

Guide to the Stand Watie Papers

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Collection Overview

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CREATOR: Watie, Stand, 1806-1871

TITLE: Stand Watie papers

DATES: 1827-1977

BULK DATES: 1832-1870

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.21 linear feet (1 box)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Correspondence and legal, financial, land, and government records documenting Stand Watie's participation in the American Civil War and the government of the Cherokee Nation. Includes correspondence, land records, and a treaty draft documenting the use and negotiation of Creek and Cherokee land near Georgia and Oklahoma, 1827-1869; two receipts documenting the sale of enslaved African American people, 1832 and 1841; and letters among members of the Watie family, including Charles Watie, Charlotte Jacqueline Watie, John Watie, and Stand Watie, and their associates, including John Ross, concerning Watie family assets and family news, 1835-1937. Also includes three photographs of Watie family graves, 1976-1977.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from William Reese Co. on the Walter McClintock Memorial Fund, 2011.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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Biographical / Historical

Stand Watie (1806-1871), Cherokee Nation leader; Confederate States brigadier general during the American Civil War; and brother of Elias Boudinot, also known as Buck Watie.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

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b. 1	Land grant to William N. Brimer, signed by George M. Troup, granting 202.5 acres of Creek land	1827 June 18
b. 1	Land grant to Joseph E. Akridge, signed by Wilson Lumpkin, granting forty acres of Cherokee land The document signs over forty acres of land currently occupied by the Cherokee Indians in accordance of a Georgia State Act titled "an Act to lay out the Gold Region in the Lands, at present in the occupancy of the Cherokee Indians, into small lots, and dispose of the same by separate Lottery." Also includes a small plot map a wax seal of the State of Georgia.	1832 December 12
b. 1	Surveyor's plat document, completed in manuscript, granting 160 acres of Cherokee land to George Perdee	1832
b. 1	Receipts for the sale of enslaved peoples The first receipt is for \$12 dollars for payment made by Elias Boudinot "in part payment for the hire of a negro man for one year commencing March 1, 1832." The second receipt is for \$750 for full payment "for a negro man named Andy" issued to Andrew M. Varn.	1832, 1841
b. 1	Letter from General William Lambert to Thomas Green Addresses Congress' response to the Cherokee appeals to Georgia's land claims.	1833 January 17
b. 1	Letter from Harriet Boudinot to Stand Watie A letter addressed to Stand Watie at New Echota, Cherokee Nation, Georgia, sending family news and greetings as well as expressing her views about current negotiations with the state of Georgia.	approximately 1835
b. 1	Note from John Ross to Joshua Barker	1836 April 8
b. 1	Promissory notes Promissory notes issued to Caganattuga and Daylight, signed.	1836
b. 1	Circular containing a letter from Joel Roberts Poinsett, Secretary of War, concerning the New Echota Treaty and the location of Cherokee Indians east of the Mississippi	1838
b. 1	John Ridge estate documents Two documents listing debts owed to the estate of John Ridge.	1839
b. 1	Letter from Robert Armstrong to Stand Watie Letter discusses the strife among the Cherokee people and relates news of a meetings of the Ross party and others.	1846 May 22
b. 1	John Watie financial document Pay order for \$96.25 paid out of the "public money received by the Treaty Party" for "the clothing and other articles received for the use of the men under my command."	1846 August 24
b. 1	William Cordry property loss claim Claim filed against the United States for the loss of house, land, and property "abandoned in the year 1845" in the amount of \$141.62. Sworn before and signed by John Thompson Adair as judge in the Superior Court of the Cherokee Nation.	1846

b. 1	Treaty agreement draft Manuscript draft in an unidentified hand of an agreement to restore peace and equanimity among the Cherokee people. Possibly a working draft of the agreement created in order to bind the Old Settlers and the Treaty Party (including Watie) to the Cherokee Treaty of 1846.	approximately 1846
b. 1	Financial memorandum for members of Watie's faction Itemized list of damages sustained from the Ross party, totaling \$1620 and including theft of cash, horses, hogs, and other goods.	approximately 1846
b. 1	Letter to Stand Watie A letter of transmittal for a letter to be sent on to the President and asking for Watie's opinion about its contents and other matters regarding the Council.	1847 August 11
b. 1	J.W. Washbourne receipt for John Ridge Document acknowledging receipt of a payment on behalf of John Ridge's widow.	1848 July 31
b. 1	Horse Fly Estate payment Payment for Horse Fly Estate, in the amount of \$20.50, with Stand Watie as executor.	1848
b. 1	Stand Watie property sale document Listing of goods "For Sale cheap for cash" including millstones, bolting cloth, and assorted sundries.	1850 January 1
b. 1	Certification of Stand Watie as a member of the National Council of the Cherokee Nation Certification signed by the superintendents and clerks of the Delaware District of the Cherokee Nation that Stand Watie has been elected as a member of the National Council.	1853 August 2
b. 1	P. Woodward letter to Stand Watie Letter notifying Watie that Woodward has turned over \$40 received from John P. Dodd.	1850 February 13
b. 1	Letter from Charles Watie to his brother Letter relating that there is no work in the mines and that he believes that his son, Jack, is dead.	1855 March 13
b. 1	Letter from Cornelius to an unidentified recipient	1860 May 29
b. 1	Regulations for payment to deceased Confederate Army members Also includes correspondence stating that the regulations are not intended to apply to the claimants of the several Indian Nations.	1862-1864
b. 1	Orders addressed to Stand Watie Manuscript orders addressed to Stand Watie as Brigadier General of the Cherokee Cavalry.	1865 April 13
b. 1	Stand Watie shipment receipt Printed receipt, completed in manuscript, for goods shipped by Watie to Ford Gibson, Oklahoma aboard the Steamboat Fort Smith.	1869 February 24

b.1	James Bell receipt from the Cherokee Nation Treasury Department Receipt for the purchase of two lots in Fort Gibson, Oklahoma.	1869 August 24
b.1	Letter from D.P. Bell to Jacqueline Watie	1870 February 16
b.1	James M. Bell legal licenses Two manuscript documents indicating Bell's license to practice law in the Cherokee Nation.	1870, 1879
b.1	Letters to Jacqueline Watie from Arizona Bunch Includes notes on ideas of marriage and the desirability of marrying an Indian. Also reminisces about their years at Clarke's Academy in Webbers Falls, Arkansas.	1874
b.1	Family letters, event invitations, and photographs of graves	1881-1977
b.1	James Bell land allotments Two certificates of allotment for land purchased by Bell, Cherokee Nation.	1905-1906
b.1	Letter from Gaston L. Litton to Mrs. O.A. Cox regarding Watie family	1937 April 21
b.1	John M. Watie lost cattle claim Claim for cattle lost on a drive.	undated

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

African Americans -- Cherokee Nation
Cherokee Indians -- Government relations
Cherokee Indians -- Politics and government --
19th century
Cherokee Indians -- Treaties
Indians of North America
Slavery -- Cherokee Nation
Slave trade -- United States

Geographic Names

Cherokee Nation

Genres / Formats

Photographs

Occupations

Legal documents -- Cherokee Nation -- 19th
century

Names

Ross, John, 1790-1866
Watie, Charles
Watie, Charlotte Jacqueline, 1854-1875
Watie, John, active 1835-1937
Watie, Stand, 1806-1871

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