MAP OF

HO-DE-NO-SAU-NEE-GA

OR

THE PEOPLE OF THE LONG HOUSE

COMPILED 1851 BY LEWIS H. MORGAN + ELY S. PARKER, A SENECA SACHEM FROM SEVERAL FRENCH MAPS OF 1720 OR EARLIER, SHOWING ANCIENT TRAILS, LAKES, VILLAGES, AND PRINCIPAL LOCATIONS WITH THEIR ABORIGINAL NAMES.

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LEGEND

- ▭ LONGHOUSE VILLAGES
- • IMPORTANT LOCATIONS WHICH SOMETIMES BECAME WHITE SETTLEMENTS.
- ..... TRAILS (OR MARKED IN RED)
- — — — NATIONAL BOUNDARIES (OR IN BROWN)
- T. AFTER NAME IS TE-CAR-NE-O-DI, LAKE
- G. AFTER NAME IS GA-HUN-DA, RIVER
- ╫ WATER FALLS
- •~ SPRINGS

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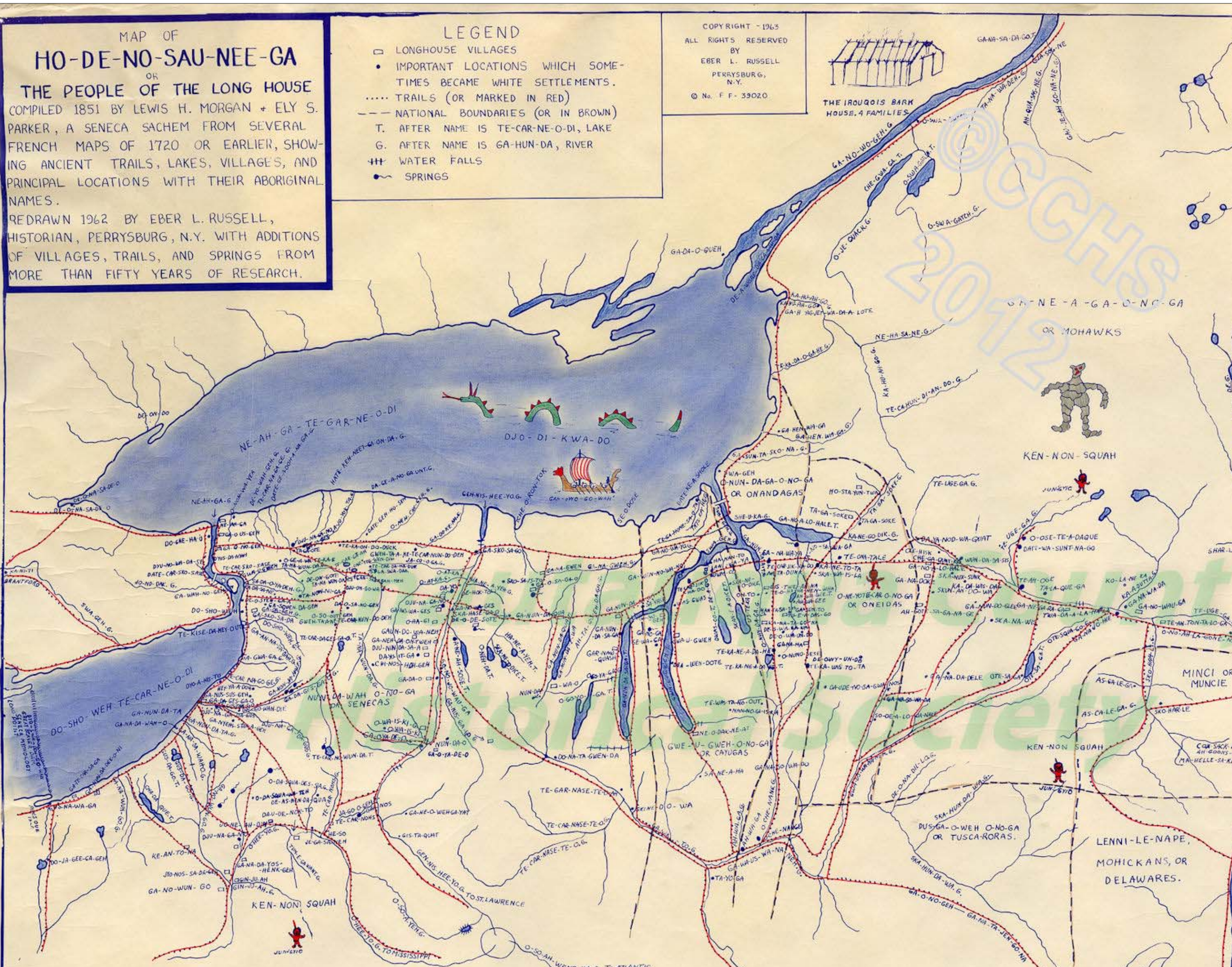

MYTHOLOGY

KEN-NON-SQUAH, STONE GIANTS, WHOLLY EVIL, LIVED IN STONY PLACES, CAME OUT AND DEVOURED PEOPLE, GREATLY FEARED BY OLD TIME INDIANS; DJO-DI-KWA-DO, GREAT HORNED SERPENT, IN LAKE ONTARIO ONLY, FROM WHALES COMING INTO LAKE, PARTLY BAD, SOMETIMES GOOD; "JUN-GYI-O", THE "LITTLE PEOPLE" OR INDIAN FAIRIES, "SO HIGH" MEASURING ABOUT 10" WITH THE HANDS, ALWAYS GOOD AND HELPFUL, THREE TRIBES, ONE MADE THE PLANTS AND TREES GROW, COLORED THE BERRIES AND LEAVES, PUT THEM TO BED IN THE FALL, A VERY BUSY "LITTLE PEOPLE." NEXT WERE THE "MEDICINE MEN" WHO CARED FOR THE SICK AND INJURED ANIMALS. THE LAST AND MOST NUMEROUS WERE THE "STONE THROWERS" ALTHOUGH IT WAS JUST A GAME WITH THEM, THEY LEFT THE GREAT BOULDERS IN THE FIELDS AND MADE THE ROCK CITIES, A VERY STRONG "LITTLE PEOPLE", "SO HIGH." THIS IS PROBABLY WHY THE OLD ONES HESITATED TO USE THE NAME JUN-GYIO.; GA-O-WO-WAH THE GREAT CANOE, TRADITION OF VIKING SHIP ON LAKE ONTARIO, THE PRESENCE OF NORSEMEN IN N.E. AMERICA IS WELL AUTHENTICATED; OAT-GONT, THE WIZARD OF GUS-TAN-GO (VERSAILLES) BY TRICKERY AND DECEIT HE OVERCAME HIS VICTIMS AND IMPRISONED THEM IN THE CAVE AT THE FORKS OF GA-DA-GES-GA-O AND DJU-NA-GA-DA-GUS (CATTARAUGUS AND SOUTH BRANCH) THE CAVE IS STILL THERE, HE WAS FINALLY BEATEN BY A YOUNG MAN CLAD ONLY IN A BREECH CLOTH AND MOCCASINS, NO PAINT OR DISGUISE, OF COURSE HE WON THE CHIEF'S DAUGHTER. OUT OF THIS GREW THIS "SAYING OF THE WISE ONES" NAKED TRUTH IS A DEEP DISGUISE WHICH THOSE ACCUSTOMED TO DECEIVE CANNOT OFTEN PENETRATE; GA-NO-GA, "THE SPRING OF THE TEAR DROP" OF THE GOOD MIND WHICH HE SHED WHEN HE OVERCAME HIS BROTHER, THE BAD MIND, LIES BETWEEN SENECA AND CAYUGA LAKES. REVEALED BY HA-YO-WENT-HA, WHO SPOKE A MYSTIC WORD, A WORD FOR WHICH MEN OF ALL AGES HAVE SOUGHT BUT COULD NOT FIND, HAVING WAR IN THEIR HEARTS AND A LIVING STREAM ISSUED WHICH FLOWS FOR PEACE EVEN TODAY; GIS-TWE-AH-NA, "THE LITTLE MEN" OF THE ONANDAGA'S, SAME AS THE JUNG-GO-AEH OR "LITTLE PEOPLE" OF THE SENECA'S, HOWEVER SAY THAT THEY BECAME TROUBLESOME AND WERE CHASED INTO A HOLE IN THE CLIFF ON INDIAN FALLS LAKE AND HAVE NEVER COME OUT. IN SPIRIT LAKE THERE IS SUPPOSED TO DWELL "A MONSTER" WHO LURED MAIDENS TO THE DEPTHS. SEVERAL YEARS AGO THE LEVEL OF THE LAKE WAS LOWERED AND MANY HUMAN BONES WERE UNCOVERED; CHA-DA-QUE, A LEGEND IS TOLD THAT AN INDIAN MAID ATE OF A SWEET ROOT, BLACK KA-HUSH, AND BECOMING VERY THIRSTY ENTERED THE LAKE AND DISAPPEARED, HER BODY COMES TO THE SURFACE OCCASIONALLY. ANOTHER IS THAT A PARTY RETURNING FROM THE O-HEE-YO (OHIO) CAUGHT A STRANGE FISH SO BIG THEY HAD TO "LIFT IT OUT" TO GET IT INTO THE CANOE, WHEN THEY REACHED LAKE ERIE THE FISH WAS STILL ALIVE, THIS ACCOUNTS FOR THE MUSCALONGE IN THAT LAKE STILL. ANOTHER IS THAT A FOG SEEMS TO "LIFT OUT" OF CHAUTAUQUA IN THE EVENING. THE OLD INDIANS MADE THE SIGN OF LOOKING THROUGH CROSSED FINGERS, "A PLACE NOT CLEARLY SEEN" HENCE A FOGGY PLACE. GA-NUN-DA-E-WA, THE GREAT OR SACRED HILL, MYTHICAL BIRTHPLACE OF THE SENECA NATION.

RIVERS

NE-AH-GA, THE NECK, NIAGARA RIVER; GEN-NIS-HEE-YO, BETWEEN BEAUTIFUL FIELDS OR BANKS; LONG THE HOME OF THE SENECAS, WAS THE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE OF SULLIVAN-CLINTON CAMPAIGN; GA-DA-GES-GA-O, FETID BANKS OR SHORE FROM NATURAL GAS SEEPAGE, INVESTIGATION SHOWS THAT "GA" PLACE IN THIS CASE COVERED AN AREA FROM ANGOLA TO BARCELONA AND INLAND TO ZOAR VALLEY; DJU-NA-GA-DA-GUS IS ONE AREA CALLED BURNING SPRINGS, DJU-HERE, NA-SPRINGS, GA-DA-BURNS, GUS- IN THE RIVER; GAH-TA-RA-KE-RAS IS ANOTHER NAME FOR THIS AREA, SAME MEANING, CATTARAUGUS COMES FROM THESE; GUS-DA-GO AND GUS-TAN-GO RIVER UNDER THE ROCKS, CASSADAGA AND VERSAILLES. TE-CAR-NA-GO-GE, BLACK WATER, SPRING INTO THE LAKE, TWO SISTERS CREEK NEAR ANGOLA; GA-AN-NA-DA-DAH, SLATE BOTTOM CREEK, EAST BRANCH OF BUFFALO CREEK OR 18 MILE CREEK; GA-DA-GEH, THROUGH OAK OPENING, CAYUGA CREEK; DO-SHO-WEH, SPLITTING THE FORK, GAVE THE NAME TO VILLAGE, STREAM AND LAKE, WAS THE ORIGINAL BUFFALO; GA-GWA-GEH, THE REMAINING NAME OF THE KAH-QUAHS; SWA-GEH, OUTPOURING, FOUND IN SEVERAL PLACES; DE-YO-WA-GEH, IN THE RUSHES; TUSCARORA CR. TE-CAR-NA-GA-GE, AGAIN BLACK WATER, THESE AT ONE TIME MET TO FORM WILSON HARBOR, CREEK NOW CALLED 12 MILE CR.; DATE-GE-A-DE-HA-NA-GEH, TWO CREEKS CLOSE TOGETHER, 18 MILE CREEK AT OLCOTT, SECOND CREEK IS LITTLE MORE THAN A GULLEY NOW. A-SO-YOK-TO, FISHING CREEK, JOHNSON'S CREEK; DA-GE-A-NO-GA-UNT, TWO STICKS TOGETHER, OAK ORCHARD CR. WAS IN THE SENECA RESERVATION THAT WAS LOST IN THE 1797 TREATY; GA-SUN-TA-SKO-NA, BARK LYING DOWN, NAME SUGGESTS SKO- ACROSS, NA- SPRING OR FRESH WATER; GA-HEN-WA-GA, SALMON RIVER IN PULASKI; TE-KA-DA-O-GA-HE, SLOPING BANKS, SANDY CREEK; KA-HU-AH-GO, WIDE RIVER IN WATERTOWN; GA-NO-WO-GEH, GREAT SWIFT WATER, ST. LAWRENCE; SKA-NEH-TA-DE, THROUGH THE OPENINGS, HUDSON RIVER, THE SKA COULD MEAN ACROSS CLIFFS OR RAVINE; TA-UGE-GA, THE FORKS, MOHAWK AND HUDSON; TA-YO-GA, SAME COHOCTON AND SUSQUEHANNA, THE FIRST TIOGA POINT, NOW AT ATHENS, PA. SULLIVAN AND CLINTON MET HERE FOR THEIR CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE IROQUOIS; GA-NAK-TO, LOG IN WATER, COHOCTON RIVER; GA-WA-US-WA-NA-NEH, MURKY OR MUDDY WATER, SUSQUEHANNA, DOWN THIS RIVER FLOATED GEN. CLINTON'S BRIGADE TO MEET SULLIVAN IN 1779. O-WA-IS-KI, UNDER THE BANKS, WISCOY CREEK; O-AT-KA, THROUGH AN OPENING AT SCOTTSVILLE, OATKA CREEK; O-CHE-NAN-GO OR O-CHE-NANG, BULL THISTLES, CHENANGO RIVER; O-SWA-GATCH OR O-SWA-GATCHIE OR OGDENSBURG; O-HEE-YO, BEAUTIFUL OR ENDLESS RIVER, ALLEGANY RIVER, THE DELAWARES CALLED THE RIVER CHAL-LI-GEE-WE OR TAL-LI-GEE-WE WITH THE DELAWARE SUFFIX HANNA, HENY, OR ANY FOR RIVER, WHICH SHORTED BECAME ALLEGANY. PROBABLY THE ONLY MOUND BUILDER NAME WE HAVE LEFT. UP THE COURSE OF THIS RIVER IN OUR PREHISTORIC TIMES CAME UNKNOWN RACES TO INHABIT N.E. AMERICA AND IN HISTORIC TIMES UN-NUMBERED THOUSANDS FOLLOWED IT DOWN TO POPULATE THE GREAT WEST.

O-JIK-HA-DA-GE-GA, SALT WATER, THE ATLANTIC OCEAN; SKA-HUN-DA-WA, GREAT PLAINS, DELAWARE RIVER; SKO-HAR-LE, DRIFTWOOD BRIDGE, SCHOHARIE RIVER SUPPLIES WATER FOR N.Y. CITY; TA-NA-WUN-DA, SWIFT WATER, TONAWANDA CREEK, GAVE THE NAME TO VILLAGE AND RESERVATION. BY TRICKERY AND FRAUD, THE TONAWANDA SENECAS WERE DEFRAUDED OUT OF THEIR LAND. THEY RECEIVED TWENTY CENTS AN ACRE, SOME SAY 70,000 ACRES AND THEN HAD TO PAY $20.00 AN ACRE TO GET BACK THIS SMALL PORTION; TE-CAR-JIK-HA-DO, SALT LAKES IN EDGE OF MONTEZUMA MARSH; TCHE-O-RON-TOK, OR NE-O-DA-ON-DA-QUAT, WHERE THE WAVES BREATH AND DIE, IRON DE QUOIT BAY AND CREEK, DE NONVILLE LANDED HERE 1687 TO MARCH AGAINST THE SENECA VILLAGES ON BOUGHTEN HILL; TE-CAR-NASE-TE-O-AH, MORGAN SAYS PAINTED POST BUT MUST MEAN MORE AS THE WORD REFERS TO A LAKE AND AN ISLAND NOW MARKED BY A MONUMENT; O-SO-AH-WENT-HA, PINE FOREST, PINE CREEK FLOWS INTO SUSQUEHANNA. ARISES WITH GENESEE AND ALLEGANY TO MAKE THREE POINT WATER-SHED; O-SO-AH-YEH, THROUGH HEMLOCKS, BUT DR. A.C. PARKER SAYS OUT-POURING, OSWAYO CREEK.

LAKES

NE-AH-GA, THE NECK OR SKA-NA-DAR-IO, BEAUTIFUL LAKE, ONTARIO; CHA-DA-QUE LIFTING OUT FISH OR FOG; GUS-DA-GO, UNDER THE ROCKS; TE-CAR-NO-WUN-DA, BOOK TRANSLATION LIME LAKE, CORRECT, LAKE OF SWIFT FLOWING SPRING, AN ACCURATE DESCRIPTION; GA-NE-AH-SOSE, LONG STRING OF BERRIES, CONESUS LAKE; GA-NUN-DA-QUA, FROM GA-NUN-DA-E-WAH, SACRED HILL EAST OF LAKE, GAVE NAME TO LAKE AND VILLAGE AS CAN-AN-DAI-GUA; GA-NUN-DA-SA-GA, MORGAN'S TRANSLATION, NEW SETTLEMENT, MAYBE NEW SETTLEMENT OF HILL PEOPLE; NUN-DA, ALWAYS MEANS HILL, GAVE THE NAME TO SENECA LAKE AND CASTLE, SENECA IS NOT AN IROQUOIS WORD; GWA-U-GWEH, MUCKY GROUND, GAVE NAME TO LAKE AND NATION, NOW CAYUGA; GA-NUN-DA-TA-A, LAKE OF THE HILLS, ONONDAGA; GA-NO-A-LO-HALE, STANDING STONE, ONEIDA, TRADITION SAYS THAT THIS STONE FOLLOWED THE ONEIDA'S, BUT WHEN THEY WENT TO WISCONSIN THE STONE DID NOT MOVE, IS NOW IN A CEMETERY IN UTICA, N.Y.; GA-NA-SA-DA-GO, SIDE HILL, LAKE ST. FRANCIS, FROM HERE RAIDS WERE LAUNCHED AGAINST COLONISTS IN REV. WAR; O-NE-A-DA-LOTE, OPENING INTO THE COUNTRY, CHAMPLAIN; OTE-SA-GA, STONE IN OUTLET, LAKE, RIVER, AND VILLAGE OTSEGO, NOW COOPERSTOWN, HOME OF JAMES FENIMORE COOPER, AUTHOR OF LEATHER-STOCKING TALES; TE-CAR-TEG-WAN-DAH, INDIAN FALLS LAKE; TE-CAR-GA-AH, SPIRIT LAKE OR GHOST LAKE. SEE MYTHOLOGY.

PLACES

AH-WA-GA, WHERE THE VALLEY WIDENS, OWEGO, MAY ALSO MEAN OUTPOURING AS-CA-LE-GA, BLACK CLOTH, COBELSKILL; CAUGH-NA-WA-GA, STONE LIKE A COFFIN, LAST OF THE MOHAWK CASTLES NOW IN CANADA; COX-SACK-IE, MANY TRANSLATIONS BUT NONE INDICATE THAT IT WAS THE

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GREAT ALGONKIN FLINT MINE, PROBABLY ALSO USED BY THE MOHAWKS; DATE-CAR-SKO-SASE, HIGH FALLS AT ROCHESTER; DATE-KE-A-O-SHOTE, TWO BABY-FRAMES, LITTLE SODUS BAY; DE-AS-HEN-DA-QUA, PLACE OF COURTS, ELLICOTTVILLE, ST. BONAVENTURE STARTED HERE; DA-U-DE-HOK-TO, AT THE BEND, SHONGO; DE-O-NUN-DA-GA-A, HILL IS NEAR, LITTLE BEARD'S TOWN. BOYD AND PARKER WERE TORTURED AND KILLED HERE. BRANT GAVE ORDERS TO SPARE THEM BUT ONE OF THE BUTLERS COUNTERMANDED. NOW MARKED BY MONUMENT; DE-O-STEH-GA-A, ROCKY SHORE, BLACK ROCK, FIGURED PROMINENTLY IN REVOLUTIONARY WAR AND 1812; DE-O-DE-SOTE, THE SPRING, MAY BE THE TOWN REBUILT AFTER DE NONVILLE DESTROYED GAN-DOU-GA-RA-E, AND GA-NA-GA-RO IN 1687, THE NA- INDICATES A SPRING, WHICH PIPED INTO A VILLAGE IN BASSWOOD BARK MADE A WATER SYSTEM. TRADITION OF 5000 POPULATION; DE-ON-DO, FLOATING LOG, TORONTO; DE-O-NA-SA-DE-O, SANDBAR, HAMILTON, ONTARIO; DO-NA-TA-GWEN-DA, AN OPENING INTO AN OPENING, THREE VALLEYS COME TOGETHER, BATH; DJU-NA-GA-NO, COLD SPRING ALLEGANY RIVER, LOCKPORT, CALEDONIA; GA-NO-WAU-GA AND GA-NA-WA-DA, COFFIN SHAPED STONE, LOWER AND UPPER MOHAWK CASTLES, NOW AT CAUGH-NA-WA-GA, CANADA; GA-NA-DA-WAH-O, THROUGH GREAT HEMLOCKS, CANADAWAY CREEK AT FREDONIA; GA-NA-DA-YOS-HENK-GEH, OLD-TOWN, ONOVILLE, REMAINS OF BARK HOUSES WERE STILL STANDING IN 1810. PROBABLY DESTROYED BY BRODHEAD IN 1779; GA-NO-WUN-GO, SWIFT WATER, ALSO BURNED BY BRODHEAD, WARREN, PA.; GA-DA-O, WRONGLY CALLED BANK IN FRONT, BUT MEANS ACROSS THE CHIMNEY AS THERE ARE BANKS ON BOTH SIDES. THE HOME OF DE-HEG-WA-NUS, CAPTIVE WOMAN, OR MARY JEMISON THE WHITE WOMAN OF THE SENECAS. THE VILLAGE WAS ON THE GENESEE FLATS BELOW CASTILE. FROM THE SIMILARITY WAS MISTAKENLY CALLED GARDEAU. MARY'S HUSBAND WAS ALSO CALLED GARDEAU BUT HIS NAME WAS HI-ACK-A-TO; GA-O-YA-DE-O, WHERE THE SKY MEETS THE EARTH, CANEADEA ON THE GREAT WAR TRAIL OF THE SENECAS. THE LOG COUNCIL HOUSE IN LETCHWORTH STATE PARK WAS ORIGINALLY HERE. MOSES VAN CAMPEN AND HORATIO JONES AND MANY OTHERS RAN THE GAUNTLET HERE. JONES WAS ADOPTED AND LEFT MANY DESCENDANTS AMONG THE SENECAS; GA-NO-WA-GES, GREAT SPRING WITH BAD SMELL, SULFUR SPRINGS NEAR AVON, AND ONCE A HEALTH RESORT; GA-O-NO-GEH, TUSCARORA VILLAGE ON A HILL, LATER MOVED DOWN TO WHERE LEWISTON IS NOW. THE WESTERN END OF PHILADELPHIA-LEWISTON TRAIL; GA-NOS AND TE-CAR-NOS REFER TO THE SENECA OIL SPRING DISCOVERED 1627 BY FR. JOSEPH DE LA ROQUE DEALION, A FRANCISCAN MISSIONARY; GA-NO-GA AND GA-NO-GEH ARE THE NAMES OF THE SACRED SPRING, SEE MYTHOLOGY; GIN-JU-AH, FISH ON A SPEAR, SITE OF KINZUA DAM, OAT-GONT; GA-HU-A-GO-GE-TWA-DA-A-LOTE, FORT AT MOUTH OF BIG RIVER, SACKETT'S HARBOR; GA-NO-A-LO-HALE, HEAD ON A POLE, ONEIDA CASTLE; GA-NO-NO, FRESH WATER POND, MANHATTAN ISLAND; GA-O-SA-GA-O, BASS WOOD COUNTRY, BROUGHTEN HILL NEAR VICTOR; GA-NO-JO-HIE AND GA-NOH-JYO-HALE, WASHING THE BOWL, CANAJOHARIE AND CANSARAULEY CREEK; GA-SKO-SA-GO, HIGH FALL, ROCHESTER; GA-SWA-DAK, CEDAR SWAMP, ALABAMA SWAMP NEAR TONAWANDA RESERVATION; GA-UN-DO-WA-NEH, BIG TREE NEAR CUYLEVILLE; GA-HA-DOS, SHIPWRECKED CANOE, CAHOES; GUS-NA-WA-GA, AGAINST THE BODY, ERIE, PA.; GWA-U-GWEH, CARRYING PLACE, OR TAKING CANOE OUT, HEAD OF RAPIDS IN NIAGARA RIVER; HA-NE-A-YEH, FINGER LYING, HONEOYE, LAKE, RIVER, AND FALLS; HE-SO, FLOATING NETTLES, ISCHUA CREEK AND OLEAN; JE-GA-SA-NEH, VILLAGE NAMED AFTER AN INDIAN, MIGHT BE AT OR NEAR ST. BONAVENTURE; JE-NONE-TA-LO-GA, WHERE THE WATER MEETS, TICONDEROGA; A MUCH CONTESTED PLACE IN FRENCH AND REVOLUTIONARY WARS, PLACE ETHAN ALLEN WAS CAPTURED; JYO-NOHS-SA-DA-GO, PLACE OF A BURNED HOUSE, DESTROYED BY BRODHEAD 1779. CORNPLANTER'S TOWN; KA-HU-A-GO, WIDE RIVER, WATERTOWN; KAH-YA-HOO-NEH, DITCH FULL OF WATER GOES THROUGH, SYRACUSE; KA-NA-TA-GO-WA, LARGE VILLAGE, ONONDAGA RESERVATION; KE-AN-TO-NA, CORNFIELDS, KIANTONE, SOMETIMES MISTAKEN FOR CORNPLANTER'S TOWN; NUN-DA-O, THE HILL, NUNDA; NUN-DA-WA-O, OUT OF THE GREAT HILL, SOUTH OF GA-NUN-DA-E-WA, THE SACRED HILL. THE GREAT PARKER FAMILY ORIGINATED HERE. GEN. ELY S. PARKER AND DR. ARTHUR C. PARKER TO NAME TWO; ON-DI-AR-O, ANOTHER NAME FOR ONTARIO; O-NO-O-LA-GONE-NA, IN THE HEAD, SCHENECTADY; SHAR-LA-TO-GA, MANY TRANSLATIONS BUT NONE REFER TO MINERAL SPRINGS, SARATOGA; SKA-SA-IS-TO, FALLS REBOUNDING FROM AN OBSTRUCTION, HONEOYE FALLS; SKINE-DO-WA, GREAT PLAIN, ELMIRA; SKUN-AN-DO-WA, GREAT HEMLOCK, BECAME THE NAME OF A NOTED ONEIDA CHIEF AS SKENANDOAH THIS AND THE ONE BELOW ARE FAMILY NAMES STILL USED; SO-NO-JO-WA-GA, BIG KETTLE, INDIAN'S NAME FOR MT. MORRIS, BECAME THE NAME OF A SENECA CHIEF, SONJOWAGA IS NOW SONYEA, THE CRAIG COLONY FOR EPLIPTICS; TE-KISE-DA-NO-GA-O, PLACE OF A BELL, ON THE MISSION OF REV. HARRIS. ALSO HOME OF RED JACKET; DJU-ON-DE-O-ON-GO-WAH, GREAT HEARING PLACE, BATAVIA; GA-SWA-DAK, CEDAR SWAMP; GAH-SKO-SAH-DEH, INDIAN FALLS.

NAMES NOT ON MORGAN'S MAP

GA-NA-DA-YOS-HENK-GEH, OLDTOWN, ONOVILLE; JYO-NOHS-SA-DA-GO, PLACE OF A BURNED HOUSE, CORNPLANTER'S TOWN DESTROYED BY BRODHEAD 1779; DO-JA-GEE-GA-GEH, FRENCH SETTLEMENT, FORT LE BEUF, ALSO DESTROYED IN 1779; GA-NYEHS-STAH-A-GEH, CHESTNUT HILL, PERRYSBURG; GUS-TAN-GO, RIVER UNDER THE ROCKS, VERSAILLES; DJU-GO-WAN-DIE, BELOW RIVERCUT BANKS OR ALMOST SURROUNDED BY HILLS, THE FORMER IS PREFERABLE FOR IT IS BELOW WHERE THE CREEK ISSUES FROM THE CLIFFS OR BREAKERS NOW GOWANDA, ORIGINALLY PRONOUNCED GOWANDIE; GA-NUS-SUS-NEH, LONGHOUSE AREA OR GA-NOH-DA-SEH, NEWTOWN NEAR LAWTONS; HEY-YA-O-DOH, WHERE ALL TRAILS MEET, NORTH COLLINS; DYO-A-HIS-TO, PLACE OF A STATION, ANGOLA; DYU-NO-WA-DA-SE, THE WATER GOES AROUND AND AROUND, WHIRLPOOL IN NIAGARA RIVER; DYUS-DA-NYAH, CLEFT IN THE ROCKS, DEVILS HOLE; O-NON-WA-YEA, JOHNSON'S LANDING, WHERE BRITISH TROOPS LANDED TO TAKE FRENCH FORT NIAGARA, NOW FOUR MILE CREEK; TE-CAR-TEG-WAN-DAH, INDIAN FALLS LAKE; TE-CAR-GA-AH, SPIRIT LAKE; GA-DA-GES, GAS SPRING AT GASPORT; KE-AN-TO-NA, CORNFIELD, KIANTONE, MISTAKEN FOR CORNPLANTER'S TOWN; TUN-E-GA-WANT, SLOW EDDY, NOW CALLED TUNA; O-SO-AH-WENT-HA-O, THROUGH PINE FOREST, PINE CREEK; GA-TE-CAR-SA-GA, SETTLEMENT ON BLUFF OF LAKE, NEAR RIPLEY; GA-NUN-DA-DEK-O-NI, TWO VILLAGES ON A HILL, NEAR WESTFIELD; DJU-NA-GA-DA-GUS, BURNING SPRING IN A RIVER, BURNING SPRINGS; TE-CA-GA-DA-GES-GA-O, CATTARAUGUS LAKE, JAVA LAKE; GA-NE-O-WEH GA-YAT, HEAD OF A STREAM, ANGELICA; GIS-TA-QUAT, INDIAN VILLAGE NEAR WELLSVILLE, NOT TRANSLATED; AH-GOOKS-AKI OR SKOOKS-AKI, COX-SOCK-IE, THE GREAT ALGONKIN FLINT MINE, USED BY THEM FOR MANY HUNDREDS OF YEARS, PROBABLY USED BY MOHAWKS, AS THEY WERE CALLED "POSSESSORS OF FLINT." ARTHUR PARKER SAID THAT BECAUSE THE FLINT WOULD BREAK EASILY WHEN ALMOST FINISHED THE INDIANS WOULD SAY AH-GOOKS-AKI, MEANING "IT HAS A SERPENT"; GA-SKO-SA-NEH, THE FALLS, INDIAN FALLS IN TONAWANDA CREEK. MA-HELLE-SA-KI, FLINT LAND (PARKER A.C.)

MEANINGS

GA, PLACE, SOMETIMES WIDE AREA, KA, TA, TE, MAY MEAN PLACE ALSO; DJU, DE-O, DYU, DATE, ALSO PLACE BUT DEFINITE AS HERE OR THIS SPOT; NA, NO, SPRING OR FRESH WATER; WUN-DA, OR WUN-GO, SWIFT WATER; HUN-DA, ABREVIATION OF GA-HUN-DA, RIVER, HUN-DA, MAY ALSO BE OPPOSITE OF NUN-DA HILL OR PLAIN; NUN-DA ALWAYS MEANS HILL, THE ORIGINAL NAME WAS APPLIED TO THE GREAT HILL EAST OF CANANDAIGUA LAKE, SEE MYTHOLOGY. IT IS NOW CALLED BARE HILL BECAUSE THE SERPENT IN HIS DEATH THROES DENUDED THE TOP OF THE HILL. ON REACHING THE BOTTOM ON THE LAKE-SIDE HE VOMITED UP THE SKULLS OF THE PEOPLE HE HAD SWALLOWED. THEY CAN STILL BE FOUND. THE NAME NUN-DA IS FOUND IN MANY PLACES; SASE, FALLS, VARIATIONS ARE SA-GO, SA-NEH; NASE, ISLAND, SA-DA, SAND BAR; WAH, WA, OR WO, GREAT FROM WAH-NEH; TE-CAR, OR TE-KA, LAKE FROM TE-CAR-NE-O-DI; O, AT NAME END MEANS FROM; IS PRONOUNCED WITH A DECIDED NASAL INFLECTION; GES, BAD SMELLING PLACE FROM NATURAL OR SULFUR GAS;
PLACE NAMES ARE USUALLY MADE UP OF SYLLABLES TAKEN FROM WORDS WITH LARGER MEANINGS. ALL PLACE NAMES ARE VERY DESCRIPTIVE.

NOTE; THERE CAN BE A WIDE DIFFERENCE OF OPINION ON THE SPELLING AND MEANING OF NAMES. THE INDIANS DO NOT ALWAYS AGREE.

NATIONAL NAMES

NUN-DA-WAH-O-NO-GA, FROM THE GREAT HILL, SENECAS; GWE-U-GWEH-O-NO-GA, MUCKY GROUND PEOPLE, CAYUGAS. FIRST CALLED EASTERN SENECAS; O-NUN-DA-O-NO-GA, THE HILL PEOPLE, ONANDAGAS; O-NE-YOTE-CAR-O-NO-GA, PEOPLE OF THE STANDING STONE, ONEIDAS; GA-NE-A-GA, POSSESSORS OF FLINT, MOHAWKS; DUS-GA-O-WEH-O-NO-GA, CLOTH SHIRT WEARING PEOPLE, TUSCARORAS NOW, AFTER TWO OR THREE MOVES, LOCATED IN NIAGARA COUNTY.