

TREATIES
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LAND
WITHIN
MINNESOTA TERRITORY

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Land cession treaties in boldface

YEAR	TREATY WITH:	PLACE SIGNED	DATE SIGNED	TREATY CONTENTS
1805	Sioux	Pike Island, MN	9/23/1805	Purchase of 100,000 acres at confluence of Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers; unauthorized by US, never proclaimed, but US built Fort Snelling on the site.
1815	Sioux of the Lakes	Portage des Sioux, MO	7/19/1815	Peace treaty at end of War of 1812; established status quo in fur trade in absence of British interests.
1815	Sioux of St. Peters River	Portage des Sioux, MO	7/19/1815	Peace treaty at end of War of 1812; established status quo in fur trade in absence of British interests.
1815	Yankton Sioux	Portage des Sioux, MO	7/19/1815	Peace treaty at end of War of 1812; established status quo in fur trade in absence of British interests.
1816	Sioux	St. Louis, MO	6/1/1816	Confirmation of land cessions made in the past by the Sioux to the British and French and Spanish governments.
1825	Sioux etc.	Prairie des Chien, WI	8/19/1825	Set territorial boundaries for the first time for nearly a dozen indigenous nations in the upper Midwest; precursor to land purchases by US; opened Prairie du Chien area to lead miners.
1826	Chippewa	Duluth, MN	8/5/1826	Agreement to 1825 Treaty of Prairie du Chien; cession of rights to US to "search for and carry away" minerals; land grants to mixed-blood individuals and families "attached to the government of the US;" provisional agreement by US to provide annuity payments and establish a school; agreement by Ojibwe to turn in individuals wanted by US for murder.
1830	Sauk Foxes etc.	Prairie des Chien, WI Stanley Co., SD	7/15 & 9/4/1830	Land cession by Sac, Fox, Dakota, Omaha, Iowa, Oto and Missouri nations of 3 tracts of land in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri; payment by US of annuities, merchandise, equipment and blacksmith services; reservations for mixed blood families; annuity for education of indigenous youth.
1832	Winnebago	Rock Island, IL	9/15/1832	Land cession by Winnebago in WI and extreme SE corner of Minnesota in exchange for land and annuity payments; provision by US of school and agricultural supplies/services; payments to mixed blood individuals; delivery of individuals wanted by US for murder.
1836	Sioux - Wabasha's band	Not given	9/10/1836	Sign-off on cession made by Osage in 1808, in clarification of Treaty with the Sauk and Foxes etc. 1830.
1836	Wahpekute, Sisseton, Mdewakonton	St. Peters, MN	11/30/1836	Sign-off on cession made by Osage in 1808, in clarification of Treaty with the Sauk and Foxes etc. 1830.
1837	Chippewa (2nd)	St. Peters, MN	7/29/1837	Land cession in exchange for annuity payments, debt payments and payments to mixed blood individuals.

1837	Sioux	Washington, DC	9/29/1837	Cession of all lands east of Mississippi River in exchange for annuities, payments to relatives and friends of "chiefs and braves," and debt payments.
1837	Sac Fox	Washington, DC	10/21/1837	Cession of 1.2 million acres by Sac and Fox in exchange for debt payments, annuity payments, merchandise, materials and services.
1837	Sac Fox	Washington, DC	10/21/1837	Cession by Sac and Fox of Missouri to land adjacent to "Sioux" territory in exchange for cash payment plus annuities payable in cash, merchandise and services.
1837	Yankton Sioux	Washington, DC	10/21/1837	Clarification of cession made in Treaty with the Sauk and Foxes etc., 1830.
1837	Winnebago	Washington, DC	11/1/1837	Cession of land but not hunting rights by Winnebago in exchange for cash payment, payment of debts, annuities; payments to individuals; US to cover cost of Winnebago removal from ceded area.
1846	Winnebago	Washington, DC	10/13/1846	Cession of land and sale of hunting rights by Winnebago in exchange for approximately 900,000 acres in MN, cash payment, annuity payments.
1847	Chippewa of the Mississippi and Lake Superior	Duluth, MN	8/2/1847	Land cession by Ojibwe in exchange for cash payments plus annuity payments to Lake Superior band; definition of boundary with Pillager band; definition of mixed blood individuals as Chippewa entitled to share of annuity payments.
1847	Chippewa Pillager	Leech Lake, MN	8/21/1847	Land cession by Ojibwe in exchange for annuity payments.
1848	Menominee	Lake Poygan, WI	10/18/1848	Cession by Menominee of land in Wisconsin for land in Minnesota ceded previous year by the Ojibwe, plus payments to "chiefs" and mixed blood individuals, ten annual payments to Menominee as a nation, and expenditures on supplies and services. (Menominee refused to move to land in MN; see Treaty with Menominee, 1854.)
1851	Sioux Mdewakanton, Wahpakoota Bands	Traverse des Sioux, MN	7/23/1851	Cession by Mdewakanton and Wahpakoota bands of all lands in Minnesota Territory in exchange for cash payment and annuities; reservation of 10 miles on either side of Minnesota River; prohibition of sale of alcohol in Indian country. (Clause establishing reservation stricken by Senate.)
1851	Sioux Sisseton Wahpeton	Mendota, MN	7/23/1851	Cession by Sisseton and Wahpeton bands of all lands in Minnesota Territory in exchange for cash payment and annuities; reservation of 10 miles on either side of Minnesota River; prohibition of sale of alcohol in Indian Country. (Clause establishing reservation stricken by Senate.)
1854	Menominee	Wolf River, WI	5/12/1854	Exchange of land in Minnesota which Menominee had never occupied for land in WI, plus additional annual payments.
1854	Chippewa	LaPointe, WI	9/30/1854	Cession of land held in common by Lake Superior and Mississippi bands in exchange for payments by US to Lake Superior band and exclusive right to additional land by Mississippi band; assignment of land to groups of Lake Superior band; prohibition of alcohol on Indian land; promise by US to examine accounts and pay arrearages on payments from previous treaties; annuity payments to Bois Fort band.

1855	Chippewa	Washington, DC	2/22/1855	Cession by Ojibwe of all land in Minnesota Territory except for defined reservations of land, in exchange for cash payments, annuities and payment of debts; right of missionaries to purchase land; moral code of conduct for Ojibwe.
1855	Winnebago	Washington, DC	2/27/1855	Cession by Winnebago of land they had acquired in Treaty of 1846, in exchange for cash payment and land reservation in Blue Earth County, MN to be shared with Winnebago from Kansas Territory and elsewhere; additional payments from earlier treaties to be expended on agriculture; prohibition against spending tribal payments on individual debts; right of missionaries to buy land in Winnebago reservation; right of US to build roads through Winnebago reservation; moral code of conduct for Winnebago.
1858	Yankton Sioux	Washington, DC	4/19/1858	Cession by Yankton of land primarily in South Dakota except for 400,000 acre reservation, and abandonment of all claims from previous treaties except that at Fort Laramie in 1851, in exchange for annual payments and annuity payments; authorization for Yankton to spend payments on debts and to take care of mixed blood individuals.
1858	Sioux	Washington, DC	6/19/1858	Reservation of land on south side of Minnesota River for Dakota; allotment of this land in parcels to families; sale of land on north side of river by the US "for the benefit" of the Dakota; moral code of behavior for Dakota.
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1859	Winnebago	Washington, DC	4/15/1859	Allotment of reservation land to individual families; sale of "surplus" land, proceeds to be used to pay Winnebago debts; expenditures on housing and agriculture; moving of Winnebago from elsewhere to reservation, at the expense of Winnebago.
1863	Chippewa Mississippi, Pillager, Lake Winnibigoshish Bands	Washington, DC	3/11/1863	Cession of lands previously reserved for Ojibwe; establishment of new reservation and allotment of land there, in exchange for extension of annuity payments from previous treaties, housing and support for agriculture; appointment of a "board of visitors" selected by Christian denominations to inspect the moral deportment of the Ojibwe; marriage requirement for white teachers, traders and others licensed to live among the Ojibwe; hiring preferences on reservation given to mixed blood individuals.
1863	Chippewa Red Lake, Pembina Bands	Red Lake Falls, MN	10/2/1863	Land cession by Ojibwe in exchange of annual payments, payment of debts; appointment of a "board of visitors" selected by Christian denominations to inspect the moral deportment of the Ojibwe allotment for mixed blood residents upon proof of residence.
1864	Chippewa Red Lake, Pembina Bands	Washington, DC	4/12/1864	Assent by Ojibwe to amendments to previous treaty made by Senate; annuities to individual band members; scrip for land issued to mixed blood individuals.
1864	Chippewa Mississippi, Pillager, Lake Winnibigoshish Bands	Washington, DC	5/7/1864	Additional signatures on treaty of 1863.

1865	Winnegabo 1865	Washington, DC	3/8/1865	Cession by Winnebago of reservation in Dakota Territory for land ceded by the Omaha and removal to new location.
1865	Sioux Yanktonai Band	Fort Sully (Pierre), SD	10/20/1865	One of a series of treaties negotiated with multiple indigenous nations by US Peace Commission to end Plains warfare: cessation of hostilities; future arbitration of disputes by US; withdrawal by "Sioux" from overland routes; payments to Yanktonai families who wish to pursue agriculture;
1865	Sioux Upper Yanktonai Band	Fort Sully (Pierre), SD	10/28/1865	One in a series of treaties negotiated with multiple indigenous nations by US Peace Commission to end Plains warfare: cessation of hostilities; future arbitration of disputes by US; withdrawal by "Sioux" from overland routes; payments to Upper Yanktonai families who wish to pursue agriculture;
1866	Chippewa Bois Forte	Washington, DC	4/7/1866	Cession by Ojibwe in exchange for reservation, annual payments in support of agriculture, education, etc.
1867	Sioux - Sisseton and Wahpeton Bands	Washington, DC	2/19/1867	Establishment of reservations for "friendly" Dakota; allotment of reservation land to individual families; US right to make "improvements" on Indian land; appropriations for support of agriculture; provision for resident Indian agent; prohibition of fur trading to ensure participation in agriculture; authority of "chiefs and head-men" to organize a force to enforce US-approved laws.
1867	Chippewa of the Mississippi	Washington, DC	3/19/1867	Cession by Ojibwe of all land in Minnesota except for specific reservations (approximately 2,000,000 acres) in exchange for support of agriculture, education, clothing, etc.; provision for local Indian agent; punishment of Ojibwe lawbreakers by white legal system.

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