Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs 1758-1929

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Biographical background
The Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs originated in 1869 in answer to President Grant’s Peace Policy, officially giving management of the Indians in the Central Superintendency (Kansas and the Indian Territory) to the Orthodox branch of the Society of Friends. The election of President Hayes ended the essentially friendly relationship between the Quakers and the administration as it became evident that some officials distrusted the work and integrity of Friends. As a result, Friends withdrew from government sponsored work in 1879 and directed their efforts towards missionary work and the establishment of Meetings among the Indians. Edward M. Wistar was chairman of the Committee from 1895-1919.

Using links
In order to aid navigation within this finding aid, links have been provided at the beginning of each box description: to the table of contents, collection summary and to all other boxes in the collection.

Links to images
The following list brings together all of the image links found throughout this finding aid.

- "Statistical Report Friends' Indian Mission Work in Indian Territory for the Year Ending Fifth Month 31, 1894" (approximately 312K).
- S.M. Brosius of the Indian Rights Association, to "Mr. Wistar", May 22, 1900, presenting a status report of various tribes; Iowas, Osage, Pueblo, Shoshones, Stockbridge, Munsee and Pima. (approximately 390K).
- D. W. Lawrence to E. M. Wistar, August 1, 1905, concerning the opening of the Friends Ski-a-took School, the status of teachers and the physical plant. "...there are many [Indians] who feel too poor to send their children so far away to school." Page 1 | Page 2 (approximately 98K each).

Summary of collection
Letters, reports, articles, plans, maps, statistics, minutes, invoices, receipts, accounts and misc. material related to Friends and the Indians.

Bulk of the collection consists of records (1876-1929) of the Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs. These are primarily letters, reports and some misc. mss., chiefly addressed to the chairman of the committee, Edward M. Wistar; articles, plans, maps and statistics related to the committee’s work; also biographical material on Thomas Wistar. Most of the material deals with the work of Friends in running mission stations in Oklahoma among the Iowa, Modoc, Kickapoo, Oto, Shawnee, Osage and other Indians. Letters from superintendents and missionaries in the field describe the difficulties and experiences of Friends in their work. There are also letters from the U.S. Commissioner of Indian Affairs and organizations concerned with the welfare of Native Americans (Home Missions Council, Indian Rights Association, Y.M.C.A.); also letters from Kansas Yearly Meeting and Five Years Meeting. Topics discussed include attempts to Christianize the Indians, improve living conditions, Indian education, Chilocco Indian School, use of peyote and alcohol, disease, Indian dances, conflicts with other religious denominations (in particular, Baptists), difficulties in finding suitable missionaries, protection of the Indians from schemes and abuses (in particular, Martin J. Bentley’s attempts to defraud the Kickapoos). Correspondents include Samuel M. Brosius, Clark Brown, George N. Hartley, William P. Haworth, Allen Jay, William A. Jones, Rayner W. Kelsey, Rachel Kirk, Francis E. Leupp, John Nicholson, Walter Smedley, Matthew K. Sniffen, Jonathan M. Steere, Elizabeth Test, Robert G. Valentine, Herbert Welsh, Carolina M. Wood and others.

Also includes 2 folders (1758-1807) of letters, minutes, invoices, receipts, accounts and misc. papers dealing with Friends’ earlier relations with the Indians. Includes minutes and letters (1758-1759) of the Friendly Association for Regaining and Preserving Peace with the Indians by Pacifying Measures related to Israel Pemberton’s purchase of goods to accompany General Forbes; letters, accounts and misc. mss. (1791-1807) related to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Indian Committee’s work with Indians at New Stockbridge and Oneida; accounts of money received from Friends for the Indians (1796-1797); letters and mss. related to education of Indian children in homes of Friends (1796-1797); letters to Delaware Nation, Complanter and other Seneca chiefs, Wyandot Indians and others; minutes of a meeting of the “Committee for the gradual civilization of the Indian natives” (1804).
Related collections

Additional material may be found in the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Indian Committee records; Jonathan Richards Papers, 1870-1881; Enoch Hoag Letterbooks, 1870-1878; and Enoch Hoag Indian Papers, 1865-1883.

Arrangement and description of collection

Letters in boxes 2-7 are arranged chronologically, a list of correspondents is given for each folder (names have been listed alphabetically). Almost all of the letters are addressed to Edward M. Wistar, the few letters that are not are listed separately at the end of each folder description. A list of topics discussed in the letters is included as an aid to research, this list is not exhaustive and is intended as a guide to what may be found in each folder.

- **Box 1** - Misc. printed material; Letters, invoices, etc., 1758-1807; Thos. Wistar bio.; Plans, maps, statistics, etc., 1894-1916
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**Folder 1** Printed material (misc.) 1894-1921

(ca. 18 items)

Arranged chronologically, includes:

- "The Indian Service" by F.E.L. [Francis E. Leupp?], Evening Post article (1900) [reprint]
- "Trachoma. Management and treatment among Indians." [ca. 1911]
- "Indian Missions, progress and promise in Christian work among American Indians." (reprint from 15th annual report of Home Missions Council..., 1921) [2 copies]
- "Wills:" regulations governing the approval of wills of allotted Indians under the act of Congress approved June 25, 1910.
- "To the Christian Indians and to the Christian Friends of the Indians of the United States" an open letter from conference in N.Y. City, 1911 of organizations working on behalf of Indians re: liquor, peyote, dances, marriage, tuberculosis, missionary work
- Minute adopted by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends ... [1911] - program from the official conference for the consideration of the relations of the New York Indians and the State and Federal governments (Syracuse, N.Y., 1919)
- H.R. 16743 re: Quapaw Agency. 1909
- Letter of Hon. Joseph H. Choate, relating to proposed legislation on the administration of Indian affairs, 1916
- "A statement." the Indian Aid Association of Friends of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting now confines its efforts to the support and management of the Indian School at Skiatook, Indian Territory. 1894 [2 copies]

**Folder 2** Letters, invoices, etc. (1758-1807)

(ca. 30 items: ALS, ms. copies of letters, minutes of meetings, invoices, accounts related to Friends dealings with the Indians)

Arranged chronologically, includes:

- misc accounts re: goods for Indians?
- ms. inscribed "Cherokee's message to the Mingoes, June 1758"
- 1758 invoice of goods purchased by Israel Pemberton (to accompany General Forbes) to be used in an attempt to regain friendship with the Indians in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia [2 ms. copies]
- 1758 Friendly Association for Regaining and Preserving Peace with the Indians by Pacific Measures minutes and letters to Israel Pemberton (Dec. 1758 letter critical of IP's plan to dispose of goods not deemed necessary by General Forbes)
- ALS to Israel Pemberton from Samuel Lightfoot, Jr., 12 mo. 16, 1758 re: Lightfoot's thoughts re: [concern for Indians?]
- [ms. copy] of ALS to Governor Sharpe from Israel Pemberton, Dec. 16, 1758 re: General Forbes expedition
- minute "At a meeting at the house of Jacob Boehm in Conestoga township, Lancaster County the 26th, 12 mo., 1758. Present, Benjamin Hersey, John Johns, Jacob Boehm, [Willie Rhodes], Benjamin Bowma, Henry Landis, John Shank, John Hare, Jacob Moyer, Michael Shank, John Stayman, Henry Hare, John Graft, Michael Graft, Martin Boehm, Henry Shank, John Hare Sennr., Jacob Graft" re: sending gifts to the Indians
- 1759 letter of IP to trustees of the Friendly Association in answer to theirs of Dec. 1758
- [ms. copy] letter to Samuel Lightfoot from G. Clark, 1 mo. 8, 1759 re: goods for the Indians
- ALS to [Nicholas?] Wain from Samson Occum, New Stockbridge, Dec. 25, 1791
- ALS to William Savery from Hendrick [Aupaumet], New Stockbridge, Dec. 23, 1795 re: situation there
- Invoice of goods for the Creek Indians (1796)
- message from Cornplanter in reply to an offer from the Quakers to teach the Indians (1796)
- "Some account of the proceedings of friends for the improvement of the Oneida, Stockbridge and Tuscorora Indians" re: Friends at Oneida, 1796
- report of a committee for promoting the civil wellbeing and religious improvement of the Indian Native to the [ ] Yearly Meeting, 1796
- ALS to "our Indian brethren of the Six Nations" from Henry Drinker, Thomas Harrison, John Elliott, Thomas Wistar, Joseph Sloan, John Biddle, 5 mo. 20, 1796 re: Friends coming to teach the Indians
- ALS to Thomas Wistar from Enoch Walker, Oneida, 7 mo., 16, 1796 re: work among Indians there
- "A translated copy of a letter from Major Marconny to Wm. Savery, David Sands and Company" Berlin, Oct. 22, 1796
- "Copy of a letter from Martha Routh to the Cherokee and Creek Nations of Indians" 12 mo. 21, 1796
- accounts of money received from Friends for the Indians (1796-7)

Folder 3 Letters, invoices, etc., 1758-1807 and n.d.

(c. 43 items: ALS, ms. copies of letters, receipts, minutes of meetings, accounts)

Arranged chronologically, includes:

- memorandum of what the Tuscaroras say concerning the place they lived in, n.d. [never were paid for their land]
- ms. copy of a letter to the Delaware nation of Indians, n.d.
- ms. copy of letter to Complanter and other Seneca chiefs, n.d.
- minute of a conference with the Creeks and other Indians, n.d.
- draft of a letter to [ ] from the [committee] n.d.
- ms. "copy of what was given to the Friends at Baltimore" re: meeting with Delaware Indians
- [memo. of var. Indians under care of Baltimore Yearly Meeting and those worthy of notice from Philadelphia Y.M.]
- [memo. of route to Genesegaughton]
- list of Friends and their circumstances relative to taking Indian children [girls] into their households, also fragment of a proposal to take Indian girls into homes to teach them the "useful ways of the white people"
- ms. draft (?) of a letter to "Brothers of the Tuscarora Nation" signed by Henry Drinker on behalf of himself and [lists names] re: treaty of 1744 with the Tuscaroras
- receipts for Indian blankets, 1796; saddle bags, 1801
- ms. copy of a letter to the Stockbridge Indians re: taking three of their daughters into Friends' homes to be taught until age 18 (1797) [addressed to "Joseph Shaquaquetquaet; Hendrick Aupaumut and all others of the Stockbridge Nation"]
- copy of the speech left by the Friends of Maryland for the Wyandot Indians, 1797 "To the chiefs of the Wyandots, Shawnees and Delaware Indians"
- ms. copy of a letter from the Indian women at Oneida to the women Friends [Hannah Eddy, Martha Titus, Elizabeth Seaman] at New York, 1797
- letters addressed to Thomas Wistar: ALS from Jacob Taylor, Oneida, 6 mo. 9, 1797; ALS from Halliday Jackson, [Genesingughta], 1798; ALS from John Elliot, n.d.
- ALS to Henry Simmons, N. Stockbridge, from Elizabeth Josep, 11 mo. 8, 1797 re: her daughter going to live with Friends
- account of Women Friends of Chester Quarterly Meeting, 1798-1803, for leggings, etc. presumably for Indians
- [memo. of some Indian names] Wyandots 1 mo. 27, 1798
- ms. draft of a letter to Edm[un]d Prior and Thomas Eddy, 5 mo. 15, 1798
- [memo. of certificate of Hannah Jackson to work with Oneida Indians, 1800]
- "extracts of letters from and to the Indian natives accompanying report to the Yearly Meeting, 1801" [Stockbridge Indians]
- observations on the Indians of Oneida, with regard to civilization and improvement, 1801
- letter to Henry Drinker (1801) from H. Dearborn, War Dept.
- account of Indian Committee with Joseph Clark, 1802, for sundry goods provided for Solomon Quackmut and wife, Stockbridge Indians
- list of items for the [Taunswantee?] Indians, 1803
- minutes of a meeting of the "Committee for the gradual civilization of the Indian natives 3 mo. 15, 1804"
- letter to Jacob Taylor, from David Bacon, Thomas Stewardson, Jno. Shoemaker, jr., 1 mo. 7, 1805
- ms. draft of a letter to Jacob Taylor, Benjamin Cope, Joel Swayne, Rachel Cope and Hannah Jackson from Hy. Drinker, T. Wistar, T. Stewardson, 1806
- [memo. on state of the Indian Fund, 1807]
- letter to Benjamin Cope, Jacob Taylor, Joel Swaine, Stephen Twining and Hannah Jackson from the committee, Jonathan Evans, Thomas Stewardson, Thomas Wistar, John Shoemaker, Isaac Bomall, 9 mo. 18, 1807
- ms. draft of letter from the committee, 12 mo. 18, 1807

Folder 4 Wistar, Thomas (1798-1876). Biographical sketch.

includes:

- typed transcript of article which appeared in the Phila. Bulletin, Feb. 1876 titled "Thomas Wistar, Late Indian Commissioner"
- biographical sketch of Thomas Wistar by [Edward M. Wistar] [holograph ms.]

Folder 5 Plans, maps, statistics, printed notices, etc., 1894-1916 and n.d.

(ca. 29 items; note: this material relates directly to work of Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs)

includes:

- map of Hominy showing Indian camps in relation to Daniel and Hattie Williams' house
- statistical reports of Indian work, 1894, 1895, 1900
- plan of Tecumseh property
- plan of Friends buildings at Skiatook
- misc. mss. that appear to have become separated from their proper place in the Assoc. Ex. Comm. records folders (fragments of letters, receipts, bills, etc.)
"Statistical Report Friends' Indian Mission Work in Indian Territory for the Year Ending Fifth Month 31, 1894" (approximately 312K).

Letters, 1892-1899

(6 folders)

Folder 1 Letters, 1892-1894

(ca. 37 items: ALS, TLS, TL, ms. copies)

Letters addressed to Edward M. Wistar.

correspondents include: Oliver H. Bales; Rachel Kirk; John D. Miles; James E. Rhoads; Charles S. Taylor; John M. Watson and his daughter Eva Watson (also her monthly reports from Skiatook School, Indian Territory).

topics discussed include:

- Skiatook School (run by John M. Watson and family)
- White's Indiana Manual Labor Institute
- Kickapoo Mission
- finances of the missions and government spending to aid the missions
also letters addressed to:

- Oliver H. Bales
  from: James E. Rhoads re: White's Indiana Manual Labor Institute, Indian Training School (ms. copy)
- D.M. Browning (Commissioner of Indian Affairs)
  from: Oliver H. Bales re: White's Institute (TLS)
- Charles W. Kirk (Supt. Friends Indian Mission, Tecumseh, Oklahoma)
  from: D.M. Browning (typed copy, Commissioner of Indian Affairs); T.J. Morgan (Dept. of the Interior, Office of Indian Affairs)
- John Nicholson
  from: Elizabeth Test (Kickapoo Mission, Oklahoma Territory)
- Prof. C.C. Painter
  from: Elizabeth Test (Choctaw City, Ok. Ty., ms. copy)
- James E. Rhoads
  from: Rachel Kirk; Rev. M.E. Strieby (American Missionary Association); extract of letter from Charles F. Coffin re: Skiatook School (ALS, TLS, ms. copies)

Folder 2 Letters, 1895, January - April

(ca. 59 items)

Letters addressed to Edward M. Wistar.

correspondents include: Oliver H. Bales re: White's Indiana Manual Labor Institute; Myra E. Frye; Hetty B. Garrett; Annie Garrigues; George N. Hartley; Rachel Kirk; John Nicholson on committee business; Charles Rhoads; Jonathan M. Steere; Elizabeth Test (ALS and AL penned by Rachel Kirk); John Watson and his daughter Eva Watson (also her monthly reports of Skiatook School); Herbert Welsh (Indian Rights Association)

topics discussed include:

- Navajos starving in Arizona
- annual meeting of the [Assoc. Ex. Com.]
- conditions at Wyandotte
- Skiatook School
- Kickapoos and Elizabeth Test's work among them
- death of Dr. James Rhoads
- death of Charles C. Painter
- charges against J.D.M. [John D. Miles?]
- general news of missions and the people in the field (especially in the letters of John Nicholson and George N. Hartley)
- situation of Rachel Kirk now that her husband has died
- precarious financial situation of White's Institute
also letters addressed to:

- Hetty B. Garrett
  from: Allen Jay (Pasadena, Ca.) (ALS); John Nicholson
- George N. Hartley
  from: William L. George (Wyandotte, I.T.) re: conditions at Wyandotte (ALS); John Nicholson (ALS, letterpress book pages)
- James E. Rhoads
  from: Rachel Kirk (typed copy)
- Jonathan M. Steere
  from: G.N. Hartley (postal card)
- Herbert Welsh, Indian Rights Association
  from: Constant Williams (TL) marked "private and confidential" re: emergency caused by lack of food for the Navajos

Folder 3 Letters, 1895, May - December

(ca. 78 items: ALS, TLS)
Letters addressed to Edward M. Wistar.

correspondents include: John B. Bishop; Oliver H. Bales (White's Institute); Robert M. Ferris; Alice C. Fletcher; Myra E. Frye; George N. Hartley; L. Ella Hartley; Robert W. Hodson; John [] Kimber (cousin of EMW); Rachel Kirk; Francis E. Leupp (agent, Washington Agency of the Indian Rights Association); John Nicholson (Chairman of the Committee on Religious Interests) on committee business; Elizabeth Test (on the Kickapoos); Eva Watson (Skiatook School); James Whitall; E. Whittlesey (Board of Indian Commissioners)

topics discussed include:

- committee business
- proposed resignation of Robert W. and Lemma J. Hodson (from Miami, I.T.)
- proposed resignation of Amos and Charity Davis
- E.C. Cook taking charge at Modoc
- question of whether [SoF?] should have title to lands improved by Friends' work?
- perceived "shortcomings" of people in the field and should they be retained?
- duties of workers in the field
- conditions at the various missions and schools (especially in the letters of John Nicholson and George N. Hartley)
- situation of the Kickapoos; illegal leasing of their land by whites and refusal of Kickapoos to go to their "allotments"; need of educating the Kickapoos for their own protection in a changing world
- Skiatook School

also letter addressed to:

- Herbert Welsh
  from: Francis F. Leupp (typed copy) re: situation in Durango

Folder 4 Letters, 1896-1898
(ca. 25 items: ALS, TLS)

Letters addressed to Edward M. Wistar.

correspondents include: D.M. Browning; Benjamin Butler; B.D. Caldwell (Western Passenger Association in re: to G.N. Hartley, Mrs. Charles W. Kirk); George N. Hartley; W.A. Jones (Office of Indian Affairs); W.A. Mills (at White's Institute); John Nicholson; E. Whittlesey (Board of Indian Commissioners); Elizabeth Test (on the Kickapoos); Eva Watson (Skiatook School, Hillside, I.T.)

topics discussed include:

- work of the Catholics (G.N. Hartley doesn't trust them)
- purchase of Indian land
- Elizabeth Test, Field Matron among the Kickapoos
- Skiatook School
- White's Institute (now under direction of W.A. Mills)
- mention in letter of John Nicholson (1 mo. 20, 1896) that Clara Barton and the Red Cross are leaving N.Y. soon [to go to Armenia?]
- C.E. Roberts' situation at Tecumseh
- financial matters
- situation of the Kickapoos; they have moved to their allotments but fear losing their land through the actions of unscrupulous whites
- Friends School, Hillside, I.T. [Skiatook?]
- bad situation at Lincoln School (letter of W.H. Jones)

also letters addressed to:

- Hetty B. Garrett
  from: Asa [I.] Wing (sends her box of letters, etc. relating to Indian affairs
- John Nicholson
  from: G.N. Hartley re: barn needed by J.F. [Mardock], includes plan of barn

Folder 5 Letters, 1899, January - May
(ca. 57 items: ALS, TLS)

Letters addressed to Edward M. Wistar.

correspondents include: Cyrus Beede; S.M. Brosius (Agent, Indian Rights Association); E.C. and A.D. Cook; Henry L. Dawes (Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes); Myra E. Frye; John B. Garrett; George N. Hartley; Thomas Harvey; Abbie C. Haworth; John Nicholson; Fred L. Ryon; Mary H. Shed; Jonathan M. Steere; Elizabeth Test; Eva Watson (Skiatook School reports); John M. Watson; Herbert Welsh; Francis A. White

topics discussed include:

- in general, the different missions and the people stationed at each one (especially in John Nicholson's and George N. Hartley's letters)
- Skiatook School (Eva Watson writes that she has been there eleven years)
- Chippewa and lumber rights
- Martin J. Bentley (Assistant-Special Indian Agent) case and Senator Quay, Commissioner [Jones] biased in favor of Bentley due to relationship with W.S. Fields; Elizabeth Test writes that Bentley is out to get the land of the Kickapoos
- Five Civilized Tribes Commission and proposed Cherokee Treaty which would give [all schools?] Skiatook School only four acres
- smallpox among the Creek Nation (letters of G.N. Hartley, 2.20.1899, 3.3.1899)
- visit of the Chippewas to Washington, D.C.
- committee business
- expenses of those in the field (who pays for what)
- John Nicholson letter (3.16.1899) inquires whether Wistar is familiar with inhumane treatment of convicts in Georgia under the "leasing out"
system
- Shawnee mission, Tecumseh, Ok. Ter. (religious success) in letter of Fred L. Ryon (4 mo. 3, 1899)
- Big Jims Band (Indians)
- arranging the meeting of Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs held at Baltimore, 5th mo., 1899 (program, speakers, problem of delegates not attending, etc.)

also letters addressed to:
- Hetty B. Garrett
  from: John Nicholson re: committee business
- Charles Rhoads
  from: A.C. [Tonner], Office of Indian Affairs re: timber on land of Chippewa Indians of Minnesota
- Jonathan M. Steere
  from: E.C. Cook re: "Uncle George"

Folder 6 Letters, 1899, June - December
(ca. 91 items: ALS, TLS)

Letters addressed to Edward M. Wistar.

correspondents include: Samuel M. Brosius; T. Wistar Brown; R.S. Burnett; H.L. Dawes; Samuel Dickson (lawyer); William L. and Lucinda S. George; George N. Hartley; Allen Jay (per Mahalah Jay); W.A. Jones (Commissioner, Office of Indian Affairs); Lewis W. McFarland; John Nicholson; D.A. Outland; Lee Patrick (U.S. Indian Service); Charles Rhoads; William Small; Jonathan M. Steere; Elizabeth Test; Miles White, Jr.; Walter F. Willcox (Dept. of Interior, Census Office); Carolena M. Wood (Board of Home and Foreign Missions of New York Yearly Meeting of Friends)

topics discussed include:
- general discussion of the various missions and the people in the field, especially in the letters of John Nicholson and George N. Hartley
- suitability of Nathan Perry and wife for missionary work
- qualifications of missionaries and lack thereof; finding suitable people for the various positions
- finances of various missions (Skiatook School and Eva Watson)
- Elizabeth Test discusses conversation with Martin J. Bentley (she doesn’t trust him re: Indian’s land)
- Lewis W. McFarland discusses sales of liquor to the Indians (Dec. 18, 1899)
- John D. Miles and charges against him
- investigation by the Dept. of Interior of matters at the Sac and Fox Agency, also the Mexican Kickapoos
- Kickapoos and investigation of Martin J. Bentley
- conflict between Bentley and Lee Patrick alluded to in letter of S.M. Brosius (Oct. 16, 1899)
- Skiatook School and Eva Watson
- mention of Rufus M. Jones and discussion whether to publish articles on Indian work
- Fred L. Ryon wishes to visit all the Govt. Indian Schools in the west
- R.S. Burnett’s monthly report for Seneca Nation, I.T., for 10 mo., 1899

also letters addressed to:
- William and Lucinda George
  from: Alfaretta Mitchell re: endorsements of the Georges as missionaries to the Ottawa tribe of Indians
- George N. and L. Ella Hartley
  from: William L. George; John D. Miles (Antlers, I.T.) re: plan for educating Indian orphans
- Jonathan M. Steere
  from: L. Ella Hartley re: George N. Hartley accompanying the McFarlands to their new position among the Iowa Indians

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Letters, 1900-1904

(4 folders)

Folder 1 Letters, 1900
(ca. 80 items: ALS, TLS, postcard, telegrams)

Letters addressed to Edward M. Wistar.

correspondents include: Samuel M. Brosius; Hetty B. Garrett; George N. Hartley; Abigail C. Haworth; Allen Jay; W.A. Jones (Commissioner, Office of Indian Affairs); Franklin Meredith; John Nicholson; D.A. and R.M. Outland; Eva Watson; John M. Watson; Francis A. White; Carolena M. Wood

topics discussed include:
- in general, the situation of the various missions and the people running them (especially in the letters of John Nicholson and George N. Hartley
- finding suitable people to fill positions at the missions
- Martin J. Bentley investigation (from letters and telegrams of Samuel M. Brosius); Commissioner unhappy with Special Agent Taggart’s investigation into Lee Patrick as it was favorable to Patrick and Patrick was against Bentley; Bentley and Kickapoos in Washington in attempt to have Patrick removed as agent; Inspector Zevely going to Oklahoma to investigate Patrick and Bentley, Brosius urges Wistar to go out himself; Zevely works for the "Secretary" [of what?] and not for the Commissioner
- Skiatook School
- financial matters, funding
- smallpox reappears
- policy of whether executive committee should purchase land
Edward M. Wistar might head west

situation of D.A. and R.M. Outland, missionaries to the Oto Indians, Otoe, Oklahoma

S.M. Brosius of the Indian Rights Association, to "Mr. Wistar", May 22, 1900 , presenting a status report of various tribes; Iowas, Osage, Pueblo, Shoshones, Stockbridge, Munsee and Pima. (approximately 390K).

Folder 2 Letters, 1901-1903

(ca. 71 items: ALS, TLS, TL)

Letters addressed to Edward M. Wistar.

- correspondents include: Lodi and Anna Bonser [Benson?]; Josiah Butler and Eusebia S. Couch (Friends Evangelistic, Pastoral and Church Extension work of Kansas Yearly Meeting); George N. Hartley; L. Ella Hartley; Abigail C. Haworth; George D. Hilyard; Allen Jay; W.A. Jones; Mary S. Kimber; Daniel W. Lawrence (Superintendent of Friends' School at Hillside, I.T.); George H. Lee; John Nicholson; D.A. and R.M. Outland; Elizabeth Test; Eva Watson; John M. Watson; Carolena M. Wood

- topics discussed include:
  - in general, the situation at the various missions and the people running them (especially in the letters of George N. Hartley)
  - report of work done among the Kickapoos by Elizabeth Test (May 1901)
  - suggestions for change in the eastern stations of Indian mission work in a letter of Abigail C. Haworth to the Assoc. Exec. Comm. (directed to their annual meeting of 1901)
  - Skiatook School [Hillside, I.T.], reports from Eva Watson (principal); criticism of her selling a horse
  - Martin J. Bentley and the Kickapoo Indians (Kickapoos think they will be moved to Mexico); Commissioner Jones writes that they have been so far unable to pin anything on Bentley
  - missions and Kansas Yearly Meeting (unwillingness to have them turned over to Kansas Yearly Mtg., 1903)
  - also letters addressed to:
    - Carolena M. Wood
      - from: M.L. Chase re: suitability of the Woodwards to fill in for the Hartleys during their absence and engage in missionary work
    - John Nicholson
      - from: Franklin and Mary Moon Meredith re: their work at Wyandotte
    - George N. Hartley
      - from: John M. Watson

Folder 3 Letters, 1904, January - July

(ca. 57 items: ALS, TLS, TL)

Letters addressed to Edward M. Wistar.

- correspondents include: Dr. H.H. Atkinson; Lodi and Anna Bonser; Eliza H. Carey (Friends Evangelistic, Pastoral and Church Extension work of Kansas Yearly Meeting); J. Edward and Louisa Hartance; George N. Hartley; L. Ella Hartley; William P. Haworth (mission to the Oto Indians, Oklahoma); Thomas and Elizabeth [Hayden]; Rachel Kirk; Daniel W. Lawrence; Josiah W. Leeds; Franklin Meredith; John Nicholson; Anna M. Ray; Matthew K. Sniffen (Indian Rights Association); Elizabeth Test; Frank A. Thackery; Anna F. [Tuber] (San Jose, Ca.)

- topics discussed include:
  - in general, news of the various missions and the people in the field (especially in the letters of the Hartleys and of John Nicholson)
  - Martin J. Bentley and his relationship with the Kickapoo Indians; ongoing investigation into Bentley's alleged attempts to steal land from the Kickapoos (see letter of Jan. 14, 1904 to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs from Absentee Shawnee Agency, Shawnee, Okla., for details of scheme of Bentley and Fields)
  - reluctance of Kansas Yearly Meeting to assume responsibility for Indian meetings once they cease to be Indian missions under the authority of the Assoc. Exec. Comm. on Indian Affairs; transfer of Modoc meeting to Kansas Yearly Mtg.
  - proposed visit of Edward Wistar to the west
  - Friends' School, Hillside, I.T. [Skiatook School]
  - expected resignation of George N. and L. Ella Hartley from their position and finding replacements for them

Folder 4 Letters, 1904, July - December

(ca. 133 items: ALS, TLS, TL)

Letters addressed to Edward M. Wistar.

- correspondents include: Albert Benson; Lodi and Anna Bonser; Samuel M. Brosius; Benjamin S. Coppock; George A. Dary; Myra E. Frye; T.M. Griffiths; George N. Hartley; L. Ella Hartley; J. Edward Hart[suck]; Ellsworth Haworth; William P. and Abigail C. Haworth; Thomas [] Elizabeth Ho[y]den; William A. Jones; Rachel Kirk; Daniel W. Lawrence; Lina B. Lunt; J. Walter Malone; Franklin and Mary Moon Meredith; John Nicholson; D.A. Outland; Morton C. Pearson (Church Federation of Indianapolis, Office of executive secretary, Y.M.C.A.); J. Snowden Rhoads; Matthew K. Sniffen; A.C. Tanner; Elizabeth Test; Frank A. Thackery

- topics discussed include:
  - general news of the missions and the people running them, especially in the letters of George N. Hartley, John Nicholson and the Haworths
  - prohibition in Indian Territory
  - suitability of William P. and Abigail Haworth or Franklin and Mary Moon Meredith to replace the Hartleys as Superintendents
  - Lodi and Anna Bonser resigning their post; also D.A. Outland discouraged and wishes to resign
  - financial matters
  - Haworths appointed as successors to the Hartleys as Superintendents
  - the Merediths leaving Wyandotte
  - dismissal of W.H. Spray as agent for the Eastern Cherokee Indians

http://www.haverford.edu/library/special/aids/aecofoia/
situation of the Kickapoo Indians

Seneca mission (the Bonsers)

J.E. Hartsuck and wife successors to the Merediths at Wyandotte

desire to acquire lands for the mission at Shawnee, Oklahoma Ter.

also letters addressed to:

George N. Hartley
from: William A. Henley re: lease Henley made to the mission

Matthew K. Sniffen
from: William A. Jones re: W.H. Spray; Commissioner W.A. Jones (typed copy) re: Jones' resignation as Indian Commissioner and his thanks to the Indian Rights Association and S.M. Brosius

Jonathan M. Steere
from: Edward M. Wistar re: Shawnee and Kickapoo allotment

James Whitall
from: George A. Dary re: legacy of Lydia Marie Child

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Letters, 1905-1907

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Folder 1 Letters, 1905, January - June

(ca. 72 items: ALS, TLS)

Letters addressed to Edward M. Wistar.

correspondents include: Samuel M. Brosius; Alice C. Fletcher; Hetty B. Garrett; Merrill E. Gates; William L. and Lucinda S. George; Abigail Hadley; George N. Hartley; L. Ella Hartley; J. Edward and Laura Hartsuck; William P. Haworth; J.H. Kennedy; Rachel Kirk; Daniel W. Lawrence; Francis E. Leupp; F.G. Mitchell (Mission to the Navajo Indians); John Nicholson; D.A. Outland; Margaret P. Rhoads; Matthew K. Sniffen; Elizabeth Test; Frank A. Thackery; Harvey Wallace; Francis A. White

topics discussed include:

in general, news of the various missions and the people in the field, especially in the letters of John Nicholson and William P. Haworth

finding suitable people to fill vacancies at missions (Seneca)

inquiry into securing fee simple title to the Mission lands among the Shawnees and the Kickapoos, Oklahoma Terr.

Kickapoo Indians and selling their land

Brosius reports that Bentley, who is in Washington, should have no influence with new Indian Commissioner Leupp; Leupp writes to Wistar that he is familiar with Bentley

hearing before the Senate to urge the enactment of appropriate legislation to prohibit the further expenditure of Indian trust funds for sectarian contract schools, also statement of S.M. Brosius to the committee

Oto Indians, Otoe, Oklahoma (D.A. Outland letters)

Harvey L. and Elizabeth Wallace assigned to Seneca mission

Friends Skiatook School, Hillside, Ind. Terr.

Elizabeth Test pleads for something to be done to stop Bentley's schemes to get Kickapoo land (he allegedly paid an Indian $8,000 for land that he then sold for $41,000)

resignation of William L. and Lucinda S. George from their work at Ottawa

also letters addressed to:

William P. Haworth
from: Frank A. Thackery re: building project at Shawnee, Okla.

John Nicholson
from: Harvey Wallace who wants to work with the Indians

Herbert Welsh
from: A.J. Bard (typed copy) full of scandalous accusations against Samuel M. Brosius (bribery, schemes to defraud Indians, illegitimate children)

Folder 2 Letters, 1905, July - December

(ca. 102 items: ALS, TLS)

Letters addressed to Edward M. Wistar.

correspondents include: Charles C. Binney; Samuel M. Brosius; R. Stevenson [Stephenson] and Julia Burnett; Henry K. Cooper; Wilson Cornelius (an Oneida Indian, Oneida Settlement, Seymour, Wis.); Myra E. Frye; Merrill E. Gates; J. Addison Griffitts; Thomas M. Griffitts; Abigail J. Hadley; George N. Hartley; William P. Haworth; Thomas and Elizabeth Hayden (Modoc mission, [Seneca, Mo.]); Allen Jay; Rachel Kirk; Charles F. Larrabee (Acting Commissioner); Daniel W. Lawrence; John Nicholson; D. Amos Outland; Frank A. Thackery; D.A. and H.E. Williams

topics discussed include:

in general, news of missions and the people working at them, especially in the letters of William P. Haworth and John Nicholson

situation at Hillside (friction there, criticism in letter of A.J. Hadley, finding someone to handle the religious instruction of the Indians)

finding suitable people to work at the missions, vacancies at Otoe and Hillside

R. Stevenson and Julia Burnett wish to work at Big Jim’s Mission; Rachel Kirk has reservations about their suitability for that position

Oto Indians, Otoe, Oklahoma (letters of D.A. Outland)

Wilson Cornelius, an Oneida Indian, writes asking for help in purchasing land in Minnesota

D.A. and H.E. Williams appointed to Otoe mission
Bentley in Washington to defend himself; evidence submitted to the Secretary [of the Interior?] with recommendations (Brosius letter)

doctrinal controversy at Modoc mission

D. W. Lawrence to E. M. Wistar, August 1, 1905, concerning the opening of the Friends Ski-a-took School, the status of teachers

and the physical plant. "...there are many [Indians] who feel too poor to send their children so far away to school." Page 1 | Page 2

(approximately 98K each).

also letter addressed to:

John Nicholson
from: Daniel A. Williams (postcard) re: Otoe mission

Folder 3 Letters, 1906, January - June
(ca. 65 items: ALS, TLS)

Letters addressed to Edward M. Wistar.

correspondents include: W.R. Andrews (secretary to Boise Penrose); Mary S. Allen (Friends Library, Phila.); Samuel M. Brosius; Francis H. Brown; R. Stevenson and Julia Burnett; Maria M. Cox; John B. Garrett; Merrill E. Gates; Fred, D. Gleason (Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute); George N. and L. Elia Hartley; William P. Haworth; Allen Jay; Mahalah Jay; Rachel Kirk; P.C. Knox; Daniel W. Lawrence; Lina B. Lunt; F.A. McKenzie (Ohio State U.); John Nicholson; Matthew K. Sniffen; Elizabeth Test; Frank A. Thackery; Harvey Wallace; Francis A. White; D.A. Williams (Otoe, Ind. Terr.)

topics discussed include:

in general, news of the various missions and the people running them, especially in the letters of John Nicholson and William P. Haworth

annual report of the Board of Indian Commissioners

Friends Skiatook School; Daniel W. Lawrence offers his resignation; search for successor

finding suitable people for vacancies at the missions; vacancies at Hillside and Ottawa

situation at Otoe mission (D.A. Williams letter)

title to the mission land near Shawnee

more on Bentley and the Kickapoos; Kickapoos in Mexico prevented from returning to U.S. by police who throw them in jail (Brosius letters, Elizabeth Test letter)

account of Tecumseh Church fund

situation at Mardock, Oklahoma (letter of R.S and Julia Burnett)

also letters addressed to:

Mrs. Mahalah Jay
from: Belle M. Brain re: information on Friends' work with the Indians

Jonathan M. Steere
from: Mary S. Allen re: obtaining current reports

Folder 4 Letters, 1906, July - December
(ca. 72 items: ALS, TLS)

Letters addressed to Edward M. Wistar.

correspondents include: Irvin C. Dickinson (Friends Indian Mission and Day School, Hillside, Ind. Terr.); Myra E. Frye; William P. Haworth; John Howard; Daniel W. Lawrence; Piety E. Lawrence; John Nicholson; Mary F. Park; John M. Ratcliff; Walter Smedley; Elizabeth Test; Miles White, Jr.; Delia L. Williams (Women's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Delaware, Ohio)

topics discussed include:

in general, news of the various missions and the people running them, especially in the letters of John Nicholson and William P. Haworth

filling vacancies at Hillside, Ottawa and Modoc

difficulties at Hillside, possible closure of boarding school

land held by missionaries

interest in and future of the Assoc. Ex. Comm., does it have one? (letter of John Nicholson, 8 mo. 9, 1906)

Daniel W. Lawrence leaves Hillside, Irvin C. and Ethel L. Dickinson take over at Hillside

John Nicholson writes (9.7.1906) that western Friends lack a religious concern for any special service and are more interested in external considerations

Elizabeth Test writes that Bentley's schemes have been defeated re: Kickapoos

Omar and Miriam Mendenhall going to Ottawa mission

possible conflict between Friends workers and Methodist Episcopal Church Missionary Society (see letter of Delia L. Williams, Nov. 21, 1906)

also letters addressed to:

John Nicholson
from: Abigail J. Hadley re: starting a mission among the Cherokee

William P. Haworth
from: Allen C. Johnson; Emory Pearson re: vacancy at Hillside; Omar and Miriam C. Mendenhall at Ottawa

Folder 5 Letters, 1907, January - July
(ca. 76 items: ALS, TLS)

Letters addressed to Edward M. Wistar.

correspondents include: Charles Anderson; Samuel M. Brosius; Francis H. Brown; Nathan Brown; R.S. Burnett; P.H. Cathey; John W. Clark (National Indian Assoc.); Abner Copcock; Irvin C. and Ethel L. Dickinson; John M. Doan; J.A. Dunbar; T.C. Dunbar; J.H. Furnas; Merrill E.
topics discussed include:

- in general, news of the various missions and the people stationed at them, especially in the letters of John Nicholson and William P. Haworth
- obtaining patents in fee for land on the Absentee Shawnee, Kickapoo and Oto Reservations, Oklahoma, occupied for religious purposes by the Assoc. Ex. Com. of Friends on Indian Affairs (see letter from Leupp, 1.9.1907, and others)
- vacancy at Modoc to be filled by Mahlon E. and Nellie A. Davis
- Bentley and the Kickapoos; Bentley is launching an investigation (with the help of Senator Teller) to try and show that it is the Indian Office in Washington that is wronging the Kickapoos and not himself; Brosius wants to line up witnesses (E. Test, Haworths, etc., see S.M.B.'s letters of 2.15.1907, 4.10.1907, 4.15.1907)
- conditions at Skiatook School, Hillside, Ind. Terr.
- serious problems at Big Jim's Mission, R. Stevenson Burnett bought a stock of store goods to sell and put his brother John in charge of it, John apparently made "improper proposals" to Julia Burnett, R.S. and Julia both claim that John secretly drugged Julia and R.S. allegedly tried to kill his brother (see letter of Haworth, 6.1.1907); also letters of support and nonsupport for R.S. Burnett from residents there

also letters addressed to:

- George N. Hartley
  from: Samuel M. Brosius (typed copy) re: Haworth testifying against Bentley
- William P. Haworth
  from: M.E. Davis at Modoc
- Francis E. Leupp
  from: Samuel M. Brosius (typed copy) re: Indians and management of their land
- "the sisters at Kickapoo mission"
  from: T.C. Dunbar re: Burnett situation

Folder 6 Letters, 1907, August - December
(ca. 60 items: ALS, TLS)

Letters addressed to Edward M. Wistar.

 correspondents include: Charles C. Binney; R.S. Burnett; James Clark; Ethel Dickinson; I.C. and E.L. Dickinson; J.A. Dunbar; Merrill E. Gates; Isaac T. Gibson; W. Jasper Hadley; Rachel Hale; George N. Hartley; J. Edward and Laura Hartsuck; Abigail C. Haworth; William P. Haworth; John Higgins; Elizabeth A. Hill; J.J. Hill; Ella Holstein; Allen Jay; Rachel Kirk; Francis E. Leupp; John Nicholson; overseers and elders of Big Jim's Mission; H.C. Phillips; Walter and Jessie Ratcliff; Marion E. and Mary J. Reisinger; Walter Smedley

topics discussed include:

- in general, news of the various missions and the people running them, especially in the letters of William P. Haworth
- repairs at the various missions and expenses thereof
- the situation at Big Jim's mission, Wistar receiving letters in support and otherwise re: retention of R.S. Burnett; letters from Burnett defending himself; letter of resignation of Burnett
- suggestions for a replacement for the Burnetts at Big Jim's mission; eventually replaced by John J. and Elizabeth A. Hill
- situation at Otoe mission; conflict between D.A. Outland and D.A. Williams (see letter of Abigail Haworth, 9.25.1907)
- situation at Hillside
- Investigation at the Crow agency, disagreement between Wistar and Leupp (over sheep?)
- possibility of starting a Friends school and mission near the Osages (see Isaac T. Gibson's letters)

also letters addressed to:

- Mrs. Abigail Haworth
  from: J.J. Hill
- Allon Jay
  from: Isaac T. Gibson
- Francis E. Leupp
  from: Edward M. Wistar (2 typed copies of 2 letters)
- Matthew [K. Sniffen]
  from: Herbert Welsh (typed copy 11.21.1907) re: J. Lewis Dalby and Samuel M. Brosius, Crow reservation investigation, friction between Washington authorities and the Indian Rights Association

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Letters, 1908-1910

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Folder 1 Letters, 1908, January - June

(ca. 65 items: ALS, TLS, TL, telegram)

Letters addressed to Edward M. Wistar.

- correspondents include: Samuel M. Brosius; R.S. Burnett; Charles Curtis; Irvin C. and Ethel L. Dickinson; John M. Doan; Davis H. Forsythe; Myra E. Frye; Merrill E. Gates; Isaac T. Gibson; J.J. and E.A. Hill; Abigail C. Haworth; William P. Haworth; John B. Garrett; Rachel Kirk; Charles F. Larrabee; Francis E. Leupp; Harvey Matlack; Edward W. Nicholson; John Nicholson; John Printup; Walter and Jessie Ratcliff; Thomas Ryan; Frank A. Thackery; John C. Thomas; Edward B. Vreeland; Herbert Welsh; Francis A. White

- topics discussed include:
  - in general, news of the various missions and the people running them, especially in the letters of William P. Haworth
  - severe (final) illness of John Nicholson
  - transferring efforts from Hillside to another more pioneer station
  - conference between representatives of the various mission boards which work among the Indians
  - Haworth's visit to Hillside (Skiatook, Cherokee Nation) and the Osage Indians
  - smallpox at Big Jim's mission
  - Isaac T. Gibson's visit to Hominy
  - R.S. Burnett troublesome to W.P. Haworth
  - Kansas Yearly Meeting and assumption of responsibility for additional meetings
  - recommendations of missionary secretaries to board of Indian Commissioners (on alcohol, mescal, dancing, etc.)
  - Martin J. Bentley and the Kickapoo Indians; Thackery writes (3.3.1908) that the "case represents one of the greatest frauds that has ever been attempted" and thinks "(contrary to the Senate Committee which investigated the case) that Martin J. Bentley is the worst man connected with the whole transaction... he has been assisted in the work by men of influence in the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs"
  - tuberculosis among the Indians (see Leupp's letter, 3.18.1908)
  - letter (3.31.1908) from John Printup, a Tonawanda Seneca Indian, inquiring about citizenship for Indians
  - relationship of the Indian Rights Association to the government re: criticism of Washington; strong support for Brosius (see Gates' letter of 4.27.1908)
  - land reserved for Friends at missions and legislation
  - discussion of Friends (an "honor roll") prominent for work with the Indians

also includes letters to:

- D.H. Forsythe
- from: Edward M. Wistar re: his grandfather's work with Indians
- William P. Haworth
- from: Isaac T. Gibson re: visit to Harmony [Hominy?]
- Walter Smedley
- from: William P. Haworth
- John Nicholson
- from: John M. and Rachel Ratcliff re: Bible to be presented to Iowa Indians

Folder 2 Letters, 1908, July - December

(ca. 54 items: ALS, TLS, TL)

Letters addressed to Edward M. Wistar.

- correspondents include: Abigail C. Haworth; William P. Haworth; Allen Jay; Rachel Kirk; H.H.B. Meyer; Thomas Ryan; Walter Smedley; Herbert Welsh; Ret Willard; D.A. and H.E. Williams

- topics discussed include:
in general, news of the various missions and the people running them, especially in the letters of William P. Haworth
Wistar sailing for England (for 2 or 3 mo.) and all matters relative to Indians from Haworths be sent to Walter Smedley
Hartsucks withdrawing from Wyandotte mission, to be replaced by the Georges
request for land near Hominy for Friends Indian Mission
sale at Hillside, the Dickisons withdrawing, Kansas Yearly Mtg taking over meeting there
D.A. Williams and wife to go to new Osage mission
Big Jim’s mission (letter of Rachel Kirk, 9.14.1908)
establishing a mission at Hominy, Osage Reservation, Oklahoma
Charles S. and Eunice A. Hunt to work at Otoe mission
newspaper clipping re: abuse at the Crow Indian Reservation (letter of Herbert Welsh printed in paper)
J.R. Cook and wife to take charge of Iowa Indian mission (near Perkins, Okla.)
also letters addressed to:

William P. Haworth
from: Ira G. Carter re: expresses desire to take up work at a mission; J.R. and L.B. Cook re: taking Ratcliff's place at mission; Charles S. Hunt at Otoe mission; Walter Smedley; probably Walter Smedley [in place of Wistar]

members of the committee
from: Edward M. Wistar re: the Association’s diminished responsibility for Modoc, Ottawa, Hillside missions because of Kansas Yearly Mtg. and opening up mission with the Osages at Hominy, Oklahoma

Labon Miles
from: [Walter Smedley?] re: interest in mission to the Osages
Walter Smedley
from: L. Clarkson Hinshaw (Kansas Yearly Mtg.); William P. Haworth

Folder 3 Letters, 1909, January - March
(ca. 50 items: ALS, TLS, TL)

Letters addressed to Edward M. Wistar.

 correspondents include: Samuel M. Brosius; Ira G. Carter; John R. and Louisa B. Cook; M. Friedman; Myra E. Frye; William P. Haworth; Charles S. and Eunice A. Hunt; Allen Jay; Charles J. Kappler and Charles H. Merillat (attorneys for the Osage Nation); F.A. McKenzie; [H.B. Peali]; Walter B. and Jessie M. Ratcliff; Charles J. Rhoads; Matthew K. Sniffen; Walter Smedley; Jonathan M. Steere; J. Brownlee Voorhees

topics discussed include:

in general, news of the various missions and the people running them, especially in the letters of William P. Haworth
finding ministers to work at Big Jim's mission (Ira G. Carter, A.F. Bolland)
Iowa mission (the Cooks' are working there)
legislation in Congress affecting Indians and religious missions (land related), Indians and statehood bill, Navajos on public land, list of Indian legislation (bills in Senate and House)
selling land at Tecumseh
Modoc mission (Ratcliffs are there)
finances of missions
also letters addressed to:

Hon. Edward L. Hamilton
from: Samuel M. Brosius re: legislation and from Hamilton to Brosius (typed copies)
William P. Haworth
from: Frank A. Thackery; Anthony F. and Sarah R. Bolland re: taking on mission work at Big Jim's mission; A.W. Hurley re: Hominy mission
Hon. John H. Stephens
from: Samuel M. Brosius re: legislation
Herbert Welsh
from: Lucretia T. Ross re: a Major W.A. Mercer (who was superintendent at Carlisle Indian School), she encloses copies of papers (depositions) to support a case against him, these were shown to Leupp

Folder 4 Letters, 1909, April - December
(ca. 72 items: ALS, TLS, TL)

Letters addressed to Edward M. Wistar.

 correspondents include: S.M. Abbott; Edgar A. Allen; Harlan P. Beach; Samuel M. Brosius; T. Wistar Brown; Ira G. Carter; J.R. Cook; J.H. [Dotch]; Myra E. Frye; Earle J. Harold; C.S. Hauke; William P. Haworth; Charles S. Hunt; Elsie E. Hunt; Allen Jay; M.S. Kimber; J.L. Kinsey; Rachel Kirk; O. and M.C. Mendenhall; Thomas C. Moffett (Presbyterian Church, Dept. of Indian Missions); Mrs. M.F. Mosby; Morton C. Pearson; W.B. and Jessie M. Ratcliff; Thomas Ryan; Walter Smedley; Jonathan M. Steere; Elizabeth Test; Robert G. Valentine; Harvey and Lizzie Wallace; Welsh Bros.; Miles White; D.A. and H.C. Williams

topics discussed include:

in general, news of the various missions and the people running them, especially in the letters of William P. Haworth
selling the Tecumseh land
legislation in Congress affecting Indians
situation at Hominy (4.18.1909 letter of D.A. Williams tells of gambling)
situation at Miami, Okla. (Mendenhalls are there and wish to leave)
Kimber writing on Friends and the Indians
land on various Indian reservations occupied by the Society of Friends
Osages reject Society of Friends application for a lease of land at Hominy, Okla. (see letter of 7.12.1909)
• donation of money to Committee by T. Wistar Brown
• situation at Modoc mission (Ratcliffs are there)
• trouble at Big Jim’s mission (see Haworth’s letter, 8.20.1909, Bollands are overbearing and heady)
• Kansas Yearly Mtg. responsible for Hillside meeting
• Ira G. and Oneida B. Carter going to work at Ottawa mission

Also letters addressed to:

• Mrs. M.F. Mosby
  from: William P. Haworth re: Hillside
• Samuel M. Brosius
  from: D.C. McCurtain (attorney, Choctaw Nation) re: abolishing tribal relationships and legal ramifications (Lake Mohonk Conference favors, McCurtain doesn’t)

Folder 5 Letters, 1910, January - June

(Ca. 61 items: ALS, TLS, TL, newspaper clipping, receipt, reprint)

Letters addressed to Edward M. Wistar.

Correspondents include: F.H. Abbott; Samuel M. Brosius; James Carey; Fred W. Carpenter; Ira C. Deaver; Charles H. Fahn; John J. Fitzgerald; Davis H. Forsythe; C.F. Hauke; Abigail C. Haworth; William P. Haworth; George D. Hilyard; Charles S. Hood; A. Edwin Keigwin (Ursinus College); Rachel Kirk; Thomas C. Moffett; Morton C. Pearson; R.H. Pratt; Walter Smedley; Frank A. Thackery; Robert G. Valentine; Irving P. Wanger; Daniel and Hattie Williams

Topics discussed include:

• In general, news of the various missions and the people running them, especially in the letters of William P. Haworth
• Lists of bills in Congress related to Indians (letters of Brosius)
• Kickapoo land scheme, Bentley and company are at it again (see letter of Thackery and those of Brosius)
• Difficulty in finding suitable people to work at the missions, Grey Horse mission starting up
• Trouble at Modoc mission, Philander and Carrie Blackledge going to take Modoc mission
• Continuing troubles at Big Jim’s mission
• Requests for patent in fee to lands used by Society of Friends on the reservations
• Cooperative efforts to determine which Indians do not have missionaries among them and to reach them (see letter of 3.10.1910 of Thomas Moffett)
• Davis Forsythe writes re: Kimber papers
• Newspaper clipping on La Follette, title to Wisconsin land and Stearns Lumber Co. (5.30.1910)
• Reprint of letter written by Brosius to newspaper re: rights of Indians (5.17.1910)

Also letters addressed to:

• William P. Haworth
• Walter Smedley
  from: D.A. and H.E. Williams re: situation at Hominy mission
• Herbert Welsh
  from: R.G. Valentine re: Crow investigation (typewritten copy)

Folder 6 Letters, 1910, July - December

(Ca. 66 items: ALS, TLS, TL)

Letters addressed to Edward M. Wistar.

Correspondents include: Philander and Caroline M. Blackledge; C.W. Brooks; T. Wistar Brown; Charles H. Fahn; Davis H. Forsythe; John Francis; George N. Hartley; C.F. Hauke; Abigail C. Haworth; William P. Haworth; Henry S. Haskins; Charles S. and Eunice A. Hunt; William R. Layne; Clyde W. Likes; J.F. Love; F.A. McKenzie; Mary N. Miller; Charles C. Moffett; Warren K. Moorhead; Walter Smedley; Jonathan M. Steere; Robert G. Valentine; Daniel A. and Hattie Williams

Topics discussed include:

• In general, news of the various missions and the people running them, especially in the letters of William P. Haworth
• Clyde W. Likes withdraws from Hillside, quarreling neighbors the reason given by Likes
• Patents on land held by Society of Friends at the various missions
• Continuing trouble at Big Jim’s mission, the Bollands prove unsatisfactory and are asked to resign
• Prospective changes in personnel at several missions (Big Jim’s and Ottawa)
• News of Hominy mission (letters of Daniel Williams)
• News at Otoe mission (letters of C.S. Hunt)
• Request from W.K. Moorhead for Friends to do something to save Chippewa Indians at White Earth reservation in Minn. (disease)
• Cooperation between the various religious groups working with the Indians
• News at Seneca (is this same as Modoc mission?) (letter of Philander and Caroline Blackledge), "Apostolic Holiness" people there
• Ira G. and Oneida B. Carter resign from Ottawa mission, Okla.
• Charles and Mattie [Wooten] doing good work at Iowa mission
• Baptists working among the Osages (J.F. Love, Home Mission Council of the Southern Baptist Convention)
• Cyrus and Amy Hawkins to go to Ottawa mission
• Henry and Collie Marshall to go to Big Jim’s mission
• Donation to the Indian Aid Committee from T. Wistar Brown
• Forsythe writes about proposed book on Friends and the Indians
• George N. Hartley taking Allen Jay’s place on Indian Committee
also letters addressed to:

- Commissioner of Indian Affairs
  from: Ralph P. Stanion re: mission lands for Friends Society (typed copy)
- Secretary of the Interior
  from: F.H. Abbott re: patents in fee for mission lands on Modoc and Wyandotte Indian Reservations, Oklahoma
- William P. Haworth
  from: Cyrus H. and Amy B. Hawkins re: Ottawa mission; H.L. Wallace re: schoolhouse at [Seneca] (2 ALS); Anthony H. and S.R. Bolland re: their letter of resignation from Big Jim's mission; D.A. Williams re: Hominy mission
- Matthew K. Sniffen
  from: Samuel M. Brosius re: Yuma Indians and land claims during Commissioner Leupp's tenure (typed copy)
- “Cousin Beulah”
  from: E.M. Wistar re: thanks her for sending photograph of his grandfather
- J.F. Love
  from: Chairman Indian Committee [Thomas C. Moffett] re: introduces Wistar to him

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Letters, 1911-1913

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Folder 1 Letters, 1911, January - June

(ca. 39 items: ALS, TLS, TL)

Letters addressed to Edward M. Wistar.

correspondents include: Samuel P. Brosius; Mary K. Carey; Elaine Goodale Eastman; Myra E. Frye; Carl E. Grammer (pres. Indian Rights Assoc.); Cyrus H. and Amy B. Hawkins; Abigail C. Haworth; William P. Haworth; Charles S. Hunt; Morton C. Pearson; John M. [Redfalk] (secretary, Interior Dept.); Walter Smedley; Frank A. Thackery; Robert G. Valentine; J. Brownlee Voorhees; Harvey L. and Lizzie Wallace; Miles White

topics discussed include:

- in general, news of the various missions, especially in the letters of William P. Haworth
- Society of Friends and land used by the missions on the various reservations
- situation at Ottawa mission, Miami, Oklahoma in letters of Cyrus Hawkins (they are discouraged)
- news of Otoe mission in letters of Charles S. Hunt
- confidence in Carl E. Grammer as president of IRA
- Home Missions Council asks Associated Executive Committee to join them as members; AEC doesn’t wish to participate in HMC's move to have a legal representative in Washington, suggests that IRA be the representative of Protestant interests in Washington
- trying to sell Tecumseh land
- drought in west, little water in Shawnee (home of Haworths)
- Bentley case continues - Grimes, Chapman and Brown in federal jail at Guthrie, Oklahoma (see Thackery letter of 2.11.1911)
- request from Elaine Goodman Eastman for info. on Indians and Quakers
- lists of bills in Congress affecting Indians (Brosius letters)
- letter from Valentine to the missionary boards re: position on mission schools and religious exercises
- proposed resignation of Charles S. and Eunice Hunt from Otoe mission
- resignation of Cyrus H. and Amy B. Hawkins from Ottawa Indian mission, Miami, Oklahoma

also letters addressed to:

- Mrs. Charles Eastman
  from: [Walter Smedley?] re: Indians and Quakers (typed copy)
- Pliny Fry
  from: [Walter Smedley?] re: his letter to Hatty Garrett re: publishing monthly reports in the "American Friend"
- Hetty B. Garrett
  from: Pliny Fry re: getting the monthly reports on Indian work before a wider audience of Friends; Albert J. Brown re: Wilmington Yearly Meeting (Ohio) ending contributions to Assoc. Exec. Com. on Indian Affairs
- Abigail C. Haworth
  from: Amy B. Hawkins re: moving expenses to Miami
- William P. Haworth
  from: Ira C. Deaver re: patent in fee for land, authorization from Ottawa tribe for same; [Walter Smedley?] re: expenses, Hillside (typed copy)
- Walter Smedley
  from: William P. Haworth re: Hillside property; Elaine Goodale Eastman re: info. on Friends and the Indians; William P. Haworth re: Osage mission, Hillside property (3 ALS); Myra E. Frye re: expenses for Lina Lunt

Folder 2 Letters, 1911, July - December

(ca. 87 items: ALS, TLS, TL)

Letters addressed to Edward M. Wistar.

correspondents include: F.H. Abbott; T. Wistar Brown; Edward F. Child; Isaiah Douglas; Walter T. Everett; Myra E. Frye; George N. Hartley; Abigail C. Haworth; John P. and N. May Haworth; William P. Haworth; Home Mission Council; Rayner W. Kelsey; Rachel Kirk; Rosa B. LaFlesche (American Indian Assoc.); Lina Lunt; Joseph E. McAfee; F.A. McKenzie; Henry and Callie Marshall; Daniel C. Maxfield; Thomas C. Moffett; Walter Smedley; Jonathan M. Steere; Stella Symons; Elizabeth Test; Daniel A. and Hattie E. Williams

topics discussed include:

- in general, news of the various missions and the people running them, especially in the letters of William P. Haworth
• money for Indian work, possible that there may be less due to growing interest in foreign missions
• resignation of the Hunts from Otoe mission and replaced with John Lewis Mayo and wife
• Rayner Kelsey discussed his proposed book on Friends and the Indians
• John P. and May Haworth now at Hillside and work there (son of Wm. and Abigail Haworth)
• summary of the annual meeting of the Home Mission Council for 1911
• land occupied by the missions at the various reservations and attempts to get patents on land
• Henry and Callie Marshall wish to resign from Big Jim's mission, Clyde Likes or Austin Hatcher as possible replacements
• Associated Exec. Com. joins the American Indian Assoc.
• sale of land at Hillside to Mr. Abbott
• Elizabeth Test resigns as Field Matron with the Kickapoos but will continue religious work on her own
• Isaiah Douglas interested in farm at Kickapoo mission (see interesting evaluation of him and family in letter of Elizabeth Test, 10.11.1911)
• in this folder "The need of Indian Public Opinion" by Robert G. Valentine, an address delivered at the first annual conf. of the Society of American Indians, 1911
• news of Hominy mission in letter of Daniel A. and Hattie Williams
• Clyde Likes to go to Ottawa mission
• Austin and Irene Hatcher to go to Big Jim's mission (Norman, Okla.)

also letters addressed to:

• S.M. Abbott
  from: William P. Haworth re: barn at Hillside
  from: William P. Haworth re: disagreement over ownership of barn at Hillside, includes drawing of plot of land (2 ALS); Thomas Ryan re: sale of mission land at Skiatook at public sale; Biddison & Campbell (lawyers) re: who owns barn at Hillside; [] Fink re: request that William George be returned to the mission at Miami; Rachel Kirk re: Austin Hatcher for Big Jim's mission; Louise (W.P.H. adds that author of letter is a Shawnee girl); C.W. Likes re: doesn't wish to go to Big Jim's mission; Henry and Callie Marshall re: don't wish to stay another year, submits resignation (2 ALS); J.L. Mayo re: Otoe mission
  from: W.[J.] Elkinton re: Indian records presented by his father to the committee
  from: William P. Haworth re: rent unpaid at Hillside
  from: Walter Smedley re: her book on Indian education; Edward M. Wistar re: state of Friends Indian work (written while in Japan, 12.9.1911); [WS and] Jonathan M. Steere from Edward M. Wistar; E.M. Wistar re: various people for the missions

Folder 3 Letters, 1912, January - April

(ca. 51 items: ALS, TLS, TL)

Letters addressed to Edward M. Wistar.

Correspondents include: Philander and Caroline M. Blackledge; Samuel M. Brosius; Florence L. Cummings; Ira C. Deaver; Robert D. Hall; George N. Hartley; C.F. Hauke; William P. Haworth; Joseph E. McAfee; F.A. McKenzie; Neil McMillan; J.J. Mills; Warren K. Moorhead; Morton C. Pearson; H.C. Phillips; Walter Smedley; Charles Stelzle; Charles L. Thompson; Robert G. Valentine; J. Brownlee Voorhees; Charles L. White

Topics discussed include:

• in general, news of the various missions and the people running them, especially in the letters of William P. Haworth
• continuing disagreement with Mr. Abbott re: the barn at Hillside and attempts by the committee to prove that they are entitled to the land there even though it has been sold out from under them
• Clyde Likes going to Ottawa mission
• discussion between Valentine and Moorhead re: emphasis of federal Indian policy, White Earth scandal and whether Moorhead would go public with the information
• Chilocco Indian School and letters from various representatives of the Y.M.C.A.
• Lake Mohonk Conferences and some proposed changes put forth by H.C. Phillips in answer to criticism of the current format and value
• letters from Home Missions Council
• news of [Modoc?] mission, Seneca, Mo. from the Blackledges

also letters addressed to:

• John [Haworth]
  from: William P. Haworth re: Hillside
  from: William P. Haworth re: barn in dispute at Hillside; Edward M. Wistar re: Hillside allotment
  from: Matthew K. Sniffen

Folder 4 Letters, 1912, May - December

(ca. 106 items: ALS, TLS, TL)

Letters addressed to Edward M. Wistar.

Correspondents include: F.H. Abbott; Philander Blackledge; Samuel M. Brosius; Ivey C. Clark; Isaiah Douglas; Robert W. Douglas; William B. Evans; Myra E. Frye; Hetty B. Garrett; William L. and L.S. George; Robert D. Hall; George N. Hartley; Henry S. Haskins; Austin Hatcher; Abigail Haworth; William P. Haworth; Hubert C. Herring; Allen D. Hole; Rayner W. Kelsey; Rachel Kirk; Edgar B. Meritt; Author C. Parker; H.C. Phillips; Thomas Ryan; Walter Smedley; Ralph P. Stanion; Jonathan M. Steere; Charles Stelzle; Charles L. Thompson; George D. Weeks; Charles L. White; Miles White; Daniel A. and Hattie A. Williams; James Wood; Charles N. and Mattie Wooten; J.G. Wright
topics discussed include:

- in general, news of the various missions and the people running them, especially in the letters of William P. Haworth
- ruling on the wearing of sectarian clothing in Indian Government Schools
- getting title to the disputed land at Skiatook mission, (Hillsdale property); getting patents for land at other missions as well
- letters from various representatives of the Y.M.C.A. re: Indian schools
- news of [Iowa] mission (Perkins, Okla.) from Charles Wooten
- Georges are at Wyandotte, Okla.; Georges leave Wyandotte
- possibility of transferring Indian work to care of Five Years Meeting
- news of Big Jim's mission from Austin Hatcher, Indians hungry
- possible decrease in financial support for Indian work from New England Yearly Mtg.; also a growing lack of financial support for this work from other Meetings is evident
- letters from Home Mission Council re: Home Mission Week
- Philander Blackledge wishes to resign work at Seneca, Mo.
- Edgar Meritt thanks Wistar for endorsement of him to be Commissioner of Indian Affairs and feels confident that he will be named successor to Valentine
- John Haworth now at Wyandotte, the Giffords now at Hillsdale, Philander and Carrie Blackledge resigned work at Modoc
- Rayner W. Kelsey at work on his book on Friends and the Indians
- Ivey C. Clark interested in mission work, will be sent to Modoc mission
- Skiatook mission land conveyed to Assoc. Ex. Com. by govt.
- illness and death of John P. Haworth

also letters addressed to:

- [] from: E.M. Wistar (circular letter)
- Samuel M. Brosius
  from: F.H. Abbott re: patent in fee for Ottawa land used by mission (2 TLS)
- Mary King Carey
  from: [Matthew K. Sniffen?] re: Seminole Indians
- Horace B. Durant
  from: Thomas Ryan re: Hillsdale property (typed copy)
- Hetty B. Garrett
  from: Wm. J. Harrison re: can’t attend meeting of Ex. Com.
- William P. Haworth
  from: Horace B. Durant re: Hillsdale property; [] re: Hillsdale property (typed copy); J.A. Griffitts re: going to Skiatook; Ivey C. Clark re: his expenses in getting to Seneca; F.H. Abbott re: Hillsdale land; J.G. Wright re: Hillsdale land; J.L. Mayo re: expenses at mission (Red Rock, Okla.);
- Charles and Florence B. Gifford re: wants a minister for Hillsdale; Isaac and Laura Fra[zier] re: work at a mission
- Walter Smedley
  from: George N. Hartley re: talking to various Yearly Meetings and decreasing funding for Indian work
- Jonathan M. Steere
  from: Mary A. Gove re: lessening of funds from New England Yearly Mtg for Indian work and concerns about the work with the Kickapoos which they are supporting (typed copy); William P. Haworth re: financial

Folder 5 Letters, 1913, January - May

(ca. 67 items: ALS, TLS)

Letters addressed to Edward M. Wistar.

correspondents include: Roxana Abbott; S.M. Abbott; Joshua L. Bailey; Sherman Coolidge; Isaac and Laura M. Frazier; M. Friedman; J.A. Griffitts; Robert D. Hall; Abigail C. Haworth; George N. Hartley; C.F. Hauke; N. May Haworth; William P. Haworth; Hubert C. Herring; L. Clarkson Hinshaw; George Innes; Rayner W. Kelsey; J.E. McAfee; Charles S. MacFarland; Thomas C. Moffett; W.K. Moorhead; S.C. Nicholson; Harvey C. Olin; Eugenia H. Parker; Jonathan M. Steere; Cornelia Taber; Elizabeth Test; Robert G. Valentine; Herbert Welsh; Charles L. White; Miles White; Carolena M. Wood

topics discussed include:

- in general, news of the various missions and the people running them, especially in the letters of William P. Haworth
- vacancy at Wyandotte, Isaac and Laura Frazier taking that place
- letters from the Home Mission Council
- Rayner W. Kelsey working on his book on Friends and the Indians
- letters from representatives of the Y.M.C.A. re: Indian school (Chilocco Indian School)
- William P. and Abigail C. Haworth resigning from their positions as superintendents
- M. Friedman wishes to be appointed Commissioner of Indian Affairs
- possible successors for the Haworths
- Kate Barnard (of Okla. Dept. of Charities and Corrections) is interested in the Skiatook property as a possible farm for the after-care of convicts
- requests for help from Assoc. Ex. Com. for the Indians in California (letter of Cornelia Taber, 4.2.1913)
- letters from the United Missionary Campaign
- letters from the Society of American Indians
- sale of Hillsdale property to S.A. Abbott

also letters addressed to:

- Hetty B. Garrett
- William P. Haworth
  from: Ivey C. Clark re: wants moving expenses paid by committee; Kate Barnard re: Skiatook property
Secretary of the Interior
from: Lewis C. Lavlin re: patents in fee for Friends Mission Society (typed copy)

Walter Smedley
from: E.M. Wistar

Folder 6 Letters, 1913, June - December

(ca. 65 items: ALS, TLS, TL)
Letters addressed to Edward M. Wistar.

Correspondents include: S.M. Abbott; Ivey C. Clark; Henry Roe Cloud; William C. Cowperthwaite; Ira C. Deaver; Pliny Fry; Myra E. Frye; Hattie E. Hadley; Robert D. Hall; George N. Hartley; C.F. Hauke; William P. Haworth; George D. Hilyard; Eber S. Hobson; Rachel Kirk; Charles MacFarland; J.J. Mills; Thomas C. Moffett; George H. Moore; Arthur C. Parker; Walter Smedley; Lewis E. Stout; Elizabeth Test; Harvey L. Wallace; Amos Walton; Charles R. Watson; Miles White; Carolena W. Wood; Charles L. Wooten

Topics discussed include:

- In general, news of the various missions and the people running them, especially in the letters of William P. Haworth
- Lewis E. Stout declines job as Haworth's successor
- Letters from Home Mission Council re: unevangelized Indians
- Letters from United Missionary Campaign
- Letters from the Society of American Indians
- Patents on mission land on the Seneca Indian Reservation, Okla.
- Abbott writes (7.8.1913) that the Mormons are ready to move into Hillside when the Com. sells the meeting house property there
- News of [Seneca] mission from Harvey L. Wallace
- Rayner W. Kelsey touring the various missions
- Questions of continuing support of the various missions and whether they should be supported by their communities (see letter of 7.20.1913 of William P. Haworth)
- Decrease in interest in Indian work and an increase in foreign missionary work (see letter of 8.27.1913 from George Hilyard)
- News of [Iowa] mission, Perkins, Okla. from Charles L. Wooten
- J.J. Mills preparing work explaining work of the Five Years Meeting
- Some of the Iowa Indians going to Washington and Philadelphia and visiting Kelsey and Wistar
- The Haworths consent to stay on as Superintendents awhile longer

Also letters addressed to:

- Ivey C. and Hannah I. Clark
  from: [Walter Smedley] re: finances
- George N. Hartley
  from: Eber S. Hobson re: entering Indian work
- William P. Hartley
  from: [Walter Smedley] re: Ivey C. Clark taking Ottawa work as well as Modoc work
- William P. Haworth
  from: Clyde Likes re: Miami hiring their own pastor; C.W. Likes
- Eber S. Hobson
  from: [Walter Smedley?] re: his interest in Indian work
- Erol D. Peckham
  from: [Walter Smedley?] re: his interest in Indian work
- Walter [Smedley]
  from: Jonathan M. Steere re: Ottawa Friends (2 ALS); William P. Hartley re: unsuitability of Walter Ratcliff and family for Indian work, Ivey C. Clark at Modoc and Shawnee Bend (Ottawa), "Otoe Indian Friend's Church" believed by Haworth to be the first strictly Indian Friends meeting to have been organized in this field (4 letters); Carolena M. Wood re: a successor for the Haworths; Erol D. Peckham re: not interested in Indian work; Eber S. Hobson re: interested in Indian work
- Jonathan Steere
  from: Hattie E. Hadley re: asking him to forward letter to Wistar

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Letters, 1914-1927

(ca. 64 items: ALS, TLS, TL)

Letters addressed to Edward M. Wistar.

Correspondents include: F.H. Abbott; Joshua L. Baily; Martha E. Barber; Samuel M. Brosius; Isaac and Laura Frazier; Mary H. Freeman; Carl E. Grammer; Robert D. Hall; George N. Hartley; Abigail C. Haworth; William P. Haworth; Allen D. Hole; Rayner W. Kelsey; Rachel Kirk; John L. Mayo; Thomas C. Moffett; Warren K. Moorhead; H.C. Olin; M.C. Scatteredgood; Cato Sells; Walter Smedley; Matthew K. Sniffen; Elizabeth Test; H.L. Wallace; Herbert Welsh; John W. Wood; Charles L. and Martha Wooten

Topics discussed include:

- In general, news of the various missions and the people running them, especially in the letters of William P. Haworth
- Letters from representatives of the Y.M.C.A. re: education of Indians
- Political atmosphere in Washington, Moorhead writes (2.16.1914) that there is a move to get rid of those who support the Indians' rights
- New meeting house built at Kickapoo mission
- Letters from Home Missions Council
news of Wyandotte from Isaac and Laura Frazier

- circular letters from Cato Sells re: Indians and stopping the liquor traffic, Indians and farming
- minutes of the Committee on Indian Work of the Home Missions Council, 1914
- news of Iowa Indian mission (Perkins, Okla.) from Charles and Martha Wooten
- Bentley, W.S. Fields and the Kickapoo scheme before Congress (see Elizabeth Test letter, 4.8.1914; Brosius, 5.1.1914)
- concern that missionaries not given enough financial support (M.E. Barber writes 4.24.1914, "People who would work here for $400 are not the kind who would do any good ...")
- situation of the Iowa Indians (letter of Rachel Kirk, 6.17.1914)

also letters addressed to:

- Joshua L. Baily
  from: Ivey C. Clark re: thinks he can make money operating thrashing machine
- Pliny Fry
  from: S.E. Nicholson re: publication of Indian reports in the American Friend
- George N. Hartley
  from: Charles C. Haworth re: work at Shawnee
- Rayner W. Kelsey
  from: Charles L. Wooten re: visit of Indians (Chief Dave Tohee of the Iowas) to Washington and they wish to meet with Wistar
- Marriott [C. Morris?]
  from: Charles J. Rhoads re: contributions to Indian Aid Society
- Hon. J.T. Robinson (Senate)
  from: Edward M. Wistar re: Kickapooos and Martin J. Bentley (Wistar first became aware of Bentley 17 years ago) (typed copy, signed)
- [Cato] Sells
  from: Joseph H. Choate re: "curse of whiskey" (typed copy)
- Jonathan M. Steere
  from: Pliny Fry re: publication of Indian reports in the American Friend; George N. Hartley re: Hartley's tour of the missions

Folder 2 Letters, 1914, July - December

(ca. 118 items: ALS, TLS, TL)

Letters addressed to Edward M. Wistar.

 correspondents include: F.A. Abbott; W.F. Bradway; Samuel M. Brosius; Clark and Elma T. Brown; T. Wistar Brown; Pliny Fry; John H. Furnas; Howard B. Grace; A.J. Hadley; S.M. Hadley; George N. Hartley; Austin Hatcher; Abigail C. Haworth; Charles C. Haworth; William P. Haworth; George D. Hilyard; Allen D. Hole; Rayner W. Kelsey; Rachel Kirk; Charles S. Macfarland; John L. Mayo; Lucy Logan; Lina B. Lunt; Thomas C. Moffett; Margaret L. Moody; Arthur C. Parker; Morton C. Pearson; H.C. Phillips; J. Farland Randolph; John M. Ratcliff; Walter B. Ratcliff; Cato Sells; Jonathan M. Steere; Anna Doan Stephens; Elwood Tatum; Elizabeth Test; Harvey L. Wallace; Miles White; Daniel and Hattie Williams; Caralena M. Wood; Charles Wooten

topics discussed include:

- in general, news of the various missions and the people running them, especially in the letters of William P. Haworth and his successor, Clark Brown
- Charles C. Haworth not interested in replacing his father as Superintendent
- news of mission at Hominy from Daniel A. Williams
- financial situation of the Assoc. Exec. Com., lack of adequate funding, whether to close the Iowa mission
- finding replacements for William P. and Abigail C. Haworth as Superintendents
- news of [Seneca] mission from Harvey Wallace
- discussion of Clark Brown as successor to William Haworth, and thoughts pro and con in regard to him
- news of Big Jim mission, Norman, Okla. from Austin Hatcher, he feels he should resign as sees little progress in the three years he has been there
- Walter Ratcliff wants to work at Iowa mission
- financial contribution to Committee from T. Wistar Brown
- list of missionary boards working with the Indians
- news of Otoe mission from John L. Mayo, writes that some Indians are giving up use of peyote
- Clark Brown appointed as Superintendent to succeed Haworth
- news of Iowa mission from Charles Wooten, writes that the Indians like them but not the Friends doctrine, Indians following Robert Small and Church of God people
- John L. Mayo and a Baptist minister engaged in a water baptism (see letters of Haworth, 9.18.1914 and Mayo, 9.25.1914)
- Indian dances (Haworth, 9.18.1914)
- letters from the Home Missions Council
- Indian legislation re: Ogden Land Company and Indian reservations in New York
- resignation of John L. and S.N. Mayo from work at Otoe mission
- Baptist minister, Mr. Crane, visits Shawnee [at Hillside?], possible conflict
- George N. Hartley visiting the various missions and reports to Wistar his findings
- Lina B. Lunt has tuberculosis (at Kickapoo mission)
- religious exhibit at Panama-Pacific Exposition (in letters from Five Years Meeting)
- text of a speech [?] of Wistar's (incomplete, apparently given at a conference in June of 1914, typed version of same in box 8, folder of misc. reports)

also letters addressed to:

- George N. Hartley
  from: Clark Brown re: new well, cistern (2 letters); John L. Mayo re: conflict with Baptist preacher and the Indians; Fred L. Ryon re: inquiring
about the position of Superintendent; George H. Moore re: Clark Brown
  • Clarkson and Emma Brown
  from: Ivey and Hannah Clark re: wants permission to visit sick relatives; E.M. Wistar re: position of Superintendent
  • Cato Sells
  from: Gabe E. Parker re: Parker's opinion of Sells
  • Jonathan M. Steere
  from: David M. Edwards re: recommendation of Clark Brown
  • William P. and A.C. Haworth
  from: Charles Wooten re: Wooten's work with Iowa Indians; Clark Brown re: Superintendent position; Jessie Ratcliff re: Ratcliffs' want to take up work at Iowa mission

* Folder 3 Letters, 1915, January - June

(ca. 58 items: ALS, TLS, TL)

Letters addressed to Edward M. Wistar.

correspondents include: F.A. Abbott; S.J. Allen; Harry Bock (Baptist minister); Samuel M. Brosius; Clark Brown; Ira C. Deaver; Samuel A. Eliot; Pliny Fry; Myra E. Frye; George N. Hartley; William P. Haworth; Mrs. Amos K. Hollowell; Rayner W. Kelsey; Rachel Kirk; Hannah H.B. Lloyd; Thomas C. Moffett; [Eugenia] H. Parker; M.C. Pearson; Wm. H. Pile's Sons; W.B. and Jessie M. Ratcliff; Fred B. Smith; Matthew K. Sniffen; Jonathan M. Steere; Elizabeth Test; Frank A. Thackery; George Vaux, Jr.; [Annie?] Walton; Daniel A. Williams

topics discussed include:

• in general, news of the various missions and the people running them, especially in the letters of Clark Brown
• typed copy of "Report of the Committee on Indian Missions presented at the annual meeting of the Home Missions Council, January 12, 1915"
• Elizabeth Test takes up position as Field Matron
• Indian matters before Congress (Brosius letters)
• letters from Home Missions Council
• Bethany Church land in Delaware Co., Okla.
• potential conflicts with the Southern Baptist and the Catholic missionaries
• Lina B. Lunt resigns position at Kickapoo
• Osage Reservation, sub-leasing of land [to oil interests?]
• Charles and Mattie Wooten to go to Kickapoo mission
• news of Hominy mission from Daniel A. Williams
• situation with the Iowa Indians (Indians are using "peota" and water baptism, Clark Brown suggests that Friends withdraw from that mission)
• Ratcliffs wish to be considered for vacancy at Iowa mission
• Rachel Kirk leaving Kickapoo mission, Elizabeth Test allowed to stay with Committee support
• long letter from Harry Bock on his disagreement with John L. Mayo re: Oto Indians, peyote, baptism and interference with Mayo's work and suggestion from Mayo that Bock take over the mission from Friends

also letters addressed to:

• Rev. Harry Bock (Missionary to the Pawnee Indians)
  from: J.L. and S.N. Mayo re: Bock's alleged interference with Oto Indians at Mayos' mission
• Clark Brown
  from: Walter Smedley re: mission business
• [ ] Mayo
  from: Rev. Harry Bock re: his reply to Mayo's charges
• Walter [Smedley]
  from: Jonathan M. Steere re: Asso. Ex. Com. business
• Wm. Smedley and J.M. Steere
  from: E.M. Wistar re: selling Iowa mission
• Matthew K. Sniffen
  from: Samuel M. Brosius re: J. George Wright, the newly appointed Supt. of Osage and past troubles at Osage Reservation, Okla. (typed copy)
• John Springer
  from: Clark Brown re: Springer wishes to purchase mission property

* Folder 4 Letters, 1915, July - December

(ca. 64 items: ALS, TLS, TL)

Letters addressed to Edward M. Wistar.

correspondents include: S.J. Allen; Harlan P. Beach; Clark Brown; Esther Cook; Morris W. Ehnes; Charles H. Fahs; Myra E. Frye; George N. Hartley; Frank and Allie Hatcher; C.F. Hauke; C.W. Kenworthy; Rachel Kirk; Joseph E. McAfee; J.J. Mills; Thomas C. Moffett; Arthur C. Parker; R.H. Pratt; G.B. St. John; Jonathan M. Steere; M.F. Swafford; M.M. Welch

topics discussed include:

• in general, news of the various missions and the people running them, especially in the letters of Clark Brown
• selling Modoc mission property
• Kansas Yearly Meeting not in favor of a transfer of Modoc and Ottawa mission stations to them
• John L. Mayo resigning position at Otoe mission, Frank and Allie Hatcher to take Otoe mission
• Oto Indians (Harry Bock and Baptists wishing to take over the mission)
• Exhibit of National Religious Forces at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition
• letters from the Home Missions Council
Lina Lunt's return to Kickapoo and possible problems resulting from same
also letters addressed to:

- S.J. Allen
  from: Board of Indian Commissioners re: info. on Comm. on Friends on Indian Affairs' work
- Rev. Harry Bock
  from: [Clark Brown] re: Oto Indians
- Clark Brown
  from: L.C. Hinshaw (Kansas Yearly Mtg.); Rev. Harry Bock re: Oto Indian mission; H.L. Jones re: opening at mission (3 letters); D.A. and Hattie E. Williams re: request for more financial support; G. Lee Phelps re: possibility of purchasing Modoc property for Baptist Church; Philander and Carrie Blackledge re: buying Friends church at Modoc mission; Charles L. Wooten re: selling Iowa mission property; M.H. Lowrey re: dispute over selling Iowa mission
- George N. Hartley
  from: Philander and Carrie M. Blackledge re: buying Modoc mission
- John L. Mayo
  from: Clark Brown re: Baptists (typed copy)
- Joseph J. Mills
  from: E.M. Wistar re: mission statistics
- Mr. St. John
  from: William T. Demerest re: Panama-Pacific Exposition
- Jonathan M. Steere
  from: Rayner W. Kelsey re: possible candidate for Indian work

Folder 5 Letters, 1916, January - June
(ca. 70 items: ALS, TLS, TL)

Letters addressed to Edward M. Wistar.

correspondents include: Clark Brown; Henry Roe Cloud; Isaac Frazier; John B. Garrett; C.M. Griffiths; A.D. Hall; George N. Hartley; Austin Hatcher; William P. Haworth; Thomas E. Jones; E.B. Meritt; Thomas C. Moffett; S.E. Nicholson; Arthur C. Parker; Ernest Thompson Seton; Matthew K. Sniffen; Jonathan M. Steere; Harvey and Lizzie Wallace; Charles and Martha Wooten

topics discussed include:

- in general, news of the various missions and the people running them, especially in the letters of Clark Brown and the missionaries themselves
- selling property (Modoc)
- news of [Seneca] mission from Harvey Wallace
- news of Kickapoo mission from Charles Wooten (Christmas dinner and tree)
- letters from Home Missions Council
- letters from Five Years Meeting
- cemetery at Shawnee mission
- letters from The American Friend (S.E. Nicholson)
- letters from Y.M.C.A. (re: Indian education)
- E.T. Seton looking for Hadley Indian Sign Prints, Ingonompashi
- publishing accounts of the Indian work in the American Friend so as to increase support for it from the Yearly Meetings
- visit of Charles H. Burke (former congressman) of S. Dakota to Washington to assist opposition to Hastings, Johnson and Lane bills
- dispute with the Southern Baptists over missionary work with the Indians (see letter of John B. Garrett, 5.23.1916)
also letters addressed to:

- Clark Brown
  from: Thomas R. Welch re: Modoc property; D.A. Williams re: situation at Hominy mission and the Osage Indians [interesting letter 4.27.1916] (3 letters); Charles L. Wooten re: Kickapoo mission and Lina Lunt's return (2 letters); Robert Small re: buying mission property; Horace J. Johnson re: buying mission property (2 letters); George A. Hoyo re: success of the Hatters; the Fraziers re: mission work; H.L. Wallace re: wishes to go to Wyandotte mission if the Fraziers leave; Walter Smedley re: selling property (ms. copy)
- George N. Hartley
  from: Thomas E. Jones re: travels
- R.E. Irvin
  from: [Clark Brown] re: buying mission property
- Robert Small
  from: Clark Brown re: buying mission property
- Matthew K. Sniffen
  from: Samuel M. Brosius re: Seneca Indians and fishing rights (typed copy)
- Jonathan M. Steere
  from: Clark Brown re: Modoc property; E.M. Wistar re: American Friend and including articles about Indian work
- J.M. Steere, R.W. Kelsey, W. Smedley
  from: E.M. Wistar re: their comments on enclosed (?)

Folder 6 Letters, 1916, July - December
(ca. 80 items: ALS, TLS, TL)

Letters addressed to Edward M. Wistar.

correspondents include: Samuel M. Brosius; Clark Brown; Isaac and Laura Frazier; Myra E. Frye; John B. Garrett; [Canon] S. Gould (Foreign Missions Conference of North America); Clarabel B. Harrison; George N. Hartley; William P. Haworth; Rayner W. Kelsey; Rachel Kirk; Omar and Miriam C. Mendenhall; J.J. Mills; Thomas C. Moffett; Arthur C. Parker; D.L. Person (Missionary Review of the World); Florence Trueblood Steere; Jonathan M. Steere; Elizabeth Test; Daniel A. Williams
topics discussed include:

- in general, news of the various missions and the people running them, especially in the letters of Clark Brown and the missionaries themselves
- Iowa mission property (for sale)
- Wm. P. Haworth no longer wants to buy Ottawa mission
- news of Hominy mission from Daniel A. Williams (tells of a forced marriage, see letter of 7.13.1916)
- Rayner Kelsey working on his book on Friends and the Indians
- situation of Osage Indians, their wealth and gambling (see letter of Clark Brown, 7.24.1916; Brosius, 7.21.1916)
- Lina Lunt back at Kickapoo and resulting problems; Lina leaves, Rachel Kirk wishes to return to look after Elizabeth Test who can’t be left alone
- letters from Five Years Meeting (J.J. Mills)
- names of Friends prominent in work with the Indians
- information on the Monthly Meetings at the various missions (see Brown letter of 9.29.1916)
- Omar and Miriam C. Mendenhall going to work at Wyandotte

also letters addressed to:

- Clark Brown
  from: the Fraziers re: leaving work at Wyandotte; Wm.P. Haworth re: Ottawa mission property; Frank and Allie Hatcher re: Otoe mission (2 letters); C.M. Griffiths re: Ottawa mission property; Ray J. Miller re: wishes to buy mission near Perkins (3 letters)
- Horace J. Johnson
  from: [C.B.] re: mission property sale
- Rayner Kelsey
  from: Emeline H. Tuttle re: in answer to his questions about Asa and Emeline Tuttle's work with the Modoc Indians
- Roy J. Miller
  from: [C.B.] re: buying mission property

*Folder 7 Letters, 1917-1927*

(ca. 40 items: ALS, TLS)

Letters addressed to Edward M. Wistar.

correspondents include:

1917 - Clark Brown; James S. Davenport; Mrs. Mary H. Freeman; Carl E. Grammer; George N. Hartley; Frank and Allie Hatcher; Rayner W. Kelsey; Thomas C. Moffett; Charles J. Rhoads; Ira Scott; Cato Sells; Jonathan M. Steere; Francis R. Taylor; Herbert Welsh; Carolena W. Wood; Charles L. Wooten

1919 - Erl A. Bates (Onondaga Indian Welfare Society)

1921 - Elmer E. Higley (Methodist Episcopal Church)

1922 - Phebe Anna Mendenhall (addressed to Mary Wistar)

1923 - Erl A. Bates

1926 - Erl A. Bates; John B. Hogue; Rayner W. Kelsey

1927 - Ruthanna M. Simms

topics discussed include:

1917
- Rayner W. Kelsey’s book on Friends and the Indians to be published
- Kickapoo burial custom of using a hollowed-out tree trunk
- news of Otoe mission from Frank and Allie Hatcher
- exchange of dates customarily used by the Philadelphia Indian Aid Association and the Philadelphia Peace Association of Friends
- news of Kickapoo mission from Charles L. Wooten
- fitness of R.C. Allen to continue as National Attorney for the Creek Indians of Oklahoma
- Lina B. Lunt back at Kickapoo mission (she has tuberculosis)
- letters from Home Missions Council
- circular letters from Cato Sells re: increased need for food production on Indian land due to U.S. entry into WWI; diplomas to be given to graduating Indian students (related to their being deemed "competent" to handle their own affairs)
- Seminole Indian Reservation bill signed by Gov. Catts of Florida

1919
- conference under the auspices of the Onondaga Indian Welfare Society, etc. for the welfare of N.Y. Indians

1921
- Tunesassa

1922
- Phebe Anna Mendenhall writes to Mary Wistar re: how helpful her husband was during his visit to "Wolf-Run House," Lycoming Co., Pa.

1923
- New York Indians [Tunesassa School?]
1927

Tunesassa School [problem with what is to become of it?]

Also letters addressed to:

- Rayner W. Kelsey:
  from: J. Passmore Elkinton (copy of letter)
- John B. Hogue
  from: Erl A. Bates (copy of letter)

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Reports, 1894-1929

Folder 1 Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs (and Indian Aid Association) Annual Reports, 1894-1927

(ca. 17 items)

includes:

1894


1895

"The Twenty-fifth annual report to the Indian Aid Association of Friends of Philadelphia." [10 p., typescript]

1907

"The Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs, a statement of information to the Five Years Meeting to be held at Richmond, Indiana in tenth month 1907." [5 p., typescript]

1908

"The Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs to [the] conference with Board of Indian Commissioners, Washington, D.C., Feby 1908." [3 p., typescript]

1909

"The Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs." (to the United States Board of Indian Commissioners) [2 p., typescript] - this gives list of missions, missionaries stationed there and P.O. address for each one

1910

"Report of the Executive Committee to the 41st annual meeting of the Indian Aid Association of Friends of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting." [8 p., typescript]

1912

"The Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs. 1869-1912. To the Five Years Meeting." [9 p., typescript]

1913

"Extract from minutes of special meeting of the Indian Aid Association held 4 mo. 30, 1912." [holograph ms., 1 l.]

1914

"Report to the 44th annual meeting of the Indian Aid Association of Friends of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting." [5 p., typescript]

1917

"45th annual meeting of the Philadelphia Indian Aid Association." [holograph ms., 4 p.]

1918

"Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs, 1869-1917, to the Five Years Meeting, 1917." [11 p., typescript]

1919

"To the Associated Indian Committee." [holograph ms. of speech by E.M. Wistar, 5 p.]

1920

"To the 49th annual meeting of the Indian Aid Association of Friends of Philadelphia." [5 p., typescript]

1927

"Minutes of the annual meeting of the Associated Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs held at Richmond, Indiana, 10th month 17 and 18, 1927." [5 p., typescript]

Folder 2 Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs, Miscellaneous reports, 1898-1929

(ca. 23 items)

includes:
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- "Indian wars and local disturbances in the United States, 1782-1898" from Office of Indian Affairs, Dept. of the Interior, 4 p. typescript

1898

- group of papers labeled on back by [Wistar] "Regarding Martin J. Bentley as Special Agent?" [30 p.]
- includes sworn depositions [copies] from various Indians re: their conversations and contact with Bentley
- includes typed copy of letter to Commissioner of Indian Affairs from Kickapoos
- typed copy of report giving details of contract entered into between Big Jim band of Shawnee Indians and W.S. Field (he to act as their attorney) [8 p.]

1900

- copy [1900] of "transcript prepared by the Clerk of Jay County, Indiana, of the proceedings [1891-2] in the sale of real estate belonging to the estate of James K. Riffle." [19 p.]

1902

- "Friends' Associated work for Indians. An epitome and glance at present conditions." [9 p., typescript]

1907


1908

- [committee (?) report on the situation of the Kickapoo Indians (given before Congress?)] [37 p., typescript]
- gives historical background on the Kickapoos and goes into great detail re: schemes of Martin J. Bentley and Walter S. Fields to defraud Kickapoos of their land

1910

- "Address of Gen. R.H. Pratt, before the Yearly meeting of the Orthodox Friends at Twelfth Street Meeting House, Philadelphia, Penna., Thursday, evening, April 21, 1910." [24 p., typescript]

1913

- letter to the editor of the American Friend (a report on the 44th annual meeting) [3 p., typescript and holograph]

1914

- speech given by Wistar at annual meeting of Indian Committee? (ms. version of same speech in folder of June 1914 letters) [3 p., typescript]

1915

- report on the Ogden Land Company (and Indians in New York) [4 p., typescript]

1916

- "Control of the New York Indians" [1 p., typescript]
- "Washington Agency Indian Rights Association Report, April 1, 1916." [7 p., typescript]

1918

- "To the Associated Indian Committee." [7 p., holograph ms.]

1919

- "To the Associated Indian Committee:" [Wistar's last address to them as chairman of the committee, Phila., 14th 4th mo. 1919] [6 p., typescript]
- "Indian School Report." [26 p., typescript]
- consists of 1 p. reports on Indian Schools prepared by Edith M. Dabb, Ethel Cutler and G.E.E. Lindquist
- "Mission report - Indian Reservations and Schools" consists of copies of reports from Friends' missions, forms prepared by [Y.W.C.A.?] [6 p., typescript]

1926

- material related to Tunesassa School - "Report on alternative plan of work at Tunesassa," "Proposed plan of work at Tunesassa" [typescript]

1929

- "October, 1929 - Mohonk - Education as a missionary project" [typed text of a paper given by Wistar at Mohonk Conference? 4 p.]

Folder 3 Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs, Monthly reports from the different mission stations, 1913-1919 (ca. 60 items)

These reports are typed compilations/summaries of the work at the various missions. Each report gives some news about each mission from the missionaries stationed there plus some statistical information related to meetings, Bible school classes, funerals and marriages, etc.

1. 1913 monthly reports
includes reports for March - December 1913
[for example, the missionaries for March are as follows: W.P. and A.C. Haworth at Shawnee, Okla.; Ivey C. and Hannah I. Clark at Modoc; Charles L. and Martha Wooten at Iowa; J.L. and S.N. Mayo at Otoe; Elizabeth Test and Lina B. Lunt at Kickapoo; Austin and Irene Hatcher at Big Jim's Band; D.A. and Hattie E. Williams at Osage. December's report also has: Harvey and Elizabeth Wallace at Seneca; Isaac and Laura M. Frazier at Wyandotte; Ivey C. and Hannah Clark at Ottawa and Modoc]

2. 1914 monthly reports
   includes reports for January - December
   [note: November has Clark Brown at Shawnee]

3. 1915 monthly reports
   includes reports for January - December
   [note: November has Frank and Allie Hatcher at Otoe; May has the Wootens at Kickapoo]

4. 1916 monthly reports
   includes reports for February - December

5. 1917 monthly reports
   includes reports for January, March - October
   [note: [February] has Omar and Miriam C. Mendenhall at Wyandotte; July has J.F. and Mary E. Mardock and Lina B. Lunt at Iowa]

6. 1918 monthly reports
   includes reports for January - March, June

7. 1919 monthly reports
   includes reports for June - October
   [note: October has Ivey and Hannah Clark at Big Jim; June has W.O. and Adah Magner at Osage]

8. also: June [probably 1927] and November reports with no year given

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