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APPENDIX VII – CULTURAL DESTRUCTION AND SUPPRESSION OF TRIBAL ARCHIVES

Annexed to the Declaration of Restoration of the Ben-Ishmael Nation
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I. PURPOSE

This appendix establishes the **deliberate destruction, suppression, and misappropriation** of the Ben-Ishmael Tribe's cultural records, genealogical materials, oral histories, and sacred documents. It reveals how libraries, universities, government agencies, and private institutions coordinated to:

- Eliminate evidence of tribal sovereignty
- Confiscate or destroy Islamic and tribal texts
- Deny access to family lineages and naming systems
- Reinterpret archives through racialized and colonial frameworks

It asserts our **unalienable right** to **cultural reclamation, record restoration**, and the **sovereign repatriation** of all misclassified or stolen tribal knowledge.

II. FORMS OF CULTURAL ERASURE

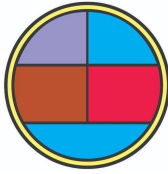
1. Destruction of Oral Genealogies

- Elders and family heads were targeted through sterilization, institutionalization, or forced Christianization, severing generational transfer.
- Ben-Ishmael naming traditions, which fused Arabic, Amerindian, and Hebrew elements, were branded "alias use" or "vagrant identity."
- Oral archives of Islamic law, Semitic migration, and tribal jurisdiction were deemed heretical or "degenerate" and eliminated.

2. Confiscation of Tribal Religious Materials

- Qur'ans, tribal charters, genealogical Bibles, and trust scrolls were seized by:
- State orphanages
- Eugenics boards
- Church missionaries
- County recorders





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- Many tribal prayer books or scrolls containing Ben-Ishmaelite *waqf* (trust deeds), *nass* (lineal designations), and *silsilah* (genealogical chains) were burned or “donated” under coercion to libraries where they were never cataloged.

3. Academic Censorship

- Universities erased mentions of:
- Moorish tribal communities in Indiana and the Midwest
- Semitic-Islamic settlements along the Mississippi and Eastern corridor
- Zouave regiments of tribal origin
- Anthropological studies reclassified us as “gypsy,” “degenerate,” or “mixed-race nomads,” removing all reference to **Islam, Semitic origin, or treaty affiliation.**

4. Renaming of Sacred Geographies

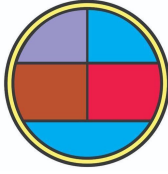
- Tribally significant places such as:
- Morocco, Indiana
- Sun Village, California
- **Ishmael Hill** or **Ben settlements** in Ohio, Kentucky, or Virginia

were renamed, reclassified as “unincorporated,” or absorbed into other jurisdictions without consent or notice.

5. Suppression of Language and Symbols

- Arabic, Berber, and Lenape phrases found in early Ben-Ishmaelite naming conventions (e.g., “al-Bani,” “al-Deen,” “Moor,” “El,” “Ben,” “Buhijji,” “Rifai,” “Tamimi”) were stripped from records or converted into English approximations.
- Islamic crescent moons, stars, and tribal seals were either:
- Destroyed during raids
- Defaced in archives
- Co-opted into Masonic and municipal symbolism without attribution





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III. DOCUMENTED INSTANCES OF ARCHIVAL SUPPRESSION

Event or Entity	Destruction or Theft	Impact
Indiana State Eugenics Board (1897–1921)	Seized tribal medical, familial, and legal records	Removed all Ben-Ishmaelite references to sovereignty or lineal integrity
County Courthouses (Midwest & Appalachia)	Misfiled tribal land patents and marriage contracts	Denied bloodline continuity and claim to jurisdiction
Library of Congress / State Libraries	Shelved or miscategorized tribal texts as “folklore” or “gypsy	Rendered sacred records inaccessible to descendants
Missionary Schools	Destroyed tribal scrolls, Qur’ans, and genealogical bibles	Forced conversion and erased intergenerational memory
Historical Societies	Replaced our family stories with white settler pioneer narratives	Created false origin myths for Sun Village, Morocco IN, and related

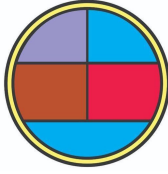
IV. LEGAL AND SOVEREIGN VIOLATIONS

1. Breach of International Law
 - Violated provisions under:
 - **UNDRIP** (esp. Articles 11–13: cultural preservation, language, archives)
 - **Vienna Convention on Treaties** (invalidated trust-based treaty recognition)
 - Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage
2. Admiralty Trust Theft
 - Destroying tribal scrolls and names violated:
 - The *jus cogens* principle of sacred document preservation
 - Ben-Ishmael inheritance and trust governance laws under maritime jurisdiction
3. Violation of Domestic Religious Freedom
 - Islamic and tribal materials were destroyed under pretext of public welfare or Christianity
 - Violated First Amendment protections and free association rights



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V. RESTORATIVE CLAIMS & SOVEREIGN DEMANDS

1. Return of Confiscated Cultural Materials
 - Libraries, churches, and government agencies must **catalog and return** any seized:
 - Tribal Qur'ans
 - Naming scrolls
 - Birth or bloodline ledgers
 - Oral history transcriptions
 - Ben-Ishmael legal trust documents
2. Nullification of All Forced Christianization Efforts
 - Records of religious conversion under threat, coercion, or duress are deemed **null and void**.
3. Repatriation of Naming Rights and Dynastic Designation
 - Ben-Ishmael families may reclaim:
 - Ancestral naming conventions
 - Dynastic titles under Moorish, Semitic, or Amerindian law
 - Right to issue tribal legal names on documents and legal filings
4. Reinstatement of Sacred Geographies
 - Places like Morocco, Indiana and Sun Village, California are hereby recognized as:
 - Sacred tribal seats
 - Historical capitals of sovereign Ben-Ishmaelite jurisdictions
5. Restoration of Linguistic and Spiritual Autonomy
 - Tribe shall operate:
 - Tribal schools
 - Digital and physical archives
 - Qur'anic and genealogical literacy programs

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