

## Molly Molasses

Mary Polasses or Molly Molasses as she was commonly called was the oldest and most famous woman of the tribe. When my grandfather first knew her she was an old woman, and she was probably fifty five or fifty years old when he was married. She lived till about the end of the war, dying probably in 1865. She was not less than ninety <sup>92's</sup> years old at her death and she declared she was a hundred. Her husband had always been drowned "just fifty years Morehead Lake". She said she could remember when the first white folks came, "talk just like blackbirds". She could remember when there had been a large spring "where camp 'em Abram", that is on the site of the Pioneer Exchange owned by Abram Woodward. She could also remember when they used to hunt moose on Thomas's Hill in Bangor "where camp 'em Charles" - <sup>that is, Charles Proctor's</sup> father says she never had a husband.

Molly's name was Bayleheese - In Blake's north Bellowses Clara Hopkins says she was m'teoulin & so to take more about the one likely her real name was Mary Pelagie