

# Native American Research



## *Getting Started With What I Know*

1. What was his/her name? \_\_\_\_\_
  2. When did he/she live? \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Which Tribe does He/she descend from? \_\_\_\_\_
  4. What other information do I have? \_\_\_\_\_
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## *General Search*

Determine the tribe affiliation if not already known.

If applicable check census for 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930

If the person is living with a Native American group the census will show a special form having 15 lines numbered from 1 to 15, at the top of the page recording the usual federal census information. If the person is found in this section on line #1, drop to the lower half of the page, to line 1. There you will find the person's Indian name, his tribe, his quantum of Indian blood, his father's tribe and quantum and his mother's tribe and quantum of Indian blood.

This information is acceptable to the US Government for establishing Native American blood, for their purposes and also for employment purposes. It is not acceptable evidence to the tribes for citizenship

Check the Family History Library Catalog (FHLC) for the records that have been filmed for that particular tribe.

Looking especially for:

Annuity Rolls

Sanitary Rolls

Census Records (tribal census, these will not be similar to Federal census, they were taken by the agent to the tribe and he asked whatever questions he wanted.)

Court of Claims Records

Family Registers

Books of the tribe

Contact the tribe.

<http://www.doi.gov/governments/tribalgovernments.cfm>

Contact the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

<http://www.doi.gov/pmb/eo/counselor-bia.cfm>

The phone number will be listed under United States Government Offices in the Yellow Pages.  
The Office of the Area Director is: 602.379.6600

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**6** For western areas and tribes check for the Catholic Church Vital Records.

www.ProGenealogist.com

United States Genealogy Sleuth > scroll down to "Native Americans and click on Access Genealogy Native Links Click and then click on How to Search under Research Tips, Sources and Books

**7** Check the FHLC

Under the State and Native Races listing for the records of any tribe you may be searching. Look for information on the tribe in "Our Native Americans" by Kay Kirkham 970.3 K635o Vol. 1,2,3

**8** Check "The Source"

Read the chapter on Native American Research for additional suggestions. Reference Table 973 D27ts 1984



## *The "Five Civilized Tribes"*

The Five Civilized Tribes was a loose confederation, formed in 1859, of North American Indians in what was then INDIAN TERRITORY (in present-day Oklahoma). The group comprised the Iroquoian-speaking CHEROKEE and the Muskogean-speaking CHICKASAW, CHOCTAW, CREEK, and SEMINOLE.

**1** Determine the tribe the person was from: \_\_\_\_\_

**2** If they were relocated to Oklahoma, check the Dawes Rolls:

**a** Obtain the Roll Number for the person

1. Look in the book Final Roll of the Dawes Index (call# 970.1 Un3c Book 1) for the persons name. You must look in all sections: "Cherokee by Blood", "Minor Cherokee by Blood", "Delaware Cherokee", "Cherokee by Blood Intermarriage", "Cherokee Freedmen", and "Minor Cherokee Freedmen".
2. When you find the name, note the section you found it in and the roll number listed to the right of the name.

SECTION USED \_\_\_\_\_

ROLL NUMBER IS: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes:

1. Book 1 of the Index for all tribes is on film #962366
2. Book 2 of the Index is on film #830228 (Choctaw & Chickasaw), film #830229 (Cherokee), film #830230 (Seminole & Creek)
3. If the name was found under other than "Cherokee by Blood" use the film instead of the Book 2. Book 2 in the printed form is incomplete.

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## **b** Obtain the Census Card number

1. Now look in book 2 of the Index (call# 970.1 Un3c Book 2) for the Roll # . Make sure you are in the same section you used in Book 1 (“Cherokee by Blood”, “Minor Cherokee by Blood”, “Delaware Cherokee”, “Cherokee by Blood Intermarriage”, “Cherokee Freedmen”, and “Minor Cherokee Freedmen”) This will give you: Name, Age, Sex, Quantum of Indian Blood and Census Card #.
2. NOTE THE CENSUS CARD # \_\_\_\_\_

## **c** Obtain the Film

1. Now look in the book, Dawes Film Number, Civilized Tribes (call# 970.3 A3). Locate the film # corresponding to the Census Card Number under the tribe and section heading where the name was found. This will give you: Tribe, Section, and Film #
2. Pull the microfilm and review the information.

## **d** Check CD #158 “Dawes Final Rolls” on CD computers 1, 2, & 4.

1. Get Case File # and send to the National Archives to get file.

**2**

## For Cherokees who stayed in North Carolina, read the Guion Miller Rolls.

The Guion Miller Rolls pertain to the Eastern Band of Cherokee. These are packages of information relating to the Eastern Cherokee enrollment records 1908 to 1910. They are found in the Family History Library Catalog (FHLC) under:

UNITED STATES, COURT OF CLAIMS/EASTERN CHEROKEE APPLICATIONS,  
August 29, 1906-May 26, 1909 Transcription taken from the Guion Miller Reports

## **a** CHEROKEE BY BLOOD (call# 970.3 C424j, Volumes 1-9) by Jerry Jordan (This is the easiest way, but it is incomplete. When completed this collection will have 22 volumes.)

1. Look in the back of each volume for the persons name. If the name is found, note the Application #.
2. Go to the front part of the same volume and find the information under the Application #.

NOTE: Only the first 9 volumes of the 22 actual volumes are in print.

## **b** COURT OF CLAIMS EASTERN CHEROKEE APPLICATIONS

1. Search the Applications Index on Film #830434 (A-Z Index) for the person’s name. Note the application number(s) of the records that pertain to the person. This is only for people who applied, and only names of people applying are indexed.
2. Review the information on the appropriate film below for the application number:

<u>Applications</u>	<u>Film#</u>
Index A-Z vol. 1-2	830434
1 – 6000 vol. 1-2	830435
6001 – 16000 vol. 3-4	830436
16001 – 31000 vol. 5-7	830437
31001 – 45857 vol. 8-10	830438

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Other related documents:

<u>Document</u>	<u>Film#</u>
Report of Exceptions	830439
Miscellaneous Testimony vol. 1-2	830440
Miscellaneous Testimony vol. 3-4	830441
Miscellaneous Testimony vol. 5-6	830442
Miscellaneous Testimony vol. 7-8	830443
Miscellaneous Testimony vol. 9	830444
Sizemore Testimonies vol. 10	830444
Poindexter & Creek vol.10	830444
Index of Eastern Cherokee Rolls A-Z 1851	830445
Chapman Roll 1851	830445
Drennen Roll 1851	830445
Cherokees added to Siler Roll 1854	830445
Index to Ols Settlers Roll 1851	830445
Index to Hester Roll 1851	830445
Hester Roll 1884	830445
Misc. notes and drafts 1851	830445

- c** ORIGINAL ROLLS – U S COURT OF CLAIMS (348 Reels of microfilm organized by application number.)

The General Index is on FHL film # 378594

The film numbers are found on the old DOS version of the FHLC. There are 369 listings of Native American Records. This is the 352<sup>nd</sup> entry.

- d** THE INTERNET

The Index to the Guion Rolls is on several internet sites, but the actual rolls are not there.  
Example sites are:

<http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/native-americans-guion-miller.html>

<http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/topics/native-americans.html#guion>

<http://www.accessgenealogy.com/native/guion.php>

- e** THE INDEX IS ALSO ON CD #139 FOUND ON COMPUTERS CD1, CD2, & CD3

- f** GUIDANCE FOR ORDERING ANY DESIRED INFORMATION IS FOUND AT:

<http://www.archives.gov/research/order/>

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### 3 For Cherokees:

- Read the 1890 tribal census (set up by Districts, not complete).  
*Instructions of where to find it:*
  - Go to the Family History Library Catalog - FHLC
  - Choose Place Search
  - Type Oklahoma
  - Click on Oklahoma
  - Arrow down to Native American
  - Click on Native American
- Find Cherokee 1890 census – there will be several films, on different Districts – check all.
- Read "Exploring Your Cherokee Ancestry" for more rolls that might help.  
*Instructions of where to find it:*
  - Go to the Family History Library Catalog - FHLC
  - Choose Title Search
  - Type in Exploring Your Cherokee Ancestry
  - Click on title
  - Find Exploring Your Cherokee Ancestry
  - Write down call # 970.3 C424mt
- Check the books of James Manfred CARSELOWEY – (7 volumes)  
*Instructions of where to find it:*
  - Go to the Family History Library Catalog - FHLC
  - Choose Author Search
  - Type in CARSELOWEY then James Manfred
  - Click on James Manfred Carselowey
- Check each Carselowey book. There are 7 volumes and they are listed separately
- Check the Don Shadburn books (5 volumes) found in the Author Title section of the card catalog. Same procedure as above.
- Check Emmet Starr's "Old Cherokee Families" and 2 volumes of NOTES.
- Check "Old Cherokee Families" 970.3 C424 se and notes 970.3 C424seb
- See attached Check List

*The rule of thumb for Native American records is to search everywhere and write everything down.*

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## Cherokee Indian Research Checklist (See "Exploring Your Cherokee Ancestry" 970.3 C424mt )

ENGLISH NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO YOU: \_\_\_\_\_ CHEROKEE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

TRIBE/CLAN: \_\_\_\_\_ DEGREE OF BLOOD: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF DEATH: \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF DEATH: \_\_\_\_\_

MARRIED TO: \_\_\_\_\_ CHEROKEE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEN: \_\_\_\_\_ WHERE: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S TRIBE/CLAN: \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE'S DEGREE OF BLOOD: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S DATE & PLACE OF DEATH: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTES:

	SOURCE	YES	NO	NOTES
1	1907-1909 GUION MILLER ROLL			Application # Other information:
2	1906-1907 DAWES ROLL			Roll#/Degree: Census Card# Grouped with:
3	1896 CHEROKEE CENSUS ROLL			Roll#/Degree:
4	1896 OLD SETTLERS PAYMENT ROLL			Agency Pay# If Dead, Heir's Names: <span style="float: right;">Alive?</span>
5	1894 STARR PAYMENT ROLL			Roll#/District:
6	1890 CENSUS ROLL			Roll#/District:
7	1886 CENSUS ROLL			Roll#/District:
8	1883 CENSUS ROLL			Roll#/District:
9	1880 CHEROKEE CENSUS			Roll#/District:
10	1867 TOMPKINS ROLL			Roll#/District:
11	CIVIL WAR SERVICE RECORD			Confederate ( ) Union ( ) Rank: <span style="float: right;">Company#:</span> Other Information:
12	1852 CHAPMAN ROLL			Roll#/Residence:
13	1851 SILER ROLL			Roll#/Residence:
14	1851 OLD SETTLERS ROLL			Roll#/Residence:
15	1851 DRENNEN ROLL			Roll#/Residence:
16	1848 MULLOY ROLL			Roll#/Residence:
17	1835 CHEROKEE CENSUS (HENDERSON ROLL)			Roll#/Residence:
18	1817-1835 CHEROKEE IMMIGRATION ROLLS			Date/#on list/Residence:
19	1817 REGISTER of RESERVEES			# on list/Residence:
20	EMMET STARR's GENEALOGY of OLD CHEROKEE FAMILIES			Name of Family/Other info: