

inviting them to remain during the Medicine Making. They remained; after seeking help and protection from Him who alone is able to control all events, and thwart the most subtle scheme of designing men, he furnished them with blankets for the night and they went into camp nearby.

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I am not telling you this from hearsay; though this treaty was made so long ago, a copy of it has been kept by my people; my own eyes have seen it; and my own hands have held it.

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Afterward in conversation with Captain Black Beaver, at his own home on the Washita River, where he had a large farm, I enquired particularly about the treaty^t William Penn gave the Indians. As he had seen it, and held it in his hands, I would like to see it and take it in my hands.

In answer to my enquiry he gave me the following account;-- He said that when William Penn gave it to them he told them to keep it for their children, who should live after them. They accordingly placed it in the hands of their principal chief for its preservation. Other treaties as they were made were deposited with him, but this he kept separate and distinct from the others.

When this chief died these documents were taken care of by his successors. Afterwards when other treaties were made, as this Treaty of Peace and friendship made with William Penn concerned several tribes, they in a general council selected a person to have the special care of this first, or as they called it, "Great Treaty". On his death another was chosen, and so it continued to be preserved for many years by persons selected in a general Council. Eventually as the different tribes became scattered the Delawares retained possession of it, and it was