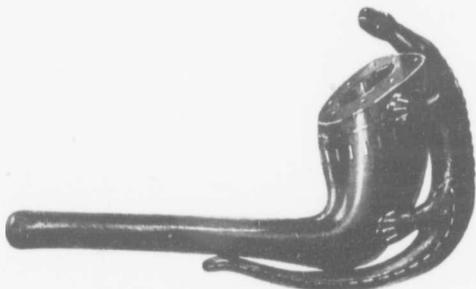




Wooden Lizard Pipe—Victor, N.Y.



Probable appearance of pipe when new.

WOODEN LIZARD PIPE.

This pipe was taken by Mr. Fred Houghton from Grave No. 13, of the Seneca town of Ganagora (1681), in Victor, Ontario County, N.Y., associated with metal tools—see page 437, "The Seneca Nation from 1655-1687," by Fred Houghton, Vol. 10, No. 2 Bulletin, Buff. Soc. Nat. Sci. Also letters from Mr. Houghton, Jan. 14 and June 19, 1914.

Mr. H. R. Howland, Supt. Buff. Soc. Nat. Sci., in letter of 16th June, 1914, says: "The bowl is of wood lined with brass, and small pieces of brass are inserted for decoration, as shown in the drawing."

Mr. Howland had a drawing made showing what the probable appearance of the pipe was when it was new, which was photographed, also the actual remnants of the pipe itself were photographed, both photographs being reproduced here.

Mr. Howland elsewhere remarks that Ganagora was a Seneca village destroyed by the Marquis de Denonville in 1687, and that it was probably the Jesuit Mission of St. Jacques, and that the Senecas had been in contact with trader influence since 1657, also that he had never before seen a lizard figure in connection with Iroquois influence. This pipe shows that the lizard idea survived to a later date, and is introduced here for that purpose. In Mr. Houghton's letter of June 14th, 1914, he describes this wooden pipe as being preserved by the brass lining of the bowl. The lizard was well shown as crawling up over the pipe bowl, its tail lying along the stem. This pipe is in the museum of the Buff. Soc. Nat. Sci.