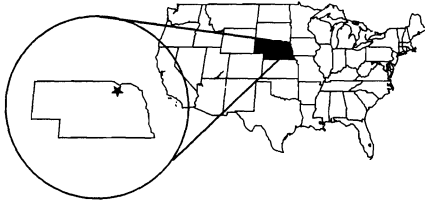


SANTEE SIOUX



The Santee Sioux provided the Dakotas with their names. While other Sioux refer to themselves as *Lakota* or *Nakota*, the Santee call themselves *Dakota*. All three terms mean “allies” (ENAT, 222-228). The Santee in Nebraska are part of a group located in several reservations in

Minnesota, Nebraska, and South Dakota. [See Flandreau Santee Sioux.]

The flag of the Santee Sioux of Nebraska is reported to be dark blue with the seal in full color. The seal features a bald eagle in brown and white with outspread wings and facing left, in a position reminiscent of the arms of the United States (The Smithsonian Museum of the Native American, Resource Room, New York). The eagle clasps a black arrow in its talons and appears above a red peace pipe. On the chest of the eagle is a yellow shield in the shape of a downward-pointing arrowhead with the bust of a Sioux chief in full headdress, facing right. Arching above the eagle is “SANTEE SIOUX TRIBE”, below it is “OF NEBRASKA”, both in blue. All elements appear on a white disk recalling the shields of the warriors of the Sioux Nation. ☛

