



# Native American Local History & Genealogy

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## Books

### Local History

[\*Always A People: Oral Histories of Contemporary Woodland Nations.\*](#) Edited by Rita Kohn and W. Lynwood Montell. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1997.

- Reference LHG 973.0497 ALWA

Told as first person oral histories, *Always A People* is a collection documenting the experiences of 41 people from 17 different tribes representing 11 of the Woodland Nations in the Great Lakes region. They not only discuss the heritage of the Woodland Nations but also highlight the endurance and community of the present tribes within the Woodland Nations.

Brady, Arthur W. ["The Moravian Mission in Indiana."](#) *Mississippi Valley Historical Review* (Nov. 1921): 286-298.

- Reference LHG 284.6772 BRAD

Brady's article on the Moravian mission here in Indiana is a secondary source that provides contextual information about the group and aids in understanding the published diaries and letters written by the Moravians in the collection.

Burkhart, Bruce. [\*Muncie Indiana's Public Commemoration of Its Native History.\*](#) Tolland: Bruce Burkhart, 2004.

- Reference LHG 977.265 BURK

This is a paper that Bruce Burkhart wrote for a class that documents the public memorials in Muncie that commemorate its native past asking the question, "What has Muncie remembered of its native past, how has it publicly done so, and why?" (p. 3) He also points out the problems with the public monuments that need rectified.

Cochran, Donald R. and Beth K. McCord. [\*The Archaeology of Anderson Mounds, Mounds State Park, Anderson Indiana.\*](#) Muncie: Ball State University, 2001.

- Reference LHG 913.772 COCH

Using Mounds State Park in Anderson, Indiana as a case study, this paper tells the story of the Native American earthen monuments found in East Central Indiana and the people who built them. It includes illustrations, bibliography, a chronology of East Central Indiana, and tables of regional radiocarbon dates.

Dean, Thomas. [\*Journal of Thomas Dean: A Journey to Indiana in 1817\*](#). Fort Wayne: Public Library of Fort Wayne and Allen County, 1955.

- Reference LHG 977.2 DEAN

Thomas Dean came to Indiana in 1817 with a group of American Indians called the Brothertown Indians in order to secure land for them in the state. This journal documents that journey and is a primary source.

Flook, Chris. [\*Native Americans of East Central Indiana\*](#). Charleston: The History Press, 2016.

- Reference LHG 970.1 FLOO

Flook's book focuses on the history of the Native American peoples living specifically in the East Central region of Indiana. He pieces together this history using both the archeological and written record from the period as well as prior research done on the subject.

Floyd, Mike and Kevin Howell. [\*Still Here 2008: A Pictorial of Indiana's Native American People\*](#). Charleston: Book Surge Publishing, 2008.

- Reference LHG 973.0497 FLOY

Many people in Indiana believe that the Native American population here is a thing of the past, and this book attempts to clear up the misconception by correcting stereotyped representations and discussing the state of the Native American peoples in the 21st century.

[\*Fort Wayne, Gateway of the West, 1802-1813: Garrison Orderly Books, Indian Agency Account Book\*](#). Indiana Historical Collections, vol. XV. Edited by B.J. Griswold. Indianapolis: Historical Bureau, 1927.

- Reference LHG 977.2 INDI

This volume of the Indiana Historical Collections includes an account book of John Johnston, who was the agent for the Native Americans at Fort Wayne from 1802-1811. It paints an economic picture of the fur trade in Indiana during its frontier days.

Glenn, Elizabeth J., B.K. Swartz Jr., and Russell E. Lewis. [\*Ethnohistorical and Archaeological Descriptive Accounts of the War of 1812 Mississinewa Campaign and Aftermath: Project Report\*](#). Edited by B.K. Swartz, Jr. Muncie: Ball State University, 1977.

- Reference LHG 977.2 GLEN

This publication looks at the War of 1812 Mississinewa Campaign from an ethnohistorical viewpoint meaning that the authors used other sources beyond the historical record (e.g. archaeology) to examine the subject matter. It includes appendices of primary source material used.

Glenn, Elizabeth and Stewart Rafert. [\*The Native Americans\*](#). Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Society Press, 2009.

- Reference LHG 305.8 GLEN

Stemming from an essay written in *Peopling Indiana: The Ethnic Experience*, Glenn and Rafert expand upon their history of the Native American peoples living within Indiana before and during the arrival of Europeans as well as post-removal from Indiana to the present as of 2009.

Gray, Elma E. [\*Wilderness Christians: The Moravian Mission to the Delaware Indian\*](#). Toronto: Macmillan Company of Canada Limited, 1956.

- Reference LHG 284.6772 GRAY

Although dated, *Wilderness Christians* provides contextual information on the Moravian mission to the Delaware Indians. Even though this work does not touch on the tribes living along the White River in Indiana, this book is still useful for understanding the published Moravian diaries and letters in the collection.

Grumet, Robert S. [\*The Lenapes\*](#). Edited by Frank W. Porter III. New York: Chelsea House Publishers, 1989.

- Reference LHG 970.3 GRUM

*The Lenapes* is a general history of this specific group of North American Indians from the time of European contact to the 20th century. It also discusses the culture of the Lenape tribe. In terms of local history, the Lenape Indians settled along the White River here in Delaware County.

Helm, Thomas B. [\*History of Delaware County, Indiana with Illustrations and Biographical Sketches of Some of Its Prominent Men and Pioneers\*](#). Chicago: Kingman Brothers, 1881.

- Reference LHG 977.265 HELM

The earliest county history in the collection includes chapters on the history of the county before European settlement as well as information on the pioneer period.

Hesser, Leon F. [\*The Taming of the Wilderness : Indiana's Transition from Indian Hunting Grounds to Hoosier Farmland, 1800 to 1875\*](#). Bloomington: 1st Books Library, 2002.

- Reference LHG 977.203 HESS

Hesser's book is a general history of how Indiana went from frontier to state and includes chapters on relationships between the Native Americans and the settlers coming into the state as well as the forced removal of the Potawatomi and Miami tribes.

[\*Indiana's First War\*](#). *Indiana Historical Society Publications*, vol. 8, no. 2. Translated by Caroline and Eleanor Dunn. Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Society, 1924.

- Reference LHG 977.201 DUNN

This primary source documents the minor war between the white settlers of Indiana and the French and Cherokee Indians. It includes both the original French and English translation.

[\*Indians and a Changing Frontier: The Art of George Winter\*](#). Compiled by Sarah E. Cooke and Rachel B. Ramadhyani. Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Society and Tippecanoe County Historical Association, 1993.

- Reference LHG 759.13 COOK

This book catalogs the George Winter Collection held by the Tippecanoe County Historical Association. George Winter was an artist who lived in the early 19th century. His work depicts the Native Americans and landscapes within Indiana during that time as well as the acculturation occurring among the Native American people allowed to stay.

Jones III, James R. and Amy L. Johnson. [\*Early Peoples of Indiana\*](#). Indianapolis: Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR), 2003.

- Reference LHG 977.201 EARL

The publication *Early Peoples of Indiana* is an introduction to the prehistoric cultures within Indiana from 10,000 BCE to 1650 CE. It also discusses archaeology and how it is practiced within the state of Indiana as of publication.

[\*Letter Book of the Indian Agency at Fort Wayne 1809-1815\*](#). Edited by Gayle Thornbrough. Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Society, 1961.

- Reference LHG 977.274 UNIT

This is a published primary source of the correspondence between the Indian Agency at Fort Wayne and the local and national government. They document the state of affairs between the white settlers and Native Americans from 1809-1815.

Lilly, Eli. [\*Prehistoric Antiquities of Indiana\*](#). Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Society, 1937.

- Goddard Collection LILL

Lilly's book explores the prehistory and archaeology of the state of Indiana. Although dated, the work provides maps, illustrations of prehistoric objects, and photographs of various places that anyone learning about the native history of Indiana can reference for context.

McCafferty, Michael. [\*Native American Places Names of Indiana\*](#). Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2008.

- Reference LHG 977.2 MCCA

This is a linguistic history of place names in Indiana that bear Native American roots. The study not only includes who created the names and when, where, how, and why they were used, but also each entry includes the native language forms, translations, and pronunciation guides.

McPherson, Alan J. and James Carr. [\*Notable American Indians: Indiana and Adjacent States\*](#). Bloomington: Author House, 2007.

- Reference LHG 970.4 MCPH

McPherson and Carr's book is a biographical compilation of famous Native Americans who lived in the southern Great Lakes region, including those from Indiana. It also has a recommended reading list for those who want to learn more.

[\*Minnetrista Council for Great Lakes Native American Studies: 1991-1992 Proceedings, Woodland National Conference\*](#). Muncie: Minnetrista Cultural Foundation, 1993.

- Reference LHG 970.4 MINN

This is a collection of articles that resulted from 1991 and 1992 proceedings of the Woodland National Conferences held by the Minnetrista Council for Great Lakes Native Americans. These papers focus on the Woodland Native Tribes in the Great Lakes regions from the 18th to 20th centuries and deal in a variety of topics regarding those peoples.

[\*The Moravian Indian Mission on White River: Diaries and Letters, May 5, 1799 to November 12, 1806.\*](#) Indiana Historical Collections, vol. XXIII. Edited by Lawrence Henry Gipson. Translated by Harry E. Stocker, Herman T. Frueauff, and Samuel E. Zeller. Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Bureau, 1938.

- Reference LHG 977.2 INDI

Translated primary source of the Moravian missionaries ministering to the Native Americans along the White River in Indiana. This includes diaries and letters from the mission and provide a glimpse into Native American life from 1799-1806 from a European, religious perspective.

Moulton, Candy V. [\*Everyday Life Among the American Indians.\*](#) Cincinnati: Writer's Digest Books, 2002.

- Reference LHG 973.0497 MOUL

Moulton's book is a general reference guide to the different Native American peoples living in the United States from 1800-1900. It includes information on both the history and culture of more than 500 tribes using maps, illustrations, chronologies, and overviews of daily life.

[\*Native American Cultures in Indiana : Proceedings of the First Minnetrista Council for Great Lakes Native American Studies.\*](#) Edited by Ronald Hicks. Muncie: Minnetrista Cultural Center, 1992.

- Reference LHG 977.2 NATI

This is a collection of articles that resulted from the first conference on Great Lakes Native American Studies held at Minnetrista. The conference targeted each major period in Native American history focusing mostly on but not restricted to the East Central Indiana region and are arranged chronologically with a particular focus on the early historic period.

Rafert, Stewart. [\*The Miami Indians of Indiana: A Persistent People 1654-1994.\*](#) Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Society, 1996.

- Reference LHG 970.3 RAFF

Rafert's book is a history of the Miami Indians from 1654 before the Trail of Tears to the present as of publication, 1994. It dispels the myth that the American Indians only lived in Indiana in the past and brings awareness to the forgotten, present history of the Miami Indians.

Tipton, John. [\*The John Tipton Papers.\*](#) Indiana Historical Collections, vol. XXIV-XXVI. Edited by Nellie Armstrong Robertson and Dorothy Riker. Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Bureau, 1942.

- Reference LHG 977.2 INDI v. 24-26

John Tipton (1786-1839) was the United States Indian Agent in Indiana beginning in 1823 to the Potawatomi and Miami tribes. He oversaw the forced removal of the Potawatomi tribes in 1838 to Kansas from Indiana. These volumes are a compilation of his manuscript collections regarding not only his term as Indian agent but also his other activities within Indiana.

[Woodland Peoples: An Educational Unit](#). Muncie: Minnetrista Cultural Center, 1993.

- Reference LHG 970.4 WOOD

An educational resource for teachers and students used in conjunction with two exhibits at Minnetrista in 1993 regarding the Woodland Native Peoples of the Great Lakes area. It was made with the purpose of providing accurate and up to date information on these peoples.

### **Genealogy**

Carter, Kent. [The Dawes Commission and the Allotment of the Five Civilized Tribes, 1893-1914](#). Orem: Ancestry.com.

- Reference LHG 333.323 CART

Carter's book discusses the Dawes Commission in order to provide a better understanding of the source material that documents the allotment of land to tribal members within Indian Territory in 1893. It includes historical photographs, documents from the Dawes Commission, footnotes, appendices, bibliography, and index.

Commission and Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes. [The Final Rolls of the Five Civilized Tribes in Indian Territory](#). Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2003.

- Reference LHG 929.1 UNIT

In 1893, the Dawes Commission negotiated with the Cherokees, Choctaws, Chickasaws, Creeks, and Seminoles to abolish tribal governments and provide for the allotment of land to tribal members. These rolls document that allotment as well as tribal affiliation and proof of blood from the applicants. Also includes an index.

[Delaware Trails: Some Tribal Records 1842-1907](#). Transcribed by Fay Louise Smith Arellano. Baltimore: Clearfield Company, Inc., 1998.

- Reference LHG 929.30899 AREL

At the time of publication, this book was the best collection of records pertaining to the Delaware Indians and is highly useful for those trying to trace their genealogy within that tribe. It includes censuses, medical records, annuity payments, land improvement records, and much more.

[Eastern Cherokee Census: Cherokee, North Carolina, 1915-1922, vol. I-IV](#). Transcribed by Jeff Bowen. Baltimore: Clearfield Company, 2004.

- Reference LHG 929.30899 BOWE v. 1-4

This is a transcription of the census of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians taken by James E. Henderson who was an Indian Agent for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, years 1915-1922. A census can be useful in tracking and learning more about ancestors.

Estes, Roberta. [\*DNA for Native American Genealogy\*](#). Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2021.

- Reference LHG 929.1072

Estes' book is an introduction on how to use DNA testing to identify Native American ancestors. It includes topics such as the history of the American Indians, how DNA works, the different types of testing and how to use them, and what to do next if you find American Indian ancestry in your line.

Gormley, Myra Vanderpool. [\*Cherokee Connections: An Introduction to Genealogical Sources Pertaining to Cherokee Ancestors\*](#). Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1995.

- Reference LHG 929.1 GORM

Designed for researchers trying to prove their heritage for tribal membership, *Cherokee Connections* is an introduction to genealogical sources pertaining to the Cherokee nation. It provides information on the records pertaining to this topic as well as a bibliography and maps.

[\*Guide to Records in the National Archives of the United States Relating to American Indians\*](#). Compiled by Edward E. Hill. Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1981.

- Reference LHG 016.3231 HILL

Although dated, this reference guide lists contextual information on the records pertaining to the Native Americans held by the National Archives and Records Administration. It also includes images and an index.

Kavasch, E. Barrie. [\*A Student's Guide to Native American Genealogy\*](#). Phoenix: Oryx Press, 1996.

- Reference LHG 929.1 KAVA

Designed for grades 6-12, this book introduces young adults to genealogy research into Native American Heritage by showing them how to research and document that research, providing context, and explaining the issues that they might encounter with this ethnic group. It includes other resources to explore.

Lennon, Rachel Mills. [\*Tracing Ancestors Among the Five Civilized Tribes: Southeastern Indians Prior to Removal\*](#). Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2002.

- Reference LHG 929.1 LENN

This book focuses in on a topic that is hard to research for genealogists, the century or so prior to the removal of the Southeastern nations to Indian Territory. It includes chapters on the different types of records from this period, illustrations, and appendices for further research.

[Master List of Miami Indians of Indiana from 1846 to about 1900](#). Compiled by Stewart Rafert. Newark: Stewart Rafert, 1989.

- Reference LHG 970.3 MAST

Rafert compiled a listing of those Miami Indians of Indiana who were allowed to remain in the state from tribal rolls, cemetery records, Indian guardianship records, local birth and death records after 1882, and Bureau of Indian Affairs records. This is a useful source for genealogists trying to trace Miami Native American heritage.

McVicker, Erma (Rees). [The Lewis and Mary Rees Family of Delaware County, Indiana](#). Muncie: Erma McVicker, 2001.

- Reference LHG 92 REES

This family history of the Rees family includes a biographical chapter on James Musco, the last of the Delaware to live in the county. He is buried in Rees Cemetery.

[Native American Genealogical Sourcebook](#). Edited by Paula K. Byers. Detroit: Gale Research Inc., 1995.

- Reference LHG 929.1 NATI

Part of the Genealogy Sourcebook Series, this guide is meant to be an introduction on how to research your Native American heritage. Divided into three parts, the sourcebook provides information on how to begin your research, resources to help you in your research, and indexes.

Walton-Raji, Angela Y. [Black Indian Genealogy Research: African-American Ancestors Among the Five Civilized Tribes](#). Westminster: Heritage Books, Inc., 2007.

- Reference LHG 929.3089 WALT

Walton-Raji discusses Black Native Americans and Tri-Racial groups in this book and explains how to conduct genealogical research into multiracial ancestry using particularly the Indian Freedman Records, but also other records. This book includes appendices of primary sources as well as a bibliography and index.

**Note:** This is just a sample of what we have relating to Native Americans in our Local History and Genealogy collection. You can find more by visiting our catalog at [www.munciepubliclibrary.org](http://www.munciepubliclibrary.org).

## Other Resources

Ball State University Immersive Learning Project. "The Lenape on the Wapahani." Ball State University, 2014. <http://www.lenapeonthewapahani.org/>

This is the accompanying website to the documentary *The Lenape on the Wapahani River* produced by Ball State students as part of an immersive learning project. It includes the documentary as well as information about the project. Furthermore, the website has educational resources on the Delaware tribes.



Eiler, Kayla, dir. [The Lenape on the Wapahani River](#). Muncie, IN: Ball State University, 2013. DVD.

- Reference LHG 970.3 LENA

Funded by the Hamer and Phyllis Schafer Foundation, this documentary explores the overlooked story of the Delaware Native American experience within Indiana from the 1790s to 1821. This documentary resulted from an immersive learning project at Ball State University in partnership with the Delaware Tribe of Indians and Conner Prairie Interactive History Park.

[Indiana. Muncie. Native Americans](#). Vertical Files. Carnegie Library, Muncie Public Library, Muncie, IN.

- Reference Vertical Files

This subject file includes news clippings, booklets, and papers related to the Native American history of Muncie, IN.

["Native American History"](#). National Archives News. National Archives and Records Administration. Last revised November 3, 2022.

The National Archives and Records Administration holds hundreds of thousands of records as pertaining to Native American history here in the United States as early as 1774 to the mid-1990s. The website has a wealth of information for the researcher interested in this topic as well as educational resources and online exhibits to name a few things included.

["Tribal Enrollment Process"](#). Tribes. U.S. Department of the Interior. Accessed November 11, 2022.

Once you have determined your American Indian ancestry, you can take steps to enroll in the corresponding tribe. This website provides information on how to do so.