

# Researching American Indian Ancestors

## For Descendants of the Five Tribes of Oklahoma



### Research Guides

- **FamilySearch Wiki: Beginning Research of United States Indigenous Peoples**  
[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Beginning\\_Research\\_of\\_United\\_States\\_Indigenous\\_Peoples](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Beginning_Research_of_United_States_Indigenous_Peoples)  
Includes links to other beginners' guides, tribal search tips, record types and how to search tribal records.
- **FamilySearch Wiki: Starting Native American Research**  
[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Starting\\_Native\\_American\\_Research](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Starting_Native_American_Research)  
Includes links to other beginners' guides, types of Native American records, where to search for records and a list of tribal rolls.
- **Oklahoma Historical Society: Finding Your American Indian Ancestors Research Guide**  
<https://www.okhistory.org/research/forms/aiancestor.pdf>  
Includes common term definitions, list of resources at OHS and basic research steps.
- **Tulsa City-County Library Genealogy Center: American Indian Research**  
<https://www.tulsalibrary.org/research/genealogy-center/american-indian-research>  
Includes a history and historical timeline of the Five Tribes in Oklahoma, how-to steps for researching the Dawes Rolls and links to American Indian holdings in the Genealogy Center.

### Websites & Organizations

- **Cherokee Nation**  
<https://www.cherokee.org/>  
Website of the sovereign tribal government of the Cherokee Nation. Includes links to services, government organization, citizen registration and cultural information.
- **Chickasaw Nation**  
<https://www.chickasaw.net/>  
Website of the sovereign tribal government of the Chickasaw Nation. Includes information on tribal programs and services, events, facilities, history and culture.
- **Choctaw Nation**  
<https://www.choctawnation.com/>  
Website of the sovereign tribal government of the Choctaw Nation. Includes history and culture information, tribal services, membership applications and research resources.
- **FamilySearch Wiki: Five Civilized Tribes**  
[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Five\\_Civilized\\_Tribes](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Five_Civilized_Tribes)  
Includes history of the Five Tribes, links to records (enrollment, online, military, removal), websites and references for further reading.
- **Muscogee (Creek) Nation**  
<https://www.muscogeenation.com/>  
Website of the sovereign tribal government of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Includes information on interior affairs, culture, history, education and human services.
- **The National Archives at Fort Worth**  
<https://www.archives.gov/fort-worth>  
This branch of the National Archives contains a large amount of material pertaining to the Five Tribes, including financial, land and Indian school records. Finding aids and some digitized materials available online.
- **Oklahoma Historical Society: American Indian Records and Resources**  
<https://www.okhistory.org/research/americanindians>  
Includes links to record collections in the American Indian Archive, including the index of the Dawes Final Rolls, timeline of removal of tribes to Oklahoma, transcripts and papers.
- **Oklahoma Historical Society: The Gateway to Oklahoma History**  
<https://gateway.okhistory.org/>  
An online repository of digitized newspapers, documents, photographs and maps documenting the history of Oklahoma.
- **Oklahoma Historical Society: Search the Dawes Final Rolls, 1898-1914**  
<https://www.okhistory.org/research/dawes>  
A database that lists individuals who applied for the Dawes Rolls (1898-1914) and membership in the Five Tribes. Search by name, tribe, roll number and card number.
- **Seminole Nation**  
<https://www.sno-nsn.gov/>  
Website of the sovereign tribal government of the Seminole Nation. Includes information on government, tribal services, legal information and election board.
- **Tulsa City-County Library American Indian Resource Center**  
<https://www.tulsalibrary.org/research/american-indian-resource-center>  
Provides cultural, educational and informational resources, activities and services highlighting the American Indian culture.

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### Books & Resource Lists

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