

**Washington Territory Treaties Sesquicentennial:
A Selected Bibliography**
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One hundred and fifty years ago, Isaac I. Stevens, first governor of Washington Territory and Superintendent of Indian Affairs, began a series of councils to draw up treaties with Indian tribes in the new territory. Washington Territory included present day Washington State, and part of what are now the states of Idaho and Montana. The first of these councils was concluded with the signing of the Treaty of Medicine Creek on December 26, 1854. (Medicine Creek, now named McAllister Creek, is near Olympia.)

The treaties are the foundation of legal relationships among Indians, Washington State, and the United States government. This selected bibliography of resources at the Washington State Library contains books and journal articles for further reading about these treaties, the times during which they were negotiated, and their aftermath. Also included are print and microfilm resources for research on the treaties. Call numbers are from the Washington State Library online catalog. Books with an NW prefix are available for checkout and interlibrary loan.

Books for further reading:

Asher, Brad. **Beyond the Reservation: Indians, Settlers, and the Law in Washington Territory, 1853-1889.** (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1999)
NW 979.7004 ASHER 1999

Cohen, Fay G. **Treaties on Trial: The Continuing Controversy over Northwest Indian Fishing Rights.** (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 1986) Discussion of the repercussions of the 1974 Boldt decision; a follow-up to *Uncommon Controversy* (see below).
NW 343.797 COHEN 1986

Harmon, Alexandra. **Indians in the Making: Ethnic Relations and Indian Identities around Puget Sound.** (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1998)
NW 979.77 HARMON 1998

Richards, Kent D. **Isaac I. Stevens: Young Man in a Hurry.** (Pullman: Washington State University, 1993) Biography of Washington's first territorial governor.
NW 979.703 RICHARD 1993; R 979.703 RICHARD 1993 (Historic Reference collection)

Stauss, Joseph H. **The Jamestown S'Klallam Story: Rebuilding a Northwest Coast Indian Tribe.** (Sequim, Wash.: Jamestown S'Klallam, 2002) Excellent history and overview of current activities of this Olympic Peninsula tribe.
NW 979.79 STAUSS 2002; R 979.79 STAUSS 2002 (Historic Reference collection)

Stevens, Isaac Ingalls. **A True Copy of the Record of the Official Proceedings at the Council in the Walla Walla Valley, 1855.** Edited by Darrell Scott. (Fairfield, Wash.: Ye Galleon Press, 1985) Transcript of handwritten manuscript forwarded by Stevens to Washington, D.C. The original manuscript is now in the Bureau of Indian Affairs Records in the National Archives. NW 341.4202 STEVENS 1985; YGP 341.4202 STEVENS 1985

Uncommon Controversy: Fishing Rights of the Muckleshoot, Puyallup, and Nisqually Indians. A report prepared for the American Friends Service Committee. (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 1970)
NW 970.497 AMERICA 1970

Wilkinson, Charles F. **Messages from Frank's Landing: A Story of Salmon, Treaties, and the Indian Way.** (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2000)
A portrait of Billy Frank, Jr. and the Nisqually Indians struggle to maintain fishing rights.
NW 636.2756 WILKINS 2000; R 636.2756 WILKINS 2000 (Historic Reference collection)

Journal articles:

American Heritage. October 1965 Vol.16, No. 6 "A Most Satisfactory Council" by Alvin M. Josephy, Jr. pages 27-31; 70-76

Columbia. Fall 1991 Vol. 5, No. 1 "Treaty or Non-Treaty Status" by Daniel L. Boxberger and Herbert C. Taylor, Jr. pages 40-45

Columbia. Fall 1997 Vol. 11, No. 3 "Raiders from the North: The Northern Indians and Northwest Washington in the 1850s" by Mike Vouri. pages 24-35

Columbia. Winter 2000-2001 Vol. 14, No. 4 "The Little Napoleon: The Short and Turbulent Career of Isaac I. Stevens" by Sherburne F. Cook, Jr. pages 17-20

Pacific Northwest Quarterly. July 1939 Vol. 30, No. 3 "Notes and Documents: Letters of Governor Isaac I. Stevens, 1853-1854" edited by John S. Richards. pages 301-337
Transcripts of letters in the collection of the University of Washington Libraries.

Pacific Northwest Quarterly. October 1940 Vol. 31, No. 4 "Notes and Documents: Letters of Governor Isaac I. Stevens, 1857-1858" edited by Ronald Todd. pages 403-459
Transcripts of letters in the collection of the University of Washington Libraries.

Pacific Northwest Quarterly. Spring 2002 Vol. 93, No. 2 "Chet-ze-moka, J. Ross Browne, and the Great Port Townsend Controversy" by Elaine Naylor. pages 59-68

Washington Historical Quarterly. January 1914 Vol. 5, No. 1 "The Present Status and Probable Future of the Indians of Puget Sound" by Lewis H. St. John. pages 12-21

Washington Historical Quarterly. April 1915 Vol. 6, No. 2 "Rights of the Puget Sound Indians to Game and Fish" by Charles Milton Buchanan. pages 109-118

Western Legal History. Summer/Fall 2000. Vol. 13, No. 2 "History of the Wenatchi Fishing Reservation," by E. Richard Hart. pages 163-203
NW 979.7004 WESTERN 2004

Resources for research -- books and microfilm:

Bernholz, Charles D. **Kappler Revisited: An Index and Bibliographic Guide to American Indian Treaties.** (Kenmore, N.Y.: Epoch Books, 2003)

R 342.7308 BERNHOL 2003 (copies in both Reference and Historic Reference collections)

Royster, Judith V. and Michael C. Bluhm. **Native American Natural Resources Law: Cases and Materials.** (Durham, N.C.: Carolina Academic Press, 2002)

NW 342.73 ROYSTER 2002; R 342.73 ROYSTER 2002 (Historic Reference collection)

United States. Laws, etc. **Indian Affairs. Laws and Treaties.** Compiled by Charles J. Kappler. (Washington: Govt. Print. Office, 1903-)

R 342.7308 UNITED (Reference collection, seven volumes)

(see website listed below for online version)

All of the following reels of 35mm microfilm may be used in the Washington State Library. They are not available for check out or interlibrary loan. Many of the records on these reels are handwritten, but some typewritten or printed descriptions and transcripts are included.

Documents Relating to the Negotiation of the Indian Treaties, 1854-1855, by Isaac I. Stevens, Governor of Washington Territory and Superintendent of Indian Affairs, copied from the Original Documents in the Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the Use of Hazard Stevens: Also Three Manuscripts by Hazard Stevens on the Walla Walla Council and Nez Perces. (Olympia: Washington State Library, 1961) Hazard Stevens was the son of Isaac I. Stevens.

NW MICRO 970.7004 DOCUMENT 1961

United States. Bureau of Indian Affairs. **Documents Relating to the Negotiation of Ratified and Unratified Treaties with Various Tribes of Indians, 1801-69: (Record Group 75, Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs).** (Washington: National Archives - microcopy, 1960)

NW MICRO 979.7004 UNITED 1801 Reel 5

NW MICRO 979.7004 UNITED 1801 Reel 8

Reel 5 - Ratified treaties, 1854-1855

Reel 8 - Unratified treaties, 1821-65

These reels include documents related to treaties from areas other than the Pacific Northwest. Treaties are in order by date. There is a counter number at the top of each image. On reel 5, image number 169 is the beginning of the documents relating to the 1854 Medicine Creek treaty.

United States. Bureau of Indian Affairs. **Letters Received by the Office of Indian Affairs, 1824-81: Washington Superintendency, 1853-1880.** (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Service, 1958)

NW MICRO 979.7004 UNITED 1853b Reels 907-920

United States. Office of Indian Affairs. Washington Superintendency. **Records of the Washington Superintendency of Indian Affairs, 1853-1874.** (Washington: National Archives, 1945)

NW MICRO 979.7004 UNITED 1853 Reels 1-26

Reels 1-6 Copies and drafts of letters sent, 1853-1874

Reels 7-8 Letters from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, 1853-1874

Reels 9-22 Letters from agents and employees in local jurisdictions of the Superintendency, 1853-1874

Reels 23-25 Miscellaneous letters received, 1853-1874

Reel 26 Records relating to treaties, 1854-1863

Introduction on the first reel gives a history of the Washington Indian Superintendency and describes contents of reels. A shortened form of this introduction is available in **Pacific Northwest Quarterly** January 1946 Volume 37, No. 1 "Research Suggestions: The Records of the Washington Superintendency of Indian Affairs, 1853-1874" by James R. Masterson. pages 31-57

Websites for further reading and research:

American Indians of the Pacific Northwest - University of Washington Libraries, Digital Collections

<http://content.lib.washington.edu/aipnw/index.html>

Boldt Decision - Center for Columbia River History

<http://www.ccrh.org/comm/river/legal/boldt.htm>

Columbia Basin Native Fishery - Center for Columbia River History

<http://www.ccrh.org/comm/river/main.htm>

Governor's Office of Indian Affairs - Washington State

<http://www.goia.wa.gov/Default.htm>

HistoryLink.org - The Online Encyclopedia of Washington State History

http://www.historylink.org/this_week/index.cfm

Kappler's Indian Affairs - Oklahoma State University Library

<http://digital.library.okstate.edu/kappler/>

Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission

<http://www.nwifc.org>

Salmon Collection - University of Washington Libraries, Digital Collections

<http://content.lib.washington.edu/salmonweb/index.html>

Washington Territorial Timeline - Washington State Archives

<http://www.secstate.wa.gov/history/timeline.aspx>

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