

**THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF FAMILY STRUCTURE
ON THE ROCKY BOY'S RESERVATION^{MAS}**

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Scholars of Native American history describe the reservation period as an era of social decline and despair. Native American societies endured oppressive governmental policies, an erosion of sovereignty, and economic dependence. Amidst the radical changes were social strategies to resist and function culturally under oppressive reservation

conditions. One such strategic arena was the reorganization of the Native American familial structure. The present study examines, quantitatively and qualitatively, the evolution of Native American family structure during the post-reservation period using the Chippewa-Cree, Rocky Boy's Reservation.