

## **THE “INDIAN PROBLEM” AND THE DAWES ACT OF 1887**

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The Dawes Act of 1887 was established in the United States as a solution to the continuing “Indian Problem” that had developed. The establishment of the Dawes Act allowed the American government to enter into a process of surveying and dividing Native American land into parcels that reflected the European/American models of land ownership. The Act also pushed for Native American assimilation into the European/American culture and social norms. The purpose of this paper is to examine the use of the Dawes Act as a means of ending the perceived “Indian Problem” in the United States.