

us a little over three million acres and the Federal Government's says, "your land is worth thirty cents an acre. So, the Federal Government paid the Creeks, thirty cents per acre for slightly over three million acres. Now, let's see how this looks at this time in 1866. You visualized a moment ago Brown part extended over the years. Now, in other words this is the size after they deducted, or after the Federal Government said, "We're going to take your western land away from you," and the totalled three million plus acres, to be exact three and one quarter acres, thirty cents an acre. Some of you will remember, at least those of you I've had in class, will have to be the Seminoles. Every time I think about this and read about it, it makes me stop and think, actually, what happened in Washington D.C. at this particular time in August, 1866. The Seminoles, who were all being told, "You're a small tribe with something like three thousand people. Therefore, we will take all your land. In other words, we're going to buy all your property. Your land," said the Federal Government talking to the Seminoles, "is worth fifteen cents an acre. We'll pay you fifteen cents an acre." The amount they sold was a little over two million acre, fifteen cents per acre. I'm sure, you'd like to buy today, at this minute, if the land in a region for fifteen cents an acre. But what will surprise some of you who haven't read this in a long long time, now, when you, when the Federal Government says, "We're going to buy all your land." Something tells me that you got to have a place to live. So, the Federal Government says something like this, "We just took a little over three million acres from the Creeks. We paid the Creeks thirty cents an acre. We have some land for sale. We'll sell you a hundred seventy-five thousand acres but the price has gone up in other words it's worth fifty cents an acre." So, the Federal Government