

FAMILY TREE

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- Kendawa**
Kendawa is golden eagle in Miami
- Mengashko**
Mengashko means big wrens
- Menoko**
Menoko means good bear
- Katabwe**
Katabwe means on top of the water
- Moti**
Mody means bottle
- Nanaquiba**
1720-1790 Neningbozo or quivering tail. Nanaquiba born in Cass or Berrien County, MI. Helped the French capture Ft. William Henry in New York. After that survived small pox epidemic, noted as the greatest chief the Potawatomi ever had, head chief of all Potawatomi. Nanaquiba village was located off of 139 where the St. Joseph River & Dowagiac Creek meet
- Chebass**
shishibes or little duck had a village in Niles, MI off of 139 onto Chippewa trail, where still stands a tree over 800yrs old

- Wah-Zhee**
wahzhi means swan
- Topinabee (the younger)**
1807-1837 named dokmebe after his father
- Sinegogus**
born in 1800 senajawen means water flowing over rocks
- Mimikwe**
born in 1775 memeweg means butterfly, she married Moti Wesaw

- Topinabee**
1758-1826 dokmebe or he who sits quietly was born in Nanaquiba village. Topinabee was a signer of major Potawatomi treaties, noted as one of the greatest chiefs of the Potawatomi along with his father Nanaquiba. Cused by alcohol Topinabee became drunk & fell from his horse & died 7 days later on July 28, 1826. He is buried on a hill on present day Copp Rd. in Niles, MI
- Elizabeth Topinabee**
gites or the little old one had a lot of pull, voice of reason why Leopold went to Detroit, & conversion to Catholicism
- Sakwink / Leopold Pokagon**
1775-1841 sakwink or man of the outlet was Odawa & Ojibwe from North of the St. Joseph River Valley. When he came to the Niles area Topinabee called him pagenen, meaning a rib or to shield. Leopold was his baptized name, he was baptised in 1830, noted as a great leader he had a village in Niles, MI from Copp Rd. extending out to Portage Rd. with around 700 people. This land was ceded in the Treaty of Chicago 1833. To avoid removal, the monied acuried form the treaty was used to purchase 300 acres of land at Silver Creek.
- Sowwanernuk**
sawwanernek means where the yellow ochre is
- Kusuma**
paganne or forever lake was only daughter of Nanaquiba she went on to marry William Burnett
- Sawawk**
1760-1793 sawe or yellow perch
- Acuarie**
ekonye or one who dresses was the only daughter of Sawawk. She married Leopold Pokagon
- Shissahecon**
chizagen means big lake

- James Pokagon**
James Pokagon was the son of Elizabeth Topinabee, later on Leopold adopted him
- Henrietta Pokagon**
Henrietta died in 1883 & is buried at Sacred Heart Cemetery at Silver Creek
- Alexander Moose**
1793-1868 Alexander was an Odawa from Canada, he served as an interpreter for Rev Fr Louis Baroux. He is buried at Sacred Heart in Silver Creek
- George Kawkawshie Rapp**
born in the 1700s, Kawkawshie either is kachhe - sah, or it is gaskshi - a raven
- Anna Kekeasakolwa**
born in the 1700s, gaggigokwe means forever sky woman

- Joseph Hamilton**
not much is known about Joseph, he was a Civil War veteran, & was said to be Potawatomi & German, he left when Frank was young
- Frank Hamilton**
1876-1939 named nuh-shi-dee or netadi meaning a good player or one who plays good. Attended Harbor Springs & another boarding school in Rensselaer, IN. In 1893 he was a guest at the Chicago Worlds Fair Columbian Exposition. The regalia that he wore at that event is now in Sinte Museum at Notre Dame. Frank served as the intarpreter for Chief Andrew Rapp.
- Angeline Pokagon**
Angeline died when Frank was young

- Bessie Hamilton**
1900-1923 Oliver & Paul were famous locally for baseball. Oliver was killed by a train in 1923
- Jonas Hamilton**
- Mae Hamilton**
1906-2004
- Lewis Hamilton**
- Frederic Hamilton**
- Christena Hamilton**
- Cecil Hamilton**
1917-1925 Cecil was killed by a train

- Alice Cecilia Rapp**
4/12/1878-3/28/1918 Alice Cecilia attended Harbor Springs boarding school & went on to attend Haskell Indian School. Frank & Alice got married in 1896, they met while Frank was playing baseball
- David Rapp**
born in 1856
- Betsy Rapp**
born in 1862
- Anthony Rapp**
born in 1862
- Andrew Rapp**
1864-1938 named mo-ah-weh (mo'ewe) meaning namer or wolf was chief of the Pokagon Band in the early 1900s. He was a guest at the 1893 Chicago World Fair along with Frank Hamilton who was his intarpreter
- Angeline Rapp**
born in 1868

Ruth Everman
1907-1979 Ruth was Dutch German, daughter of the Niles police chief

Paul Hamilton
1902-1981 beesh-eh-mooseet or water that runs, claims that the family name was shortened to Moose. Paul was very involved with the tribe, travelling all over with his father Frank Rande Andrew he served as Secretary & Treasurer for the Pokagon Band. He was the tribes historian, & also wrote an Alpic to English Dictionary. He was also the hereditary chief of the Pokagon Band which he passed on to his grandson Pat Zimmerman

Delores Ann Hamilton
born in 1932. Ann was part of the Pokagon Band Elders Council she was very involved with the tribe, she taught beading classes at Elders Hall in Dowagiac

Harry Zimmerman
1930-2008 Harry was full German son of Art & Edna Zimmerman. Harry served as an Airman in the US Navy from 1949-1956 in the Korea campaign

Oliver Hamilton
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Barbara Zimmerman
now married to Don Vincent Barb resides in Niles, MI & works for the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians

Janet Zimmerman
gizognooke or moon eagle Janet now married to Mike Falls resides in the state of Virginia

Kyle Malott
born in 1996, named benejwen or flowing water after his great grandpa Paul Hamilton. Kyle spent 4 years in Northern WI learning Potawatomi language with some of the last remaining fluent speakers Jim Thunder & Mary Jane Thunder. He is of Potawatomi, Odawa, Ojibwe, Mexican, German, Scottish, Irish, & French decent.

Serrina O'Brien-Tarazandepour
born in 1990, named beho or wildcat, she is a graduate of Michigan State University. She is of Persian, Potawatomi, Odawa, Apache, & Irish decent. She is of the Shagonaby, Moose, Chingman family

Michael Zimmerman Sr.
now married to Virginia, Mike served in the US Army from 1977-1983 as Specialist 4 / Acting Sergeant & received the Army Commendation Medal Mike also served as Pokagon Band chairman

Pat Zimmerman
1953-2015 Pat was the last hereditary chief of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians

Jeff Zimmerman Sr.
now married to Rebecca, Jeff resides in Carmel, IN

Kelly Zimmerman
zibabeset lewe or sugar woman Kelly now married to John Curran Kelly resides near Buchanan, MI & is the Executive Secretary to the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Tribal Council

Becky Zimmerman
now married to David Shaw Becky now resides in Jackson, MI

Scott Zimmerman
Scott resides in Niles, MI & works at the University of Notre Dame

Adam Kirst
Billy Kirst

Michelle Curran
1975-2002, she was named nibadok, negos kaw or night star woman

Cherie Curran

Wendy Zimmerman
Michael Zimmerman Jr.
Zhibabage or light shishes through Vicki Zimmerman

Melisa Zimmerman

Cory Zimmerman

Brandon Zimmerman

Janee Zimmerman
Jarod Zimmerman

Michael Zimmerman Sr.
Patrick Zimmerman
Jeff Zimmerman Sr.
Kelly Curran

Becky Shaw
Scott Zimmerman
Janet Falls
Barbara Vincent

Nanaquiba Malott

Serrina Malott

Kyle Malott



LEOPOLD POKAGON



SIMON POKAGON



GEORGE KAWKAWSHIE RAPP



FRANK HAMILTON & ALICE CECILIA RAPP



ALEXANDER MOOSE



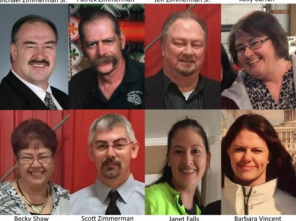
ANDREW RAPP



JOHN CHINGMAN & MARY MAWSO



PAUL HAMILTON OLIVER HAMILTON



FLORENCE SHAGONABY CARMEN RAMIREZ



SERRINA MALOTT KYLE MALOTT



NANAQUIBA MALOTT



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