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Many Americans believe that they have Native ancestry. Through recent developments in DNA testing we are able to prove that in many instances, this is not actually the case. This fallacy is known as The Cherokee Princess Myth, as most often the claim of Native ancestry is that a great-great grandmother was a Cherokee Princess. This claim is impossible in and of itself as there is no Princess in Native customs. I take the reader on my own journey of discovery in attempting to find the truth behind this myth in my family tree.

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