

DO I HAVE INDIGENOUS ANCESTORS IN MY FAMILY TREE?

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• WHO ARE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE?

- Are Indigenous people of the Western Hemisphere, which includes United States, Canada, South America and Central America
- American Indians defined as anyone who has origins in any areas of the North and South America (including Central America) and maintains tribal affiliation.
- Indigenous People are also known as
 - American Indians
 - First Americans
 - Native Americans
- Census Department defines Native American as "all people indigenous to the United States and its territories, including Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders
- As of January 4, 2024, United States Bureau of Indian Tribes recognizes 574 federally recognized tribes
- 10 Largest Indian Tribes
 - Navajo Nation (399,567)
 - Cherokee Nation (292,555)

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- Choctaw Nation (255,677)
 - Chippewa (214,026)
 - Sioux (207,684)
 - Blackfeet (159,394)
 - White Mountain Apache (15,791)
 - Muscogee Nation (108, 368)
 - Haudenosaunee (114, 568)
 - Blackfeet Nation (17,321)
- BRIEF HISTORY OF INDIGIOUS PEOPLE
 - WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR RESEARCH?
 - You want to learn where your family came from?
 - You want to rejoin your tribe
 - Research the different tribes
 - WHERE TO START RESEARCH IF YOU DON'T KNOW THE TRIBE ○
 - Ask other family members for information about your ancestors
 - Write down the information they give you and the sources where the information came from
 - Go Thru scrapbooks
 - Look thru photo albums
 - Look thru boxes
 - IF YOU KNOW THE INDIGIOUS TRIBE, WHERE DO YOU START?
 - Find what tribes were in the area
 - Find out where your ancestor lived
 - LEARN ABOUT THE TRIBES
 - What are the tribes?
 - Tribal customs such as inheritance customs
 - Oral genealogies
 - Naming Patterns
 - Assigned reservations and agencies
 - Migration patterns and native lands
 - Treaties signed
 - Historical Connections with a particular church or section

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• RECORDS ABOUT THE TRIBE

- Federal Government
- State Government
- Agencies of the Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Special Commission
- The Tribe

• KINDS OF RECORDS

- Indian Census Records
- Allotment Records
- Enrollment Records
- Annuity Records
- Tribal Court Records
- Church Records
- Tribal Vital Records
- Agency Correspondence Records
- Dawes Rolls

• WHERE TO FIND THE RECORDS?

- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- United States Department of the Interior
- Family
- National Archives
- University of New Mexico
- State Libraries
- Local Libraries
- Oral Histories
- Genealogical Societies
- Tribes
- Historical Societies
- The Internet
- Churches
- Schools
- Hospitals
- Free Native American Databases
 - 1817 Cherokee Reservation Roll
 - 1880 Cherokee Census
 - 1924 Baker Roll

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- 1954 Proposed Ute Rolls
 - Dawes Commission Case Files
 - Dawes Rolls
 - Drennen Rolls
 - Final Rolls Index
 - Guion Miller Roll
 - Kern Clifton Rolls
 - McKennon Roll
 - Old Settlers Roll
 - Wallace Roll
 - Websites
 - Etc.
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- SEARCHING THE RECORDS
 - Keep in mind when you are searching for records
 - Part of the name may have been dropped
 - Names may have been abbreviated
 - Names may have started Indigenous and changed to Christian
 - Names may have started in one Indigenous name and changed to another

- CREATE TIMELINES

- Keep the information you found
- You can create a timeline with events, political, social or geological
 - War
 - Earthquakes
 - Fires
 - Tornadoes
 - Epidemics
 - Pandemics
 - Change of Leaders
 - New Laws
 - New groups come in the area religious or missionaries
- Part of the name may have been dropped

- MISSING RECORDS

- Records may have been destroyed
- Locations of where records were kept changed

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• INDIGENOUS PEOPLE IN NEW YORK STATE

- Insifwnoua people inhabited New York for at least 13,000 years
- New York has one of the largest Indigenous Populations in the country, significant number in NYC
- New York has 8 Federally recognized Indigenous Tribes
- Seneca largest
- Tribes
 - Cayuga Nation
 - Oneida Indian Nation
 - Onondaga Nation
 - Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe
 - Seneca Nation
 - Shinnecock Indian Nation
 - Shinnecock Indian
 - Tonawanda Band of Seneca
 - Tuscarora Nation
 - Algonquian People
 - Lenape
 - Mahican
 - Iroquois

• WHERE TO FIND RECORDS IN NEW YORK STATE

- Ancestry
- FamilySearch
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Native American Rights Fund
- National Congress of American Indians
- Fold3
- New York Public Library (NYC)
- National Archives

• FURTHER READING

- American Indians: A Select Catalog of National Archives Microfilm Publications
- Beckwith, Hiram Williams The Illinois and Indiana Indians (Fergus, 1884)
- Hill, Edward Guide to Records in the National Archives of the United States Relating to American Indian
- Hill, Edward The Office of Indian Affairs, 1824-1880: Historical Sketches

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- Hodge, Frederick Webb Handbook of American Indians North of Mexico
- Isaacs, Katherine M. Omni Gazetteer of the United States of America
- National Atlas of the United States of America
- Swanton, John The Indian Tribes of North America

• WEBSITES

- Ancestry
 - <http://www.ancestry.com>
- FamilySearch
 - <http://www.familysearch.org>
- Cyndi's List
 - <http://www.cyndilist.com>
- National Archives
 - <http://www.archives.gov>
- Native Hope
 - <https://blog.nativehope.org>
- Cherokee Nation
 - <https://www.cherokee.org>
- Chickasaw
 - <https://www.chickasaw.com>
- Choctaw
 - <https://www.choctawnation.com>
- Comanche Nation
 - <https://www.comanchenation.com>
- Apsaalooke
 - <http://www.crow.nsn.gov>
- Navajo
 - <https://www.navajo-nsn.gov>
- Pawnee Nation
 - <http://www.pawneenation.org>
- Potawatomi
 - <https://www.potawatomi.org>
- <https://www.swo.nsn.gov>
- <https://www.bia.gov>
- <https://www.indian-affairs.org/researching-your-ancestry.html>
- <https://www.doi.gov/tribes/research>

• OTHER INFORMATION

• SAMPLES

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• SUMMARY

- We learned who Native Americans were
- We learned some brief history of the Native Americans
- We learned that we should have a purpose for our research.
- We learn where to start research if you don't know the tribe
- We learned if you know the Native American tribe, where do you start
- We learned about the Tribes
- We learned about the Records of the Tribe
- We learned about the Kinds of Records
- We learned where to find the records
- We learned about searching the records
- We learned where to find the records
- We learned how to create timelines
- We learned about Missing Records
- We learned about Indigenous People in New York
- We learned where to find records in New York State
- We learned about Books on genealogy research
- We learned about what Websites are available
- We learned about other information
- We took a look at Samples