

by the overpowering numbers of the savage hordes, excepting those few families who had intermarried with the Indians, and whose offsprings, being *half-castes*, were in such a manner allied to them that their lives were spared.

Those, as is generally the case with the *half-castes*, I believe had formed a separate village in the vicinity of the whites, supporting themselves by their embroidery with porcupine quills, to which they gave the beautiful dyes for which the Mandans have been peculiarly famous, and were called by their Welsh neighbours, and in the Welsh language, the *Mandans* (or red dyers).

These *half-castes*, having formed themselves into a separate community, probably took up their residence, after the destruction of the whites, on the banks of the Missouri, on which, for the want of a permanent location and right to the soil, being on the lands and the hunting-grounds of their more powerful enemies, they were obliged repeatedly to move, as the numerous marks of their ancient residences show; and continuing their moves up the river, in time migrated to the place where I saw them, and where they terminated their existence.

Thus much of and for the character and modes of a peculiar people, who were proverbially intelligent, hospitable, and kind; who, with their language, have suddenly ceased to exist; whose character, history, modes, and personal appearance, almost solely existing in my collections, I have considered essentially interesting and important to *Ethnology*, and some of the most remarkable of which (as I have said) I am here, from a sense of *duty*, emphatically recording for the information of those who are to study *Man* and his modes after I shall be gone.

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