

Oklahoma Indian Education Tribal Guide: The Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma

Tribal Seal/Flag/Website

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None

Tribal Website: <https://www.kickapootribeofoklahoma.com/>



Migration/Movement/Forced Removal

Originally located in the Great Lakes region (Michigan and Ohio); The tribe split into different bands in the 1700's (Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin areas). Each band was to sign a treaty in 1819 to cede land in Illinois. Those bands who did not adhere to the 1819 treaty were forcibly moved.

In 1832, a treaty was signed giving the Kickapoo a 12 square mile reservation in Kansas. Railroad promoters swindled the bands out of their land and many moved to Northern Mexico and Texas.

In 1873, almost half of the tribe moved to a reservation in Indian Territory. In 1891, the Oklahoma Kickapoo tribe divided over the selling of "surplus land". Many who disagreed moved to Northern Mexico and Texas.

In 1997, representatives from the Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, and Mexico bands met for their first summit. This was the first meeting of the bands since the 1800's.

Sources:

Oklahoma Historical Society source to consider for Indian Removal information: <http://digital.library.okstate.edu/encyclopedia/entries/i/in015.html>

The Library of Congress documents:

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/ourdocs/Indian.html>

Oklahoma Indian Country Guide, Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department (page 40)
http://s3.amazonaws.com/content.newsok.com/newsok/images/NIE/nie_docs/Indian%20Country%20Tab,%2036%20page.pdf

Maps

Maps and treaties: <http://ktik-nsn.gov/maps.htm>



Population Past/Present

- Present Population: 2,671
- Tribal enrollment in Oklahoma: 1,854

Government: Chiefs vs Chairman, Elected or Paternal

- An elected chair and five-member business committee govern the tribe.
- The Oklahoma Kickapoo tribe follows a constitution written in 1937 that was amended in 1977.

Language Group

- Central Algonquian

Traditional Lifeways

The Kickapoo lived in their traditional bark-covered houses, which were arranged in villages, up to the last years the reservation existed. They mainly farmed, but went to hunt buffalo in the West. They became one of the first tribes from the Great Lakes region to learn about horses.

Oklahoma Historical Society source to consider for Boarding Schools:

<http://digital.library.okstate.edu/encyclopedia/entries/a/am012.html>

Fine Arts



Significant Events

Kickapoo and Lewis & Clarke record

http://www.nationalgeographic.com/lewisandclark/record_tribes_008_22.html

Oklahoma Historical Society source to consider:

<http://www.okhistory.org/research/indianrecs>

Current Tribal Information

