

I find on looking over my notes that I place Madigon(ne) in the class of localities named after the whites occupied it - with possible reference to Capt Lovett's "great stone house" in 1623 on House Island, or else another "stronghouse" built by one whom he pickled in his voyage into New England, or "a Knave", possibly built in the peninsula now Portland proper.

My idea of this whole subject is to get at not only the natural features of the place under discussion but the place as modified by man, either white or red. An example of the igan or regon is found on the Vineyard, Kupper-igan or now Kephigan and even Cape Higgon (Wast Survey charts!). It was a part of a manor granted to the Mayhews who fenced it in across the narrowest part - hence the shut-in, enclosed place so named after the act of the proprietors in enclosing their grant by an artificial or protective barrier like a palisade.