

Monkegan

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Dear Mrs. Zaleski,

It's good to hear from you. For the last month or two I have done nothing at all; they have gone flat; may or not brighten up again.

The root of that Algonquin word is used about as widely as any I think of; amag meaning is to gather up, take up or away - berries, eggs, anything. The Algonquin cream, grease off the pot, I should doubt its application in the Monkegan Island instance.

These moon - meanings takes five or six directions. I can't always tell which is which, after fifty 10 years with them.

My first idea of the Monkegan meaning was just the digging one you suggest; it certainly fits; though I don't remember Indian use of the moon-form except where the digging was done by personal, or perhaps creature agency. If monkegan was the Indian name of the island the dug out idea would be rather hard for me to wholly abandon, but my information is that monkegan was the passage along the mainland, opposite the island - the Indian's canoe passage. Your K'tnegook explanation goes with this. My case stands