

Thomas E. Gamble -- Bio

Thomas E. Gamble was born in 1950 in Welch, Oklahoma. He is the great-great-grandson of Chief John Roubidoux, the grandson of Ethel Goodboo Gamble, and the son of Virgil Gamble. Chief Gamble began his tribal leadership as a member of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma Business Development Authority when it was created in 1998. His first elected position came in 2001 when he became Second Chief, serving with Chief Floyd Leonard whose guidance, teaching, and mentoring provided invaluable preparation for the future role of Chief. When Floyd Leonard passed in 2008, Gamble succeeded to the position of Chief and finished out Chief Leonard's term of office. He was then elected Chief at the annual General Council meeting in June 2010. Chief Gamble has made it a personal mission to keep the Miami Tribe as involved as possible with all levels of government; including city, county, state, and federal agencies. By continuing to build relationships with these groups, the Miami Tribe is able to represent its self-sufficiency as a viable sovereign government.