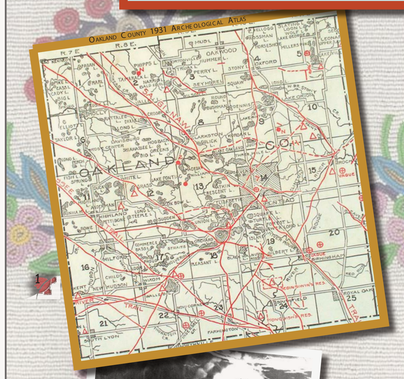
OAKLAND COUNTY NATIVE AMERICANS

"IT TAKES A THOUSAND VOICES TO TELL A SINGLE STORY."

NATIVE AMERICAN PROVERB



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PAUL MACKEY, AKA: PAUL PIPEYAH (1895-1976), HAD A TRAVELING WILD WEST SHOW CALLED "PRINCESS AND CHIEF CLEARWATER." HIS GREAT GRANDFATHER WAS PI-PI-YAH CHIEF OF THE PAW PAW BAND OF POTAWATO MI 1843-1845. H E DIED 1856-57 AND IS BURIED PI-PI-YAH CEMETERY, IN PAW PAW TWP., VAN BUREN CO., MI. PHOTO GRAPH IS CIRCA 1930

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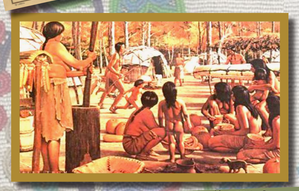
"My beloved brothers,
I would walk with you here.
For I say to you, the pale
face does not own this land,
nor is it ours to give. It is
our land and their land. It
belongs to the Great Spirit
who does not divide, who
is always the same, whose
bounty knows no limits"



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"Englishman, although you have conquered the French, you have not yet conquered us. We are not your slaves. The lakes, these woods and mountains were left us by our ancestors. We will part with them to no one."
-Pontiac, Ottawa

CHIEF PONTIAC WAS AN OTTAWA CHIEF (B.:1720 – D. APRIL 20, 1769) AND HEAD OF THE COUNCIL OF THE THREE FIRES (INTERTRIBAL GROUP OF OTTAWA, POTAWATOMI AND OJIBWA). THE FRENCH TRADERS AND INDIANS HAD COEXISTED WELL, TRADING FURS FOR SUPPLIES. IN 1760, THE BRITISH DEFEATED THE FRENCH AND TOOK OVER THEIR FORTS. SO ME OF THE BRITISH WERE LIMITED TRADE AND AN GERED THE TRIBES. IN 1762, PONTIAC ENLISTED HELP FROM ALL OF THE 18 LOCAL TRIBES TO DRIVE OUT THE BRITISH. THIS WAS KNOWN AS "PONTIAC'S CONSPIRACY." EACH TRIBE WAS TO ATTACK THE FORTS NEAREST TO THEM BY MAY OF 1763, AND ELIMINATE THE BRITISH SETTLEMENTS. THE REBELLION WAS TO BEGIN ON MAY 7, 1762. BY TAKING FORT DETROIT, PONTIAC'S PLAN WAS EXPECTED TO ENCOURAGE THE OTHER BRITISH WARRIORS TO BLOCKADE SUPPLIES AND REINFORCEMENTS COMING AND METHODS TO ATTACK THE FORTS. BUT BRITISH REINFORCEMENTS CAME AND MET WITH WON THE "BATTLE OF BLOODY RUN," (1763-64), THE SIEGE OF DETROIT, PONTIAC'S WAR, AND THE BATTLE OF BUSHY RUN. BY 1764, THE FRENCH SIDED 12 FORTS AND LEFT BRITISH SETTLEMENTS IN RUINS. PONTIAC AGREED TO A PEACE WITH THE BRITISH AND RETOOK MANY OF THE AREAS. PONTIAC LATER LIVED TREATY IN JULY 1766, AT FORT DE CHARTRES, ILLINOIS. THREE YEARS LATER, HE WAS MURDERED BY A PEORIA INDIAN. TO AVEN GE HIS DEATH THE OTTAWA KILLED MANY PEORIA INDIANS.

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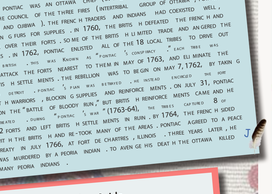

Potawatomi Pronunciation Guide

Alphabet:
a b c d e' g h i j k m n o p s sh t u w y z zh

(Note: An adopted phonetic alphabet using the roman alphabet)

a = ah	e' = the "a" in "cat"	j = j	p = p	w = w
b = b	g = g	k = k	s = s	y = y
c = ch	h = h	m = m	sh = sh	z = z
d = d	i = ee	n = n	t = t	zh = the "s" in "leisure"
e = eh	I = the "i" in "fit"	o = oh	u = the "oo" in "book," or sometimes the "uh" in "buck"	

Sometimes y and w act as "semivowels" (similar to diphthongs), when they follow vowels:

ey = the sound in "hey"
ay = the sound in "die"
ow = the sound in "cow"
aw = the sound in "beautiful"
iw = the sound in "Beautiful"

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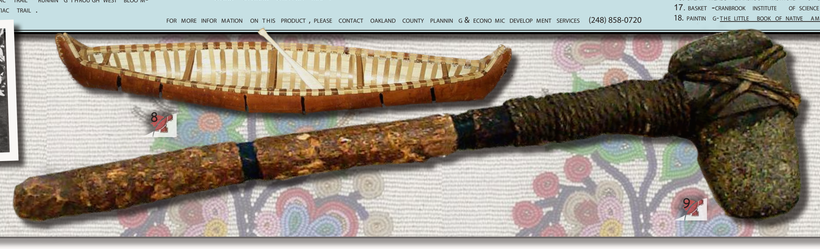
GEORGIANNA ANGIE (MACKEY) KASPER, A HURON POTAWATOMI, THIRD FROM LEFT. PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN AT A POW WOW SOMEWHERE IN MICHIGAN, CIRCA 1950



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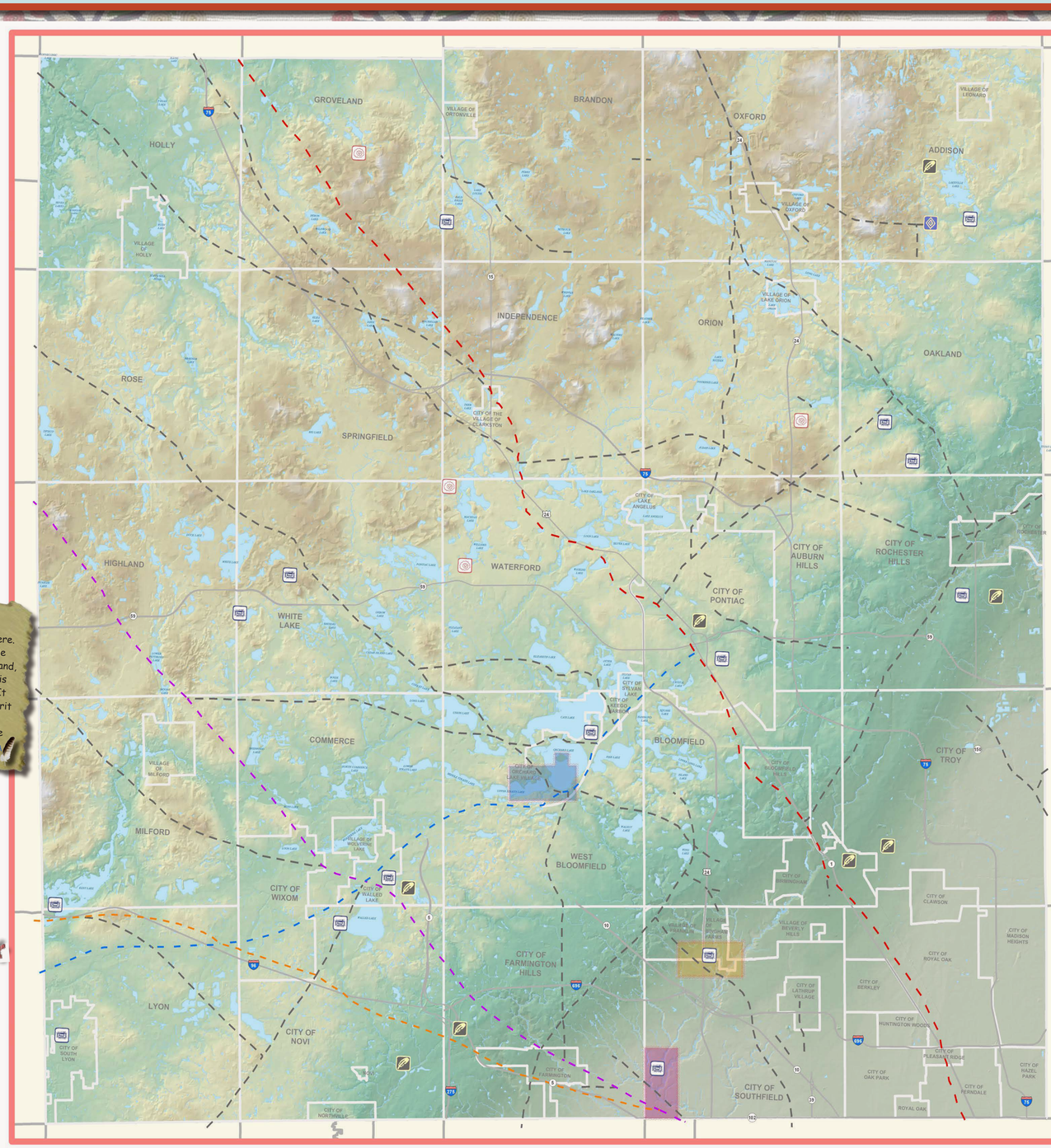
TWO DAUGHTERS OF JOSEPH M. BAHOLEY, AKA: KIC-ON-NOB-AY (1852-1924), A SAGINAW CHIPPEWA CHIEF. PHOTOGRAPH CIRCA 1900



Unnamed Native American Reservation
Seginsiwin Reservation
Tonquish Reservation

Burial Ground
Ceremonial Mound(s)
Irregular Earthwork
Villages

Grand River Trail
Pontiac Trail
Saginaw Trail

Shiawassee Trail
Unnamed Trail

Municipal Boundaries
Highway
Lakes & Ponds
Rivers & Streams

Elevation in Feet
600 700 800 900 1,000 1,100 1,200 Feet

Map Created on April 29, 2010

Miles
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QUOTES & WRITINGS

A CHIEF TELONGA/TONGANA-PLYMOUTH MOUND, MICHIGAN, DECEMBER 1819 SUCCESSOR TO POTAWATOMI CHIEF TONQUISH

B THE WORLD OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN – NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

C VOCABULARY, ETC.,TAKEN FROM A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ANISHINABE CLAN SYSTEM FUNCTIONS", A SERIES ON THE CLANS OF THE ANISHINABE, [OJIBWAY] NATION, 1993

D 7 PROPHECIES – PART OF A SERIES OF KINOOMAAGEWIN MIZIN GAS (LITTLE TEACHINGS BOOKS)

E "SEVEN GRANDFATHER TEACHINGS" – PART OF A SERIES OF KINOOMAAGEWIN MIZIN GAS (LITTLE TEACHINGS BOOKS)

F POTAWATOMI MI WORDS (BODEWADMI) – PROVIDED BY KIM WESTSAUT, FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI

G,H QUOTES –TAKEN FROM THROUGH INDIAN EYES, READERS DIGEST ASSOCIATION, INC

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J HTTP://WWW.ENCHANTEDLEARNING.COM/EXPLORERS/PAGE/P/PONTIAC.SHTML

FACT: IN OAKLAND COUNTY AND BEYOND, MANY WELL TRAVELED HISTORIC NATIVE AMERICAN TRAILS HAVE LITERALLY "NAKED THE WAY." FOR INDIAN TRAILS MARK MAJORITY OF THE MAJOR CIVIL HIGHWAYS. SAGINAW TRAIL, WITHIN THE COUNTY'S BORDERS, IS NOW WOODWARD AVENUE AND DIXIE HIGHWAY. A PORTION OF THE ORIGINAL TRAIL STILL EXISTS IN WATERFORD TOWNSHIP AS A RESIDENTIAL STREET REFERRED TO AS SAGINAW TRAIL. THE "GRAND RIVER TRAIL" AND "SHIAWASSEE TRAIL" HAVE BECOME GRAND RIVER AVENUE AND SHIAWASSEE ROAD DOWN IN THE SOUTHEAST PORTION OF THE COUNTY. "PONTIAC TRAIL" RUNNING THROUGH WEST BLOOMFIELD AND COMMERCE TOWNSHIPS AND INTO WALLED LAKE IS STILL KNOWN AS PONTIAC TRAIL.

NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBAL NAME SPELLINGS & MISSPELLINGS:

CORRECT ORIGINAL	ACCEPTED
BODEWADMI (KEEPERS OF FIRE)	POTAWATOMI/POTTAWATOMIE
OJIBWE ("PEOPLE OF THE PUCKERED MOCCASIN")	OJIBWA ("PUCKERING TECHNIQUE ON MOCCASINS")/CHIPPEWA
ODAWA ("TRADERS")	OTTAWA

THESE 3 TRIBES WERE KNOWN AS THE "THREE FIRES."

THE NAME "MICHIGAN" IS DERIVED FROM THE ALGONQUIN CHIPPEWA WORD "MEICI GAMA", MEANING "BIG SEA WATER". A REFERENCE TO THE GREAT LAKES. THE NATIVE AMERICANS BELIEVED THE LOWER PENINSULA OF MICHIGAN TO BE IN THE SHAPE OF A TURTLE. THE WORD "MISHIGEN", MEANS "TURTLE." THE TURTLE IS CONSIDERED THE KING OF THE FISH CLAN. THE CREATION STORY GOES, DURING THE GREAT FLOOD, A PIECE OF EARTH IT WAS PLACED ON THE TURTLES BACK AND THE WIND BLEW THE GRAINS IN THE FOUR DIRECTIONS. THIS WAS A NEW BEGINNING. "TURTLE ISLAND" IS STILL KNOWN AS THE GREAT TURTLE. CASINO –SAGINAW CHIPPEWA TRIBE.

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OAKLAND COUNTY MICHIGAN

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The 7 Prophecies

First Prophecy/ First Fire
The Anishinabek were instructed to follow the direction of the setting sun for their survival. The megis (cowrie) shell will appear at seven places on the Great Walk and lead the people to a new home where food grows on the water.

Second Prophecy/ Second Fire
The Anishinabek would camp by a large body of water. The path of the megis shell and the spiritual strength of the people will become lost. A special boy will be born to lead the people on the Great Walk.

Third Prophecy/ Third Fire
Great hope and anticipation will arrive in the time of the Third Fire. The megis shell will lead the Anishinabek to their new home, to the places where food grows on the water.

Fourth Prophecy/ Fourth Fire
During the time of the Fourth Fire, the prophets told the Anishinabek that Light-Skinned people will come over the Great Salt Water. They would travel in big trees pulled by billowing white clouds. The faces of the Light-Skinned people will tell the future. Some faces may show brotherhood, peace, and wonderful changes for many years. Others may wear false faces hiding their hunger for the land.

Fifth Prophecy/ Fifth Fire
The Light-Skinned people will bring promises of joy and salvation. Those who accept the promises will abandon the old ways and each other for a new way of life.

Sixth Prophecy/ Sixth Fire
Many Anishinabek will accept the promises that were brought in the time of the Fifth Fire. Turning their backs on the old ways, many will discourage their children from listening to the elders, speaking the language, and learning the traditions.

Seventh Prophecy/ Seventh Fire
New People will rise up and the Anishinabek nation will be reborn. The New People will seek knowledge from the elders and rekindle the old ways. In the Seventh Fire, all people must choose between two paths - desecration or compassion.

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"BEAR CLAW" NECKLACE MADE UP OF MESCAL BEANS & INDIAN DENTALIUM SHELL OBTAINED AS A GIFT OR BY TRADE.

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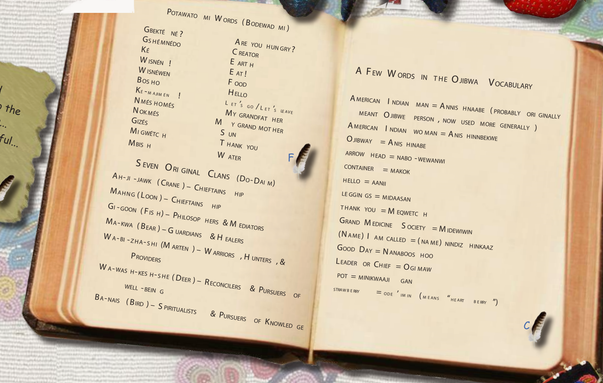

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"You see, I stand in good relation to the earth...to the gods... to all that is beautiful... You see, I am alive, I am alive."

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Niizhwaaswi Mishomis Kinoomaagewinawaan
Seven Grandfather Teachings

"We have to take care of Aki (Mother Earth) or we will not have a home. We must all share in this responsibility. We need to make sure that Mother Earth and everything the Creator gave her will always be here for future generations. Each morning let us remember whose spirits are in the many glories that surround us. They taught us, as they had been taught by their elders, how to take care of Mother Earth and each other.

One gave him the gift of NIBWAAKAAWIN (Wisdom), and he learned to use that wisdom for his people.

Another gave the gift of ZAAGIDWIN (Love), so that he would love his brother and sister and share with them.

The third Grandfather offered the gift of MANAADJITOWAAWIN (Respect), so that he would give respect to everyone, all human beings and all things created.

AAKODEWIN (Bravery), was the next gift, the courage to do things even in the most difficult of times.

A fifth Grandfather gave the boy GWEKOWAADZIWIN (Honesty), so that he would be honest in every action and provide good feelings in his heart.

Another Grandfather offered DIBAADENDIZOWIN (Humility), to teach the boy to know that he was equal to everyone else, no better or no less.

The last gift that was given to the boy was DEBWEWIN (Truth). The Grandfather said, "Be true in everything that you do. Be true to yourself and true to your people. Always speak the truth".

The Grandfathers told him, "Each of these Teachings must be used with the rest. You can not have WISDOM without LOVE, RESPECT, BRAVERY, HONESTY, HUMILITY, and TRUTH. You can not be honest if you use only one or two of the Teachings, and to leave out one is to embrace the opposite of what the Teaching is."

We should all try to live by the Seven Grandfather Teachings. Sometimes it may be hard to apply all of them daily, but we must try. If we don't practice honesty, we cheat. If we don't practice truth, we will lie. We must go back to the knowledge that the Seven Grandfathers taught the First Elder, who then passed the Teachings on to the next generation, and so on.

The Seven Grandfather Teachings will remind us how to treat one another and our children. Each of us is responsible for taking care of the children and of Mother Earth. The children are the ones who must care for Mother Earth tomorrow, and for the generations to come."

- Author Unknown

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"In the old days our people had no education.
All their wisdom and knowledge came to them from dreams. They tested their dreams and in that way learned their own strength."
-Ojibwa Elder

INDIAN TOBACCO
LOBELIA INFLATA

USED FOR CEREMONIAL PURPOSES, GIVEN AS GIFTS AND "PASSED" TO SEAL A DEAL – MUCH LIKE A HAND SHAKE.