

Major Periods of Seminole History

- I. Proto-historical (before the Seminoles were Seminoles) - before 1492 to 1710
 - A. Florida tribes at the time of European contact
 - B. Creek Tribes at time of European Contact
 - C. the decimation of Florida tribes associated with the Spanish

- II. Seminole Beginnings - 1710 to 1783
 - A. Spanish invitations to Creek Towns to move south
 - B. Some Creek towns move south to Appalachee and Alachua
 - C. The new life in Florida.
 - D. Treaty of Picolata 1765
 - E. British gain "ownership" of Florida from Spain

- III. Pressure from the new United States 1783 to 1819
 - A. Relations between Spain, Britain, and the new United States in regards to Tribal People in the Southeast, particularly the Seminole.
 - B. War of 1812 and the Red Stick Wars and its effect on the Seminoles
 - C. First Seminole War
 - D. the Adams-Onis Treaty 1819

- IV. Dealing with the new United States and Wars of Indian Removal. 1819-1859
 - A. Treaty of Moultrie Creek
 - B. Life in the 1820's
 - C. the Indian Removal Act of 1830
 - D. the Seminole Removal Treaties (Paynes Landing & Fort Gibson)
 - E. The Second Seminole War 1835 to 1842
 - F. Remaining in Florida, including Billy Bowlegs tour of D. C. and N.Y.
 - G. Third Seminole War 1855 to 1858
 - H. the last removals 1859

- V. The Period of Isolation 1860 – 1879
 - A. The Florida Seminole during the American Civil War
 - B. The few contacts and reports that are known

- VI. The Trading Post Era 1879 to 1920

(Kersey extends this period to 1930 but "trading" is seriously drying up by then)

 - A. the first ethnographies Pratt in 1879 and MacCauley in 1880
 - B. The Dynamics of the Trading Post Economy
 - C. Location of Seminole Camps and the major Trading Posts.
 - D. Beginnings of the Florida Seminole Reservations

- VII. Coping with "Outsiders" 1921 - 1932
 - A. Drainage of South Florida

- B. Population increase in South Florida
- C. Making a living in a changing world

VIII. The Depression and the New Deal 1933 - 1942

- A. Seminole involvement in the Federal Programs
- B. Beginnings of the “formal” Cattle Program

IX. World War II and the prelude to “Termination” 1942 to 1956

- A. Florida Seminole involvement in WWII

X. The Founding of the Modern Seminole Tribe of Florida 1956 to 1976

Board Endeavors

XI. Economic independence and sovereignty 1976 to today

- A. Tax free cigarettes
- B. Hi stakes Bingo
- C. Indian Claims Commission Settlement
- D. Sovereignty issues and gains
- E. Hard Rock International