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**MS 1260
Indian Claims Commission
Papers, 1966 - 1971**

DESCRIPTION

The Indian Claims Commission Collection contains a small portion of cases involving Native American groups requesting reparation considerations from the federal government between the years 1966 and 1971. The collection consists primarily of appraisals on lands and mineral resources of areas in question by the individual claims. The donor worked as an appraiser for the Coldwell, Banker and Company, which provided some of the appraisal work. Five cases involve Indian tribes in the Arizona area including the Chiricahua Apaches, Hualapai, Mohave, Papago, and Yavapai tribes. Three additional claim cases before the Commission include the Shoshone, Sioux, and Chippewa tribes. The Sioux case of 1969-1971 is especially noteworthy as it entailed considerations for the Black Hills area. Additional background materials in the forms of pamphlets and historical manuscripts are also present which provided information for the appraisals.

26 Boxes, 12.5 linear ft.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Frank Kleinman in 1976.

RELATED NOTE

Also received from the donor were 129 roles of microfilm with supporting reference materials related to the appraisals presented to the Claims Commission. A listing by role is attached to this finding aid.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

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HISTORICAL NOTE

Created by Congress in 1946 to adjudicate Indian claims against the United States, the Indian Claims Commission awarded more than a half billion dollars before its expiration in 1978. It also created hundreds of thousands of pages of documents, most of which have significant anthropological and historical research value.

The typical case before the Commission proceeded through three phases – title, value and offsets – each of which results in one or more decisions. In the title phase the claimant attempts to establish ownership of a specific area of land. In the absence of deeds, heavy reliance is placed on the testimony of anthropologists, archaeologists, geographers, historians, and economists. The Government introduces similar expert testimony, generally in an attempt to prove that a smaller area of land was actually involved. If title is established, it is then necessary to determine the value of the land at the time of the original transfer, usually the date of a treaty, land cession, act of Congress or executive order of the President. If the Commission determines that the Government failed to compensate the Indians adequately for the lands it acquired, or that the lands were obtained under conditions of fraud, duress or error, a cash settlement is awarded to the tribe. Any payments that were made under the original treaty are deducted from the award in the offsets phase of the litigation.

Decisions of the Indian Claims Commission contain a wealth of information on hundreds of Indian tribes that will be of interest to students and scholars in many fields, as well as to Indians and their attorneys. The Decisions are an especially fruitful source for research on the means by which Indian land was acquired and on the treaties that were made and broken during the course of westward expansion.

(The above materials were taken from the LexisNexis Web Page who offers the complete records for sale in microfilm form.)

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