

# Shattering the American Myth

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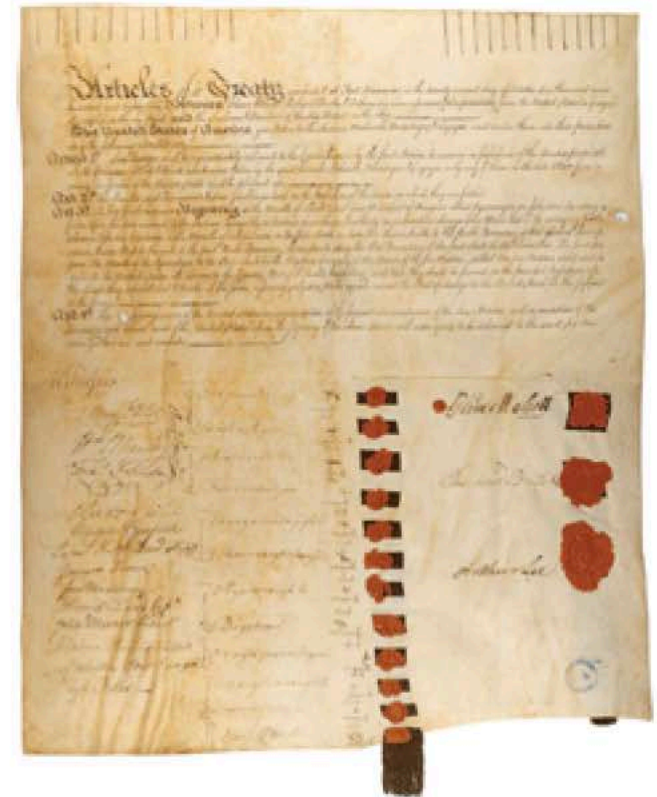
## Welcome To Treaty Signers

Shattering the American Myth. Sharing the real story of westward expansion and the taking of Indian land.

# Treaty Signers Project tells the real story of westward expansion

Over the course of a century, Native Nations ceded most of their land to the U.S. government through treaties that were supposed to guarantee continual use and occupation of treaty land by Indian people. But promises were broken. Land was stolen. Fortunes were made. In school we learned about the brave pioneers who headed west with big dreams, laying the groundwork for a great nation. This American Myth is a lie.

ILTF's Treaty Signers project tells the real story behind westward expansion, how the well-connected opportunists acquired everything of value and resold it to the pioneers for obscene profits. By combining vast amounts of historic data with a powerful graphic search tool, the Treaty Signers Project will change how Americans think about their history.



[www.treatysigners.us](http://www.treatysigners.us)



## Meet ILTF's Board of Directors



John Sirois is a member of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation where he serves as the Traditional Territory Advisor asserting the rights and responsibilities on the Tribes' off-reservation lands and allotments. A former chair of the Colville Business Council, Sirois has extensive experience with such important issues as fee-to-trust, rights-of-way, land management, natural resources, renewable energy, hydroelectric power and cultural preservation.

John earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in History at Dartmouth College and holds a Master's Degree in Public Affairs from the University of Washington. He was an integral part of the early development and success of ILTF, serving on the board from 2006 to 2014, including three years as the chair. Sirois returned to the ILTF Board in 2022.

***“The work ILTF does over the next 10 to 15 years will make an enormous positive impact for all Tribal citizens in stewarding their lands, waters and resources. I find the mission, goals and objectives of ILTF to be the most impactful in Indian Country.”***



# Explore the U.S. Treaty Signers Database

Filter by Treaty Name

Filter by Signers States of Origin

Filter by US Signer

Filter by Land Cession Number

Filter by Signature Date

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Welcome Map

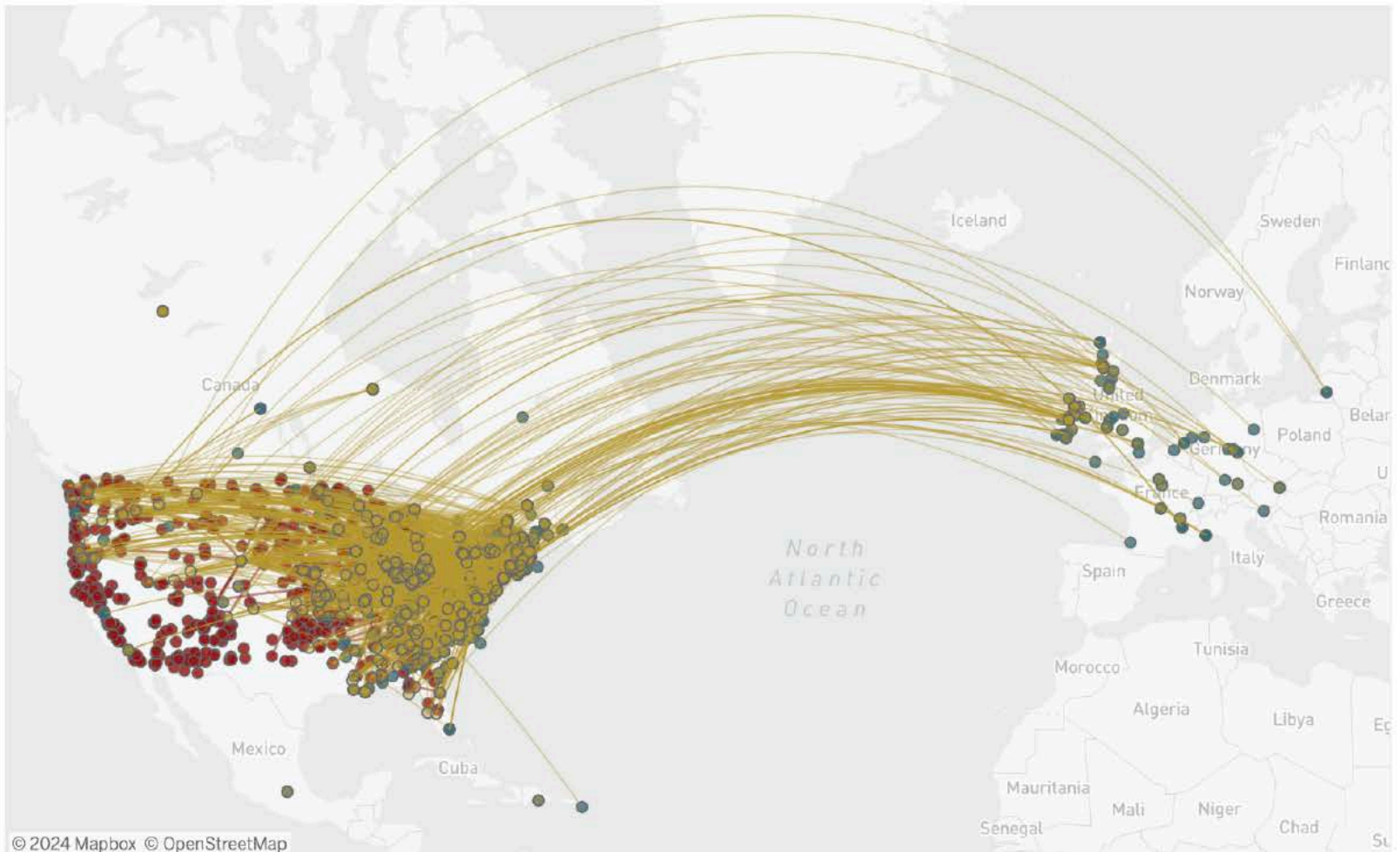
Main Map

Individual Maps

## What is this map?

The map visualizes the links between US signers, treaties and land cessions. It shows the individual dots and the routes between dots. Some route lines are missing whenever data could not be geolocated. Filter to zoom in areas of interest.

NB: The filter by States will display all the Signers originating from particular States and their related Treaties and Cessions



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## Website provides powerful tools to discover the truth

The story of western expansion is a myth, a series of legends spoon-fed through biased history books and perpetuated in American classrooms for generations. The Treaty Signers Project offers a very different view. In 2007, independent scholar Martin Case began researching the identities of men who represented the U.S. at treaty signings with Indigenous nations. His work revealed the self-interested individuals and groups of people who charted the course for the American economy while securing nearly everything of value for themselves.

To make this research free and accessible to the public, ILTF provided funding for the project and development of the new [treatysigners.us](http://treatysigners.us) website launched in 2024. By combining vast amounts of historic data with a powerful graphic search tool, the website provides an interactive view of the treaties and the men who signed them. Users can learn about the U.S. treaty process in a variety of ways. The intuitive dashboard is designed to help narrow their search to locate the information that matters the most to them.

To explore the Treaty Signers project, visit [www.treatysigners.us](http://www.treatysigners.us)



*Do you have more information on U.S.-Indian treaties and their impact in your area? Do you know of other local agreements from the treaty era? Please email us at [info@iltf.org](mailto:info@iltf.org).*