

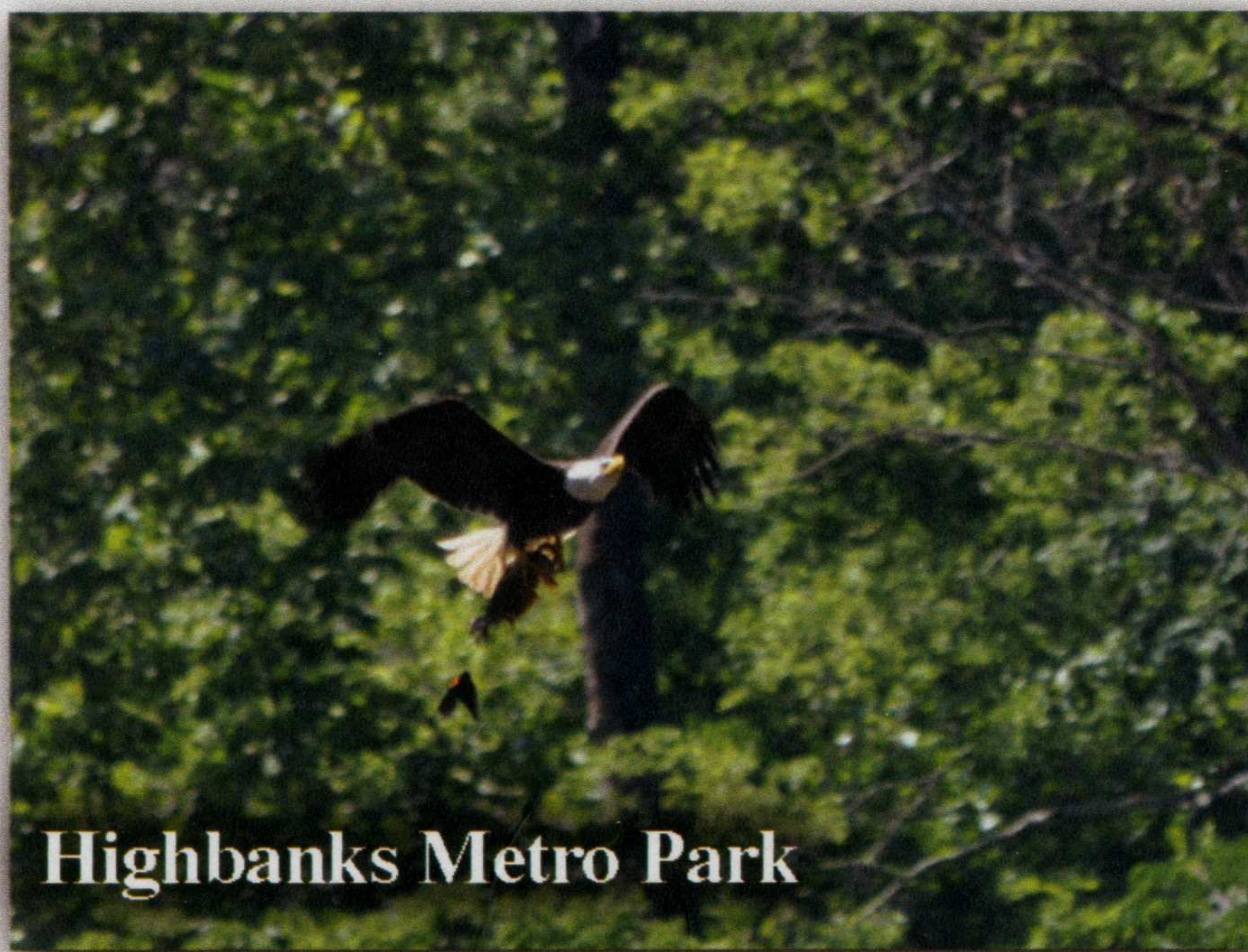


Indian Sugar Camp 1850c. Dublin, OH

Artist Dick Hoke

In early spring Bill Moose journeyed with his parents to the woods owned by Joseph Thompson, long time friend of the Wyandot Indians. Maple trees were tapped, sap collected and boiled down to sugar.

In July of 1843, the Wyandot Indians were relocated from Ohio to Kansas. The family of Bill Moose refused to leave and moved from Upper Sandusky to the abandoned Wyandot villages near the Scioto and Olen-tangy Rivers, north of Columbus. One was near the burial site of their beloved Chief Leatherlips. Years earlier, Joseph Thompson had covered the exposed grave with rocks and protected the sacred site for over thirty years.



Highbanks Metro Park

Photo Brett Thompson

After paying respect to the Chief, the family would journey back to the Olentangy, their camp site and home along the river at a location presently known as Highbanks Metro Park. Here, Bill, true to his Indian nature, expressed and shared his love for God's creation, the beauty in nature, field forest and stream, and sincere love for his fellow man. Thus began the Legend "Indian Bill Moose - Last of the Wyandots".



Linworth Methodist Youth
pay tribute to Bill Moose
2004




Artist Hal Sherman

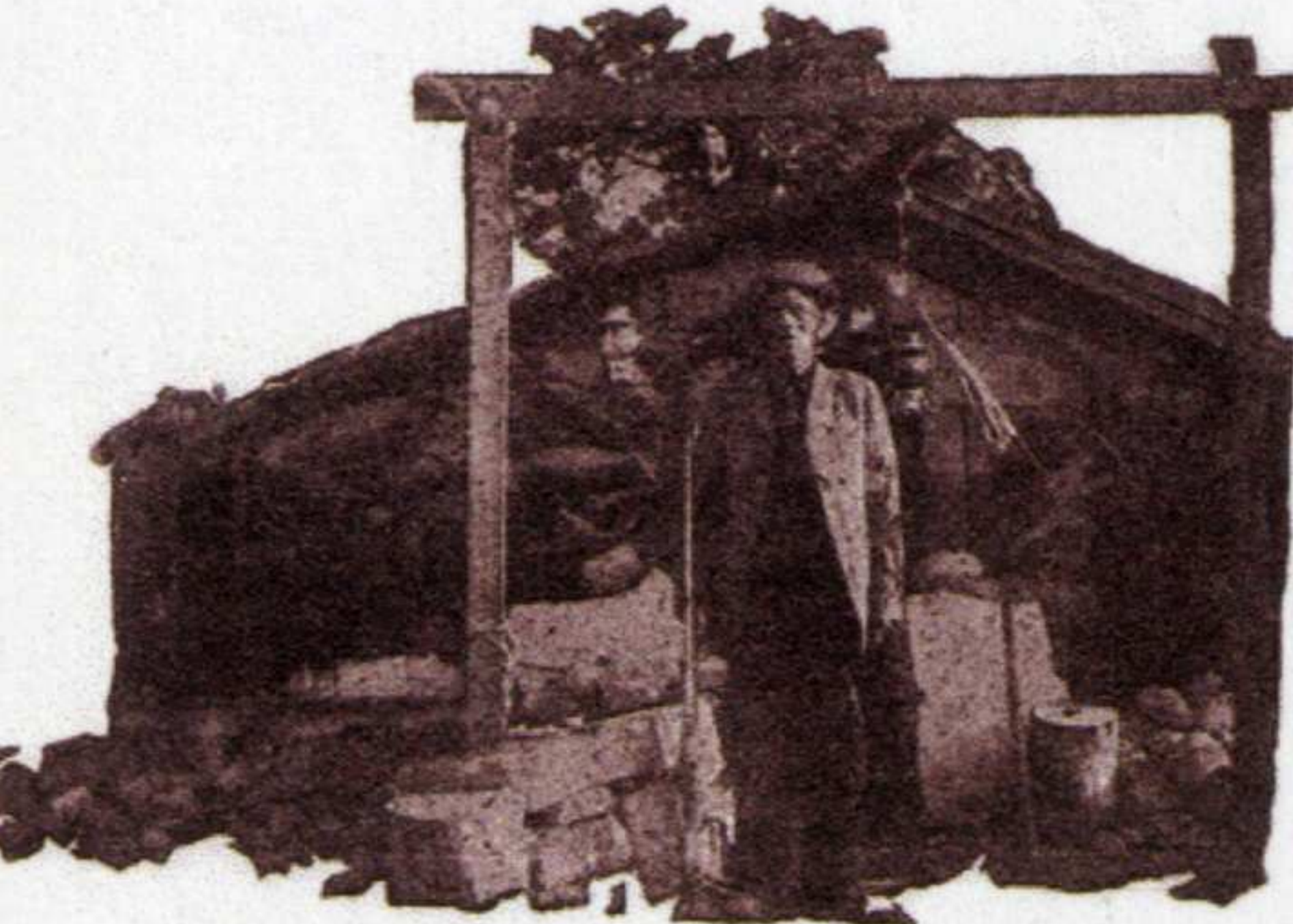
Last of The Wyandots c.1860

“At sugar making time Bill Moose is honoring Chief Leatherlips by sprinkling tobacco on his grave. His parents along with Joseph Thompson and his son, Samuel, are looking on.”

In charge of funeral arrangements for Indian Bill Moose was a committee composed of P.E. Rutherford, Leonard Insley, F. E. Thompson, Dr. Howard Miller, and J. F. Hill.



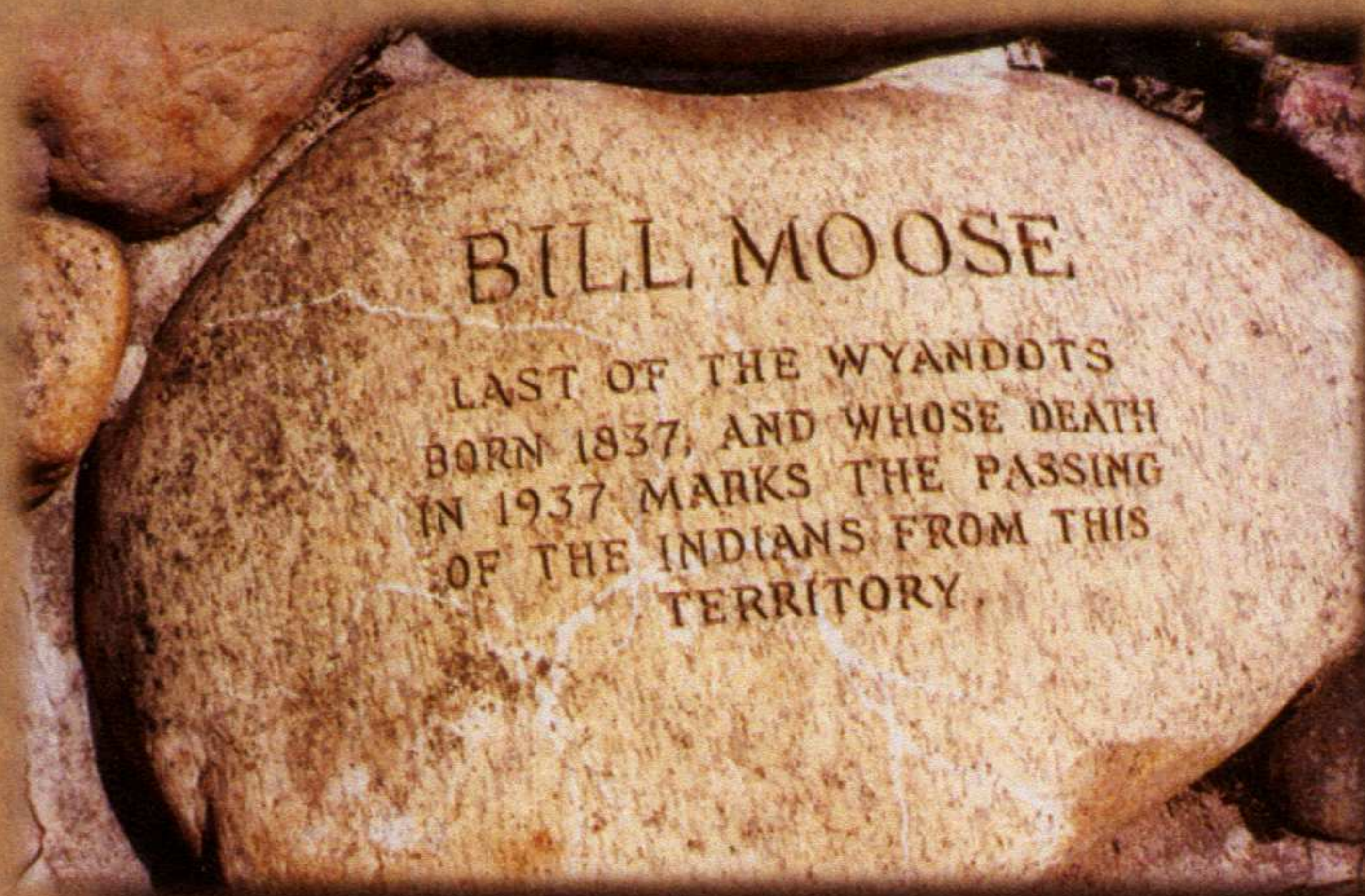
“INDIAN BILL”
Sole Full-blooded
Survivor of the
Wyandot Indians



Bill Moose and his Cabin
Located 1 1/2 Miles South of Worthington, Ohio.



Bill Moose lay in state in the
Rutherford Funeral Home,
2383 N. High St., Columbus, Ohio
from July 13-18, 1937



BILL MOOSE
LAST OF THE WYANDOTS
BORN 1837, AND WHOSE DEATH
IN 1937 MARKS THE PASSING
OF THE INDIANS FROM THIS
TERRITORY.



Wyandot Hill
Burial site of Bill Moose
July 18, 1937