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CHOCTAW NATION MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

**Jones, Wilson N. (ca. 1831-1901)**

**Printed materials 1890-1935**

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**Indian chief. Typescripts of newspaper articles (1890-1935), including speeches, editorials, and official documents which focus on Choctaw tribal politics, land allotment, and mineral rights on Choctaw Indian lands.**

Wilson N. Jones was one of the more notable men of the Choctaw nation. He was a rancher, planter, Indian statesman, and philanthropist. Jones was the principal chief of the Choctaw Nation during the period of 1890-1894). During this term, he improved the Choctaw Nation's educational system and handled several controversies between the Choctaw Nation and the United States. He had dealings with the Dawes Commission and was in the midst of Indian territory/statehood conflicts.

The increasing interference by the U.S. government into the Choctaw Nation's internal decisions is documented most clearly during a miners' dispute, which arose over mining privileges given to coal miners by the Choctaw Nation. A labor dispute erupted, and the U.S. sent troops into the Choctaw Nation.

This collection consists primarily of typescripts of newspaper editorials and letters. Their focal topic is the land and mineral rights disputes between the Choctaws and M.S. settlers.

**Box 1**

**F- 1** : Typescript of *The Indian Citizen*, 10/18/1890 - Report from W. N. Jones to General Council of the Choctaw Nation. Report after Election.

**F- 2** : Typescript of *The Indian Citizen*, 11/1/1890 - Special message from Jones to Choctaw Senate and Council, re: Schools.

**F- 3** : Typescript of *The Indian Citizen*, 4/11/1891 - To General Council of the Choctaw Nation from Jones, re: land sale to U.S.

**F- 4** : Typescript of *The Indian Citizen*, 4/18/1891 - To General Council of the Choctaw Nation from Jones.

**F- 5** : Message of W. N. Jones, 10/8/1891 - To General Council.

**F- 6** : Typescript of *The Indian Citizen*, 12/12/1891.