Michigan Indian Treaties

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The Three Fires

- Ottawa (Odawa)
- Chippewa (Ojibwe)
- Potawatomi (Bodewadmi)
General Types of Treaties

- Alliance
- Removal
- Land Cession/Sales
- Reservation Establishment
- Payment and Establishment of Federal Services (trust funds, education, fishing industry, agriculture, religion)
1821 & 1833 Treaties of Chicago

- Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
- Huron Nottawaseppi Band of Potawatomi Indians
- Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians (Gun Lake Band)
- Massive Land Cession Treaties
1836 Treaty of Washington

- Bay Mills Indian Community
- Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
- Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians
- Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
- Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
- Burt Lake Band of Ottawa Indians; Grand River Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians; Others (Mackinac, Thunder Bay, etc.)
- Massive Land Cession/Reservation Establishment/Removal?
1842 Treaty of LaPointe

- Keewenaw Bay Indian Community (Chippewa)
- Lac Vieux Desert Band of Chippewa Indians
- Several Wisconsin Tribes
1855 Treaty of Detroit

- 1836 Treaty Signatories (excluding Burt Lake)
- Allotment Treaty to remedy implementation problems with 1836 Treaty
- Followed by 1870s Acts of Congress
1855 Treaty of Detroit & 1864 Treaty (Saginaw Chippewa)

- First Treaty Parallel to 1855 Treaty with the Ottawas and Chippewas
- Allotment and Establishment of Reservations
Threats to Indian People

- **Removal** – the US threatened to make Michigan Indians to move to land west of the Mississippi
  - Many Indians did flee to Canada
  - Oklahoma Ottawas, Prairie Band Potawatomi, Citizen Band Potawatomi

- **Hostile Non-Indians**

- **LandSpeculators**
Administrative Termination

- 1870s through the 1970s-1990s, and ongoing
- Lower Peninsula Ottawa and Potawatomi Tribes
- For example, GTB and the 1872 Columbus Delano Letter
- Failed Promise of the 1934 IRA
- Indian Claims Commission Suits
The Termination Era in Michigan

- Urban Relocation
- State and Local Social Service Departments
- Continued Dispossession of Indian Lands
The Great Society Programs

- Federal Social Services
- Urban Indian Centers
- 1960s Study
Treaty Rights Fight

- People v. Jondreau (1971)
- People v. LeBlanc (1976)
- 2007 Consent Decree
Federal Recognition

- Sault Tribe (1975)
- GTB (1980)
- LVD (1988)
- LTBB, Pokagon, LRB (1994)
- Nottawaseppi Huron Band (1998)
- Gun Lake Band (1999)
Modern Treaty Rights

- Indian Reservations
- Great Lakes Fishing
- Inland Hunting, Fishing, and Gathering
- Education
- Special Relationship with federal government
- Sovereignty
The Word for Pie

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