

# The Indian History of Michigan's Thumb Region

Program Source International Lecture Series

## “Ancient and Modern Times”

Michigan's Thumb region is rich in Native American History, dating back to ancient times. This lecture and visual presentation was developed after several years of research, collecting of old photos and newspaper articles. The Ziibiwing Cultural Center plus several Historical Societies and area Museums were helpful in letting Program Source International use and photograph many artifacts presented in the visual portion of this educational program.



Al and David Eicher, who researched and created the lecture presentation, have for the past ten years produced twenty Michigan history documentaries. Their efforts in preserving the 100 to 150 year histories of towns in Michigan provided them with hundredths of old photos and newspaper articles about the native Americans of the area.

The presentation covers the “Ancient and Modern Times” of Indians living and surviving during the Paleo Indian era to the coming of the Anishanabe. The 1600's bring the French traders and the Missionaries. The Eicher's, with their television cameras went to many Indian village sites, Indian Mission locations and burial mounds.

The presentation covers a visit to the Petroglyphs in Sanilac County. They traveled to the “Great White Rock” in Lake Huron and walked the river banks where treaties were signed. For more information about this presentation or others in the series such as, “The Orphan Train in Michigan” or “Michigan's Lumbering Days and Camp Life” call Al or David Eicher at 248-333-2010, or visit us on the web at [www.program-source.com](http://www.program-source.com).



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