

KENT FAMILY DESCENDENTS

PéjeNámañi (Iron Horse).¹ Ioway, 4/4. Buffalo Clan Family. The name is obviously a result of a war expedition exploit that has superceded his Buffalo Clan name. A literal rendition of the name would be *MádheShúñe*, however, the name here is the term applied to the a train in the 1870's.² (The present day term for "railroad train" is *NámañiDak^ó*). They had several children, however, only Ruben Kent survived to adulthood.

MáShójeMi (Mist Woman/ Hazy Day/ Smoky Earth Woman). Ioway, 4/4. Most likely of the Bear Clan People as the name occurs in that Clan and refers to the Autumn Season when the Bear Clan first emerged upon this Earth from a land down below at the beginning of the world. She was married to ***PéjeNámañi*** (above), after a first marriage to, ***Máhi (Knife)***, Ioway. There is no further identifying information on this person, *Máhi*. If he is the same *Máhi* who is the father to *Tom Lightfoot*³ (Otoe, adopted Ioway), and paternal grandfather to *Arthur Lightfoot*⁴, then he and the Lightfoot descendants are of the Bear Clan. As such, the fact would determine that ***MáShójeMi*** is a member of a clan other than Bear or Buffalo Clan People, most likely Elk or Wolf who belong to the Earth Clans. It is noted that there was a Chief *Máhi* who headed the Wolf Clan in 1880, and was one of the leaders who brought many of the active traditional Ioways from Kansas to Oklahoma beginning in 1877 thru 1882.

Ruben AxéweHú (Coming Out),⁵ Kent.⁶ Ioway, 4/4. Buffalo Clan Family. (See attached document for personal information). Born 1846; DOD: 11/27/1897). He had two brothers and one sister. One died in 1868 and the other when **Ruben** was quite small. The sister died at the age of twelve. **Ruben** could not read nor write, but was able to speak and understand some English. He married four times. His first wife was Mary White, who he divorced after one year. They had no children. About 1872, he married his second wife, Sidney Perry (*BadhiMi, Cedar Woman*), Ioway Elk (or) Pigeon Clan.⁷ They separated after a short time, without having children. His third marriage was to a Winnebago women (name unknown). They separated after about six months. They had a daughter who died infancy. About 1873~74, he married his fourth wife, **ÑiKógriMi: Translucent Water Woman**, Beaver Clan Family, 4/4 Ioway. They had one son, Bennie Kent (DOB: May 15, 1879). He also raised a girl of *Kihega* with his wife after the child's father died. This girl was named *Lena Kent*. He died Nov. 27, 1897 and was buried in the Partelow grave yard, Iowa Res.⁸

¹ Ibid. p. #152, 153.

² Green, Major A.L. *Otoe Indians*. Nebraska State Historical Society, Vol.xxi. 1930. Lincoln, NE. p.184.

³ Nuzum, George. *Biography of Iowa Indians of Kansas & Nebraska* (MS). 1880. p. #170.

⁴ Ibid. p. #394.

⁵ Kent, Agent M.B. "List of Iowa Names furnished per Rev. W. Hamilton". (Manuscript; ca. 1870-80).

⁶ Nuzum. op.cit. p#154.

⁷ Ibid. p#344; Kent. op.cit.

⁸ Nuzum. op.cit. p#152.

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Wénaje, Satisfied (or) Wanádhe, Pursuing Them.⁹ Ioway, 4/4; Beaver Clan Family. He was married to *NadúdhìMi* (Yellow Hair Woman). (No other information available.)

NadúdhìMi: Yellow Hair Woman.¹⁰ Ioway, 4/4; (most likely) Wolf Clan Family. She was married to **Wénaje** (above). They had a daughter, *ÑíKógriⁿMi: Translucent Water Woman*, who married Ruben Kent about 1873.

ÑíKógriⁿMi: Translucent Water Woman. A.K.A. **Ellen Kent-Washburn.**¹¹ Beaver Clan Family, 4/4 Ioway. She was born about 1857 when the Ioways were living on the Wolf River. She was first married to an Ioway named *Ché: Buffalo*. She lived with him but a short time, when they separated in divorce. They did not have children. She then married *Ruben AxéweHù Kent*, 4/4 Ioway, about 1873. Two children were born from this marriage, a daughter who died at age four, and a son, *Bennie Kent [Buffalo Clan name unknown]* (DOB: May 15, 1879). *Ruben* died Nov. 27, 1897. She then married *Isaac Washburn UⁿtóAkida: Watching The Fireplace*,¹² 4/4 Ioway Elk Clan, on March 3, 1901. She divorced him May 14, 1906 for adultery. She took in and adopted by native custom *Lena Kihega*, born 5/20/1883, at the request of her father, *Henry Kihega* before he died.¹³ *ÑíKógriⁿMi* is a blind woman, the result of small pox when she was seven years old. She does not speak nor understand English. She was known to be a good cook and able to perform regular house work and tend to the chickens and livestock on the property.

Bennie Kent [Buffalo Clan name unknown].¹⁴ Buffalo Clan Family, 4/4 Ioway. He was born May 15, 1879. He first married *Lucy Roubideaux [Eagle & Thunder Clan name unknown]*, 7/8 Ioway, 1/8 French, daughter of *Charles Roubideaux*. in January, 1901. A daughter, *Mamie Kent MahíHgàMi*, was born on October 23, 1902. It is said that a second daughter, *Irene Kent ChéMi*, June 19, 1904, may have been from another person, although *Lucy* said that they were together in September, 1903, living on the Otoe-Missouria reservation. As such, he is considered the father of both daughters. *Mamie* and *Irene* have a half sister, *Viola Masquat InúKit^áMi*. **Bennie Kent** did not challenge paternity of *Irene*. He had a second marriage to *Daisey Collier*, 4/4 Otoe(?). They had two sons *Arthur Kent [DOB: June 29, 1902]*, and *Gale C. Kent [DOB: May 22, 1904]*. He had a third marriage to *Josephine Deroín*, 4/4 Otoe-Missouri, daughter of *Micheal Deroín Sr.* Two sons were from this union, *Aaron Kent HéWayú* and *Gilbert Kent HúShkúñi*.¹⁵ These two sons have several maternal half siblings, namely, *Joseph Young, Sr., Baxter Atkins & Racheal Dailey*.

⁹ Ibid. p#153; #175.

¹⁰ Ibid. p#153; #175.

¹¹ Ibid. p#175.

¹² Kent. op.cit.

¹³ *Lena's* mother was *Lizzie Kihega*, ½ Sioux, ½ French. Her father was 4/4 Ioway, Chief of the Ioway Pigeon Clan. Her name was changed to *Kent* and her allotment was made in that name. When the girl grew up, her biological mother *Lizzie* married Antoine Barada in 1897, and proceeded to take *Lena* and changed her name back to "*Kihega*". Her maternal grandparents were: Joe Robidoux Jr. (French), and Mary Robidoux (1/2 Sioux).

¹⁴ Nuzum. op.cit. p#153.

¹⁵ "*Gilbert and Aaron* lived with their maternal grandmother, (wife of *Mitchel Deroín Sr.*) till *Aaron* was 9yoa and *Gilbert* was 7yoa. Then their father took them and left them at Pawnee Boarding School. In the summers, they stayed with their maternal uncles, *Bill & John Deroín*. After Pawnee Boarding School, they went to Chillico Vocational School south of Arkansas City, KS. They planted 40 acres corn & wheat to buy clothes for themselves. *Gilbert* granduated and went into the AirForce. *Aaron* quit Chillico and joined the Army." Personal statement of *Viola InúKit^áMi Masquat-Kent* on Oct 1st, 1998.