

# LAND BOOM HURTS MICHIGAN INDIANS

## **TOOLS OF COLONIAL LAND THEFT**

Whites Buying Them Out in  
Tiny Waterfront Sanctuary

## **THE LEELANAU INDIANS**

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PESHABESTOWN, Mich., —  
“To a white person we should  
be miserable, but that’s be-  
cause he never understood us  
and never will,” Louis Koon,  
a 54-year-old Chippewa, said  
as he walked through the small  
Indian community here.

**MATTHEW L.M. FLETCHER**

With its one-room and two-  
room wooden frame houses,  
many of which have privies



# **ALLOTMENT PROVISIONS IN 1855 TREATY**

the usual government price.

The United States will give to each Ottawa and Chippewa Indian being the head of a family, 80 acres of land, and to each single person over 21 years of age, 40 acres of land, and to each family of orphan children under 21 years of age containing two or more persons, 80 acres of land, and to each single orphan child under 21 years of age, 40 acres of land to be selected and located within the several tracts of land hereinafore described under the following rules and regulations:—

Each Indian entitled to land under this article may make his own selection of any land within the tract reserved herein for the band to which he may belong—*Provided*, That in case of two or more Indians claiming the same lot or tract of land, the matter shall be referred to the Indian agent, who shall examine the case and decide between the parties.

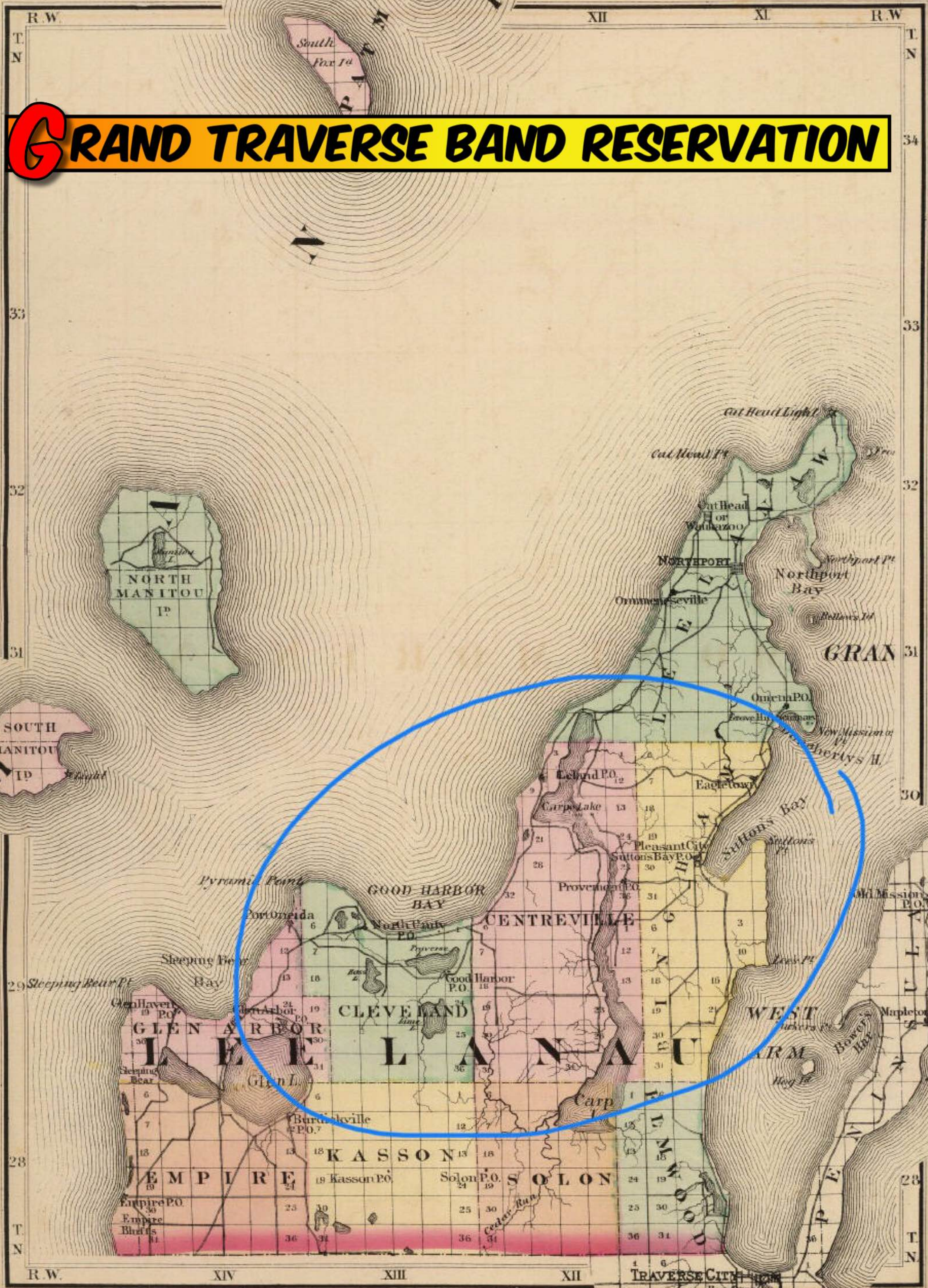
For the purpose of determining who may be entitled to land under the provisions of this article, lists shall be prepared by the Indian agent, which lists shall contain the names of all persons entitled, designating them in four classes. Class 1st, shall contain the names of heads of families; class 2d, the names of single persons over 21 years of age; class 3d, the names of orphan children under 21 years of age, comprising families of two or more persons, and class 4th, the names of single orphan children under 21 years of age, and no person shall be entered in more than one class. Such lists shall be made and closed by the first day of July, 1856, and thereafter no applications for the benefits of this article will be allowed.

At any time within five years after the completion of the lists, selections of lands may be made by the persons entitled thereto, and a notice thereof, with a description of the land selected, filed in the office of the Indian agent in Detroit, to be by him transmitted to the office of Indian Affairs at Washington City.

All selections of land under this article must be made according to the usual legal subdivisions; and fractional lots, if containing less than 60 acres, may be regarded as forty-acre lots, if over sixty and less than one hundred and twenty acres, as eighty-acre lots. Selections for orphan children may be made by themselves or their friends, subject to the approval of the agent.

After selections are made, as herein provided, the persons entitled to the land may take immediate possession thereof, and the United States will thenceforth and until the issuing of patents as hereinafter provided, hold the same in trust for such persons, and certificates shall be issued in a suitable form guaranteeing and securing to the holders their possession and an ultimate title to the land. But such certificates shall not be assignable and shall contain a clause expressly prohibiting the sale or transfer by the holder of the land described therein.





# GRAND TRAVERSE BAND RESERVATION



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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

And Whereas, there has been deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE an order dated January 8<sup>th</sup> 1872 from the Secretary of the Interior, to cause patent to be issued in accordance with the schedule certified ~~to~~ <sup>by</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> Commissioner of Indian Affairs, which accompanies said order and showing the selections made for the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians under the aforesaid first article of said treaty, said schedule having been approved by the Secretary of the Interior December 26<sup>th</sup> 1871 January 8<sup>th</sup> 1872;

And Whereas, in the aforesaid schedule the lot four of the south west quarter of section three, in township thirty north, of range eleven west, in the district of lands subject to sale at Traverse City, Michigan, containing forty three acres and ninety, ~~one~~ hundredths of an acre.

# 1 855 TREATY ALLOTMENT CERTIFICATION

is designated as the selection for Peter Arsen in whose  
favor patent is ordered to be issued:

And We, the United States of America, in consideration of the premises and pursuant to the Treaty and Order aforesaid, HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED, and by these presents DO GIVE AND GRANT, unto the said Peter Arse and to his heirs, the tract of land above described;

To have and to hold the said tract, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities and appurtenances thereto belonging, unto the said Peter Arse  
and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof, *J. Ulysses S. Grant*, President of the United States, have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the seal of the General Land Office to hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, this twenty-eighth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy two and of the Independence of the United States the ninety-eighth.

BY THE PRESIDENT:

E. PRESIDENT: *U. S. Grant*  
*S. Parris*

*Recherches*

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# **THE BURT LAKE BURN OUT**



THE INDIAN HOMES THAT WERE DESTROYED BY FIRE WERE STRUNG OUT ALONG THE RIGHT HAND SIDE OF THIS ROAD, THEIR GARDENS WERE ON THE LEFT. THIS PICTURE WAS TAKEN FROM IN FRONT OF THE CEMETERY LOOKING EAST. THE LARGE BARN IN THE CENTER OF THE PICTURE USED TO BE PART OF CHICK-A-GAMI FARM.



still for 25 families, but now the sanctuary is in danger.

The land the Indians occupy is not a reservation under the protection of the Federal Government. Real estate values in the one-square-mile community, much of which is waterfront property, have doubled in the last 10 years, to \$120 a foot on the waterfront, and the temptation to take advantages of the sales price is great.

Some of the land, passed down to sons who are now absentee landlords living in cities, has been sold. Three acres were sold recently by one of the older Indian residents. A white family from Detroit has bought a lot next to the Koons and plans to spend summers there.

### **'End to Way of Life'**

"I don't mind one family coming in but if many more of us decide to sell that will put an end to our way of life."