

# CHAPTER 3 THE BLACKS.

## THEIR TRIBES AND CUSTOMS

THE BLACK RACE OF FOREST CONTINENT LIVED IN TRIBES ALL HAVING SEPERATE CHIEFS THERE WAS AT THIS TIME OF THE EARLY SETTLEMENTS FIFTY EIGHT DIFFERENT TRIBES AND AS MANY AS 20 THOUSAND BLACK IN ALL THEY HAD NO FIRE ARMS OR ANY STEEL IMPLEMENTS THEY ONLY HAD STONE AND SHELL HATCHETS AND KNIVES A FEW OF THE RACES HAD A FEW HARD THINGS MADE OF COPPER AND LEAD BUT MOST OF THEM HAD STONE AND SHELL SPEAR HEADS AND SUCH THINGS



A SPEAR FROM JULIANO STRIBE

WHEN THE SETTLERS FIRST CAME TO FOREST CONTINENT THE BLACKS THOUGHT THAT THEY WERE SOME KIND OF

SPIRITS AND TREATED THEM AS IF THEY WERE THEIR KINGS BUT THEY SOON BECAME TO MISTRUST THAT THEY WERE NOT ANY THING OF THE KIND AND WANTED TO GET RID OF THEM THE SETTLERS HAD NOT FOUND ANY INDIANS FOR THE REASON THAT THEY WERE HUPPLED AROUND BIG WOLF LAKE AND THIS WAS NOT DISCOVERED YET SO THE BLACKS WERE THE ONLY TROUBLE SOME RACE JULIANO A CHIEF OF A TRIBE NEAR ALLENS TOWN HAD PROVED VERY TROUBLE SOME EVER AFTER THE FIRST SETTLERS CAME



A HATCHET

AND THE PEOPLE AT ALLENS TOWN WERE IN  
CONTINUAL DANGER OF BEING KILLED UNTILL  
ETHAN ALLEN PUT GEORGE MAYOR A YOUNG AND  
ENTERPRISING YOUNG MAN LIKE HIM SELF IN  
CHARGE OF THAT COLONY WHO ORGANIZED A PARTY  
CHASED JULIAND TO HIS STRONG HOLD WHERE  
THEY DEFEATED AND KILLED HIM ALLENS  
TOWN HAD PRACE AFTER THAT FOR ABOUT TWO  
YEARS WHEN ALL THE TRIBES UNITED AND PLANNED  
TO SLAY ALL THE WHITES IN ONE GREAT MASACRE  
BY THIS TIME THERE WAS ABOUT FIVE THOUSAND  
WHITES IN FOREST CONTINENT AND THE TRIBES OF  
BLACKS WERE NOT THE KIND OF FELLOWS TO  
ATTACK THE WHITES OUT OPENLY THEY FIRST  
BUILD FORTS AND BLOCKADES AND THEN THEY  
GOT READY FOR THE MASACRE THEIR FORTS  
WERE BUILT OF LOGS AND BRUSH AND USUALLY  
COVERED OVER ABOUT AN ACRE WHICH WAS  
ROOM ENOUGH FOR THE WHOLE TRIBE  
ROUND THIS WAS USUALLY A DITCH FILLED  
WITH WATER EACH TRIBE HAD MEN OF  
THESE AND THEN THEY HAD BARRACKS  
OR BLOCK ADES MADE OF BRUSH WHICH  
WERE ABOUT EIGHT FEET HIGH AROUND  
THEIR VILLAGES TO PREVENT A SURPRISE  
THE WHITES FINDING THEM UN FRIENDLY  
MISTRUSTED THAT THE WHIACKS WERE PLANNING  
A MASACRE AND SO INSTEAD OF SPENDING THEIR  
TIME IN HUNTING IN THE FORESTS THEY BUILT  
FORTS AND BLOCK HOUSES AND ORGANIZED PARTIES

OF SHARP SHOOTERS AND MELITA AT ALLENS  
TOWN THE MOST WAS DONE TO PROTECT THE



A BLACK  
TRIBES STRONG HOLD

SETTLERS FOR THEY WELL KNEW THAT THE BLOW  
WOULD FIRST BE STRUCK THERE HERE THERE  
WAS SIX HUNDRED SETTLERS TWO HUNDRED AND  
FIFTY OF WHICH WERE MEN AND BOYS FROM THE AGE  
SIXTY FIVE TO TEN YEARS OLD THERE WAS 1 BLOCK HOUSE  
AT ONE END OF THE TOWN AND ANOTHER AT THE  
OTHER WHILE IN THE MIDDLE WAS A SMALL STONE FORT  
CONTAINING THE FIFTY ALLENS TOWN REGULARS AS THEY  
WERE CALLED COMMANDED BY GENERAL MAYOR  
EARLY IN THE MORNING MAY EIGHTH ABOUT 4 O'CLOCK  
1672 THE SETTLERS HEARD THE BELL OF THEIR LITTLE  
CHURCH RINGING FURIOUSLY AND A GUN WAS FIRED  
THIS WAS THE SIGNAL OF DANGER

