

headed back to Indian Island. Such accounts are representative of the respect and affinity Frank had for his informants. I imagine Frank also made use of the time by conversing in Penobscot.

Frank witnessed the inexorable demise of his Penobscot and Catawba informants. Thus vanished from daily use two languages he would like to have studied further. Ironically, his own knowledge has become the focus of fieldwork and preservation. Frank gets weekly requests to review, edit, and proofread linguistic manuscripts, notes, or other cultural data. The requests for copies of his notes he finds less than amusing. Committed to linguistics of the highest quality, his criticisms may at times seem harsh.

Everyone in our family has received a nickname, including our dog, "rent a pooch." It is this side of Frank that has endeared him to me. Although conservative, his decisions and actions reflect his intelligence, not his bias. I will always remember this time in my life with great sentiment and pleasure. He is a gentleman from a different age. Frank introduced me to the Burma Shave commercials, and I close with this quote from the American roadside: "You can go a mile a minute, but there ain't no future in it, Burma Shave, Burma Shave."

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