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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

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Deposited by William C. Sturtevant, December 2, 1960.

Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Deposited with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, John Collier, by Levi B. Gritts, Vice President of the Keetoowah Society in Oklahoma, on May 29, 1944. Returned to W. W. Keeler, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, by Commissioner Glenn Emmons on November 29, 1960.

Scope and Contents

File consists of the following: 1. Correspondence, March-November, 1960. 8 pages. 2. List of the Keetoowah materials, including description of Keetoowah flag and partial transcription of Cherokee symbols upon it. 3. Microfilm copy of Keetoowah materials, exclusive of the flag. 1 small roll (under 75 frames). 4. Black and white photograph of Keetoowah flag. 1 print, 8 x 10 in. (S. I. Neg. No. 46,549). 5. Color transparencies of Keetoowah flag. 35 mm. slides, 2 file copies, plus duplicates.

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Contents of microfilm roll, Manuscript No. 4595, Part 3: (Stored separately in microfilm file). 1. Carbon copy of memorandum of John Collier, May 29, 1944, regarding the collection, and found with it. 2. Bound notebook, 9-3/4 x 7-1/2in., of 136 pages. The first 31 pages are a text in syllabary, signed in 1884, and evidently the Keetoowah Constitution. On scattered subsequent pages are lists in syllabary of what seem to be personal names with dates. (one or two short lists are in English--mostly of Tarepin family.)

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3. Constitution of Keetoowah Society," in English, signed September 20, 1905. Typescript, 7 pages. 4. "First Annual Message of Hon. William C. Rogers, Principal chief of the Cherokee Nation." Printed leaflet, no date, 13 pages [1904, see BAE Neg. 1063-d Rogers was last principal chief -- Raymond Fogelson]. *Tyner, Howard Q., Manuscript, "The Keetoowah Society in Cherokee History," M.A. Thesis, Tulsa University, 1949, given translation of Keetoowah constitution, probably same version as this. --Raymond Fogelson, 7/61.

Local Numbers

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Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Cherokee
- Flags
- Language and languages -- Documentation

Cultures:

- Cherokee

Types of Materials:

- Photographs

Names:

- Collier, John, 1884-1968
- Gritts, Levi B. (Cherokee)
- Keetoowah Society