



Muscogee Creek Indian Freedmen Band

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The Muscogee Creek Indian Freedmen Band [MCIFB] of Oklahoma will host its next meeting in Kansas City, MO, on September 26, 2015, from 1:30 PM-3:30 PM. Members and interested parties are encouraged to attend. The meeting will commence with a brief history of the Muscogee Creek Indian Freedmen, genealogy tips, and an update will be provided regarding the status of the MCIFB's petition for Federal Recognition. This meeting is free of charge, and is open to the general public.

When: September 26, 2015
Time: 1:30PM-3:30PM
Where: Full Faith Christian Center
Address: 7800 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, 64133

Who are the Muscogee Creek Indian Freedmen?

The people later known as Muscogee Creek Indian Freedmen, lived in the Creek Nation prior to the American Revolutionary War. They were citizens of the Muscogee Creek Nation (MCN) who were placed on the Freedmen roll. These people consisted of (1) Free Black Tribal members, (2) the children of both Creek Indian Tribal Members, and those considered to be of African ancestry by virtue of slavery, or former slaves and, (3) enslaved persons of African ancestry. They received tribal citizenship through the Dawes Commission with full political and economic rights as native citizens, based on Article 2 of the Treaty of 1866 made between the United States, and the MCN 1867 Constitution.

In 1834, the United States government forcibly removed the Creek Indians from their traditional homeland of Alabama, Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina to Indian Territory, which later became the State of Oklahoma. This removal of the Creek Indians began several years prior to the official removal when some Creek Indian families "voluntarily" emigrated. Muscogee Creek



Indian Freedmen of all three groups, including Free Black Tribal members, and slaves were a part of this odyssey before, during, and after 1834.

Mission:

- To Preserve and Protect the unique history, heritage and genealogy of the Muscogee Creek Indian Freedmen who were removed to Indian Territory (Oklahoma) on the Trail of Tear.
- To Promote interest and participation by sharing genealogical information with members, researchers, and the general public.
- To Provide help as an educational resource to researchers through lectures, workshops, conferences, and museum exhibits.
- To educate the public regarding the African Creeks' political rights as citizens of the Creek Nation, as defined by the Creek Treaty of 1866(Article 2).

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