

CHIEF POWESHIEK



Chief Poweshiek was a member of the Brown Bear clan of the Meskwaki tribe and its chief starting in 1830. Chief Poweshiek and two other Meskwaki chiefs established three summer villages along the Iowa River in Johnson County, before the eventual forced migration to Kansas territory. Following multiple failed treaties, the Meskwaki Tribe was eventually resettled in Iowa in 1857 near Tama, in Poweshiek County.