

Cherokee Indian Research

— A Road Map —

Did your ancestor live in Oklahoma between 1893 and 1906? If yes, see I. If no, see II.

- I. Yes.— Are they on the Dawes Roll? — M-1186 roll 1 or 970.004975 B611 2nd (book is simpler but may have transcription errors)
 - A. Yes — After noting their enrollment number and category (i.e., by blood, minor Cherokee, etc.) Find their enrollment card [or census card, by number, in category] on M-1186.
 1. Use the information on the enrollment card to search earlier rolls, such as the 1896 Census (7RA-19) and 1880 Census (7RA-07) or other appropriate rolls.
 2. Check M-1301 for the enrollment packet. [at National Archives in KC]
 3. Is this a direct ancestor?
 4. Yes — You are eligible for registration with the: Registration Office, Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, PO Box 958, Tahlequah OK 74465. END
 - B. No — Is their name on the Guion Miller general index? M-1104, roll 1 or 970.004975 B611 2nd.
 1. Yes — Follow references from Miller records on M-685 to Drennen or Chapman Rolls. M685, roll 12. You may order their Miller applications from: National Archives (NNFJ), 8th and Pennsylvania, Washington DC 20408. END
 2. No — Are they on the “Intruder” lists? 7RA-53 and 7RA-55 or 970.3 So12
 - a. Yes — Sorry, they were not recognized as Cherokee citizens. Try looking for your family in *History of the Cherokee Indians* by Emmet Starr. 973.0049755 St28
 - b. No — Is he on the 1896 Old Settler Payment Roll? T-985.
 - i. Yes — Follow references to the Old Settler Roll of 1851. M-685, roll 12. Try looking for your family in *History of the Cherokee Indians* by Emmet Starr. 973.0049755 St28 END
 - ii. No — Sorry, your ancestor may be Cherokee but it is unlikely they are on any roll. — Try looking for your family in *History of the Cherokee Indians* by Emmet Starr. 973.0049755 St28 END
- II. No — Did they reside in the North Carolina / Tennessee area?
 - A. Yes — Is their name on any roll *Cherokee Roots* by Bob Blankenship? 970.3 B611 (2 volumes)
 1. Yes — Contact: Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, PO Box 455, Cherokee NC 28719 END
 2. No — Is their name on the Guion Miller general index? Proceed with steps under “B” below.
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