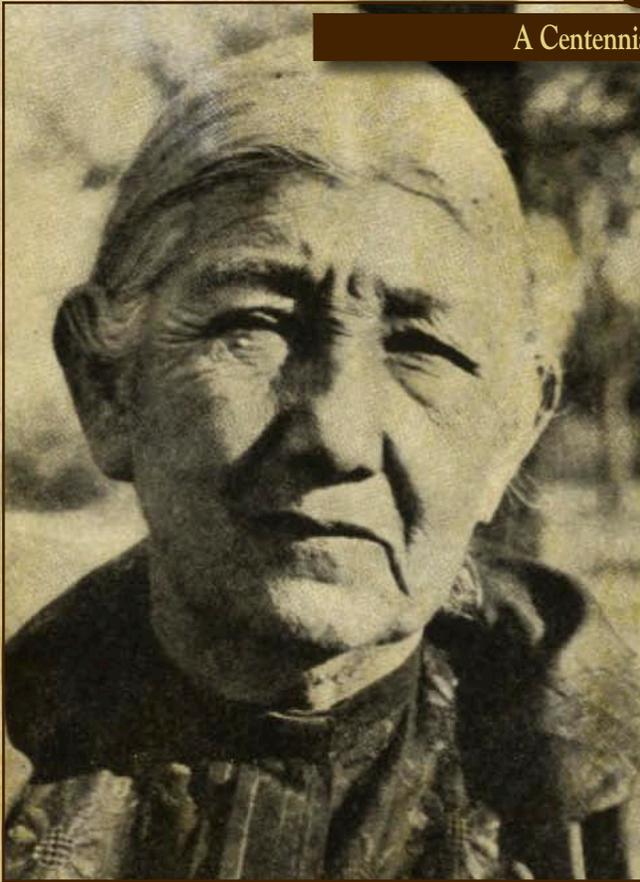


The Gathering of Traditions

A Centennial Celebration of Dr. Charles Marius Barbeau in Oklahoma

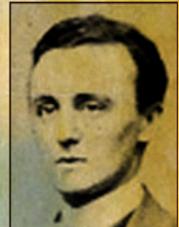


Hello, Friends --

My name is Catherine Coon Johnson. I was born in 1851. I am a Wyandotte, of the Deer Clan. My Wyandotte name, Ya rona'a wi, means "she is sailing or floating in the sky."

WELCOME! Let me invite you to a once-in-a-lifetime event.

100 years ago in 1911 and 1912, a young stranger came from Canada to visit us in Oklahoma. On two separate occasions he stayed for a total of six months. He was Dr. Charles Marius Barbeau, an anthropologist from the National Museum of Canada.



He had met our cousins, the Hurons of Lorette, in Quebec, and had learned that we Wyandotte people were living in Northeastern Oklahoma. While in Oklahoma, he also met our Seneca-Cayuga cousins.

Dr. Barbeau came to hear our stories, learn about our ceremonies, record our songs, take our photographs, and to purchase our personal belongings. He paid us to visit with him each day, and several of us did, because we needed the money. We were sad to sell our belongings, but Dr. Barbeau seemed genuinely interested in what we told him and what we sold to him.

He recorded 40 of our stories in his notebook using special markings so he could correctly pronounce our words. He recorded our songs on wax cylinders using his special recording machine. He took our photographs individually and in group settings. He purchased over 100 of our belongings and took them to Canada for the museum archives.

Now for the first time in 100 years our belongings are returning home!

Join me September 6 thru November 23, 2012

For a special exhibit celebrating "The Gathering of Traditions"

At the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History in Norman, Oklahoma

Over 50 artifacts and 29 photographs on display, along with original recordings of our traditional language.



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Seneca-Cayuga



Becky Dushane
Wyandotte



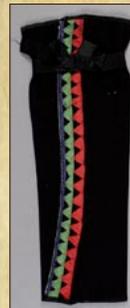
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