

## **RECORDS OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (RECORD GROUP 75)**

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, usually known as the Office of Indian Affairs, was established as a separate agency within the War Department in 1824. Congress established the position of Commissioner of Indian Affairs in 1832. The Office of Indian Affairs was transferred in 1849 to the newly created Department of the Interior, where it has remained. In 1947 the Office of Indian Affairs was renamed the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

### **RECORDS OF PREDECESSOR OFFICES**

#### **Records from the Office of the Secretary of War**

The two publications described below reproduce letters received and sent by the Office of the Secretary of War before the establishment of the Office of Indian Affairs in 1824. During this period, Indian affairs were handled directly by the Office of the Secretary of War. These records were transferred to the Office of Indian Affairs when it was established in 1824.

#### **Letters Sent by the Secretary of War Relating to Indian Affairs, 1800–1824. M15. 6 rolls.**

The six volumes reproduced in this publication contain handwritten copies of letters to territorial governors, Indian superintendents, Indian agents and subagents, the Superintendent of Indian Trade, factors of trading posts, military commanders, private traders, bankers, persons having commercial dealings with the department, missionaries, Indians, and others. Some of the letters are noted as signed by clerks in the Department rather than by the Secretary, and a few are noted as signed by the President. Included are copies of addresses to Indian delegations, appointments, passports issued for travel in Indian country, and instructions to treaty commissioners. This series is arranged chronologically. Each volume is indexed alphabetically, primarily by name of addressee but sometimes by name of tribe or other principal subject.

<b>Roll</b>	<b>Dates</b>
1	Nov. 17, 1800–Apr. 20, 1804
2	Apr. 23, 1804–July 5, 1809
3	July 8, 1809–Dec. 31, 1816
4	Jan. 8, 1818–July 31, 1820
5	Aug. 3, 1820–Oct. 5, 1823
6	Oct. 28, 1823–Apr. 26, 1824