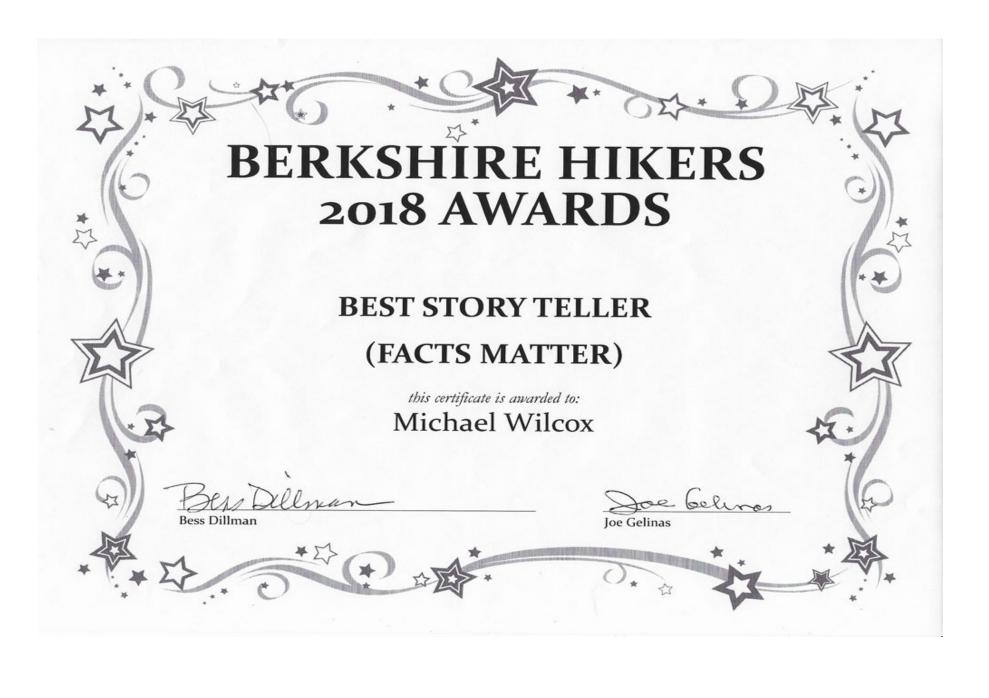
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#### http://www.mfw.us/blog/2019/03/02/word-of-the-day-usufruct/

These three concepts of property rights come down to us from Roman Law.

- 1. *usus* = simple use
- 2. *usufruct* = rights to the product of the property
- 3. *abusus* = right to destroy or convey ownership

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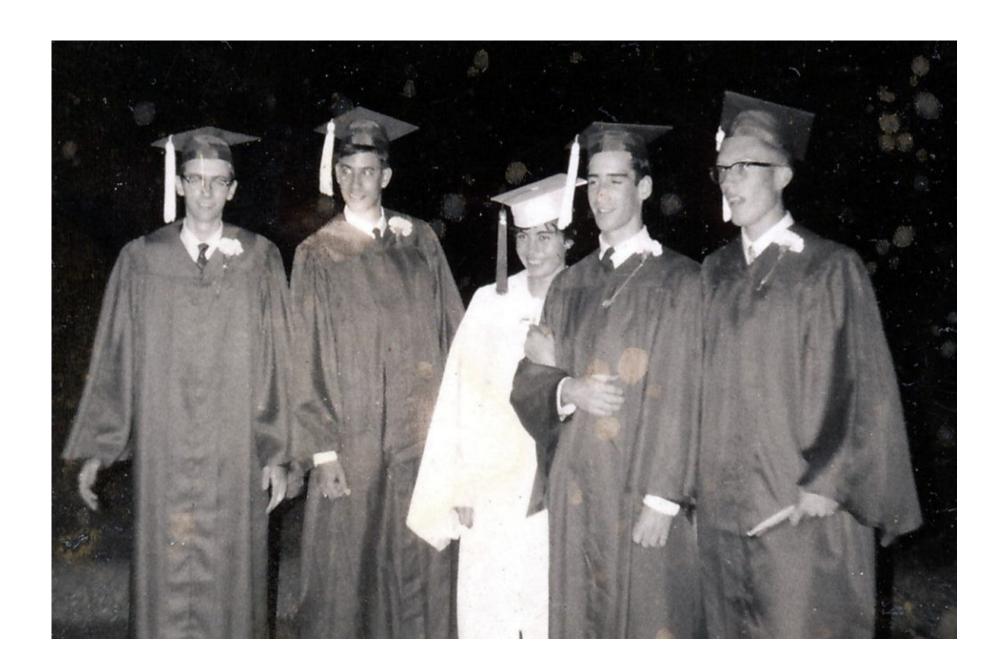
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College course prescribed by the has completed the School Committee for graduation and is presented with this Diploma

In testimony whereof we have hereto affixed our signatures this fourteenth day of June in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and sixty-three.



Superintendent



# LIFE IN GENERAL







Richard Robbins

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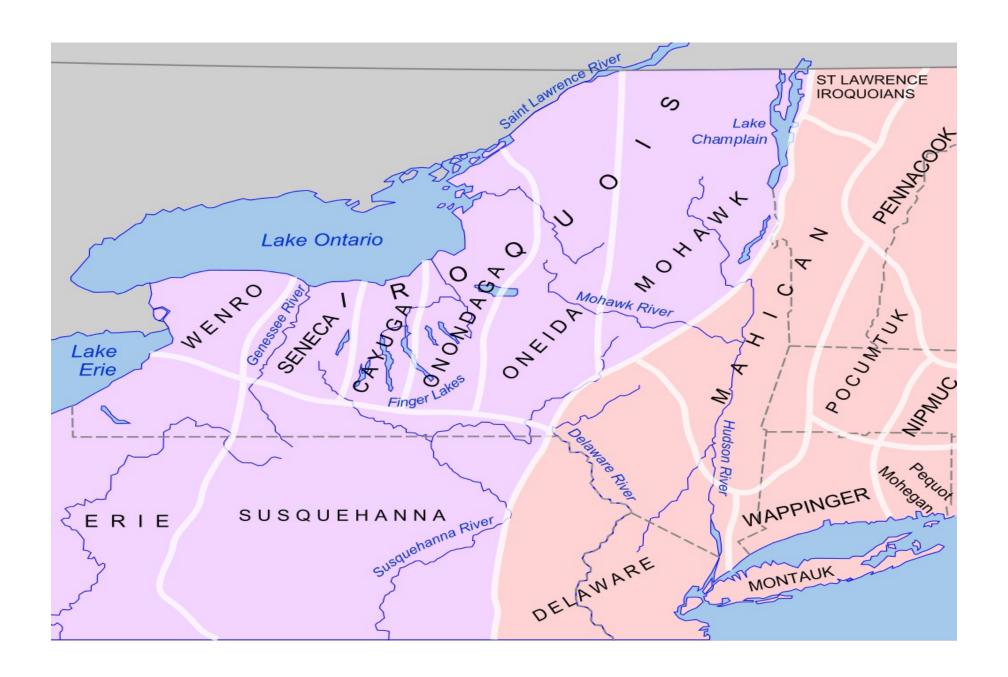


#### Come With Me to the Pre-Contact Berkshires

Let us now begin our exploration together of a sampling of what makes The Berkshires the most special place on this planet.

# Property One: The Mahican-Mohawk Trail

- Where is the Mahican-Mohawk Trail?
- What was its original purpose?
- Who are the Mahicans?
- Who are the Mohawks?
- Are there other, similar, trails, and if so, where?
- What was Berkshire County like before it was Berkshire County?
- How and when did Berkshire County come into existence?
- Why do I have so many questions?







Early tourist postcards of the Mohawk Trail feature "the wigwam," the Whitcomb Summit, and famous Hairpin Turn on the way down to North Adams.

# Heydays along the Mohawk Trail

Lauren R. Stevens

automobile passage over the forbidding Hoosac Mountains, second in these parts only to boring a railroad tunnel through the same rock some four decades earlier. But my interest is more in the context of the construction. When you set out for an automobile ride, is it the trip itself, seeing the sights and stopping occasionally for snacks and gifts? Or is it your goal to avoid towns and get to your destination as soon as possible? The centennial of the Mohawk Trail automobile road defines that issue.

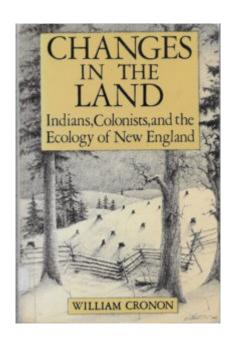
### A few comments on Stevens's article:

- "In Colonial days, almost all European arrivals in Berkshire County came from the south..."
- "... a Mohawk raid on the <u>Pocumtucks</u> ... in timely fashion for the arrival of settlers of European extraction."
- "... the closing of the American frontier. 'Wyoming Bill's Wild West Show' ..."

Speaking of wilderness, here is a passage from the essay I shared, *The Trouble with Wilderness*, by Bill Cronon.

Indeed, one could almost measure wilderness by the extent to which our recognition of its otherness requires a conscious, willed act on our part. The romantic legacy means that wilderness is more a state of mind than a fact of nature, and the state of mind that today most defines wilderness is wonder.

https://www.williamcronon.net/writing/Trouble\_with\_Wilderness\_Main.html



Now since it is but foode and rayment that men that live needeth (though not all alike,) why should not the Natives of New England be sayd to live richly, having no want of either?"

Thomas Morton 1632



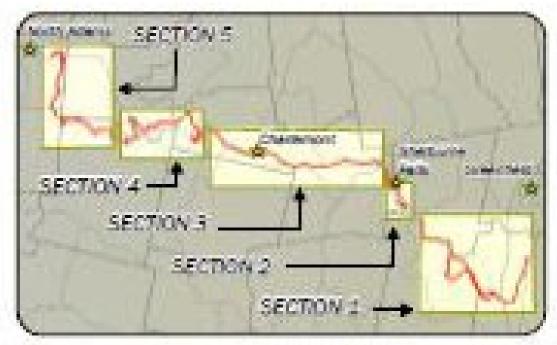
#### **April 1863**

#### A Prairie's Value

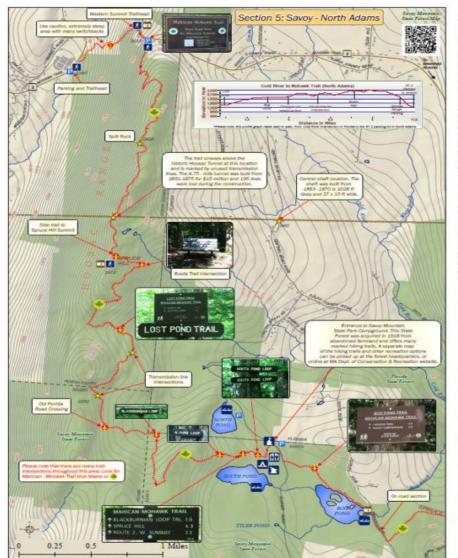
"It is a singular fact that what were vast treeless prairies in Illinois, twelve

years ago, are now covered with a dense growth of thrifty young forest trees, comprising various species of oak, hickory, cottonwood, ash, etc. So rapid has been this change in many localities, that where some of the early settlers located, twenty to twenty-five years ago, without a tree around them, they can now cut and hew good building timber a foot square. Prairie land, when kept from the annual fall burning formerly practiced by the Indians, rapidly produces a growth of trees. Some of the old citizens, who greedily located the timber land when they came to this country, and were careless about acquiring prairie, now find the latter of more value than the former; their timber has grown faster than they used it."

- https://www.mass.gov/location-details/mahican-mohawk-trail
- https://www.bnrc.org/trails-and-maps/top-10-berkshire-trails/hoosac-range/







#### Mahican - Mohawk Trail

The Mahican-Mohawk Trail is a planned hiking. the mistican-montains that is a painted mixing waiting trail that spains from the Connecticut River in Massachusetts to the Hudson River in New York, it is historically significant because it generally. follows the path that was used by Native Americans for centuries to traverse the region, it is ecologically significant because a portion of the trail passes through or near 50% of Massachusetts known old growth forests. It is inspirational because it and grown rorests, it is inspirational enclases it passes through the tallest forests in New England, it offers scenic elevis that are among the best in the Bay State. At this time, approximately 35 miles of the planned 100-mile trail are open to hikers, and another 10 miles can be paddled as a water trail on the Deerfield River in Massachusetts. The trail follows the exact Native American route over the top of Todd and Clark Mountains in the Mohawk Trail State Forest in Charlemont. Other parts of the trail follow the general route, which traveled along the Deerfield River, over the Hoosac Mountains, and along the Hoosic River. The wision is to establish a long-distance hiking trail that celebrates this history and links vibrant town centers, stunning ws, scenic landscapes and spectacular forests



This map details the filking and This map details she riving and poddiling opportunities that are currently available. White efforts will be made to keep this map current, it may not be possible for the map to be completely up-to-date believen printings, so additional updated information about trail conditions is available on the DCR website, access the QR code to the right.



#### History of the Trail

Research of the original location of the trail determined that it followed the Deerfield and the Nosek Rivers. The trail's eastern terminus is at the Connecticut River near Historic. Deerfield, Massachusetts. The route follows the Deerfield River west through Shelburne, fluckland, and Charlemont, Massachusetts. After crossing over the mountain range in Florida and Savo, it continues along the Noosle. and savey, it commons along the mostic River into North Adams and Williamstown, Messachusetts; Pownal, Vermont; and Stillwa New York where the Hoosic River Joins the Hudson River, The rivers provided Native American populations with transportation, food and water, it also provided for contact between different groups for political purposes, trade, marriage and worfare.



it is believed that the trail was used by many different groups of Native Americans, but became americal groups or reside Americans, our excame known as the Mohawk Trail, because the Mohawka of present day New York State traversed the route to reach the Pocumbucks who lived in what is now Deerfield, Allemachusetts for a 1664 battle. The trail was later used by colonial settlers. The pioneering Europeans expanded the trail into roads and railroads, joining the forts, farms, milts, villages and towns of northwestern Massachusetts. and lowes or northwestern Measachusetts, southwestern New York. The trail later servers as a provisioning route for Fort Massachusetts, the mid-18th century garrison between North Adams and Williamstown. It was extensively used during the Revolutionary War.

#### History of the Trail (con't)

Benedict Amold passed over the trail on his way to Fort Troonderage in New York, Later, literary figures such as Ralph Waldo Emerson, Nathaniel Hawthorne and Henry David Thoreau hised this now historic route. Over time, the trail's route was modified for vehicles, eventually resulting in the construction of Route 2, known as "The Mohawk Trail". In 1992, a group of Williams College students explored the history and path of the trail, and expense the initiary and pain or the trait, and assessed its reopering and reuse. The location of the historic Mahican-Mohawk Trait is based on David Costello's book, "The Mohawk Trait," which depicts his estimation of the location of the original American Indian trail.



Mehican-Mohawk Trail Partnership

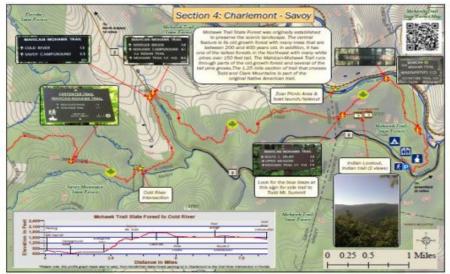
A number of organizations continue to work Native American trail. The goal is to provide trail users with an historic tour through a lovely users with an historic four through a hover landscape of rivers, valleys and communities. The significance of the Mahican-Mohawk Trail continues to be the passion of a declicated group out through the continues of the Mahican to the M Mohawk Trail Partnership.



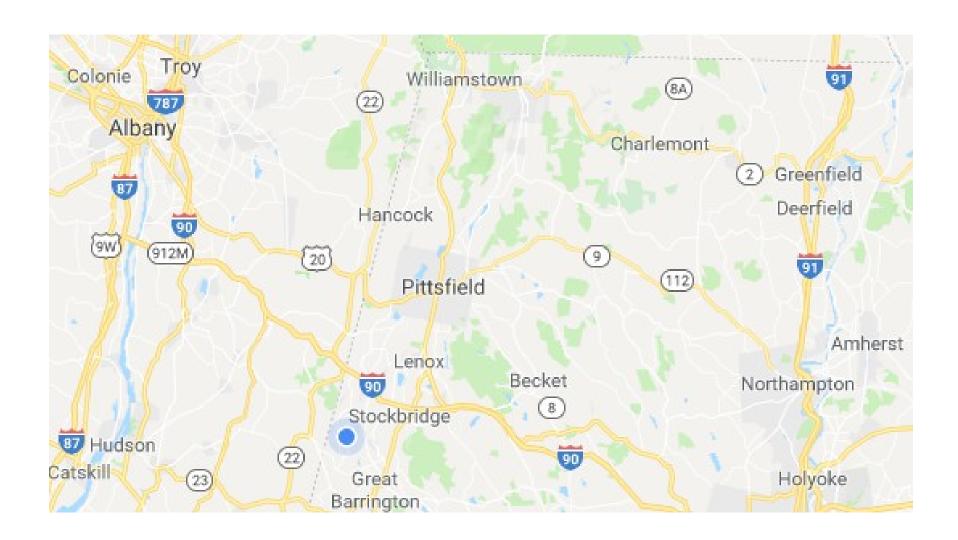
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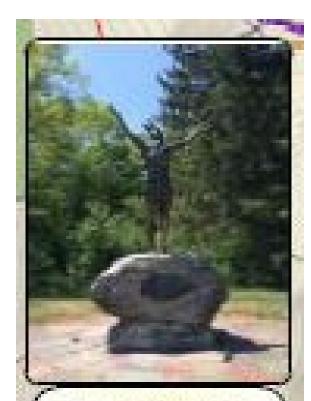
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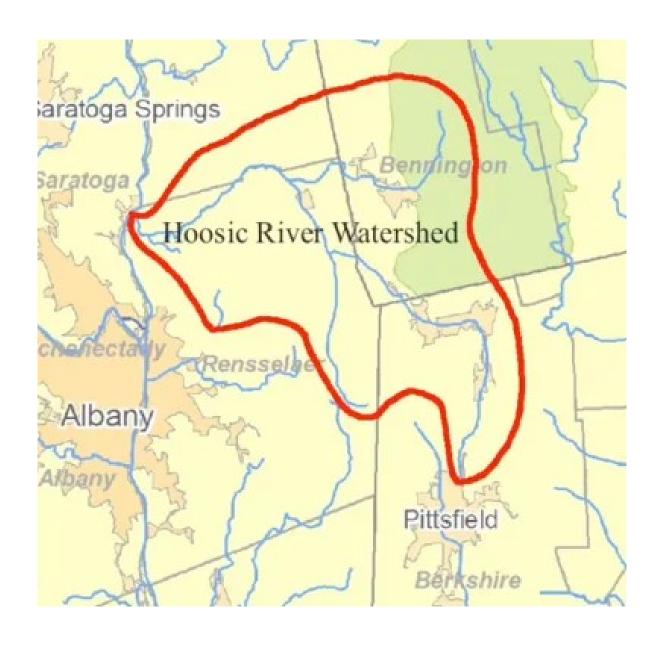


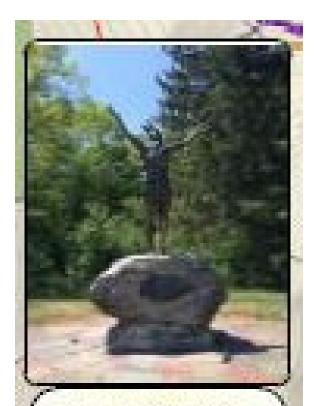




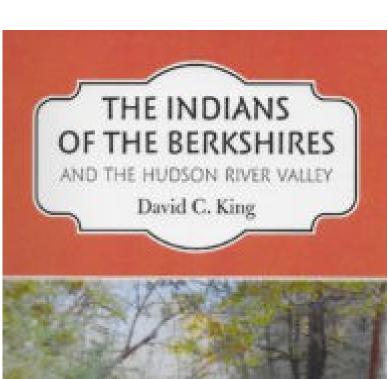


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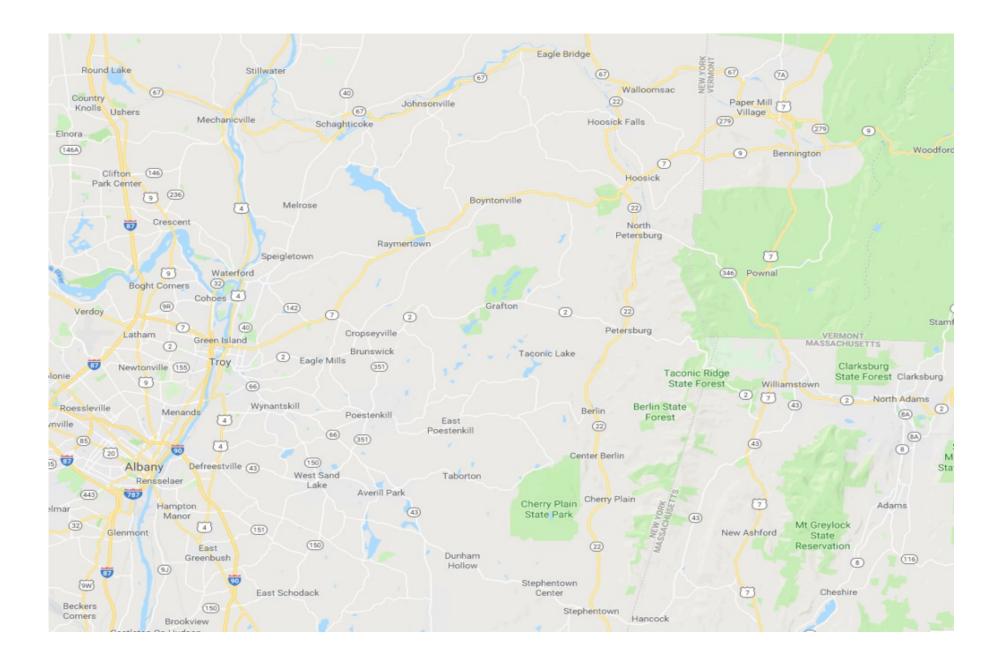




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I have also retained the traditional English spelling of "Mohican" rather than the Dutch and subsequent ethnological spelling "Mahican" in order to make the work more generally familiar. Neither version should be confused, however, with "Mohegan," the term used for the Indians concentrated mainly in Connecticut who at one time were part of the Pequots. After the Stockbridge Indians achieved the ability to write and communicate in English, they referred to themselves as "Muhheconnuk" or "Moheakunnuk." The pronunciation of the first syllable, therefore, is with the short "o" (as in "Monday").

From The Mohicans of Stockbridge by Patrick Frazier

The similarity between their names is due to coincidence and European mispronunciation-"Mahican" comes from the word Muheconneok,
"from the waters that are never still" (the Hudson River), and "Mohegan" comes from the word Mahiingan, "wolf." Today there are about 3000 Mahican Indians in Wisconsin, where they were forced to emigrate, and many Mahican descendents scattered throughout New England.

http://www.native-languages.org/mohican.htm

- MoHeConNuck
- Mo-hea-con-nuck
- Muh-he-con-neok [I'm told this -- with long "e"s -- is probably closest to the actual pronunciation]
- All of these mean "People of the Waters that are Never Still" and are related to the name of the River,
   Mohicannituck

