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ROLLS OF CHOCTAW FREEDMEN. 1885. 1 vol. 1 in.

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These rolls were submitted to the Bureau by the National Secretary of the Choctaw Nation. They consist primarily of rolls of freedmen who were admitted to citizenship, but included are lists of those whose status was considered doubtful and also some unbound lists of those who had elected to leave the Choctaw Nation. Entries for individuals give name, position in family, nationality of parents, name of former master, acreage of cultivated land, amount of livestock, and other pertinent information. For each of the three types of rolls mentioned above there are three separate rolls, one for each of the Choctaw districts. The listings for the First and Second Districts are numbered in order. Family groups are entered together, but there is no apparent pattern to the order in which they are listed.

RECORDS RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR IDENTIFICATION AS MISSISSIPPI CHOCTAW. 1901-7. 17 ft.

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Letters from the Secretary of the Interior to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, returning records received by the Bureau from the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes (Dawes Commission). The enclosures consist of applications, petitions, affidavits and other evidence, transcripts of testimony, copies of correspondence of the Commission (including notifications of decisions), and other kinds of records. They have been segregated by the Bureau from the general incoming correspondence (entry 91) presumably because of their bulk. They relate to applications filed under a provision of an act of Congress of June 28, 1898, providing that the Dawes Commission should determine the identity of Choctaw Indians who, under article 14 of the 1830 treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek, claimed rights in Choctaw land in Indian Territory. Almost all of the original applications received by the Commission as well as later applications for review were rejected. Arranged in dossiers relating to particular cases. Related applications were consolidated into a single case. The dossiers are arranged generally by file number of the transmittal letter of the Secretary of the Interior. These numbers were assigned in chronological order by the date the letter was received from the Secretary (not by the date the records were received from the Commission). The dates given are those of the Secretary's letters. The Commission was conducting hearings as early as 1900 and, even earlier, documents were received as evidence. Included with each dossier is an index to the records within it. There is related correspondence among the general incoming and outgoing correspondence of the Bureau (entries 91 and 96). Later records are in the central classified files of the Bureau (entry 121).

RECORDS RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR ENROLLMENT FROM THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES. 1910-15. 1 ft.

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Transcripts of testimony before various officials, affidavits, memoranda, incoming correspondence and copies of outgoing correspondence