



## Introduction

Prior to the arrival of European colonists, the Choctaw people inhabited much of what are now the states of Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia. The Choctaw first encountered Europeans when Hernando DeSoto passed through their territory in 1540. The first Europeans to settle near Choctaw territory were French traders who operated along the Mississippi River in the early 1700s. The French and the Choctaw enjoyed a friendly relationship, and the Choctaw even allied with the French in several wars. When France ceded its Southeastern holdings to England, the Choctaw and the English formed a similar relationship.

The removal of the Choctaw people to Indian Territory (now Oklahoma) began in 1830 with the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek, which ceded most Southeastern Choctaw lands in exchange for lands in Indian Territory. Of the 20,000 Choctaw deported, only 7,000 survived the journey. The Choctaw Nation was formally established in 1860, but was dismantled in 1907 when the State of Oklahoma dissolved the Choctaw Nation's government and declared the Choctaw citizens of Oklahoma. The Choctaw Nation was re-established in 1983 under the original 1860 Constitution, and has approximately 70,000 residents today.

This bibliography provides an overview of the Special Collections Library's holdings relating to the Choctaw people. These items include materials documenting the Choctaw Nation, the Choctaw language, claims against the Choctaw people and Choctaw claims against the U.S. Government, Choctaw cultural assimilation, treaties and other relationships between the Choctaw and the U.S. Government, Choctaw land tenure and transfer, and finally Choctaw removal from the Southeast to Indian Territory (modern Oklahoma). Listed materials have been organized by subject and placed in ascending chronological order within each category. Researchers may consult these materials in the Library's reading room on the second floor of the James D. Hoskins Library (1400 Cumberland Avenue) during our normal working hours of Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.30pm. Researchers should note that the Library also participates in the Southeastern Native American Documents project (available online), which provides access to six libraries' holdings regarding Native American groups in the Southeast. More information can be found in the UT Libraries' general catalog (<http://www.lib.utk.edu/catalog>) and on the Special Collections Library's website (<http://www.lib.utk.edu/spcoll>).

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## Choctaw Language

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Rare books: E99.C8 W8

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Rare books: E99.C8 B4

Halbert, H.S. *H.S. Halbert Letter*, 1881. [Talks of Halbert's experiences among the Choctaw in Neshoba County, Mississippi.]

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Cushman, H. B. *History of the Choctaw, Chickasaw and Natchez Indians.* Greenville, Tex.: Headlight printing house, 1899.

Rare books: E99.C8 C9

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Bogy, Joseph. *Petition of Joseph Bogy: praying compensation for spoliations on his property by a numerous party of Choctaw Indians, then at peace with the United States, whilst on a trading expedition on the Arkansas River ...* [Washington, D.C.]: Gales & Seaton, Print., 1835.

Rare books: E99.C8 B64 1835

## Cultural Assimilation

United States. War Dept. *Choctaw Academy: letter from the Secretary of War transmitting the information called for on the 14th of February last, in relation to the Choctaw Academy for the education of Indian youths established at the Great Crossings in Kentucky, May 20, 1842, read, and laid upon the table / [signed] J.C. Spencer.*

[Washington, D.C.: s.n.], 1842.

Rare books: E99.C8 U482

United States. Congress. House. Committee on Indian Affairs. *Choctaw academy in Kentucky*. Washington: Blair & Rives, print., 1845.

Rare books: E99.C8 U48

## Treaties

United States. Office of Indian Affairs. *Report from the Secretary of War, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate concerning the location of reservations under the Choctaw treaty of 1830*. [Washington, D.C.: s.n., 1834]

Rare books: E99.C8 U685 1834

United States. Congress. House. Committee on Indian Affairs. *Land claims, &c., under 14th article Choctaw Treaty. <To accompany bill H.R. no. 622> May 11, 1836. Mr. Bell, from the Committee ... made the following report ...* [Washington]: Blair & Rives, Printers, 1836.

Rare books: E99.C8 U546 1836

United States. Congress. House. Committee on Public Lands. *Arkansas, losses by Choctaw treaty: January 23, 1836*. Washington, D.C.: Blair & Rives, 1836.

Rare books: HD243.A8 U55 1836

United States. War Dept. *Letter from the Secretary of War, in relation to the adjustment of claims arising under the 14th and 19th articles of the treaty of Dancing-Rabbit Creek with the Choctaw Indians*. [Washington, D.C.]: Thomas Allen, Print., 1842.

Rare books: E99.C8 U67 1842

United States. Office of Indian Affairs. *Report of the Secretary of the Interior, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate of March 10, 1853, calling for a statement of the amounts paid as annuities, under the different treaties with the Choctaw Indians*.

[Washington, D.C.: s.n.], 1855.

Rare books: E99.C8 U549 1855

United States. Office of Indian Affairs. *Report on treaty with Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians: letter from the Secretary of the Interior, in answer to a resolution of the House of February 26, relating to report of commissioners under 50th article of treaty of 1866 with Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians*. Washington, D.C: [s.n.], 1868.

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## Land Tenure, Land Transfers, and Reservations

United States. General Land Office. *Report from the Secretary of the Treasury, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, concerning the location of the Choctaw claims and reservations*. [Washington, D.C.]: Gales & Seaton, Printers, 1836.

Rare books: E99.C8 U58 1836

United States. Bureau of Indian Affairs. *Message from the President of the United States in compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 13th October, 1837, in relation to the adjustment of claims to reservations under the 14th article of the treaty of 1830, with the Choctaw Indians.* Washington, D.C.: Blair & Rives, Printers, 1837.  
Rare books: E99.C8 U66 1837

United States. Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes. *Laws, decisions, and regulations affecting the work of the commissioner to the five civilized tribes, 1893-1906, together with maps showing classification of lands in the Chickasaw, Choctaw, Cherokee, Creek, and Seminole nations, and recording districts, railroads, and principal towns of the Indian Territory. Comp. by the commissioner to the five civilized tribes.* Washington, Govt. print. off., 1906.  
Rare books: E78.I5 U47

### Relationship with the United States Government and Removal

United States. Congress. House. *A bill to prohibit the Choctaw tribe of Indians from settling or hunting on the lands of the United States, west of the Mississippi.* [Washington, D.C.: s.n.], 1818.  
Rare books: E99.C8 U45 1818

United States. Bureau of Indian Affairs. *Message from the President of the United States transmitting the correspondence in relation to the proceedings and conduct of the Choctaw commission, under the treaty of Dancing Rabbit creek.* [Washington, : [s.n.] ; 1844.  
Rare books: E99.C8 U54

*Report of the Secretary of War, communicating ... information in relation to transfers of Chickasaw and Choctaw orphan and incompetent funds.* [Washington, D.C.: s.n., 1845]  
Rare books: E99.C55 R46 1845

United States. Office of Indian Affairs. *Report of the Secretary of War: communicating information in relation to the contracts made for the removal and subsistence of the Choctaw Indians.* Washington: s.n., 1845.  
Rare books: E99.C8 U55 1845

United States. War Dept. *Choctaw Indians: letter from the Secretary of War, relative to the contracts for the emigration of the Choctaw Indians from the interior of the state of Mississippi, with a letter from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, stating the number of Indians removed, &c., with sundry other documents relating to the same subject.* [Washington, D.C.]: Blair & Rives, Printers, 1845.  
Rare books: E99.C8 U68 1845

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*the amounts paid as annuities, under the different treaties with the Choctaw Indians.*  
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United States. War Dept. *Report of the Secretary of War, in relation to the number of white persons residing on Chickasaw and Choctaw lands.* Washington: Printed by Gales and Seaton, 1927.  
Rare books: E93 .U5

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Rare books: F372 .W66 1980