

living in Alabama, and went to Florida. They lived in the Everglades and swamps of that country for a long time and were called Seminoles by the Creeks, the word meaning wanderers. The Creeks lived exclusively along streams when in Alabama, and for that reason were called Creeks instead of Muskogees, which is their correct name.

The Seminoles remained in Florida many years after the Creeks came to the Indian Territory. When they did come the Creeks did not admit them to their tribe again, but sold them the present Seminole nation and got a good round price for it. There are 363,573 acres in the Seminole nation and it is excellent land. Of this 344,989 acres has been allotted to the 2,752 citizens composing the tribe. There is left some 20,000 acres of surplus land, which will be sold and the proceeds distributed for the benefit of the tribe.

The Seminoles were the first of the five tribes to make a treaty with the United States looking to the allotment of lands in severalty. Because they were first the government was most liberal with them and every demand of the Seminoles were acceded to. By taking the lead, the Seminoles got far the best treaty the government made. In this they were led by