

LAST OF THE MONTAUKS.

Famous Long Island Tribe Supposed to Have Become Extinct With Mrs. Wright's Death.

Mrs. Tamer Wright, who died on Friday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Striker, 856 Atlantic avenue, at the age of 85 years, was as far as known the last full blooded member of the tribe of Montauk Indians, which during the early part of the present century inhabited the eastern part of Long Island. Mrs. Wright's early history was not very clear to her, but one thing that she was sure of and which she told with a good deal of pride was that she was born in a wigwam on Montauk Point. Her parents were full blooded Indians of the tribe. She lived among the Long Island aborigines until she was 4 years old, when she was taken into the family of the Gardiners, whose name is so prominently identified with the early settlement of that part of Long Island. She came to this borough to live about the year 1816. Mrs. Wright, it was said, was an exceptionally fine looking woman in her younger days. When still quite young she married an Englishman, who died, when Mrs. Striker, their child, was still an infant. Mrs. Wright was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, which stood where the Eagle Building now stands and of which Dominie Johnson was pastor. She had lived in the Atlantic avenue house for about nineteen years and for twenty-five years was a regular attendant of St. Luke's Church, on Clinton avenue, near Fulton street. The Rev. Dr. Swentzel, the pastor of the church, speaks of the woman in the highest terms and says she lived a practical Christian life, and was a very devout communicant of his church. Mrs. Wright had been ailing for several years and had been confined to her bed for about three months. She died of old age.

The funeral services will be held on Monday night, and the Rev. Dr. Swentzel will officiate. The interment will take place in Greenwood Cemetery on Tuesday.

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