

In 1906 a series of laws were passed which abolished the governments of the Indian Nations located in the "Indian Territory". In 1907 the Indian Territory and the Oklahoma Territory were combined and admitted into the Union as the State of Oklahoma. The existence of the State of Oklahoma was proclaimed by President Theodore Roosevelt on November 16, 1907.

The steps on the "civilization" ladder are relative ones, judgements are not to be based on hypothesis, but on elements of the common good attained. The "Dawes Act Cherokees" and members of the other tribes so treated, became United States citizens by virtue of their acceptance of the land allotment process. Some did not become citizens, as is seen herein. The balance of the members of the Nations that made up the Indian Territory, as well as all other Indians were granted automatic United States citizenship with passage of the Snyder Indian Citizenship Act of 1924, by which all who had not obtained citizenship through the land allotment process, were then granted citizenship.

Sic Transit Gloria !

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The author has drawn in some instances from an unpublished trilogy: "America Invaded", which traces the history and fortunes of the members of the Iroquoian Language Family of which the Cherokee Nation is a member. This makes the point that the Cherokee thusly is the only one of the so-called "Five Civilized Tribes" that is not of the Muskogean family of tribes.

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