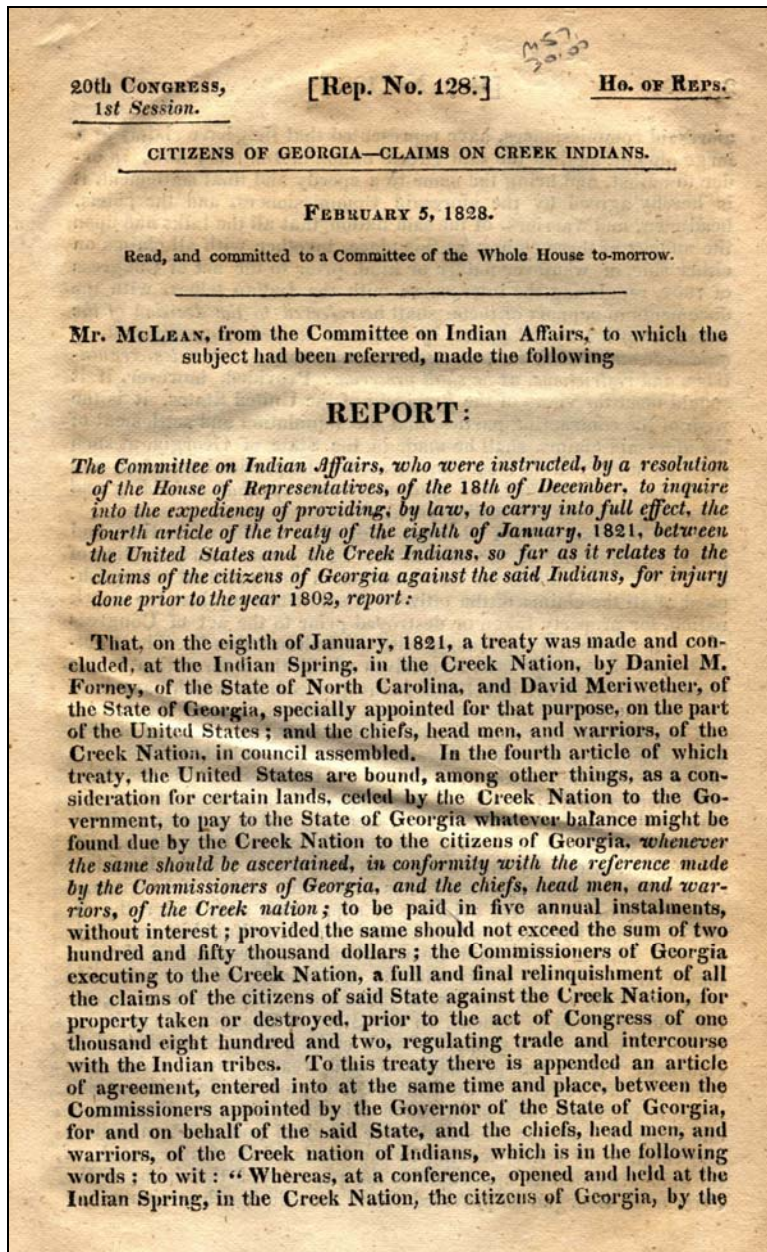


The Creek People in the Southeast

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Introduction

Prior to 1550, the Creek people occupied most of what are now the states of Georgia and Alabama. They were divided into two distinct groups: the Upper Creek (living primarily on the Coosa and Tallapoosa Rivers) and Lower Creek (living primarily on the middle or lower Chattahoochee River). Incursions by white settlers and the Cherokee gradually pushed the Creek southward, and relations between the three groups were consistently strained. These tensions escalated into the first Creek War in 1813 when the Red Sticks Creek avenged a settler attack on one of their villages by attacking Fort Mims and killing its occupants. Andrew Jackson, later president of the United States, led the military campaign against the Red Sticks. He defeated them in 1814 and forced them to cede approximately 1/3 of their land to the U.S. government as part of the peace settlement.

Georgia Governor George Troup began the removal of the Creek in 1825 when he convinced Creek Chief William McIntosh to cede all Lower Creek land to Georgia and then began forcing the Creek to leave. Although President John Quincy Adams negotiated a treaty with the Creek that would have allowed them to stay, Troup refused to honor it. When Adams threatened a federal intervention, Troup countered by calling up Georgia's militia. Adams retreated, and Troup continued his deportations. Most of the displaced Creek relocated either to Alabama or to the Creek Nation in Indian Territory. In 1832, tribal government in Alabama was abolished and Creek land was divided into allotments. Land speculators and squatters quickly began defrauding individual Creek out of their holdings, leading to the Creek War of 1836. Secretary of War Lewis Cass dispatched General Winfield Scott to resolve the conflict by removing the remaining Creek to Indian Territory. Today, most Creek live in Oklahoma, although there are a few small settlements remaining in Alabama and Florida.

This bibliography provides an overview of the Special Collections Library's holdings relating to the Creek people. These items include materials documenting Creek claims against the U.S. Government, life and politics in the Southeastern Creek Nation, the Creek Wars of 1813-1814 and 1836, general history of the Creek people, land tenure, land transfer, and reservations, the relationship between the Creek and the U.S. Government, and finally Creek removal from the Southeast to Indian Territory (modern Oklahoma). Listed materials have been organized by subject and placed in ascending chronological order within each category. 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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