

## **Native American Research.**

The U. S. Department of the Interior has launched a webpage that is dedicated to Native American ancestry. The website offers helpful tips and information on doing genealogy of you Native American ancestors.

[Trace Indian Ancestry](#) is the name of the page sponsored by the Department of Interior. The sections are Ancestry, Genealogical Research, Enrollment Process, Benefits & Services Provided to American Indians and Alaska Natives, Cherokee Indian Ancestry, Dawes Rolls, and Contacting a Tribal Entity – The BIA Tribal Leaders Directory.

The Ancestry section describes how genealogical documentation is needed for tribal enrollment and that the Bureau of Indian Affairs does not conduct genealogy research for individuals.

In Genealogical Research, five basic questions are posted at the top of the section and in depth answers are given in each answer. Some of the suggestions for doing genealogical research is to use public libraries, genealogical organizations, and historical societies as well as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

The Dawes Rolls list the applications of tribal members from 1899 to 1907 when they were moved to Indian Territory, which later became the eastern portion of Oklahoma. The Five Civilized Tribes consist of the Cherokee, Choctaw, Creek, Seminole and Chickasaw Indians.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs Leaders Directory is for researchers to contact the appropriate people for the tribe they need.