

# Last of Montauk Sachems Frozen to Death on Trail

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Montauk, L. I., Jan. 3—They buried "Sam" Pharaoh, Montauk Indian and last of a royal line of sachems, from St. Matthew's Chapel, the Rev. William Grainger officiating. Pharaoh, 50 years old, was frozen to death in the storm the week before Christmas. His body, covered with snow, lay unnoticed near Springy Bank rd., Three Mile Harbor, until a few days ago, when it was found by David Lester. Pharaoh died on the old Indian trail near Ashawagh, summer encampment of the Montauks, on a cove in which Indians kept their canoes. It was to this Indian settlement that Smith, the founder of Smithtown, rode his famous bull to get the sanction of Sunk Squa and her ratification of the deed of land given by Lion Gardiner to Smith, land that Gardiner had obtained from Wyandanch, the head sachem.

Pharaoh was the son of King David Pharaoh, who followed King Stephen. The latter died in 1819 and was buried by subscription at Montauk. King David went to the happy hunting grounds in the seventies.

King Stephen wore as a badge of royalty a plug hat set off by a yellow ribbon. The kings of the Montauk Indians seldom have met death from natural causes. Most of the Montauk tribe were slaughtered by Narragansett Indians before 1645 at Block Island. Wyandanch, who headed the Long Island Indian Confederacy, died either of poison or violence; Wyandank, a sachem of the tribe, died in 1820 from exposure or was stricken with illness while alone in his hut at Eastville, and "Sam" Pharaoh was frozen to death. The last prince of the House of David, as Pharaoh was sometimes called, never married. The Princess Pocahontas, a sister, survives him.

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