

# Native Americans

This bibliography endeavors to list all manuscript collections in the Bentley Historical Library reflecting the history and culture of Native Americans in Michigan. The difficulty in adequately documenting Native Americans lies in the fact that the history of Native Americans is transmitted through artifacts and through an oral tradition intimately bound with a living culture rather than in the letters, diaries and other written documents that we associate with other groups and which are routinely collected by archival agencies like the Bentley.

Much of the material is small and scattered and difficult to use for systematic research, but we hope that when used in conjunction with other materials in this and other repositories and with non-archival materials, these items may illuminate the way for the diligent researcher. Much of the material listed here reflects Indian life and history as seen by white observers-explorers, missionaries, traders, travelers, authors, government officials. Many of the items are most useful, perhaps, for observing white attitudes about Indians in a given time, for understanding popular American myths about Indian life or for studying white attempts to destroy or change Indian culture. Much of the material documents the formulation of government policy toward Native Americans and the relationship between the cultures generally.

The Bentley Historical Library publishes this bibliography in order to describe the holdings of the Michigan Historical Collections and to encourage research in the topic. We also hope to focus attention on the importance of locating and preserving source materials so that they can be made available for research. The advantages of cooperation among collecting agencies are highlighted by the prominent role of microfilm in this bibliography. The Michigan Historical Collections hopes to advance preservation, research and cooperation and seeks the assistance of all those interested in documenting fully the Native American experience in Michigan.

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### **Land grant certificates, etc.**

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- 1 folder  
Includes a land grant, 1871 of Kaw-gay-ge-waw-no for land in Isabella County.  
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### **Preserving our past [videorecording] : the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians**

- Preserving our past [videorecording] : the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, [1998?]
- 5 videocassettes (57 min.)  
Tribe elders talk about their experiences growing up, their families, traditional medicines and the economic and social status of the tribe today.  
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### **Saint Ignace, Michigan photograph collection**

- Saint Ignace, Michigan photograph collection, ca. 1910s?
- 1 envelope  
Includes a photograph of an Indian village outside the city.  
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### **Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan photograph collection**

- Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan photograph collection, ca. 1860s-ca.1960s? (scattered)
- 1 envelope  
Photograph of an Indian village.  
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### **American Baptist Missionary Union.**

- Records, 1837-1838 and 1850.
- 5 items.  
Records probably collected by George N. Mills, attorney for the American Baptist Missionary Union. Land grant, January 1850, detailing how the proceeds from the sale of lands along the Grand River (probably near Grand Rapids, Michigan) under the provisions of a treaty between the United States and the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians should be divided between Baptist and Catholic missionary interests, both of whom had developed missions in the area; also earlier letters, 1837-1838, bound with the land grant, relating to the dispersal of government lands in the Grand River area, including letters, 1837-1838, concerning lands to be set aside for the University of Michigan, for erection of public buildings, and for a salt spring.  
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### **American Fur Company [fur trading journal]**

- Fur trading journal, 1803-1852
- 1 volume

This volume, tentatively identified as a record of the American Fur Company, includes accounts of business with individuals. Included are thirty pages of accounts with Indians, primarily transactions in 1828. See also the George P. McCallum collection for a fragment of American Fur Company financial journal, June 1830, from Michilimackinac. Search [Mirlyn](#)

#### **American Fur Company [records]**

- Records, 1803-1806 and 1817-1843
- 2 rolls positive microfilm.

These microfilms include ledgers, letterbooks, cash books, inventories, account books and other financial records relating to the fur trade. Chiefly from Mackinac Island, but some from Wisconsin.

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#### **American Home Missionary Society.**

- Papers, 1825-1846, and 1848-1853.
- 2 feet and 6 rolls.

A missionary society formed in 1826 by the Presbyterian, Congregational, Associate Reformed, and Dutch Reformed churches. It subsidized ministers in frontier communities. This portion of the collection consists of the letters and reports of the missionaries from all parts of Michigan, particularly the southern half of the Lower Peninsula. There are references to and descriptions of Indian missions, Indian reservations, Indian schools, etc.

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#### **Andre, P. C. (Peter Charles), 1818-1903.**

- Papers, 1869-1901
- 125 items.

Trader, real estate agent, merchant of Detroit, and after 1846, of Saginaw. Andre served as mayor of Saginaw and as Registrar of Deeds.

These legal papers relate to land which Andre purchased from Indians in Isabella County in 1869, 1872, 1874, 1878, 1879, 1882 and in Saginaw County, 1864-1901. They demonstrate the methods used by unprincipled land dealers.

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#### **Anonymous Detroit, Michigan trading company ledger**

- , 1821-1834
- 163 pages on 1 roll positive microfilm.

Ledger apparently kept at Detroit for accounts with Indians in western Michigan. The ledger gives the names of Indian traders and sometimes indicates family relationships. The accounts record the goods traded for furs and date of the exchanges.

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#### **Auch, John Christian.**

- John Christian Auch documents , 1840-1886 (scattered dates).
- 1 folder.

U.S. Land Office certificates for public lands in Genesee County, Mich., issued to John Christian Auch and others. One of the certificates was issued to Sha-sha-o-ne-besse, a member of the Saginaw Band of the Chippewa tribe.

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**Baerreis, David Albert**

- The band affiliation of Potawatomi treaty signatories\* [electronic resource], c1996
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**Baker, John R. (John Randolph)**

- Papers, 1836-1867 and 1915.
- 0.2 linear ft.

Businessman of Paw Paw, Michigan.

The collection contains correspondence and legal documents relating to Indian affairs and transferral of lands. There are about 15 legal documents and deeds to Indian lands in Michigan, 1846-1871.

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**Banér, Johan G. R. (Johan Gustav Runeskeold), 1861-1938**

- Papers, 1890-1938
- 3 feet and 2 oversize volumes.

Swedish-American writer from Ironwood, Michigan.

The papers include essays concerning American Indian folklore. There is one folder of essays concerning American Indian and Swedish folklore collected by Baner.

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**Barbeau, Peter.**

- Papers, 1789-1909
- 8 rolls.

Businessman of Sault Ste. Marie.

The collection has occasional references in the correspondence to Indian affairs in the Upper Peninsula, especially a letter of December 20, 1855 by William Shaw from Carp River.

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**Beach, William Edward**

- William Edward Beach photograph collection, 1931-1948
- 1.4 linear ft.

Howell, Michigan photographer.

Includes photonegatives of Native Americans sites, including trails, a school house, a cemetery and a marker in Greenville, Howell, Ionia, Muskegon, and Huron River Park.

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**Beeman, Reuben.**

- Land sale agreements, 1858

- 2 items.  
The collection consists of a mortgage and warranty deed between Sa-WaBand, a Chippewa Indian, and Reuben Beeman, for land in Saginaw County.  
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**Belton, Francis S.**

- Francis S. Belton drawing collection, 1817
- 1 envelope  
Drawing of Mackinac Island from Round Island; includes depiction of Native Americans.  
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**Bingham family.**

- Papers, 1817-1910
- 2 feet.  
Baptist missionaries among the Indians at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, 1823-1855.  
The collection consists primarily of the correspondence, 1834-1864, and sermons of Abel Bingham, and the diaries of Hannah Bingham. There are also reports dated 1837 and 1843 of Abel Bingham to the Office of Indian Affairs, and a list dated 1842 prepared as part of a report to the Bureau of Indian Affairs which gives name, age, sex, and tribe of each student; names of teachers in the mission school at Sault Ste. Marie; and a schedule of property belonging to the mission.  
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**Black Hawk, Sauk Chief, 1767-1838**

- Black Hawk visual material collection, 1800s?
- 1 envelope  
Photoprint of portrait painting.  
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**Blanchard, James J., 1942-**

- gubernatorial files, 1982-2002.
- 345 linear ft. and 9 oversize v.  
Blanchard was Democratic governor of Michigan from 1983 to 1991.  
His papers contain some files relating to Native Americans including a file in Box 20 of Native American issues, 1985-1988. The correspondence, county, and topical subseries of the Upper Peninsula Office series covers Native American concerns as they are manifested in the Upper Peninsula in the 1980s.  
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**Blanchard, John C.**

- Papers, 1898-1901.
- 17 items.  
Attorney of Ionia County, Michigan and registrar of the United States Land Office.  
These papers deal with land claims in Ionia County and elsewhere by the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians of Walpole Island Reservation. There are also legal documents and

correspondence of W. A. Elias, attorney for the Indians, and a list of claimants. The collection documents legal efforts to restore stolen Indian property.

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**Bowen, John T., ca. 1801-1856?**

- Chippeway squaw & child [graphic], c.1838
- 1 print  
Ka-na-pi-ma : an Ottawa chief [graphic], 1 print, c. 1842; Shin-ga-ba-w'ossin [graphic] : a Chippeway chief, 1 print, c. 1838; Tshusick [graphic] : an Ojibway woman, 1 print, [1842?]  
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**Bush, Chauncy.**

- Minute book, 1837
- 1 volume.  
The minute book contains proceedings of a council in Washington, D.C. attended by delegations of the Sioux, Sac, Fox, and Iowa Indians and by J.R. Poinsett, Secretary of War; C.A. Harris, Commissioner of Indian Affairs; and Chauncy Bush, Secretary to the Commissioner. The council concerned the cession of Indian lands.  
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**Butterfield, Ira William, 1915- collector.**

- Collection, ca. 1855-1988 (scattered dates).
- 0.1 linear ft.  
Bay City, Michigan judge.  
Correspondence and collected documents relating to the O-Gau-Kawning Church of Bangor Township, Bay County, Michigan, an Indian mission, and its predecessor churches.  
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**Campau family.**

- Papers, 1794-1878.
- 23 items.  
The papers include orders to pay, signed by Chippewa Indians and dated 1808.  
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**Cannon, George Henry, b. 1826.**

- journal, 1846
- 1 reel microfilm (143 p.): positive and negative.  
Surveyor from Macomb County, Michigan.  
Account of surveying expedition of the Lake Superior shoreline, entitled, "A Narrative of one year in the Wilderness," including discussion of Upper Peninsula settlements, rivers, landmarks, and Indians.  
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**Cass, Lewis, 1782-1866.**

- Papers, 1814-1847.
- 60 rolls of microfilm  
Territorial Governor of Michigan, 1813-1831; Secretary of War, 1831-1836; United States Minister to France and Democratic Presidential candidate.  
The collection contains official correspondence, notes, and records. As Governor of the Territory of Michigan, Cass held the position of Michigan Superintendent of Indian Affairs. The collection contains 23 rolls of microfilm of the correspondence of the Michigan Superintendency, 1819-1831. During his term as Secretary of War, responsibility for Indian affairs rested with the War Department. The collection includes 20 rolls of microfilm of the correspondence of the Secretary of War 1831-1836. Also included in this record group are one roll of records of the office of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior 1814-1817, and one roll of the field papers of the Sault Ste. Marie Agency 1822-1829.  
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**Chandler, Elizabeth Margaret, 1807-1834.**

- Papers, 1793-1854.
- 0.6 linear ft.  
Resident of Adrian, Michigan, antislavery author and departmental editor of the *Genius of Universal Emancipation*.  
There is a letter, April 15, 1831, describing an Indian burial mound near Adrian, Michigan, and a letter, June 20, 1832, with an account of a war scare in Michigan during the Black Hawk War.  
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**Chatfield, Peter.**

- Paper, c. 1937.
- 3 pages.  
Resident of Lapeer, Michigan.  
The paper is entitled "My Great-Great Grandfather Was Wa-Wa-Sum." It is a brief description of the writer's Chippewa family, especially John Chatfield and William Chatfield.  
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**Clover, Elzada Urseba, 1897-1980**

- Elzada U. Clover visual material series, 1938-1939
- 0.2 linear ft. (3 films, 1 envelope, and 1 outsize folder)  
Curator of the University of Michigan Botanical Gardens and professor in the Department of Botany.  
Films, photographs, and drawings made during the 1938 Nevills Colorado River Expedition and follow-up travels in 1939; films include scenes of boats in Colorado River rapids, views of the Grand Canyon, Rainbow Bridge, and other nearby areas, also rodeo scenes and scenes in an Indian village, possibly in Havasupai Canyon.  
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**Cog-gog-e-was.**

- Land patents, 1863-1870.
- 1 folder

The land patent of 1863 is to Cog-gog-e-was for land in Ontonagan County (now Gogebic County) at Lac Vieux Desert. The 1870 patent registers land purchased by Mush-ko-wa-go-na-be and Nah-ah-qua-bo in Ontonagan County (now Gogebic County). The collection includes the two deeds, two negative photostatic copies and newspaper clippings describing the patents.

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**Cornell, Theo.**

- papers, 1973-1980.
- 1 folder

Resident of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

This reminiscence related the family story of the capture of her grandfather's brother, Peter Parks, by the Fisher Indians in the region of the Shiawassee-Saginaw Rivers in Saginaw County in the 1840s or 1850s.

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**Cramton, Louis C. (Louis Convers), b.1875.**

- Papers, 1896-1966.
  - 9 linear ft., 2 oversize volumes, 1 oversize folder.
- Republican member of the U.S. House of Representatives, 1913-1931 and special assistant to the Secretary of the Interior, 1931-1932.

The collection contains correspondence in the 1920s concerning Indian affairs.

Correspondents include the American Indian Defense Association and the Indian Rights Association. There is a good deal of material concerning the Flathead Indian reservation of Western Montana.

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**Cudlip, William B., 1904-**

- Papers, 1922-1985.
- 9 linear ft.

Regent of the University of Michigan.

His papers include one file of material on the case of the Children of the Chippewa, Ottawa and Potawatomi tribes and Paul J. Johnson vs. the University of Michigan, in which Indian students sued the University.

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**Detroit, Michigan.**

- Papers,
- 1 item.

This collection includes an agreement, 1775, among Detroit merchants to regulate the sale of liquor to Indians.



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**Doty, James Duane (1799-1865).**

- Papers, 1823-1841.
- 2 microfilm reels.

Judge of the Court of the Additional Judge for the Territory of Michigan.

These notes record the trials and decisions of his court. Several important cases involved Indians.

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**Dougherty, Peter (1805-1894).**

- Papers, 1838-1870.
- 3 volumes and 2 rolls of microfilm.

Presbyterian minister to the Indians in the Mackinac area of Michigan. The microfilmed portion of the collection contains reports of missionary activities and letters, 1847-1872, of Andrew Porter, missionary teacher to the Indians at Omena and Bear Creek (now Petoskey). The original diaries record trips from New York City to Detroit, Mackinac Island, and Chicago and describe Indian customs and missionary activities.

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**Dunn, Francis Wayland, 1843-1874.**

- Papers, 1856-1874.
- 2 linear ft. (20 volumes and 36 folders).

In July and August of 1868 Dunn travelled by horseback in Kansas and Nebraska. He describes Indian life, customs, recreation, etc. He took part in buffalo hunts and witnessed an altercation between Sioux and Pawnee Indians.

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**Dustin, Fred, 1866-**

- Papers, 1866-1957.
- 4.5 linear ft. and 1 volume.

Saginaw building contractor, archaeological surveyor, and writer on Michigan archaeological Indian history.

The collection contains papers concerning the archaeological survey of Isle Royale, 1929-1930, the survey and mapping of the Ogemaw County Earthworks, 1931, and Michigan archaeology in general.

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**Eldred family**

- Papers, 1831-1900 (scattered)
- 1 item.

Typescript.

This collection includes a lease of property in Cheboygan from the Cheboygan tribe of Indians of Burt Township, Cheboygan County, Michigan. This typescript was copied from the original on display at Hotel Topinabee in Topinabee, Michigan in 1939 by Albert May Eldred.

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**Engler, John, 1948-**

- Papers, 1968-2003
- 435 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder  
Republican member of the Michigan state legislature (House and Senate, 1971-1990); governor of Michigan (1991-2003); active member of the Republican Governors' Association and the National Governors' Association.  
Native American materials include a file on taxation of Native Americans in Michigan, 1997 and 2 boxes of slides of Engler at a Native American event.  
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**Faxon, John Harvey, b. 1827**

- Papers, 1848-1866
- 0.4 linear ft.  
Resident of Duplain, Michigan.  
The collection includes a letter of October 6, 1859 from George Bradley (1810-), Methodist clergyman who was superintendent of the Indian Mission District and missionary to the Indians in Isabella County. The letter requests Faxon's aid in recruiting Methodist missionaries for work among the Indians in Michigan.  
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**Felch, Alpheus, 1806-1896.**

- Papers, 1817-1896.
- 6 linear ft. and 6 volumes (outside).  
Michigan Supreme Court Justice, Governor, U.S. Senator, and Professor of Law.  
The correspondence includes a letter from William Johnston, March 4, 1850 concerning investment of Indian funds without their knowledge; a letter from E. B. Turner to Lewis Cass, April 10, 1850 about Indian claims against the government; and a letter April 23, 1850 from William Richmond about Indian debt.  
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**Ferry family.**

- Papers, 1822-1905.
- 0.8 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder  
William Montague Ferry and his wife Amanda (White) Ferry were Presbyterian missionaries on Mackinac Island from 1823-1837.  
The collection includes transcribed letters and a few original letters, largely from Amanda Ferry, describing their life as missionaries with references to their work with the Indians.  
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**Fey, Charles.**

- Papers, 1914-1970.
- 9 linear ft.

Historian of Masonry in Michigan.

The collection includes two folders of correspondence and other papers, 1951-1965 concerning French and Indian Masonry, and two articles entitled "Did the French Masons Influence the Indians' Mit-Tah Masonry," and "Prominent Indians and Freemasonry."

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**Fisher, Marvin, 1905-1976.**

- Papers, 1972-1976.
- 0.3 linear ft.

Chippewa Indian from Bay City, Michigan.

The collection contains material relating to his activities on behalf of Indian rights, including his interest in native American education, land claims, and disputes over hunting and fishing rights.

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**Franchere, Gabriel (1786-1863).**

- Papers, 1834-1351.
- 1 roll.

Agent of the American Fur Company at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

The collection includes correspondence with his supervisor Ramsey Crooks in New York, with other agents, and with customers, about the shipping of supplies, payment of accounts, and trade in the Great Lakes area with the Indians.

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**Gagnieur, William Francis (1857-1937).**

- Paper, 1933
- 1 volume.

Jesuit missionary to the Indians of the Great Lakes.

The paper is entitled "The Ojibway Language, A Glimpse at Some Peculiarities of the Algic Dialects."

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**Gilmore, Melvin R. (Melvin Randolph), 1868-1940**

- Papers, 1905-1938.
- 4.25 linear ft.

Melvin Randolph Gilmore was one of the preeminent ethnobotanists of his generation and served as Curator of Ethnology for the Museum of Anthropology at the University of Michigan from 1929 to 1939.

The papers contain correspondence, topical files, field notes, photographs, and manuscripts related to Gilmore's work among Native American groups of the Plains and Prairies, including the Arikara and the Omaha.

Photographs include black and white prints of varying sizes, scattered negatives and two photograph albums. Ethnographic subjects include Native American people, Native American reservations and missions, medicine bundles, corn and other plants, and an Arikara fish trap. Photos of the American Ethnobotanical Garden Gilmore designed for

the Museum of the American Indian can also be found in the series. In addition to photos related to his professional work, the series also includes many portraits and candid photos of Gilmore, his friends, and his professional acquaintances. The two photograph albums (6" x 4.5" and 11" x 7") include black and white photos, most with captions. The smaller album has a caption on the inside front cover that reads "An Album of Views Taken by M.R. Gilmore on the Omaha Indian Reservation, Northeast Nebraska" and is dated 1905 to 1906. The photos in the larger album date from 1920 to 1925 and cover an array of subjects.

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**Granger, John A.**

- Diary, 1827
- 18 pages.

This journal describes a trip from Detroit to Sault Ste. Marie, Mackinac, Michigan and Green Bay, Wisconsin. The diary records brief descriptions of Indian life.

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**Green, Amos R., 1887-1968.**

- Papers, 1932-1967.
- 2 linear ft. and 5 items [outsize].

Amateur archeologist and historian from Niles (Berrien County), Michigan.

Contain materials relating to his interest in the archaeology, Indian anthropology, and history of the area around Berrien and Cass Counties.

Photographs include photos of excavations of Indian graves, arrowheads and other projectile points, and mastodon teeth.

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**Greenman, Emerson Frank, 1895-1973**

- Papers, 1888-1984 (bulk 1924-1972).
- 6 linear ft.

Curator of the Museum of Anthropology at the University of Michigan.

There is material concerning Jim Pontiac of McBain, Michigan who claimed to be a grandson of Chief Pontiac. There is also a description of the Mount Pleasant Indian School, a list of Michigan graduates from Carlisle Indian School, 1889-1915, and a photograph of Jim Pontiac.

Photographs include portraits of several Native Americans and Native American descendants, photographs of former Native American lands, and a pioneer window of the Owosso First Congregational Church, one of a few stained glass windows depicting Native Americans.

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**Griffin, James Bennett, 1905-**

- Papers, 1922-1997.
- 215 linear ft. and 1 outsize notebook.

James Bennett Griffin was one of the major forces in the development of North American archaeology and served as the director of the Museum of Anthropology at the University of Michigan from 1946 to 1975.

The papers contain correspondence, extensive research and photograph files on North American archaeological sites, cultures and artifacts; The papers include the Hopewell series, which contains research files on Hopewell culture. Also included are Griffin's papers and publications on Native American culture and artifacts.

Photographs are dispersed throughout the papers and may contain images of Native Americans, Native American sites, and Native American antiquities.

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**Griffin, Will Lyman, -1935.**

- The Indians of Michigan, 1935
- 8 pages.

The paper, entitled "The Indians of Michigan," largely describes the experiences of his parents, Lewis J. Griffin and Charity (Cowan) Griffin, who were Methodist missionaries in Barry County, Isabella County, Grand Traverse County, and at the Oceana Indian Mission. It is based on diaries of his parents.

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**Hampton, Will E. (1864-1959).**

- Papers, 1859-1959.
- 1 linear ft.

Newspaper editor in Charlevoix, Michigan.

The collection contains one folder of correspondence in Box 2 and other materials collected by Hampton dealing with the Ottawa Indians near Harbor Springs, Michigan.

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**Hart, Philip A. (Philip Aloysius) (1912-1976).**

- Papers, 1948-1976.
- 281 linear ft., 3 oversize volumes, and 2 oversize folders.

United States Senator from Michigan, 1959-1976.

The subject files are arranged topically and for every year there are folders of materials relating to Indians, both in Michigan and in the nation. Included typically are constituent mail and responses from various federal agencies, especially the Bureau of Indian Affairs. There is considerable information about federal programs during the late 1960s and 1970s such as the Office of Economic Opportunity, Indian Action Teams, housing, education and health. There is also information on land claims and treaties as well as current issues such as Wounded Knee and Alcatraz. See boxes 64 (1960), 94 (1961), 107 (1963-64), 117 (1965), 125 (1966), 134 (1967), 145 (1968), 160 (1969), 176 (1970), 192 (1971), 207 (1972), 221 (1973), 237 (1974), 254 (1975), 269 (1976).

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**Hartsuff family.**

- Papers, 1839-1950.
- 0.4 linear ft. (7 volumes and 3 folders)

Residents of Detroit.

The volumes include typescripts of the letters of General Albert Hartsuff describing the Indian campaigns of 1876, 1881, and 1890. There is also a diary kept during campaigns against Indians in New Mexico in 1882.

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**Hascall, Charles C., 1799-1862.**

- Letterbooks, 1834-1860.
- 3 volumes.

Receiver of the Genesee Land Office.

The letterpress books deal Primarily with affairs of the Land Office. There are some references throughout to lands sold for the benefit of the Sagamum[?] band of the Chippewa Indians, although there is no actual accounting of the lands or money. See for example, letters dated Sept. 30, 1841; May 31, 1845; Sept. 30, 1845; Dec. 31, 1845; May 31, 1846; Sept. 30, 1846; and Jan. 31, 1847.

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**Hess family.**

- Scrapbook, 1774-1936.
- 1 volume and 1 oversize folder

This group of papers, clippings, programs and photographs was collected by the Moses B. Hess family of Saginaw. Inside the back cover is found a letter from Henry Jackson, an Indian clergyman, June 17, 1861, written from Indian Mills, Isabella County. Also included in folder 5 is a photograph of Nah-ta-chi-ke-me, chief of the Saginaw Chippewa Indians with his son and grandson. Also included is an unidentified newspaper newsclipping about him.

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**Hinsdale, W. B. (Wilbert B.), 1851-1944.**

- Papers, 1893-1942 (bulk 1922-1938)
- 4.25 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder

Often termed the father of Michigan archaeology, Wilbert B. Hinsdale developed and cared for the collections of the Great Lakes Division of the Museum of Anthropology at the University of Michigan from 1922 to 1944, after retiring from his position as the Dean of the Homeopathic Medical College. Hinsdale wrote several publications on Native Americans in Michigan.

Hinsdale's papers include manuscripts, background research and correspondence related to these publications.

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**Holy Cross Church (Cross Village, Mich.).**

- Records, 1347-1930.
- 2 rolls microfilm (positive and negative).

These records of Holy Cross Church of Cross Village, Michigan contain baptismal records, marriage, birth, and death records, photographs, newspaper clippings and published histories dealing with the activities of this Indian church.

Photo views of Indian dancers.

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**Horace H. Rackham and Mary A. Rackham Fund.**

- Records, 1929-1950 (bulk 1934-1940)
- 14 linear ft. and 1 oversize volume

Charitable and philanthropic organization.

The collection contains correspondence and topical material concerning Indian missions in Northern Michigan (folder 478).

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**Hotchkiss, George Woodward, 1831-**

- Papers, 1857-1927 and undated,
- ca. 50 items and 1 volume

Lumberman and journalist of Saginaw and Bay City.

The collection includes a 49-page account of the Alaskan Indians in 1889.

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**Hubbard, Bela, 1814-1896.**

- Papers, 1837-1893.
- 0.74 linear ft. (2 boxes) and 1 outsize folder.

Geologist.

These notebooks contain field notes, sketches, maps, and private journals of Michigan geological expeditions and other trips in which Hubbard participated. The journals contain many excellent accounts of Indian life, including a good description of the Chippewa in the Upper Peninsula in July, 1840. There are sketches of Potawatomi and Chippewa Indian villages. [Copy prints filed in UAs Hubbard]

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**Hubbard, Lucius L. (Lucius Lee), 1849-1933**

- Papers, 1871-1935.
- 5 linear ft. and 1 outsize folder

State geologist and University of Michigan regent.

Collection includes information on Indian place names. Found in folders 102, 124, and 125

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**Isabella Indian Mission (Mich.)**

- Isabella Indian Mission historical sketch, undated.
- 1 item.

Copy of part of the record book of the Isabella Indian Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1841-1870. It also includes a transcript of the record as published in the Isabella County Times News in 1941.

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**Jacker, Francis**

- Diary, 1886-1890
- 1 volume

Lighthouse keeper at Raspberry Island, Wisconsin, in Lake Superior.

Diary contains list of Indians at the Catholic mission at Assinins, Michigan, who died between 1862 and 1920.

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**Jenks, William Lee (1856-1936).**

- Papers, 1779-1936.
- 1 linear ft.

Lawyer and author at Port Huron, Michigan.

The collection consists of correspondence, documents, drafts, and notes on a variety of Michigan topics. There are correspondence and notes concerning Jenks' research on Michigan Indians.

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**Johnston, George.**

- Letterbook, 1832-1860.
- 2 reels microfilm.

George Johnston was the son of John Johnston, an Irish immigrant and O-Shau-gus-co-day-way-qua, a Chippewa Indian. He served as sub-Indian agent at LaPointe, Wisconsin, as interpreter for Henry Schoolcraft, as interpreter for the expedition to settle the boundary between the Sioux and Chippewa, and as United States Indian agent for the United States- Chippewa Indian Treaty of August 2, 1855.

The letterbook contains letters relating to his work with Indians. Correspondents include Lewis Cass, Zachariah Chandler, Peter Dougherty, Samuel McCoskry, Robert McClelland, Henry R. Schoolcraft, Charles Stuart, and C.C. Trowbridge.

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**Jones, Volney H. (Volney Hurt), 1903-**

- Papers, 1909-1979.
- 6.5 linear ft.

Curator of Ethnology and Associate Professor of Anthropology at the Museum of Anthropology of the University of Michigan.

The collection consists of correspondence with Chase and Stella Osborn concerning a project to establish a Friends of Michigan Indians organization.

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**Kent, W. Wallace (William Wallace), 1916-1973.**

- Papers, 1954-1973.
- 19 linear ft.

Kalamazoo, Michigan, attorney: U. S. district judge, 1954-1970, in the Western District, Michigan; judge U. S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit, 1971-1973.



Case docket sheets, judges' case files, unpublished opinions, judges' memoranda, Court of Appeals panel reports, Court of Appeals Circuit Council reports; cases relate in part to school desegregation, Indian treaty rights, labor relations, and questions of civil liberties.

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**Kidd, James Harvey (1840-1913).**

- Papers, 1861-1910.
- 0.6 linear ft. (1 box and 1 outsize box).

Officer of the 6th Michigan Cavalry and later a participant in the Powder River Indian Expedition of 1865 against the Sioux and Cheyenne Indians.

The collection holds letters and a diary, July - November, 1865, concerning Kidd's role as a participant.

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**Kingsley, Salmon, d. 1838.**

- Letter, April 30, 1838.
- 1 item.

Resident of Nankin, Michigan.

This letter, written by G. M. Barker, is dated April 30, 1838 and has a description of the Ottawa Indians.

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**Kotnik, Bertrand.**

- Notebook, 1975
- 1 volume.

Roman Catholic priest in New York City.

The papers include articles written in Slovenian relating to Catholic missions of the Grand Traverse Bay region of Michigan. There is also a notebook, 1975, containing a comparison of the word lists of the Ojibwa language compiled by Leonard Bloomfield and Frederick Baraga.

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**Kurath, Gertrude Prokosch**

- Gertrude P. Kurath recordings of Native American songs, 1953-1954
- 2 sound tape reels : 3 3/4 ips ; 5 in.

Field recordings entitled "Michigan Indian Hymns" and "Michigan Indian Native Songs" produced by Gertrude P. Kurath.

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**Kurath, Gertrude Prokosch.**

- Field report, 1955
- 1 v. (ca. 500 p.).

This field report was prepared by Gertrude Kurath and Jane and Fred Ettawageshik for the American Philosophical Society. It concerns religious customs of modern Michigan Algonquin Indians.

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**L'Oranger family.**

- Papers, 1813-1863.
- 12 items.

Residents of Detroit and Monroe.

The papers include an invoice of Indian goods sent from Detroit to LaSaline, December 4, 1833, by Narcisse L'Oranger.

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**Lemmer, Victor F. (1898-1974).**

- Papers, 1860s-1974.
- 9.5 linear ft.

Ironwood businessman and local historian.

The collection includes correspondence, research notes and writings largely concerning the history of Gogebic County and the Upper Peninsula. Included are nine folders of material concerning Indian history. There are articles from the Michigan Archaeologist, a paper by David Kangas, entitled "Chippewa Legends" (1963)-- a paper by Arthur Roberts, entitled "The Chief Buffalo Grant" (1954); paper by Robert F. Bauman, entitled "Areas of Occupancy by "Report of a Socio-Economic Survey of Michigan Indian Reservation Groups," by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (1951); a report on the "Indians of Michigan and Their Present Status," by Stephen Langone of the Library of Congress (1953), and other miscellaneous papers and articles.

Collection includes photographs of Indian trails and cemeteries.

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**Madison, James.**

- Approval, November, 1809.
- 1 item.

This register, dated November 10, 1809, records grants of land on the St. Clair River received by the Ottawa, Chippewa, Wyandot and Potawatomi Indians under a treaty with the United States Government of November 17, 1807. It is signed by James Madison.

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**Mason, Stevens Thomson (1811-1843).**

- Papers, 1827-1842.
- 0.3 linear ft.

First governor of Michigan.

The collection includes a letter, May 31, 1832, of Lewis Cass to Mason referring briefly to Indian uprising in the Northwest. In a letter of October 26, 1832 Cass states that the Michigan militia, called up to meet Indian hostilities, "will ... be recognized as entitled to pay from the United States."

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**McCallum, George P. (George Porterfield), 1871-1952, collector**

- Collection, 1803-1865 (scattered dates)
- 1 folder

Includes a fragment of American Fur Company financial journal, June 1830, from Michilimackinac.

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### **Michigan Archaeological Society.**

- Papers, 1924-1991 (bulk 1956-1984).
- 3.75 linear ft.

An organization concerned with aboriginal sites and artifacts in the state of Michigan. The papers include the constitution and by-laws, minutes of meetings, correspondence, newsletters, and material concerning the Sanilac Petroglyphs Project. Local Chapter series includes photographs of native American.

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### **Michigan Historical Collections**

- Michigan Historical Collections topical photograph collection, 1860s-1950s
  - 0.4 linear ft. and 1 outsize box
- Collection includes photographs of Native Americans (1870s-1930s) of the Manistee and Ludington, Michigan, areas.

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### **Michigan. Indian Agency.**

- Land register, 1354-1855.
- 1 volume.

Register of land grants received by the Ottawa, Chippewa and Potawatomi Indians by treaties with the United States Government in 1854 and 1855. The volume consists of lists of names, arranged by tribe, treaty, and band, and the description of the land each person was to receive. The specific treaties are as follows: Treaty of September 30, 1854, with the Chippewas of Lake Superior; Treaty of July 31, 1855, with Ottawas and Chippewas; and Treaty of August 2, 1855, with the Chippewas of Saginaw, Swan Creek and Black River.

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### **Michigan. State Land Office Board.**

- Records, 1816-1924,
- 101 volumes and 69 outsize folders.

Finding aid available in library.

The tract books record the original sale of the public domain to individuals by the federal government. These records are arranged according to the legal description of the land. Each entry gives the exact description of the land, the number of acres involved, price per acre, total purchase price, name of purchaser, date of sale, receipt number and the person to whom the land was patented. Included are the lands granted to Indians under the terms of various treaties.

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### **Milliken, William G., 1922-**

- Papers, 1961-1982

- ca. 1000 linear ft.  
Republican governor of Michigan, 1969-1982.  
Includes a number of files on various Native American topics, including art, fishing rights, and land trust.  
Restricted access.  
[Finding Aid](#)

**Monaghan family papers, 1851-1883 and 1949-1976.**

- Papers, 1851-1883 and 1949-1976
- 30 items.  
The collection includes diary entries, 1865, of John W. Monaghan, soldier in the 7th Michigan Cavalry, Company I, describing Indian campaigns in Colorado.  
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**Monteith, John (1788-1868).**

- Papers, 1797-1885.
- 2 linear ft.  
Presbyterian minister, first President of the University of Michigan.  
The papers include a handwritten vocabulary of the Chippewa language, dated at Detroit, December 12, 1820.  
[Finding Aid](#)

**Munson, John Maurice, 1878-**

- John M. Munson photograph collection, 1910s-1940s
- 1 envelope  
Portraits and photos of Munson, President of Michigan State Normal College, taking part in an Indian ceremony.  
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**Murray, Nicholas F.**

- Papers, 1856-1858.
- 10 items.  
Teacher at Cheboygan, Michigan.  
The papers include reports of the Indian School at Cheboygan and three notes from Bishop Frederick Baraga.  
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**Nauke-Chig-Um-Ie**

- Nauke-Chig-Om-Ie photograph collection, 1860
- 1 envelope  
Probably Nau-Qua-Chic-A-Ming, Ojibwa chief  
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**O'Reilly, Matt.**

- Typescript, [19--].
- 1 volume

This typescript is entitled, "The Burning of Indian Village on the Banks of Burt Lake in the Fall of 1900."

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**Omena Presbyterian Church (Omena, Mich.)**

- Records, 1836-ca. 1940.
- 0.5 linear ft. and 1 outsize folder.  
Indian mission established by Peter Dougherty at Old Mission, Michigan, in 1839, and moved to Omena, Michigan, in 1852.  
Records kept by Peter Dougherty, including account book, record of marriages (1856-1871); miscellaneous papers of Dougherty; and photograph. Also includes minutes (June 3, 1843-January, 1870) of the church written by Peter Dougherty. album of Ruth Craker.  
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**Pailthorp, Frances, d. 1966.**

- Notebook, ca. 1950-ca.1966.
- 1 volume.  
Art teacher of Petoskey, Michigan.  
The volume contains recollections of work in the Petoskey area, especially with Indian students. She also discusses Indian customs and history.  
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**Peterson, Orla, collector.**

- Northern Michigan historical sketch, 1897-1898.
- 1 folder (ca. 30 items)  
Letters and drafts of legal documents regarding claims of Potawatomi Indians in Michigan and Indiana against the United States Government.  
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**Petoskey, Ella.**

- Papers, [19--]
- 1 item  
Ottawa Indian, resident of Emmet County, Mich.  
History of her family.  
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**Pollock, James Kerr, 1898-**

- Papers, 1920-1968.
- 87 linear ft.  
Professor of Political Science at the University of Michigan and member of the Hoover Commission (United States Commission on the Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government).  
The collection contains one folder of material on the Hoover Commission's investigation of Indian affairs in the federal government. The folder includes drafts of reports, memoranda, correspondence, and the final report, dated December 17, 1948 (Box 42-11)  
[Finding Aid](#)

**Potts, James Henry, 1848-1942**

- James Henry Potts photograph series, ca.1900
- 1 envelope  
Photograph showing Potts (Methodist clergyman from Kalamazoo County, Michigan, and editor of the Michigan Christian Advocate) with Carlos Montezuma and several Native American ministers.  
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**Prat, Jacques**

- Village Ottawa, Ile de Michilimakinac [graphic], ca. 1842
- 1 print  
Wissegong, Indien Chippeway (Michigan) [graphic]  
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**Risdon family.**

- Papers, 1825-1870.
- 1 volume, 1 folder, and 1 oversize folder.  
Surveyor, resident of Saline, Michigan.  
The papers include a one page composition about Indians, written by Risdon's daughter, H. N. Risdon in the 1830s.  
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**Robinson, Orrin W. (1834-1925).**

- Papers, [ca. 1917-ca. 1918].
- 2 volumes.  
Republican State Representative and Senator, Lieutenant Governor of Michigan.  
The volumes include manuscript articles and reminiscences about pioneer life, Indian missions, and mining in the Copper Country of Michigan's Upper Peninsula.  
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**Rodd, Charles H., d. 1867.**

- Papers, 1854-1856.
- 0.4 linear ft.  
Part-Indian trader at Midland, Michigan, and interpreter with the Chippewa Indians of Isabella County, Michigan.  
Account book, 1854-1856, with fur trade and other accounts; and "Land list, Chippewas of Saginaw, Swan Creek & Bell River", ca. 1855.  
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**Romney, George W., 1907-**

- Papers, 1939-1973.
- 598 linear ft.  
Governor of Michigan, 1963-1969, and United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 1969-1972.

The gubernatorial papers include material on Michigan Indians. The collection contains several folders of correspondence on Indian Affairs, 1966-1968 (Boxes 152, 183, and 210). Box 329 holds material from 1966-1968 and "Report on Health Project" of the Michigan Commission on Indian Affairs; "Red Man's Appalachia," by Herman Camberon; "Findings and Recommendations: The Governors Commission on Indian Affairs, 1965." Box 349 contains correspondence about the Governor's Special Committee on Indian affairs, as well as minutes, memos, press releases, reports and constituent mail. Box 351 has correspondence regarding the Indian Affairs Study, 1965; "The Hannahville Indians," a study by the Sociology class of Bark River, 1964; and "Bay Mills Indian Community," 1965. The HUD files (post-gubernatorial) contain one folder on Native American housing.

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**Rose, Stephen, b. 1817.**

- Reminiscences, 1830
- 9 pages.

Resident of Detroit.

The copy of Rose's reminiscences includes an account of Chief Francois Macconce of the Chippewas in the 1830s.

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**Ruthven, Alexander Grant, 1882-.**

- Papers, 1901-1961 (bulk 1901-1961).
- 65 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder.

President of the University of Michigan, 1929-1951.

The collection has a few scattered references to Indians. Included is correspondence with Byron Brophy, December, 1933, regarding an Indian student (Box 9); a letter, July 29, 1935, regarding Kiowa tribal records (Box 15); a letter, August 8, 1936, from Carl E. Guthe concerning Indians of Michigan (Box 17); correspondence with John C. Wright regarding his books (Box 18); correspondence with the Office of Indian Affairs (Box 26); and correspondence with Harold Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, regarding a proposed professorship in Indian studies at the University of Michigan (Box 41)

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**Schoolcraft, Henry Rowe (1793-1864).**

- Literary voyager, or, Muzzeniegun, The, 1962
- Photostatic copy. Original at the Library of Congress.

Schoolcraft published this manuscript newspaper, entitled the "Muzze-ni-e-gun," or "Literary Voyageur," at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan from December 1826 to April 1827. It contains some local and national news and a great deal of Indian lore.

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**Schoolcraft, Henry Rowe (1793-1864).**

- Papers, 1826-1841.
- 6 items and 1 volume.

The collection includes a typewritten copy of a certificate, dated 1333, made out by Henry Schoolcraft to Wayishkee, concerning his land claim; a photostatic copy of a letter to President Zachary Taylor about Schoolcraft's appointment; a photostatic and typewritten copy of a letter, dated June 2, 1832, regarding an expedition with Douglas Houghton, which refers to vaccination of the Indians as one of its goals; and a letter, April 17, 1836, to J. P. Cleaveland, telling about signing a treaty in which the Ottawa and Chippewa of Michigan will donate part of their treaty money for religion and education and urging that the Presbyterian church of the United States share in this work among the Indians.

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**Selkirk, James (1790-1877).**

- Papers, 1844-1852.
- 3 items and 2 volumes

Episcopalian missionary in Allegan County, Michigan.

After 1838 Selkirk was located at Selkirk Lake, Wayland Township at the Griswold Mission for the Ottawa and Potawatomi Indians. The papers include biographical sketches and Selkirk's autobiography. There is also a typed indexed copy of the autobiography.

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**Shagonabe family**

- Shagonabe family photograph collection, ca.1900-1974, ca. 1900-1974
- 1 folder

Ottawa Indian family of Oceana County, Michigan.

Individual and group photos of family members; also photos of grave markers.

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**Shagonaby, Susan, d. 1979.**

- Sound recording, March, 1974.
- 1 cassette and 1 typescript.

Ottawa Indian woman from Harbor Springs, Michigan.

The interview was conducted by Robert Warner and Earl De la Vergne. Mrs. Shagonaby discusses her family, her family history, her education, her work and Ottawa customs.

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**Shawanese, Jonas.**

- Paper, Paper, 1956.
- 150 pages.

Resident of Harbor Springs, Michigan.

The first 23 pages consist of a speech pertaining to the Indians of the Cheboygan and Grand Traverse area of Michigan. The paper is supplemented by copies of documents relating to Indian treaties and Indian affairs.

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**Shearman, Francis Willett (1817-1874).**



- Papers, Papers 1839-1878.
- 0.4 linear ft.  
Editor of the Marshall Expounder, and State Superintendent of Public Instruction. He first came to Michigan when employed by Henry R. Schoolcraft to assist in negotiating treaties with Indians.  
The collection holds one speech, undated, entitled "Indians and Indian Legends."  
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**Shurtleff, Mary Belle, 1900-, collector**

- Mary Shurtleff collection, [184- - 190-] (scattered)
- 1 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder  
Collector of Cross Village, Michigan, materials.  
Collection includes materials documenting the Cross Village Indian community.  
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**Smith, Arvilla Almira Powers (1808-1895).**

- Diary, 1834-1845.
- 1 volume.  
Wife of George Nelson Smith, Kalamazoo County missionary.  
The diary records a history of her life, including her missionary activities among the Indians.  
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**Smith, Emerson R.**

- Papers, 1937-1962.
- 3 feet.  
Businessman and local historian of St. Ignace, Michigan.  
The papers include five folders of materials concerning Indians around the Straits of Mackinac, St. Ignace and Mackinac Island.  
Finding aid available in library  
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**Smith, George Nelson (1807-1881).**

- Papers, 1837-1857 (scattered)
- 0.3 linear ft. (5 volumes and 1 folder).  
Congregational missionary in western Michigan.  
The original diaries comment on missionary activities and family affairs. The microfilmed papers are principally journals, 1840-1879, and a few letters, 1835-1849, also concerning missionary activity with the Ottawa Indians of western Michigan.  
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**Smith, Joseph Rowe (1831-1911).**

- Papers, 1837 and 1869-1935.
- 22 items.  
Brigadier general and surgeon in the United States Army.

The collection includes an eight-page transcribed copy of a journal written by his father, General Joseph R. Smith (1802-1869). The journal records military operations against the Seminole Indians in Florida in 1837. Also included is a 63-page transcribed journal kept by Joseph Rowe Smith, Jr., while employed as an engineer by the Typographical Bureau in 1850 to lay out the boundary line between the Creeks and Cherokees in the area now Oklahoma. The journal has occasional references to Indians encountered during the survey.

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### **Spalding family**

- Spalding family photograph series, ca. 1890-ca. 1910
- 1 v. and 1 folder  
Album including photographs of Native Americans.  
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### **Spalding, William Witter (1820-1901).**

- Diary, 1844-1848.
- 1 volume and 8 items.  
Miner, storekeeper and hotel manager.  
The diary records the journey from Iowa up the Mississippi River to the Lake Superior region in search of minerals. It includes entries referring to Indians in the Upper Peninsula and a list of Ojibwa words and sentences with English definitions, compiled by Spalding. Also included is his autobiography, published in the Duluth Herald in January, 1901.  
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### **Stanley, John Mix, 1814-1872**

- John Mix Stanley photograph series, [19--]
- 1 envelope  
Painter from Detroit, Michigan, primarily of pictures of Indians.  
Photographs of paintings by Stanley, many on exhibit in Detroit Institute of Arts  
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### **Stason, E. Blythe (Edwin Blythe) (1891-1972).**

- Papers, 1929-1972.
- 22 linear ft.  
Professor of Law and Dean of the Law School at the University of Michigan and member of the Hoover Commission, the Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government.  
There is one folder on material on the Indian Claims Commission.  
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### **Students of Color Coalition (University of Michigan)**

- Inside the Michigamua "Wigawam" [videorecording]: opening the doors of institutional racism at the University of Michigan, March 11, 2000.
- 1 videocassette (ca. 80 min.)

**Swainson, John Burley, 1925-**

- Papers, 1943-1975.
- 71.5 linear ft., 1 oversize folder and 1 oversize volume.  
The gubernatorial papers include one folder on the Governor's Study Commission on Michigan for Indian problems.  
[Finding Aid](#)

**Tanner, Helen Hornbeck.**

- Papers, 1966-1977.
- 4 linear ft.  
Secretary of the Commission on Indian Affairs of the State of Michigan.  
The papers include correspondence, reports, clippings and printed material concerning the work of the Commission and the status of Michigan Indians. The files contain information about arts and crafts, health, economic development, education, fishing and hunting rights, housing, Indian burial sites, the Intertribal Council, legislation, Indian Claims Commission, and community development. Included is a study entitled "A Health and Nutrition Study among Michigan Indians," 1968.  
Finding aid available in library  
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**The American Indian CD-ROM**

- Papers, c1998
- 1 computer laser optical disc  
A research source on Native Americans, containing the text and graphics from several books, documents, letters, census data, and graphic material.  
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**Thom, Robert A.**

- A history of Michigan in paintings [graphic] / painting by Robert Thom ; text by F. Clever Bald, c1964-1967.
- 25 pictures  
Includes the print, Michigan Indians: Algonquin village about 1500 A.D.  
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**Titus, Harold, 1888-**

- Harold Titus photograph series, 1880s-1960s (bulk 1930s-1940s)
- 0.2 linear ft.  
Photo of Ojibwa chief Charles Kawbawgam and family.  
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**Travis family.**

- Papers, 1853-1881.
- 50 items.

The collection includes about 20 items of correspondence, 1853-1855, of Philander R. Travis, United States Army officer stationed in the Arizona Territory, containing a description of cavalry expeditions against Indians.

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**Trowbridge, C. C. (Charles Christopher) (1800-1883).**

- Papers, [ca.1823-ca.1840].
- 0.5 linear ft.

Mayor of Detroit, Michigan and Regent of the University of Michigan. Trowbridge served as assistant secretary of the Michigan Indian Department and was with Lewis Cass on his expedition to the Mississippi. In 1823 Trowbridge took temporary charge of the Indian Agency in Green Bay, Wisconsin. In 1823-1824 he spent the winter with the Delaware Indians and in 1824-1825 he spent the winter with the Miami Indians.

The major portion of the Trowbridge papers is located in the Burton Historical Collection. The materials in the Michigan Historical Collections include part of the response to Lewis Cass' questionnaire concerning the Chippewa, Ottawa, and Winnebago Indians; a portion of a journal kept at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, June 14 -August 2, 1830; speeches delivered in July, 1830 at Sault Ste. Marie by two Indian chiefs, Auk-ke-bugge-caash (Gueule Plat) and Pee-zhi-kee (Way-ish-kee); a preliminary and a final draft of Trowbridge's "Traditions, Manners and Customs of the Lenee Lenaupa or Delaware Indians;" drafts of Trowbridge's study of the Delaware language; manuscript of Trowbridge's "Traditions, Manners and Customs of the Twaatwaa or Meearmear Indians;" two versions of Trowbridge's "Keekarpo Indians;" manuscripts of Trowbridge's "Shauwanoa Traditions" (July 24, 1824) and of "Shauwanoa Traditions: Black Hoof's Account;" and an incomplete dictionary of English terms translated into the Winnebago, Dakota, Menominee and Ojibwa languages.

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**United States. Bureau of Indian Affairs.**

- United States, Bureau of Indian Affairs records, 1857-1865, 1870, 1908 and 1910.
- 2 microfilm reels: positive, 1 v., and 1 folder

Quarterly reports of the Sheboigan Indian School, 1857-1865, show names, ages, and studies of the students and correspondence of John Heaphey, who taught four years at the school, about closing the school [photostats (negative)]; 1870 annuity pay rolls of the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians of Michigan [Microfilm (positive) and photocopy]; 1908 census of the Michigan Chippewas (353 p.); and 1910 annuity roll of the Ottawas and Chippewas of Michigan (215 p.) [Microfilm (positive)]; 1908 and 1910 rolls taken by Horace B. Durant, commonly referred to as the Durant Roll.

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**University of Michigan Scientific Expedition to Lake Superior (1868)**

- Scientific Expedition to Lake Superior photograph collection, 1868
- 0.3 linear ft.

Expedition to Isle Royale and the north shore of Lake Superior, organized by Albert E. Foote, assistant in the University of Michigan Chemistry Laboratory. Collection includes stereograph images of Indians.

## [Finding Aid](#)

### **University of Michigan. Board of Regents.**

- Papers, 1817-[ongoing].
- 148 linear ft., 3 oversize volumes, and 1 oversize folder.

The papers include a grant, 1824, of tracts of land to the Trustees of the University by the United States in accordance with the Indian Treaties of 1807 and 1817. The minutes of the Board of Trustees, 1821-1837, discuss the disposition of the Indian land grant to the University of Michigan.

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### **University of Michigan. Dept. of History**

- Dept. of History (University of Michigan) student papers, 1930-1987.
- Part of the Dept. of History (University of Michigan) student papers collection. One paper by Alice Cook entitled "The Katokoh Trial," is an analysis of the case of the United States vs. Katokoh, or Wa-bee-guin-a-bee, a Chippewa Indian, 1822. Also includes a paper by Ann E. Hilton, concerns Arvilla Powers Smith missionary to the Indians, 1832-1845. The paper by Angie Vander Veen is entitled "Tendencies in Indian Administration under Lewis Cass as Secretary of War, 1831-1836." Included are appendices consisting of abstracts from executive documents relating to Indian affairs.

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### **University of Michigan. Dept. of Medicine and Surgery**

- Dept. of Medicine and Surgery (University of Michigan) theses, 1866
- 1 volume.

A thesis by Noah Bates, a University of Michigan medical student. The thesis is entitled "Variola" and contains a brief account of a small pox epidemic among the Mohawk and Tuscarora Indians in Brant County, Ontario.

## [Finding Aid](#)

### **University of Michigan. Media Resources Center**

- Records, 1948-1987
- 35 linear ft. and ca. 2500 items. Box 13 of the collection includes ten scripts for the series "Silent Heritage--The American Indian," prepared in spring, 1966, hosted by Joseph R. Julin of the University of Michigan Law School, produced by Barbara Roos and directed by Ronald Bornstein. The titles of the scripts are "Myths and Manifest Destiny," "The Iroquois," "The Navajo," "The Northern Plains," "Indian Territory," "Indian Americans," "Treaty Rights and Civil Rights," "Heritage of Craftsmanship," "Politics, Peyote and Passamaquoddy," and "Uncertain Future."

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### **University of Michigan. Vice-President for Student Affairs.**

- Records, 1908-[ongoing]
- 36.8 linear ft. (38 boxes)

The collection includes letters concerning Indian students at the University in the years 1932-1934 in the chronological files (Box 1). Correspondence and other documents covering the Michigamua controversy over racial harassment of Native Americans in 1989 can be found in Box 28. Box 30 contains a folder on Native American students, specifically documents covering a minority enrollment meeting in 1973.

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**Van Koevering, Adrian (1874-1960).**

- Manuscript articles, 1956
- 1 item and 3 volumes.

Newspaper publisher of Zeeland, Michigan.

He has written a three volume manuscript entitled "The Dutch Colonial Pioneers of Western Michigan: The Story of a Mass Movement of Nineteenth-Century Pilgrims."

There is one chapter on the Aborigines of Michigan and references throughout to the Ottawa Indians of the Black Lake region.

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**Warner, Robert Mark, 1927-**

- Papers, 1958-1992 (bulk 1980-1992).
- 17 linear ft. Finding aid in the library.

Historian and archivist at the University of Michigan, archivist of the United States, dean of the University of Michigan School of Information and Library Studies.

Documentation prepared by Warner in 1972 and submitted to the Indian Claims Commission relating primarily to Indian land claims in Michigan and Ohio.

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**Weideman, Carl May (1898-1972).**

- Papers, 1921-1972.
- 3 linear ft., 2 volumes [outsize], and 1 folder (UAm).

Democratic congressman, 1933-1935.

The collection includes one folder of papers, 1934, concerning H.R. 7543, a bill "to compensate the heirs of James Taylor, a deceased Cherokee Indian, for all their title ... to certain lands in the State of North Carolina."

[Finding Aid](#)

**Weissert, Charles Adam (1878-1947).**

- Papers, 1893-1947.
- 3.3 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder.

Historian of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

The papers include material collected by Weissert on all phases of Michigan history, including a typescript copy of Darius Cook's Six Months Among the Indians; a list of Michigan Indians who served in the Civil War, giving age, residence, enlistment date, date of dismissal and brief service record; and two folders of notes on Michigan Indians. Photograph collection includes a folder of Native Americans.

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**Wheaton, Andrew**

- Andrew Wheaton photograph collection, ca. 1875
- 1 envelope  
Group and individual portraits of Ojibwa residents of Nahma, Michigan.  
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**White, Elmer E.**

- Court file, 1977 and 1979.
- 4 items and 1 roll of microfilm.  
Legal brief prepared by Ann Arbor, Michigan attorney Elmer White in the case of the Children of the Chippewa, Ottawa and Potawatomy tribes and Paul J. Johnson, plaintiffs vs. the Regents of the University of Michigan, concerning the claims of these Indians against the University under the provisions of the Treaty of Fort Meigs, 1817. Included are the plaintiff's exhibits and the decision of Judge Edward Deake in February, 1979.  
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**White, Leslie A. (1900-1975).**

- Papers, 1921-1974.
- 26 feet.  
Professor of anthropology at the University of Michigan and student of the culture of the Pueblo Indians of the southwestern United States.  
The collection contains correspondence, articles, reviews, field notes, and scholarly articles relating to his activity among the Pueblo Indians.  
Copy print photographs (made 1960s) of Kwakwiltl Indians of Vancouver Island, British Columbia which White used in a 1960s publication on the field work (1890s) of Franz Boas; portrait of White (1938) and informal photographs of White with students in a classroom at San Francisco State College.  
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**White, Peter (1830-1908).**

- Papers, 1848-1915.
- 30 feet and 14 oversize volumes.  
Marquette businessman, Democratic State Senator and Regent of the University of Michigan.  
There are letters dated March 22, 1883 and May 16, 1907, concerning Indian affairs.  
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**Williams, G. Mennen, 1911-**

- Papers, 1883-1988.
- 818 linear ft.  
Democratic Governor of Michigan, 1949-1961.  
The gubernatorial papers include material about Michigan's Indian population in the Federal series, filed under Department of the Interior (Boxes 391-405). Most years include only the governor's responses to constituent mail, but there is some material on the proposed termination of federal involvement in Indian Affairs in 1954 and 1955, and there are published materials on Michigan Indians sent to the Governor. In 1956 Williams

appointed the Governor's Study Commission on Michigan Indian Problems, and there is considerable correspondence about this Commission, chaired by Francis Wakefield and R.G. Mulchahey as executive secretary. Published materials include "A Study of the Hannahville Indian Community, Menominee County, Michigan," by Kenneth Tiedke (Michigan State College, Special Bulletin #369, April, 1951) and "Report of A SocioEconomic Survey of Michigan Indian Groups" (Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Program, Report #2, December, 1951).

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**Wood family.**

- Correspondence, 1862-1863.
- 5 items.

Residents of Elmisle, Minnesota.

These letters from Sally S. Wood of Minnesota to her brother, Nathaniel P. Drake, of Hanover, Michigan are dated August 26, 1862; September 5, 1862; August 5, 1863; June 29, 1863; and October 20, 1862 and describe the Indian war of 1862 in Minnesota.

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**Youngblood, Charles N., 1932-**

- Letter, April 1966.
- 1 item.

Michigan State Senator.

The letter outlines a proposal to found an Indian cooperative community.

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**Ziegler, Charles M. (1888-1959).**

- Papers, 1928-1959.
- 2 linear ft. and 9 volumes.

Engineer and state highway commissioner.

The collection contains one folder of papers from the 1940's concerning the Michigan Indian Foundation, Inc., a group of prominent business and professional men who sponsored a charitable foundation for the support of the Holy Childhood School and the Blackbird Museum at Harbor Springs, Michigan.

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## **Publications**

### **Baraga bulletin, The**

- Bishop Baraga Association
- 1956-[ongoing]  
Publication of the Bishop Baraga Association & Archives, an archive holding material on Bishop Frederic Baraga and Great Lakes region-related materials, including several collections on Native Americans in the area. Newsletter published quarterly.

### **Bay Mills news**

- Bay Mills Indian Community
- 2004-[ongoing]  
Newspaper of the Bay Mills Indian Chippewa Community, a federally recognized tribe in Michigan. Began in 1997; published biweekly. The newspaper is dedicated to "covering current events affecting the tribe, tribal government and business news, Anishnaabe culture & language, community and membership news." (description from [website.](#))  
[Current issue online](#)

### **Complete both early and late history of the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians of Michigan: a grammar of their language, personal and family history of the author**

- Blackbird, Andrew J., b. 1810
- 1897
- 94 p.  
Can also be found [online](#)

### **Giikendaam chiwiikwegamag\* [electronic resource]**

- Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
- 2004-[ongoing]  
Available [online only.](#)  
Newsletter of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, a federally recognized tribe in Michigan.

### **Indian problem, from the Indian's standpoint, The**

- Blackbird, Andrew J., b. 1810
- [1900]
- 22 p.

### **Indian talk**

- Grand Valley American Indian Lodge
- 1972-1973

### **Indian talk (Portage, Mich.)**

- 1974-1975  
"Indian talk is not affiliated with any sect, organization or institution. Its only purpose is to provide a line of communication for Native Americans to one another and to non-Indians" (Description from publication).

### **Indian talk newsletter**

- Grand Valley American Indian Lodge
- 1973

### **Jesuit relations and allied documents: travels and explorations of the Jesuit missionaries in New France, 1610-1791, The...**

- 1896-1901
- 73 v.

Also available [online](#)

### **KBIC news\* [electronic resource]**

- Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
- June-July 2004

Newsletter of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, a federally recognized tribe in Michigan.

Available [online only](#).

### **Legends of Michigan and the old North West or, a cluster of unpublished waifs, gleaned along the uncertain, misty line, dividing traditional from historic times.**

- Littlejohn, Flavius J. (Flavius Josephus), 1804-1880
- 1875
- 566 p.

Also available [online](#)

### **Little River currents = Megwaa ezhiwebaak**

- Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
- 2005-[ongoing]

Newsletter of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, a federally recognized tribe in Michigan.

Also available [online](#).

### **Masinaigan**

- Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission
- online: 1999-[ongoing]

Available [online](#). Graduate Library has the last three years of paper copies.

### **Native sun**

- North American Indian Association of Detroit
- 1976-1991

The mission of the North American Indian Association of Detroit is "To promote self-sufficiency for Native Americans through education assistance, employment training and awareness of available human services; and to foster and preserve Native American culture and heritage" (Description from publication).

### **Native sun newsletter**

- North American Indian Association of Detroit
- 1992-1994

The mission of the North American Indian Association of Detroit is "To promote self-sufficiency for Native Americans through education assistance, employment training and awareness of available human services; and to foster and preserve Native American culture and heritage" (Description from publication).

#### **Nishnawbe muzinigun**

- Women of American Native Tribes
- 1978-1979

Newsletter of the Women of American Native Tribes located in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

#### **Nishnawbe news, The**

- Northern Michigan University. Organization of North American Indian Students
- 1971-1982

Newspaper published by Northern Michigan University students covering issues and events affecting Native Americans on both a local and national level.

#### **North American Indian Association, Inc.**

- North American Indian Association of Detroit
- 1975-1976

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#### **Odawa trails\* [electronic resource]**

- Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
- 2005-[ongoing]

Newsletter of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, a federally recognized tribe in Michigan.

Available online only. [2006 issues](#) [2007-2008 issues](#)

#### **Ohio Valley-Great Lakes Ethnohistory Archives, The\* [electronic resource]**

- Baerreis, David Albert
- c1996

"The Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology is an independent research unit within the Bloomington campus of Indiana University... The largest and most important holding is the Ohio Valley-Great Lakes Ethnohistory Archive. This collection comprises: 1) over one thousand reels of microfilm of original documents from the major archives in the United States, Great Britain, and France, 2) more than eight hundred loose-leaf volumes of documents indexed by Native American polity and by year, and 3) several hundred photocopies of important maps indexed by year and geographic coverage." (description from [website](#))

Available [online](#) only

### **Ojibwe akiing = Ojibway turf\***

- 1996-[ongoing]  
News of the Ojibwa Indians of the Great Lakes Region  
Text of articles available [online](#).

### **Preserving the resource for the seventh generation**

- Chippewa Ottawa Treaty Fishery Management Authority
- 2005 (Sept.)-[ongoing]  
The Chippewa Ottawa Treaty Fishery Management Authority regulates tribal fishing in the 1836 Treaty waters. The newsletter covers the various issues associated with tribal fishing in these areas.  
Current and back issues can also be found [online](#)

### **Sault tribe news, The**

- Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
- 2000-[ongoing]  
Newspaper of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, a federally recognized tribe in Michigan. Published 17 times a year.  
Current and some back issues available [online](#)

### **Talking peace pipe**

- South Eastern Michigan Indians
- 1980-1997  
Newsletter of the South Eastern Michigan Indians, inc. organization.

### **Tribal fishing**

- Chippewa Ottawa Treaty Fishery Management Authority
- 1998-2005 (July)  
The Chippewa Ottawa Treaty Fishery Management Authority regulates tribal fishing in the 1836 Treaty waters. The newsletter covers the various issues associated with tribal fishing in these areas.  
Current and back issues can also be found [online](#)

### **Tribal observer**

- Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan
- 2003-[ongoing]  
Newspaper of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, a federally recognized tribe in Michigan. Published semi-monthly, the Tribal Observer covers current issues, events, and other news of the tribe.  
Current issue and some back issues available [online](#)

### **Turtle talk newsletter = Mishekenh geegadowawin**

- Native American Community Services (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
- 2004-[ongoing]  
"Turtle Talk's mission is to provide its readership with reports of local and national interest which may affect and impact our Native American community. Special emphasis

will be placed on prevention information" (Description from publication). Published bimonthly.

**W.A.N.T. newsletter**

- Women of American Native Tribes
- 1978  
Newsletter of the Women of American Native Tribes located in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

**Win awenen nisitotung = He who understands**

- Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
- 1982-2000  
Newspaper of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, a federally recognized tribe in Michigan. Published 17 times a year.  
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