

## Getting Started in Cherokee Research Step by Step

1. Find Native American ancestor on the Federal Census
2. Find Native American ancestor on the 1880 and 1890 Cherokee Census on microfilm 7RA407 and CHN respectively
3. Look up the name of the Native American in,
  - a. *Dawes Roll "Plus" of Cherokee Nation "1898,"* by Bob Blankenship. [970.004975 B611D and RR Eth 1]
  - b. *Guion Miller Roll "Plus" of Eastern Cherokee East & West of Mississippi "1909,"* by Bob Blankenship. [970.004975 B611 and RR Eth 2]
  - c. Within the above mentioned books
    - i. Look for the Dawes Enrollment Number in the Dawes Column
    - ii. Look for the Dawes Application Number in the Family Census Column
    - iii. Look for the Miller Enrollment Number in the Miller Column
    - iv. Look for the Miller Application Number in the Mill. Appl. Column
  - d. Dawes Final Rolls, Series M1186, (Roll 1) and find
    - i. The Dawes Enrollment Number located beside the name
    - ii. Then locate that Enrollment Number on the same reel of microfilm to find the Dawes Application Number and Tribal Relationship
4. Find the Dawes Application Number on the reel of film in Series M1186 entitled, *Records Relating to Enrollment Cards 1898–1914*
  - i. Look on the label for Cherokee and Tribal Relationship Division (By Blood, Minor, By Marriage, Freedman)
  - ii. Then look for Application Number
5. Find the Dawes Application Number and Tribal Relationship Division on the reel of film in Series M1301 (Applications), entitled, For Enrollment of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes
6. If you found a Miller Application Number
  - a. Find the Miller Application Number on the reel of film in Series M685 entitled, Enrollment of Eastern Cherokees by Guion Miller 1908–10.
  - b. Find the Miller Application Number on the reel of film in Series M1104 entitled, *Eastern Cherokee Applications of the U.S. Court of Claims 1906–1909.*  
**Do Not Omit Going to this Film.**
  - c. Also look for the application number in the book, *Cherokee by Blood: Records of Eastern Cherokee Ancestry in the U.S. Court of Claims, 1906–1910* by Jerry Wright Jordan. [973.0049755 J764]
  - d. Finally, go to the book, *History of the Cherokee Indians and Their Legends and Folk Lore* by Emmet Starr. [973.0049755 ST28] The Native American has to be born prior to 1860 to be in this listed in this book.

If you can not find your ancestor in any of the above mentioned sources you may want to check the book, *Cherokee Indian Rolls Doubtful and Rejected*, transcribed by Betty Taylor Harris. [973.0049755 H24]