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**SUMMARY:** An artificial collection of correspondence, writings, photographs, and miscellanea relating to American Indians, including the Mohegan Indians of Connecticut, 1740-1750. Other items include an Iroquois language dictionary and essays such as "Geronimo and His Band in Exile," by Marion E. Stephens, "The Indian River Village Site, Milford, Connecticut," and a narrative on Joseph Morgan Wilcox.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research. The entire collection is available on microfilm. Patrons must use HM 59 instead of the originals.

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Entire collection is also available on microfilm (HM 59) (648 frames on 1 reel, 35mm.) from Scholarly Resources, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware.

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b. 1, f. 1reel 1U	Legal documents concerning Indians in Connecticut This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 59 instead of the originals.	1647-1795
b. 1, f. 2reel 1U	Treaty with Five Nations This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 59 instead of the originals.	1704 October 18
b. 1, f. 3reel 1U	Schuyler, Peter: ALS to an unknown person concerning a French-Indian attack on New England This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 59 instead of the originals.	1707
b. 1, f. 4reel 1U	Copy of a letter to Major Israel Hewitt from Isaac Huntington concerning the trespassing of Indians on his property This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 59 instead of the originals.	1750 May 14
b. 1, f. 5reel 1U	Lincoln Benjamin: "Observations on the Indians of North America; containing an answer to some remarks of Doctor Ramsay published in the collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society for 1795" (manuscript) This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 59 instead of the originals.	1795
b. 1, f. 6reel 1U	Iroquois language dictionary This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 59 instead of the originals.	Circa 18—?
b. 1, f. 7reel 1U	"A Narrative of the Life and Death of Lieutenant Joseph Morgan Wilcox" (manuscript) English This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 59 instead of the originals.	1816
b. 1, f. 8reel 1U	"Records of Convention at Cattaraugus" English This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 59 instead of the originals.	1836 January
b. 1, f. 9reel 1U	Documents concerning Indian lands and other Indian problems in New York (state), including three bills and a report of the New York Legislature and two speeches and a report by Peter Wilson, an Indian chief. This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 59 instead of the originals.	1848-1850
b. 1, f. 10reel 1U	Jane Lowery: journal This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 59 instead of the originals.	1756

b. 1, f. 11reel 1U	<p>Marion E. Stephens: "Geronimo and His Band in Exile," (typescript, with photographs, drawings, and negatives laid in)</p> <p>This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 59 instead of the originals.</p>	undated
b. 1, f. 12reel 1U	<p>Photograph of unidentified group of four Indians</p> <p>This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 59 instead of the originals.</p>	undated
b. 1, f. 13reel 1U	<p>Edward H. Rogers: "The Indian River Village Site, Milford, Connecticut"</p> <p>This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 59 instead of the originals.</p>	1940
The Mohegan Indian Case		
b. 2, f. 1reel 1U	<p>To the right honble the lords of the committee of his majestys most honble privy council...to prepare the draft of a commission of reviews to certain persons to hear...the Mohegan Indians who complain of grievances received from the people of Connecticut... Whitehall, August 8, 1740.</p> <p>This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 59 instead of the originals.</p>	
b. 2, f. 2reel 1U	<p>Between old John Uncas and the greater part of the tribe of the Mohegan Indians by their guardians, appellants [and] the governor and company of his majesty's English colony of Connecticut in New England in America and George Richards Esqr and others, respondents... [after 1742?]</p> <p>This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 59 instead of the originals.</p>	
b. 3reel 1U	<p>[Petition of appeal for the respondts: the gov.r &amp; Co.] (*) English</p> <p>This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 59 instead of the originals.</p>	
b. 3reel 1U	<p>The Mohegan's position or claim to the Commrs. (*)</p> <p>This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 59 instead of the originals.</p>	
b. 2, f. 5reel 1U	<p>The Colonys defence [after 1742?]</p> <p>This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 59 instead of the originals.</p>	
b. 2, f. 6reel 1U	<p>The humble address and declaration of Ben Uncas chief sachem of the Mohegan Indians to his majesty's Court of Commissr holden att Norwich in his majesty's English colony of Connecticut in New England... 20 July 1743.</p> <p>This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 59 instead of the originals.</p>	
b. 2, f. 7reel 1U	<p>Letter signed "Dr. Sr." discussing the case between Connecticut &amp; the Mohegan Indians.</p> <p>This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 59 instead of the originals.</p>	

b. 2, f. 8reel 1U	<p>[Decision of King's court of commissioners in the dispute between Connecticut and the Mohegan Indians] 16 August 1743. English</p> <p>This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 59 instead of the originals.</p>
b. 2, f. 9reel 1U	<p>Index to papers relating to the Mohegan Indian Case 1661-1743.</p> <p>This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 59 instead of the originals.</p>
b. 2, f. 10reel 1U	<p>To the honourable the Court of Commission appointed to reexamine, review, finally decide and determine a certain cause or controversy depending between the govr and company of the colony of Connecticut and the Mohegan Indians... Signed: William Bollen (Bollan?)</p> <p>This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 59 instead of the originals.</p>
b. 3reel 1U	<p>To George the 2nd King of Great Britain etc. in council the petition of Richd Partridge agent for the colony of Connect in America... London, Dec 26, 1750. (* )</p> <p>This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 59 instead of the originals.</p>

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Indians, Treatment of -- North America  
Indians of North America  
Indians of North America -- Connecticut  
Iroquois Indians  
Mohegan Indians

### **Names**

Geronimo, 1829-1909  
Stephens, Marion E.  
Willcox, Joseph Morgan, 1790-1814