

*Inawending Ani-azaadiikaag: Language & Kinship in the Popple Era*

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In this presentation, I share some of the findings uncovered in the examination of old documents of the post-treaty period, known by Anishinaabe scholars as the “Popple Era”. Documentation and archived language material for the Ojibwe language greatly contributes to efforts currently underway regarding reclamation, revitalization, and recontextualization. Specifically, I discuss kinship and how kinship relations were commonly expressed via the verbal system. I share how old terminology has largely fallen out of use but still can be salient to modern local native speakers in the 1854 treaty area. Certain vocabulary items seem to be restricted to specific contexts with regard to productivity, and I share the opinions of local speakers regarding acceptability.