

Article for Hedricka (Copy)

Senapes

Until today it has been necessary for the Senapes to lay the foundations of their history in fable or at best uncertain tradition. We have been compelled to trace our lineage to imaginary deities and to resort to poetical invention for the characters and actions of our ancestors. But now, thanks to the ^{results of the} recent excavation of ~~hidden treasures~~ ^{the wisdom of the other} we are in possession of all the authentic facts of our origin and sacred history, and we are thus able to give to our historic narrative that charm which infinitely surpasses all others the charm of truth.

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Material Culture (2)

Lived in stockaded villages
each family having own
small house.

Practiced agriculture
corn, beans, squash, sweet
potatoes + tobacco.

added hunting + fishing

Dressed in skins +
feather mantles

made rude pottery + baskets

Marriage arranged by
mothers - at request of boy -
His " takes game for boy
to " of girl. if acceptable
" " returns bread
etc cooked by girl - no ceremony.

Crimes
Punished by interested
neighbours paid or killed
Rape - "
Theft - whipped + return of property

Ceremonial Life - centered in
Ceremonial House or "Big House"
Built E+W 40' x 25' x 6' x 14' high.
Sogs covered with bark. 2 Doors
Centre post - two faces
life size E+W. Six posts
each 2 faces - Door posts
2 faces = faces = Spirits

Dead - common ossuaries

Time - Year 12 moons - no
beginning " seed to seed time etc

Records - sticks or flat surfaces
Historic account.

Historic acct (1)

Migration

Territory Pa. n.f. + w.f.

at coming of whites
were 3 great tribes

with sep. territory

" dialect

" identity

" totem

Miamis - n - wolves

+ Unamis - m - turtles

Unalackiga - s - Turkeys

^{metaphorical expression}
Totem names taboo
+ Precedence because
Five - one lang. to three

Each tribe had

12 subtribes - flexibilities

Unamis - many turtles

Time

Organization

Head Chief - Hereditary

sub " or counselor

War " had assistant

Unami H. C. was Chief
of whole nation

War declared by people at
instigation of W.C. and
braves.

I. called Gan-fathers ⁽⁴⁾
surrounding Indians
because of influence
& esteem.

Among whites I. were
credited with high
moral character - as
evidenced in their attachment
to their families, their
sense of honor and their
respect for pledges. They
were justly then in claiming
the title S. S. or w. of men.

We have done well
to adopt their name;
may we emulate their
example - and prove
ourselves worthy of the
title.

During Rev. War. Tammany
was dubbed a saint and
he was established under the
name of St. Tammany - the
Patron St. of America - His
name was inserted
in the calendar and his
festival was celebrated
on 1st day of May - when
his votaries paraded in
Plinks & marched to wigwam
in West Plida & spent day
in festivity. Shortly several
days fell upon the owner - land
was sold & Tammy, wigwam,
& St. disappeared together.

Contact with Whites

1st Settled Ft. Nassau
in W. J. 1623 -

In century & quarter started
on backward migration
toward the sitting deer
and total extinction.
Penn 1683 said 6000 - two tribes ad-
About 1742 I. gathered at
Wyoing on Susq.

but soon all had crossed
to Allegheny where some
had gone in 1724

In 1751 the Hurons
invited them to settle
in Ohio - where
resisted whites.

In 1770 moved to Indiana
1790 Spain gave permission
to move to Mo. & Ark.

By 1820 some 700 had
found way to Texas

In 1835 most of
tribe collected on Reservation
in Kansas

In 1867 moved to Ind. Ter.
& incorporated with the
Cherokees.

So today here are in Oklahoma
on two Res. about 1000
Unanias Ontario 700
Canada Unanias on 3 Res. 300
Missouri 50
made 1000

Brothers, with this belt

I open your ears that you may hear;
~~I remove grief and sorrow from your hearts;~~

I draw from your feet the thorns that
pierced them on your way ~~hither;~~
~~and I grease your stiffened joints with oil;~~

I clean the seats of the council house
that you may sit at ease;

I fill your pipes with ~~the good tobacco,~~
~~your grandfathers used to smoke,~~
that you may smoke ^{and to edify} in ~~peace;~~

I wipe away the tears ~~from the eyes~~
of those whose friends have
gone to the Happy Hunting Ground

since we last met; ^{and I place}
I ~~place~~ ^{your heart} ~~and wipe away~~ ^{all cause for dispute}
~~and wipe out any blood that~~

has been spilled between us and
bury the hatchet under the roots of a tree;

I rekindle our fires on this ^{the}
ancient site where our grandfathers
kept good councils;

Brothers,
with this belt ~~my brothers~~

I open the road that all people
^{to us} may come together
and we may see ^{with our eyes}
to make up their differences;
I invite all tribes and nations to walk with
us in peace.

At the time of the coming of the whites, the region now known as New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York as far up the Hudson as the Catskill mountains was occupied by the three great tribes of the Seneca Indians, ^{the most important family} the Minsi or Munseys ^{of the great Seneca stock} were in north about the headwaters of the Deschamuna and the Delaware ^(above Delphi)

Each tribe had its own dialect, occupied its own definite territory and had its own totem animal.

The Unalachtigo or turkeys south of these parts in the region about Philadelphia the Mianis of turtles. While the three tribes at times acted independently they regarded themselves as belonging to one great body. ^{years ago} one great hereditary chief held the hereditary chieftanship and the great council house was located in Germantown according to former evidence but now known to be on the ^{old} site of this present long house. It was here that ^{the} ^{Seneca} treaty with our people. The ^{Seneca} treaty bell ^{was} ^{presented} to Penn at that time is now in the Hist Soc. It should be here.

Mianis + Unalachtigo treaty with Penn last Minsi

By a fraudulent treaty (the walking purchase) the main body of the Iroquois
was forced to remove from the plateau to the Susquehanna.

The Senegoes had a hieroglyphic 3
system of their own and kept
their historic records by painting

They came to this territory
from the great N. West crossed the
Mississippi and established themselves
here a very long time ago. They were
then one body speaking the same
language. To occupy separate and
to develop distinct dialects
would require a long period.

When the great white blight
struck them they soon disappeared.
The first ^{white} settlement was made just
across the river in N.Y. in 1623
Within the next century and a quarter
the Indians had ^{were} been crowded
out of out of their homes and
started on that backward migration
toward the setting sun and total
extinction. ¹⁷⁴² About 1742 the Senegoes
gathered ~~at~~ at Wyoming on the Susquehanna
but soon crossed ~~to~~ the mountains
to the headwaters of the Allegheny where
others had preceded them in 1724.
In ¹⁷⁵¹ 1754 the Hurons invited them to
settle in E Ohio where they established
themselves so firmly that for a time
they checked the advance of the whites. In 1770
they moved over into Indiana, twenty years
later they obtained permission from the Spanish to move

and by 1820 they had ^{some 700} just their way to Texas. By 1835 most of the tribes had been collected on a reservation in Kansas from which they were removed in 1867 to the Indian Territory and incorporated with the Cherokees. So today these are in Oklahoma in ^{Uman} the two reservations
 in Canada ^{Missi} Umalastgo in 3 "
 in Wisconsin
 in Kansas

965-
 150
 377
 222
 260
 45
 1889

~~Over~~ x

of 1000 Uman in OK
 700 Missi " Out.
 300 " Wis + Kan

N left 1000 Uman
 " 1000 Missi
 Umalastgo = disappeared.

Umalastgo seat near Wilmington was stands

took Uman had Tolam animal from which it claimed a mythical descent. The Umanis conceded precedence of others because their ancestor, the Turtle, the great original tortoise which bears the world on its back and was the first of living beings.

names of Tolam not used but metaphorical expression, round feet, crawler, he does not climb. Signs used in picture evidently but feet of God a wolf but whole turtle.
 each tribe divided to 12 phratras

(Smokey + brandy killed most of the Indians)

X Huron went to Kansas with few Missi
Moravian missionaries took band of Huron + some
Missi went to Canada also
a few missionaries + went to the also

Brunton

At present each tribe has - turkey, turtle + wolf.

Chief Cereday in year but elective
among the ~~war~~ chiefs. However
stated chief of each town elected by
those of the other two = Peace chiefs
wore white belt of wampum, with diamond
shaped figure in centre worked in white
beads which was a symbol of peace.
War was declared by the people at
the instigation of war captains or successful
braves who had displayed selves in
trays against the enemy.

Agricultural - corn beans squashes +
sweet potatoes, tobacco
Hunt + fish

Houses - not communal - each family had
walled hut, with railed top + detached
its separate residence - built in groups +
surrounded well beside.
with mats over, bark

Arts
Potter - skill in feather mantles + dresses of
deer skins - soapstone bowls - mortar + pestles
arms - war club, bow + arrow, spear, hide shield

Dead - common ossuaries -
Year - counted days + events by year period
of 12 moons

Pictographs - cut in stone or wood ^{cut or painted} or bark of trees
understood by all neighboring tribes
acts of ^{great} men + events, + on marked
sticks

Moral X. attached to families - sense of
honor + respect for pledges.

Religious Beliefs ^{mystical} & worshipped the light as manifested in
fire + the sun, the 4 winds as bringers of
rain + the cosmic around.
Sun was a deity. Great festival held in
honor of fire - the grandfather of all nations
Light was source of all things.
Worshipped the ^{unseen} as the intermediary
between ^{unseen} & the invisible powers.
Carved, beads to carry on person or life
soul, went south for time to enjoy a happy
life + returns to be born again into
the world.

M. men - two = one devoted self to divination
+ other to leading. The former called a
powwow or dreamer. Could interpret
dreams. They could see through men
+ knew their thoughts.

Harayton

Chief Cesetay - dies deposed if installed.
" had counselor or subchief
" " war chief who had an assistant

Marriage arranged by parents at request of
boy - present - no ceremony.

Crime - punished by interested
Murder paid or was killed by relatives
Rape - killed
Theft - whippy + return of property -

Ceremonial house or "big house"

40 ft long E to W, 6 ft high to eaves
24" wide - built of logs + covered
with bark.

Ridge pole had two ^{carved} faces life size one facing
E. + other west.

Smaller faces on each side 6 on posts -
+ 2 on each door post for 2 doors.
all 12 faces painted right side red left black

Brothers with this belt
I open your ears that you
may hear; I remove grief
and sorrow from your hearts;
I draw from your feet the
thorns that pierced them
as you journeyed hither ^(x);
I wipe away the tears from
the eyes of those whose
~~loss of the friends who have~~
died since we last met;
I wipe out any blood
that has been spilled
between us. I rekindle
our council fires ^{as this their}
~~ancient site~~ ^{obligations}
I remove your ~~treasures of friendship~~
With this belt I open the
road and invite all Indians
and nations to ally themselves
with us in an eternal
bond of friendship.
(x) I clean the seats of the council
house, that you may sit at ease.

Open road
That all people at variance
may come together to
make up their differences

Where our grandfathers
kept good councils

I greet your stiffened
parts with oil =

place your aching heart
in its proper position

During Rev. war - Jamaica
was dubbed a saint
& he was established
under the name of St James
the Palmetto of Jamaica. His
name was inserted in
the calendar & his festival
celebrated on the 1st of May =
Volunteers Parade in Phil. to
Wigwam school by party =

D. said to leave Coal a
peculiar aversion to whites
+ more opposed to the Gospel
+ whites than any other Indians.
Little wonder - had seen
17 convicts massacred - 3 times
Moravian Zensberger -
only Quaker = David Trainor
in Pa + N.Y.

Called Grandfather by
all surrounding
Indians because
of influence and
respect.

Women because
of influence Iroquois
recommend that they
become peacemakers -
Women because in
Iroquois council were
women who could see
for peace - after war
had gone on long enough to
show valor - + was also an
orator to speak for them.
D. became their peace men
also I. got guns from Dutch
+ subdued Del. English
used I. against Del.

History of Migrations Br.

Peven 1883 says 6000 -
soon diminished by disease
+ migration

1690 a band of Iroquois left for
west to N. York with Ottawas

1721 - greatly reduced +
settling in Western Pa.
in Ohio first 1724

1744 Iroquois ordered at Samsash
all Del. to move to Shanawana
on Susquehanna

1748 there were on Ohio 165 warriors

1755 - French War Del. united
with " against Iroquois 600 men

After this steadily migrated
to Susquehanna R. in this

In Revolution I. were neutral
Border wars continued until 1795
treaty -

1789 some D. moved to Louisiana

1791 colony of Christian Indians
went to Canada

So in both directions I. driven
by U.S. territory

Some remained devoted to
agriculture + 1808 Gov. gave
tract of land in Pa. ten yrs
later removed them west of
Miss = 800 D. in Pa.

1790 = 1500 - 4 yrs later
removed to Territory

Creation manito
creator = Michabo or
the great light

A warden descended
from heaven - had twin
sons + descended - one
made earth etc +
now dwells beyond the
sunrise -

Earth = all mother

In Michigan
In beginning water + sky
woman descended
small part of land
was above water for her.

She was pregnant = mysterious
power - birth tsiflets -
bear, deer + wolf - from
these all men + animals
have descended - island
grew + woman went
back to sky.

Catamenial period = 7 days

Time - ^{names} 19 moons = 28th

No fixed beginning of year
but counted from one seed
time to another. strawberries

record sticks - burnt or
painted + tied in bundles
+ boards "walam drum"