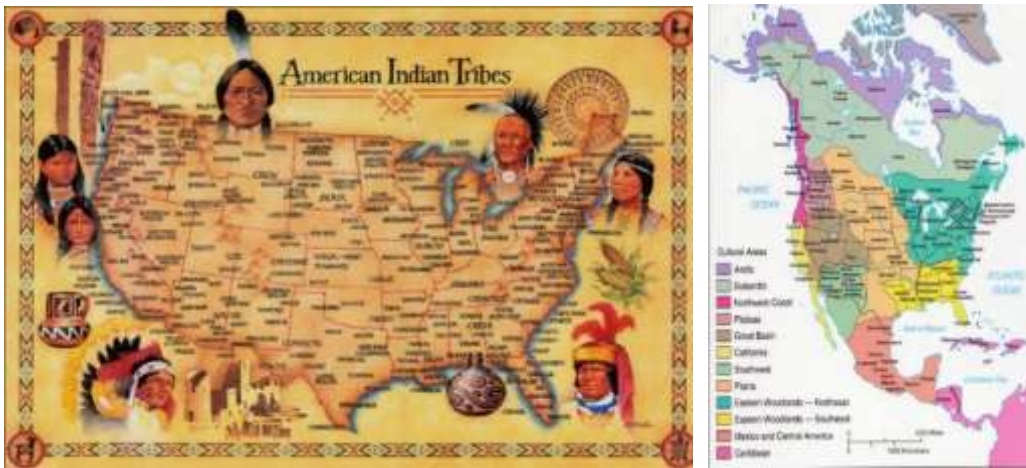


Native American Genealogy Indigenous to North America

Both FamilySearch.org and The Family History Guide.com offer good resources for those with Native American heritage. Note: Native Americans are not a homogenous population. There are about 500 different tribes grouped together by language group, or by geographic region, or by cultural area. The cultural area concept allows tribes to be organized by a combination of geographical and cultural parameters. The ten major cultural areas are the Arctic, Subarctic, Northeast, Southeast, Plains, Plateau, Southwest, Great Basin, California and Northwest coast. Once you know in which cultural area the tribe you are researching is classified, you can concentrate your research strategy on works covering that particular area.

Native Americans are also known by other phrases. There are several articles on the Research Wiki whose titles include the terms "American Indian," "Native Races," or "Indians of [a locality]." Searches on the Wiki should be made under each of these terms, as well.



FamilySearch Resources

Below is a synopsis of what FamilySearch offers:

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Indians_of_North_America

Groups of native people who lived on the North American continent long before they were discovered by European explorers. They often associated together by their common language and [culture](#) at

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/American_Indian_Cultural_Groups. These natives have been known as Indians, American Indians, Native Americans, the native races of North America, and other similar terms. Original records and books about them may be listed or cataloged under any or all of these terms.

Almost none of the American Indian groups had a written language. Most of the early records regarding them were created and preserved by individuals and governments dealing with the natives.

The Indians used oral history methods to preserve their history and culture. Read more at:

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Indians_of_North_America:Identifying_Tribal_Names.

Did you know

There are many depositories of the records of the Indians of North America. The National Archives of the United States in Washington D.C., its several regional archives, the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, the Oklahoma Historical Society in Oklahoma City, the Public Archives of Canada in Ottawa are but a

few of the archives or libraries with very substantial holdings of American Indian records. Many of these facilities have copies of records also found elsewhere. But each of these record custodians also has records unique to their facility. Read more at:

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Indians of North America: Archives and Libraries](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Indians_of_North_America:Archives_and_Libraries)

Research Tools

It is important to identify the name of the tribe to which an ancestor may have belonged, before trying to establish a connection to Native American ancestry. Most of the records are arranged either by tribal name or by locality of residence. Read more at:

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Indians of North America: Identifying Tribal Names](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Indians_of_North_America:Identifying_Tribal_Names)

Indians of Canada

By Province

Nearly every province or territory of Canada have tribes currently residing in them or have historically had tribes within their borders. Provincial or territorial Indian pages will be compiled and will provide information about the tribes that have resided within the province or territory. These pages have not yet been prepared.

Alberta	British Columbia	Labrador
Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland
Northwest Territories	Nova Scotia	Nunavut
Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec
Saskatchewan	Yukon	

Indians of the United States

By State

Nearly all of the states of the United States have tribes currently residing in them or have historically had tribes within their borders. The state Indian pages provide information about the tribes that have resided within a state, this includes the Indian reservations, Bureau of Indian Affairs agencies, Indian schools, health facilities, and other facts about the Indian groups associated with that state.

Alabama	Hawaii	Massachusetts	New Mexico	South Dakota
Alaska	Idaho	Michigan	New York	Tennessee
Arizona	Illinois	Minnesota	North Carolina	Texas
Arkansas	Indiana	Mississippi	North Dakota	Utah
California	Iowa	Missouri	Ohio	Vermont
Colorado	Kansas	Montana	Oklahoma	Virginia
Connecticut	Kentucky	Nebraska	Oregon	Washington
Delaware	Louisiana	Nevada	Pennsylvania	West Virginia
Florida	Maine	New Hampshire	Rhode Island	Wisconsin
Georgia	Maryland	New Jersey	South Carolina	Wyoming

By Tribe

The federal government of the United States recognizes some 562 tribal entities, including nearly 300 villages and groups in Alaska. In addition, there are many variations on the names of the tribes. Some tribes have changed their names or have become extinct.

An alphabetical a list of [Indian Tribes of the United States](#) is available.

See also

[WikiProject Indians of North America](#)

External Links

- <http://www.accessgenealogy.com/native/tribes/history/index.htm>
- <http://edtech.kennesaw.edu/web/natam.html>
- <http://thelibrary.springfield.missouri.org/lochist/native.cfm>
- <http://www.lib.umt.edu/research/guide/default.htm#native>
- <http://www.library.yale.edu/rsc/native/>
- <http://nativeamericanresearch.blogspot.com>
- <http://researchindians.blogspot.com>
- [Online Native American Indian Genealogy Records & Databases](#)

The Family History Guide

The Family History Guide provides four levels of tutorials for learning how to research Native Americans at: <https://thefhguide.com/project-9-native-amer.html>. Below is a breakdown of their tutorials.

1: Get Started 2: Special Topics 3: Search Records 4: Get Help Open Choices Close Choices

Closing Comments

The native Indians represents quite culture of American heritage. If you have such ancestry in your family lines, don't hesitate to explore the invaluable resources provided in this posting with some important links. Click on the photos for authentic images for North American Indians.





