

Map 22

Indian Middle Camp at Menemesett (1675)

Map 22 describes the Indian camps that were once constructed in Menemesett, New Braintree. These Indian camps at Menemesett were not located far from the site of Wheeler's Surprise. In the bottom right corner you can see a piece of Slein Road, which was mentioned in previous maps. As you glance around at the map you will notice sections of land with red dotted borders, which represent different Indian camps. Labeled inside of these dotted borders is a name of a mineral or a substance. The Indians used these different substances to construct arrowheads and knives. Each Indian tribe had their own specific substance they used. Also you will notice green oval-like shapes. These shapes label the location of corn and root cellars. The cellars were the Indian's winter supply for food. Fortunately today, you will still find three of these root cellars.

During February 1676, the local Indians attacked the town of Lancaster and brutally killed and captured many innocent citizens. Two of those captured were Mary Rowlandson and her six-year-old daughter Sarah. The Indians held Mary and Sarah captive. After nine days of Mary carrying her daughter Sarah along the walk from Lancaster to the Indian camps at Menemesett. The Indians had previously shot Sarah on the journey. After Sarah's tragic death in New Braintree, she was placed in a gravel burial site located at the summit of Sarah's Hill (*Found in top right*).

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