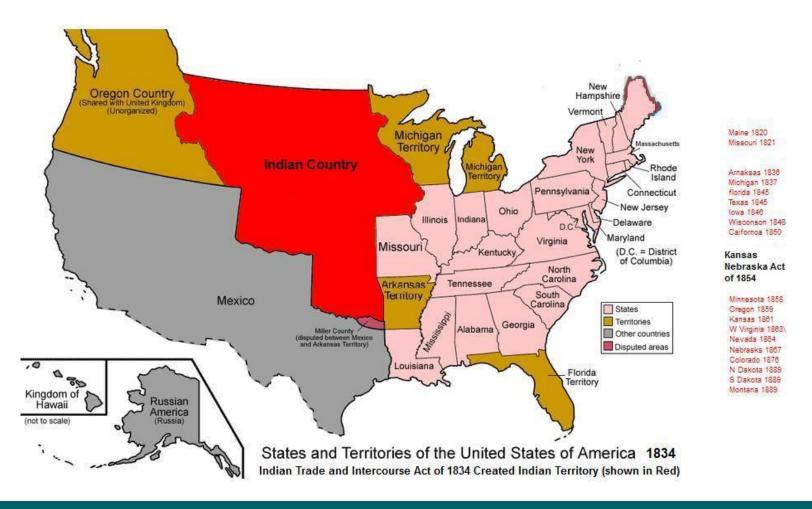


The Truth

By People of the Sacred Land Richard B. Williams



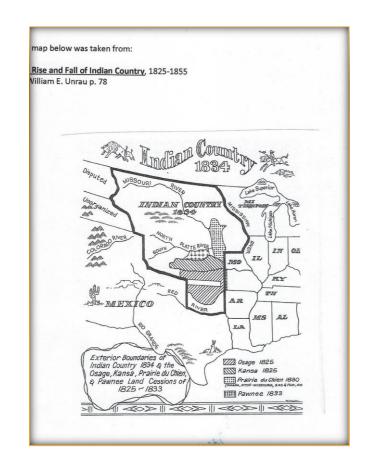
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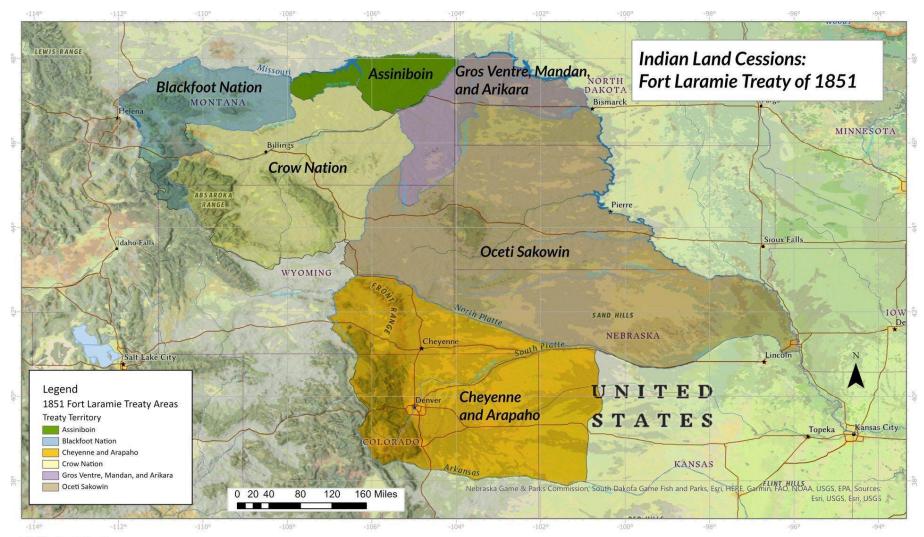
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- An act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to preserve peace on the frontiers.
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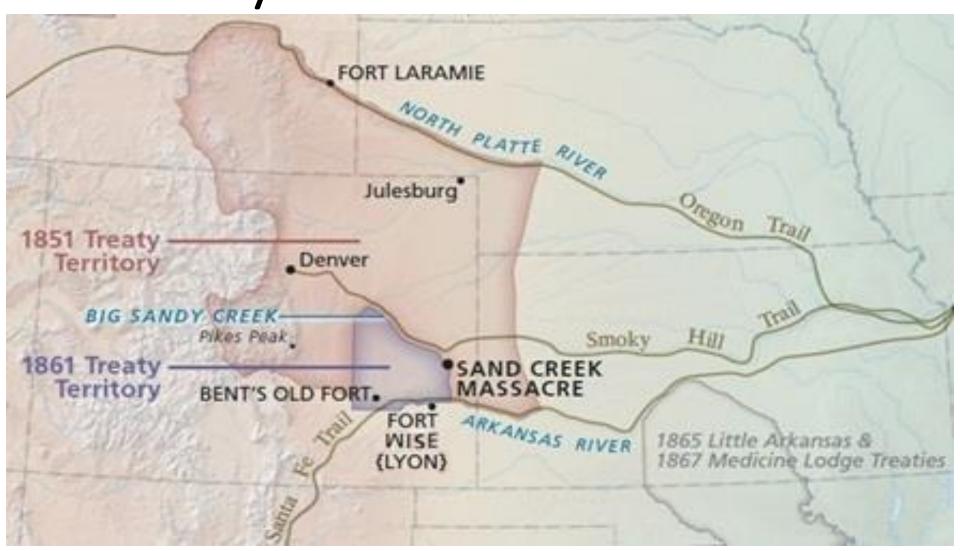
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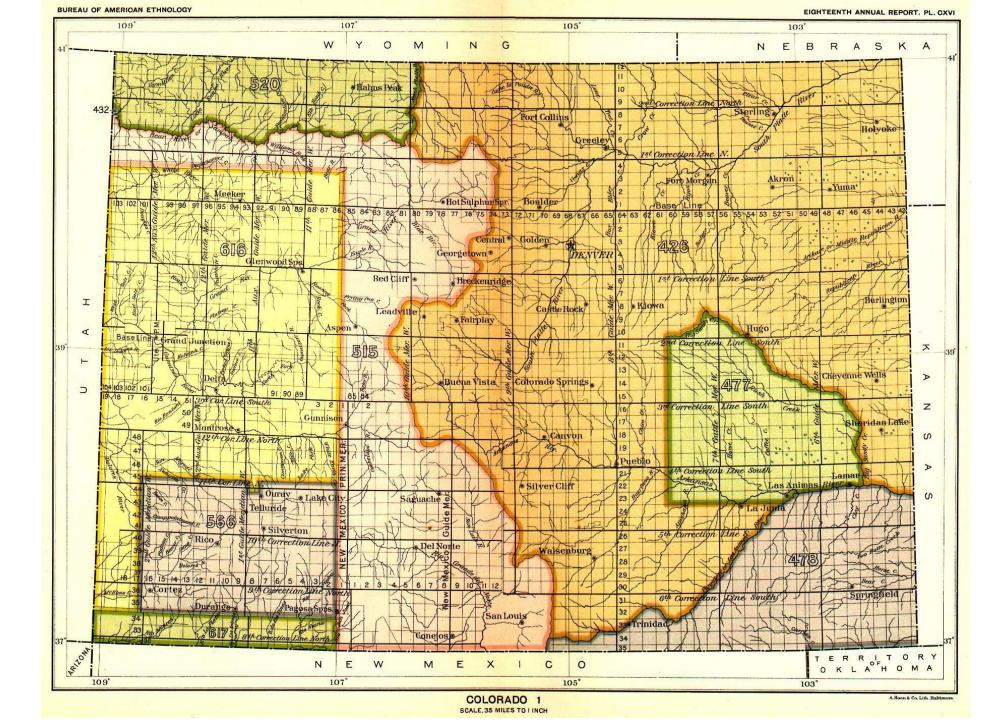




Treaty Land 1851 and 1861



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Map of
Ceded
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Horse Creek Treaty of 1851

The Horse Creek Treaty of 1851 was never officially ratified. That was used as the basis for the Indian Claims Commission stipulation of which land was in the Docket and formed the basis for the ICC claim.

Colorado Enabling Act - February 28, 1861

• TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING TO BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY ERECTED INTO A TEMPORARY GOVERNMENT BY THE NAME OF THE TERRITORY OF COLORADO, PROVIDED THAT NOTHING IN THIS ACT CONTAINED SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO IMPAIR THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIANS IN THE SAID TERRITORY, SO LONG AS SUCH RIGHTS SHALL REMAIN UNEXTINGUISHED BY TREATY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND SUCH INDIANS, OR TO INCLUDE ANY TERRITORY WHICH, BY TREATY WITH ANY INDIAN TRIBE, IS NOT, *without* THE CONSENT OF SAID TRIBE, TO BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OR JURISDICTION OF ANY STATE OR TERRITORY; BUT ALL SUCH TERRITORY SHALL BE EXCEPTED OUT OF THE BOUNDARIES AND CONSTITUTE NO PART OF THE TERRITORY OF COLORADO UNTIL SAID TRIBE SHALL SIGNIFY THE ASSENT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO BE INCLUDED WITHIN SAID TERRITORY,OR TO AFFECT THE AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO MAKE ANY REGULATIONS RESPECTING SUCH INDIANS, THEIR LAND'S, PROPERTY, OR THE RIGHTS BY TREATY, LAW, OR OTHERWISE, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN COMPETENT FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE IF THIS ACT HAD NEVER BEEN PASSED:

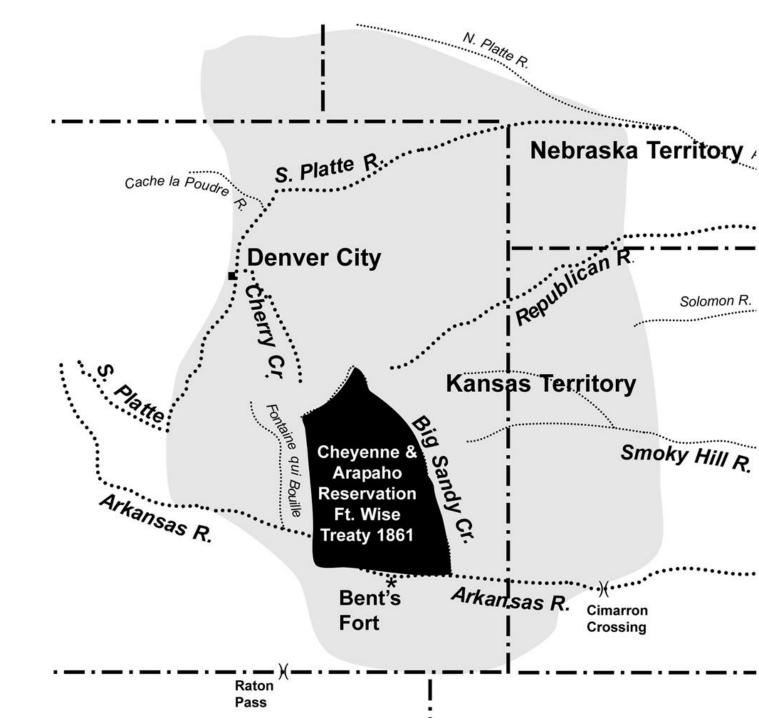
TREATY OF FORT WISE 1861

• Article 6. The Arapahos and Cheyennes of the Upper Arkansas, parties to this agreement, are anxious that all the members of their tribe shall participate in the advantages herein provided for respecting their improvement and civilization, and, to that end, to induce all that are now separated to rejoin and reunite with them. Provided, however, that those who do not rejoin and permanently reunite themselves with the tribe within one year from the date of the ratification of this treaty, Shall Not be Entitled to the benefit of any of its stipulations.

The Iniquitous Fort Wise Treaty of 1861

- The interpreter of the Arapaho could not speak the language
- Article 6 never completed-
- No signatures authorizing ceding of the land North of SouthPlatte River 23 million acres
- Article 11- Removed by Senate action. The State
 Department asks the Indian Department to correct the situation, and the amendment was supposedly signed by the leaders.
- The process of signing the amendment was suspect.

Fort Wise Treaty Map

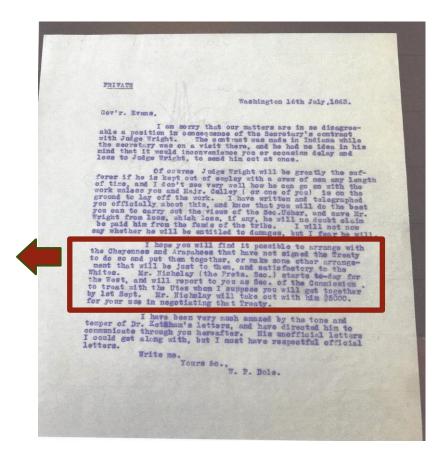


Report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs 1862

Colorado Superintendency

"Another disturbing element consists in the fact that one or two of the Bands were not represented at the making of the recent treaty with Cheyenne and Arapahos, who, consequently, still claim the right to roam throughout the territory once claimed by that Nation. Although provision is made by the treaty for bands, not parties thereof to become such, it is believed that their concurrence in the treaty can more easily be obtained by direct negotiations with them for that purpose."

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2- W.P.Dole, letter of July 29,1863.

He has seemed to be respectful to me, and has been supposed here to be your particular friend.

Some parties here, with whom the wish is father to the thought, have suggested privately to numerous of our citizens that a difficulty exists between the Secty. of the Interior. On account of it. I pay no attention to such stuff. If there is any ground of censure however, I would thank you to

of med 1 to get another.

Your friend and Obt. servant,

John Evans.

Fort Wise Treaty of 1861

Article 11-

"In consideration of the kind treatment of the Arapaho and Cheyenne by the citizens of Denver city and adjacent towns be permitted by the United States government to enter such a sufficient quantity of land to include city and towns at the minimum price of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre."

Department of State Letter 1861

Domestic Letters - Volume 54 - August 12, 1861, p. 440.

Department of State, Washington, August 12th 1861.

William P. Dole, Esq.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Sir,

The enclosed "Articles of Agreement and Convention" between the United States and the Confederated tribes of Arapahoe and Cheyenne Indians of the Upper Arkansas River, and the ratification thereof by the Senate, with an amendment, striking out the eleventh article, has been sent to this Department by the Secretary of the Senate. But as it does not appear from the face of the paper that the amendment referred to, has been agreed to by the Indian tribes concerned, through their proper representatives, it is herewith sent to the Indian Office, in order that that requisite may be complied with.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Frederic W. Seward

Assistant Secretary

29th day of October 1861

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Done at the city of Washington, this S. day Now, therefore, be it known that I, Abraham Geneoln, Fresident of the United States of America, do, in pursuance of the advice and consent of the Senate, as expressed in their resolution of the sixth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and sixty one, accept, ratify, and confirm said Treaty, with the amendment as a foresaid.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed, having signed the same with

my hand.

Done at the city of Washington,
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Abraham Lincoln

By the Gresident:

William M. Lowerd,

The following was in the Rocky Mountain News for September 11, 1861.

"A messenger arrived yesterday from Fort Wise with the report that there were several 1000 Indians collected around the post and becoming very clamorous for their annuities.

Many of them were suffering from hunger, and the commanding officer had already distributed some provisions among them. Some were threatening the fort which is a feeble garrison.

A reinforcement of 2 companies of troops was expected at the ranch on the fourth yesterday. The rumors on the streets last evening that the Indians had given the post 10 days to pay their annuities or they would commence. The report on the attack was unfounded. Daily of Monday, September 9th."

This is additional circumstantial evidence that the amendment document was fraudulent. It doesn't make sense that if the Indian people were starving that they were going to be hanging around Fort Wise for almost 30 days during the prime buffalo hunting season.

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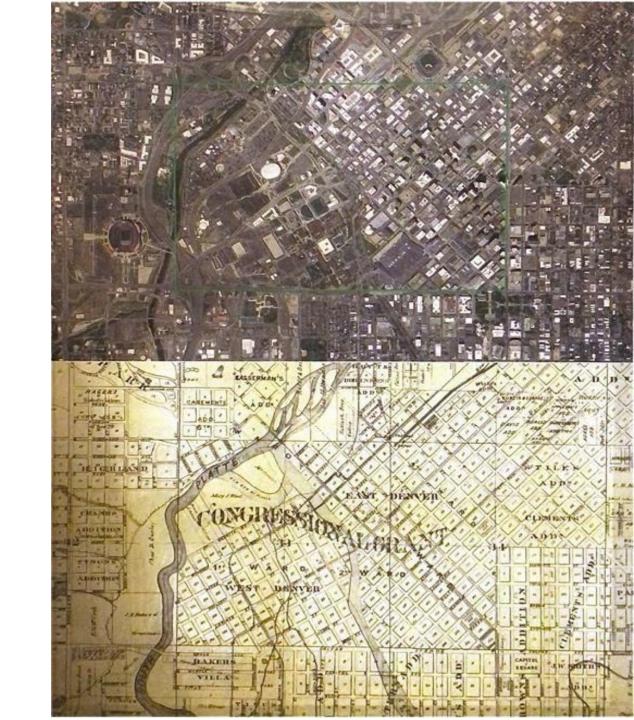
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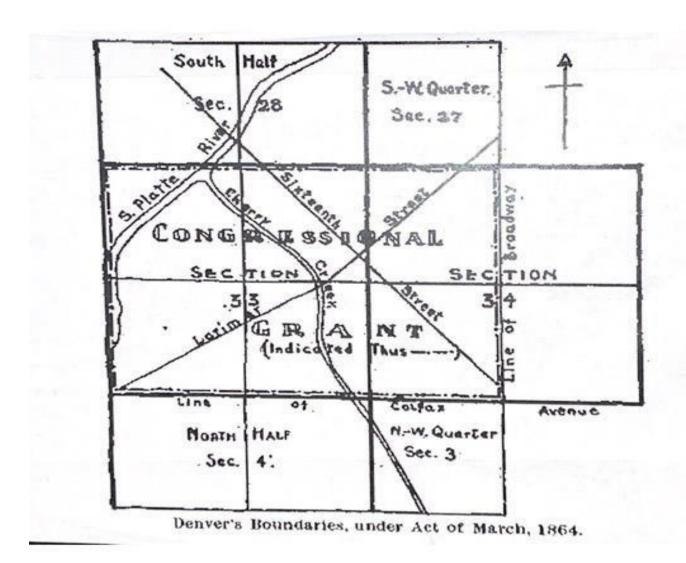
Denver Illegally Occupied Violation of the 1834 Trade and Intercourse

Denver was founded in 1858. Both the Auraria Town Company (west of Cherry Creek) and the Denver City Town Company (east of Cherry Creek) platted out their respective streets and blocks and sold lots to prospective home owners and business owners looking to settle and build in the fledgling community. One big problem: neither town company had title to the land they were selling. The solution was the Congressional Grant of 1864, which conveyed to Denver (and those who had acquired lots in the city) clear title to the land within a 960-acre (1 mile by 1.5 mile) rectangle of land encompassing most of the original Auraria and Denver City town plats.

Denver City Maps



Denver's Boundaries under Act of March 1864



It is to be remembered while we are considering the affairs of these Town Companies that none of them had any valid title to the soil on which their operations were carried forward. All of them were merely squatters on land to which the Indians had the first claim under the conditions then existing. Later, in giving lots to all who would build on them, or in donating lots to first-born children, or to this or that especially worthy citizen; or in keeping a liberal share for themselves, these excellent and enterprising men were dealing with things which they did not, legally, own; nor was it any better if they sold a lot for cash. As this was Indian land not open to entry, no title could be acquired to it through the ordinary operation of the land laws of the United States.

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"TO THE FRIENDLY INDIANS OF THE PLAINS:

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JOHN EVANS PROCLAMATION NUMBER 2

"Now, therefore, I, John Evans, governor of Colorado territory, do issue this my proclamation, authorizing all citizens of Colorado, either individually or in such parties as they may organize, to go in pursuit of all hostile Indians on the plains scrupulously avoiding those who have responded to my said call to rendezvous at the points indicated; also, to kill and destroy as enemies of the country, wherever they may be found, all such hostile Indians. And further, as the only reward I am authorized to offer for such services, I hereby empower such citizens, or parties of citizens to take captive, and hold to their own private use and benefit, all the property of said hostile Indians that they may capture, and to receive for all stolen property recovered from said Indians such reward as may be deemed proper and just therefore."

1864 to 1964 The Great Mystery

- DURING THIS CENTURY, THERE WAS VERY LITTLE WRITTEN ABOUT AMERICAN INDIANS AND THEIR HISTORY IN COLORADO.
- 1964- 11 ARTICLES APPEAR IN THE COLORADO HISTORY MAGAZINE
- PRELUDE TO WAR BY WILLIAM UNRAU –UNCOVERS LAND ISSUES

- 1950S TERMINATION OF INDIAN NATIONS
- FORCED ASSIMILATION BECOMES MORE ACTIVE
- 1960S RELOCATION TO INDIANS TO DENVER

1970 to Present Denver as Place for Indians to Relocate

- 1970 Population increases, and an Indian Center is established
- 1973- American Indian Movement chapter is established
- 1970s- See many National Organizations call Denver Home
 - American Indian Higher Education Consortium
 - Council of Energy Resource Tribes
 - Coalition Of Indian Controlled Boards
 - Native American Rights Fund
 - March Powwow starts in the 80's

Denver American Indian Population Grows

- From a few thousand in the 1950s to over 200,000 American Indians now occupy the Front Range of Colorado.
- Why are there no American Indian Reservations on the Front Range or Eastern Plains of Colorado?
- What has Denver done for the First People of Colorado?



Questions?

Thank you,
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