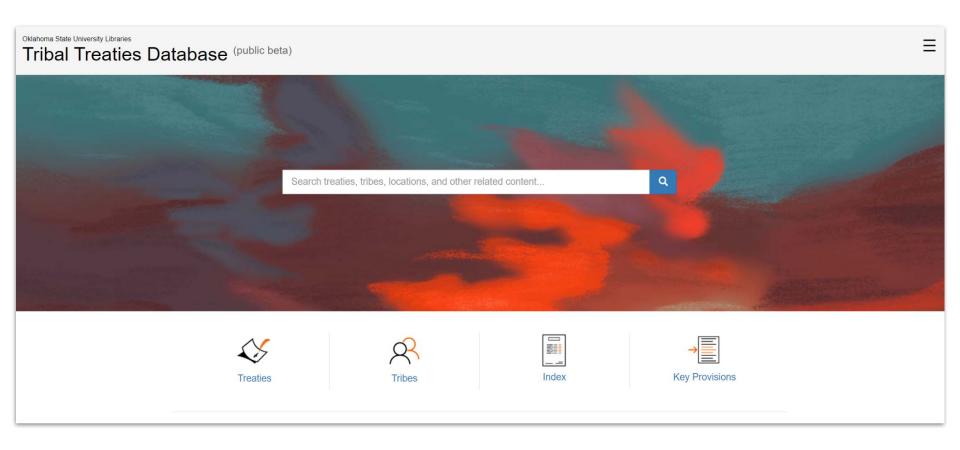
Resources for Identifying Tribal Consultation Requirements and Tools for Data-Driven Consultation:

Tribal Treaties Database



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https://treaties.okstate.edu

About Indian Affairs Laws & Treaties

- Compiled and edited by Charles J. Kappler
- Seven volumes containing U.S. treaties, laws and executive orders
- Published by the U.S. Government Printing Office
- Volume II includes 375 ratified treaties recognized by the U.S. Department of State

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

LAWS AND TREATIES.

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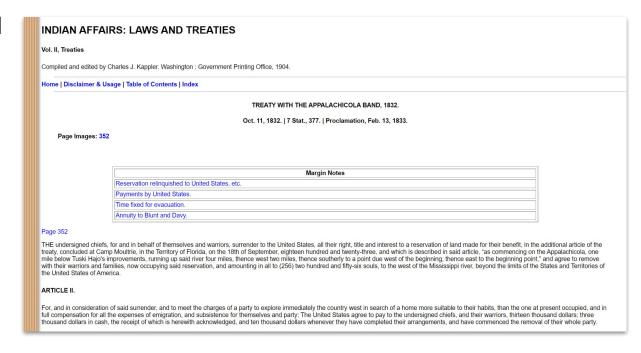
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CLERK TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON INITIAL APPAIRS.

WASHINGTON: GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE. 1904.

Indian Affairs Laws & Treaties at OSU

- Original scanning and web-based project (mid-1990s)
- Migration efforts (mid-2010s)
- Development of the Tribal Treaties
 Database (2021)



Tribal Treaties Database

- Partnership between the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Interior, U.S. Department of Defense Legacy Program, and the Oklahoma State University Libraries
- Current Focus: Kappler's Volume II (Treaties)



Tribal Treaties Database - Phase I

Technical Requirements

- User-friendly
- Easy to navigate
- Easy to search
- Open-source content management system

Feature Requirements

- Ability to copy and paste
- Enhanced indexing
- Robust search functionality

Content Requests

- Volume II text and margin notes
- Original signatory Tribes
- Successor-in-interest Tribes
- Keywords
- Links to treaty scans

Why the Tribal Treaties Database is important...

Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Interagency Coordination and Collaboration for the Protection of Tribal Treaty Rights and Reserved Rights

"The signatory agencies (Parties) enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to affirm our commitment to protect tribal treaty rights, reserved rights and similar tribal rights to natural and cultural resources. The Parties intend to demonstrate that commitment through early consideration of treaty and reserved rights in agency decision-making and regulatory processes. The Parties intend to enhance interagency coordination and collaboration to protect such treaty and reserved rights and to fully implement federal government treaty obligations."

Public Beta Release

- Launch date: November 14, 2021
- Current features:
 - Ability to search across all treaties and agreements
 - Ability to sort treaties by year
 - Identification of original signatories
 - Enhanced index created in 2021
 - Original index created in 1904
 - Ability to view treaties at the National Archives via a link (if available)
 - Ability to view the page scans from Kappler's Volume II in PDF format
 - Links to additional resources and identification of relevant monographs



Listening Sessions / Feedback

- Beta-test team
 - Provided feedback November 3, 2021 and December 1, 2021
- Select tribal leaders
 - Provided feedback December 15, 2021

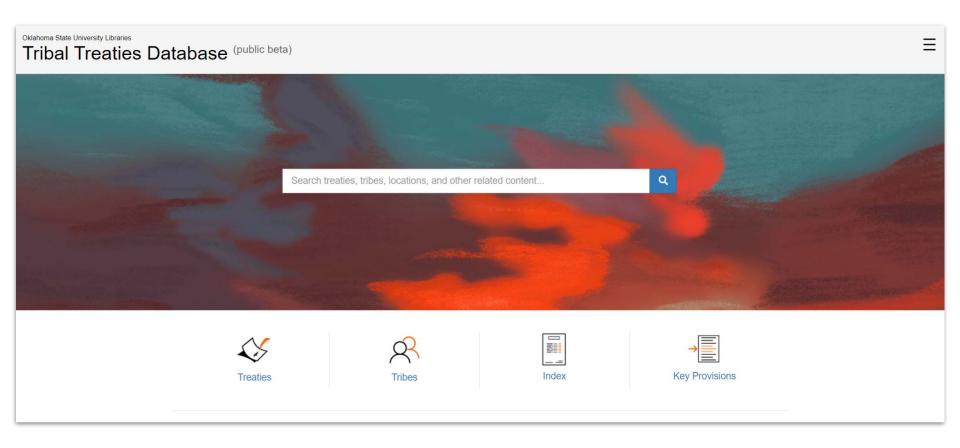


Tribal Treaties Database - Phase II - Content

- Identify successor-in-interest tribes (and record sources)
- Identify important provisions/keywords within the text, finalizing:
 - hunting and fishing
 - rights of way
 - education

Tribal Treaties Database - Phase II - Website

- Improve search functionality
 - Highlighting search terms
 - Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT)
 - Highlighting tags (keywords) and their location on the page



Brief Demo

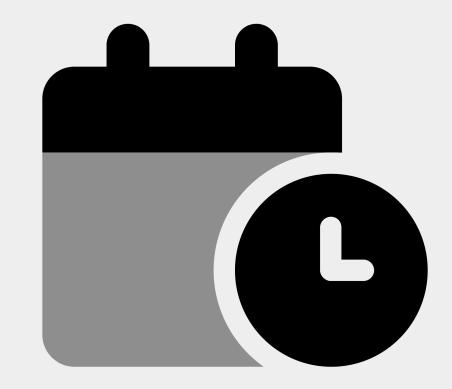
Future Goals / Wish List / Improvements

- Interoperable data
- Additional provision / keyword identification
- User-generated tags, commenting, annotations, wiki
- Expansion of treaties beyond Kappler's
- Mapping (of some kind)



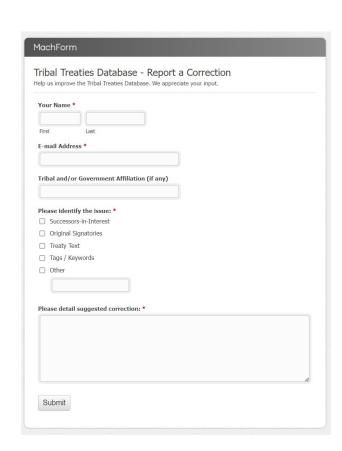
Next Release?

- By the start of the White House Tribal Nations Summit
- November or December 2022



Feedback and Corrections...

While every attempt has been made to represent accurate data, there may be errors in this work.





Select OSU Libraries Native American Resources

- Tribal Treaties Database <u>https://treaties.okstate.edu/</u>
- Indian Affairs Laws & Treaties (Vols. 1-7)
 https://library.okstate.edu/search-and-find/collections/digital-collections/indian-affairs-laws-and-treaties/
- Indian Claims Commission Decisions
 https://library.okstate.edu/search-and-find/collections/digital-collections/indian-claims-commission-decisions
- Angie Debo Collection <u>https://debo.library.okstate.edu/</u>