

INCH BY INCH

Native American Genealogy



What's your motive?

- Know more about your family story?
- Validate passed down legends?
- Earn federal benefits?
- Join a tribe?
- Connect with relatives?
- Gain a better sense of self?

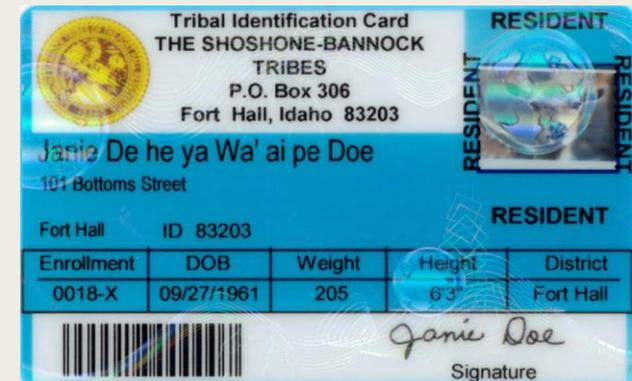
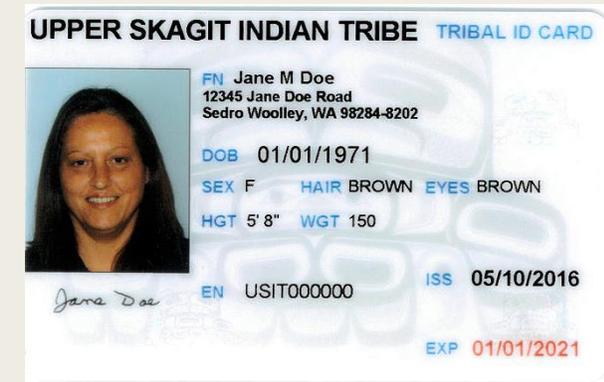
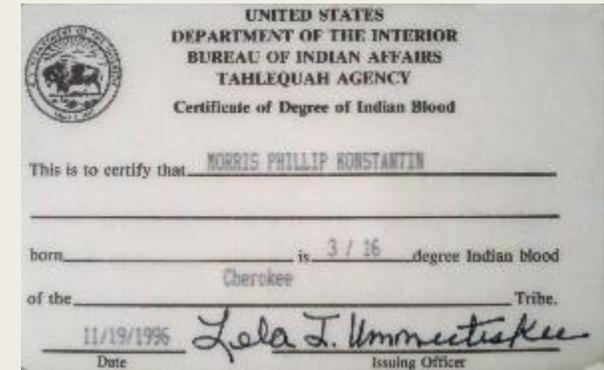


Becoming Part of a Recognized Tribe

- If you're applying to be part of a recognized tribe, check each tribe's requirements
- Two common requirements for membership are lineal decendency from someone named on the tribe's base roll or relationship to a tribal member who descended from someone named on the base roll. (A "base roll" is the original list of members as designated in a tribal constitution or other document specifying enrollment criteria.) Other conditions such as tribal blood quantum, tribal residency, or continued contact with the tribe are common.
- Your genealogical research must be backed up with proof deemed substantial enough by each tribe that you are claiming relation to.

Federal Benefits

- BIA & FASS
- Housing Benefits
- Educational Benefits
- Job Recruitment Programs
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Loans
- Health Programs



Oh, your Native American?

My great great grandma was a cherokee princess.

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Breaking Myths

Myth 1: Native American Genealogy is Difficult

Myth 2: American Indian vs. Indian Territory

Myth 3: "Cherokee Princess"

Myth 4: Family Legends vs. Family Stories

Myth 5: Native American DNA Testing

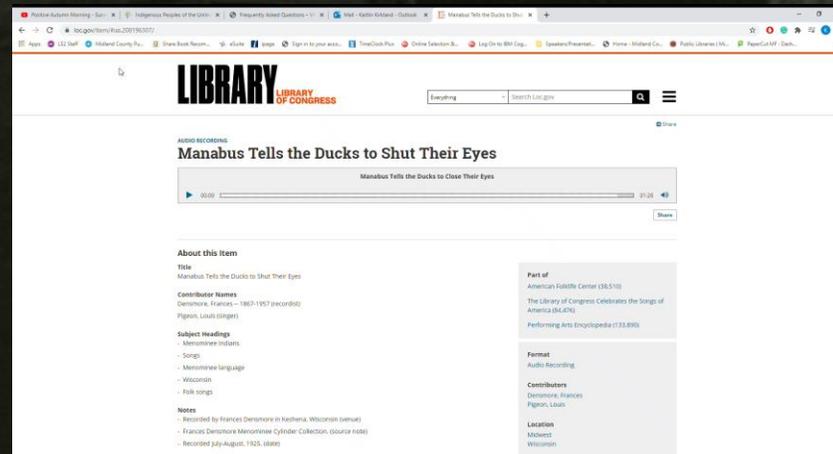


Public Records

- Churches: Catholic, Methodist, Presbyterian, Quaker
- Vital Records: Marriage, Birth, Death, Divorce
- Archives

Libraries

- Central Council Tlingit & Haida Tribes
- National Museum of the American Indian
- National Archives
- Local libraries
- Library of Congress

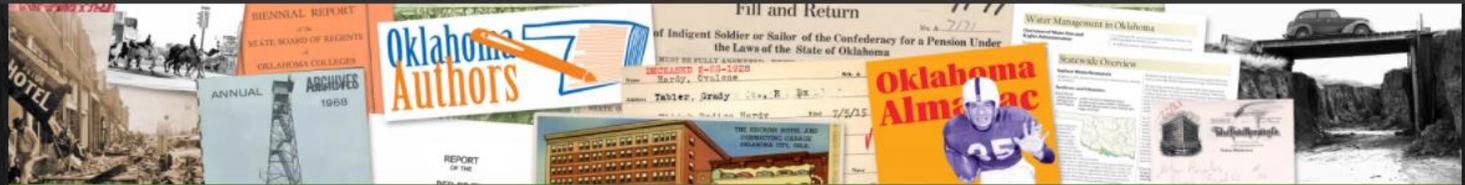


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- Title:** Manabus Tells the Ducks to Shut Their Eyes
- Contributor Names:** Denimore, Frances — 1851-1957 (recordist); Pigeon, Louis (singer)
- Subject Headings:** Menominee features; Songs; Menominee language; Wisconsin; Folk songs
- Notes:** Recorded by Frances Denimore in Neeshema, Wisconsin (notes); Frances Denimore Menominee Cylinder Collection, (source note); Recorded July-August, 1923, (date)

Additional information on the right side of the page includes:

- Part of:** American Folklife Center (68,578); The Library of Congress Celebrates the Songs of America (64,675); Performing Arts Encyclopedia (133,896)
- Format:** Audio recording
- Contributors:** Denimore, Frances; Pigeon, Louis
- Location:** Midwest; Wisconsin



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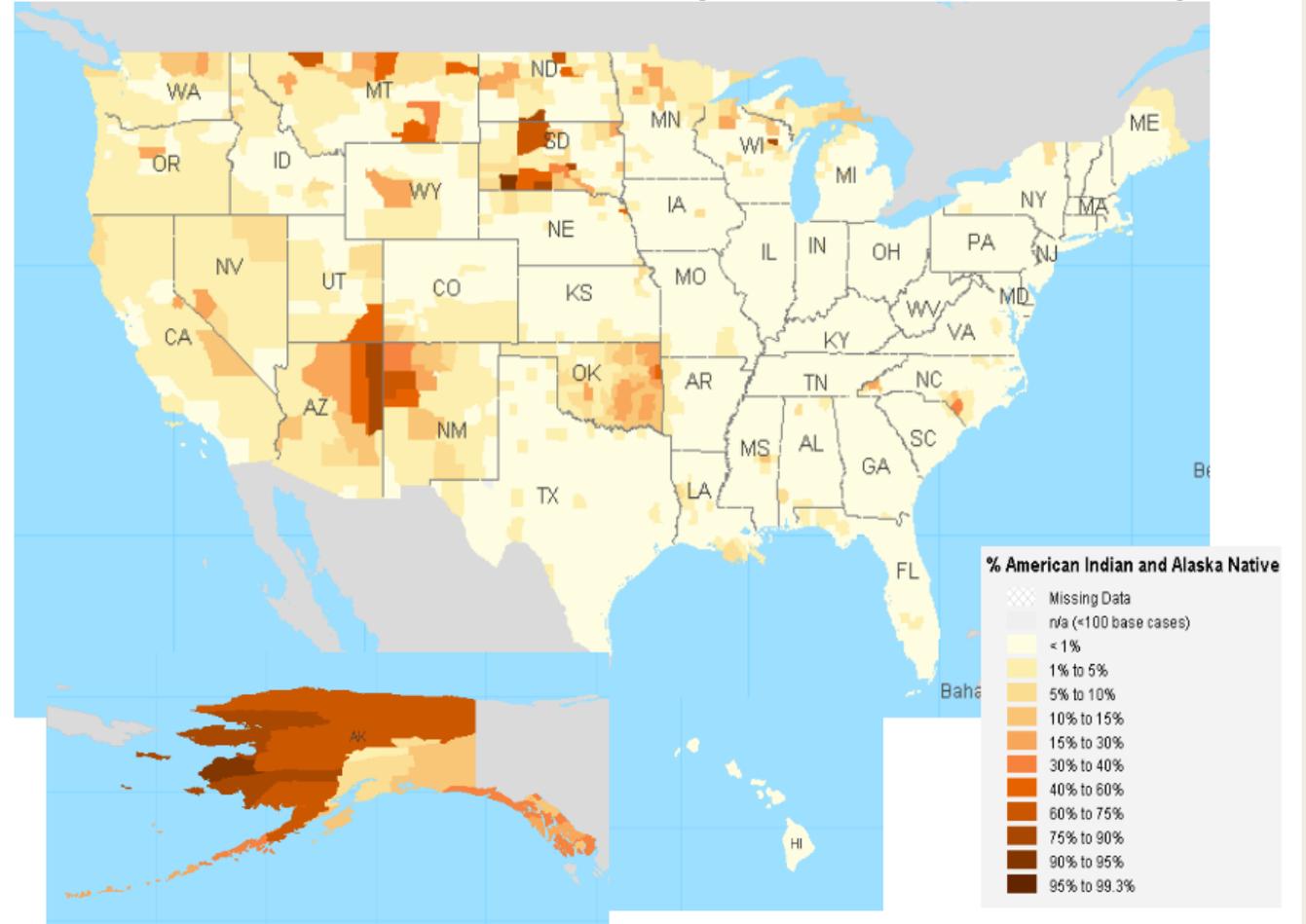
Specialized American Indian Records

- Tribal Records
- BIA
- State office of Indian Affairs
- Oklahoma Historical Society
- State Historical Society of Wisconsin
- Ancestry.com!

Censuses

- July 4, 1884 (23 Stat. L, 98) required the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to begin recording an annual census on most Indian reservations
- Indian rolls
- Applications and Enrollment
- Annuity and Allotment Records

% Native American (Census 2000)

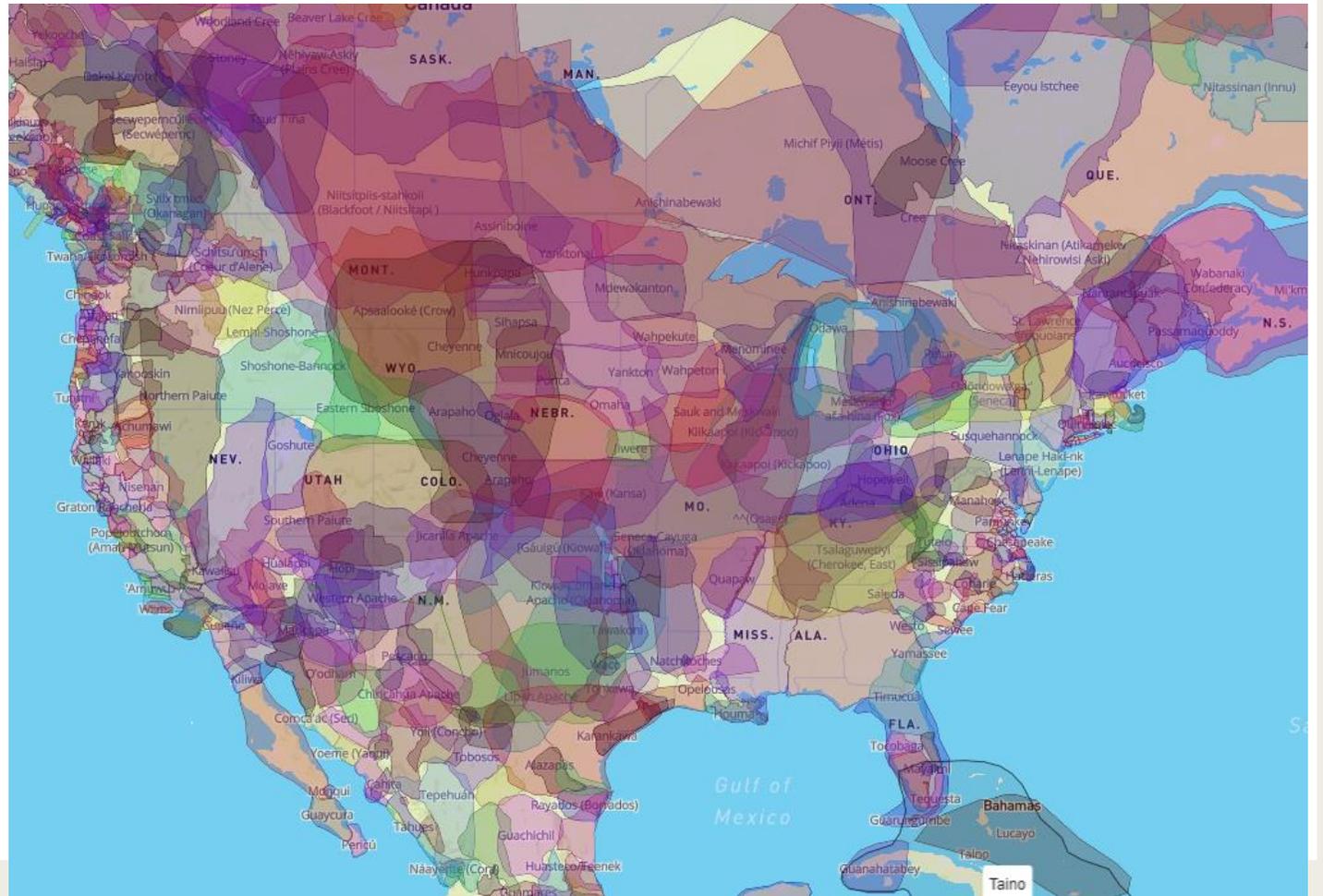
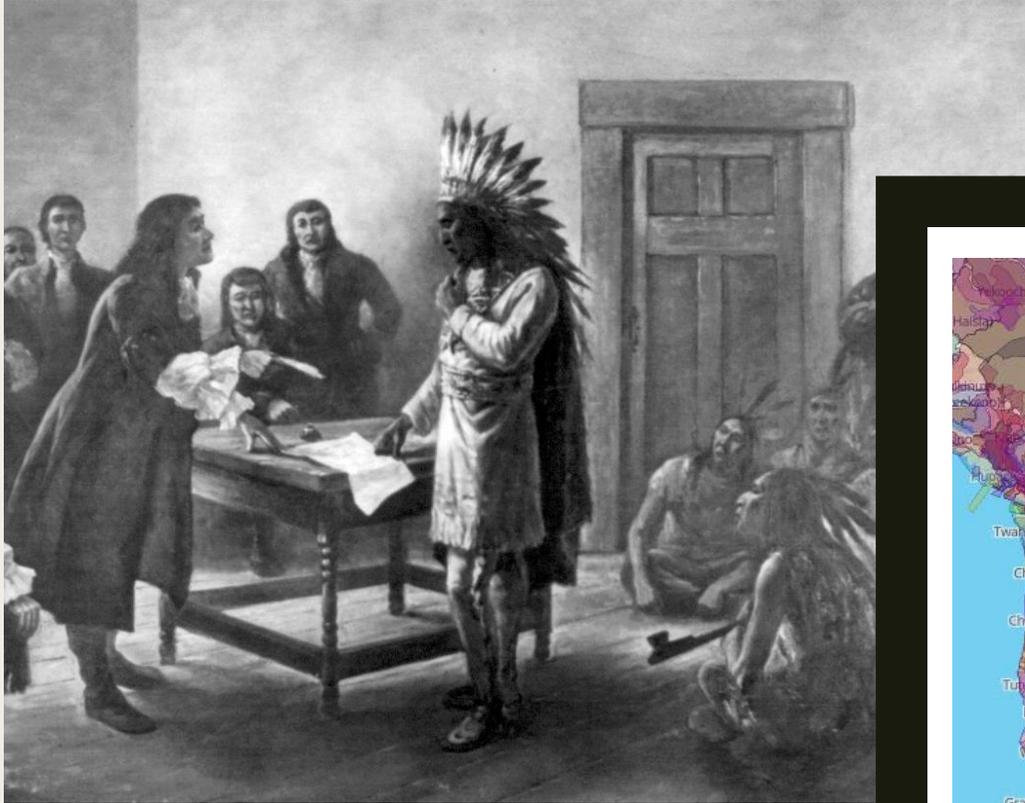


On a Roll!

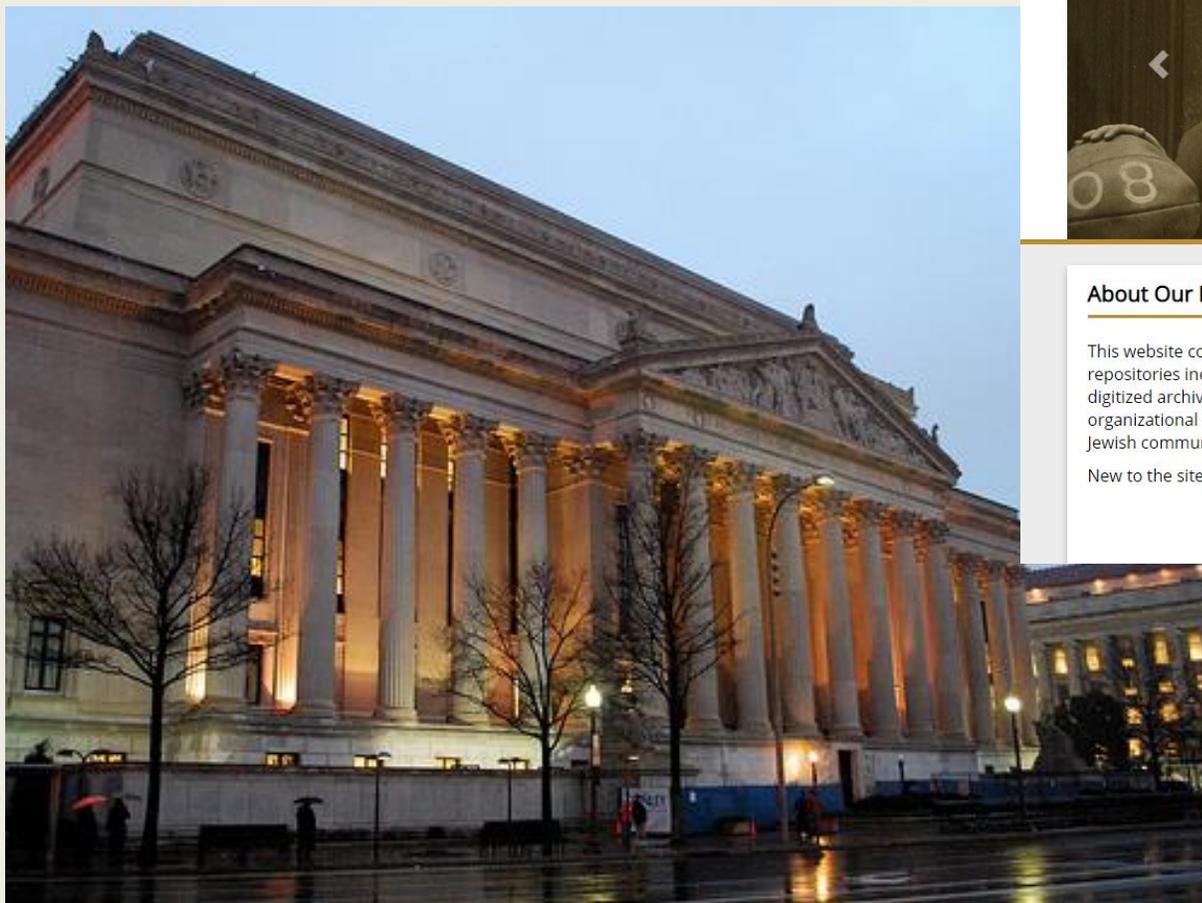
- The Final Dawes Roll (1898-1914): The Five Civilized Tribes removed to Indian Territory (Oklahoma) (Index film number 962,366 Item 1, Final Rolls 908,371 Item 2)
- Orphan Book page
- The Guion-Miller Roll (1909): A list of descendants of the original Eastern Cherokee (North Carolina), some 100,000 applications are included (film number 847,749 Item 4 and book 970.3 C424gmr)
- 1817 Reservation Roll: A list of Cherokees who did not remove to Oklahoma but who signed application for land in the eastern United States.
- 1817-1835 Emigration Rolls: A list of Cherokees who agreed to move west, first to Arkansas Territory and then on to Oklahoma.
- 1831 Armstrong Roll: This roll was done in Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana, listing Choctaws living in those states (film number 1,033,933)
- 1835 Henderson Roll: A list of Cherokees living in Alabama, Tennessee, and North Carolina and removed under the 1835 Treaty of New Echota (contains 16,000 names) (film number 833,322 or 847,743 Item 1)
- 1848 Mullay Roll: A list of Cherokees who remained in North Carolina after the others in 1838 (contains 1,157 names) (film number 847,743 Item 2)
- 1851 Siler Roll: Act of Congress in 1850 forced the United States government to make payment to some members of the Eastern Cherokees (contains 1,700 names) (film number 847,743 Item 2)
- 1851 Old Settler Roll: A list of Cherokees in Oklahoma still living in 1851 (film number 830,420)
- 1852 Drennen Roll: A census of the new arrival known as the “Trail of Tears” group (film number 830,445 and book 970.3 C424dr)
- 1852 Chapman Roll: A list of those Cherokees who actually received payment based on the names on the Siler Roll (film number 847.743 Item 2 or 830,445 and book 970.3 C424cbc)
- 1855 Cooper Roll: A list of Choctaws remaining in Mississippi and Louisiana.
- 1869 Swetland Roll: A list of Eastern Cherokee and their descendants still living in North Carolina in 1848 and removed to Indian Territory (film number 847,743 Item 2)
- 1883 Hester Roll: A list of the Eastern Cherokees in 1883 who were still in the east, contains ancestors, age, Indian name, and English names (film number 847,743 Item 2 and book 970.3 C424cb indexed)
- 1908 Churchill Roll: Lists only those members certified as Cherokee, includes the degree of blood and lists those rejected (film number 847,749 Item 1)
- 1924 Baker Roll: Assumed last roll of the Eastern Cherokee. The Revised Baker Roll is the “base roll” for membership in the Eastern Band of Cherokees today (film number 847,744 Item 1)



WHAT ABOUT NEW ENGLAND?



- Land
- Probate
- Missionaries
- Census



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Ella (Davis) Isaacs, second left, with the University of Cincinnati basketball players from the senior class of 1908. From the the Davis and Isaacs papers, P-936, Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center. [View](#)

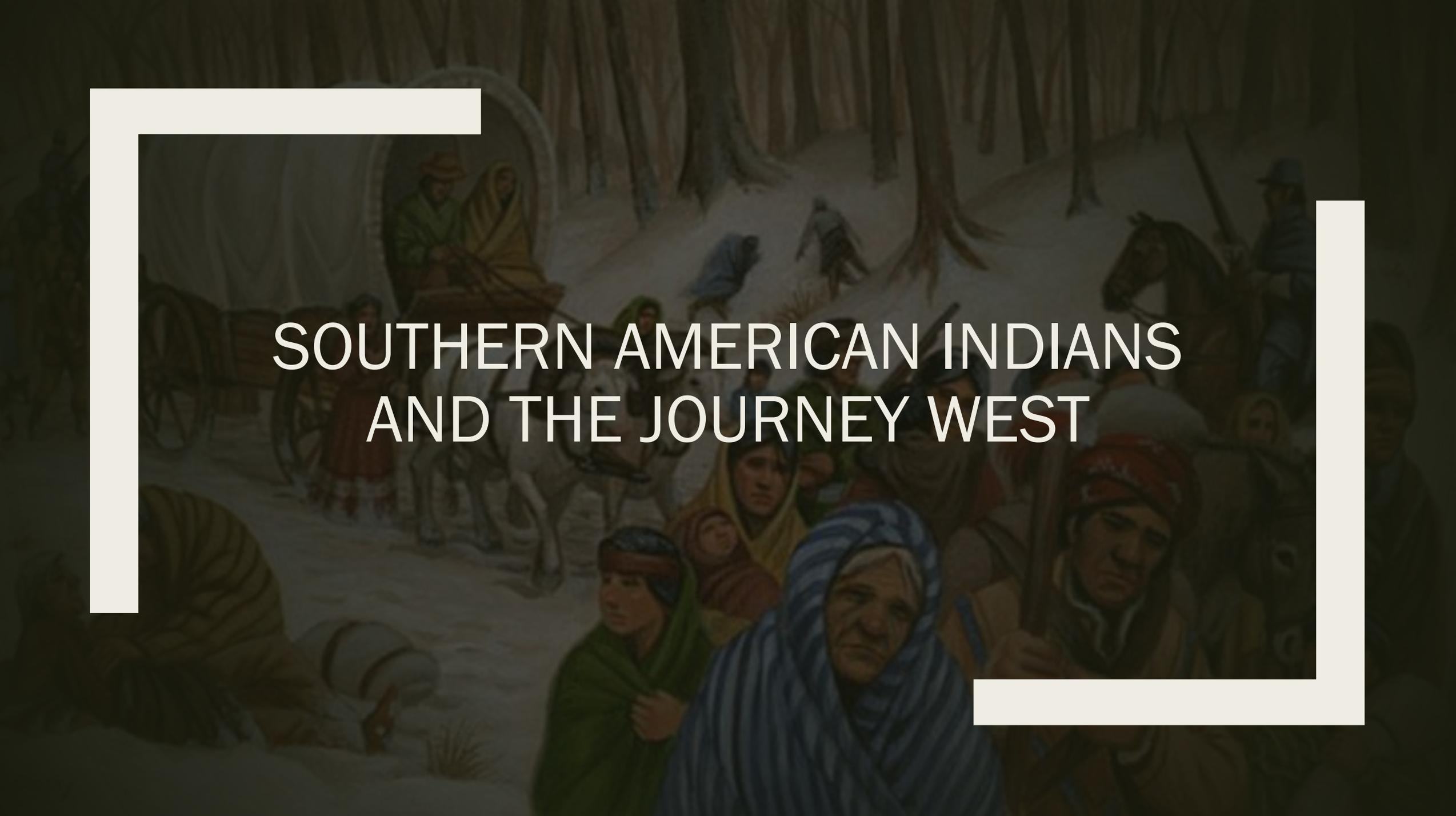
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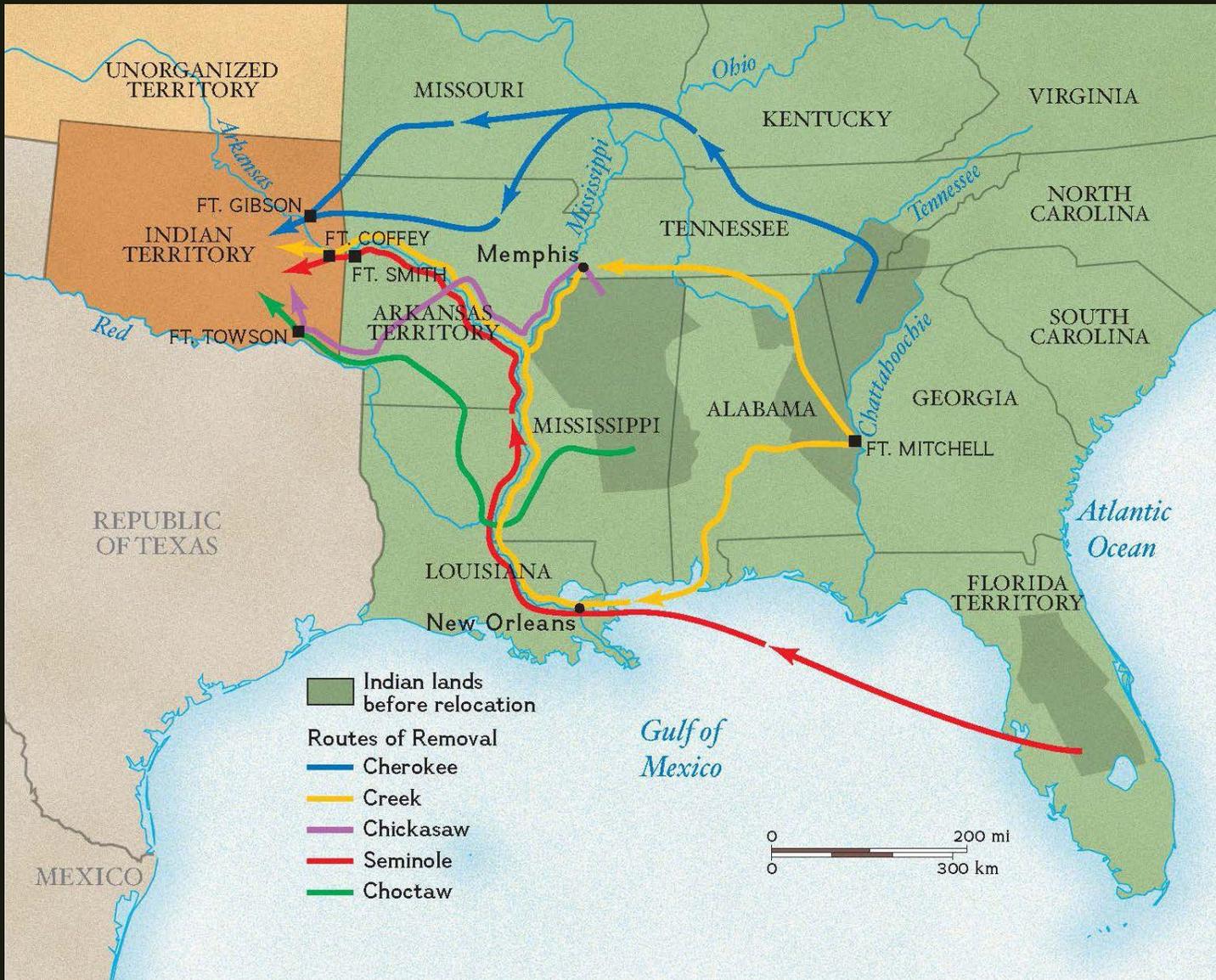
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SOUTHERN AMERICAN INDIANS AND THE JOURNEY WEST



- Not limited to American Indians
- Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek
- Henderson Roll

Links and Resources

- Index of specific tribe resources
- <http://www.hanksville.org/NAresources/indices/NAgenealogy.html>
- Tribes of the United States
- <https://accessgenealogy.com/native/indian-tribes-of-the-united-states.htm>
- The Bureau of Indian Affairs
- <https://www.bia.gov/>

