

Native Americans in Northwest Franklin County

The land now known as Brown Township has a rich and varied history extending back thousands of years. Although most of the remains of the once glorious native inhabitants' city have been eradicated, slight evidence of their ancient culture has survived despite the destructive hands of the white people. Before the arrival of the early white settlers in 1808, the natives found this to be an excellent hunting area rich in game, especially along the Big Darby Creek, which the local natives called Crawfish Creek. During the pioneer era there were more Haudenosaunee living in the area than white people. The native people were called Mingoies by the white people. The famous Shawanese leader Tecumseh frequented the area, and Jonathan Alder, a white man who was once a captive of the Mingoies, lived most of his life along Big Darby Creek in and near Brown Township.

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