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Title Map of Connecticut Circa 1625: Indian Trails, Villages

Date 1976

Primary Maker Mathias Spiess

Medium Offset lithography; black and colored printer's inks on wove paper

Description Facsimile map of Connecticut circa 1625, divided into Native American sachemdoms and showing trails and villages. The tribes whose names appear on the map are the Siwanogs, Paugussetts, Quinnapiacs, Tunxis, Massacoes, Agawams, Sicaogs, Poquonocks, Podunks, Wangunks, Menunkatucks, Hammonassetts, Nipmucks, Mohegans, Uncas, Nehantics and Pequots. Elevation is conveyed through drawings of groups of hills. A bear, beaver, turkey, deer, fox and what appears to be an otter are depicted on the map. Around it are a baby on a cradleboard, fenced-in clusters of wigwams, a

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bow and two arrows, a pipe decorated with feathers, and a decorated shield and

spear. Tribal names also appear outside of the borders of Connecticut, and

probably refer to the tribes that lived in what is now New York, Massachusetts

and Rhode Island: Mohicans, Agawams, Nipmucks and Nehantics. Native

Americans in three dugout canoes appear below the landmass, in what is

unlabeled Long Island Sound. The cartouche depicts the title on a stretched

skin, with two Native Americans on either side, dressed in loinclothes and

wearing feathers in their hair. The one on the right is standing and holds a bow.

In the lower left corner is a legend that explains the lines and symbols

representing main and secondary trails, villages and sachemdom boundaries.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (image height x width): 14 7/8 x 18 7/8in. (37.8 x

47.9cm) Sheet (height x width): 16 3/4 x 20 3/4in. (42.5 x 52.7cm)