WOUNDED KNEE SURVIVORS ASSOCIATION
PAPERS, 1890-1973
(bulk dates, 1971-1973)
Quantity .25 linear ft.

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History

The Wounded Knee Survivors Association members are “descendents and relatives of the Sioux Indians that were involved or killed in the Wounded Knee Massacre on December 29, 1890.” The Association originated shortly after the 1890 massacre, when survivors began to ask for compensation. Dewey Beard and Joseph Horn Cloud were two of the organization’s founding members. Currently, the Association is an independent organization whose goals include preserving and protecting the massacre site from exploitation and administering any memorial erected at the Wounded Knee site. In 1995 a bill proposing a memorial was put to the United States Congress but the bill has not yet passed, and there is still much conflict about the memorial.

Scope and Content Note

The Wounded Knee Survivors Association Collection is comprised of three series: Correspondence, Documents and Printed Materials. All materials contained in this collection are photocopies, some of which are poor in quality. The source of the originals is unknown.

The Correspondence series contains two sets of letters. The 1890-1891 set contains letters from the United States Officers involved with the massacre at Wounded Knee and their accounts of the battle. The second set of correspondence concerns efforts to erect a monument or memorial to the victims of the 1890 massacre.

The Documents series contains various documents concerning the Oglala Sioux Tribe. Included are Articles of Incorporation of the Wounded Knee Survivors Association and Report of Investigation into the 1890 Battle at Wounded Knee Creek, South Dakota.


Subjects

Wounded Knee Memorial and Historic Site (S.D.)
Wounded Knee (S.D.) -- History -- Indian occupation, 1973
Wounded Knee Massacre, S.D., 1890

Additional Resources

Tribal Historical Research Center, Oglala Lakota College Kyle, SD
http://www.olc.edu/olc/archives.html

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United States. Congress. Senate. Select Committee on Indian Affairs.
2nd Floor Government Documents Y4.In 2/11:S.hrg. 192-193
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Box 1

CORRESPONDENCE (2 folders)
1890-1891
1971-1973

DOCUMENTS (2 folders)
An Annual Work Program for Historic Preservation in South Dakota, 1971, May 15
Articles of Incorporation of The Big Foot Claim’s Council, 1948, June 21
Articles of Incorporation of The Wounded knee Survivors Association, n.d.
Big Foot Band of Minniconjou of the Cheyenne River Tribe Member List
Red Cloud Indian School, Quit Claim Deed, 1972, Oct. 25
Resolution of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council, Resolution no. 69-06, 1969, Apr. 11
Resolution of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council, Resolution no. 72-34, 1972, Apr. 28
Report of Investigation into the Battle at Wounded Knee Creek, South Dakota 1890, Dec. 29

PRINTED MATERIALS (1 folder)
“Bamboozle Me Not at Wounded Knee”, by Terri Schultz
“Branch Insignia of Cavalry and Armor, 1872-1956” by Frank C. Townsend and Frederick P. Todd
“Collectors Field Book John W. Comfort: Portrait of a U.S Regular 1865-1892”
“End of Chief Big Foot’s Trail”
“The Ghost-Dance Religion and the Sioux Outbreak of 1890” by James Mooney
“Kneip Honors Indian Dead in First State Wounded Knee Recognition”
“U.S. Army Field Artillery Weapons, 1866-1918” by Konrad F. Schreler, Jr.
Wounded Knee and Pine Ridge Indian Reservation pamphlets and maps