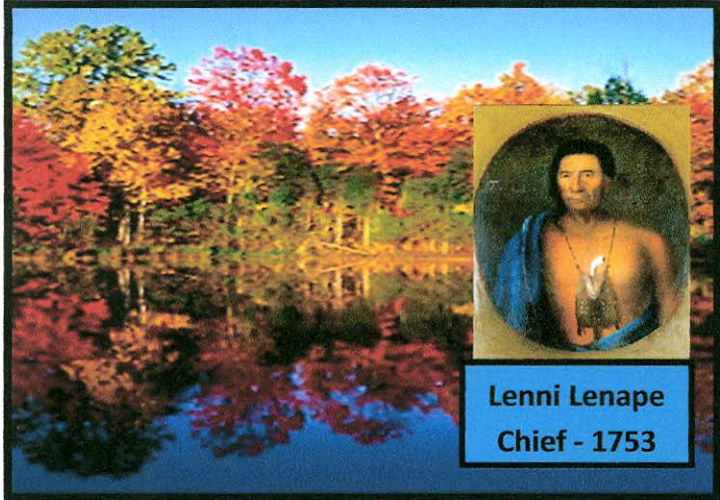


*From the primal elements you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us
the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed
your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*



**Lenni Lenape
Chief - 1753**

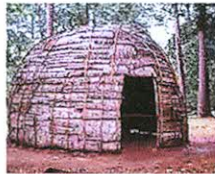
The Lenni Lenape – First Known Humans to Inhabit the “Metuceon”

God has finally done his job by creating a temperate deciduous forest with short rolling hills and ponds, a garden of Eden for his next creation. The human race that first inhabited our corner of the world were Native Americans from the Raritan Tribe of the Lenni Lenape Nation. The Lenni Lenape name for the “rolling hills” left behind by the receding Wisconsin Glacier is their word “Metuceon”, and their leader would also be known with a similar word meaning the “chief of the rolling hills.” The water in this Eden was good and it was

plentiful, as was fertile land for farming, and an abundance of game and fish to fill their stomachs. Wood and other vegetation in the surrounding forest was the choice for constructing their wigwam shelters. They cleverly created calendars for knowing when to sow and when to reap. Various other technologies and primitive tools for farming, building, hunting and governing that provided them with leisure time to develop a social culture that valued the visual and performing crafts and arts. They constructed a spiritual relationship and co-dependence with their physical environment passed on to their young through word of mouth stories and hieroglyphics etched on stone. They had an aesthetic sense of the balance within their beautiful surroundings, and an ethical sense for preserving the garden that was created for them. One can't help wondering if there were some among them who turned against their creation, betraying their trust as rulers of that creation. Some of the tools used by the Lenni Lenape to assist their blessings of memory, skill and reason are pictured below.



Fishing Tools



Construction Tools



Sculpting Tools



Hieroglyphic and Story Telling Tools



Farming Tools



Crafting Tools



Design Tools



Expression Tools



Hunting Tools



Tools of Transportation



Tools for Governing

