



NATIVE AMERICA OKLAHOMA 1861-1883 OFFICIAL STATE MAP



THE LEGENDARY LAND RUNS of the late 1800s added an intense momentum to Oklahoma's march toward statehood...

ON SEPTEMBER 16, 1893, as a pistol shot rang out, over 100,000 eager settlers raced for 7 million acres of free land...

The land had long been known as the CHEROKEE STRIP (or Cherokee Outlet). It was 58 miles wide and stretched all the way to what was then the western boundary of the U.S.

Settlers came by train, horseback, wagon and on foot, from every state and territory in the nation. They came with a dream: to stake a claim. To make a home on the vast, virgin prairie known as Indian Territory.

The Strip's early history is bound up with the Mississippi Valley. Portions were claimed by Spain, France and England.

In 1682, FRENCH explorer La Salle challenged the Spanish claim, traveling down the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico.

Because the Mississippi River was a vital route to commerce in the West, the U.S. set out to buy its east bank.

In their Georgia homeland, the Cherokee Indians had long been split into two divisions: those in the upper towns and those of lower towns.

By U.S. treaty, the lower town group (about one-third of the Cherokee) first moved to a new home in Arkansas and were thus called Western Cherokee.

Meanwhile, the non-Indians of Georgia pressed the U.S. government to remove the remaining Cherokee. Gradually, the tribe's rights were eroded...

In Indian Territory, after years of discord, the Eastern and Western Cherokee were united by a treaty signed on August 6, 1846.

- Cherokee Strip Centennial Participating Communities: ALINE, KREMLIN, LAMONT, LAMONT, LAMONT, ARNETT, MANCHESTER, BILLINGS, MIDFORD, BLACKWELL, NASH, NEWKIRK, CARMEN, PAWBUKSA, CHEROKEE, PANAMA, CLEO SPRINGS, DEER CREEK, POND CREEK, ENID, STILLWATER, FAIRVIEW, GULF, TONKAWA, HARDY, HELLA, WAKITA, HENNESSEY, WAGONMOUND, JEFFERSON, WAYNOKA, JET, WOODWARD, KIOWA, K.

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SOLDIERS & RAILROADS Like the other Civilized Tribes, many of the Cherokee fought for the South in the Civil War.

CATTLE & THE CHISHOLM TRAIL After the war, Texas prairies were teeming with cattle as eastern markets clamored for beef.



THE BOOM YEARS "Boomers" were people who promoted (or bought) the idea of homesteading in Indian Territory.

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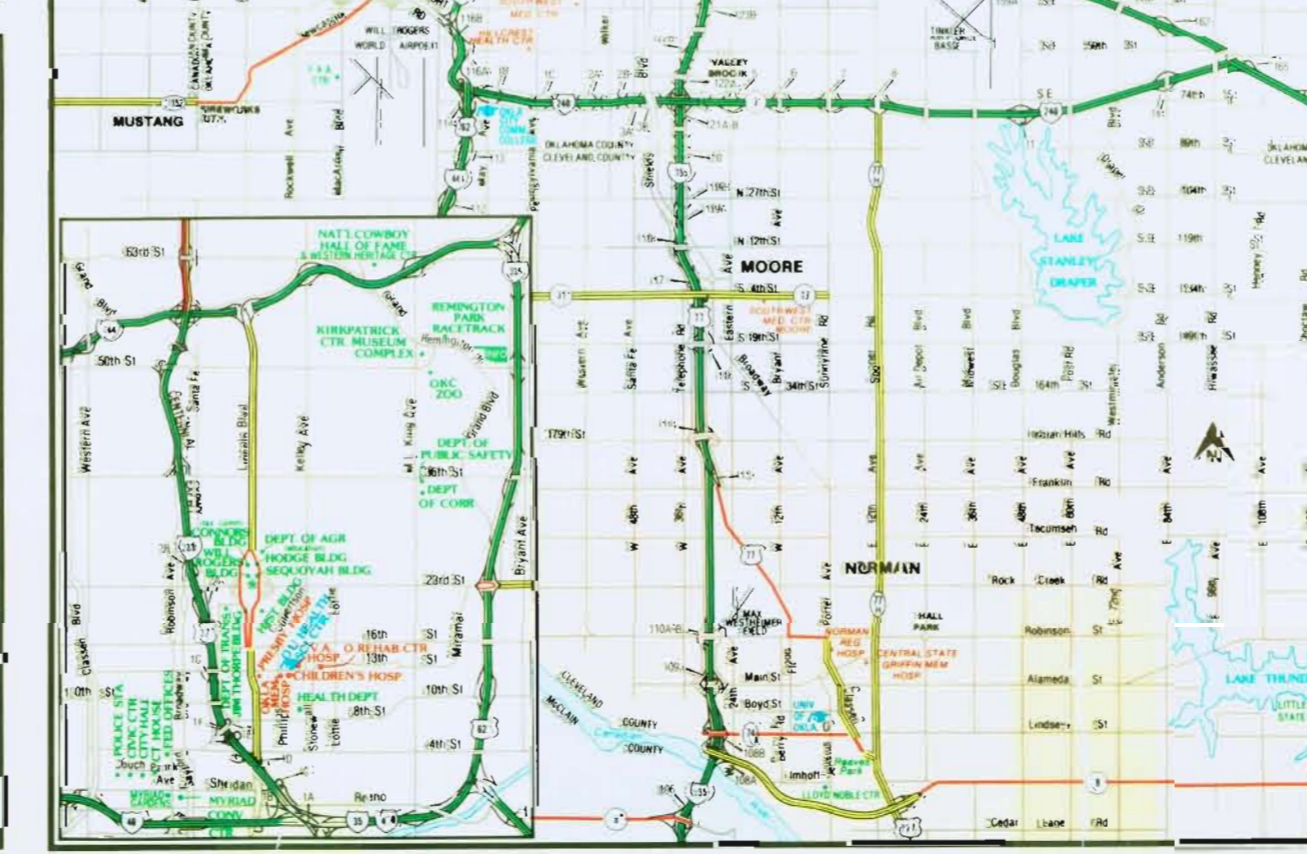
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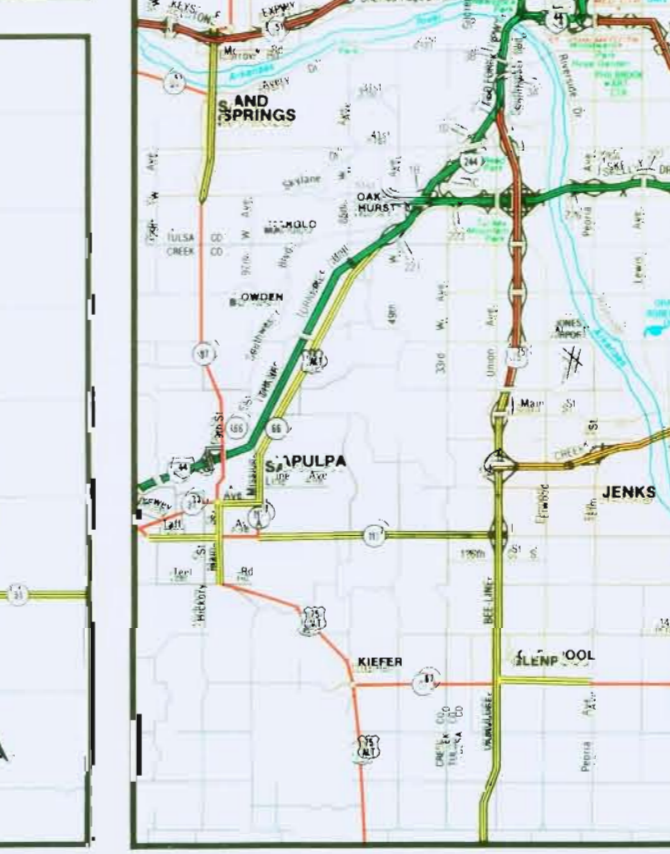
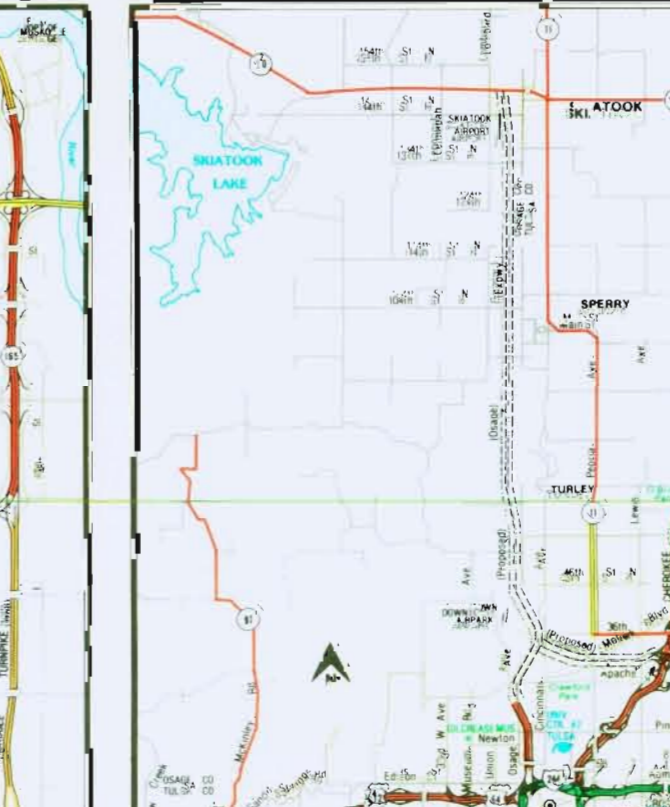
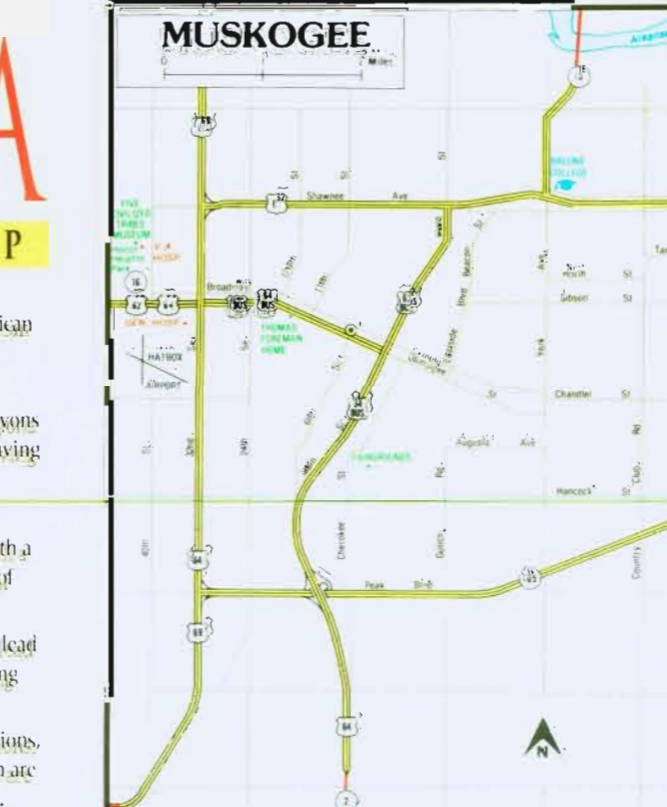
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CENTENNIAL EVENTS Over 40 Cherokee Strip communities and dozens of organizations have planned commemorative events...

