

American Minute with Bill Federer Black Missionaries: Lott Carey & Colin Teague to Africa; Betsey Stockton to Hawaii; John Stewart to Wyandotte Indians

Lott Carey was born a slave in 1780 in Charles City County, Virginia.

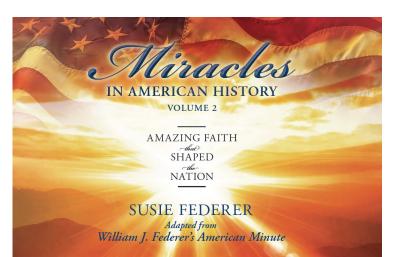
In 1807, he became a disciple of Jesus during the Second Great Awakening Revival.

A deacon named William Crane taught him reading, writing, arithmetic, and the *Bible*.

Carey worked as the supervisor of a tobacco warehouse, till in 1813, he had saved up enough money to buy his freedom.



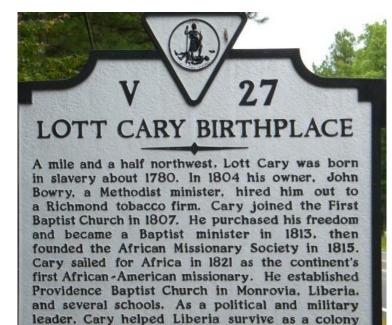
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He attended the First Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia, where he met Colin Teague and they began preaching together.

Colin Teague was born in 1780 as a slave in Virginia.



of free American blacks. He died there in

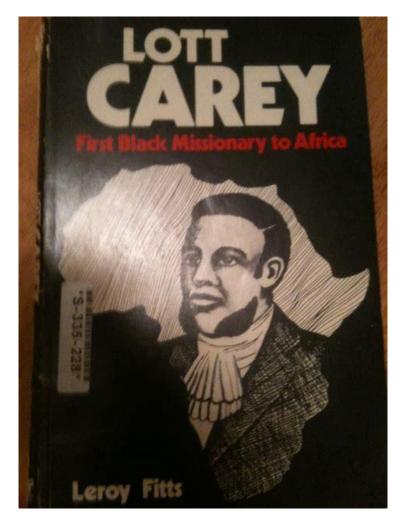
He worked as a saddle and harness maker, saving up \$1,300 with which he purchased freedom for himself, his wife and their two children.

November 1828.

Though he had no formal education, he was known for his sound judgment and piety.

In 1815, Carey and Teague founded the Richmond African Baptist Missionary Society.

In 1819, they were appointed by the Baptist Triennial Convention in



cooperation with the American Colonization Society to be missionaries to West Africa.

In 1821, **Teague** and **Carey** were ordained and organized a Baptist church, with their wives, Teague's 16-year-old son Hilary, and another couple, before leaving for Africa.

After a 44 day journey, they reached **Sierra Leone**, where they worked manual labor in unbearable heat and insects.

In 1822, they reached Monrovia, Liberia.

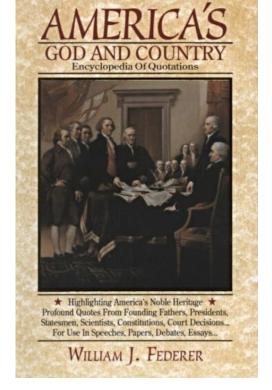
Lott Carey
pioneered the
colony's first
church,
Providence
Baptist Church,
and served as the
colony's acting
governor, till his
death in 1828.

Colin Teague was co-pastor of Providence Baptist Church.



His son, **Hilary Teague**, became a respected Liberian pastor, newspaper editor and political leader.

America's God and Country Encyclopedia of Quotations

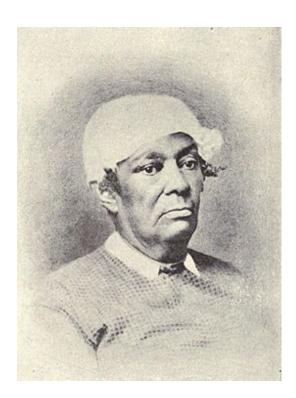


Betsey Stockton was born into slavery around 1798, in New Haven, Connecticut.

Her owner, **Ashbel Green**, was president of Princeton.

He freed her in 1817, and she became a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

While she continued to work for the Green family as a paid domestic help, they taught her to read.



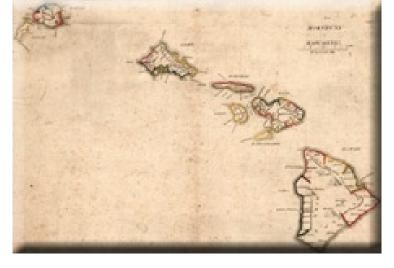
She enthusiastically read through Dr. Green's library, and began to feel a call to become a missionary.

She attended classes at Princeton Theological Seminary.

When **Betsey**heard that some
Princeton students
planned to go as

missionaries to Hawaii, she asked to go along.

Dr. Green and her Sunday school teacher wrote recommendation letters to the American Board of

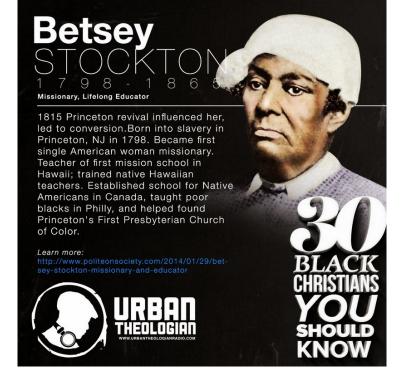


Commissioners for Foreign Missions, which commissioned her as America's first single woman missionary sent overseas.

On November 22, 1822, **Betsey Stockton** set sail with the second group of missionaries for the for a fivemonth voyage to Hawaii.



An edition of
Betsey
Stockton's
Hawaiian diary
was published in
the Christian
Advocate, 1824
and 1825, by Dr.
Reverend Dr.
Ashbel Green,
President of
Princeton
University.



Settling in Lāhainā

on Maui, she helped start the first mission school and served as the teacher.

She wrote of an island church service:

"The 29th was the Sabbath. I went in the morning with the family to



worship: the scene that presented itself was one that would have done an American's heart good to have witnessed.

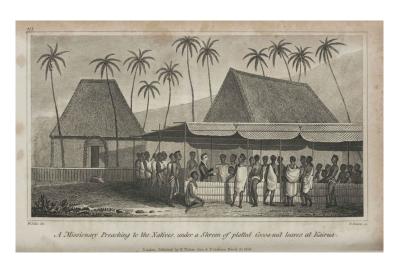
Our place of worship was nothing but an open place on the beach, with a large tree to shelter us: on the ground a large mat was laid, on which the chief persons sat.

To the right there was a sofa, and a number of chairs; on these the missionaries, the king, and principal persons sat.

The kanakas, or lower class of people, sat on the ground in rows; leaving a passage open to the sea, from which the breeze was blowing ..."

Betsey continued:

"Mr. R. addressed them from these words, 'It is appointed unto all men once to die, and after death the judgment.'

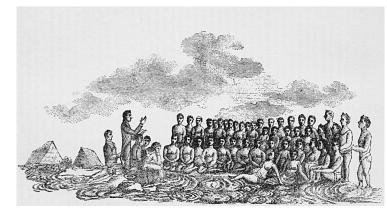


Honoru acted as interpreter: the audience all appeared very solemn.

After service the favorite queen called me, and requested that I should take a seat with her on the sofa, which I did, although I could say but few words which she could understand.

Soon after, bidding them aroha, I returned with the family ..."

Betsey wrote of being the first teacher of Hawaii's first mission school:



"In the afternoon we had an English

sermon at our house: about fifty were present, and behaved well.

In the morning one of the king's boys came to the house, desiring to be instructed in English.

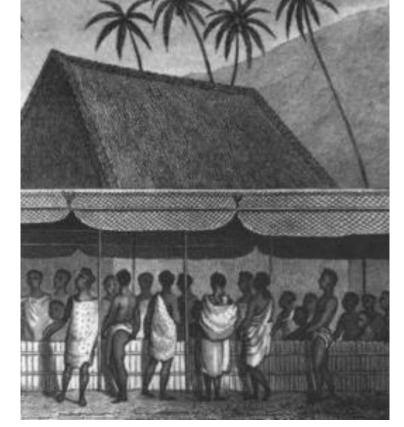
Mr. S. thought it would be well for me to engage in the work at once. Accordingly I collected a proper number and commenced. I had four English, and six Hawaiian scholars."

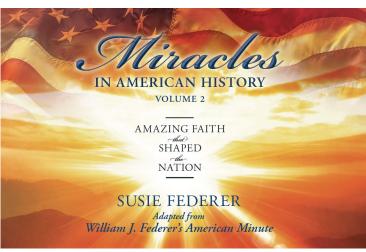
Betsey set up schools and taught islanders English, Latin, history and algebra.

In two years, over 8,000 students attended 200 schools.

Years later **Betsey Stockton** helped

found Princeton's
First Presbyterian
Church of Color,
taught at a school
in Philadelphia,
established a
school for Indians
at Grape Island,
Canada, and
taught students of
color at Princeton.





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In 1786, **John Stewart,** a free
Black of mixed
race, was born in
Powhatten
County, Virginia.

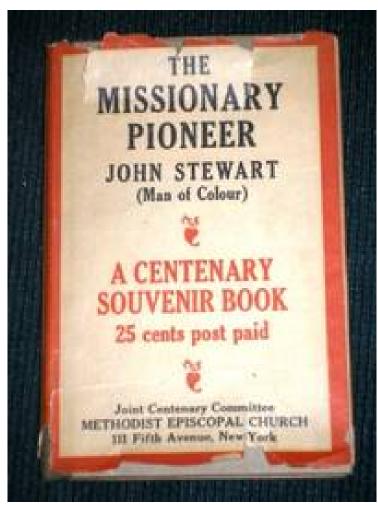
As a young man, John Stewart learned the bluedying trade. With his life savings, Stewart started traveling to
Tennessee to join
his family, but was
robbed along the
way.



He only made it as far as Marietta, Ohio.

Destitute and depressed, **John Stewart** decided to drink himself to death.

His story is recorded in Joseph Mitchell's book, *The Missionary Pioneer, or A Brief Memoir of the Life, Labours, and Death of*



John Stewart, (Man of Colour,) Founder, under God of the Mission among the Wyandotts at Upper Sandusky, Ohio (New York: printed by J. C. Totten, 1827):

"The loss of his property, the distance from his friends,

the idea of poverty and disgrace, together with the wretched situation of his mind on account of his soul's affairs, brought him to shocking determination that he would immediately take measures to hasten his dissolution.

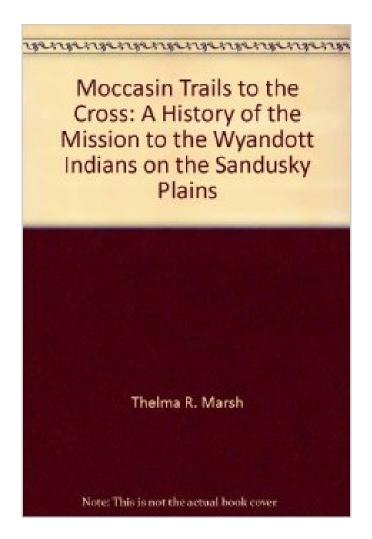
And for this purpose he forthwith commenced a course of excessive drinking in a public house.

This was continued until his nerves became much affected, his hands trembled so it was difficult for him to feed himself."

John Stewart tried to straighten out his life and worked in the country making sugar.

Thelma R. Marsh wrote in *Moccasin Trails to the Cross* (United Methodist Church, 1st edition, 1974):

"Stewart ... returned to town, where, contrary to the most solemn vows and promises, which he had previously made to forsake sin and seek the Lord ...



An occurrence here took place which much alarmed him: an intimate companion of his was suddenly called by death from time to eternity.

With this individual he had made an appointment to

spend one more night in sin; but death interfered and disappointed them both.

Stewart's convictions of mind were thereupon greatly increased, and he began to despair of ever obtaining mercy."



The book, John
StewartMissionary
Pioneer
(published 1827), stated:

"One day while wandering along the banks of the Ohio, bewailing his

wretched and undone condition, the arch enemy of souls suggested to him a remedy, which was to terminate the miseries he endured by leaping into the deep, and thereby putting an end to his existence.

To this suggestion, he at first felt a disposition to yield, but his attention was arrested by a voice, which he thought called him by name; when on looking around he could see no person, whereupon he desisted from the further prosecution of the desperate project ...

Then it was that the Lord was pleased to reveal his mercy and pardoning love to his fainting soul, causing him to burst forth from his closet in raptures of unspeakable joy, declaring what the Lord had done for his poor soul! ...

... There being no Baptist church near ... as he walked out one evening he heard the sound of

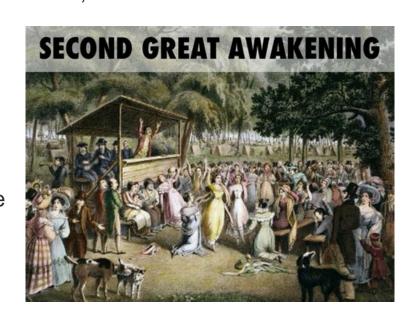
singing and praying proceeding from a house at no great distance. It proved to be a Methodist prayer meeting.



His prejudices at first forbade his going in but curiosity prompted him to venture a little nearer, and at length he resolved to enter and make known his case, which he did."

The book, *John Stewart- Missionary Pioneer* (1827), continued:

"Soon after this he attended a **Camp Meeting**, here he remained for sometime with a heavy heart ...



He at length resolved ... by taking a place among the mourners of the assembly, where he lay deploring his case all night, even until the break of day, at which time 'the sun of righteousness' broke into his dark bewildered soul ...

... He heard a sound which much alarmed him: and a voice (as he thought) said to him --

'Thou shalt declare

my counsel faithfully' at the same time a view seemed to open to him in a Northwest direction, and a strong impression was made on his mind, that he must go out that course into the world to declare the counsel of God

... He set out
without
credentials,
directions of the
way, money or
bread, crossed the
Muskingum River
for the first time,
and traveled a



northwest course, not knowing whither he went ...

He was frequently informed would lead him into the Indian country on the Sandusky River, some times with, sometimes without a road, without a pilot, without fireworks, sometimes wading the waters and swimming the rivers."

Abraham J.
Baughman wrote
in *Past and Present of Wyandot County, Ohio: a record of settlement*(Chicago: The S.J.
Clark Publishing
Company, 1913,
Volume 1, page
39-43):

"At Pipetown was a considerable body of Delawares

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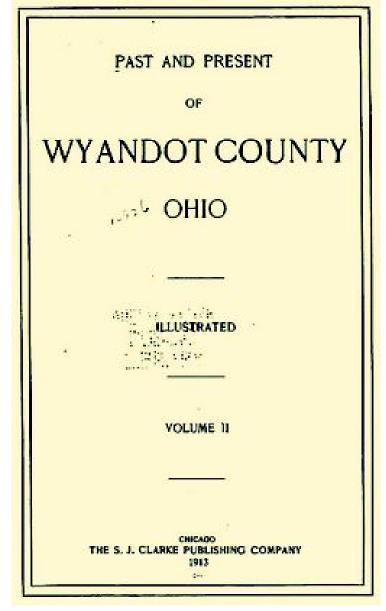
At this place

Stewart stopped,
but as the Indians
were preparing for
a great dance they
paid but little
attention to him ...

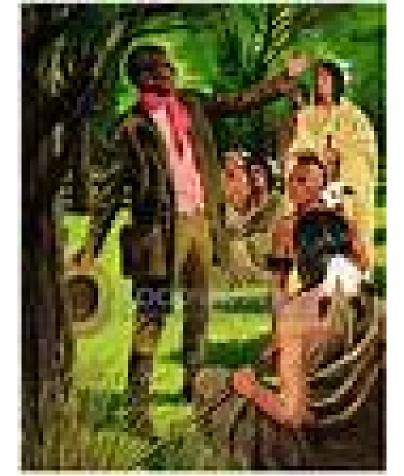
Stewart took out his hymn book and began to sing.

... He, as is usual with many of his race, had a most melodious voice, and as a result of his effort the Indians present were charmed and awed into perfect silence.

When he ceased. Johnny-cake said in broken English, 'Sing more.'



He then asked if there was any person present who could interpret for him; when old Lyons, who called himself one hundred and sixty years old (for he counted the summer a year and the winter a year) came forward. **Stewart** talked to them ..."

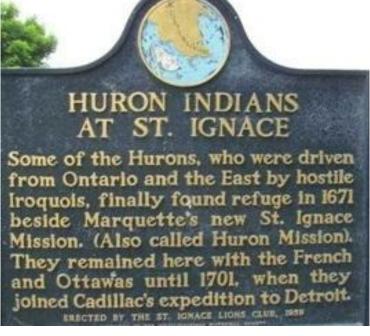




John Stewart made it to the tribe of Wyandots, who were called by the French "Huron."

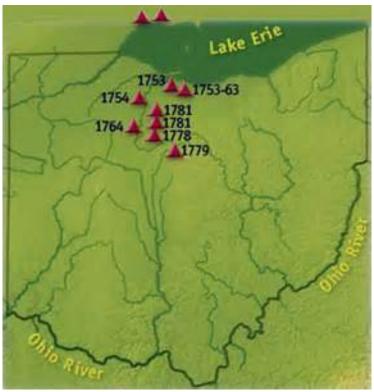
They previously had treaties with the French during the French and Indian Wars, 1754-1763, and helped found Detroit.

They later made treaties with the British during Revolutionary War and the War of 1812.



John Stewart
reached the home
of Indian William
Walker, Sr., who
first believed
Stewart to be a
run-away slave.

Stewart convinced him that he had come to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the children of the forest.



Realizing that
Stewart could not speak the
Wyandot language,
William Walker sent him to
Jonathan
Pointer, a black man who in his



youth had been kidnapped by the Wyandots, adopted into their tribe and had learned the Wyandot language.

Pointer served as interpreter for Stewart when he preached, but not wanting his friends to think that he believed, Pointer ended each interpretation with

a remark "These are his words, not mine" or "That's what the preacher says, but I don't believe it."

Later, **Pointer** converted.

One of **John Stewart's** first **Wyandot** converts was **Chief Between-the-Logs**, who years before in a drunken fit killed his wife, only to wake up in horror the next day when he realized what he had done.

Chief Between-the-Logs gave the history:

"Our fathers had religion of their own. They served God and were happy. That was before the White Man came. They worshiped with feasts



and sacrifices, dances and rattles. They did what they thought was right.

Our parents wished us to do good and they used to make us do good, and would sometimes correct us for doing evil ...

... But a great while ago the French sent us a book by the Roman Priest and we listened to him ... We did what he told us ... At last he went away.



Then we returned to our fathers'

religion again. But then the Seneca prophet came and he said that he had talked to the Great Spirit, and he was told what the Indian ought to do.

... We listened to him and many followed him. But we found that he told us not to do things and then he did those things

himself. So we were deceived ...

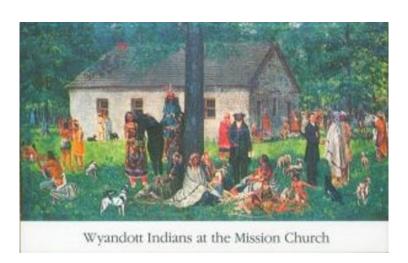
Again we took up the religion of our fathers. But then the Shawnee prophet arose. We heard him and



some of us followed him for awhile, but we had been deceived so often that we watched him very closely, and soon found that he was like all the rest so we left him

Chief Betweenthe-Logs continued:

"Then there was war between our fathers and the President and King George ...



By the time the war was over we were all scattered and many killed and died. Our chiefs thought to get the nation together again.

Then the Black Man, Stewart, our brother here (pointed to Stewart) came to us and told us he was sent by the Great Spirit to tell us the true and good way.

But we thought he was like all the rest -- that he too wanted to cheat us and get our money and land from us.

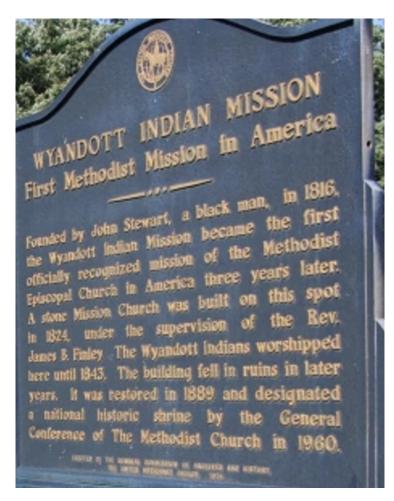
He told us of our sins and that drinking was ruining us and that the Great Spirit was angry with us. He said that we must leave off these things.

But we treated him ill and gave him little to eat, and

trampled on him and were jealous of him for a whole year.

... Then we attended his meeting in the council house. We could find no fault with him.

The Great Spirit came upon us so that all cried aloud. Some clapped their hands, some ran away, and some were angry. We held our meetings all night, sometimes singing, sometimes praying.



By now we were convinced that God had sent him to us. **Stewart** is a good man."

Eventually, the entire tribe of **Wyandots** converted to **Christianity**.

In 1821, the
Methodist
Conference sent
Rev. James B.
Finley to start the
mission school at
Upper Sandusky.

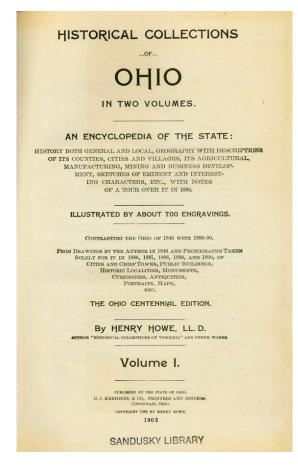
John Stewart worked with him and taught a Bible class at the Big Springs Reserve.

Rev. James B.
Finley recorded
the missionary
work of John
Stewart with the
Wyandots in the
History of the
Wyandot Mission
(Cincinnati:
Methodist Book
Concern).

History Of The Wyandott Mission At Upper Sandusky, Ohio, Under The Direction Of The Methodist Episcopal Church (1840)



James B. Finley

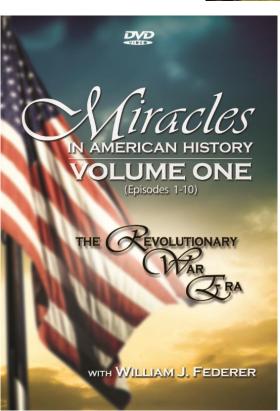


The **State of Ohio** also published a record of **John Stewart's** missionary work in *Henry Howe's Historical Collections of Ohio* (published by The Laning Printing Co., Norwalk, OH, 1896, Volume 2).

John Stewart

died December 18, 1823, with his last words being: "Be Faithful."





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History (Book and DVDs)

In 1830, a

Democratcontrolled
Congress
hurriedly passed
the Indian
Removal Act,
signed by
Democrat
President
Andrew Jackson,



and carried out by **Democrat President Martin Van Buren.**

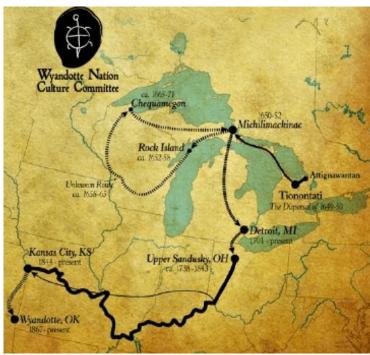
The original indigenous Plains tribes were:

- Wichitas;
- Apaches;
- Quapaws;
- · Caddos.

By the early 1800s, more tribes had arrived:

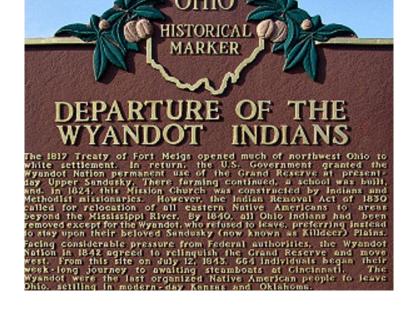
Osages,
 Pawnees,
 Kiowas,
 Comanches,
 Cheyennes,
 Arapahos,
 Delawares,
 Shawnees,
 Kickapoos,
 Chickasaws,
 and Choctaws.





In 1830, the Indian Removal Act forced the removal of over 16,000 to the Oklahoma Indian Territory:

Cherokee
 from the
 Carolinas,
 Georgia,
 Tennessee;



• Creek (Muscogee) from Florida, Tennessee,

- Alabama, Georgia;
- Seminole from Florida;
- Chickasaw from Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee;
- Choctaw from Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida.

Carried out by the **Federal Government** in the freezing winter, over 4,000 died in what is referred to at the **Trail** of **Tears**.

Other tribes were relocated from the Great Lakes, Ohio River Valley, Mississippi River Valley, and eastern states:

- Anadarko (Nadaco);
- Alabama-Quassarte (Koasati);
- Cahokia;
- Catawba;
- Cayuga;
- Conestoga;
- Erie;
- Euchee (Yuchi)
- Fox
- Hainai;
- Illinois;
- lowa;
- Kaskaskia;
- Kaw or Kansa;
- Keechi (Kichai);
- Keetoowah;
- Kialegee;
- Kickapoo;



- Lipan;
- Miami;
- Michigamea;
- Missouria;
- Modoc;
- Moingwena;
- Nez Perce;
- Otoe;
- Ottawa;
- Omaha;
- Osage;
- Pawnee;
- Peoria;
- Piankashaw;
- Ponca;
- Potawatomi;
- Sac (Sauk);
- Seneca;
- Shawnee;
- Stockbridge-Munsee;
- Tamaroa;
- Tawakoni;
- Thlopthlocco;
- Tonkawa;
- Waco;
- Wea;
- Wyandot (Wyandotte)

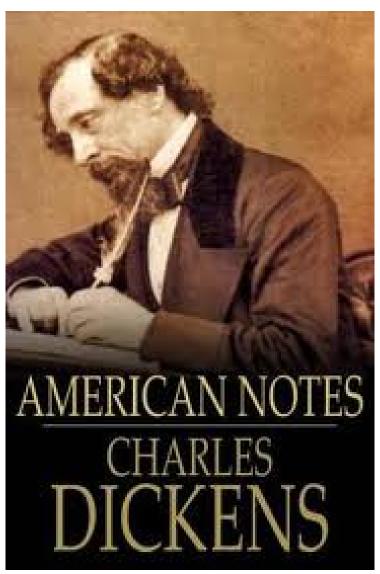
The **Wyandotte tribe** was the last tribe to leave Ohio in 1843.



The year before the **Wyandots** were removed, English author **Charles Dickens** traveled through **Ohio** by stage coach.

He went from Columbus to Sandusky City, where he boarded a steamer for Buffalo.

There, he recorded meeting the **Wyandot Indians** before they were removed.



In his American Notes, Charles Dickens wrote:

"At length ... a few feeble lights appeared in the distance

... an Indian village, where we were to stay till morning ... It is a settlement of **Wyandot Indians** who inhabit this place.

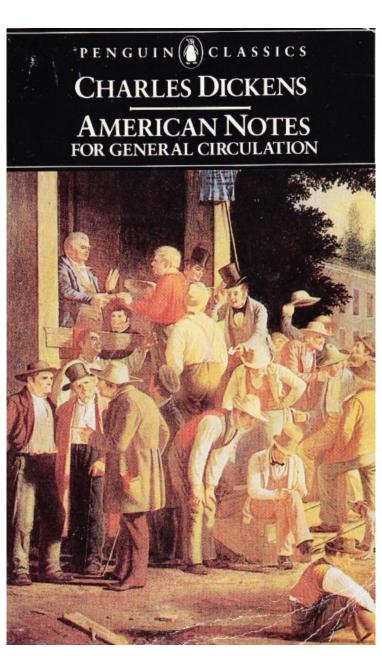
Among the company was a mild old gentleman (Col. John Johnston), who had been for many years employed by the United States government in conducting negotiations with the Indians ...

and who had just concluded a treaty with these people by which they bound themselves, in consideration of a certain annual sum, to remove next year to some land provided for them west of the Mississippi and a little way beyond St. Louis ..."

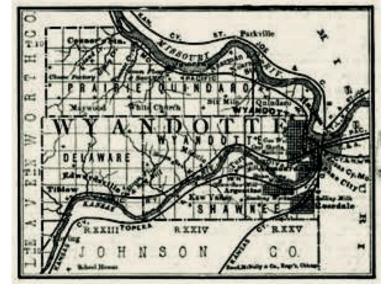
Dickens concluded:

"He gave me a moving account of their strong attachment to the familiar scenes of their infancy, and in particular to the burial places of their kindred, and of their great reluctance to leave them.

He had witnessed many such removals, and always with pain."



William Walker,



Sr., the
Wyandots'
principal chief,
had been able to
secure land on the
border between
Missouri and
Kansas.

The **Wyandot Indians**, brought

to Christian faith by the Black missionary John Stewart, emigrated west and founded the City of Wyandotte.

The Christian
Munsee tribe of
Delaware
"Lenape"
Indians, who were
pushed out of New
York, New Jersey
and Pennsylvania,
emigrated there.

Wyandotte City was later renamed Kansas City.



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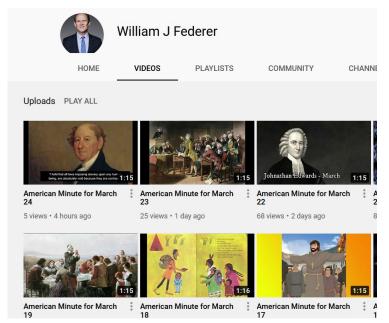
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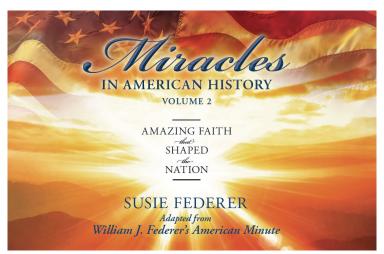
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