

# Native American Ledger Art



PAY TO *All City Bank*  
PAID BY *...*  
ORDER \$ *...*  
DOLLARS

PAY TO *Allen Kotes*  
ORDER \$ *9.95*  
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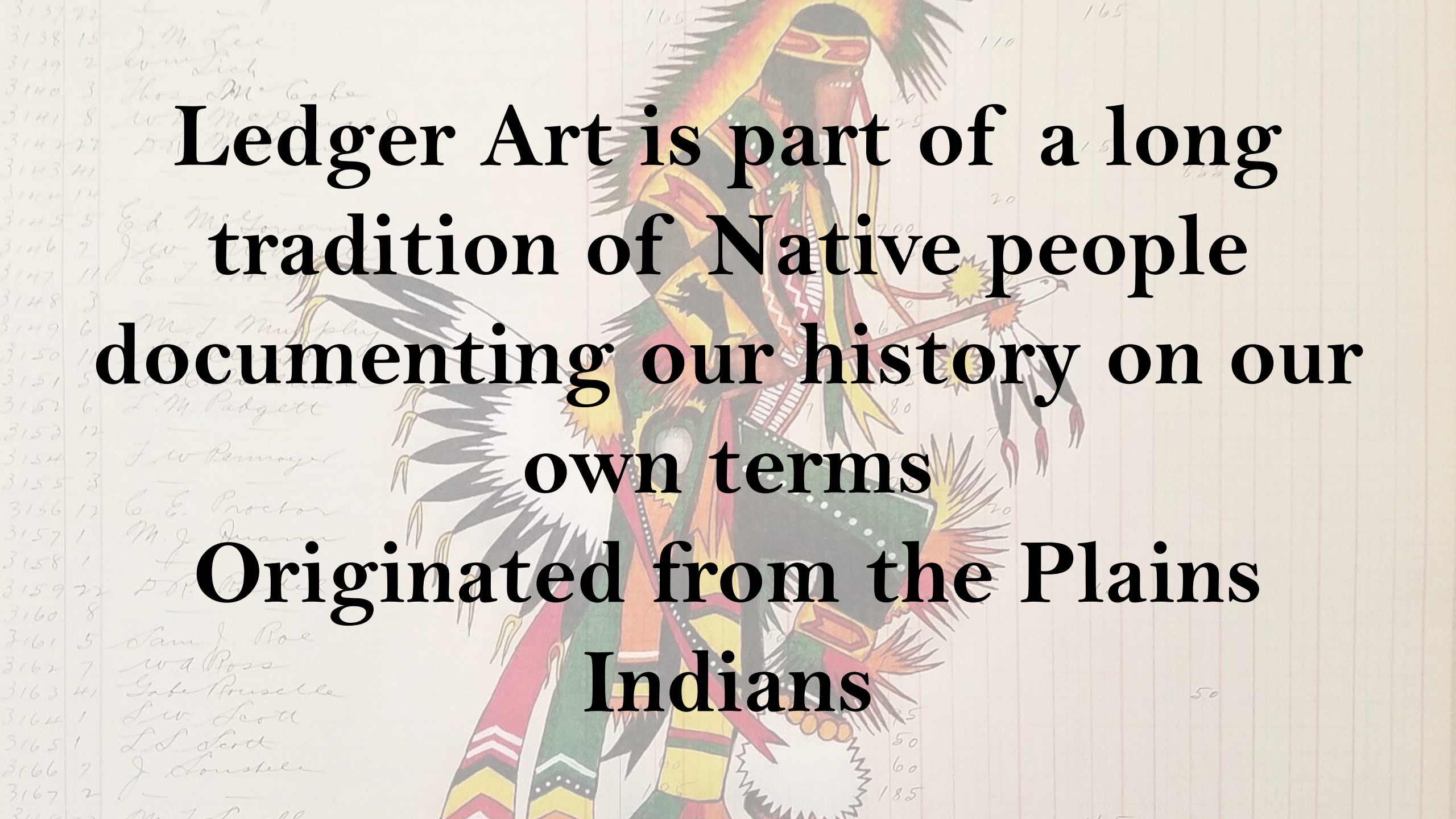
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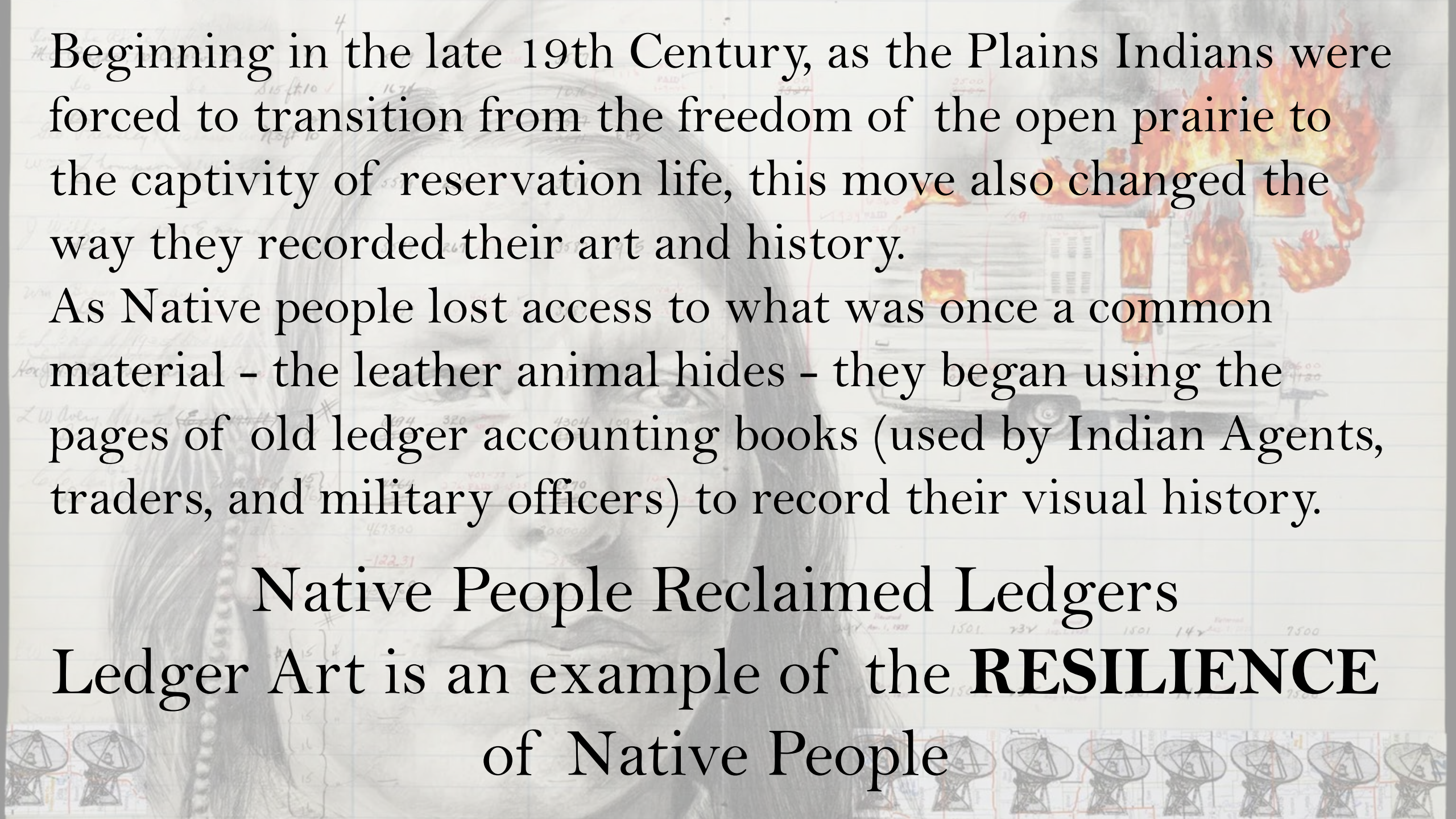
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MONTANA

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POPULATION SYMBOLS  
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**Ledger Art is part of a long  
tradition of Native people  
documenting our history on our  
own terms  
Originated from the Plains  
Indians**

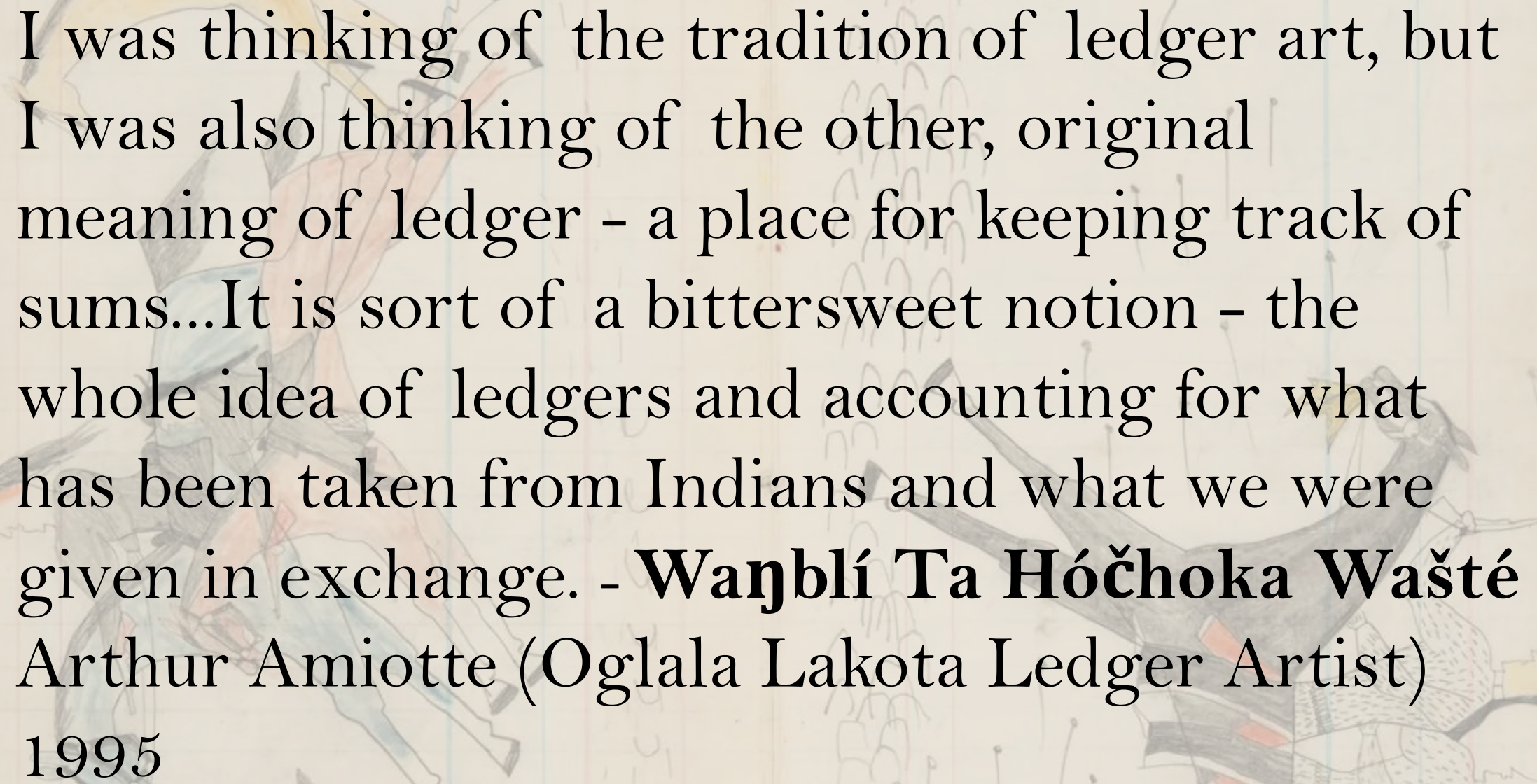


Beginning in the late 19th Century, as the Plains Indians were forced to transition from the freedom of the open prairie to the captivity of reservation life, this move also changed the way they recorded their art and history.

As Native people lost access to what was once a common material - the leather animal hides - they began using the pages of old ledger accounting books (used by Indian Agents, traders, and military officers) to record their visual history.

## Native People Reclaimed Ledgers

Ledger Art is an example of the **RESILIENCE**  
of Native People



I was thinking of the tradition of ledger art, but I was also thinking of the other, original meaning of ledger - a place for keeping track of sums...It is sort of a bittersweet notion - the whole idea of ledgers and accounting for what has been taken from Indians and what we were given in exchange. - **Wañblí Ta Hóčhoka Wašté**  
Arthur Amiotte (Oglala Lakota Ledger Artist)  
1995

*speaking horses under heavy fire*

*fully allotted to love*

October 23 1875

John H. al. Settled			28.00
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November 2 1875

2	3 lb	Coffee	1.00
2	5 lb	Evaporated	2.50
6	1/2	gal molasses	5.00
11	2	Sacks flour	4.00
16	1	gal molasses	1.00
16	16	lb S. holdn	2.24
16	1	gal molasses	3.00
17	2	gals molasses	2.50
24	1	gal molasses	1.00
24	2	gal Calico	2.00
29	30	lb Salt	2.40
29	2	gal Whiskey	6.60
24	1	box Cinnamon	1.50
9	1/2	gal molasses	5.00
15	1	gal coal oil	3.00
15	1/4	gal molasses	2.50
25	1	gal molasses	1.00
25	1/4	gal molasses	5.00
25	1	gallon of oil	1.00
30	1	gallon of oil	1.00
7	1	Box of Cork	1.00
7	1	Box of Bitters	2.50
10	1	making a pair of overhills	2.50
21	1	gal molasses	1.00
21	1	gallon of oil	1.00
28	1	gal coal oil	3.00
27	2	gals of molasses	2.50
John J. ... on page 24			
Practical			
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# Amos Bad Heart Bull's Ledger art of the Battle of Little Bighorn 1876



Cash.

1916 Cr.

1916  
Jan

Jan 1	Alex. ...	500	
Jan 1	Meal of ...	504	
Jan 1	Meal of ...	509	
Jan 1	Minnie ...	500	
Jan 1	Louis ...	1000	
Jan 1	Meal of ...	2070	
Jan 1	Meal of ...	13960	
Jan 1	John S. ...	1600	
Jan 1	Washington ...	1000	
Jan 1	Bessie ...	1000	
Jan 1	Meal of ...	67	
Jan 1	Meal of ...	281	



Geo. ... Capital Hotel

1897

Jan 1	Bal from ...	1400	
" "	Dr to Cash	200	
Apr 1	" July		
July 1	" Oct		
Oct 1	" 2 31	600	
Jan 1888	To ...	400	
Apr 1	"	200	
July 1	"		
Oct 1	"	600	
Jan 1889	To ...	400	
" "	"	200	
Apr 1	"		
July 1	"		
Oct 1	" 31	600	
Jan 1890	To Balance		
" "	Dr to Cash	600	
Apr 1	" July	100	
July 1	" Oct	100	
Oct 1	" Dec 31	100	
Jan 1891	To Balance		











