

PHARAOH'S HOUSE BURNED.**Son of Montauk's Last Chief Made Homeless.**

Easthampton, L. I., January 9—At 9 o'clock last evening the blaze of a fierce conflagration illuminated the sky north of this village. Those who responded to the alarm found that the house of Ebenezer Pharaoh, one of the Montauk Indians, who resided a mile north of this village, on the road leading to Three Mile Harbor, was in flames. The building, which belonged to John Mulligan, one of the village merchants, was in an isolated spot north of Freetown. It was occupied by Pharaoh and his family, consisting of his wife and three young children.

In the evening the whole family had left the house about 8 o'clock to visit a neighbor. Wood was piled in the oven of the kitchen range to dry and it set fire to the house and before Pharaoh and his neighbors could reach the house it was completely enveloped in flames and soon only the chimney and blazing framework remained. The night was clear and cold and a very strong north wind fanned the flames, which burned with remarkable rapidity until not a timber remained. The building was consumed in less than thirty minutes.

The family lost all their household belongings excepting such as could be hastily thrown outside during the first few minutes. Pharaoh's favorite banjo, which cost him \$25, all the family's clothing and furniture and their store of fruits, potatoes and other provisions for the winter, with which their cellar was filled, were all burned. There was a small insurance on the building, but none on its contents.

Ebenezer Pharaoh is a brother of Wyandank Pharaoh and the son of the late David Pharaoh of Montauk, the last king of the Montauk tribe of Indians. The home of his mother, the widow of King David, now Mrs. Maria Banks, is situated near Freetown, north of this village.

The survivors of the once famous Montaukett tribe of Indians have recently come into notice as plaintiffs in a suit to recover possession of the domain of their ancestors near Great Pond, Montauk. Quite a number of the tribe reside near Freetown, which is just north of Easthampton village on the Three Mile Harbor road.

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