

Little Axe Indian History Class
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SELECTED REFERENCES FOR SHAWNEE HISTORY

Below are listed a few of the books and articles pertaining to Shawnee history. The information on Shawnee history presented in the Indian History Class at the Little Axe Center was obtained from some of these sources. These are listed in alphabetical order. In most cases there is a notation about where the source can be found, and the kind of information it contains. Many of these books are hard to find. Most of them are in the Main Library of the University of Oklahoma, but some of these are in the Phillips Collection, which is a special collection of rare and valuable books pertaining to Indian and Western History. A few of these items may be in the Norman Public Library. A very few--such as Mariel Wright's "Guide to the Indian Tribes of Oklahoma"--are still in print and can be purchased in local bookstores.

Most of the materials on Shawnee history, however, are difficult to locate, and many items cannot be taken out of the library. For assistance in locating a particular book or article, contact Judy Jordan at the American Indian Institute, University of Oklahoma, or Alice Timmons, Phillips Collection, Main Library of the University of Oklahoma. Judy Jordan is a Field Worker with the American Indian Institute. Alice Timmons is Mrs. Boyce Timmons, and she is in charge of the Phillips Collection. She is especially glad to help Indian people find information pertaining to their own history, and would be of great assistance in locating certain items.

There are many more books with information on Shawnee history, but this list is a good beginning. Did I overlook your favorite reference? If so, I am sorry I slipped up.

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Alford, T. W. Civilization, ed. F. Drake. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press. 203 pp. 1936
Autobiography of Thomas "Wildcat" Alford, an Absentee Shawnee of the White Turkey band. Has a good description of life in the reservation period and the problems facing the Shawnees in a world surrounded by white men. There is a copy in the university library, which can be checked out.

Chapman, B. B. The Potawatonia and Absentee Shawnee Reservation. Chronicles of Oklahoma, Vol. 14, pp. 293-306, 1946

Drake, B. Life of Tecumseh and of His Brother the Prophet. 235 pp. Cincinnati, 1841.

This is one of the classic accounts of Tecumseh and his times. The material on Tecumseh in the Handbook of American Indians is based largely on information in this book. Again, this is an old book and the only copy around Norman is in the Phillips Collection of the university library.