

NATIVE AMERICAN GENEALOGY

WITH A FOCUS ON SENECA ANCESTRY: SELECTED SOURCES IN THE GROSVENOR ROOM



KEY

* = Oversized book

Buffalo = Buffalo Collection in Grosvenor Room

Folio = Very oversized book

GRO = Grosvenor Room Genealogy Collection

NON-FICT = General Non-fiction, 1st floor

Media Room = Media Room, across from Grosvenor Room

Military Ref = Reference, Military

Ref. = Reference, Ethnic – NAT (Native American)
Stacks = Closed stacks storage – ask staff for retreival
WNYGS = In collection of Western NY Genealogical Society

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INTRODUCTION

This guide is designed to assist persons researching Native American genealogy in the Grosvenor Room of the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library. Genealogical handbooks, guides, manuals, indexes to record compilations, atlases, maps, and newspapers serve numerous purposes and can prove to be invaluable resources to all researchers, regardless of their level of expertise.

Nearly everything listed here can be found in the Grosvenor Room (GRO). Material in the Grosvenor Room does not circulate and cannot be removed from the room. In a few cases, there are copies of these books that can be borrowed from the Humanities & Social Sciences (HSS) Department.

Most Native peoples in New York are Iroquois (Haudenosaunee). The Haudenosaunee is a confederacy composed of six nations: Cayuga, Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Seneca and Tuscarora. Other tribes in New York include the Shinnecock and Poospatuck of Algonquin origin.

If you do not know the tribal affiliation of the ancestors in question, begin with histories of the city, county or area where they lived. These histories will usually describe which Native groups predate European settlement in the area. General tribal histories can be found in the Central Library's general non-fiction area, at the back of the first floor.

Books are listed in call number order. Shelf locations are always subject to change.

To view this and other subject guides online, use the following link: https://www.buffalolib.org/special-collections/guides-publications

GENERAL HOW-TO GUIDES & REFERENCE SOURCES

GRO Ref. *CS68 .U6 2000, Chapter 11, pp. 211-235, "Records of Native Americans"

United States. National Archives and Records Administration

Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives, 3rd ed.

Washington, DC: National Archives and Records Administration, 2000

GRO E77 .D28 1984

Danky, James Philip

Native American Periodicals and Newspapers, 1828-1982: Bibliography, Publishing Record, and Holdings

Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, ©1984

GRO Ethnic Ref - NAT. *E78 .I5 C37 1999

Carter. Kent

The Dawes Commission and the Allotment of the Five Civilized Tribes, 1893-1914

Orem, UT: Ancestry.com, ©1999

GRO Ethnic Ref - NAT E185.96 .W294 1993

Walton-Raji, Angela Y.

Black Indian Genealogy Research

Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, 1993

GRO Nat Arch Ref. *E78 .N7 N88 1988

New York State Archives and Records Administration

Guide to Records Relating to Native Americans

Albany, NY: University of the State of New York, State Education Dept., Office of Cultural Education, State Archives and Records Administration, 1988

GRO Ethnic Ref - NAT *E78 .N7 P94 1995, 3 vols.

Prevost, Toni Jollay

Indians from New York: A Genealogy Reference

Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, ©1995

GRO Ethnic Ref - NAT *E98 .G44 B3 1989

Barr. Charles Butler

Guide to Sources of Indian Genealogy

Independence, MS: Charles Butler Barr, ©1989

GRO *E98 .G44 C3

Carpenter, Cecelia Svinth

How to Research American Indian Blood Lines

South Prairie, WA: Meico Associates, ©1984

GRO Ethnic Ref - NAT E98 .G44 D64 1997, 2 vols.

Duffy, Laurie Beth

Who's Looking for Whom in Native American Ancestry

Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, 1997

GRO Ethnic Ref - NAT *E98 .G44 K5 1980, 2 vols.

Kirkham, E. Kay

Our Native Americans and Their Records of Genealogical Value

Logan, UT: Everton Publishers, ©1980

GRO Ethnic Ref - NAT *E98 .G44 N37 1995

Bvers. Paula. ed.

Native American Genealogical Sourcebook

Detroit, MI: Gale Research, ©1995

GENERAL HOW-TO GUIDES & REFERENCE SOURCES

GRO Ethnic Ref - NAT E98 .G44 P35 1993, 2 vols.

Pangburn, Richard

Indian Blood

Louisville, KY: Butler Books, ©1993

GRO *E98 .G44 Y68 1996

Young, Gloryann Hankins

Indian Ancestors? Where to Look

Wister, OK: Young, 1996

Stacks E99 .C5 G66 1995

Gormley, Myra Vanderpool

Cherokee Connections: An Introduction to Genealogical Sources Pertaining to Cherokee Ancestors

Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Pub. Co., 2003, ©1995

GRO Ethnic Ref - NAT E99 .C5 L45 2002

Lennon, Rachal Mills

Tracing Ancestors Among the Five Civilized Tribes

Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2002

GRO Ethnic Ref - NAT E99 .C5 M375

McClure, Tony Mack

Cherokee Proud: A Guide for Tracing and Honoring Your Cherokee Ancestors

Somerville, TN: Chunannee Books, 1997 ©1996

GRO Ethnic Ref - NAT E99 .S3 H2 1994

Haas, Marilyn

Seneca and Tuscarora Indians: An Annotated Bibliography

Metuchen, NJ: Scarecrow Press, ©1994

CENSUS INDEXES

The Grosvenor Room has print indexes for the New York State portions of the federal census from 1790 to 1870 and 1900 to 1910. For 1880, it has Soundex microfilms. For 1920 and 1930, see the **Databases** section of this handout.

However, it can be difficult to identify Native Americans in census records if they lived off the reservations. Race is recorded in the federal census from 1820 on, but be aware that census enumerators could choose only between the categories *White, Black* or *Mulatto*. *Mulatto* can indicate someone of European and Native parentage, someone of European and African parentage, or other combinations. The category *Indian* was first used in the 1870 census.

To learn more about Indians in Federal census records, see the following articles.

Collins, James P.

Native Americans in the Census, 1860–1890

http://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/2006/summer/indian-census.html

Indian Census Rolls, 1885-1940

http://www.archives.gov/research/census/native-americans/1885-1940.html

CENSUS RECORDS IN PRINT

GRO *E98 .C3 W2

Walker, Homer A.

Cherokee Indian Census of 1835 of the States of Georgia, Alabama, and North Carolina

Washington, DC: Homer A. Walker, [n.d.]

GRO Census Table *E99 .I7 S55 1995

The Six Nations of New York: The 1892 United States Extra Census Bulletin

Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 1995

Buffalo E99 .S3 E86 1990Z

Expanded Index of the Seneca: Census, Annuity Rolls and List of Guardians and Administrators,

December 30, 1873-October 3, 1902, Quapaw Agency, Census

Cullman, AL; Wyandotte, OK: Gregath Pub., [199-?]

Buffalo E99 .S3 F8

The Case of the Seneca Indians in the State of New York

Philadelphia, PA: Merrihew and Thompson, 1840

Pages 137-164 include lists and censuses of Senecas on the Buffalo Creek, Alleghany, and Cattaraugus Reservations; and Cayugas on the Cattaraugus Reservation who were opposed to the emigration and selling of their lands. Various lists of Native American Chiefs and/or Tribal Representatives are also scattered throughout the book.

GRO F445 .W2

Walker, Homer A.

Cherokee Indian Census of 1835 for the State of Tennessee

Washington, DC: Homer A. Walker, [1958]

CENSUS RECORDS ON MICROFILM IN NEW YORK STATE				
Year	Туре	Film Number	Contents	Location
1845	State	362A	State Census of Indian Reservations	GRO
1875	State		Onondaga Reservation	LDS
1877-1880		WNY E99 S3 S4	Seneca Nation – Allegany Reservation	SNA
1877-1880		WNY E99 S3 S42	Seneca Nation – Cattaraugus Reservation	SNA
1885-1940	State	WNY E98 C3 155 196	Indian Census Rolls	SNA; ALE; HQ; FS
1915	State	WNYGS ML349	All NYS territories located after Yates County	WNYGS; ALE
1920	Fed		Reservations enumerated with respective counties	GRO, WNYGS; ALE; HQ
1925	State	225, Reel #62	Cattaraugus Reservation	GRO; ALE
1925	State	WNYGS ML336, ML112, ML343	Allegany Reservation, Cattaraugus Reservation, Tuscarora Reservation	WNYGS; ALE
1930	Fed	#1437	Reservations enumerated with respective counties	GRO; WNYGS; ALE; HQ

KEY

ALE = Ancestry Library Edition (BECPL database)
HQ = HeritageQuest Online (BECPL database)

FS = www.familysearch.org (free website)

Addresses are at the end of this guide

LDS = Church of Latter-day Saints

NYSL = New York State Library **GRO** = Grosvenor Room

SNA = Seneca Nation Archives

WNYGS = Western New York Genealogical Society

DATABASES				
http://dbaz.buffalolib.org/dbaz.php#Genealogy				
Name	Description	Access		
Ancestry Library Edition	A genealogical research product providing access to more than 1 billion names. Includes city directories, 450 million census records from the U.S. Federal Census between the years 1790 and 1940, immigration, vital, military, court, church and ethnic records. Native American resources include, but are not limited to: U.S. Native American Enrollment Cards for the Five Civilized Tribes, 1898-1914; U.S. Native American Applications for Enrollment in Five Civilized Tribes, 1896; U.S., Indian Census Rolls, 1885-1940; Dawes Commission Index, 1896; Wallace Roll of Cherokee Freedmen, 1890-93.	Available for walk-in users at every public library in Erie County. No at-home use.		
HeritageQuest Online	Contains U.S. federal census records from 1790-1940, Native American censuses 1885-1940, family genealogies, local histories, city directories, Revolutionary War pension files, the U.S. Serial Set, and the Social Security Death Index.	Available for walk-in users at every public library in Erie County. Also available from home with a valid Buffalo and Erie County Public Library card. Enter your card number at the address above.		

DIRECTORIES

Buffalo E78 .N7 N3 1990

Native American Resource Directory

Buffalo, NY: Native American Community Services of Erie & Niagara Counties, 1990

Stacks E93 .13828 1986

Indian Reservations: A State and Federal Handbook

Jefferson, NC: McFarland, ©1986

GRO Ethnic Ref - NAT E98 .G44 H46 1998

Henry, Lorraine

Native American Directory (Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Wisconsin)

Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, 1998

LOCAL HISTORY FILE

This is a card index of newspaper and periodical articles about people, places, and things in the Buffalo area. In addition to looking up **family surnames**, try these headings:

Archaeology

Churches. Presbyterian. Indian

Earthworks

Indians

Mounds

Thomas Indian School

U.S Indian Agent

MAPS & ATLASES	Notes	
Some local Indian reservations straddle multiple counties. The following atlases show names of residents or landowners in various portions of reservations. Please check with a librarian before using cameras of any kind in the Grosvenor Room.		
GRO Census Table *E99 .I7 S55 1995 The Six Nations of New York: The 1892 United States Extra Census Bulletin Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 1995	Allegany Reservation, p. 27 Cattaraugus Reservation, p. 30 Cornplanter Reservation, p. 27 Oil Spring Reservation, p. 27 Tonawanda Reservation, p. 26 Tuscarora Reservation, p. 31 May be freely photocopied.	
GRO Folio F127 .C4 B5 Atlas of Cattaraugus County, New York from Actual Surveys & Official Records New York: D. G. Beers, 1869	See p. 73 for names of Cattaraugus reservation residents.	
GRO Folio F127 .E6 C4 New Century Atlas of Erie County, New York Philadelphia, PA: Century Map Co., ©1909	See pp. 26, 104-105 for names of Cattaraugus reservation residents.	
GRO Folio F127 .E6 S7 New Topographical Atlas of Erie Co., New York, from Actual Surveys Especially for This Atlas Philadelphia, PA: Stone & Stewart, 1866	See pp. 21, 37 for names of Cattaraugus reservation residents.	
GRO Folio F127 .G19 B44 New Topographical Atlas of Genesee and Wyoming Counties, New York from Actual Surveys Philadelphia, PA: Stone & Stewart, 1866	See p. 9 for names of Tonawanda Reservation residents	
GRO Folio F127 .G2 C4 The New Century Atlas of Genesee County Philadelphia, PA: Century Map Co., 1904	See p. 53 for names of Tonawanda Reservation residents	
GRO Folio F127 .N8 B4 Atlas of Niagara and Orleans Counties, New York, from Actual Surveys and Official Records Philadelphia, PA: Beers, Upton & Co., 1875	See p. 21 for names of Tuscarora Reservation residents	
GRO Folio F127 .N8 C4 New Century Atlas, Niagara County, New York Philadelphia, PA: Century Map Co., 1908	See p. 99 for names of Tuscarora Reservation residents	
Buffalo *G1253 .E6 B4 1985 Illustrated Historical Atlas of Erie Co., New York, from Actual Surveys and Records Evansville, IN: Whipporwill Publications, [1985]	See pp. 144-145, 168-169 for names of Cattaraugus reservation residents. This atlas was originally published in 1880 and was reprinted in 1985. May be freely photocopied.	
Map 34M-84 Map of the Tuscarora Indian Reservation, Niagara County, New York 1914	Individual landowners indicated. In GRO map case.	

MEDIA - MUSIC AND DVD	Notes
GRO LP RECORD BJ 346 T [LP] Seneca Songs from Coldspring Longhouse [Washington, DC] Library of Congress, Music Division, Recording Laboratory [1959]	1 disc; 33 1/3 rpm sound recording. Recorded at the Allegany Reservation. This LP may be not be borrowed.
GRO LP RECORD BJN 24 [LP] Seneca Social Dance Music: From Allegany Reservation Cattaraugus County, New York, 1977-1980 New York, NY: Ethnic Folkways Records, 1980	1 disc; 33 1/3 rpm sound recording. Recorded by Mary Frances Riemer at the Reservation. This LP may be borrowed.
Media Room NATIVEA .ZS698 S [CD] Songs and Dances of the Eastern Indians from Medicine Spring & Allegany New York, NY: New World Records, p1985	1 compact disc; recorded at Medicine Spring Ceremonial Ground, Sequoyah, County, Oklahoma and the Allegany Reservation in Salamanca, New York. This CD may be borrowed.
Media Room E98.G44 H72 2000V [DVD] How to Trace your Native American Heritage Dallas, TX: Rich-Heape Films, ©2000	Discusses how and where to research one's Indian lineage, how to obtain Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood, and how to obtain tribal membership. This DVD may be borrowed.

MILITARY HISTORY & SOURCES	Notes
NON-FICT E99 .17 B22 2006 Barr, Daniel P. Unconquered: The Iroquois League at War in Colonial America Westport, CT: Praeger, 2006	This volume may be borrowed.
GRO E99 .I7 B35 1998 Benn, Carl The Iroquois in the War of 1812 Toronto; Buffalo, NY: University of Toronto Press, ©1998	
GRO E99 .I7 G67 Graymont, Barbara The Iroquois in the American Revolution [Syracuse, NY]: Syracuse University Press, 1972	
Military Ref E99 .I7 H335 1993 Hauptman, Laurence M. The Iroquois in the Civil War: From Battlefield to Reservation Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University Press, ©1993	
Military Ref E523.2 .N6 No. 37, pp. 284-465 Annual Report of the Adjutant-General of the State of New York Albany, NY: James B. Lyon, State Printers, 1894-1906	During the Civil War, Indians from the Allegany, Cattaraugus and Tuscarora reservations enlisted in the Union Army and were sent to the 132 nd New York Infantry, Company D. See this volume for a regimental roster.
Buffalo E540 .I3 P37 1995 Hauptman, Laurence M. A Seneca Indian in the Union Army Shippensburg, PA: Burd Street Press, ©1995	Comprised of the Civil War letters of Sergeant Isaac Newton Parker, who served in the 132 nd NY Volunteers, Company D, the "Tuscarora Company."

MILITARY HISTORY & SOURCES	Notes
GRO F67 .B7 Bodge, George M. Soldiers in King Philip's War; Being a Critical Account of that War Leominster, MA: The Author, 1896	Includes lists of the Narragansett grantees of the United colonies, Massachusetts, Plymouth, and Connecticut.

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS			
Call Number/ Location	Title	Dates We Have	Notes
GRO Microfiche #15, Cabinet 1, D.4	Akwesasne Notes	1969-1996	Official publication of the Mohawk Nation at Akwesasne
Buffalo Stacks -Folio *E77 .T935 v.1-6	Turtle	1979-1994	Published by the Native American Center for the Living Arts in Niagara Falls
GRO*E99 .S3 C67	Cornplanter Descendants Association Newsletter	1994 - 2005	Traces the descendents of Seneca Chief Cornplanter (1732?-1836)
Buffalo *E99 .S3 S5	Si Wong Geh	June 1978 – Nov. 1986	Cattaraugus Indian Reservation newspaper

RARE BOOK ROOM

RBR MAG. S55
The Six Nations

[Lawtons, NY: Society for the Propagation of Indian Welfare in New York State, 1926-1930

RBR WNYO 1840.M3

Report on the Memorials of the Seneca Indians and Others: Accepted November 21, 1840, in the Council of Massachusetts

Boston, MA: Dutton and Wentworth, State Printers, 1840

RBR WNYO 1842.M4

Ne jaguhńigo áges gwathah = The Mental Elevator

Do'syowă Ganokdayăh: [Printed at the Seneca Mission House], 1841-1850

RBR WNYO 1878.S26 Sanborn, John W.

Legends, Customs and Social Life of the Seneca Indians, of Western New York

Gowanda, NY: Horton & Deming, Enterprise Print, 1878

SCRAPBOOKS	Notes
GRO *E78 .N7 B9, 2 vols. Indians of Western New York	Newspaper clippings from Buffalo papers, ca. 1880-1960

SENECA HISTORY IN WESTERN NEW YORK	Notes
GRO E78 .N7 A575 2016	
Amrhein, Cindy	
A history of Native American land rights in upstate New York	
Charleston, S.C.: History Press, 2016	
Buffalo E78 .N7 S7	
Snyder, Charles McCool	
Red and White on the New York Frontier, a Struggle for Survival:	
Insights from the Papers of Erastus Granger, Indian Agent, 1807-1819	
Harrison, NY: Harbor Hill Books, ©1978	
NON-FICT E97.6.T4 B87 2016	
Burich, Keith R.,	
The Thomas Indian School and the "irredeemable" children of	
New York	
Syracuse, New York : Syracuse University Press, [2016]	
Buffalo E97.6 .T4 T4, 1881-1942	Various publishers. Originally called
Thomas Indian School Annual Reports	the Thomas Asylum.
Buffalo *E99 .I7 J8 1987	
Judkins, Russell A., ed.	
Iroquois Studies: A Guide to Documentary and Ethnographic	
Resources from Western New York and the Genesee Valley	
Geneseo, NY: Dept. of Anthropology, State University of New York and the Geneseo Foundation, 1987	
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Buffalo E99 .S3 C3 Caswell, Harriet S.	
Our Life Among the Iroquois Indians	
Boston, MA: Congregational Sunday-School and Pub. Co., 1892	
GRO E99 .S3 C63	
Congdon, Charles Edwin	
Allegany Oxbow: A History of Allegany State Park and the	
Allegany Reserve of the Seneca Nation	
[Salamanca, NY]: 1967 [©1968]	
Buffalo E99 .S3 L3	
Lankes, Frank J.	
The Senecas on Buffalo Creek Reservation	
West Seneca, NY: West Seneca Historical Society, ©1964	
Buffalo E99 .S3 P2	
Parker, Arthur	
An Analytical History of the Seneca Indians	
Rochester, NY: Lewis H. Morgan Chapter, 1926	
Buffalo *E99 .S3 S27	
Streeter, Jean R.	
Indians, the Seneca Way Irving, NY: Seneca Indian Historical Society, 1976	
Buffalo E Z1210 .I7 W54	
Weinman, Paul	
Bibliography of the Iroquoian Literature	
Albany, NY: University of the State of New York, 1969	
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SENECA HISTORY IN WESTERN NEW YORK	Notes
Buffalo F129 .B8 B88 v. 6 Buffalo Historical Society Publications Buffalo, NY: Buffalo Historical Society, 1903	Includes essay Narratives of Early Mission Work on the Niagara Frontier and Buffalo Creek
Buffalo F129 .B8 B88 v. 24 Buffalo Historical Society Publications Buffalo, NY: Buffalo Historical Society, 1920	Includes essay The History of the Buffalo Creek Reservation
Buffalo F129 .B8 B88 v. 27 Buffalo Historical Society Publications Buffalo, NY: Buffalo Historical Society, 1923	Includes essay Seneca Myths and Folktales
Buffalo F129 .B8 K4 Ketchum, William An Authentic and Comprehensive History of BuffaloComprising Historic Sketches of the Six Nations Buffalo, NY: Rockwell, Baker, and Hill, ©1864	Title on spine: Buffalo and the Senecas. Thorough history of European arrival, conflicts, treaties, and settlement in Western New York.
Buffalo F129 .B8 M16 Manley, Henry S. Buying Buffalo from the Indians [Buffalo, NY: s.n., 1947]	Reprinted from <i>New York History</i> ; July, 1947

SELECTED WEBSITES	Notes
http://carlisleindian.dickinson.edu/additional-resources/records- carlisle-indian-school-national-archives-and-records- administration Carlisle Indian School Records	The Carlisle Indian School was a Federal government run school which many WNY Native Americans attended. Student records, which are often genealogically relevant, are included in this collection.
https://www.cyndislist.com/native-american Cyndi's List: Native American	A comprehensive collection of websites for all aspects of Indian ancestry.
https://www.doi.gov/tribes/trace-ancestry U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) How Do I Trace Indian Ancestry?	The BIA does not have a national Indian registry or comprehensive computer database. Most BIA offices, particularly the central (headquarters, Washington, DC) and area (field) offices do not keep individual Indian records. The BIA does not conduct genealogical research for the public.
http://wnyroots.tripod.com/index-indian.html Indian Reservation Cemeteries of Erie County	Has online interment lists.
https://www.accessgenealogy.com/native-american Native American Indian Genealogy	A large collection of links for online censuses, land records, cemeteries, and other sources

VERTICAL FILE

The Grosvenor Room collects articles, pamphlets, and clippings about local history. Ask for this folder:

Ethnic Groups - Indians -- Seneca

VITAL RECORDS & MISCELLANEOUS NAME LISTS

The following volumes are the best titles in our collection for ancestral names.

GRO Bound Periodicals CS1 .N567 v. 117 No. 1, pp. 20-26

New York Genealogical and Biographical Record

Bowman, Fred Q.

"Vital Record Postings of an Indian Missionary in Western New York, 1832-1879"

GRO CS83 .B86 2004

Bunnell, Paul J.

French and Native North American Marriages, 1600-1800

Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, ©2004

GRO E78 .15 U44 2003

United States. Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

The Final Rolls of Citizens and Freedmen of the Five Civilized Tribes in Indian Territory

Baltimore, MD: Reprinted by Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 2003

GRO E78 .M4 B35 2002

Bangs, Jeremy Dupertuis

Indian Deeds: Land Transactions in Plymouth Colony, 1620-1691

Boston, MA: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2002

GRO E78 .N6 N4

Nelson, William

Personal Names of Indians of New Jersey: Being a List of Six Hundred and Fifty Such Names, Gleaned Mostly from Indians Deeds of the Seventeenth Century

Paterson, NJ: The Paterson History Club, 1904

GRO E78 .N7 F9

Account of the Dying Expressions of Some Indians Lately Deceased: On or Near the Allegheny Reservation, N.Y.

Philadelphia, PA: Committee for Civilization and Improvement of the Indians, 1885

GRO-FOLIO E93 .U668

United States General Accounting Office

Indians of Cattaraugus, Allegany, and Oil Springs Reservations, N.Y.

Washington, DC: GPO, 1932

GRO Ethnic Ref - NAT E98 .G44 H46 1998

Henry, Lorraine

Native American Directory of (Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Wisconsin)

Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, 1998

GRO E99 .M8 S5 1996

Sivertsen, Barbara J.

Turtles, Wolves, and Bears: A Mohawk Family History

Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, 1996

THE ONLINE CATALOG & SEARCH TERMS

https://bepl.ent.sirsi.net/client/en_US/default

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To find additional Native American items in our collection beyond those listed in this guide, try these Subject searches.

[TRIBE] INDIANS (example: CHEROKEE INDIANS)

ALLEGANY INDIAN RESERVATION

CATTARAUGUS INDIAN RESERVATION

INDIAN LAND TRANSFERS

INDIANS OF NORTH AMERICA GENEALOGY

INDIANS OF NORTH AMERICA NEW YORK STATE BUFFALO

INDIANS OF NORTH AMERICA NEW YORK STATE ERIE COUNTY

INDIANS OF NORTH AMERICA NEW YORK STATE GENEALOGY

INDIANS OF NORTH AMERICA ONTARIO

INDIAN RESERVATIONS

IROQUOIS INDIANS

SENECA INDIANS

SIX NATIONS

UNITED STATES HISTORY FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR

WHERE ELSE CAN I RESEARCH NATIVE AMERICAN ANCESTRY & HISTORY?	Notes
American Philosophical Society Library 105 South Fifth Street Philadelphia, PA 19106-3386 (215) 440-3400 https://www.amphilsoc.org/library/CNAIR	Owns a large Indian manuscript collection, including Tonawanda Reservation censuses from the 1850s
Buffalo History Museum's Research Library 1 Museum Court Buffalo, NY 14216-3199 library@buffalohistory.org 716.873.9644 x 306 http://buffalohistory.org/Learn/Research-Library.aspx	Has Cattaraugus Indian Reservation genealogical records, 1822-1947, the Parker Family Papers (the Parkers were Seneca), the Stevenson Family Genealogy (James Stevenson was a Seneca chief at the Buffalo Creek Reservation); and various other manuscripts of genealogical value.
Buffalo State College Butler Library 1300 Elmwood Avenue Buffalo, NY 14222 (716) 878-6300 library@buffalostate.edu https://library.buffalostate.edu/archives/reilly	Houses the Paul G. Reilly Indian Collection. Reilly was an attorney who handled land claims initiated by the Seneca Nation of Indians and the Tonawanda Band of Senecas before the Indian Land Commission between 1948 and 1976.

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Bureau of Indian Affairs New York Field Office 100 S. Clinton St., Room 523 P.O. Box 7366 Syracuse, NY 13261 (315) 448-0620 Fax (315) 448-0624 https://www.doi.gov/tribes/trace-ancestry	Many people think that the BIA retrieves genealogical information from a massive national Indian registry or comprehensive computer database. This is not true. Most BIA offices do not keep individual Indian records and the BIA does not maintain a national registry. The BIA does not conduct genealogical research for the public.
Cayuga Nation 2540 SR-89 Seneca Falls, NY 13148 (315)-568-0750 http://cayuganation-nsn.gov/index.html	
Iroquois Genealogy Society PO Box 7 Irving, NY, 14081 IROQUOIS.GENEALOGY@GMAIL.COM https://www.iroquoisgenealogysociety.org/	
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints [LDS] Family History Center Family History Center 1424 Maple Rd. S-4003 Baker Rd. Williamsville, NY 14221 Orchard Park, NY (716) 688-6438 (716) 662-3117 https://www.familysearch.org/help/fhcenters/locations/	Family History Centers are branch facilities of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Centers provide access to most of the microfilms and microfiche in the Family History Library to help patrons identify their ancestors. Everyone is welcome to come to the centers and use Family History Center resources. FHCs accept in-person requests only.
National Archives and Records Administration 8601 Adelphi Road College Park, MD 20740-6001 1-86-NARA-NARA or 1-866-272-6272 https://www.archives.gov/research/native-americans	The National Archives holds information about American Indians who maintained their ties to Federally-recognized Tribes (1830-1970). Most records are arranged by tribe.
New York State Archives and Records Administration Research Services Unit New York State Archives Cultural Education Center, Room 3043 Albany, NY 12230 (518) 474-8955 http://www.archives.nysed.gov/	The State Archives possess the Thomas Indian School records, legislative records, and more. Also owns various Indian census records in original manuscript form, 1881-1950.
New York State Library Cultural Education Department Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12230 (518) 474-5355 http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/gengen.htm http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/msscfa/sc13604.htm	Has on-site database: New York Indian Census (1886-1924), which offers images of the Indian Office census schedules. Covers tribes of the Iroquois Tribal Confederation living on reservations in New York State. In the Arthur C. Parker papers is an 1839 census of the Buffalo Creek Reservation.

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Office of Children & Family Services, Native American Services 295 Main Street, Suite 545 Buffalo, NY 14203 (716) 847-3023 Fax (716) 847-3812 http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/nas/	Formerly known as the Bureau of Indian Affairs, this office responds to the needs of Indian Nations and their members both on reservations and in the state's other communities.
Oneida Indian Nation of New York 223 Genesee Street Ames Plaza Oneida, NY 13241 (315) 361-6300 Fax (31)5361-6333 http://www.oneidaindiannation.com/	
Onondaga Nation RR1 Box 319-B Nedrow, NY 13120 (315) 498-9950 www.onondaganation.org	
Poospatuck Reservation Unkechaug Nation Community Center P.O. Box 86 Mastic, NY 11950 (516) 529-1171	
St. Regis Mohawk Tribe St. Regis Reservation 412 State Route 37 Akwesasne, NY 13655 (518) 358-2272 Fax (518) 358-3203 http://srmt-nsn.gov/	
Seneca-Iroquois National Museum 814 Broad Street Salamanca, NY 14779 (716) 945-1104 ext 7853 https://www.senecamuseum.org/	
Seneca Nation Archives 252 Rochester Street Salamanca, NY 14779 716-945-1254 or 716-945-1790 ext. 7849. https://sni.org/departments/archives-department/	Most of the materials that were in the Seneca Collection at SUNY Fredonia have been moved to the museum. For a description of those materials see: GRO Ref. E99 .S3 S46 2015 Ericson, Jack T. Seneca Collection: Reed Library, Special Collections [Fredonia, N.Y. State University of New York at Fredonia,] 2015 Public research hours: Thursdays, 1:00-4:00 pm

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Seneca Nation of Indians, Allegany Reservation G.R. Plummer Building PO Box 231 Salamanca, NY 14779 (716) 945-1790 Fax (716) 532-9132 http://sni.org/culture/genealogy/	
Seneca Nation of Indians, Cattaraugus Reservation Clerk's Office P.O. Box 231 Salamanca, NY 14779 (716) 532-4900 http://sni.org/culture/genealogy/	The Clerk's Office welcomes genealogy inquiries. However, because such research is very time consuming, the Nation charges a fee of \$50.00 for this service. The service is free to enrolled Senecas.
Seneca Nation of Indians, Oil Spring Reservation New York Liaison Office Cuba Lake, NY 14727	Contact is through the Cattaraugus Reservation, above
SUNY Buffalo Law Library O'Brian Hall North Campus Buffalo, NY 14260 (716) 645-2047 kspencer@buffalo.edu https://law.lib.buffalo.edu/collections/special-collections/	Owns Seneca Land Claims Records, 1994-2005, including official court filings and decisions, expert reports and maps, and background research materials prepared during the New York Attorney General's defense of the Grand Island and Oil Springs Reservation land claims.
Tonawanda Band of Senecas 7027 Meadville Rd. Basom, NY 14013 (716) 542-4244 Fax (716) 542-9692 tonsenec@buffnet.net	
Tuscarora Nation 5616 Walmore Rd Lewiston, NY 14092 (716) 622-7061 Fax (716) 297-7355 http://www.tuscaroras.com/	
William P. Letchworth Museum 1 Letchworth State Park Castile, NY 14427 (585) 493-3600 http://www.letchworthparkhistory.com/museum.html	Has a Mary Jemison Collection with a large amount of unpublished genealogical material on the Jemison family.