

Thomas John Blumer Collection on the Catawba Nation, 1756 – Present

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Description of Series

I – TJB Correspondence, 1955- (13.75 Linear feet)

Correspondence to and from TJB. Undated letters located at end of series.

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| General – | Arranged chronologically. |
| Native American – | Arranged alphabetically by correspondent, then chronologically. |

II – TJB Personal Journals, 1995 – 2006 (11.25 linear feet)

Clippings, correspondence, e-mails and notes on telephone conversations related to Catawba Indian research and relations.

These journals will be sealed until 2024. Arranged chronologically.

III– TJB Oral History Interviews and Audio Recordings, 1971 – 2004 (3.75 linear feet)

Extensive collection of oral history interviews conducted with the Catawba and Pamunkey Indians. Transcriptions, both printed and handwritten, exist for some interviews; occasionally interview indexes are included. Also includes various Blumer family member interviews and other Native American recordings. Divided into major groupings and arranged alphabetically.

IV – TJB, Writings and Publications, 1977 – 2006 (3.75 linear feet)

Drafts and final copies, journal articles, lectures, newspaper columns, radio addresses (printed and oral recordings) along with manuscript copies of published works. Also includes typescripts and undated writings. Arranged alphabetically by title.

V – Catawba Indians Legal and Administrative Materials, 1756-2006 (5 linear feet)

Materials relating to Catawba Indians legal and administrative issues. Includes litigation documentation, treaties, and legislative bills. Newspaper clippings, research notes, photocopies from the National Archives and other depositories are included, along with correspondence from the BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs) and NARF (Native American Rights Fund). The records grouped by major headings (Legal and Administrative) and arranged chronologically under respective subheadings.

VII – Slides & Photographs, ca. 1890-2000 (14 linear feet)

Images taken or collected by TJB. Includes reproductions of photographs from many different archival and special collections repositories. Images of Catawba pottery are extensive.

VIII- Reference Collection (45 linear feet)

- A. Monograph collection of books collected by TJB Native American research. Arranged and cataloged by Library of Congress classification number and given the special designation NASC (Native American Studies Collection) within the Medford Library Catalog. 300+ works.
- B. Topical files on various subjects, relative to Native Americans. Materials are primarily Catawba , but many other Native American groups are also represented, with concentrations of Pamunkey and Cherokee items. Includes correspondence, copies of published articles/books, clippings, hand-written research notes, etc. Arranged alphabetically by topic, name of individual, organization, etc.
- C. Native American Biographical files, containing clippings, ephemera, research notes, and various other items. Arranged alphabetically by tribe and name.