



More Than A Land Acknowledgement

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Land Acknowledgement

- WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE ARE ALL COMING FROM DIFFERENT LOCATIONS THAT WERE THE ANCESTRAL HOMES OF INDIGENOUS NATIONS.
- IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK, WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE LENAPE, THE ORIGINAL PEOPLE.
- WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THROUGH FORCED LAND CESSIONS AND REMOVAL, THIS NATION WAS REMOVED FROM THE LAND THAT THEY CALLED HOME AND THEIR SEATS OF GOVERNMENT ARE NOW LOCATED IN WISCONSIN, OKLAHOMA AND CANADA.
- WE PAY HONOR AND RESPECT TO THEIR ANCESTORS PAST AND PRESENT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS ACKNOWLEDGE IS JUST A FIRST STEP IN THE PROCESS OF BUILDING A MORE INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE SPACE FOR ALL.

Native Land **STOLEN** since 1776



1776



1850



1894



2017

Indian Removal Act - 1830

- SIGNED INTO LAW BY PRESIDENT ANDREW JACKSON ON MAY 28, 1830
- MANY TRIBES REFUSED TO MOVE WHILE OTHERS DID MOVE TO INDIAN TERRITORY WHICH IS PRESENT DAY OKLAHOMA
- IN 1831 THE CHEROKEE TOOK THEIR CASE TO THE SUPREME COURT- WORCHESTER VS. GEORGIA
- BY 1838 AROUND 16,000 CHEROKEE REMAINED ON THEIR LAND
- 7,000 US MILITARY TROOPS MOVED IN AND THE CHEROKEE WERE FORCED TO MOVE AT GUN POINT
- 50,000 NATIVE AMERICANS WERE MOVED OFF THEIR LAND



INDIAN LAND FOR SALE

GET A HOME
OF
YOUR OWN

EASY PAYMENTS



PERFECT TITLE

POSSESSION
WITHIN
THIRTY DAYS

FINE LANDS IN THE WEST

IRRIGATED
IRRIGABLE

GRAZING

AGRICULTURAL
DRY FARMING

IN 1910 THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR SOLD UNDER SEALED BIDS ALLOTTED INDIAN LAND AS FOLLOWS:

Location	Acres	Average Price per Acre	Location	Acres	Average Price per Acre
Colorado	5,211.21	\$7.27	Oklahoma	34,664.00	\$19.14
Idaho	17,013.00	24.85	Oregon	1,020.00	15.43
Kansas	1,684.50	33.45	South Dakota	120,445.00	16.53
Montana	11,014.00	9.86	Washington	4,879.00	41.37
Nebraska	5,641.00	36.65	Wisconsin	1,069.00	17.00
North Dakota	22,410.70	9.91	Wyoming	865.00	20.64

FOR THE YEAR 1911 IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 350,000 ACRES WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE

For information as to the character of the land write for booklet, "INDIAN LANDS FOR SALE," to the Superintendent U. S. Indian School at any one of the following places:

CALIFORNIA: Boyer	MONTANA: Boyer	SOUTH DAKOTA: Felt Young	OKLAHOMA - See List and Price Schedule	WYOMING: Clemens Agency	WASHINGTON: Fort Stevens
IDAHO: Lynch	MONTANA: Crow Agency	CALIFORNIA: Cochran	OREGON: Wendell	IDAHO: Crawford	WASHINGTON: Tulac
UTAH: Lynch	NEBRASKA: Boyer	NEBRASKA: Cochran	OREGON: Clemens Agency	NEBRASKA: Lower State	WASHINGTON: Tulac
KANSAS: Boyer	NEBRASKA: Cochran	NEBRASKA: Cochran	WASHINGTON: Floodgate	NEBRASKA: Hatch	WASHINGTON: Walla
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WALTER L. FISHER,

Secretary of the Interior

ROBERT G. VALENTINE,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs

Dawes Act (General Allotment Act)- 1887

➤ FOCUSED ON BREAKING UP RESERVATION LAND INTO ALLOTMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL NATIVE AMERICANS

➤ LAND THAT WAS ALLOTTED WAS USUALLY THE WORST LAND POSSIBLE

➤ LONE WOLF VS. HITCHCOCK

Termination Policy- 1953

- ▶ IN 1953 THE US GOVERNMENT ADOPTED THE POLICY OF TERMINATION
- ▶ FROM 1953 TO 1964, 109 TRIBES WERE TERMINATED AND AROUND 12,000 NATIVE AMERICANS LOST TRIBAL STATUS
- ▶ LAND WAS AGAIN SOLD TO NON-NATIVE PEOPLE
- ▶ MANY TRIBES THAT WERE THE FIRST TO BE TERMINATED WERE TRIBES THAT THE GOVERNMENT DEEMED AS SUCCESSFUL



Indian Relocation Act- 1956

- ▶ POLICY THAT ENCOURAGED NATIVE AMERICANS TO LEAVE THE RESERVATIONS
- ▶ FIRST SUGGESTED IN 1947
- ▶ IN 1951 THE PROGRAM WAS EXTENDED TO OTHER NATIVE AMERICAN GROUPS
- ▶ IN 1952 THE PROGRAM THEN EXTENDED TO ALL NATIVE AMERICANS
- ▶ THERE WERE HARDSHIPS THAT THE URBAN NATIVE AMERICAN FACED
- ▶ THE BIRTH OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

COME TO DENVER.

THE CHANCE OF YOUR LIFETIME !

Good Jobs

Retail Trade
Manufacturing
Government-Federal, State, Local
Wholesale Trade
Construction of Buildings, Etc.



Happy Homes

Beautiful Houses
Many Churches
Exciting Community Life.
Over Half of Homes Owned by Residents
Convenient Stores-Shopping Centers



Training

Vocational Training
Auto Mech, Beauty Shop, Drafting,
Nursing, Office Work, Watchmaking
Adult Education
Evening High School, Arts and Crafts
Job Improvement, Home-making



Beautiful Colorado

"Tallest" State, 48 Mt. Peaks Over 14,000 Ft.
350 Days Sunshine, Mild Winters
Zoos, Museums, Mountain Parks, Drives
Picnic Areas, Lakes, Amusement Parks

► WHY CREATE A LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT?

- IT HONORS THE NATIVE NATIONS
- RECOGNIZES THE HISTORY OF COLONIALISM
- TELLS A MUCH BIGGER HISTORY



THE HARD QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

- WHAT ARE SOME PRIVILEGES THAT YOU ENJOY TODAY BECAUSE OF COLONIALISM?
- WHAT ARE YOU DOING BEYOND ACKNOWLEDGING THE LAND WHERE YOU LIVE?
- DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE ON-GOING VIOLENCE AND TRAUMA THAT IS PART OF THE STRUCTURE OF COLONIALISM?



➤ 5 STEPS TO CREATING A LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

- DON'T ASSUME YOU KNOW WHOSE LAND YOU ARE ON!
- REACH OUT TO THE NATIONS YOU ARE TRYING TO HONOR
- RESEARCH AND REFLECTION
- INCLUDE THE CONTEMPORARY
- DON'T FORGET THE ACTION!



▶ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

▶ BEING VISIBLE

▶ THE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SHOULDN'T BE GRIM-IT
SHOULD BE TRUTHFUL

▶ BUILD GENUINE RELATIONSHIPS

▶ JUST DO IT!!!!!!

► EMERSON COLLEGE-THE MASSACHUSETT TRIBE

► EMERSON COLLEGE, BOSTON, RESIDES ON THE ANCESTRAL AND UNCEDED LANDS OF [THE MASSACHUSETT PEOPLE](#), WHOSE NAME WAS APPROPRIATED BY THIS COMMONWEALTH.

► WE PAY RESPECT TO THE MASSACHUSETT ELDERS PAST AND PRESENT. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRUTH OF VIOLENCE PERPETRATED IN THE NAME OF THIS COUNTRY AND MAKE A COMMITMENT TO UNCOVERING THAT TRUTH.

► [HONORING NATIVE LAND: MASSACHUSETTS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES | EMERSON COLLEGE](#)



► MILWAUKEE HAS LONG BEEN KNOWN AS A GATHERING PLACE. THE CONFLUENCE OF THREE RIVERS EMPTYING INTO LAKE MICHIGAN ARE SEEN TODAY AS A BENEFIT FOR RESIDENTS TO ENJOY. BUT IN REALITY, THEY HAVE LONG NOURISHED AND BEEN NOURISHED BY GENERATION UPON GENERATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE.

► HISTORIC MILWAUKEE, INC. WOULD LIKE TO RESPECTFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA, FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI, THE HO-CHUNK NATION, THE LAC COURTE OREILLES BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA, LAC DU FLAMBEAU BAND OF THE LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA, THE MENOMINEE TRIBE OF WISCONSIN, ONEIDA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF WISCONSIN, RED CLIFF BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA, ST. CROIX CHIPPEWA, SOKAOGON CHIPPEWA AND STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE BAND OF MOHICAN INDIANS AND OTHERS WHO ARE THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE STEWARDS OF THIS LAND. WE PAY RESPECT TO THEIR ELDERS, PAST AND PRESENT.

► AS YOU EXPLORE MILWAUKEE, WE ASK YOU TO ALSO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE LEGACIES OF VIOLENCE, DISPLACEMENT, DISPOSSESSION, MIGRATION AND TRAUMA THAT HAVE CREATED THE LANDSCAPE WE SEE TODAY. UNCOVERING THESE TRUTHS AND COMMITTING THEM TO OUR COLLECTIVE MEMORY IS BUT THE FIRST STEP TO FULLY UNDERSTANDING THE PAST. WE INVITE YOU TO EXPLORE THE RESOURCES BELOW AND ENCOURAGE YOU TO BEGIN A DEEP EXPLORATION OF THE FULL HISTORY OF MILWAUKEE.

► [LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT - HISTORIC MILWAUKEE, INC.](#)





Examples and Resources

[Land Acknowledgment | Newberry](#)

- [LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT | FIELD MUSEUM](#)

[Home | Native Knowledge 360° -
Interactive Teaching Resources \(si.edu\)](#)

[Native-Land.ca | Our home on native land
\(native-land.ca\)](#)

4 Demands of Land Back

Dismantle

- Dismantle — white supremacy structures that forcefully removed us from our Lands and continue to keep our Peoples in oppression.
 - a. Bureau of Land Management, National Parks Service

Defund

- Defund — white supremacy and the mechanisms and systems that enforce it and disconnect us from stewardship of the Land.
 - a. Police, military industrial complex, Border Patrol, ICE

Return

- Return — All public lands back into Indigenous hands.

Consent

- Consent — Moving us out of an era of consultation and into a new era of policy around Free and Prior Informed Consent.



Continued reading and documentaries

- ▶ The Lakota's and the Black Hills- Jeffrey Ostler
- ▶ The West- A documentary by Ken Burns
- ▶ American Experience: Last Stand at Little Bighorn
- ▶ Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee- Dee Brown
- ▶ The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee-David Treuer
- ▶ An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States- Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz