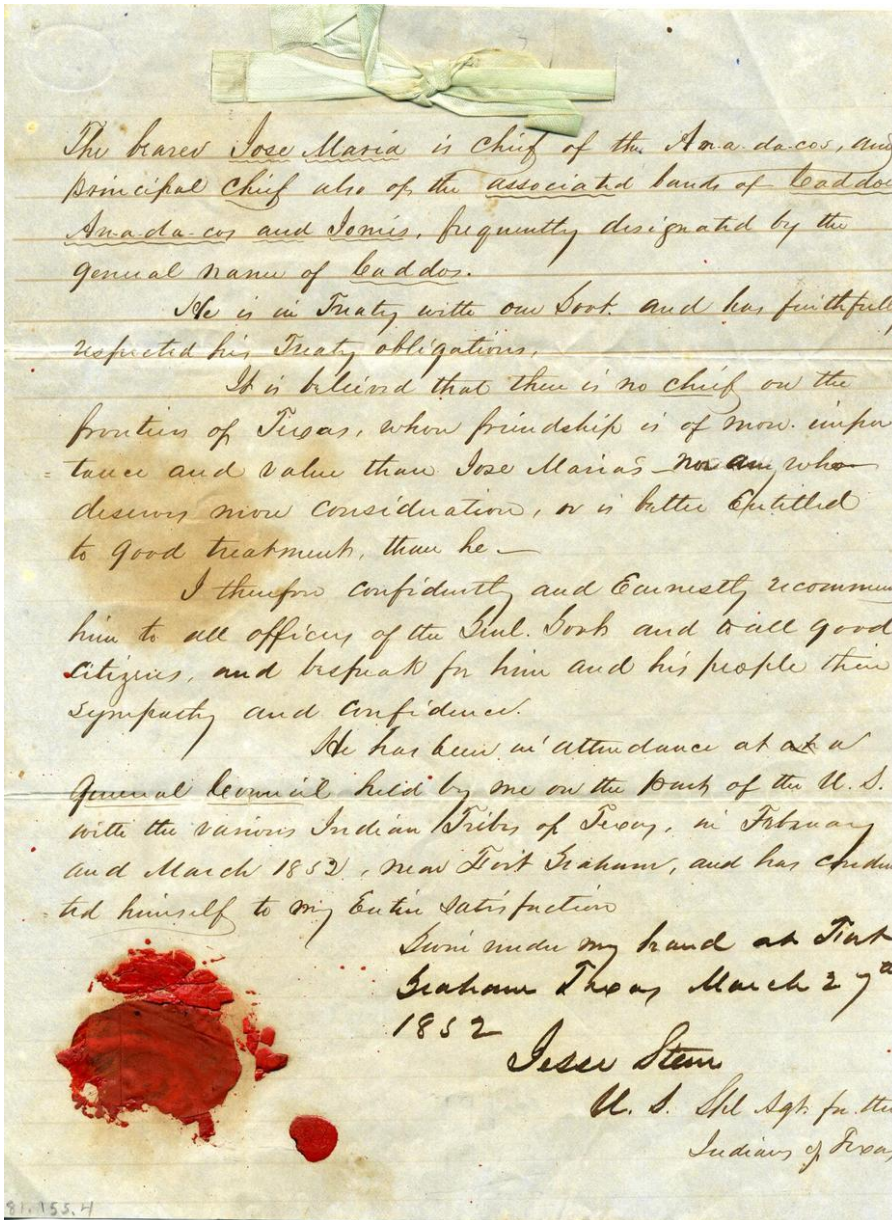


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The bearer Jose Maria is Chief of the An-a-da-cos, and principal Chief also of the associated bands of Caddos Ana da cos and Jomis, frequently designated by the general name of Caddos.

He is in treaty with our Govt. and has faithfully respected his Treaty obligations.

It is believed that there is no chief of the frontiers of Texas, whose friendship is of more importance and value than Jose Maria's - nor any who deserves more consideration, or is better entitled to good treatment than he

I therefore confidently and earnestly recommend him to all officers of the Genl. Govt. and to all good citizens, and bespeak for him and his people their sympathy and confidence.

He has been in attendance at a General Council held by me on the part of the U.S. with the various Indian Tribes of Texas, in February and March 1852, near Fort Graham, and has conducted himself to my [] satisfaction.

[] under by hand at Fort Graham Texas March 27th 1852

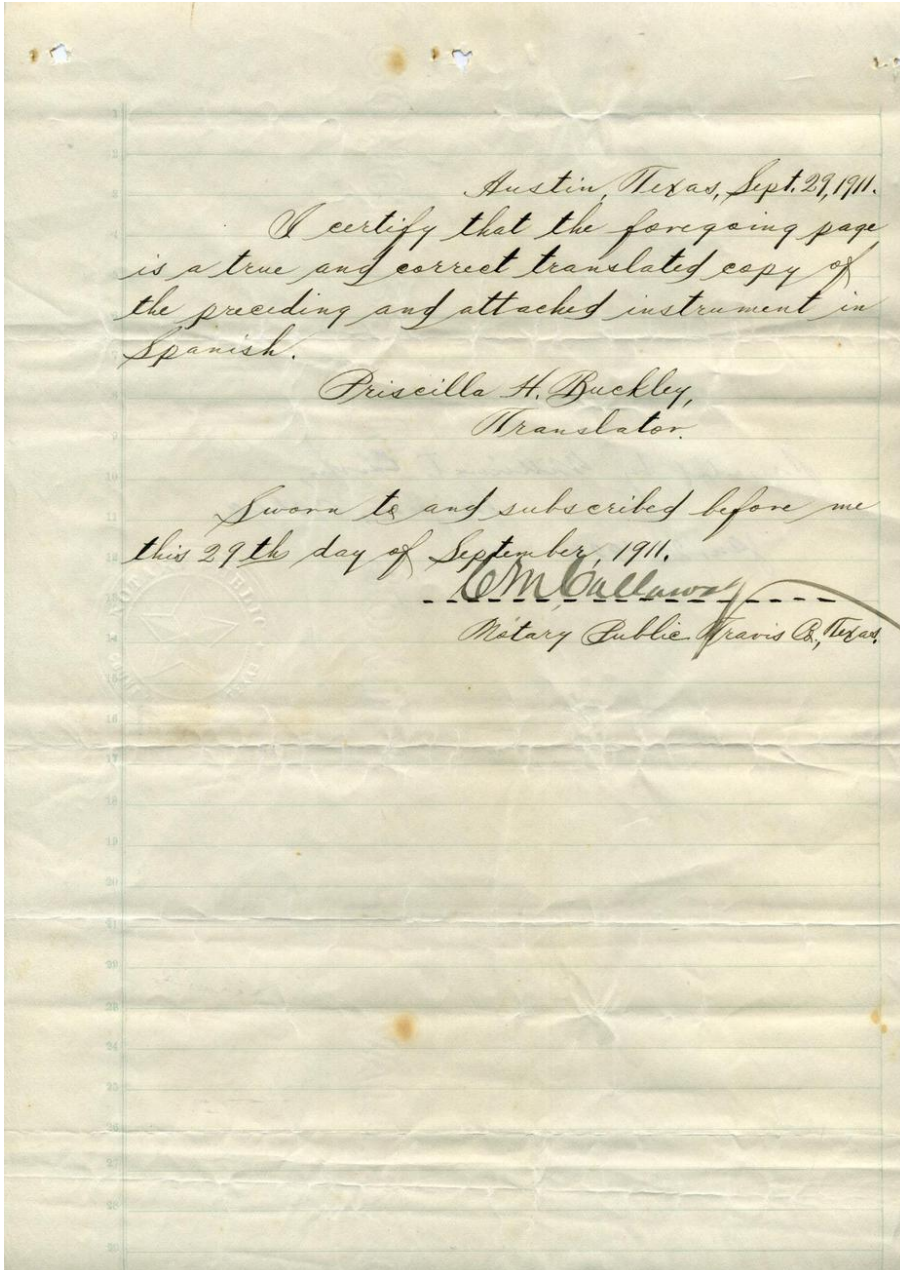
Jesse Stern
U.S. Spl. Sgt. for the
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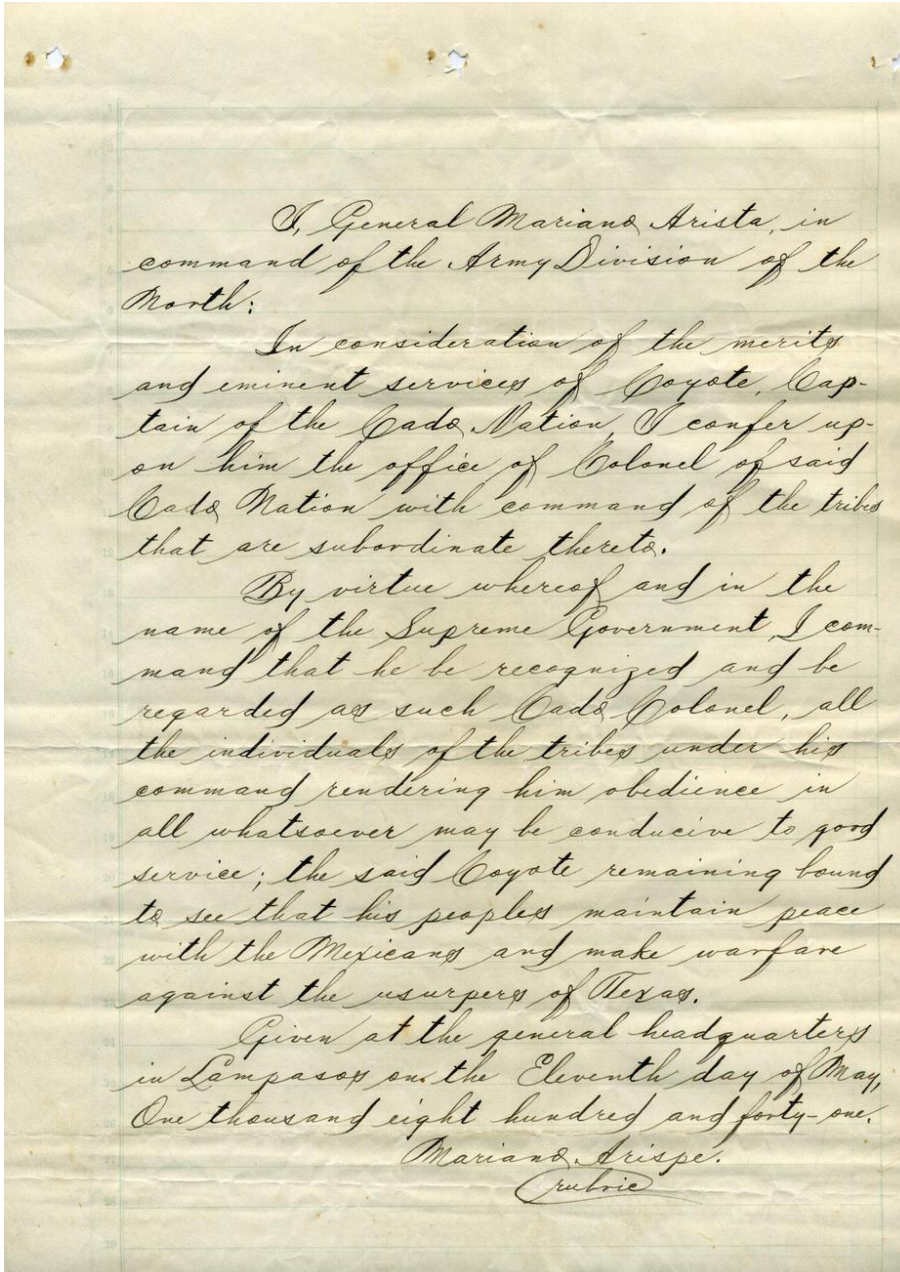
Austin, Texas Sept. 29, 1911

I certify that the foregoing page is a true and correct translated copy of the proceeding and attached instrument in Spanish.

Priscilla H. Buckley
Translator.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of September 1911.

C.M. Calloway
Notary Public, Travis Co.,
Texas.



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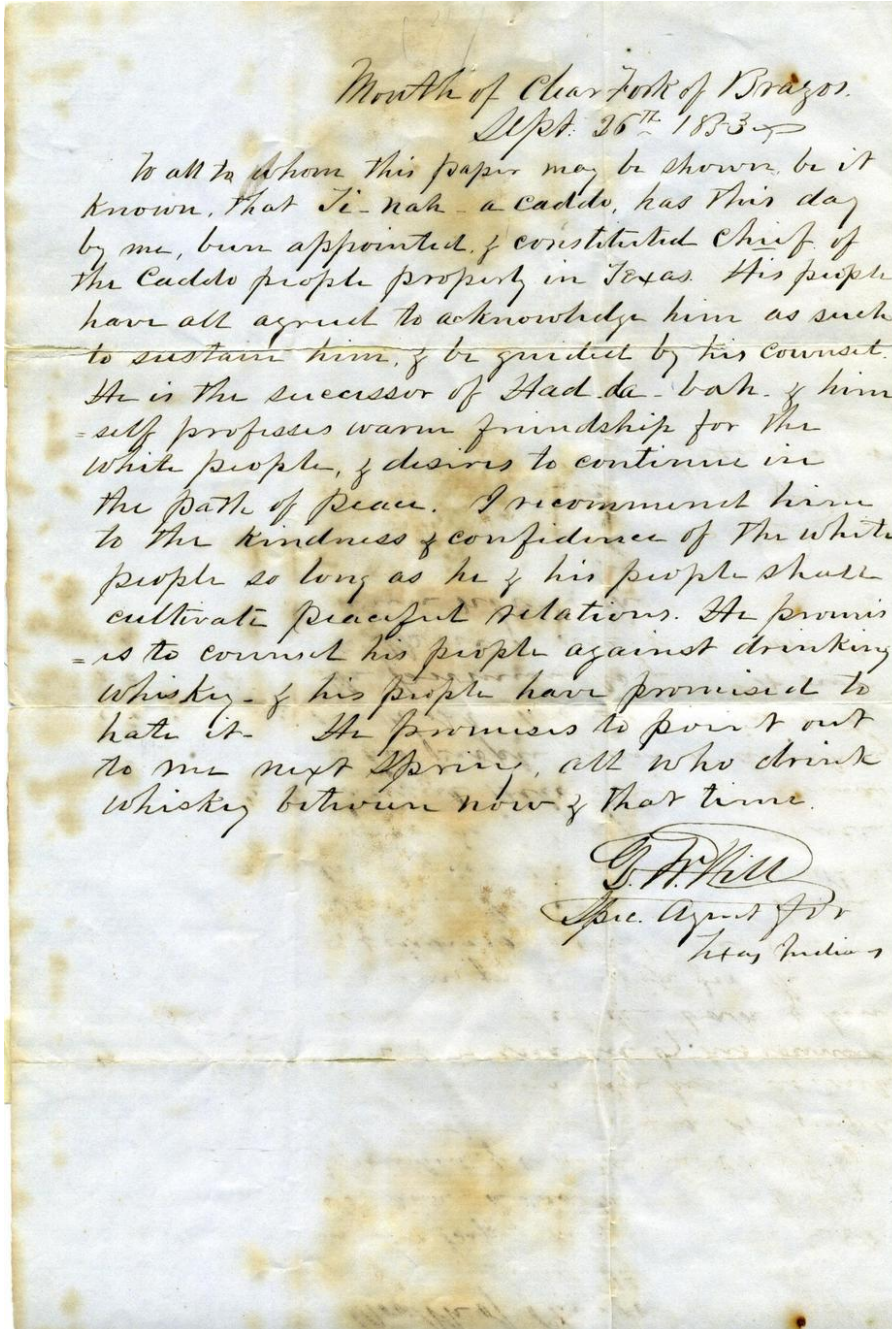
I, General Mariano Arista, in command of the Army Division of the North:

In consideration of the merits and eminent services of Coyote, Cap-tain of the Cado Nation, I confer up-on him the office of Colonel of said Cado Nation with command of the tribes that are subordinate thereto.

By virtue whereof and in the name of the Supreme Government I com-mand that he be recognized and be regarded as such Cado Colonel, all the individuals of the tribes under his command rendering him obedience in all whatsoever may be conducive to good service; the said Coyote remaining bound to see that his peoples maintain peace with the Mexicans and make warfare against the usurpers of Texas.

Given at the general headquarters in Lampasos on the Elventh day of May, One thousand eight hundred and forty-one.

Mariano Arista
rubric



Transcription

Mouth of Clear Fork of Brazos
Sept. 26th 1853

To all whom this paper may be shown, be it known, that Ti-nah, a caddo, has this day by me, been appointed & constituted Chief of the Caddo people properly in Texas. His people have all agreed to acknowledge him a such to sustain him, & be guided by his counsel. He is the successor of Had-da-bak & him self professes warm friendship for the white people, & desires to continue in the path of peace. I recommend him to the kindness & confidence of the white people so long as he & his people shall cultivate peaceful relations. He promis-es to counsel his people against drinking whisky & his people have promised to hate it. He promises to point out to me next Spring, all who drink whisky between now & that time.

G.W. Hill
Spec. Agent for
Texas Indians

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Near Fort Belknap, Texas
June 29th 1856

Ti-nah,

The bearer, was appointed chief of the Caddo people in Sept. last, since which time he, with a party of young men, made a tour of some months, through the Comanche Country, North & West, seeking some American prisoners. He has arrested a party of three Waco & Tawaccan Indians with stolen horses & delivered into my possession the horses & Indians. He has promptly reported to me every circumstance & appearance of danger in his vicinity, which he thought might lead to trouble. He & his people have given undeniable evidences of their desire to follow the counsel given them, & to settle permanently under the auspices of the U.S. & cultivate the soil. I hope it will be deemed politic by those appointed to select them a home, to consult their wishes on this subject so far as the policy of the U.S. towards these people will allow. This chief has done every thing in his power to aid me in keeping his people from whisky, & whisky from his people, in which he has exercised much influence. His devoted friendship for the white people certainly merits consideration in a matter so important to him & his people as their future home.

G.W. Hill

Spec. Agt. Texas Indians

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Student Worksheet

Primary Source Review: Caddo Indian Documents, 1841-1856

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1. What is the date of the document you reviewed? _____

2. What is the importance of this document? What is the main idea?

3. Does the document state an opinion? If YES, is it positive or negative?

4. Name one vocabulary word in the document that you would like to learn.

5. Using a dictionary, define the word you chose in question 4.

6. Discuss the document with friends, family, or your teacher. What did you learn?

Teacher Answer Key

Primary Source Review: Caddo Indian Documents, 1841-1856

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1. What is the date of the document you reviewed?

(1) **March 27, 1852**

(2) **Sept. 29, 1911**

(3) **May 11, 1841**

(4) **September 26, 1853**

(5) **June 29, 1856**

2. What is the importance of this document? What is the main idea?

(1) **The first document is a certified copy stating that Jose Maria is Chief of the Anadacos and attests to his good conduct, signed by Jesse Stern**

(2) **The second document certifies that the foregoing page is a true copy and translation.**

(3) **The third document is the commission of Col. Coyote signed by Gen. Mariano Arista placing Coyote in charge of Caddo troops against the "ursurpers of Texas."**

(4) **The fourth document is by G.W. Hill, Special Agent for Texas Indians, appointing Ti-nah Chief of the Caddo.**

(5) **The fifth document affirms the good conduct of Ti-nah.**

3-6. Instruct students to work with their peers and analyze the document.

1. Title of Records Caddo Indians - 1841-1854	2. Date 1929
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Chief signed by Jesse Stern, U.S. Agent for Indians of
Texas. 1 p. Museum 3219.

3. 26 Sept. 1853. ALS. Appointment of Ti-nah as of
Caddo tribe in Texas, signed G.W. Hill, Special Agent
for Texas Indians. 1 p. Museum 3222.
4. 29 June 1854. ALS. G.W. Hill re Ti-nah & the good
behavior, friendship to U.S. etc. of the Caddo
tribe. 1 p. Museum 3221.
5. 15 April 1843. Sam Houston message of
friendship to Bintah, Chief of Caddo. 1 p.