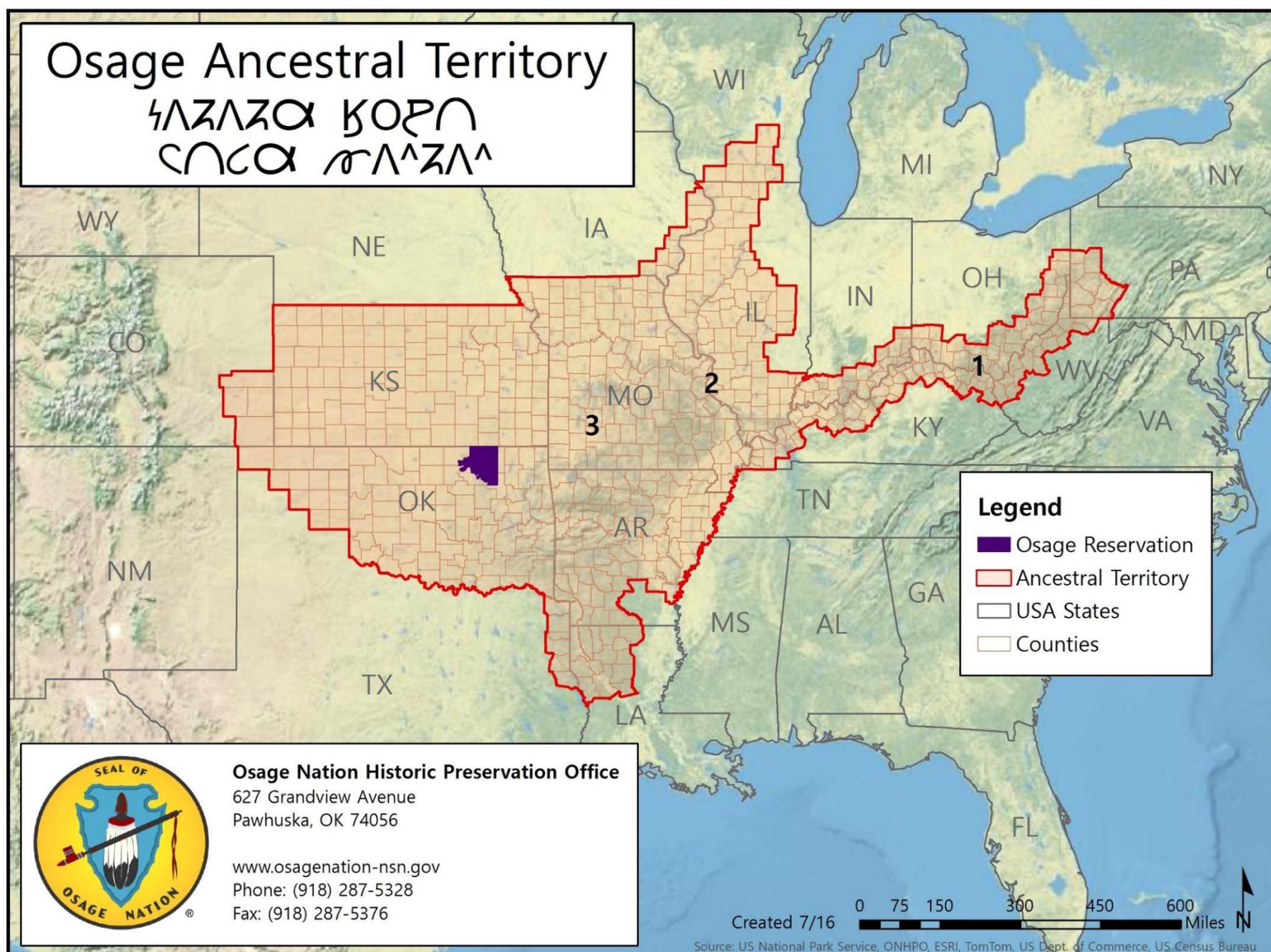


Osage Ancestral Lands

Osage ancestral lands are outlined in red. This is where the Osages and their ancestors lived in past times.



Based on studies of Native American oral tradition, Native languages, and historical documents, the Osage Nation has determined that long ago, their Osage lived in the Ohio River Valley (1 on map). About 1,800 years ago, these ancestors began migrating west. They arrived in the St. Louis area (2 on map) about 1,500 years ago. The Osage people again moved westward about 700 years ago. By the time Europeans began exploring the area, about 350 years ago, many Osages were living along the Missouri and Osage rivers in western Missouri (3 on map). Between 1808 and 1872, through negotiations and treaties, the U.S. government reduced Osage lands to the current Osage Reservation in northern Oklahoma.