



B.B. Cannon Journal (C1946)

Collection Number: C1946

Collection Title: B.B. Cannon Journal

Dates: 1837

Creator: Cannon, B.B.

Abstract: A day-by-day account of the journey of a band of Cherokee being forced West by the U.S. government, written by the conductor of the party, October 13-December 30, 1837.

Collection Size: 0.02 cubic feet
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia](https://www.shsmo.org/research-center-columbia). If you would like more information, please contact us at columbia@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: A copy of the journal was purchased by the State Historical Society of Missouri from the National Archives on September 31, 1953.

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the B.B. Cannon Journal can be found in the following collections:

[*W.I.I. Morrow Papers, 1839* \(C2051\)](#)

[*G.S. Townsend Letter, 1838* \(C2516\)](#)

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Historical Note:

In 1837, B.B. Cannon oversaw a group of Cherokees who were removed from their land in Tennessee. The group started out in Tennessee and passed through parts of Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas and finally reached their destination in Oklahoma. There were about 365 people at the start of the journey, and fifteen Native Americans died along the way. The journey took 77 days.

Arrangement:

The collection has maintained in its original order.

Scope and Content Note:

The papers contain a day-by-day account of the journey of a band of Cherokee Indians being forced West by the U.S. government, written by the conductor of the party, October 13-December 30, 1837. Each day's entry is brief, mentioning locations, provisions, activities, sickness, and deaths.

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