River)
1.11: Phoenix 1916 Inspection Report, July 5, 1916
1.12: Phoenix 1915-1917 photos and correspondence: exhibits
1.14: Phoenix 1916-1920 correspondence and exhibits
1.15: Phoenix 1919-1920 correspondence about Superintendent's illness
1.16: Phoenix 1916 investigation into complaints about Supt. Brown
1.17: Phoenix 1916 exhibit of Brown investigation
1.18: Papago 1916-1917 field notes and correspondence about illness
1.19: Papago 1919 Inspection Report, May 15, 1919
1.20: Papago 1920 Inspection Report, August 3, 1920
1.21: Papago 1920 corresp. about J. C. Carpenter and general corresp.
1.22: Papago 1919-1920 observations about the Papago Indians; corresp. re health and general corresp.
1.23: Sacaton 1921 exhibits from Inspection Report, March 1921

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2.01: San Carlos 1915 report about schools, December 22, 1915
2.02: San Carlos 1915 report about ranges and stock affairs, September 21, 1915
2.03: San Carlos 1915 exhibits for report
2.04: San Carlos 1915 Inspection Report, December 11, 1915
2.05: San Carlos 1916 exhibits from report on December 8, 1916
2.06: San Carlos 1917 Inspection Report, January 27, 1917
2.07: San Carlos 1917-1919 correspondence, general business
2.08: San Carlos 1919 corresp. to and concerning Mr. J. J. Terell, Inspector
2.09: San Carlos 1919 photos
2.10: San Carlos 1919 field notes and corresp. and report on industrial conditions
2.11: San Carlos 1919 Inspection Report, July 21, 1919
2.12: San Carlos 1919 exhibits for report, July 21, 1919
2.13: San Carlos 1919 nitrate negatives and field notes
2.14: Hoopa [Calif.] 1918 correspondence and report July 8, 1918 on complaints of Hoopa Valley Indians also field notes
2.15: Hoopa 1918 exhibits and corresp. concerning complaints made by Indians
2.16: Hoopa 1919-1920 reports and exhibits on complaints made by Richard Walter F. Mohr against Supt. Mortsoff
2.17: Bishop 1919-1920 Field notes and corresp. concerning Indian employment
2.18: Bishop 1919-1920 correspondence between Sweet and Supt.
2.20: Winnebago [Nebr.] 1915 report of March 31, 1915
2.22: Winnebago 1915 proceedings of the Winnebago Indian Council

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3.01: Sac & Fox 1914-1915 field notebook
3.02: Sac & Fox 1914-1915 copies of the "Indian Scout" and Preliminary Reports
3.03: Sac & Fox 1914-1915 notebook and proceedings of a meeting held 4-20-15
3.04: Sac & Fox 1914-1915 school census taken November 30, 1914
3.05: Sac & Fox 1914-1915 stmts. concerning Mr. William Hoxie, Acting Principal
3.06: Sac & Fox 1914-1915 Inspection Report, April 29, 1915
3.07: Sac & Fox 1914-1915 Report on Teaching Methods at Sac & Fox
3.08: Sac & Fox 1914-1915 duplicate of proceedings of April 20, 1915
3.09: Sac & Fox 1914-1915 correspondence about a "bastardly suit" filed by an
Indian woman against an agency employee
3.10: Klamath [Ore.] 1913 general correspondence
3.11: Klamath 1917 Inspection Report, September 12, 1917
3.12: Klamath 1917 general business correspondence
3.13: Klamath 1917 Proceedings of council meeting with the Klamath Indians held
August 27, 1917, also field notes
3.14: Klamath 1917 general correspondence
3.16: Klamath 1917-1920 report of cattle thefts on the reservations
3.18: Shivwits 1916-1918 general info and corresp. regarding Shivwits
3.20: Shivwits 1919 Report of December 18, 1919 and field notes
3.21: Shivwits 1917-1918 reports and correspondence on Jurisdiction
3.22: Tohalah [Wash.] 1918 Report on Fishing interest dated July 15, 1918 and
general corresp.

BOX 4: INVESTIGATIONS—ARIZONA (Apache; Yuma; Navaho)
4.01: Ft. Apache 1915-1917 special reports on miscellaneous problems June 26,
1915; December 25, 1915; January 12, 1916
4.03: Ft. Yuma 1916-1917 report on Sherman Institute and general corresp.
4.04: Ft. Yuma 1916-1917 ex. of children's work and complaints against employees
4.05: Ft. Yuma 1916-1917 corresp. looking into complaints about employees
4.06: Ft. Yuma 1916-1917 corresp. concerning employee problems, liquor problems
4.07: Ft. Yuma 1916-17 general correspondence about Fort Yuma problems
4.08: Kalibab 1916-1917 correspondence about a bobcat skin
4.09: Kalibab 1920 field notes and exhibits
4.10: Kalibab 1919-1920 report dated December 16, 1919 (March 19, 1920)
4.11: Navajo 1920-1921 corresp. about land title through the Gnl Land Office
4.12: Navajo 1920-1921 complaints about government employees
4.13: Navajo 1920 investigation report, December 1, 1920
4.14: Navajo 1920 exhibits and field notes
4.15: Navajo 1920 exhibits
4.16: Navajo 1920 exhibits and a memo on the charges
4.17: Navajo 1920 exhibits
4.18: Navajo 1920 exhibits

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5.02: Pima 1916 special investigation, October 27, 1916
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5.04: Pima 1916 photos
5.05: Pima 1916-1919 daily milk & feed records for January, February, March
5.06: Pima 1919 correspondence with Presbyterian Indian Mission
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5.07: Pima 1919-1921 affidavits about Mr. Ambrose Johnson
5.08: Pima 1919-1921 miscellaneous correspondence
5.09: Pima 1920 Files and comments about the general operating atmosphere at Pima including price break downs
5.10: Pima 1920 recommendation for improvements at Pima Day School
5.11: Pima 1921 Special Investigation, April 4, 1921
5.12: Pima 1921 field notes & telegrams of dismissal in middle of investigation
5.13: Pima 1921 exhibits
5.14: Pima 1921 witness reports
5.15: Pima 1921 claims by Dr. Hughes and exhibit A
5.16: Pima 1921 duplicate copy of the investigation of April 4, 1921
5.17: Pima 1920-1921 corresp. and telegrams concerning the investigation
5.18: Sacaton 1919 correspondence with Supt. Haygood (Pima)
5.19: Sacaton 1919 complaints about schools under (Pima) supt.'s control
5.20: Rice 1916-1918 charges against Supt. Perkins
5.21: Rice 1916-1918 efficiency report of Rice employees and a letter requesting an investigation
5.22: Rice 1915-1917 special report on Rice, August 24, 1916; also affidavits and correspondence
5.23: Rice 1919 complaints and a report, June 21, 1919
5.24: Rice & San Carlos 1917 complaints about both schools and a report

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6.01: San Carlos 1914-1917 reports of incidences on the reservation
6.02: San Carlos 1915-1917 correspondence about incidences on the reservation
6.03: San Carlos n.d. cattle range map of San Carlos Reservation
6.04: San Carlos 1915 personal records and invoice prices on reservation
6.05: San Carlos 1915 complaints and suggestions concerning livestock
6.06: San Carlos 1915-1919 Corresp. regarding complaints about San Carlos
6.08: San Carlos 1917-1919 corresp. about problems and people at San Carlos
6.09: Tuba 1920 exhibits and complaint against Superintendent
6.10: Campo [Calif.] 1915-1916 special report and exhibits, October 18, 1916
6.11: Campo 1919 report of September 29, 1919
6.12: Malki 1918 exhibits and special investigations report, May 1, 1916
6.14: Malki 1920 report of April 1, 1920
6.15: Mission 1920-1921 correspondence investigation into the Raker Billand (Collett) Indian Court of claims
6.16: Palm Springs 1916 correspondence dealing with the Coggeshall investigation
6.17: Sherman Inst. 1920 correspondence dealing with Indian schools
6.19: Sherman Inst. 1920 exhibits and reports on Givlsin the outlying districts, July 19, 1919-January 20, 1920
6.20: Sherman Inst. 1920 exhibits
6.21: Sherman Inst. 1920 field notes
6.22: Soboba 1920-1921 corresp. re arrest and confinement of an Indian at Soboba
6.23: Soboba 1920-1921 exhibits and correspondence about case
6.24: Soboba 1920-1921 corresp. and formal charge against Supt. Hoffman
6.25: Soboba 1920-1921 correspondence trying to free the Indian
6.26: Soboba 1920-1921 case brief and correspondence with lawyers

BOX 7: INVESTIGATIONS---IDAHO; NEW MEXICO; WASHINGTON
7.01: Coeur d' Alene 1918 corresp. having to do with question of railway right of way
7.02: Pueblo Bonito [N. Mex] 1915 field notes
7.03: Pueblo Bonito 1915 gnrl. correspondence and information about the reservation
7.04: Pueblo Bonito 1915 complaint, affidavits and correspondence dealing with charges against the Agency Doctor
7.05: Pueblo Bonito 1915 affidavits concerning complaints about the Agency Doctor
7.06: Pueblo Bonito 1915 corresp. containing the action and reaction pertaining to the above complaint
7.07: Pueblo Bonito 1915 recommendations of action
7.08: Pueblo Bonito 1915 photos
7.09: Yakima [Wash.] 1918 Investigation corresp. and notes on grazing procedure
7.10: Yakima 1918 report of duties and memoranda on grazing procedures
7.11: Yakima 1918 special investigation report, November 18, 1918
7.12: Crickenberger Investigation: 1920 photos
7.13: Crickenberger Investigation: 1920 interrogatories and affidavits
7.14: Crickenberger Investigation: 1920 stmt. of John H. Crickenberger
7.15: Goodell Investigation: 1917 affidavits and corresp. dealing with the investigation on Goodell’s mental condition
7.16: Goodell Investigation: report on Goodell’s mental condition April 21, 1917
7.17: Goodell Investigation: reports by others on Goodell’s mental condition
7.18: Lay Investigation: 1920-1921 correspondence
7.19: Lay Investigation: 1920-1921 complaints against Rev. Dirk Lay
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8.01: Report to U.S. Attorneys office about information needed for U.S. v. M.F. Roller
8.02: Correspondence with the U.S. Attorneys Office
8.03: Correspondence about the Roller case
8.04: Affidavits and exhibits
8.05: Affidavits and exhibits #2
8.06: Government vouchers in question during Roller case
8.07: 1919 review of case and exhibits
8.08: 1919 exhibit and pamphlet on forgery
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9.02: 1915 re: assignments
9.03: 1915 political activity of Supt. and guidelines for making an investigation
9.04: 1915 re: photos
9.05: 1916 re: photos
9.06: 1916 daughter’s sickness and movements within the district
9.07: 1916 re: Mr. Harry Rye request for a car
9.08: 1916-1917 complaint about a train bagman, procedures & other gnl business
9.09: 1916-1919 re: assignments
9.10: 1916-1920 re: employment
9.11: 1917 C.L. Chester Motion Pictures about a film on life; other business
9.12: 1917 part of a letter about jurisdiction, efficiency and problems within the Bureau in Washington
9.13: 1917 re: photos
9.14: 1917 re: employment
9.15: 1917-19 re: stenographers
9.16: 1918 re: photos
9.17: 1918 re: per diem expenses and yearly allowances
9.18: 1918 re: transportation
9.19: 1918-1919 re: generator problems with the car
9.20: 1918-1919 re: speedometer patent
9.22: 1919 Cato Sells, Comm. of Indian Affairs, dealing with misc. problems
9.23: 1919 re: son’s sickness and transportation; controversy at Colorado River between Sweet and Supt. Duelos
9.24: 1919 re: status as inspector
9.25: 1919 re: per diem expenses and misc. business
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10.02: 1919-1921 re: assignments
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10.04: 1920 J.O. Barnd, Day School Inspector
10.05: 1920 J.O. Barnd, Day School Inspector; outline for teaching 3rd grade
10.06: 1921 re: Sweet dismissal - personal
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10.09: 1921 re: personal business interests
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10.11: 1923 Bureau of Indian Affairs concerning settlement of an account
10.12: 1924 re: account deficit
10.13: 1925 re: copy of Sweet's bond as an Indian Inspector
10.14: 1926 re: reopening account and a statement of the deficit of Sweet's account

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11.05: 1917-1919 Transportation stubs
11.06: 1918 Miscellaneous receipts
11.07: 1918-1920 Correspondence and receipts for Dodge
11.08: 1919 Statements of Disbursing account
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11.10: 1921 Personal loan and insurance papers
11.11: 1927 Indian Art and Industries
11.12: 1927 Education of Indians
11.13: 1927 The American Indian in the World War
11.14: 1927 Indian home life
11.15: 1928 Indian Missions of the United States
11.16: 1929 Indian stories for young folks
11.17: 1929 The Havasupai Indian Agency, Arizona
11.18: n.d. Childrens' Art
11.19: 1916 Unidentified letters (probably from children) and photos
11.20: n.d. Unidentified notes (Phoenix ?, Pala ?)
11.21: n.d. Unidentified notes and negs (Phoenix ?)
11.22: n.d. Unidentified notes and negs (Pima ? Lay investigation ?)
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