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Porter, Pleasant (1840-1907)

Papers 1871-1902

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Indian chief. Typescripts of correspondence (1894-1901); speeches (1893-1907); and newspaper articles (1871-1902) relating to Porter as a principal chief of the Creek Nation and president of the Sequoyah Convention, the allotment of lands by the Dawes Commission, the termination of tribal government, and the movement for separate statehood for Indian Territory.

Box 1

Folder:

1. The Creek War ended, account of power struggle within the Creek leadership group, Porter leading one faction, October 21, 1871.
2. Editorial on Porter, March 23, 1878. re: his leadership ability.
3. Editorial on Porter, March 23, 1878. re: his self-confidence as a military leader.
4. Letter of Pleasant Porter to Isparhecher, lamenting the inequitable distribution of Creek lands, once held in common, but now by individuals, June 13, 1891.
5. Editorial on Pleasant Porter, his stand on the occupation of Indian lands by U.S. citizens, February 16, 1893.
6. Speech of M.M. Edmiston, comment on, and discussion of personal leadership and statehood movements in the Five Civilized Tribes, July 7, 1893.
7. Letter of Porter and A.P. McKellog regarding the fundamental change in U.S. Indian policy from one of allowed isolation to one of incorporation, land-holding in severalty, and citizenship, January 18, 1894.
8. An interview with Porter, in which he expresses opposition to the Dawes Commission asking the Indians to give up their autonomy and system of land tenure. He favors continued communal holding, with safeguards against monopolies, April 19, 1894.
9. General Porter expresses his suspicion that the activities of the Dawes Commission, particularly their new power of making rolls and passing upon citizenship cases, were all