

Northern Plains History and Cultures

How Do Native People and Nations Experience Belonging?



Delegation from Yankton, Santee, Upper Missouri Sioux, Sac and Fox, Ojibwe, Ottawa, Kickapoo, and Miami tribes posing with President Andrew Johnson on the steps of the White House in Washington, D.C., February 23, 1867. Photograph by Alexander Gardner. NMAI P10142

Just as other nations would come to Washington, DC, to negotiate agreements with the U.S. government, Northern Plains Native Nations periodically gathered in DC to engage U.S. government officials in discussions about the needs of their nations and peoples.