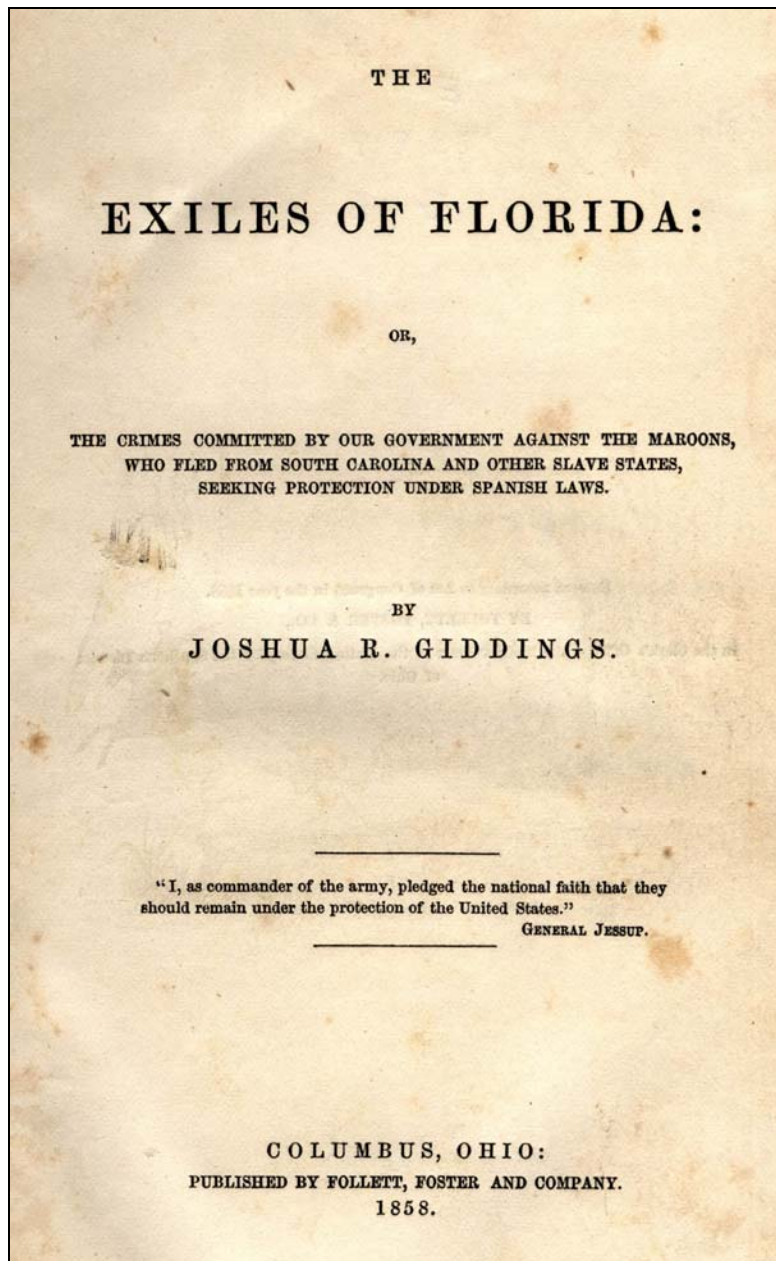


The Seminole People in the Southeast
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Introduction

The Seminole Nation was formed in the early 18th century from the remnants of the indigenous peoples of Florida (most of whom had died from diseases introduced by European explorers and settlers) and members of the Lower Creek Nation who had moved southward to escape the dominance of the Upper Creek. The Seminole had an uneasy relationship with the United States: the Seminole frequently conducted military raids in Georgia (supposedly at the behest of the Spanish), and the U.S. Army conducted operations in Florida to recapture runaway slaves (called maroons or Black Seminole) who had escaped to Florida in order to take advantage of Spanish anti-slavery laws. The First Seminole War (1817-1818) began as one of these incursions. Led by Andrew Jackson, the U.S. Army managed to scatter the maroon communities, confine the Seminole to the interior of Florida, and secure U.S. control of East Florida, which was still nominally Spanish.

Shortly after the U.S. gained formal control of Florida in 1821, American settlers began agitating for the removal of the Seminole. Some of the tribes signed the Treaty of Payne's Landing (which ceded Seminole lands east of the Mississippi in return for land in Indian Territory) in 1832 and moved westward. Others retreated into the Everglades, where they remained until the U.S. Army came to remove them when they had not left by the 1835 deadline specified in the treaty. The resultant Second Seminole War (1835-1842) proved costly to both sides. Although the Army succeeded in removing some of the Seminole during these years, they finally gave up in 1842 and left the remaining Seminole in relative peace. The Seminole tribe in Florida gained sovereignty over their lands in 1957, and approximately 3,000 Seminole live in Florida today. An additional 6,000 live in the Seminole Nation in Oklahoma.

This bibliography provides an overview of the Special Collections Library's holdings relating to the Seminole people. These items include materials documenting the general history of the Seminole, the relationship between the Seminole and the U.S. Government, Seminole government in the Southeast and in the Seminole Nation, the Seminole language, and the Seminole Wars of 1817-1818 and 1835-1842. Researchers may consult these materials in the Library's reading room on the second floor of the James D. Hoskins Library (1400 Cumberland Avenue) during our normal working hours of Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.30pm. Researchers should note that the Library also participates in the Southeastern Native American Documents project (available online), which provides access to six libraries' holdings regarding Native American groups in the Southeast. More information can be found in the UT Libraries' general catalog (<http://www.lib.utk.edu/catalog>) and on the Special Collections Library's website (<http://www.lib.utk.edu/spcoll>).

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