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Indian Pow-Wow at BlackHawk State Park
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Documents appear to have belonged to Dr. Roscoe Slack of 2602 LeClaire Street in Davenport.

Timeline of approximately 1950-1980's

Dr. Slack, a podiatrist, was a member of the Pow-Wow Council and served as vice-president for at least 12 years.

The Pow-Wow was held annually on Labor Day Weekend in Black Hawk State Park, Rock Island, Illinois beginning in 1940. Sponsor was the Indian Pow-wow Council (a non-profit corporation). Documents within this collection indicate monies earned by this organization were used to help Native American Indians with college expenses.

*Processing note: this collection was partially processed and a limited container list made in December 2010. All items foldered and fit in one archive & manuscript box.

Condition good in general.

Souvenir Programs – these contain informative articles about the Pow-wow, Blackhawk, etc.

Annual	Year	Price	Title
12 th	1951	10 cents	Indian Pow-wow Ceremonial Dances by the members of the Sauk and Fox Tribes
20 th	1959	10 cents	Indian Pow-wow Ceremonial Dances by the members of the Sauk and Fox Tribes
21 st	1960	10 cents	Indian Pow-wow Ceremonial Dances by the members of the Sauk and Fox Tribes
22 nd	1961	10 cents	Indian Pow-wow Ceremonial Dances by the members of Sauk and Fox Tribes
24 th	1963	10 cents	Indian Pow-wow Ceremonial Dances by the members of Sauk and Fox Tribes
25 th	1964	15 cents	Indian Pow-wow Ceremonial Dances by the members of Sauk and Fox Tribes
26 th	1965	15 cents	Indian Pow-wow Ceremonial Dances by the members of Sauk and Fox Tribes
27 th	1966	15 cents	Indian Pow-wow Ceremonial Dances by the members of Sauk and Fox Tribes
28 th	1967	15 cents	Indian Pow-wow Ceremonial Dances by the members of Sauk and Fox Tribes
29 th	1968	25 cents	Indian Pow-wow - Authentic Ceremonial Dances by Sauk and Fox Indians [2 copies]
30 th	1969	25 cents	Indian Pow-wow - Authentic Ceremonial Dances by Sauk and Fox Indians
31 st	1970	25 cents	Indian Pow-Wow – Authentic Ceremonial Dances by Sauk and Fox Indians

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32 nd	1971	25 cents	Indian Pow-wow – Ceremonial Dances by Members of Sauk & Fox Tribes
33 rd	1972	25 cents	Indian Pow-wow – Ceremonial Dances by Members of Sauk & Fox Tribes
34 th	1973	25 cents	Indian Pow-wow – Ceremonial Dances by Members of Sauk & Fox Tribes
36 th	1976	50cents	Indian Pow-wow – Ceremonial Dances by Members of Sauk & Fox Tribes
Unknown	Unknown, but possibly 1979	No price	The Traditional Labor Day Weekend Sauk and Fox Ceremonial Pow - Wow

Each program has several articles, some duplication from year to year. This is just a partial listing to give idea of content.

Year	Article Title	Highlights from article
1951	History of the Indian Pow-Wow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ First held 1940 with 35 participants from Tama, IA ▪ Locations changed over years as grew ▪ 1942 dances put on by Sauk Indians from Oklahoma headed by blood descendants of Black Hawk ▪ 1943 program included participants from both Tama and Oklahoma ▪ 1948 Pow-Wow employed 80 Indians, half Sauk and half Fox with total paid admission of 8745 people ▪ 1949 first printed program which listed dances and explanations ▪ 1950 Indians encamped in Indian village
1951	“On the war path”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Describes Black Hawk State Park
1951	Hauberg Indian Museum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dedicated on June 25, 1939 ▪ Includes wick-i-up and summer home which were constructed inside the museum by Jim Poweshiek and Sam Slick of Tama, IA
1959	History of the Indian Pow-Wow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Additional information for the 1950’s developments
1959	The Pow-wow Indians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Historic information on the Fox Indians of Tama
1959	Black Hawk War	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
1959	Black Hawk’s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More about Black Hawk and the war

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	Watch Tower-The Scenes of Our Pow-Wows	
1959	Black Hawk State Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Acquired by State of IL July 1, 1927 ▪ Site of Sauk-e-nuk, largest Indian village in N. America ▪ Finest feature is Watch Tower – a promontory 150 feet above Rock River providing unlimited view of valley and surrounding country
1959	A Surprise Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Three wives of directors were given Indian names
1959	Hauberg Indian Museum	

Other items include:

Biography of Dr. Roscoe Slack

States he was VP of Indian Pow-wow Council for 12 years

States he was Honorary Field Archaeologist for Davenport Public Museum

Correspondence

Richard D. and Leatrice Poweshiek to Dr. Roscoe Slack – regarding admission to University of Oklahoma after graduating from Haskell Indian Junior College. Includes their transcripts.

1 July 1968

1 May 1979

8 Aug 1979

20 Aug 1979

25 Aug 1979

1 Oct 1979

George Buffalo Jr. to James L. Shaw 18 Aug 1977 regarding student grant applications

Jerry Schaefer to Jess Foiles re: permit for 1975 Pow-wow

Letter granting permission to film 1972 performance between Pow-wow council and Davidson Films

Newspaper clippings

The Daily Times

Monday Jan. 18, 1954 page 1-G

Indians Restricted Under Black Hawk Treaty Terms by Rex Ballard

2nd in series of articles concerning the Black Hawk Treaty

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*assume Daily Times and preceding Jan. 18th – original of the 1st article in series “Black Hawk Treaty Slated for ‘Home’ in Davenport” : apparently Fred Schwengel was involved in obtaining one of only two existing known copies of Black Hawk Treaty on behalf of Iowa Book Collectors Club Inc. [other copy @ National Archives per article] Indicates will be kept at Davenport Public Museum

Times Democrat 1974; Focus Section; 3 part series by Dave Ramacitti

10 Nov page 7-9	Saukenuk: When Rock Island Was an Immense Indian Village
17 Nov page 10	Lifestyle at Saukenuk [mostly about culture]
24 Nov page 12	mostly regarding artifacts located

Rock Island News

12 Apr 1979 page 4, continued on page 34

John Henry Hauberg: A man of many facets

By Joan McGee; pictures

Organization records:

Council meeting notices, minutes, enclosures 1973-1975

List of Council officers 1975, 1976, 1979

Small black notebook containing notes and receipts for 1966 and 1971 Pow-wows

Receipts from 1977 and one from 1972 Pow-wows

Committee assignments and budget for 1974

Letterhead of the Indian Council

Pow-wow Contest Rules

Princess

Men's Freestyle Dance

Sheet music for dances

Shawnee Dance as sung by Jim Poweshiek; recorded by L.E. Watters

Friendship Dance

Buffalo Head Dance

“The Indian of Yestarday [sic], Today and Tomorrow” by Jonas M. Poweshiek

Signature in ink

No date

Poor condition

List of Indians of Sac & Fox Tribe in Iowa in WWII

Dated May 7, 1945

Sac & Fox Sub-Agency Toledo, IA

Lists name and ID#, age, rank, branch, date of entry, marital status, # of dependents, approximate place of service, volunteer or drafted, remarks

**Note that Richard D. Poweshiek is listed on this with Jonas Poweshiek under Remarks
“How Mesquaki Children Should Be Brought Up”

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Dictated by Harry Lincoln, of the Meskwaki to Truman Michelson
In: American Indian Life edited by Elsie Clews Parsons 1922, page 81
Typed date of Oct. 3, 1947

Grade transcripts [possibly for individuals seeking financial assistance]
Rhonda Sue Keahna from South Tame High School 1978
Carma J. Keahne from Des Moines Area Community College 1978

Transcription of a conversation between James Poweshiek and son at Pow-wow grounds 1942
Three typed pages numbered 1, 3, 4 indicating page 2 missing
John H. Hauberg likely the transcriptionist
Dated September 7, 1942

Genealogy chart – of Poweshiek?
Index card with handwritten information regarding Native American Indian beliefs about astronomy

Packet of correspondence 1823-1830 from Department of the Army [carbon copies] – some duplicates

1823 letter from William Clark to Sec. of War Calhoun
From St. Louis Dec. 8, 1823

Expense estimates – Agency for Sauk & Fox Nations 1824-1825

Speech of Black Hawk to Sauk & Fox Spring 1831
Typed carbon copy
Five pages
Given upon receiving orders from Indian Agent in Rock Island to remove to the west bank of the Mississippi

Miscellaneous