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Record Group 75  
Records of the Five Civilized Tribes Agency  
Records Relating to Intruders

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### Records Relating to Intruders

Each of the tribal governments allowed non-Indians to live and work within its territory under permit systems which required the payment of taxes and other fees. The Superintendent of the Union Agency was responsible for enforcing the rules established by the tribal legislatures and removing persons who were considered "Intruders" by the tribes. Many of the fees were collected by Revenue Inspectors under the supervision of the U.S. Indian Inspector for Indian Territory. By 1900, there were more than three times as many non-Indians in Indian Territory as Indians and the agent often complained to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs about the difficulty of identifying intruders and removing them.<sup>1</sup>

The various agreements which governed allotment required the Superintendent to place each allottee in possession of his allotment. In 1906 an Intruder Division was established to remove non-Indians from allotted land and to investigate leases to determine if they had been obtained by fraud. The staff of the Division worked closely with the Agency's District Agents, Indian Police Force, and officials of county courts. In 1909 the size of the Division's staff was reduced and most of its functions were transferred to the District Agents. The Division was abolished in 1915.

There are several rolls of intruders compiled by tribal governments among the records described in entry a21a. See also entries 411-412 of Preliminary Inventory 163 for records relating to intruders.

INDEXES TO INTRUDERS n.d. 14 vols

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Arranged by tribe. Within each volume, names are arranged alphabetically by first letter of the intruders surname.

Indexes to the persons considered Intruders by tribal governments who were involved in hearings held by the Superintendent. Dockets of the hearings are described as entry B62. The information provided is the intruders name, the name of the allottee or owner of the land in question, and the number of the case.



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