

A-NUM-SUNK-HUN-GUN

Was the Name of the Island Which the Penobscots Sold - It is Now Oldtown.

We were shown last week the copy of a very ancient deed from the Penobscot tribe of Indians to John Marsh, Jr., in which it appears that in July 1793, a committee of said tribe, consisting of Joseph Poor McMann, Sockabeema, and Joseph Pischu, conveys to said Marsh, a certain parcel of land called A-num-sunk-hun-gun I-land, in consideration of thirty bushels of good Indian corn, to be delivered in the presence of one Jere Colburn. This island, for which this fabulous sum was paid, was none other than Marsh island, where Oldtown now stands, and which in territory comprises about one-sixth of Orono, or the portion known as the island side, and about one-fourth of the territory of Oldtown, including the entire village; also the island side of Upper Stillwater and Greatworks, as well as that part of Orono known as Webster. On the fifth and twelfth days of the following October, a council of chiefs was held at the house of Robert Treat, Esq., to ratify the sale, which was done with great formality after due deliberation, and the chiefs each affixed to his name, which was written by another, his peculiar mark. The witnesses were Robert Treat, Jere Colburn and Z. Marsh. The chiefs were Orono, the blue-eyed chief for whom Orono is named, Esquire Ausing, Non-o-wau gus't and Sockto-mah. Many of the lineal descendants of John Marsh and Jere Colburn still live in Orono, where some members of Mr. Colburn's family spent a part of the year 1774.

In a list of Indian Islands
+ those rents belonging to
Penobscot title see vol.
in handwriting.

Hon. Joseph Hecker, his mother was
Mary Malt, dau. of re Mr. John Heptune.
Capt Smasin (Onehand) heptune was a
brother to Mary Malt, says Clara heptune.
Joe heera married Elizabeth (Franceny?)
from Canada, half French. His mother
sister Louisa Franceny who used to
tell stories to Miss Abigail.

Clara heptune says that Mary Cecil,
Elizabeth + Tomceekia were sisters
who lived on Sugar Island. They had
2 cows, chickens, corn, beans, turnips,
Cape house. Mary Cecil was her
grandmother. She was brought up
there on Sugar Island. See p. 12

hecker, Clara says there were
1. Joe (d. baby) 2 Peter 3. Mitchell,
4 Debattis, 5 Joe (again)

Joseph Necole - son of Tomer Necole, b. 1827, mother - heptune,
"his grandfather one of the few who escaped to Norridgewock".
Went to school in Rockland, Warren, Brown, Olden; mar. 1866
Elizabeth Joseph dau. of Debattis Joseph & Clamson. Ch. Clara,
Lucy (and later Florence m. Shay) - Hist of Penobscot Co.