



Date:

1890

Identifier:

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Description:

Before the creation of reservations in the 1880s, a highly select group of Sioux tribal leaders governed in the name of, and according to the wishes of, the tribal council. These men, known as Wicasas, wore painted green and yellow shirts. The use of American flags on this shirt, which dates to the early Reservation period, may reflect the sharing of power between the tribal council and the resident federal agent. Native American artists rarely made an exact duplication of the American flag, but used its recognizable features in free adaptation. The five-pointed star is often replaced with a cross, representing the four directions

Physical dimensions:

height 34.75 in ; width 20 in

Format:

Shirt

Coverage:

North or South Dakota ; Lakota (Teton Sioux)

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