

Book Notices

The Upstream People: An Annotated Research Bibliography of the Omaha Tribe, by Michael L. Tate. Native American Bibliography Series, No. 14. Metuchen, NJ: Scarecrow Press, 1991. xv, 504 pp. Maps, index. \$62.50 cloth.

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The Upstream People is Number 14 in the Native American Bibliography Series, begun by Scarecrow Press in 1980. Compiler Michael Tate made an earlier contribution to the reference series with Number 9, *The Indians of Texas*. In the preface to his latest fine bibliography, Tate highlights the reasons for historical interest in the Omaha tribe, especially during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. He addresses the debate over the 1887 Dawes Severalty Act, for which the "Omaha formula" was the test case. The Dawes Act gave individual land allotments to members of Indian tribes on reservations. The far-reaching consequence of the Dawes Act was such that those interested in its effects on other plains tribes, on the reform movement that focused on Native Americans, and on Indian-white relations will find Tate's section on the Omaha reservation allotment, leasing, and heirship to be an invaluable source for comparative study. Tate has organized the bibliography in a manner that suggests topics awaiting monographic treatment, and that also might contribute to the as yet unwritten comprehensive history of the Omaha tribe.

The bibliography draws on ethnography and archeology, popular literature, historical studies, newsletters, government documents, journals and diaries, conference proceedings, and some audio recordings and films. The 1,836 entries are divided into thirty-two topical sections, arranged in rough chronological order; citations within each section are listed alphabetically. The first two and last two sections are devoted to bibliographic and secondary sources, Nebraska newspapers, and archival collections. The topical structure allows easy access to the materials included in the bibliography. Furthermore, the index can be consulted by both names and subjects. Tate's succinct annotations give the researcher a clear sense of the potential usefulness of each entry.

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