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## **Indian Claims.**

### **Potawatomis, Ottawas and Chippewas Papers, 1839-1846, 1953-1959.**

This collection contains materials on land values collected for a report for the Potawatomis and Associated Tribes (Ottawas and Chippewas) in their suit against the United States Government heard by the Indian Claims Commission, Jan. and Feb. 1959.

#### Box 1

1. Report on Land Sessions under the Treaty of Prairie du Chien, July 29, 1829, compiled by Professor Natalia M. Belting. 93 typed pages. Descriptions of land, land values, and sales 1829 to 1849.
2. Report of Dr. John Lee Coulter for the Indian Claims Commission compiled 1954-1955. 71 pages and 30 pages of appendices. This report, made for the firm of Howard Moses, Chicago lawyers, was rejected as being without value in establishing the values of land ceded by the treaty.
3. Memorandum to the Council from Ida Fox. Subject: Agricultural Aspects of Cessions 147 and 148, submitted April 30, 1956, 18 typed pages.
4. Tabulation by township of land sales in the ceded territory in the 1820s and 1840s. Figures taken from the Public Land Office records, Illinois State Archives, Springfield, Illinois. Adding machine tape, 20 pieces.
5. Maps of Wisconsin showing density of population in 1836, 1840, and 1850. Photostats, 2 pieces.
6. Map of Illinois. Showing prairie soils. Photostat.
7. List of Canal lands sold in 1841 and 1842, with name of purchaser, description, quantity of land bought, and price. 9 1/2 pages. Photostats from Illinois Reports, 1841, 1842.
8. Lists of land sold in Northern Illinois (Chicago and Dixon) in 1842 at the Land Office in Chicago. Description of land and value. 10 photostats from Illinois Reports, 1842. 5 pages for Dixon, Ill. and 5 pages for Chicago, Ill.

9. Plats of townships in northern Illinois (tracts 147 and 148) and west-central Illinois. Photostats are of the originals in the Land Office Records, parts of vols. 33, 34, and 46.

Illinois State Archives, Springfield, Illinois.

- a. 70 plat maps from plat book volume 33 (1838-1844).  
Counties include Bureau, Carroll, Hancock, Henry, Jo Daviess, Rock Island, Stephenson, and Whiteside. Ranges 2W-6E of 4th Principal Meridian, Townships 18N-29N. (9 folders)

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Folder 1 of 9 (plats numbered 1-8)

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Folder 2 of 9 (plats numbered 9-14)

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Folder 3 of 9 (plats numbered 15-23)

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Folder 4 of 9 (plats numbered 24a-31)

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Folder 5 of 9 (plats numbered 32-39)

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Folder 6 of 9 (plats numbered 40-47)

Oversize folder h007

Folder 7 of 9 (plats numbered 48-57)

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Folder 8 of 9 (plats numbered 56-63)

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Folder 9 of 9 (plats numbered 64-69)

- b. 60 plat maps from plat book volume 34 (1838-1844).  
Counties include Bureau, Carroll, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside, and Winnebago. Ranges 7E-11E of 4th Principal Meridian, Townships 18N-29N. (8 folders)

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Folder 2 of 8 (plats numbered 10-17)

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Folder 3 of 8 (plats numbered 18-25)

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Folder 4 of 8 (plats numbered 26-32)

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Folder 5 of 8 (plats numbered 33-39)

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Folder 6 of 8 (plats numbered 40-46)

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Folder 7 of 8 (plats numbered 47-53)

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Folder 8 of 8 (plats numbered 54-60)

- c. 58 plat maps from volume 46 (1862). Counties include Adams, Cass, Calhoun, Greene, Jersey, Mason, Morgan, Pike, and Scott. Ranges 11W-14W of 3rd Principal Meridian, Townships 6N-20N and Ranges 4W-8W of 4th Principal Meridian, Townships 1S-8S. (8 folders)

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Folder 3 of 8 (plats numbered 17-24)

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Folder 4 of 8 (plats numbered 25-31)

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Folder 5 of 8 (plats numbered 32-38)

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Folder 6 of 8 (plats numbered 39-45)

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Folder 7 of 8 (plats numbered 46-52)

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Folder 8 of 8 (plats numbered 53-59)

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10. Mimeographed materials from various sources describing land features and mineral wealth in Northern Illinois and Wisconsin.
  - a. Owen, David Dale, A Report of a Geological Exploration of a part of Iowa, Wisconsin, and Illinois, 1839. Sen.Doc. 407, 28th Cong. 1st sess. 84 mimeographed pages.
  - b. Mine Inspector Bell to Ordnance Chief Bomford, Sept. 30, 1842, House Doc. 43, 28th Cong. 1st sess.; Mineral Lands of the Upper Mississippi. 37 mimeographed pages.
  - c. Report of the Senate Committee on Public Lands, Jan. 27, 1846. No. 87, 29th Cong. 1st sess.; serial 473. 28 mimeographed pages.

- d. Territorial Papers of the United States, Vol. XII, Michigan Territory in 1829, 1832, 1836, from various pages. 8 pieces.
  - e. Miscellaneous pieces from various reports. 15 items.
11. The Citizen Band and The Potawatomi Nation, Government Sales of Lands in and Contiguous to the Potawatomi Kansas Cession, Royce area 266. Docket no. 71-A by Ida Fox. March 1953. 37 p.
  12. "Findings of Fact" of the "Indian Claim Commission concerning the relationship of the Peorias to the Kaskaskia, Wea, Piankeshaw, and others in regard to legal tribal organization during 18th and 19th centuries to the present." Decided March 26, 1956. Pages 223-238.
  13. Several items, particularly petitions, briefs, and reply briefs were filed with the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Claims and the Indian Claims Commission. This material pertains to the Citizen Band of the Patawatomi Indians of Oklahoma and the Potawatomi Nation, the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, the Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa.
  14. Appraisal report of Royce Area 99 that Berkley W. Duck filed with the Indian Claims Commission in 1955. That area, comprising 7,036,000 acres located mainly in Central Indiana was appraised at a fair market value, for the year 1818, of \$13,202,000. The report contains the historical, geographical and legislative background for the appraisal, as well as charts of comparable land values as determined by land sales of adjacent grants.
  15. A report by Ida Fox on the development of lead mining Illinois between 1816-1829 on lands claimed by the United Nation and Winnebago Indians. Presents evidence concerning the treaties of 1816, 1825 and 1829, as well as actions government officials and agencies.
  16. 2 bundles of note cards from Lloyd Dunlap with a note dated October 21, 1965: "Dear Miss Belting: For whatever use they may be, I am enclosing a list of materials that a Mr. Lloyd Dunlap researched at one time for us in connection with the project in which you are now engaged. I believe this was back in about 1955, 1956, or 1957. Sincerely, Robert S. Hunt"