The Indian Rights Association (IRA) & Herbert Welsh

- Herbert Welsh established the Indian Rights Association in 1882.
- The IRA worked to ensure the well-being of Native Americans.
- Welsh’s role with this organization greatly influenced American Indian policy in the 20th century and became the primary source of information for non-Indian audiences on Native American affairs.
- John Baxter Harrison, a Unitarian minister and abolitionist, also contributed writings to the IRA’s cause.

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