

Blair Rudes Papers (NAA.2009-16): A Finding Aid

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1 Background

This finding aid serves as a guide to my copies of the Blair Rudes papers which are housed at the National Anthropological Archives (NAA); extensive provenance details about the Blair Rudes papers, scope and contents, and the official finding aid can be found [here](#). The copies, which are in PDF format, were made between August 16th and September 9th, 2022 with my Apple iPhone 13 using the [Dropbox](#) "Scan Documents" function. This function automatically crops and focuses the item that is being scanned. Most scans should be legible, but some may be inadvertently blurry and may feature my fingers. While I double-checked and re-scanned the most egregious scans, I may have missed some. If you find the appearance of my fingers jarring, I apologize in advance.

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3 Finding aid

Box 1

Correspondence - B

- ▷ Correspondence between Blair Rudes and Karen Booker on August 14, 2001 about the Booker, Hudson & Rankin (1992) paper entitled “Place name identification and multilingualism in the sixteenth-century Southeast”.

Correspondence - Catawba and Cofitachequi

- ▷ **Part I:** Correspondences about Catawban archeology in regards to the chapter by Blair Rudes, Thomas Blumer, and Alan May entitled “Catawba and neighboring groups” from 2001 to 2002. Some correspondences in 2001 are about the Frank Siebert Festschrift.
- ▷ **Part II:** Correspondences from 2001 about Catawban ancient history, Muskogean loans, and relationship between Catawba and Woccon. Included in these correspondences are drafts of Thomas Blumer’s essays entitled “Diaspora” and “The Catawba Indian Nation”, both about history of the Catawba people, and a Catawban bibliography.

Correspondence - Catawba Class Refs

- ▷ Correspondence between Blair Rudes and Thomas Blumer on October 18, 1999 about Catawban references for Rudes’s syllabus.

Correspondence - Catawba Creation Myth

- ▷ Correspondence between Blair Rudes and Thomas Blumer on October 28, 1999 about Catawban creation stories.

Correspondence - Hamp, Eric

- ▷ Correspondence between Blair Rudes and Eric Hamp on December 15, 1985 about Rudes’s paper on the Siouan-Yuchi connection.

Correspondence - Iroquoianists

- ▷ Responses from an anonymous reviewer and editor David Rood on July 2, 1987 to Blair Rudes’s paper attempt to show distant genetic affiliation between Siouan, Catawban, and Yuchi; this paper had methodological issues and was never published. Also included are Blair Rudes’s responses to Michael Foster on January 22, 1987 which include how Siouanists view proposed distant relationships (i.e. Catawban and Yuchi) and the Macro-Siouan homeland.

Correspondence - K

- ▷ Correspondence between William Koon and William Sturtevant on December 13, 2004 about Blair Rudes’s (2004) paper entitled “Place names of Cofitachequi”.

Correspondence - Koontz, John

- ▷ Correspondences between Blair Rudes and John Koontz between 1983 and 1986. Most correspondences involve comments by Koontz on Rudes’s papers.

Box 2

Correspondence - Professional

- ▷ A correspondence between Blair Rudes and Allan (Taylor?) on March 10, 1993 about the loanword for ‘swine’ in Tuscarora possibly from Tutelo or Catawba.

Correspondence - S

- ▷ Correspondence between Blair Rudes and Stephen on the etymology of *Woccon* and *Waccamaw*.

Correspondence - Siebert, Frank

- ▷ Correspondence between Blair Rudes and Frank Siebert with regards to the passing of Red Thunder Cloud.

Box 3

Catawba - Catawba words listed as Muskogean loan words

- ▷ Comparisons of words in Saraw, Cheraw, and possibly Catawba recorded by various linguists and ethnographers, with a brief note on a loanword from Creek.

Catawba - Notes (1/2)

- ▷ Notes on Muskogean loans and a list of words in Island Carib.

Catawba - The Bad Woman who stole a Boy and became a comet

- ▷ Stories from Speck’s (1934) *Catawba texts* including:
 - “The Bad Woman Who Stole a Boy and Became a Comet”
 - “The eagle kidnapper, the pileated woodpecker. Úkni· the comet, and the sky rope”
 - “The Eagle Kidnapper. Variant”
 - “The Origin of the Red Winged Blackbird and Dove”
 - “How Pileated Woodpecker Got his Red Crest and Robin his Red Breast”
 - “How Yellow Hammer Got Her White Inner Wings”
 - “How the Wolf was Frightened and Became Wild”
 - “How Opossum Lost his Bushy Tail”
 - “How Tree Frog Taught Toad to Cry”
 - “How Chipmunk Got his Stripes”
 - “Rabbit Steals the Fire from the Buzzards”
 - “Rabbit Steals Fire from the Buzzards”
 - “Rabbit Steal Water from the Snapping Turtle”

Box 4

Catawba - Notes (2/2)

- ▷ A list of words of some language with lookalikes in other languages; it is likely that the language is not Catawba since I am unable to locate the words in Shea’s (1984) *Catawba Lexicon*.

Catawba - Research Notes (Catawba) Vocabulary Phonetics Customs

- ▷ Notes from a visit to the American Philosophical Society on March 30, 2006 on Catawba vocabulary.

Catawba - Texts

- ▷ **Parts I–II:** Catawba and Esaw texts recorded from Sally Gordon by Raven McDavid edited and analyzed by Blair Rudes (2000). There are multiple versions and drafts of the following texts:
 - “Why the Rivers Flow”
 - “Comet”
 - “Barred Owl”
 - “Opossum Outwits the Deer and the Wolf”
- ▷ Also included are handouts entitled “Catawba Sentence Conjoining” and “Overview of Catawba [Saraw] Syntax” given at the Siouan Syntax Workshop in 2001.

Box 5a

Raven McDavid Catawba Notebook (II?)

- ▷ **Parts I–II:** Although the folder is labelled as Catawba Notebook (II?), its contents are identical to Notebook I. Notebook II does not appear in Box 5a.

Raven McDavid Catawba Notebook I

- ▷ **Parts I–II:** This folder contains Catawba Notebook I which consists primarily of verbal and possessive paradigms.

Raven McDavid Catawba Notebook III (1/2)

- ▷ This folder contains Catawba Notebook VIII which consists primarily of texts in Catawba.

Raven McDavid Catawba Notebook III (2/2)

- ▷ **Parts I–II:** Catawba Notebook III consists primarily of verbal paradigms, some involve transitive verbs.
- ▷ **Parts III–IV:** Catawba Notebook IV consists primarily of verbal and possessive paradigms.

Raven McDavid Catawba Notebook VI

- ▷ **Parts I–III:** Catawba Notebook VI consists primarily of verbal paradigms with a brief list of words and genealogical information.

Raven McDavid Catawba Notebook V

- ▷ **Parts I–II:** Catawba Notebook V consists primarily of verbal paradigms, some involve transitive verbs.

Box 7

Catawba bibliography

- ▷ A bibliography of linguistic work on Catawba.

Catawba I

- ▷ **Parts I–II:** Drafts, reviewer comments, and correspondences regarding the chapter entitled “Catawba and Neighboring Groups” in the *Handbook of North American Indians, V. 12, Plateau* by Blair Rudes, Thomas Blumer, and Alan May.

Catawba-English/English-Catawba Dictionary Draft

- ▷ An annotated draft of Blair Rudes’s Catawba dictionary from April 13, 2003.

Catawba-English/English-Catawba Dictionary Draft (1 of 2)

- ▷ **Part I:** A draft of Blair Rudes’s Catawba dictionary (Winter 2005–2006) from A to Ī.
- ▷ **Part II:** A draft of Blair Rudes’s Catawba dictionary (Winter 2005–2006) from Ī to P.

Catawba-English/English-Catawba Dictionary Draft (2 of 2)

- ▷ A draft of Blair Rudes’s Catawba dictionary (Winter 2005–2006) from P to W.
- ▷ A draft of Blair Rudes’s Catawba dictionary (Winter 2005–2006) from W to ?.

Catawba Grammar and Texts Drafts (1 of 3)

- ▷ **Part I:** An annotated draft of Chapter 1 (Introduction) and Chapter 2 (Philology, Phonetics, and Phonology) of *Catawba Grammar and Texts*. Also includes the table of contents.
- ▷ **Part II:** An annotated draft of Chapter 3 (Morphology) of *Catawba Grammar and Texts*.
- ▷ **Part III:** An annotated draft that includes the first five pages of Chapter 4 (Syntax, Discourse, and Pragmatics). Also includes reviewer comments.

Catawba Grammar and Texts Drafts (2 of 3)

- ▷ **Part I:** An annotated draft that includes pages 63–92 of Chapter 6 (Texts) of *Catawba Grammar and Texts*. Also includes the bibliography.
- ▷ **Part I:** An annotated draft of the appendix entitled “Catawba Language Data from Red Thunder Cloud: [A]n Initial Assessment” of *Catawba Grammar and Texts*.

Catawba Grammar and Texts Drafts (3 of 3)

- ▷ **Part I:** An annotated draft that includes the remaining part of Chapter 4 (Syntax, Discourse, and Pragmatics) of *Catawba Grammar and Texts* beginning from page six.
- ▷ **Part II:** An annotated draft of Chapter 5 (Broader Relations) of *Catawba Grammar and Texts*.
- ▷ **Part III:** An annotated draft that includes pages 1–62 of Chapter 6 (Texts) of *Catawba Grammar and Texts*.

Catawba Grammar Chapters 2, 3, 6 with edits

- ▷ **Part I:** An annotated draft that includes pages 6–22 Chapter 2 (Philology, Phonetics, and Phonology) of *Catawba Grammar and Texts*.
- ▷ **Part II:** An annotated draft of *Catawba Grammar and Texts* that includes the first five pages of Chapter 3 (Phonology) from a previous draft. Includes pages from Chapter 3 (Texts) of a subsequent version of the monograph.
- ▷ **Part III:** An annotated draft of Chapter 6 (Syntax, Discourse, and Pragmatics) of *Catawba Grammar and Texts*.

Catawba Grammar - Chapter III fragment

- ▷ An annotated draft that includes pages 32–39 Chapter 3 (Morphology) of *Catawba Grammar and Texts*.

Box 8

Catawba Grammar Chapter 7 Syntax

- ▷ An annotated draft that includes pages 1–26 Chapter 7 (Syntax) of *Catawba Grammar and Texts*.

Catawba Grammar - with reviewer comments

- ▷ *Parts I–III*: A draft of *Catawba Grammar and Texts* with comments from an anonymous reviewer. It is likely that only pages with reviewer comments were included in the folder.

Catawba Grammar and Texts Reviewer reports

- ▷ Blair Rudes’s responses to reviewer reports for *Catawba Grammar and Texts*. Also includes reports from two reviewers – both reviewers are generally positive about the book but note some revisions are needed before publication.

A Comparison of the Catawban, Siouan, and Yuchi Languages

- ▷ *Parts I–III*: This paper attempts to provide further support for the genetic affiliation of the Catawban, Siouan, and Yuchi Languages by proposing cognate sets and recurrent sound correspondences.

Box 9

Morphosyntax of Proto-Macro Siouan

- ▷ A draft of a paper entitled “Morphosyntactic Evidence for the Relationship of Yuchi to the Catawban and Siouan Languages”.

The Historical Significance of John Buck’s “Tutelo” Vocabulary

- ▷ A handout for a talk entitled “The Historical Significance of John Buck’s ‘Tutelo’ Vocabulary” presented by Blair Rudes in June 2001. Includes possible contact effects between Tutelo and Catawba.

The Number Vocabulary of Proto-Macro Siouan

- ▷ A paper for a talk entitled “The Number Vocabulary of Proto-Macro-Siouan” presented by Blair Rudes in 1982.

Box 13

Carpenter - Red Thunder Cloud

- ▷ A short bibliography of Red Thunder Cloud written by Edmund Carpenter.

Box 14

Koontz - Proto-Siouan Pronouns

- ▷ A 119-page paper entitled “The Proto-Siouan and Siouan Personal Pronouns” by John Koontz for a seminar in the *Diachronic Linguistics of the Siouan Languages* taught by David Rood. The paper attempts to trace the development of personal pronouns across Siouan and Catawban languages and subgroups.

Koontz - Remarks on “Sound Changes Separating Siouan-Yuchi from Iroquois-Caddoan”

- ▷ A brief paper with corrections on the Siouan data in Blair Rudes’s paper “Sound changes separating Siouan-Yuchi from Iroquois-Caddoan” that is published in *International Journal of American Linguistics*.