Native Peoples & Archaeology of the Portland Area & Lower Columbia Region

A Selected Bibliography

This bibliography lists sources on the prehistory, history, culture and archaeology of the Native Peoples of the southern Northwest Coast culture area, with a focus on the Lower Columbia region and the Portland Basin. Also included are selected works on the history and cultures of North American Native Peoples and on archaeology more generally.

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Old John, a Klickitat who lived along the Columbia Slough from ca.1800 to 1892.