

MONTAUK INDIANS CLAIM SUFFOLK LAND

Members Hold Annual Meeting in Secret.

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Sag Harbor, L. I., Sept. 1—The establishment of claims to valuable tracts of land around Montauk was the principal subject of discussion at a powwow of the Montauk tribe of Indians held at the A. M. E. Zion Church in Sag Harbor yesterday afternoon. Deliberations of a score or more descendants of the tribe were presided over by Chief Wild Pigeon, otherwise known as James E. Waldern. Although the session was secret, it is said that pledges of support had been received from a hundred or more descendants of the tribe.

Queen Florence Pharaoh, who claims to be the real head of the tribe, being the nearest direct descendant of Chief Wyandank, who died about a year ago, was not present at the social public session held in the church last evening when a number of tribal members wore colorful costumes and smoked the regulation pipes. Chief Wild Pigeon is now the recognized head of the tribe, having been elected chief sachem last year.

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