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SCAA's Volume IV, Languages and Lore of the Long Island Indians edited by Gaynell Stone Levine and Nancy Bonvillain was reviewed in the Society for Historical Archaeology's Journal Historical Archaeology, Volume 17 Number 1, pp 117-118. The reviewer was Patricia J. Netherly, Department of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts. The following is an edited version of the review:

"The cultural history of the aboriginal groups who inhabited Long Island and nearby areas at the time of early European contact has recently become the object of interdisciplinary interest within the anthropological and historical archaeology. New questions are being asked as the confrontation of seventeenth century Europeans with the original population of the southern New England and Long Island region has come to be seen as a complex situation of cultural contact. Our understanding of acculturation, the selective adoption of the cultural traits of one society by another, has been deepened by the addition of information derived from modern archaeological excavation.

With the very laudable purpose of putting some of the source materials of interest for the reconstruction of the Indians of Long Island in the hands of students and the interested public, Gaynell Stone Levine, an anthropologist and Nancy Bonvillain, a linguist, have brought together a facsimile sourcebook of primary and secondary research material dealing with the extinct languages of the Indians of Long Island together with sources for their lore. In this collection, the term lore is used in a comprehensive sense to include many non-material or ideological aspects of culture: myth, legend, beliefs, ritual, curing practices and ethnobotany, and symbolic representation. A wide variety of sources have been assembled from seventeenth and eighteenth century descriptions of such aspects of aboriginal culture as caught the fancy of European observers or were germane to European interests. The tales and writings of Indian peoples themselves are also represented.

The strength of this collection lies in the editor's attempt to bring together a comprehensive and representative selection of material important for understanding the culture history of a specific region, which is at best scattered and often of restricted access."

The 1982 edition of Research and Publications is currently in preparation and will include information on all aspects of historical and archaeological inquiry concerning New York colony and state. If you have such a project either published or in progress during 1982, contact the Research and Publications, 3095 Cultural Education Center, Albany, N.Y. 12230, (518) 474-6917 for inclusion and registration.

Publications:

New Children's Book: Tales of the Iroquois by Tehanetorens, Mohawk Elder. Each of the 16 teaching legends is packed with a thought provoking insightful lesson for children as well as adults -\$5.00. Order through Akwesasne Notes, Mohawk Nation via Rooseveltown, N.Y. 13683.

New Publication: Ceramic Notes is an occasional publication series devoted to anthropological and archaeological studies of pottery and related materials. The series is edited by Prudence M Rice, with Ann S Cordell serving as editorial assistant and is produced by the Ceramic Technology Laboratory and the Florida State Museum Associates. Ceramic Notes no. 1 is 93 pages and available for \$8.00 (postage included). Make checks payable to: Florida State Museum Associates, Museum Road, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32611.

Recent titles on Archaeology from Cambridge University Press, 32 East 57th Street, New York, N.Y. 10022.

Mathematics in Archaeology by Clive Orton. This practical investigation for innumerate archaeologists presents in simple, nontechnical language the main mathematical and statistical techniques used in archaeology. 248 pp. paper \$9.95

Archaeology as Human Ecology: Methods and Theories for a Contextual Approach. by Karl W Butzer. This monograph goes beyond the concepts and methods of traditional environmental archaeology, it is an introductory study which delineates the interrelationships between human communities and their environment. 380 pp. paper \$12.95.

Now available are the Unbridged Minutes of Huntington's Town Meetings from 1784-1840 and 1841-1872. Also published is the Unbridged Huntington's Highway Book A from 1724-1872. All three volumes have a personal name index. \$10.00 each. Send a check payable to the Town Historian and mail to the above at 228 Main St., Huntington, N.Y. 11743.

Coins: Culture and History in the Ancient World. Edited by Lionell Casson and Martin Price. 205 pp. \$22.50. Contact: Wayne State University Press, The Leonard N Simons Building, Detroit, Michigan 48202.

Now available: 1978 Proceedings of The American Ethnological Society by Archaeologists. \$10.00. Contact: American Ethnological Society, 1703 New Hampshire Ave. N.W., Washington D.C. 20009.

Archaeological Society of South Carolina offers: Spiers Landing: An Archaeological Approach to Tenant Life and Culture on Plantation Sites in the Old South by Lesley M Drucker and Ronald W Anthony. \$12.00 Society members only \$9.00. Contact the above at P.O. Drawer 2009, Florence, South Carolina 29503.

Indian Publication, Eagle Wing Press, is only \$5.00 per year. Contact: Eagle Wing Press, P.O. Box 579, Naugatuck, Conn. 06770.

Meetings

The American Association for State and Local History offers seminars and workshops. For the 1983/84 schedule write Peter S LaPaglia, Director of Seminars & Workshops, American Association for State and Local History, 708 Berry Rd., Nashville, Tenn.37204.

September 23-24, 1983: The Ethnic Heritage of the Hudson and Mohawk Valleys. The Cherry Hill Forum will sponser a two day conference which will be held at the New York State Cultural Education Center, Albany, N.Y. For information contact: Conference on the Ethnic Heritage of the Hudson and Mohawk Valleys, Historic Cherry Hill, 523½ South Pearl St, Albany, N.Y, 12202.

October 14-16, 1983: Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology, Annual Meeting, Newburgh, N.Y. The theme is Archaeology of the Revolutionary War Period. Contact the Program Chair for additional information: Charles Fisher, Bureau of Historical Sites, Peebles Island, Waterford, N.Y, 12188.

Exhibition: Brooklyn Before the Bridge: American Paintings from the Long Island Historical Society at the New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Exhibit runs until July 10, 1983

Dr. Lynn Ceci, Queens College, has completed a manuscript on the Motts Site, Port Washington, Nassau County. "The Motts Point Site Report: The Documentary and Archaeological Evidence" is on file at the Department of Anthropology, Queens College, N.Y.C, N.Y. Dr. Ceci has also nominated this site for the National Register as the last habitation site of Tackapausha.

Garvies Point Museum will be offering two exhibits of special interest. During the month of August 1983 there will be a special display of ethnographic Plains Indian artifacts which will include smoking gear, beaded items and a women's dress which has not been exhibited to date. In September, the exhibit will be a display of Paleolithic Cave Paintings.

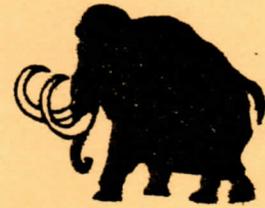
Nassau County Museum will be conducting an archaeological excavation at the home of William Cullen Bryant. Volunteers are needed, for information call 364-1050.

The Division of Cultural and Historic Services, has issued a SC Tercentenary Calendar of Events for 1983. Contact: P.O. Box 144, Montauck Highway, West Sayville, New York 11796.

If interested in volunteering in Suffolk County, contact the Long Island Archaeological Project at 246-8615 and ask for either Ed or Laurie.

SUNY-Stony Brook Library has recently ordered the Brooklyn Daily Eagle for the years 1902 through 1908. This is an important source tool in researching Long Island's past.

The University of Maine at Orono has recently established the Center for the Study of Early Man. The principal objective of the Center focuses on the needs and methods to better inform the American public on research in early man studies (prior to 10,000 B.P.). The Center will also become a clearinghouse of information, a meeting place for scholars, and a comprehensive library of all existing printed materials on the origins of early man in the New World. Contact: The Center for the Study of Early Man, Institute for Quaternary Studies, Boardman Hall, University of Maine at Orono, Orono, Me. 04469. Director: Dr. Robson Bonnicksen, Director. The Center will also be producing a publication series, The Mammoth Trumpet, for information contact: Alan Bryan and Ruth Gruhn, Editors, Department of Anthropology, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, T6G2H4.



SUFFOLK COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION PUBLICATIONS available for purchase are:

- Volume I - Early Papers in Archaeology - \$9.25
- Volume II - The Coastal Archaeology Reader - \$16.00
- Volume III - History and Archaeology of the Montauk Indians - \$16.00
- Volume IV - Languages and Lore of the Long Island Indians - \$18.50
- Volume V - The Second Coastal Archaeology Reader - \$22.50
- Suffolk County Cultural Resources Inventory - \$3.10

These publications can be purchased at: The Weathervane Shop, Suffolk County Historical Society, 300 West Main St., Riverhead, N.Y. 11901. Include the following charges for postage and handling: 0 - \$5.00: \$1.00, \$5.01 - \$10.00: \$1.25 and for each additional five dollar increment add \$.25. A total of \$3.00 is required for one copy of each volume listed above. Contact: Diane Perry at 727-2881 for additional information on mail order and prices. At the Nassau County Museum Giftshops, contact: The Old Bethpage Restoration Giftshop, Round Swamp Road, Old Bethpage, N.Y. 11804. All fees should be addressed to The Friends for Long Island's Heritage.

The next newsletter publication is October 1983. Material for inclusion should be forwarded to Donna I Ottusch-Kianka, 9 Tanglewood Lane, Sea Cliff, New York 11579. Deadline for the Fall issue is October 15. Mailing date October 25.

*****MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION*****

This newsletter, a free publication on local archaeology and reduced rates to workshops and all SCAA publications (20%) come with membership. Fees as of April 1982:

<input type="checkbox"/> Life	\$200.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$100.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$10.00
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