

Natchitoches Tribal Registry, LLC



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This document is written from oral statements by Fred D. Simon. This is a brief history of our tribe's legal journey to become a Federally Recognized Tribe/Nation. From the very beginning, there is an interwoven nature of Fred's business operations with the various entities that have been formed to achieve this Federal BIA goal. Every detail of the following history is supported by legal documents, proving each fact as truthful evidence. Those facts are referred to as "Documentary Evidence." Fred's personal statements are referred to as "Narrative." The below segment is Part One, with further segments to follow.

The History Timeline: Part One

Section I. Initial Organization (2015)

Narrative: In May, 2015, I, Fred D. Simon, met with 10 of my cousins, 6 in person and 4 by phone. I told them about my quest to recover our heritage, my progress to date, and asked if they would like to join me on my quest. All 10 agreed to join me.

At this time I thought that we were reorganizing our historical Tribe, but in the eyes of the Federal Government, we were only creating a genealogy club. Everyone that joined that day became members of a genealogy unincorporated association.

Documentary Evidence: This genealogy unincorporated association group never filed for legal business authority in the State of Louisiana.

Section II. Formation of a Legal Nonprofit Entity (2016)

Narrative: We voted to name our genealogy group the "Lac Noir Tribe" because the Black Lake is where the French Government moved our ancestors during the war that the English called "The French and Indian War." In Europe, it was called the 7 years' war; it lasted from 1756 to 1763.

The genealogy group decided that, to achieve our goal of reclaiming our Heritage, we would need to ask other family members for financial assistance. We would have to become a Federal 501(c)(3) entity so that their donations would be tax-deductible.

Documentary Evidence: According to IRS, an entity applying for 501(c)(3) status must first be a lawful business in their own State, i.e., Louisiana. Sole Proprietorships or family groups or community clubs do not qualify for 501(c)(3) status.

Documentary Evidence: Genealogy groups have been denied IRS tax exempt status since before the 1980s. <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-wd/202602001.pdf>

Rev. Rul. 80-302, 1980-2 C.B. 182, held that an organization that (1) limits its membership to descendants of a particular family (2) compiles family genealogical research data for use by its members for reasons other

than to conform to the religious precepts of the family's denomination, (3) presents the data to designated libraries, (4) publishes volumes of family history, and (5) promotes social activities among family members does not qualify for exemption under IRC 501(c)(3).

Narrative: On January 12, 2016, I filed as incorporator and legal agent of the nonprofit business. The original Board of Directors were listed in the Louisiana State Articles of Incorporation under the Lac Noir name. These first Board members, who also served as Officers, were: Fred Simon, President/Primary Chief; Belinda Brooks, Vice-President, Vice-Chief; Belinda Smith, Secretary, and Ruby Gray, Treasurer. All home addresses are required to be public, according to Louisiana State Law, due to the fiduciary duty of each Director and Officer under Louisiana Nonprofit Corporation law. The Corporate Headquarters address was my home address, 305 Third Street, Pioneer, LA 71266.

Documentary Evidence: State Charter 42013374N is a **non-membership** nonprofit corporation. I applied for a Federal Employee Tax Identification Number EIN #81-2711798 on May 23, 2016.

Documentary Evidence: After the formal filing of Louisiana State Nonprofit Corporation on January 12, 2016, all genealogy unincorporated association members became a committee, which we had previously called the Tribal Council, under the authority of the Board of Directors. According to Louisiana Nonprofit Corporation law, all committee meetings must be overseen and attended by at least two Corporation board members. <https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/Law.aspx?d=76385>

Section III. Establishment of Tribal Registry (2016)

Narrative: I then registered my sole proprietorship business of the Tribal Registry under the name of Natchitoches Tribe of Louisiana (obtaining IRS EIN #81-2980752) on June 17, 2016. This Tribal Registry maintained the genealogical records and heritage documentation. This boundary keeps the records separate from the nonprofit corporation, which functioned as the legal business organization.

Documentary Evidence: This business DBA name was filed with the Louisiana Secretary of State, commercial division, under my private social security number, and doing business as Native American Tribe. I enrolled for a Sales Tax Account under my sole proprietorship and under my social security number. I have fulfilled all reporting requirements under Louisiana State law, filing a quarterly sales tax report from June 27, 2016, until August, 2025, when I terminated this account.

Section IV. Tribal Name Change and State Tribal Recognition (2017)

Narrative: In 2017, the small number of family members, who represented an ever-growing Tribal Registry of researched (“vetted”) relatives, decided to change the tribal name from Lac Noir to the name Natchitoches for our quest for Native American heritage because that is the name the French called our ancestors. In June, 2017, the Louisiana Legislature formally recognized the tribe based on genealogical evidence maintained in my Tribal Registry.

Documentary Evidence: The genealogy Tribal Registry is memorialized in the Louisiana Formal Recognition document as providing proof of Natchitoches Native American heritage. Excerpt: “Whereas, the Natchitoches Tribe of Louisiana exists today, and the tribe has full documentation of bloodlines of all tribal members, as well as many documented sources regarding the activities of the tribe...”

Section V. Nonprofit Corporation Name Change (2018)

Narrative: I maintained ownership of this legally registered DBA name of Natchitoches Tribe of Louisiana, but I gave legal authority for use of the name to the Lac Noir Nonprofit Corporation. The Nonprofit State Corporation business structure is not involved with proving heritage/genealogy and does not hold tribal heritage records.

Documentary Evidence: The Lac Noir Nonprofit Corporation changed its name legally to the Natchitoches Tribe of Louisiana (NTL-NC) on July 20, 2018. **All banking activities** were transferred to the NTL-NC on August 31, 2018, and **has been under authority of NTL-NC Board of Directors** since that date.

Section VI. IRS 501(c)(3) Filing Errors and Correction Efforts (2018–2025)

Narrative: In October 2018, an application for 501(c)(3) status (Form 1023-EZ) was submitted by Belinda Brooks without formal board authorization or involvement. When she departed in early 2019, the supporting records disappeared from my access. It was not until April, 2025, that NTL-NC was able to get Form 1023-EZ records from the IRS. Upon recovery and review of the filing, significant errors were identified, including:

1. Use of an incorrect EIN (belonging to my sole proprietorship)
2. Misidentification of the organization's legal structure as being an unincorporated association rather than a formally filed Louisiana State Nonprofit Corporation.

Since April 2025, the organization has undertaken corrective actions in accordance with IRS guidance to resolve these issues. The correct EIN 81-2711798, in existence since May 23, 2016, now applies to the lawful 501c3 NTL-NC.

In regard to the Tribal Registry records, the NTL-NC does not hold these records as part of the 501c3 requirements. The mission of 501c3 must not be hindered by a dedication of assets to the advancement of any one single family group, in accordance with the IRS rulings as described above in Section II.

Documentary Evidence: Other errors are also noted when Form 1023-EZ is compared to the IRS instructions for that application.

Section VII. Legal and Operational Status

Narrative: Since January, 2016, the State Nonprofit Corporation has operated as an official organization, with legal name change to the Natchitoches Tribe of Louisiana Nonprofit Corporation (NTL-NC) occurring in 2018, prior to the filing for 501(c)(3) tax exempt status. NTL-NC has operated as the official legal entity, handles all the financial obligations, and must comply with all applicable federal and state nonprofit laws. This legal status remains in effect unless and until federal tribal recognition is achieved.

The Tribal Registry continues to exist under my business, now formed as Natchitoches Tribal Registry, LLC, to provide a legal boundary between the activities of the family genealogy members and the legal governing functions of the 501(c)(3) Natchitoches Tribe of Louisiana Nonprofit Corporation (NTL-NC).

The NTL-NC continues to handle the many disputes which arise due to the erroneous filing of the Form 1023-EZ. It is currently engaged in the Form 990 process of IRS audit of financial handling of charitable donations.

Section VIII. Governance and Internal Actions

Narrative: In December, 2024, the Tribal Council committee, composed of volunteers from the Tribal Registry, attempted to assert authority outside the legal framework of the NTL-NC. Specifically, actions were taken to alter governance structure and voting rights without legal authority.

In response, I, Fred D. Simon, acting within my authority as Incorporator, Agent, Founding Board Member, and Officer President/Primary Chief, suspended eleven committee members and dissolved the committee to preserve organizational integrity and compliance with governing law.

With sovereign recognition, the Tribe will be governed by the Federal Government in the same manner that States are governed. In other words, the same types of business formations and laws must be followed. Until then, NTL-NC is the official business representation.

The new websites for NTL-NC are:

<https://natchitochestribeoflouisiana.info>

<https://natchitochestribeoflouisiana.org>

<https://natchitochestribeoflouisiana.us>

The new Facebook page is NTL Nonprofit Corporation:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1596442157707395>

I sign below as:

Fred Simon

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Fred D. Simon
President/Primary Chief/CEO
501c3 Natchitoches Tribe of Louisiana Nonprofit Corporation

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Fred D. Simon
Sole Owner of Natchitoches Tribal Registry, LLC

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