

the following summer, after they had made canoes and gathered in their harvest of wild rice, they would come to settle near the French. On the same day they departed, to return to their village east of the Mississippi.

Names of the tribes of Sioux of the East, and their signification.

The Mantantons—which means, “Village of the great lake which discharges into a small one.” The Mendeouacantons—“Village of the lake of the spirit.” The Quiopetons—“Village of a lake in a river.” The Psinoumanitons—“Village of those who search for wild rice.” The Ouadebatons—“Village of the river.” The Ocatamenetons—“Village of people who are on the headland of a lake.” The Songasquitons—“Village of the fort.”

Sioux of the West, of whom we have knowledge.

The Touchouaesintons—which means “Village of the pole.” The Psinchatons—“Village of the red wild rice.” The Oujal-espoitons—“Village scattered in several small bands.” The Psinoutanhinhintons—“Village of the great wild rice.” The Tintanaoughiatons—“Village of the great cabin.” The Ouae-petons—“Village of the leaf.” The Onghetgeodatons—“Village of the dung.” The Ouasicoutetons—“Village of those who shoot into a great pine.” The Hinhanetons—“Village of the red-stone quarry.”¹

¹The name Sioux is an abbreviation of that by which those tribes were commonly known among the Algonquian peoples east of them—Nadouessioux, meaning “the snake-like ones,” hence “the enemies,” as the Sioux were continually at war with their eastern neighbors. Their own name, however, is Dakotan, meaning “allies” or “league.” At present, the best ethnological authorities use the term “Siouan” to designate the stock or family speaking kindred dialects of one language; while “Dakota” is used in a tribal sense, referring to one branch of that family. The Dakotas call themselves Otceti-ca-kowin, “the seven council-fires,” referring to their original clans or gentes; several of these are given in Le Sueur’s list above. The Mdewakantonwan (Mendeanacantons) were so called from the place of their early residence, Spirit Lake, one of the Mille Lacs of Minnesota. A part of this same band were called Mantantons, a contraction of the former name. An-