

Reynold Howells to Mr. Miles, dated Philadelphia, 1752: The Welch Indians are found out; they are situated on the west side of the great river Mississippi."

Mr. Owen and Mr. Williams had an opportunity lately of consulting Mr. William Prichard, bookseller and printer, of Philadelphia, who is now, or lately was in London, about the Welch Indians. He told them that he had often heard of them, and that they were, in Pennsylvania, universally believed to be very far westward of the Mississippi, and that he had often heard of people that had been amongst them; but the most particular account that he had received was what he heard within these very few years of Dr. Samuel Jones (who is mentioned in Mr. Joshua Thomas's letter). He knows now, he says, several in Pennsylvania who have been amongst those Indians; and is very active at present in that country in endeavouring to obtain all the information possible on this curious subject; and says that, if he should be but very little assisted, he would immediately visit these Welch tribes.

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Information respecting the Welch Indians, obtained by two American Missionaries, in the Year 1766.

IN the year 1766, the Rev. Messrs. Beatty and Duffield were sent, by the Synod of New York and Philadelphia, to visit the inhabitants on the frontiers of Pennsylvania, and the Indians situated beyond them*. Their errand to the former was, to inquire what assistance they needed with respect to their religious concerns, in consequences of the distresses occasioned by the late war; and by visiting the latter, to examine whether they discovered any favourable disposition to receive the ministry of the Gospel.

In the course of their journey they met with a *Benjamin Sutton*, a person who had been taken captive by the Indians, had been in different nations, and lived many years among them. From him they had the following relation:

"When he was with the Chaftaw Nation, or tribe of Indians, at the Mississippi river, he went to an Indian town,

* About 500 miles west of Philadelphia.

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