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Posted By [PowWows.com](#) July 18th, 2019 Blog

Being a part of the many Native American communities across the country means many things.

How much do you know about Native American communities?

You will be surprised at how negligible is the information you have about our beautiful community.

Many of you will already know and understand the lack of information and misinformation that is spread by mainstream media. New readers may not be aware of this problem, please keep reading to educate yourself more about these issues.

There are so many misconceptions about us and how we identify ourselves in society. That's why you need to know some of the hidden and rare aspects that you won't see on TV.

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[Midnite Express's Lead Singer Shares His Journey – Opie Day-Bedeau](#)

Posted By [Darren Thompson](#) July 19th, 2019 Blog

From drum-maker to the lead singer of the Midnite Express Singers, Robin Opichee Day-Bedeau has been singing throughout Turtle Island for more than 30 years. So, it's fair to say Opie Day is pretty much a household name in Indian Country.

Born to his late father Joseph John Bedeau from Onigum by way of the Leech Lake Ojibwe Indian Reservation and his mother Charlene Anne Day from the Bois Forte Ojibwe Reservation, Opie is Anishinaabe—one of the people in Ojibwe—through and through. A member of the fish clan, his passion is singing—both powwow and round dance. [Read More...](#)

Fun Fact

The Haskell Free Library and Opera House sits directly on the border between the United States and Canada. You can walk in from Stanstead, Quebec, and walk out into Derby Line, Vermont.

In Canada, the **Eabametoong First Nation of Ontario declared a state of emergency over tainted drinking water.** The northern Ontario community has endured dysfunctional water and wastewater systems for decades, and has been under a boil water advisory for 18 years. It is now grappling with elevated levels of trihalomethanes, which form when chlorine used for disinfection interacts with organic matter in the water. At higher levels, trihalomethanes have been tied to cancer and reproductive health issues. Chief Harvey Yesno says the community is particularly concerned about the threats to the vulnerable, such as the very young, the elderly and the infirm. The First Nation says the problem is in the water distribution system and is calling for immediate action from the Canadian government.

Enbridge's Line 3 project is becoming an issue in the 2020 presidential race

<https://www.minnpost.com/environment/2019/07/enbridges-line-3-project-is-becoming-an-issue-in-the-2020-presidential-race/>

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Water Shorts

[Massive SF recycling project to save 30 million gallons of drinking water per year](#) [By San Francisco Chronicle, 7/23/19](#)

Fifty feet below the platform of the Powell Street BART Station sits the starting point for one of the largest water recycling projects in San Francisco — one that's transforming dirty groundwater into clean steam heat for hundreds of downtown buildings. In the process, it's saving tens of millions of gallons of drinking water annually. For decades, BART officials treated the naturally percolating groundwater that pools beneath the BART stop as a nuisance and a potential flooding risk. After seeping into an underground cistern, millions of gallons of water a month was pumped into the city's sewer system.

[Water levels at Lake Tahoe could last through 3 summers of drought](#)

By The Union, 7/22/19

RENO, Nev. — Lake Tahoe is the fullest it's been in nearly two decades. Officials say the alpine lake on the California-Nevada line is approaching the legal limit after snowmelt from a stormy winter left enough water to potentially last through three summers of drought. For three weeks, Tahoe has been within an inch of its maximum allowed surface elevation of 6,229.1 feet above sea level. It crept to within a half-inch earlier this week.

[Tribes Say They've Been Left Out of the Process on Potter Valley Project, but Congressman Huffman Begg to Differ](#)

By Lost Coast Outpost, 7/22/19

A group of Eel River-adjacent Native American tribes issued a press release Friday saying they've been denied a seat at the table as regional stakeholders navigate a deal to take over the hydroelectric dams on the upper Eel. The press release, which was sent via the True North Organizing Network, says members of the Wiyot and Round Valley Indian Tribes walked out of a June 17 ad hoc committee meeting in solidarity with the Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria. The latter tribe had been asked to leave the meeting by Congressman Jared Huffman's staff, the release says.

[The Dam Truth: The 91,000 Dams in the US Earned a "D" for Safety](#) [By Mother Jones, 7/23/19](#)

It is a telling illustration of the precarious state of United States dams that the near-collapse in February 2017 of Oroville Dam, the nation's tallest, occurred in California, considered one of the nation's leading states in dam safety management. The Oroville incident forced the evacuation of nearly 190,000 people and cost the state \$1.1 billion in repairs. It took its place as a seminal event in the history of US dam safety, ranking just below the failures in the 1970s of two dams—Teton Dam in Idaho and Kelly Barnes in Georgia—that killed 14 and 39 people, respectively, and ushered in the modern dam safety era.

California pledges millions to battle enormous, destructive swamp rats
By Santa Cruz Sentinel, 7/22/19

A growing menace in the form of 15-pound swamp rodents is threatening Delta waterways, and the state is throwing money, hunting dogs and birth control at the invasive pests which have the potential to destroy crops and wetlands. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has received \$10 million in new funding for the eradication of nutria, or coypu, which are native to South America and have found their way to the Golden State after wreaking havoc in Louisiana and other places. Louisiana has lost hundreds of thousands of acres of wetlands to the rodent, a voracious herbivore with a largely indiscriminate palate.

Watch the Ridgecrest earthquake shatter the desert floor in stunning before-and-after images

By Los Angeles Times, 7/23/19

Millions felt the shaking from the Ridgecrest earthquake. But new satellite images offer a dramatic and instructive view of the immense power of the magnitude 7.1 quake, showing how California's biggest earthquake in nearly two decades caused the ground to break. Animated slides show how the quake permanently jolted a huge block of earth northwest while the other side of the fault moved southeast. Some of the clearest images show long scars on the surface of the Mojave Desert, indicating precisely the 30 miles of earthquake fault — oriented in a northwest-southeast direction — that moved within moments on July 5.

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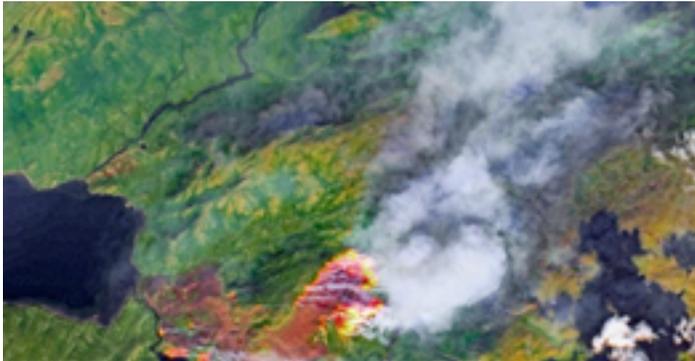
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Feel free to share this with your colleagues.

Regards, HUD's Southwest Office of Native American Programs, US Department of Housing and Urban Development (602) 379-7198 Check out our new website! www.HUD.gov
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Earth’s boreal forests now burning at rate unseen in ‘at least 10,000... independent.co.uk

[NASA Releases Time-Lapse Of the Disappearing Arctic Polar Ice Cap - infolajm.org](#)

[BLM takes comments on massive solar project near Las Vegas](#)

The Bureau of Land Management held a public meeting to gather feedback on a massive solar array project that could power up to 400,000 Las Vegas homes.

The **Supreme Court will rule in the Carpenter v Murphy case soon**. This case has ramifications for the tribes in Oklahoma and potentially across the United States. Rebecca Nagle's new podcast, This Land, tells the story of this case and the history leading up to this monumental decision. She tells the story in an intriguing and compelling manner that will have you craving the next episode.

From Crooked Media: An 1839 assassination of a Cherokee leader and a 1999 murder case – two crimes nearly two centuries apart provide the backbone to an upcoming 2019 Supreme Court decision that will determine the fate of five tribes and nearly half the land in Oklahoma.

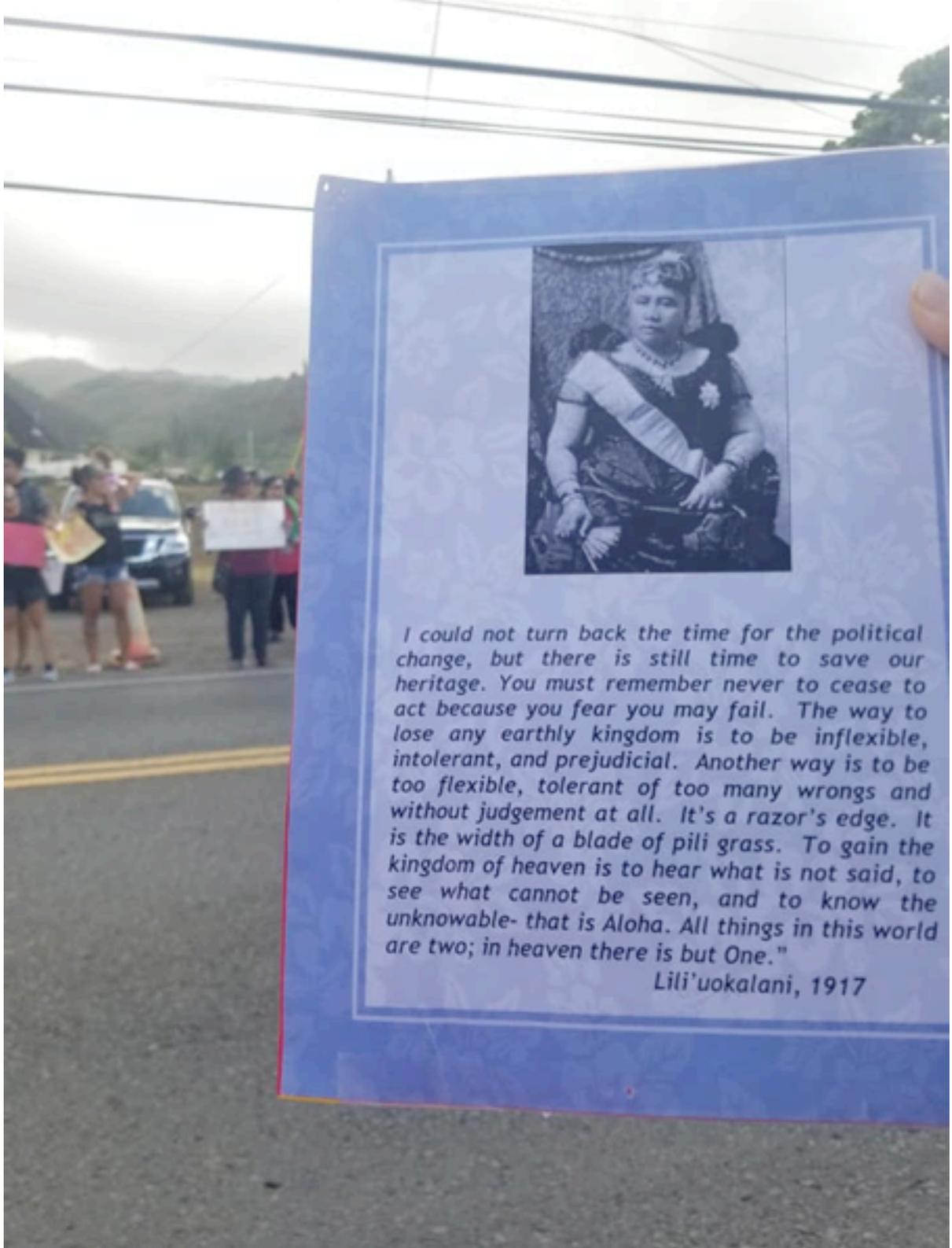
Patrick Murphy was convicted of murder by the state of Oklahoma in 2000. But defense attorneys soon discovered that his conviction may have been based on a lie. Hosted by Rebecca Nagle, an Oklahoma journalist and citizen of the Cherokee Nation, this podcast will provide an in depth look at how a cut and dry murder case opened an investigation into half the land in Oklahoma and the treaty rights of five tribes. Follow along to find out what’s at stake, the Trump administration’s involvement, the larger right wing attack on tribal sovereignty and how one unique case could result in the largest restoration of tribal land in US history.

Rebecca explains how this case could affect tribes in Oklahoma and across Indian Country. She also discusses other legal issues that will erode the rights of Native people.

[Listen to the interview](#)

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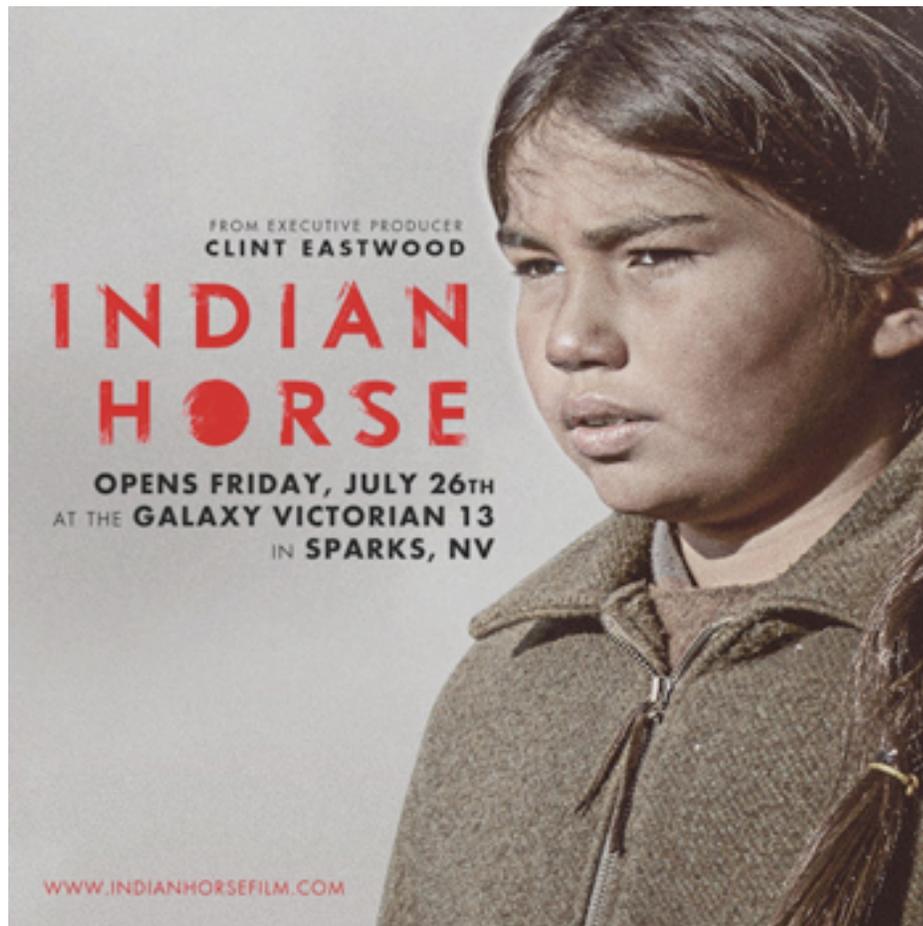
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I could not turn back the time for the political change, but there is still time to save our heritage. You must remember never to cease to act because you fear you may fail. The way to lose any earthly kingdom is to be inflexible, intolerant, and prejudicial. Another way is to be too flexible, tolerant of too many wrongs and without judgement at all. It's a razor's edge. It is the width of a blade of pili grass. To gain the kingdom of heaven is to hear what is not said, to see what cannot be seen, and to know the unknowable- that is Aloha. All things in this world are two; in heaven there is but One."

Lili'uokalani, 1917

***"Today I choose life. Every morning when I wake up I can choose joy, happiness, negativity, pain... To feel the freedom that comes from being able to continue to make mistakes and choices - today I choose to feel life, not to deny my humanity but embrace it."
- Kevyn Aucoin***



[Elveda Martinez](#)

Census 2020: Tribal people need to apply to be Census takers. Go to 2020census.gov/jobs to apply.

Here are some of my notes from one of NCAI's sessions on Census: It's important to be counted as there may be reapportionment and redistricting at the federal, state and local levels.

Legislative seats may change "power" in certain areas. We need to make sure that we get the funding we need for air, water and environment. People need to know that federal funding is distributed ac... [See More](#)

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NATHPO Annual Conference 2019 POSTPONED

Dear NATHPO members, Tribal leaders, THPOs, and colleagues,

I am sorry to announce that, due to unforeseen circumstances, the NATHPO Board of Directors has decided to postpone the 21st Annual National Tribal Historic Preservation Conference that was scheduled to be hosted August 26-30, 2019 by the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana. A combination of scheduling, logistical, and capacity issues, along with actual forces of nature, has led the NATHPO Board of Directors to make this difficult decision. You have come to expect a high standard of quality in the annual NATHPO conference, and rescheduling for late winter or early spring of 2020 will better enable us to uphold our commitment to that standard. We plan to continue working with the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana as our host, and hope for better fortunes after hurricane season. We sincerely regret any inconvenience or difficulty that this may cause those of you who may already have made travel arrangements, and hope that you will hold any travel credits for when the conference is rescheduled.

In this year of transition, it is unfortunate to postpone our major annual event. Nonetheless, the Board is very pleased with NATHPO's direction under Executive Director Valerie Grussing. When Valerie is not in Washington DC meeting with policymakers and partners, advocating on Capitol Hill for more funding and support for Tribal historic preservation needs, and keeping NATHPO's members up to date with the latest information, she is crisscrossing the country to meet with THPOs. Many of you have met Valerie as she has come to your regional THPO meetings, participated in conferences, and hosted webinars and teleconferences on vital issues. She looks forward to meeting more of you as we focus on serving member needs nationwide and organizational growth through partnerships.

The Board continues to work on strategic planning and will soon be reaching out to the membership for your ideas, suggestions, and concerns. In these challenging political times, we need our members more than ever, and we are grateful that we can continue to count on your support.

Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions or concerns:
sgaughen@palatribe.com or 760-891-3515.

Thank you for your understanding and for your support of NATHPO.

Sincerely, Shasta C. Gaughen, NATHPO Chairman, THPO, Pala Band of Mission Indians

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Marjorie Bosworth

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Scientists have done studies that confirm grandparents who babysit live...

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[Portrait of Indian Scouts] 188u

Photograph of Indian scouts and horses on a reservation, taken during a winter in the early 1880s. There are snow patches on the ground and teepees in the background. 1 photograph : b 8 x 10 in. [View Full Item](#) in University of Texas at Arlington Library

Oklahoma and Indian Territory 1897 · Century Company

Map shows late nineteenth century "Indian Territory" [Oklahoma] counties, township grid, areas of Native American habitation, railroads, cities, towns, and notable physical features. Inset: [Map of we... [View Full Item](#) in University of Texas at Arlington Library

Grave of Indian "Emily"

Photograph of the grave of Indian "Emily" She was a young girl in a legend of west Texas that was raised by a white family at Fort Davis. She warned them of an Indian attack as she was dying of a mort... [View Full Item](#) in Marfa Public Library

Oklahoma and Indian Territory 1904 · Americana Company

Map shows counties, county seats, cities, towns, railroads, Indian record districts by number, and notable physical features. Inset: [Oklahoma Panhandle]. Includes key to map. Relief shown by shading... [View Full Item](#) in University of Texas at Arlington Library

Indian Police of Anadarko 1890~

Portrait of three Indian policemen of Anadarko. They are holding guns and standing in front of a wooden building. [View Full Item](#) in Clay County Historical Society

[Atakapan Indian Pottery Shards]

Photograph of seven Atakapan Indian pottery shards found along the Neches River in Orange County, Texas. 1 photograph : b 5 x 7 in. [View Full Item](#) in Heritage House Museum

[Panorama of Indian village]

Photograph of an Indian village with multiple teepees. The village was near Fort Sill. There is a man sitting in the foreground. 1 photograph : b 8 x 10 in. [View Full Item](#) in University of Texas at Arlington Library

[Dr. Long with Indian Artifacts] 1980~

Photograph of Dr. Long looking over some Atakapan Indian artifacts. 1 photograph : b 7 x 5 in. [View Full Item](#) in Heritage House Museum

Indian-Campaign of 1868 & 9

Map of the Washita Campaign, showing exploration routes, rivers and streams, railroads, and Indian Territory for portions of Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. Scale [1:1,126... [View Full Item](#) in Hardin-Simmons University Library

Texas, Indian Territory and Oklahoma O.W. Gray & Son

Map shows early twentieth century geography, cities, and counties in Texas and Oklahoma. Insets: "Hypsometric sketch of Texas and the Indian territory," "Entrance to Matagorda Bay," "South part of Tex... [View Full Item](#) in University of Texas at Arlington Library

[Woman in American Indian Garb] Mugg, Kilo
Photograph of a woman wearing American Indian garb, including a feather headdress, bead necklaces, ornate belts, and leather frill on the clothing. She is standing next to a wire chair in front of a p... [View Full Item](#) in Wolf Creek Heritage Museum

[Portrait of an Indian Child] 1900~ · Quick, E. E
Photograph of an Indian child, wearing a native dress. He is standing on a block in front of a screen. 1 photograph : b&w [View Full Item](#) in Clay County Historical Society

[Caddo Indian documents, 1841-1856]
Documents detailing some relations with the Caddo Indians. The first document is a certified copy stating that Jose Maria is Chief of the Anadacos and attests to his good conduct, signed by Jesse Ster... [View Full Item](#) in Oklahoma Historical Society

Topographical map of the road from Missouri to Oregon: commencing at the mouth of the Kansas in the Missouri River and ending at the mouth of the Wall...

1846 · Preuss, Charles, 1803-1854
Map shows the route taken by Frémont in 1842-1844 on his trip from Westport on the Missouri River to Oregon; areas of Indian habitation, locations of Frémont's camps, vegetation, water supply, and lan... [View Full Item](#) in University of Texas at Arlington Library

Map of Morris's Purchase or West Geneseo in the State of New York : exhibiting part of the Lakes Erie and Ontario, the Straights of Niagara, Chautauqu... 1804 · Ellicott, Joseph, 1760-1826

Map shows roads, land tracts, towns, landowners, and Native American reservations, villages, and trails in early nineteenth century western New York. Includes explanation and annotations. Relief shown... [View Full Item](#) in University of Texas at Arlington Library

Map of the United States 1855 · Case, Tiffany & Co
Map shows cities, areas of Native American habitation for the United States, Mexico, Central America and part of the West Indies; jagged U.S.-Mexico border, western U.S. territories of Oregon, Utah, N... [View Full Item](#) in University of Texas at Arlington Library

Map of the United States and Mexico including Oregon, Texas and the Californias : showing the route and importance of the contemplated great Oregon ra... 1846 · Haven, John

Map shows Missouri and Oregon territories, Indian Territory, New California, Texas boundaries within U.S. boundaries, and the eastern United States; state boundaries, major cities, physical features,... [View Full Item](#) in University of Texas at Arlington Library

[Alabama-Coushatta Dancing Demonstration] 19th Annual Texas Folklife Festival

[1990-08-02..1990-08-05] · Informedia, Sidoric, Michael
Photograph of an Alabama-Coushatta Indian dancer performing at the Texas Folklife Festival in San Antonio, Texas. The man wears a beaded and feathered headdress with a red mantle covered with yellow f... [View Full Item](#) in UT San Antonio Libraries Special Collections