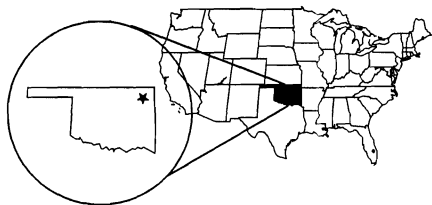


## QUAPAW



The Quapaw, or *Ogahpah*, “downstream people”, once lived along the west banks of the Mississippi, south of Sioux tribes. The Algonquin and French called them *Arkansas*, meaning “Bow People of the South Wind”, from which the river and the state derive their names. The Quapaw

once followed the lifestyle of the Plains Indians and the bison (buffalo) was the essential creature in their world.

Their flag, adopted since 1995, places the tribal seal in the center of a field divided dark blue on the left and red on the right. Above the seal in white is “O-GAH-PAH”, the tribe’s name in the native Siouan tongue. (A former version used a solid field of dark blue and included “QUAPAW TRIBE” below the seal in white.)

The roughly circular seal (Annin & Co.) represents an Indian shield. It bears an American bison in natural colors in the center, stand-

ing on a green base under a light blue sky. Ringing the bison is a rough edging, in white/dark red/white, representing rawhide. Hanging from top, bottom, and sides of the shield are four eagle feathers denoting the four compass directions. ☛

