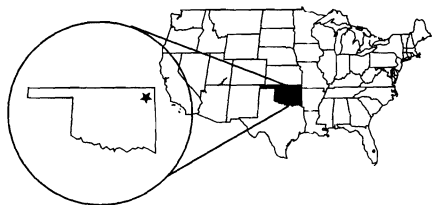


MIAMI



The Miami originally lived along the southern Great Lakes in the region comprising today's Indiana and Ohio. By 1840 they had been pushed west of the Mississippi River into what today is Kansas. After these lands were confiscated by the federal government, the Miami were

moved to a small parcel of land in modern-day Oklahoma. While their lands were allotted to individual tribal members in 1887, the Miami still maintain a sense of identity.

The Miami name may have come from the Ojibwe word meaning "people of the peninsula", referring to their original Midwestern homeland. Another possibility is the Miami's own word for "pigeon". The Miami originally referred to themselves as *Tightwees*, which means "cry of the crane".

The flag of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma is white with the tribal seal in the center (Letter, Barbara Nichols, Assistant Librarian, Miami Tribe, 14 November 1994). The seal is dark blue and bears the name of the tribe in red stylized letters that simultaneously form two tepees (seal provided by the Miami Tribal Headquarters). Above this tepee motif is the Miami word *mamaque*, "together", below is *pehkokia*, "peace"; both appear in gold. Circling the blue disk is a black band bearing, in gold letters, "THE GREAT SEAL OF THE MIAMI OF OKLAHOMA". ☹

