



*“Without them there
would be no smoking”*

*Whole Skin Tobacco Bags in the
Eastern Woodlands*

Isaac Walters

Photo courtesy of Summer Criswell





Animals Mentioned/Seen

■ *Otter*

■ *Marten*

■ *“Small Animal”*

■ *Polecat*

■ *Beaver*

■ *Cat*

■ *Bird*

■ *Skunk*

■ *Mink*

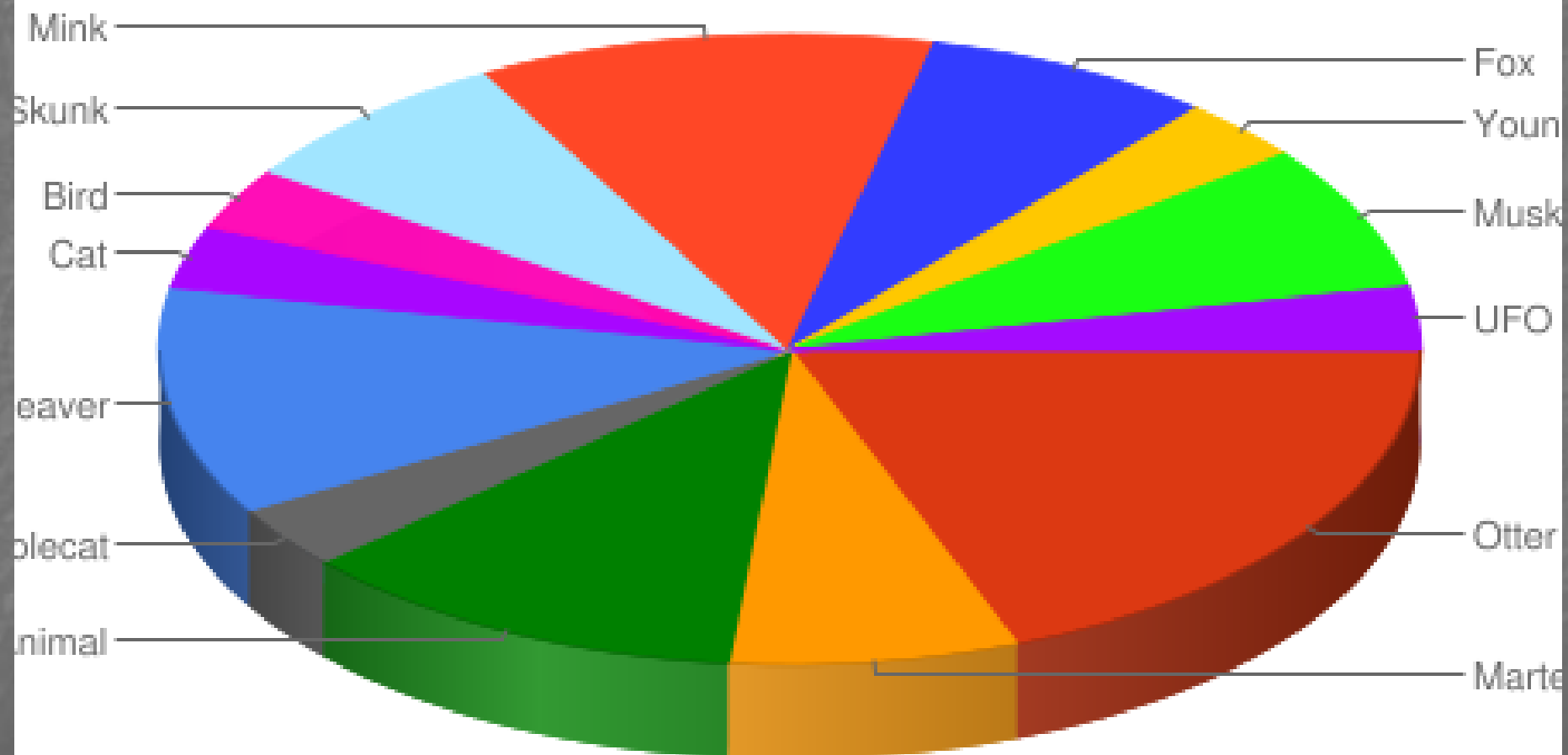
■ *Fox*

■ *Young Bear*

■ *Muskrat*

■ *U.F.O.*

Animals used by %



Potawatomi Mide Bags



Who Was Using These

- Natives from throughout the continent
- *Canadiens*
- Captive Whites
- Important Brit/Anglo Whites?
 - Officers and diplomats



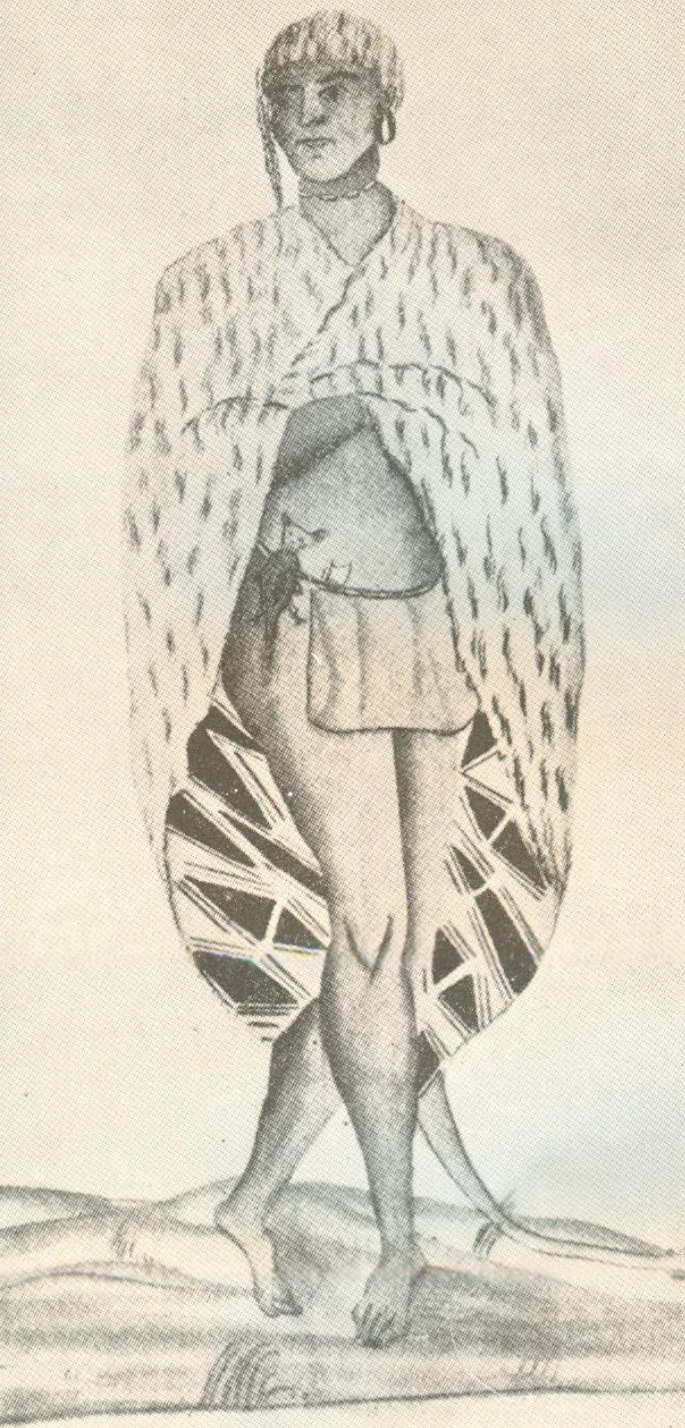
*Approximate
locations based
on written
sources, images,
and extant
artifacts*

*Period Images Showing Whole-skin
Pouches*



*Gustavus
Hesselius -
1735*

*An Attakapas Indian,
1735 Alexandre De Batz*

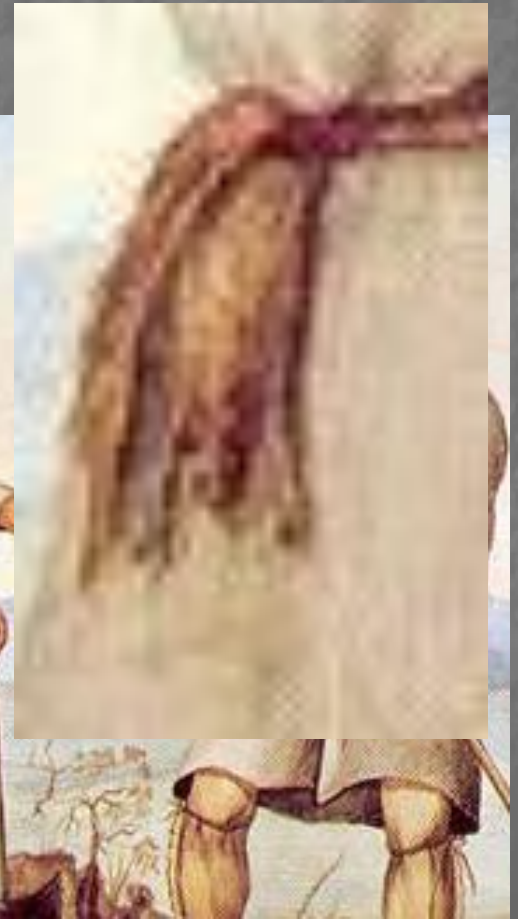




*Sir John
Caldwell*



Peter Grant





"Costume of Domiciliated Indians of North America" / Library and Archives of Canada-Coverdale Collection

*“Drunken frolic amongst the Chippewas and
Assinneboins” by Peter Rindisbacher*





OY-EE-WAH.
A CHIPPEWA CHIEF.

Painted by David R. H. Adams & John P. Hall.

From "Hunt of the West" at the Lithographic & Print-Coloring Establishment, 1758, Boston, U.S.A.
Portrait of Oy-ee-wah, a Chief of the Chippewa, in the North-western part of the United States, painted by David R. H. Adams & John P. Hall.



PELLE-D-NIG-AH.

Potawatomi Chief.

McKenney and Hall

*Lithograph from
“Sketches of a Tour to the
Lakes” by Thomas L.
McKenney*

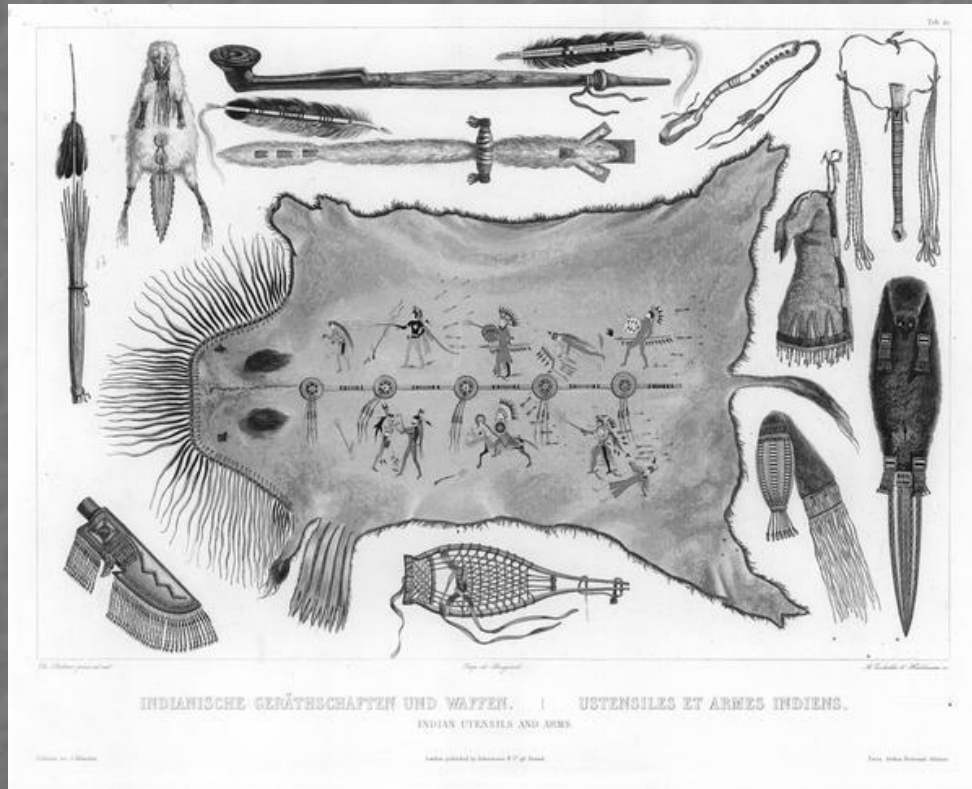
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Imber's Lithography.

Bodmer - 1832





Seth Eastman
*“Chippewa
Indians Playing
Checkers”*



*Litho based
off of Charles
Bird King
painting
1855*





1867 Hochunk

Extant Pouches

*Pocumtuck Valley Memorial
Association, Deerfield, MA*





Musee Quai Branly



Karl May Museum

NMAI – Lt. Foster Bag 1790s

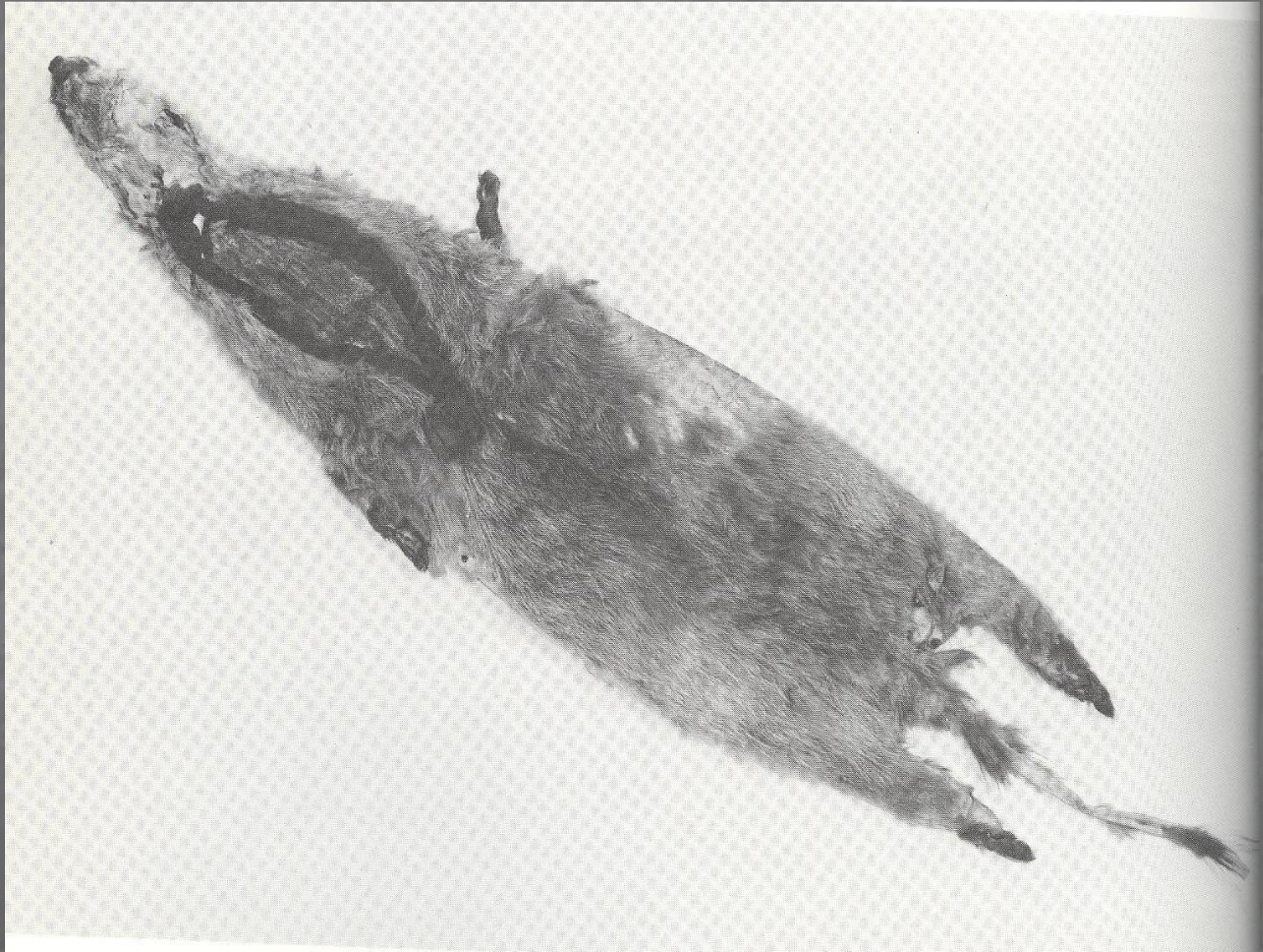
*DePeyster
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Image from Three Centuries of Woodland Indian Art

Speyer Collection (1825)

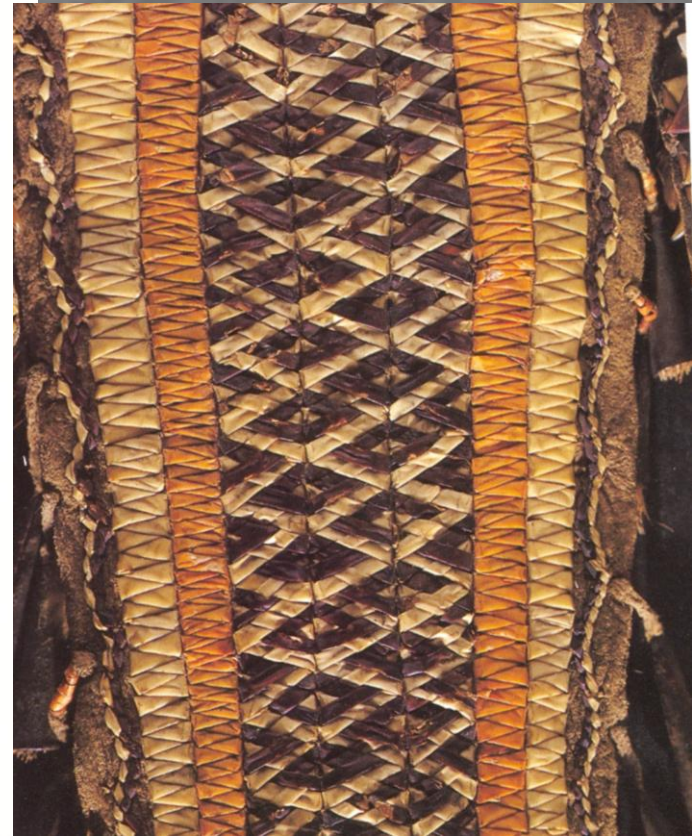
Image from Bo'jou Neejee



Peabody Museum

ca. 1800-1820

Images from "Arts of Diplomacy"



*Smithsonian – War
Dept. Collections*

1820





AMNH – Dakota

Marked as a “Medicine” bag





AMNH



Giacomo Beltrami – 1820s

Museo Civico di Scienze Naturali - Bergamo, Italy



Meskwaki

*Detroit Institute
of Arts*

*Image from "Art of the Red
Earth People"*

Mide Bag?

Loren Herrington Collection





Museum für Völkerkunde

*1850 Dakota or
Ojibwe*

*Image from "People of the
Twilight"*



*Another, possibly
Dakota, 19th century
pouch*



Museum of the Fur Trade

Image from Adventurers in the Wilderness

AMNH – Sac/Fox



AMNH - Menominee



*AMNH – Potowatomi
Fisher*





*AMNH – Ojibwe
Skunk-skin*



*AMNH – Cree
Skunk-skin*

AMNH – Dakota
Muskrat



AMNH – Ojibwe



AMNH – Ojibwe collected by Densmore

Documented as a Mide Bag



*Some more but from outside
the “East”*

Peabody Museum

Haida – Mink-skin Tobacco Pouch



AMNH – Arapaho
Marked as a “Medicine” bag

