



# INDIANS IN THE ATTIC AND BASEMENT



Per information from Ohio History Connection (2017-2018) 44 federally recognized tribes have historic ties to Ohio.

How do we tell the story of the American Indians who once lived in Ohio when they are no longer here?

How do we answer questions about their culture or about contemporary issues?

Where do we begin?

Learning who those tribes are is a good place to begin . . .

1. Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Wisconsin
2. Bay Mills Indian Community, Michigan
3. Chippewa-Cree Indians of the Rocky Boy's Reservation, Montana
4. Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Michigan
5. Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin
6. Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin
7. Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Michigan
8. Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Minnesota
9. Bois Forte Band (Nett Lake) of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Minnesota
10. Fond du Lac Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Minnesota
11. Grand Portage Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Minnesota
12. Leech Lake Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Minnesota
13. Mille Lacs Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Minnesota
14. White Earth Band of Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Minnesota
15. Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin
16. Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan
17. Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Michigan
18. Sokaogon Chippewa Community, Wisconsin
19. St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin
20. Delaware Nation
21. Delaware Tribe of Indians
22. Stockbridge Munsee Community
23. Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas
24. Kickapoo Tribe of Indians of the Kickapoo Reservation in Kansas
25. Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma
26. Miami Tribe of Oklahoma
27. Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma
28. Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Michigan
29. Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, Michigan
30. Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
31. Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Oklahoma
32. Forest County Potawatomi Community, Wisconsin
33. Hannahville Indian Community, Michigan
34. Match-e-be-nash-she-wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians of Michigan
35. Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, Michigan
36. Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, Michigan and Indiana
37. Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation, Kansas
38. Seneca Nation of New York
39. Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma
40. Tonawanda Band of Seneca Indians of New York
41. Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
42. Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
43. Shawnee Tribe
44. Wyandotte Nation, Oklahoma



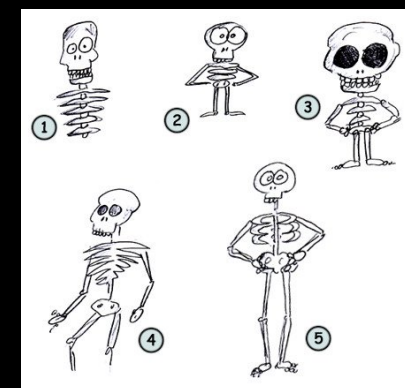
It's a bit daunting and it takes time but here's a starting point:

Consider your geographic area within the state, many of the tribes listed will be associated with specific counties and possibly, for some the entire state. This might require reaching out to larger entities such as the State Historic Preservation Office to determine who may have lived where.

For those who work in small museums or historic societies this information can come in quite handy for those surprise calls from people with something they need to identify or want to donate.

Ohio History Connection and the Cincinnati Museum Center are excellent to reach out to in helping to figure out which tribes were living where within the state.

JUST A SAMPLE OF WHAT  
COULD BE COMING YOUR  
WAY.







There are artifact collections, art collections and any number of items which can pop up. Often, they have been tucked away for years and likely forgotten which means any provenance or information surrounding them has been forgotten as well.

There are also families who have traveled, obtaining everything from moccasins to Kachina dolls on their adventures. Such items often find their way onto your voicemail upon the collector's demise. Family cleaning out the homes of deceased relatives often come across the Strangest things.

There will be people who are interested in monetary value for the treasures they have. If appraisals are not part of your service, then do not hesitate to send them on their way. Unfortunately there is always a market for American Indian material culture although many American Indian people feel our historic material culture is priceless.



## American Indian Issues and Current Topics

American Indian people face a number of issues, just as most Americans do. There are however, some issues which are unique to us.

NAGPRA and the repatriation of American Indian ancestors and artifacts.

Mascots

Missing Native young women and girls.

Auction Houses, know who is reputable and who is not.