

Oglala Lakota College

Woksape Tipi

Woksape Tipi Library & Archives

Genealogy & Tiospaye History Resource Guide

This guide provides you a step-by-step visual guide to working your way through HeritageQuest available at all district college centers and at Woksape Tipi and now at home with your library card!

We've also included information about Lakota and related American Indian specific genealogical resources that will help you in your searching.

Call/visit at Woksape Tipi Library & Archives - Piya Wiconi

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Stella Iron Cloud is available for genealogical research assistance. Please contact us for more information.

Medicine Root

Kyle CC

Wounded Knee

Manderson CC

Porcupine

Porcupine CC

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Rapid City Extention

Creek

Martin CC

Pass Creek

Allen CC

Eagle Nest

Manlee CC

Wakpamni

Lakesland CC

Pine Ridge

Pine Ridge

Wakpamni

How to Locate the U.S. Indian Census Schedules

We recommend you have a notebook and a family group sheet to work with when beginning your family search. You can now search the U.S. Indian Census Rolls at home through **HeritageQuest**, or you can use **Ancestry.com** at Woksape Tipi or any district college center. The main benefit of using **Ancestry.com** is that they have military records and immigration records that Heritage Quest currently does not. There are also different types of family group sheets available for download on Ancestry.com. This guide is also available from this [link](#) for you to access the PDF to download on your computer and includes live links to related resources.

First, go to the OLC homepage and locate the Woksape Tipi homepage, which is findable under the **Services** tab.

From the Woksape Tipi page, click the **Databases** link as seen below:



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Book Search



CLICK ON THE BLUE ATRIUM ICON TO SEARCH FOR BOOKS & MOVIES

Next, scroll down toward the bottom of the **Database** page and click on the **Heritage Quest** or the **Ancestry.com** link.

This guide is going to walk you through using the **HeritageQuest** page since you can now access the U.S. Indian Census records from home with your library card.



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Databases

South Dakota State Library

At Home Access:

- 1) Click on link above
- 2) Click on Services tab at the top of the page
- 3) Scroll down and click South Dakota Share-It

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HERITAGEQUEST

Research family and local history; it includes census, military, and gravestone records with over 25,000 family and local history books; accessible from home through the SD State Library portal with your OLC library card.

ANCESTRY LIBRARY EDITION

Research family and local history with access to thousands of collections from around the world, with immigration, military, birth, death, census records; store your family tree info through individual account
Access: *Inside Library Only*

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There is now a quick link to the on the **HeritageQuest** page.

HeritageQuest Online

Discover your family history today

SEARCH RESEARCH AIDS MAPS



Welcome to HeritageQuest Online at the Library

We've updated our look, added the ability to send records home, and added new content:

[City Directories](#)
1850 and 1860 Slave Schedules
[U.S. Indian Census Rolls](#)

[Mortality Schedules](#)
Agricultural and Industrial Schedules
1890 Veterans Schedule



Searching for that right moment

We have billions of records ready to reveal your family's story.

[BEGIN SEARCHING](#)

US Census Records

1940	1930	1920	1910	1900
1890	1880	1870	1860	1850
1840	1830	1820	1810	1800
1790				

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Receive Records at Home

Now you can send the records you find home. Click the "Send document" button on the right side of the Record page.

Five Minute Find: Sending Documents Home From the Library [View Video](#)

After clicking on **U.S. Indian Census Rolls**, you will see a page that looks like the one here:

U.S., Indian Census Rolls, 1885-1940

[SEARCH](#) ☐ Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s) Last Name

Birth Day Month Year Location

Lived In City, County, State, Count

Any Event City, County, State, Count

Keyword

e.g. pilot or "Flying Tigers"

Marital Status


Relation to Head of Household

Agency

Gender Race/Nationality

Census Date Day Month Year

[SEARCH](#) [Clear search](#)

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Browse this collection

To browse this image set, select from the options below.

Jurisdiction

Choose...

Year Range


While you can narrow by Jurisdiction as seen above, we recommend you narrow your search by Agency (see arrow at left).

It is best to begin your search with one name. You will get different results entering traditional names in either the **First/Middle Name** field or the **Last Name** field. For example, when entering **Bull Bear** in the **First Name**

field, the relevant results returned the earliest **Bull Bear**. You can scroll over the names and see a preview of the record as shown:

HeritageQuest

All U.S., Indian Census Rolls, 1885-1940 results for Bull Bear



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Search Filters

bull bear

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U.S., Indian Census Rolls, 1885-1940

This database contains an index to the Indian census rolls from 1885-1940. Information contained in this database includes: name (Indian and/or English), gender, age, birth date, relationship to...

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Results 1-20 of 73,624

View Record	Name	Relation to Head	Birth Date	Gender	Tribe	Reservation	State	View Images
View Record	Bull Bear	Father	abt 1817	Male	Sioux		South Dakota	
View Record	Bull Bear	Father	abt 1817	Male	Sioux And Cheyenne (Sioux)		South Dakota	
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View Record	Bull Bear		abt 1817	Male	Sioux And Cheyenne (Sioux)		South Dakota	
View Record	Bull Bear	Head	abt 1817	Male	Sioux And Cheyenne (Sioux)	Pine Ridge	South Dakota	
View Record	Bull Bear	Father	abt 1818	Male	Sioux And Cheyenne (Sioux)		South Dakota	
View Record	Bull Bear	Head	abt 1826	Male	Sioux		South Dakota	
View Record	Bull Bear	Husband	abt 1826	Male	Ogalalla Sioux And Cheyenne (Sioux)		South Dakota	
View Record	Bull Bear	Father	abt 1826	Male	Sioux And Cheyenne (Sioux)		South Dakota	
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View Record	Bull Bear	Husband	abt 1826	Male	Sioux And Cheyenne (Sioux)		South Dakota	
View Record	Bull Bear	Head	abt 1826	Male	Sioux And Cheyenne (Sioux)	Pine Ridge	South Dakota	

When you scroll your mouse over **View Record**, you'll see a preview of the record with the census date; this is helpful when you're comparing census dates with who is listed in the family group. See the example on the next page:

All U.S., Indian Census Rolls, 1885-1940 results for Bull Bear



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View Record	Bull	Husband	abt	Male	Sioux And		South	

[View Record](#)

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NAME: Bull Bear

DATE OF BIRTH: 1817

AGE: 82

GENDER: Male

RELATION TO HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD: Head

TRIBE: Sioux And Cheyenne

RESERVATION: Pine Ridge

AGENCY: Pine Ridge

STATE: South Dakota

LAST CENSUS NUMBER: 3474

CENSUS DATE: 30 Jun 1899

It's quicker to modify your search when you choose **Edit Search** at the top of the screen (see arrow on left of the page above).

Next, try entering your family name in the Last Name field. For example, when entering **Bull Bear** in the **Last Name** field, results are quite different than from the **First Name** field, as you can see on the next page.

All U.S., Indian Census Rolls, 1885-1940 results for Bull Bear



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View Record	Name	Relation to Head	Birth Date	Gender	Tribe	Reservation	State	View Images
View Record	Cecelia Bad Heart Bull	Wife	1892	Female	Oglala Sioux (Sioux)	Pine Ridge	South Dakota	
View Record	Cloud Bull Bear	Wife	abt 1837	Female	Ogalalla Sioux And Cheyenne (Sioux)		South Dakota	
View Record	Helen Rose Bull Bear	Daughter	14 Jan 1854	Female	Oglala Sioux (Sioux)	Pine Ridge	South Dakota	
View Record	Young Bull Bear	Father	abt 1854	Male	Sioux And Cheyenne (Sioux)		South Dakota	
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[View Record](#)

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NAME: **Lawrence Bull Bear**

DATE OF BIRTH: **1855**

AGE: **68**

GENDER: **Male**

RELATION TO HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD: **Head**

TRIBE: **Oglala Sioux**

AGENCY: **Pine Ridge**

STATE: **South Dakota**

LAST CENSUS NUMBER: **1134**

PREVIOUS CENSUS NUMBER: **1094**

CENSUS DATE: **30 Jun 1923**

Here you can see what **Lawrence Bull Bear's** records look like when you scroll your mouse over the **View Record** field in the popup window. Each record is from a different census date if you did not specify a date range within the **Indian Census Records**. This is a good thing when you're starting out. It's best to start broadly as misspellings often occur in census records.

Remember that many people carried the same name as there are today; there were several individuals named "Day" and it will take some time and persistence to see if you've found the exact one(s) from which you descend. We invite you to visit the archives to further your research with some information not available online and to enjoy the detective work in learning more about who you are!

Below you can see the **1890, 1891 (Summary Only), 1892 Record of the Pine Ridge (Sioux and Cheyenne Indians) Census**. Each record result above is a different census record, even though it's a little hard to see, the census record name is on the grey bar at the top of the page.


Age	Name	Gender	Marital Status	Number of Children
1104	Maggie		Da	2
33	Lawrence Bull Bear	M	H	.
28	Julia Dickson	F	W	.
10	Jessie	M	S	.
5	Moses	M	.	1

When you find a page you'd like to print, go to **File/Print** at the top of the page. We suggest printing the entire page so you can see the full page record and then highlight the names and make any notes that will help you when you go back to these records when you're filling in your family tree form. You can also email it to yourself by clicking the green **SAVE** button on the top right corner of the page.

Other Useful Links



<http://www.american-tribes.com/> has historical information by tribe continually posted by tribal members, independent researchers, and authors. There is some excellent research on families of the Oceti Sakowin and the Titunwan Oyate. Within the site, you may want to consider registering and joining the **Teton/Lakota** listserv forum. Within the listserv, you can search by topic or name. We highly recommend exploring the boards here, as seen in the screenshot on the next page. This site contains many hard to find images and family trees.











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Build Your Community

News > Welcome to the American Tribes forum!

Teton/Lakota				
	Board	Threads	Posts	Last Post
	Teton/Lakota General Information	144	1,470	Indigenous US Army scouts at Wounded Knee by georg Jan 22, 2018 at 11:05pm
	Oglala - 2 Viewing	181	2,343	Chief Lip, Wajaje by grahamew yesterday at 1:03pm
	Brule/Sicangu	64	705	Chief Milk by wwaseskuk Dec 29, 2017 at 11:07pm
	Hunkpapa - 1 Viewing	89	1,062	Izuzu (Grindstone). by Dietmar Jan 23, 2018 at 7:22am
	Miniconjou/Mnikojou - 1 Viewing	34	568	White Swan or Swan by Dietmar Nov 25, 2017 at 8:39am
	Two Kettle/Oohenompa	11	91	Tall Mandan aka Long Mandan by oxbeartooth Apr 15, 2017 at 8:18am
	Blackfoot/Sihasapa	22	232	blackfoot language by Historian Jan 9, 2018 at 10:04am
	Sans Arc/Itazipco	14	229	Sans Arc by hreinn Oct 22, 2017 at 12:19pm



This site may have birth and death information on a relative if you weren't sure where they were buried or what their birth/death dates were. Find it at <http://southdakotagravestones.org>.



[RootsWeb](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mikestevens/) is a database within [Ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) that has some message boards and other searchable resources that may help you with your research. **Tiospaye: an Oglala Genealogy Resource** <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mikestevens/> is a [RootsWeb](http://ancestry.com) webpage with a large

surname index that you may be able to find more information for your research of Pine Ridge families. Be sure to go through the South Dakota State Library links to access.

Woksape Tipi Databases

Woksape Tipi Library & Archives has many other resources for you to research your tiwahes, tiospace, and Lakota histories. The following page describes databases within the OLC Library Webpage that are accessible with your valid library card from anywhere. This guide is also downloadable from the Archives tab.



[American Indian Histories and Cultures](#) is from the Newberry Library and contains many formats of Lakota histories: images, newspapers, maps, and timelines will assist you in your tiospace research.



[Facts on File American Indian History Online](#) contains some biographies of artists, leaders, and activists.



[North American Indian Thought and Culture](#) is searchable by individuals, places, events, subject, and image, audio, and video.



is new! This provides military records and includes some of the Indian Scout pension records as well as the US Revolutionary War through to recent wars, current to 2013. Be sure to go through the South Dakota State Library links to access.

Don't forget about Woksape Tipi's online card catalog! You can search for books related to Lakota people and histories, including cataloged out of print materials in the archives.

Find More at Woksape Tipi Archives!

The OLC Archives at Woksape Tipi is home to three major collections: the administrative records of OLC, the Oglala Sioux Tribe, and Bureau of Indian Affairs Records of Pine Ridge Agency census and correspondence records. A diverse Special Collections includes manuscript collections of former faculty as well as maps, rare books and unpublished materials; also copies of historical records and photographs from other archives as well as artifacts and artwork of the Oglala people, ca. 1840 to present.

Some unique/hard to find materials include:

- *Families of Pine Ridge* genealogy index, 2010; Additional census records not available online; Hazel McGaa-Cuney Collection; Jeanne Smith Collection; Rex Allan Smith Collection; R. Corum Collection;
- *Oglala Light* magazine 1907-1918; *The Indian Sentinel* 1902-1956; Oglala newspapers;
- Holy Rosary/Red Cloud Indian School yearbooks; Oglala Community School scrapbooks 1934-1964;
- Pine Ridge Office of Indian Affairs Tract Books 1906-1918; Allotment Book, 1941; Pine Ridge Annuity Book, 1879; Register of Indian Supplies Received at Pine Ridge Agency, 1894; War Department OCE Construction Division Aerial Gunnery Range Tract Register, 1945; Pine Ridge Census for All Residents and Non-Residents by Family Number, 1956;
- Jim Iron Cloud collection 1918-1960; Iron Tail Collection 1914-1920; Musee de Homme Photograph Collection, ca. 1900; photographs from various institutions;
- *American Indian Research Project* interviews from South Dakota State University; James E. Emery audio collection; Matthew King audio collection; Indiana University of Traditional Music Archives;
- *U.S. Department of the Interior Biographical and Historical Index of American Indians and Persons Involved in Indian Affairs*: eight volumes; *Bureau of Ethnology Reports*, esp. 4th, 10th, 11th, and 14th volumes; *Dakota Odowan* hymnal, 1883; *Oglala Wic'ooyake*, 1972

Check out our LibGuides [here](#) for finding aids and more resource information.

Notes