Searching the Past, Finding the Present

Identifying Contemporary Tribal Communities in Gilcrease Museum's Rare Books Collection

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Land Acknowledgement for Gilcrease Museum

Gilcrease Museum is situated on the ancestral territory of the Osage Nation and Wichita & Affiliated Tribes, who were the original stewards of the land upon which the Museum stands. As occupants of their land, we respect their individual histories and recognize their status as sovereign nations. In Tulsa, we also stand at the meeting places of the reservations of the Cherokee Nation and the Muscogee Nation, and in proximity to a total of 39 federally recognized tribes in what is now the state of Oklahoma.

Introduction

- Helmerich Center for American Research at Gilcrease Museum (HCAR)
 - Houses museum's archive and library
 - o Connects TU and Gilcrease Museum
 - Mission: HCAR fosters conversations and scholarship around the history of the Americas and supports research within the Gilcrease collections housed at the center. HCAR is the bridge between the museum and its collections to TU and the broader research community.



Thomas Gilcrease & his Rare Books

- William Thomas Gilcrease (1890-1962)
 - Founder of the Thomas Gilcrease Institute of American History and Art (Tulsa, OK)
 - o Citizen, Muscogee Nation & American Oilman
 - Avid collector of art, anthropology, and manuscripts/books
- Rare Books Collection
 - Approximately 4,000 rare books, spanning North and South America, 15th-20th centuries
 - Anchored in the history of Indigenous peoples across the
 Americas, European colonization, and white settler colonialism
 - Largely underutilized part of Gilcrease Museum's collections



Project Goals

- To highlight the textual presence of Indigenous communities and histories in the catalog
 - To provide an easier path for Indigenous peoples and communities, researchers,
 and museum staff to find resources related to specific Tribal nations
 - To search the catalog by preferred Tribal names, naming conventions, and in native languages, if possible
 - To increase visibility of Indigenous creators ("agents"), including authors, translators, and printers
- To make Gilcrease's rare books more visible and accessible

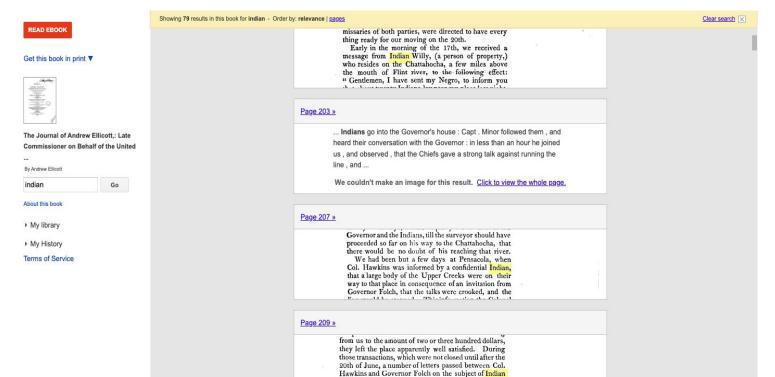
Inspiration: Tribal Nations in Oklahoma Metadata Database

- Tribal Nations in Oklahoma Metadata Database
 - Inspiration for our project and a key resource
 - Unique and useful way to search for Tribal nation names/naming conventions in Oklahoma
 - We have relied on this database and general methodology for a controlled vocabulary and Tribal naming conventions (for Oklahoma-related communities)

Pilot Project: Phase 1 (Gathering the Data)

• In order to explore how this project might be carried out and to learn more about Gilcrease's rare book collection, we decided to run a pilot project. The collection includes books from the 15th century to the 1940s, but for practicality we divided the books into three parts:

Section 1 1700-1799 19 books Section 2 1800-1899 110 books Section 3 1900-present 13 books First Example: The journal of Andrew Ellicott, late commissioner on behalf of the United States during part of the year 1796, the years 1797, 1798, 1799, and part of the year 1800: (Philadelphia: Printed by Budd & Bartram, for Thomas Dobson, at the stone house, no. 41, South second street. 1803)



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Understanding that you have been driven by the Indians from the country where you were employed, I beg leave to inform you, that General Bowles, the Chief of the Creek nation is with me, he expresses his wishes to see you much, as he thinks your unfortunate differences may be settled: he has no force here, therefore you may be assured no treachery can

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... Creeks and Seminoles , to quiet their minds , and explain to them the nature of our business . To which the Governor as- sented without hesitation , and assured us in the most unequivocal manner , that it should be done immediate- ly ...

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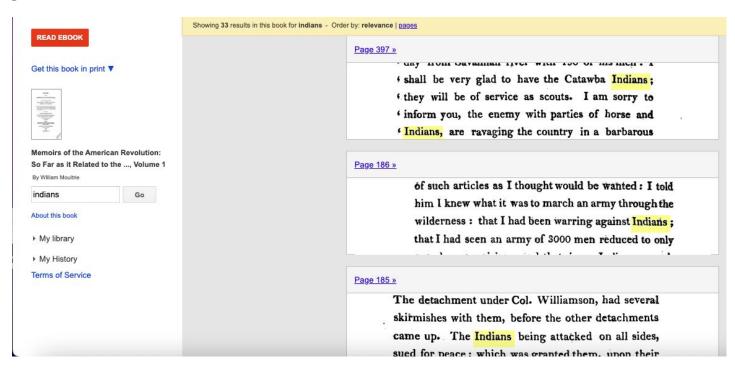


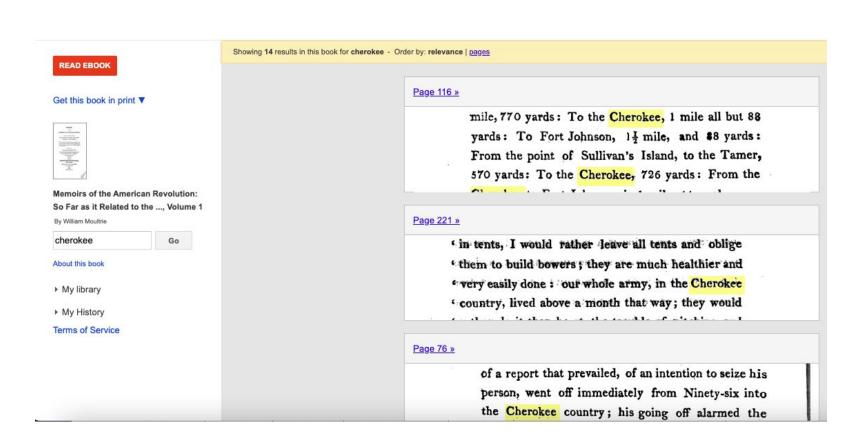




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Second Example: William Moultrie, *Memoirs of the American Revolution, so far as it related to the states of North and South Carolina, and Georgia*. (New York Printed by D. Longworth, for the author. 1802)





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Decision-Making

- As is clear from even this quick description, this project required us to make judgement calls as we went along about how to interpret and record the mentions of Indigenous communities that we found. Some of the challenges we faced included:
 - Settler sources
 - Dated language
 - Cataloguing infrastructure
 - Constraints of time and expertise

Ongoing Questions and Debates

- How to manage terms that could refer to many contemporary communities (Pueblo, Chippewa)?
 - We limited our records to three (thinking about Cherokee) but we are not sure how to proceed?
- Encyclopaedic texts that make references to many communities?

Pilot Project: Phase 2 (Organizing the Data)

1800-1899 Sample	Number	Percentage	Notes
Total number of records in pilot project sample	110)	
Number of records affiliated with tribal nations	57	52%	% of total number of records in pilot project sample (B2)
Number of records NOT affilliated with tribal nations	53	48%	% of total number of records in pilot project sample (B2)
Number of records affiliatied with one or more of the Five Tribes (this figure includes			
any record affiliated with one or more of the Five Tribes, including records with	37	CEO/	0/ -face
additional affiliations)	3/	65%	% of total number of records affiliated with tribal nations (B3)
Number of records affiliated with one or more of the Five Tribes and other tribal nations	9	24%	% of total number of records affiliated with one or more of the Five Tribes, including additional affiliations (B5)
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Number of records affiliated with one or more of the Five Tribes only	28	76%	including additional affiliations (B5)
Number of records affiliated only with tribal nations other than the Five Tribes	20	35%	% of total number of records affiliated with tribal nations (B3)
How many unique individual agents were we able to identify?	20		
How many records include references to these agents?	18	32%	% of total number of records affiliated with tribal nations (B3)
How many of the books were catalogued?	96	87%	% of total number of records in pilot project sample (B2)
How many of the books were NOT catalogued?	14	13%	% of total number of records in pilot project sample (B2)
How many of the books affiliated with tribal nations were catalogued?	47	82%	% of total number of records affiliated with tribal nations (B3)
How many of the books affiliated with tribal nations were NOT catalogued?	10	18%	% of total number of records affiliated with tribal nations (B3)
How many records of books including tribal affiliations already include all tribal names in the subject headings and/or title?	22	47%	% of total number of catalogued books affiliated with tribal nations (B12)
How many records of books including tribal affiliations DO NOT already include all tribal			
names in the subject headings and/or title?	25	53%	% of total number of catalogued books affiliated with tribal nations (B12)
How many records of books including Indigenous references DO NOT name specific tribal communities?	(0%	% of total number of records affiliated with tribal nations (B3)
How many records of books including tribal affiliations reference more than 10 communities?	(0%	% of total number of records affiliated with tribal nations (B3)

Looking at the Numbers

- 142 total books from 18th-20th centuries
- 78 books include references to Tribal communities
- 50 books of that 78 are partially or completely invisible in the catalog
- 72 Tribal communities and/or Indigenous peoples referenced in 142 books
- 20 individual agents identified in the 78 books

Implications of the Data

- 55% of the books in the pilot project contain references to Tribal communities and/or Indigenous peoples
- 64% of those books are partially or completely invisible in the catalog
 - 10 books are not catalogued
 - 40 of the 68 catalogued books are not searchable by Tribal communities' names
- Identification of 20 individual agents (creators, translators, printers, etc.) not currently visible in the catalog points to future work

Where we are now

- Submitted a report on the pilot project to Gilcrease Museum's Tribal Engagement Team and asked for guidance on key issues
- Tweaking procedures and developing instruction manual in preparation to expand project
- Working on a subset of the project to record Indigenous languages in catalog records

Questions

Questions for you:

- Where should this information live in the catalog record?
- What constitutes a mention of a Tribal community that needs to be included in the record?
- Should we survey the entire collection or prioritize specific communities?

Questions for us?