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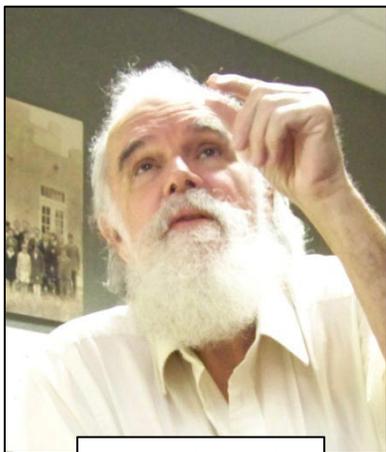


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Wesley Durant Taukchiray Collection

(1948-)

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- Volume:** 4.25 Linear feet
- Processed:** Unprocessed
- Provenance:** Donated by Wesley Durant Taukchiray, Feb. 2, 2010 and May 23, 2012
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Biographical Note

Professional researcher. A compiler and genealogist, Wes Taukchiray has endeavored to identify the historical predecessors of present day Indian groups in both South and North Carolina. His research efforts began with the Four Holds Indian Community in Dorchester County, SC in 1969. In 1982 he became the principal researcher for the Indian Law Unit at Legal Aid of North Carolina Pembroke and currently works with the Lumbee, Waccamaw-Siouan, Coharie, Haliwa-Saponi, and Meherrin tribes. Wes has also worked for the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) and various South Carolina state recognized tribes.

Scope and Content Notes

The collection consists of 4.25 linear feet of material. Archival collections from three South Carolina State Recognized Tribes comprise this collection.

I. [Papers of the Edisto/Natchez/Kusso Indians](#)

II. [Papers of the Santee Indians](#)

III. [Papers of the Wassamasaw Tribe of Varnertown Indians](#)

Research materials consist of correspondence, photographs, maps, articles, reports, census data, pamphlets, programs, bulletins, newsletters, field notes and other writings. Areas of interest include genealogy, tribal histories and culture, relations with government entities and education.

Special Note:

These collections are currently unprocessed. During the accession process a rough inventory of their contents was prepared. With the assistance of the archivist, archival interns later prepared lists of the individual folders within each collection. Every archive has a back log of materials that often take several years to catalog. Due to the relatively small size and historical importance of this collection, the archivist has decided to make these materials available to researchers and interested parties.