

Some of the families of Delawares that have lived in northern Washington county include the Ketchum, Curleyhead, Beck, Makota, Drum, Halfmoon, Shaw, Jackson, Falleaf, Tomi, Black, Beaver, Buckle, Washington, Pambago, Shawnee, Redman, Sallee, Longbone, Rogers, etc.

In the long ago perhaps it was a custom that the Delawares buried their dead with the head at the east. However, there are some who say the custom was adopted because the Delawares did not want to be buried like the whiteman. In this area of early Delaware settlement there are many little Indian family burial places, but most of them have been abandoned due to dying out of families and relatives, scattering and moving of tribesmen, etc.

He recalls a time when many of the Delawares wore buckskin leggins with a fringe down the outside. The bottom of the leggins covered the top of the leather moccasins. He says the fringe on Indian clothing was not made to be an ornament, but was to serve for faster drainage of water and rain.

Joseph recalls an old Indian by name of Jim Hawkins who spent nearly all his time hunting. Somewhere Hawkins had acquired a huge brass kettle that held nearly a hundred gallons. Many times this kettle was used at the camp meetings for cooking food. Hawkins trapped and sold furs and would always want his money in silver and gold. No one ever knew where he hid some of his money, but after his death some of it was found in a hollow bed post in his home. Hawkins would never put his money in the bank as he did not trust or have any use for whitemen.