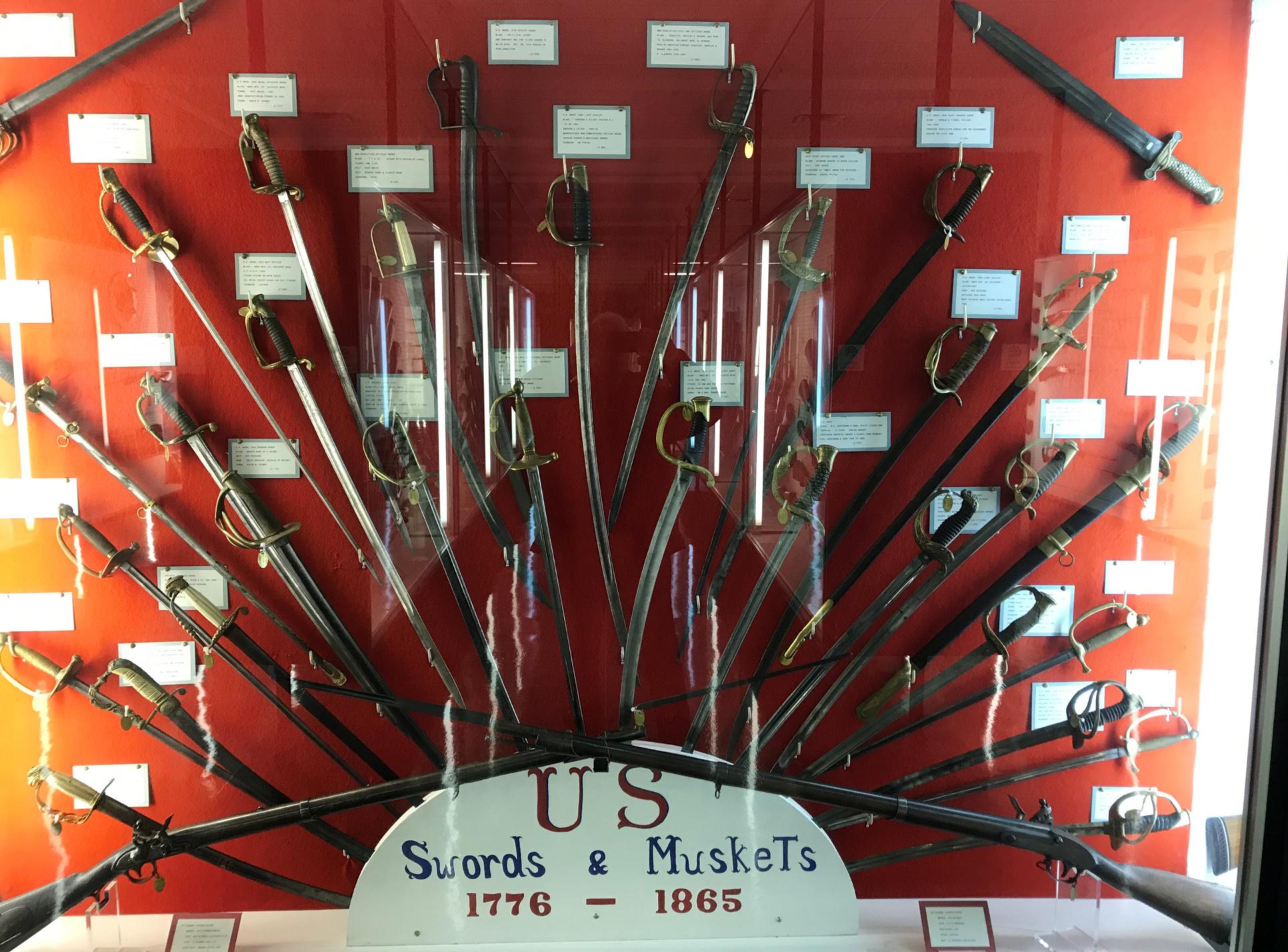




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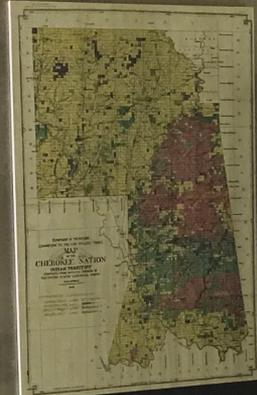
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1776 - 1865

COOWEESCOOWEE DISTRICT, CHEROKEE NATION

OKLAHOMA STATEHOOD

By the late 1800s, a strategy of forced assimilation was adopted by the United States government, resulting in the passage of both the Dawes Act of 1887 and the Curtis Act of 1898. These acts systematically dismantled Cherokee Nation government. The Dawes Act mandated individual allotment of communal tribal land as an attempt to dissolve tribal government. Under the Curtis Act, Cherokee Nation's government ceased to be operational effective April 26, 1906. The final merger of Oklahoma and Indian Territories into the state of Oklahoma took place on November 16, 1907. Industrious families developed an area rich in natural resources, giving rise to towns benefiting from the proximity to ranches, rail lines, and the largest oil producing fields in the country.

Oklahoma Constitutional Convention, 1907
The Oklahoma Constitutional Convention in Guthrie, Oklahoma Territory.
Fred S. Barde | Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



Map of the Cherokee Nation, 1900
This land classification map was compiled from official records of the US Geological Survey.
US Department of the Interior | Personal Collection of Fred Astor, Cherokee Nation Trust Collection—Dated 14

"We spoiled the best territory
in the world to make a state."

— Will Rogers



1 Dawes Commission Records, 1907
This volume lists the names and roll numbers of every citizen or head of the families of Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, and Seminole Nations as of March 4, 1907.
The Commission and Commissioners in the Roll Book listed in Cherokee Nation Records, Volume 10, Oklahoma



Clement Vann Rogers,
1858-1935
Photographer unknown | Will Rogers Memorial, Memphis, Tennessee, Oklahoma

ROGERS COUNTY

Cooweescoowee District became the counties of Washington, Rogers, Nowata, Craig, and parts of Tulsa and Mayes counties in the state of Oklahoma. A common misconception is that Rogers County is named after the "Cherokee Kid," Will Rogers. However, Will's father Clem Vann Rogers was a successful local politician and entrepreneur and a delegate to the Oklahoma Constitutional Convention. Rogers County bears his name to this day.

2 Map of Indian Territory and Oklahoma, 1909
This map shows the tribal boundaries within which is now the state of Oklahoma.
Bureau of Indian Affairs | Cherokee Nation Archives, Oklahoma, Oklahoma

3 Page from roll book, 1907
This page is from the 1907 roll book for the US Dept for the Northern District. Fred Astor's roll number is 1000. He is listed as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. He was born in 1858 and died in 1907.
Cherokee Nation Trust Collection—Dated 14



Cherokee delegates to the Dawes Commission, date unknown
Front row (left to right): Henry Lowry, George Sanders, R. B. Ross, Percy Wiley.
Back row (left to right): Clem Rogers, W. W. Hastings, George W. Bengel, W. P. Thompson, John E. Gunter.
Photographer unknown | Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

ALLOTMENT

... tremendous resistance from
... passed the General
... divide



ROW 41
CASES 11-6

ROW 41
CASES 11-6

ROW 40
CASES 11-5

Please
Hands Off

RESTROOM
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GALLERY of Outlaw Guns



Bonnie and Clyde
 This 41 Colt revolver, serial #337, was taken from Floyd when arrested by Kansas City, Missouri Police. The revolver came to Merle A. Gill from E.C. Reppert, former Police Director of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department. (1901)



John Wesley Hardin, Texas Killer
 This 38 Colt automatic, #19618, was taken from Floyd by Chief of Detectives Thomas J. Higgins, Kansas City, Missouri and presented to Merle A. Gill, Halliwellian. (1892)

Alvin Karpis, Bandit
 This 38 Colt automatic, #19618, was taken from Floyd by Chief of Detectives Thomas J. Higgins, Kansas City, Missouri and presented to Merle A. Gill, Halliwellian. (1892)

Black Hand Gun
 This 12 gauge Remington-Union shotgun, serial #20065, was taken from Floyd by Chief of Detectives Thomas J. Higgins, Kansas City, Missouri and presented to Merle A. Gill, Halliwellian. (1892)

Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd
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Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd
 This 38 Colt automatic, #19618, was taken from Floyd by Chief of Detectives Thomas J. Higgins, Kansas City, Missouri and presented to Merle A. Gill, Halliwellian. (1892)

FLOYD, CHARLES ANTHONY "PRETTY BOY"
 (1899-1934)
 This 38 Colt automatic, #19618, was taken from Floyd by Chief of Detectives Thomas J. Higgins, Kansas City, Missouri and presented to Merle A. Gill, Halliwellian. (1892)

Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd
 20 gauge Ithaca Auto & Bungalow double barrel shotgun used by Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd. (1904)



Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd
 Paul D. Larimore of Tulsa stated in an affidavit that he was present at Central Grade School, west of Chickasha, Oklahoma, on the night of April 19, 1932, when Sheriff, Sheriff of McIntosh County, after the shooting, Paul Larimore's father, M.L. Larimore, picked up a shotgun that was "swapped in an instant" in his rush to flee. The shotgun was a 12 gauge I.C. Smith double barrel shotgun, serial #11243. Larimore's father gave him this shotgun in 1912. (1904)

Death Gun
 During the capture of Arthur Nix and Arthur Goetz by G. Sheriff Mary Hester near Okemah, Oklahoma in 1934, Deputy Sheriff Goetz with this 12 gauge King Arms sawed-off shotgun, serial #20065, Goetz was sentenced and hanged for kidnapping. (1934)



← CHICAGO 660 miles LOS ANGELES 1,500 miles →



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ON ROUTE 66

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