

Chickasaw Council of the  
Early Chickasaw Education  
Schools  
Our Future

- “To teach an Indian pupil to ‘read, write and cipher’ is not sufficient. He must be taught many things that need not to be taught to a white pupil. He must be taught to unlearn many things that he has learned...to cast off the social conditions of his own people and receive those of another people.” John H. Oberly, superintendent of Indian Schools



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*School among Our Future*

- What are mission schools?
- Terms to know: missionaries, assimilate/assimilating/assimilation and civilized
- Early missions among native peoples
- Reverend Joseph Bullen
- Civilization Act
- Before Missionary Schools

# INTRODUCTION

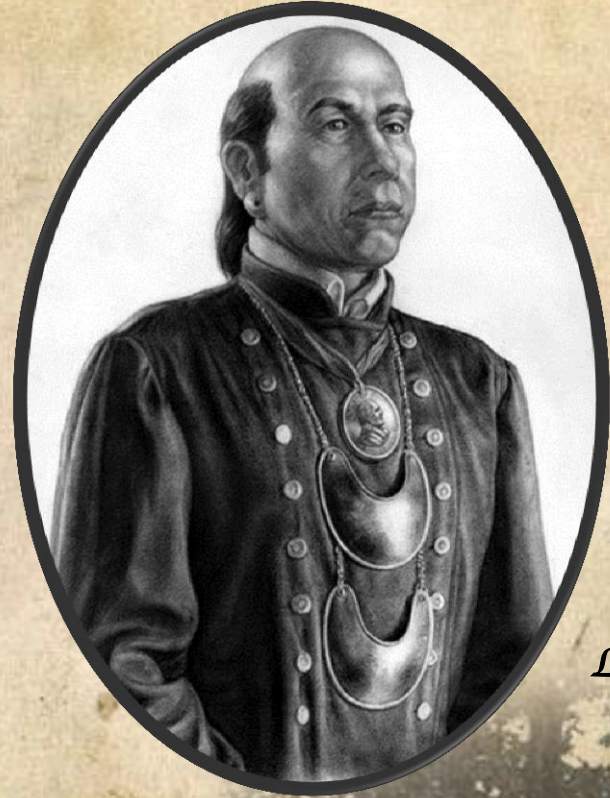


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- Mission of the Synod
- Thomas C. Stuart and Rev. David Humphries
- Arriving in Chickasaw country



*Levi Colbert*

**Presbyterian Synod of South Carolina and Georgia**



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- George Colbert's Home
- Chickasaw Council Meeting
- Agreement
- Location of School
- Report

*Meeting with Chickasaw Leaders*



*Karasaw Council of Melancton's*  
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*school among Our Future Natchez Trace*

- Commitment
- Arrival
- Building the school



*Chickasaw Council of Melancton's*  
**Thomas C. Stuart to  
Mississippi**  
*Natchez Trace*



*Chickasaw Council of Homeland*  
**Early Chickasaw Education**



*Monroe Mission painting by Ann Sheffield*

- Visiting widower
- Opening of Monroe
- Curriculum
- Enrollment

# Establishing Monroe Mission



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**Monroe Church**

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# Monroe Church

Chickasaw Council  
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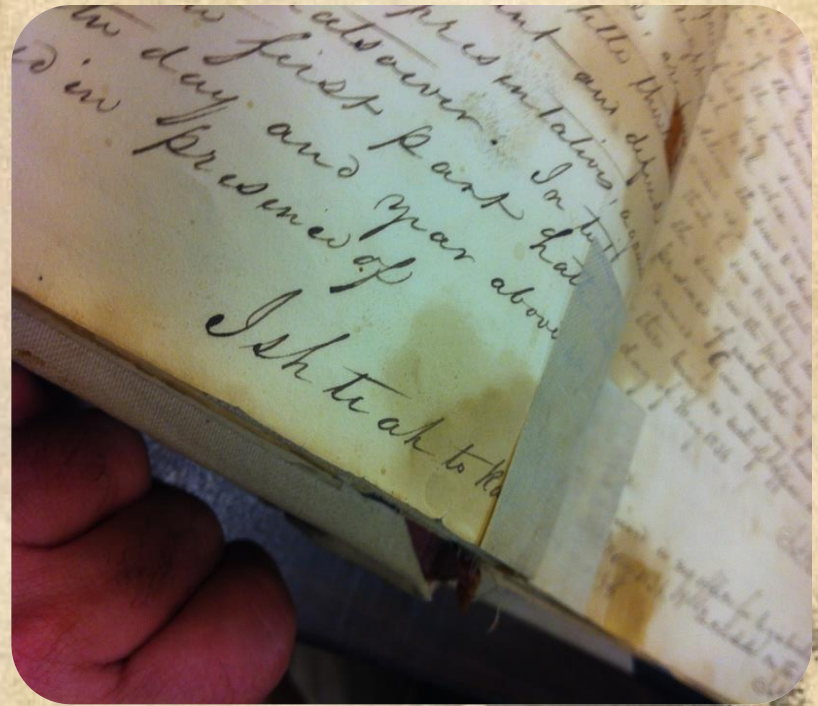
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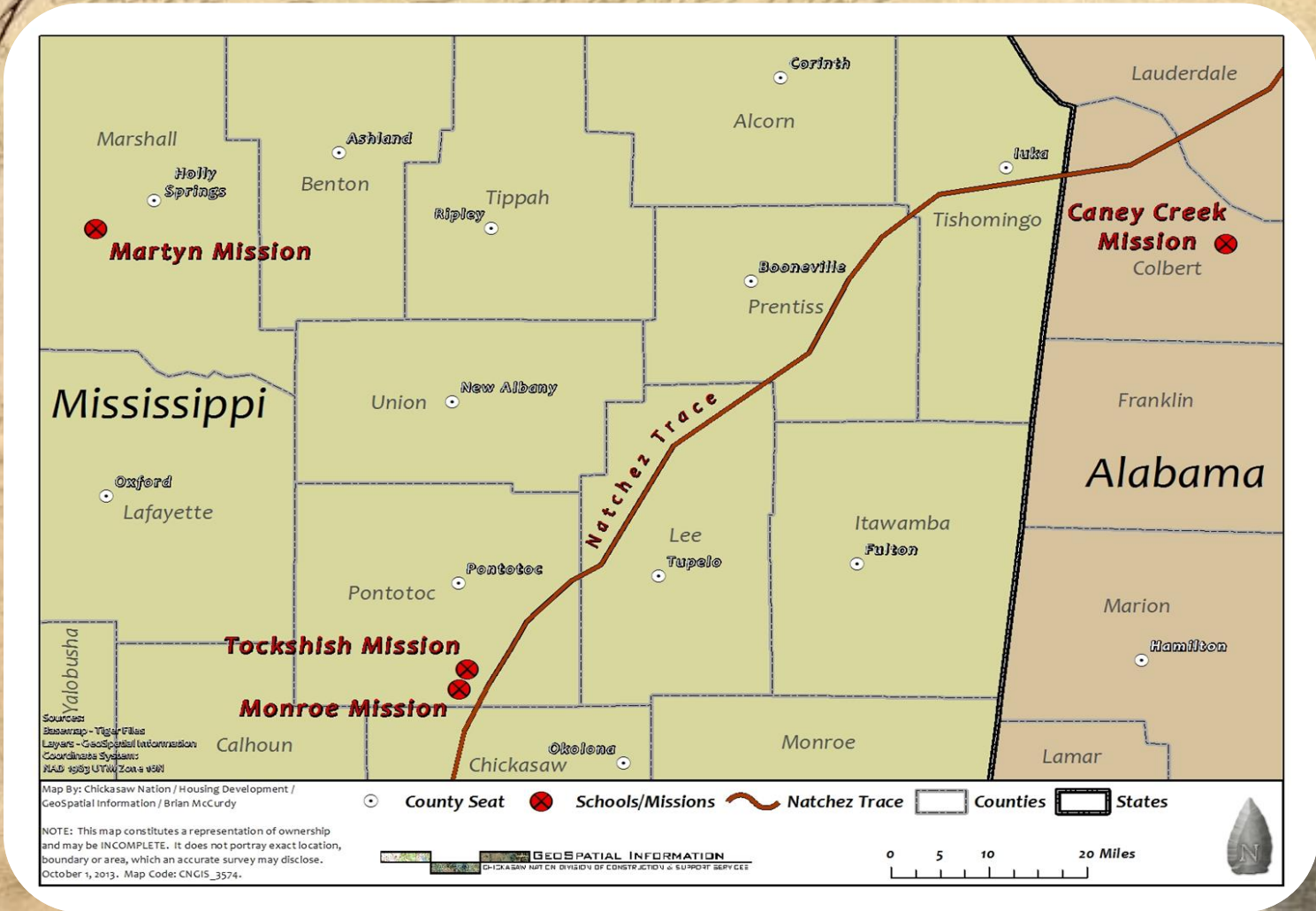
- Chickasaw Council Meeting
- Tockshish Mission
- Martyn Mission
- Caney Creek Mission



Need For More Schools



# Early Chickasaw Education



*Location of all four mission schools that were opened in the 1820s.*



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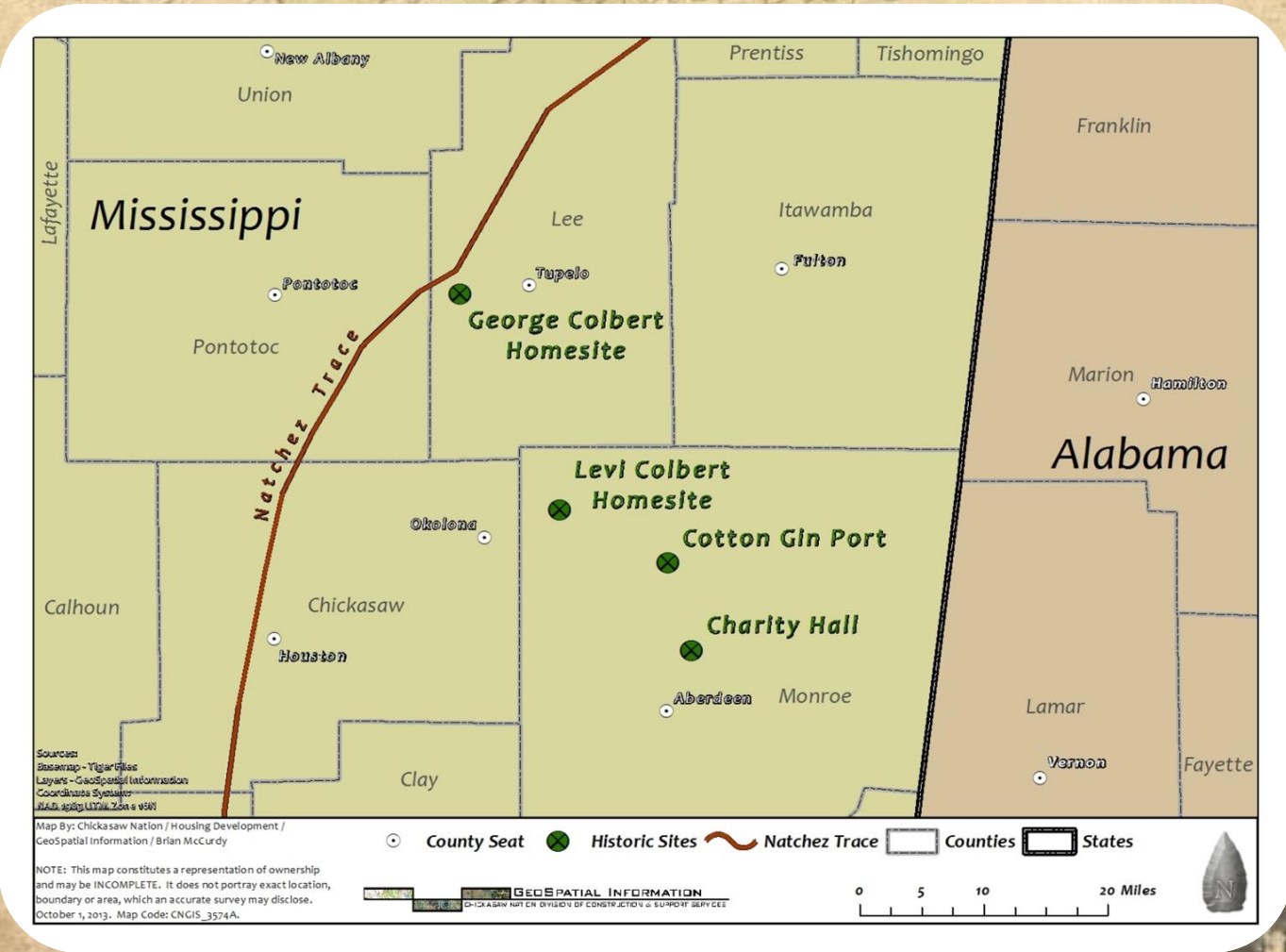
- Reverend Robert Bell
- Bell's agreement
- Cotton Gin Port



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Colbert Brothers' home site locations in relation to Charity Hall.



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- *Success*
- *Additional schooling*
- *Choctaw Academy*



*Choctaw Academy Ruins*

# *Flourishing Missions*



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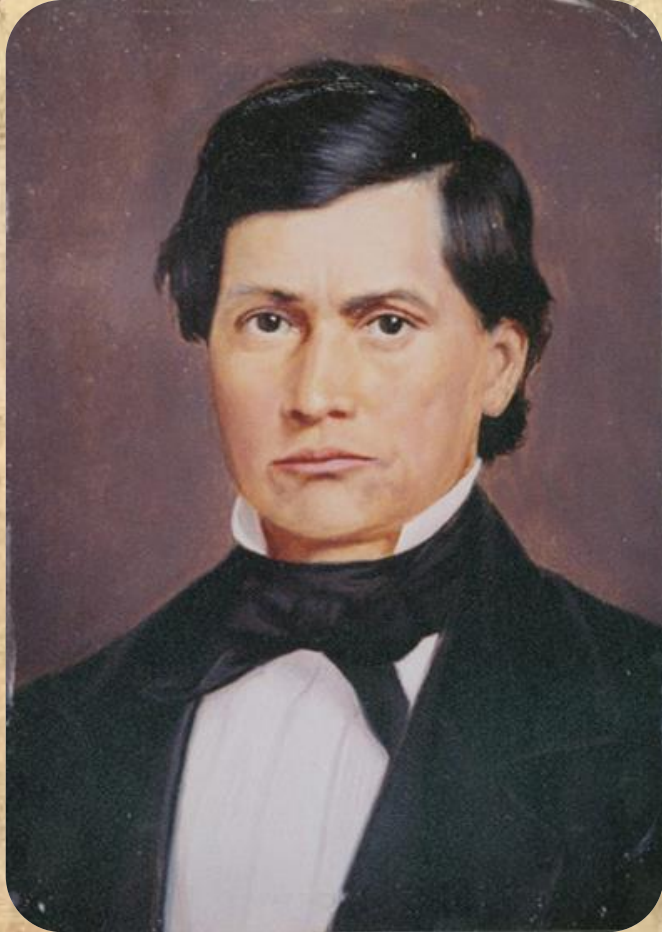
- Push for Removal
- Treaty of Pontotoc

# Decline of Missions

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*Kansas Council of Missions*  
*school funding Dr. J. H. Ketchum*  
*Grace*  
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- Stuart visits the Chickasaws
  - Advancement of a nation
  - Witnessing history
  - Former students

Indian Territory

*Chickasaw Council of Missions*  
*Dr. J. H. Ketchum*  
*Grace*



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