

Bushyhead's papers, in the Western History Collections at the University of Oklahoma, consist primarily of documents written while he served as Principal Chief. Although not definitive in a single area, the papers give a good picture of the Chief's relations with the National Council. His ideas were in tune with the "Progressive" era in the United States. During his tenure in office he recommended gun control laws, medical practice standards, control of drugs and strict prohibition. Bushyhead's papers can be used largely as supplemental documentation for social and political histories of the Cherokee Nation. In addition to his executive correspondence and speeches, there are a number of editorials clipped from contemporary newspapers. These are excellent sources of information concerning the Chief's allies and opposition. All in all, the collection, which has been reproduced in typescripts, presents a good picture of Bushyhead's many and widely varied responsibilities and interests.

Box 1 Correspondence

1. November 10, 1879. Bushyhead to Senate and Council. On damage to the Insane Asylum.
2. November 14, 1879. Bushyhead to Senate and Council. Transmittal of Petitions for Subsistence.
3. November 14, 1879. Bushyhead to National Council. Transmittal of Medical Superintendent of Seminaries' letter.
4. November 19, 1879. Bushyhead to Senate and Council. Steps taken to collect taxes due Nation for use of Cherokee land west of the Arkansas River for cattle.
5. November 24, 1879. Bushyhead to Senate and Council. Petition and proposal to send a delegation to North Carolina Cherokees.
6. November 25, 1879. Bushyhead to Senate. Reasons for returning "An Act to Amend Art. 6 Chap. 3 New Code."
7. November 28, 1879. Bushyhead to Senate. Transmittal of R. & T. A. Ennis account against Nation for "Stationery, etc."
8. December 2, 1879. Bushyhead to Council. Return of Senate Bill No. 28, without signature.
9. December 2, 1879. C. V. Rogers to Senate. Return of Senate Bill No. 17 for committee report. Attached to previous document.
10. December 11, 1879. Bushyhead to Council. Request that certain claims be drawn "preferred."
11. January 14, 1880. Bushyhead's notice in Cherokee Advocate. Concerning non-citizen physicians.
12. January 15, 1880. Carl Schurz to Commissioner of the General Land Office concerning the Cherokee delegation.
13. January 17, 1880. Schurz to W. P. Adair. Reference to Cherokee Strip.
14. February 12, 1880. Bushyhead to the President of the U. S., R. B. Hayes. Transmittal of intruder list.
15. April 12, 1880. Bushyhead to Maj. J. G. Vose, concerning the trial of "those who killed John Vann.