

ALABAMA QUASSARTE TRIBAL TOWN

Tribal Headquarters: Wetumka, OK



A brief history

The Alabama people originated in the southeastern part of the US in an area that, today bears their name - Alabama. As French allies in the Indian War, the Alabama thought it wise to move west into lands now part of Louisiana and Texas. Those who remained in their original lands became close allies of the Creek, or Muscogee Indians. When the Creek were evicted to Indian Territory in 1830 their Alabama allies went with them.

Today the only recognized distinctive Alabama tribe is located in Texas where they are united with the Coushatta Nation. The Alabama also live on as part of the Creek Nation in Oklahoma. There they share the town of Eufaula with the Quassarte, their spelling of what in Texas are the Coushatta.

The Quassarte also originated in what is now Alabama and shared much of the same recent history as their Alabama cousins.

About the flag

The flag of the Alabama Quassarte consists of a white square with a red panel equal to half the size of the white on either side. This is known as a Canadian Pale, since the flag of Canada was the first major flag to employ three stripes in these proportions. Centered on the white is a Red Tailed Hawk whose spread wings reach almost to the edges of the white area.

The hawk holds in its talons a white scroll bearing “ETVLWVOMVLKV YRVKKV” in black lettering. Presumably, this is the tribal name of the Alabama tongue.

Educational Activity

If you were to design your own flag, what words would you put on there to represent your history? Why?