

# Wampum Belts

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Nous tenons à souligner que  
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# Hiawatha Belt



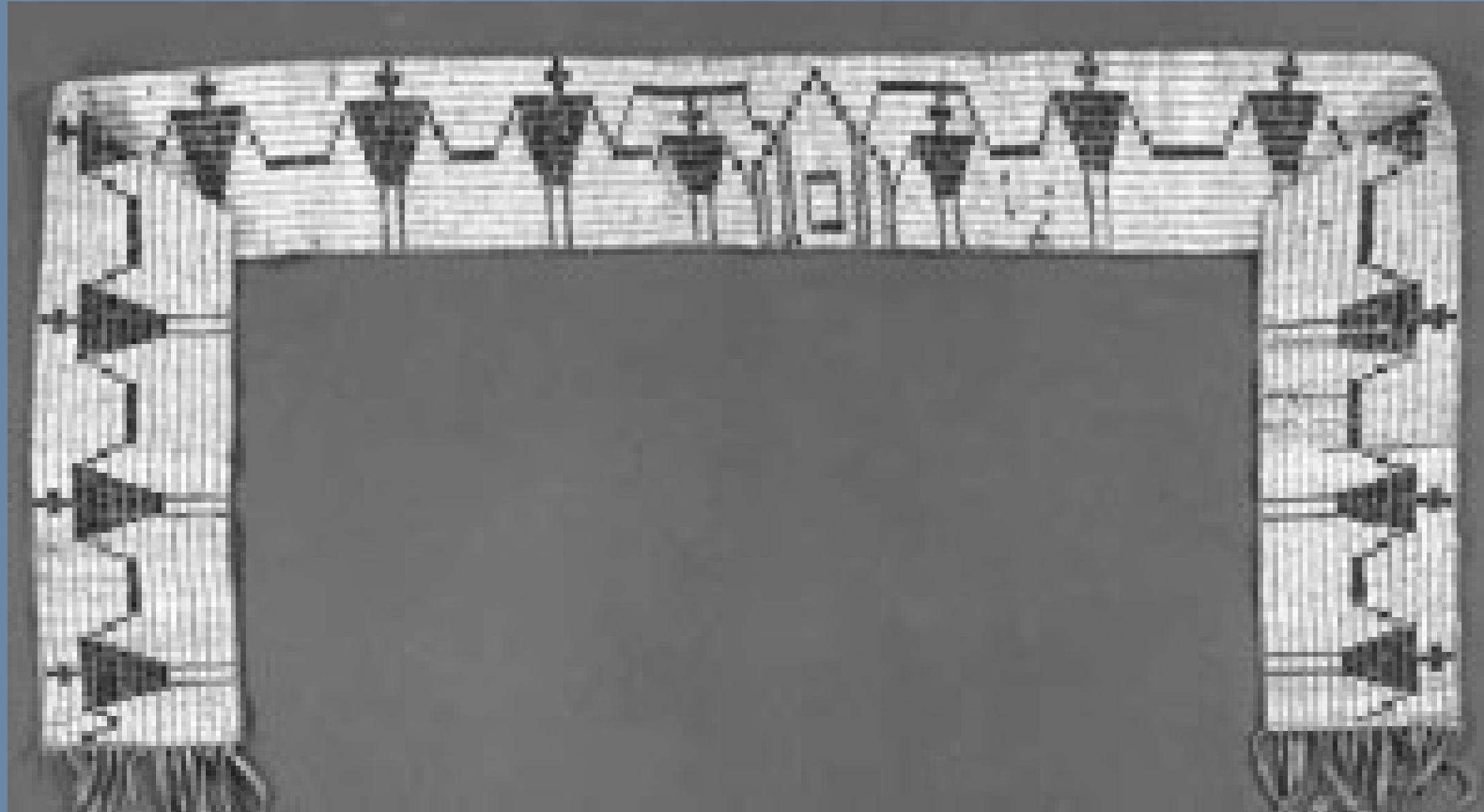
# Hiawatha Belt



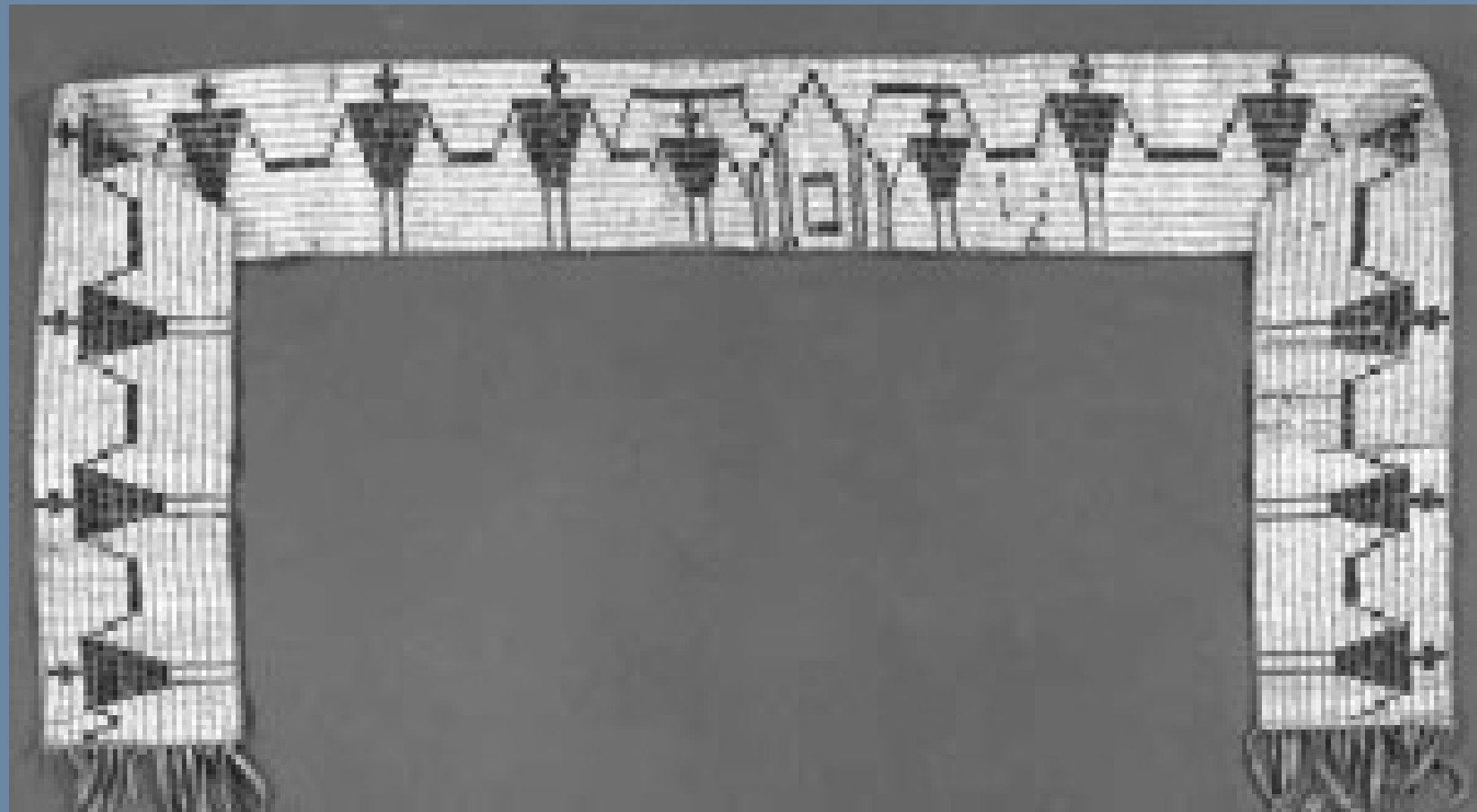
The Hiawatha Belt records the war of five nations; the Seneca, Cayuga, Onondaga, Oneida, and Mohawk. The symbol in the middle is a tree; it represents Onondaga and the Tree of Peace which the leaders buried their weapons under to live in peace. The other symbols represent chiefs sitting around a council of fire. One for each of the other four nations: the Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, and Seneca.



# The George Washington belt



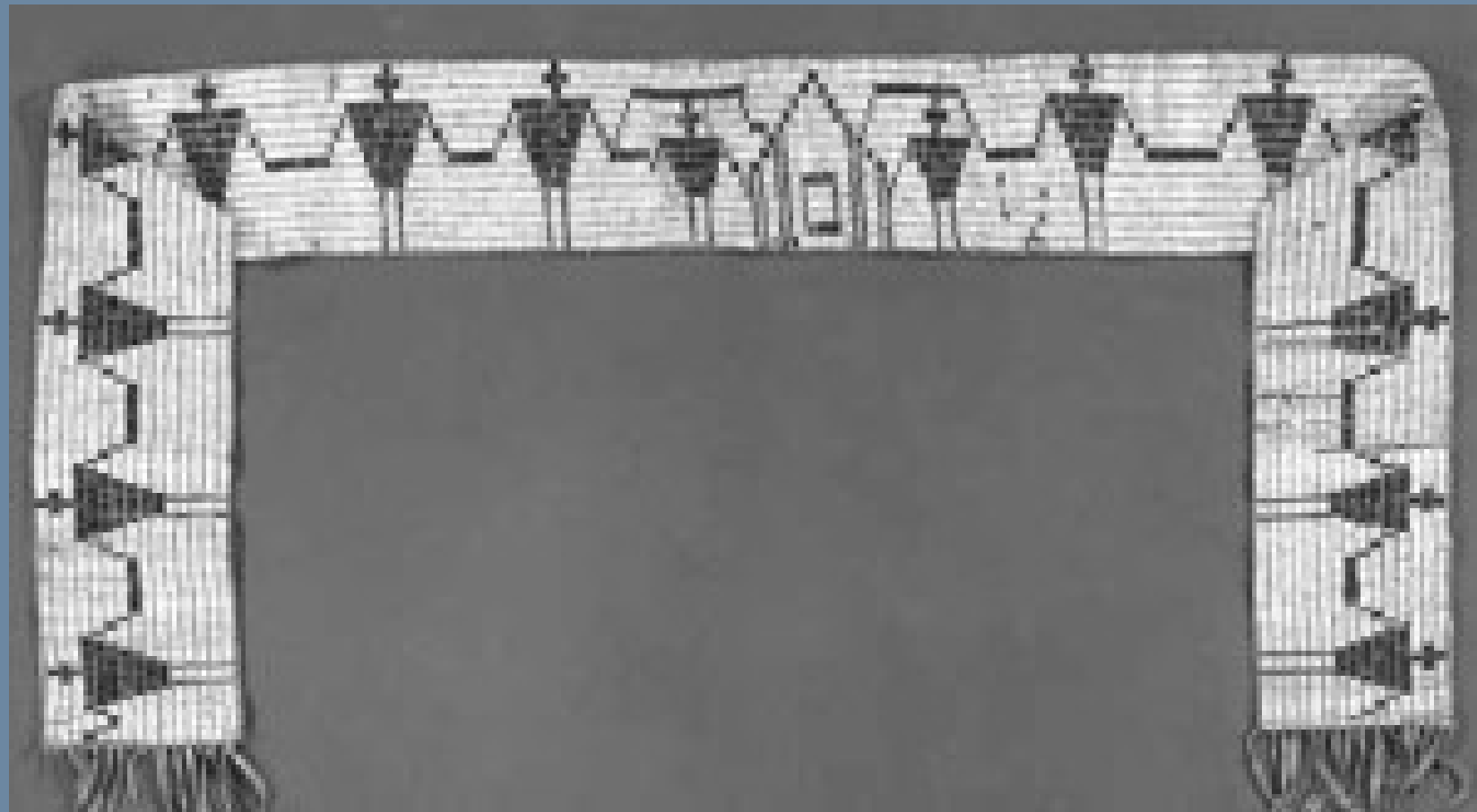
# The George Washington belt



**The 1794 George Washington belt represents the agreement between George Washington and the thirteen colonies of the united states with the Haudenosaunee.**

**This is one of the longest wampum belts we know of measuring at six feet in length.**

# The George Washington belt



**The two smaller figures are  
Tadadahō and George  
Washington around a  
longhouse.**

**They are holding hands to  
represent the peace between  
the two Nations.**

# Tadodaho Belt





# Tadadahō Belt



This belt recalls the time when the Peacemaker combed the snakes from Tadadahō's hair.

This belt is an image of the Tree of Peace with 14 diamonds in the middle, to represent the 14 chiefs at Onondaga.

# The story of the Peacemaker and Tadadaho



The Peacemaker & the Tadadaho



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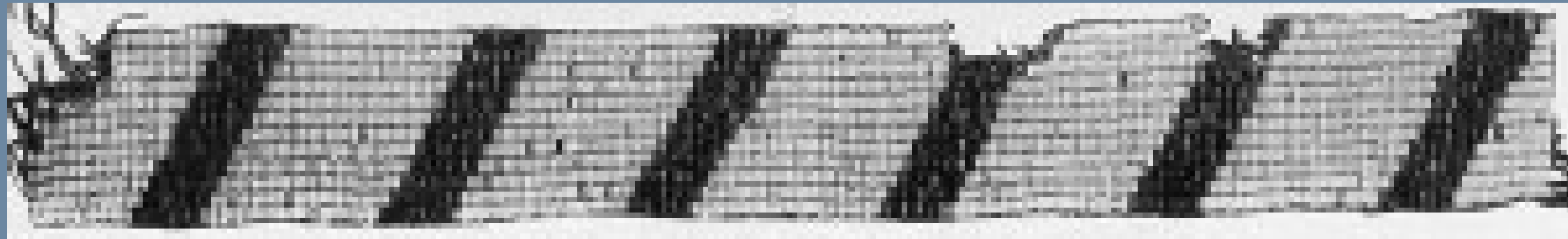


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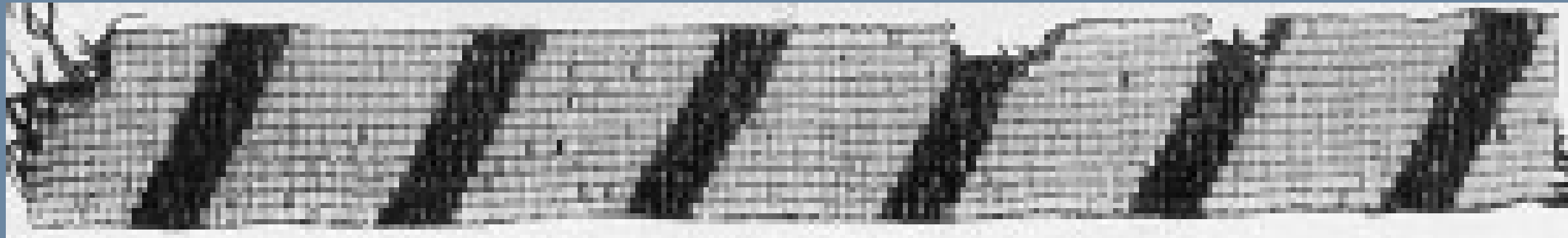


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# Six Nations Belt

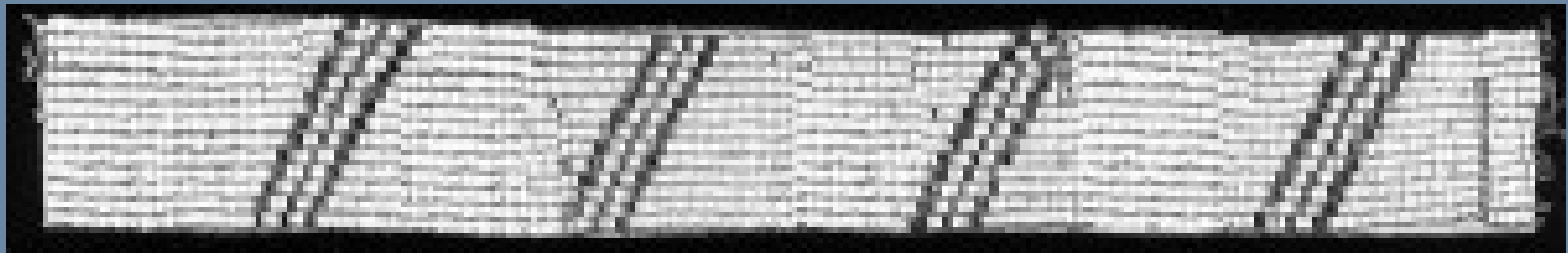


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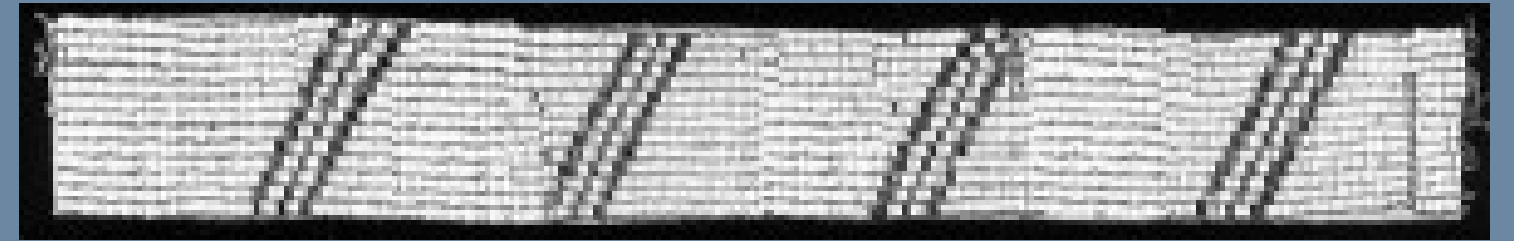
**This belt shows the strong  
union between 6 Nations, all  
equal under the laws of the  
Haudenosaunee.**

# Pale Faces Belt





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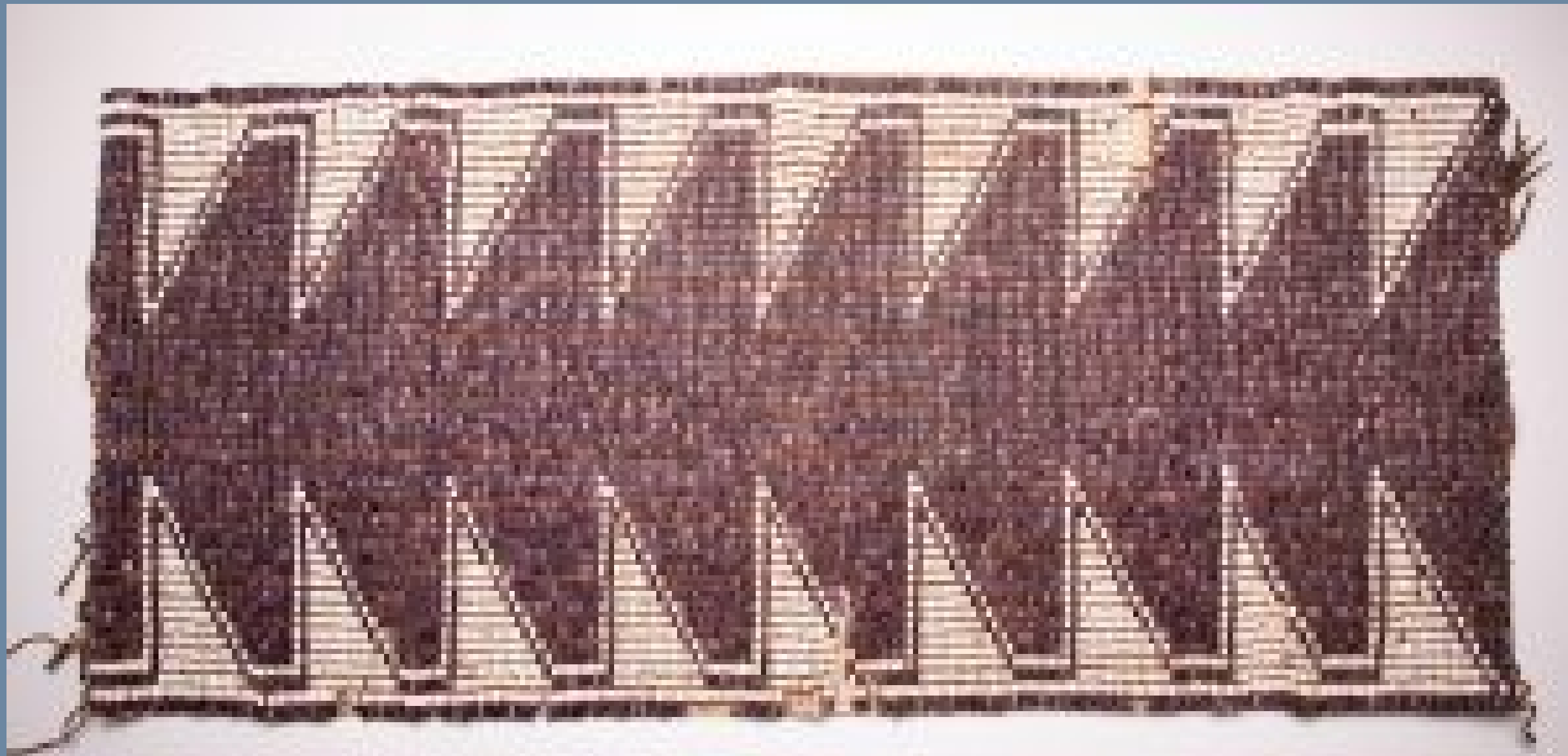


**This belt tells of the relationship the Onondagas had with the first colonists.**

**The Onondagas are shown with two heavy lines and the colonists as the thin line in the middle.**

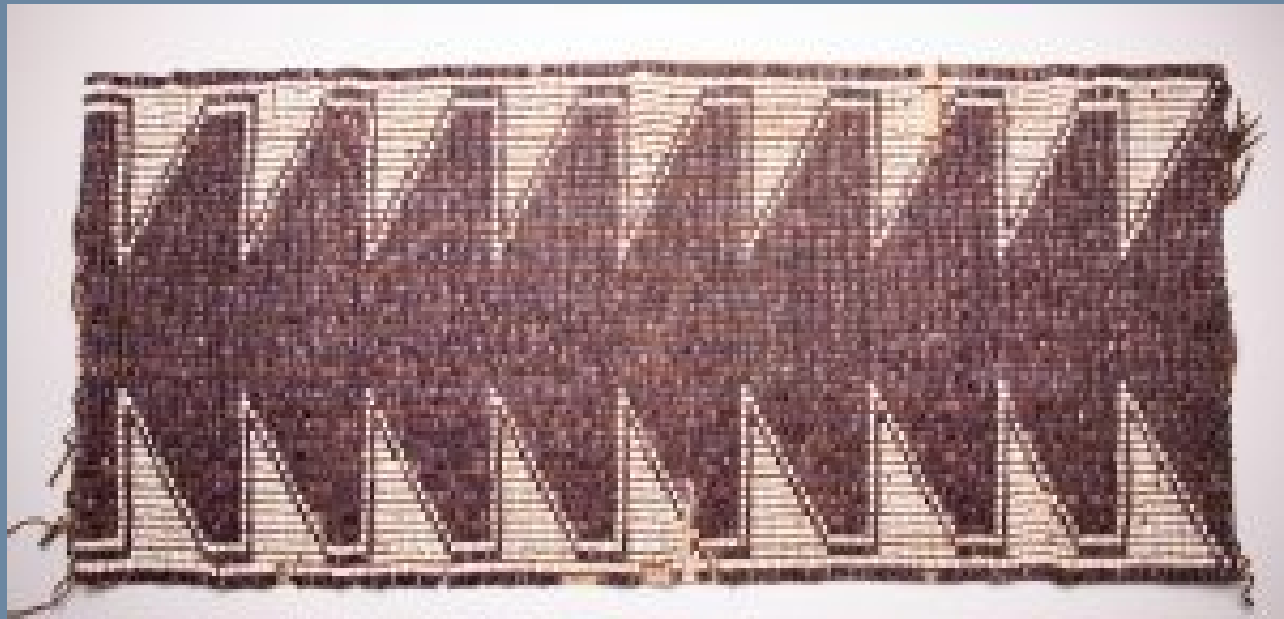
**This shows that the Onondaga supported the colonists and helped them survive. Because of their relationship with the Onondaga, the colonists were able to live, learn, and live together in peace and harmony.**

# Dust Fan Belt



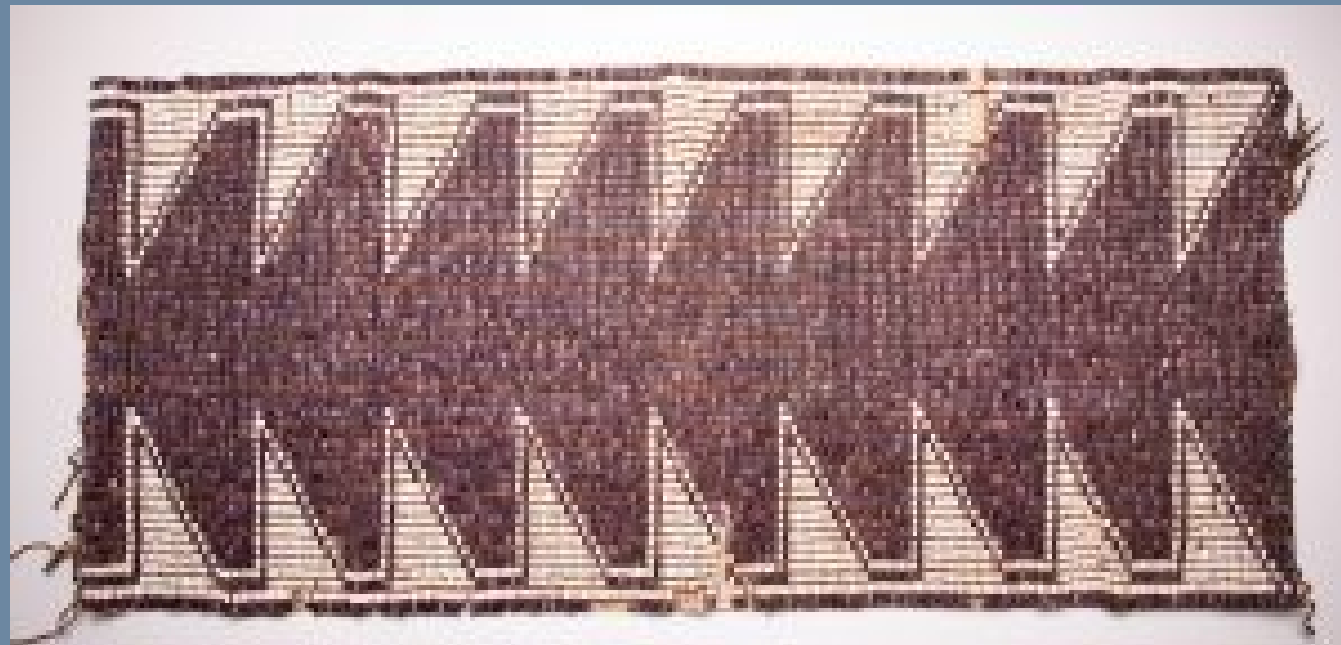
# Dust Fan Belt

**The dust fan belt was created at the beginning of the Iroquois confederacy of peace and not much is known about it.**



**The belt shows the Tree of Peace which was planted after the Iroquois Confederacy. The Peacemaker uprooted the tallest white pine tree and instructed all of the leaders to bury their weapons and anger beneath it. He replanted the tree and placed an eagle on top to watch for danger.**

# Dust Fan Belt



**The belt generally has two meanings: the symbolism of the tree of peace and one of clarity.**

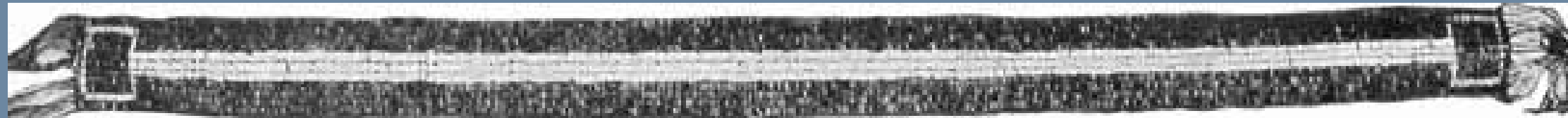
**This belt was said to sweep away the dust so members of the council can see the best path foreward.**

# Alliance Belt





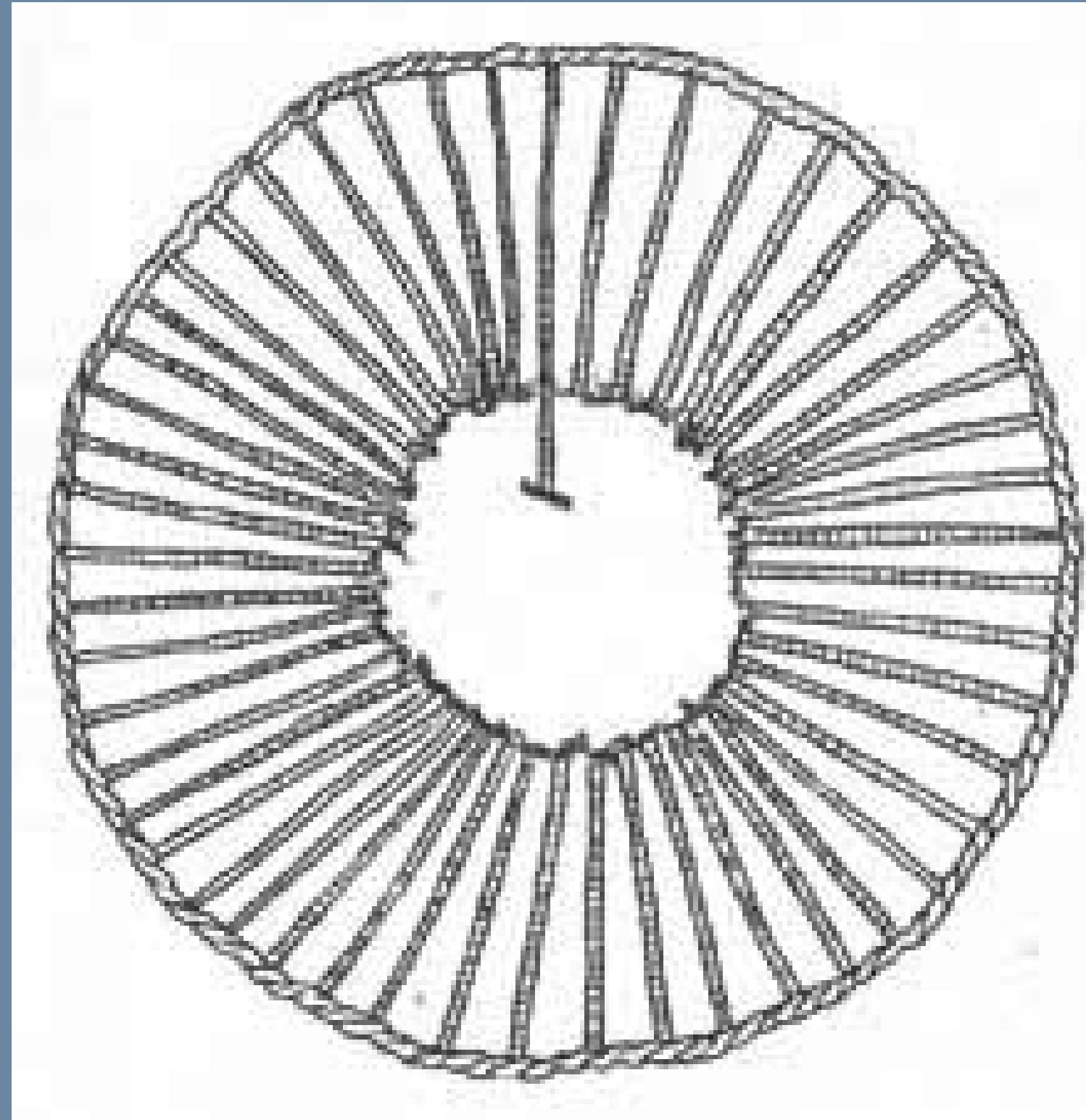
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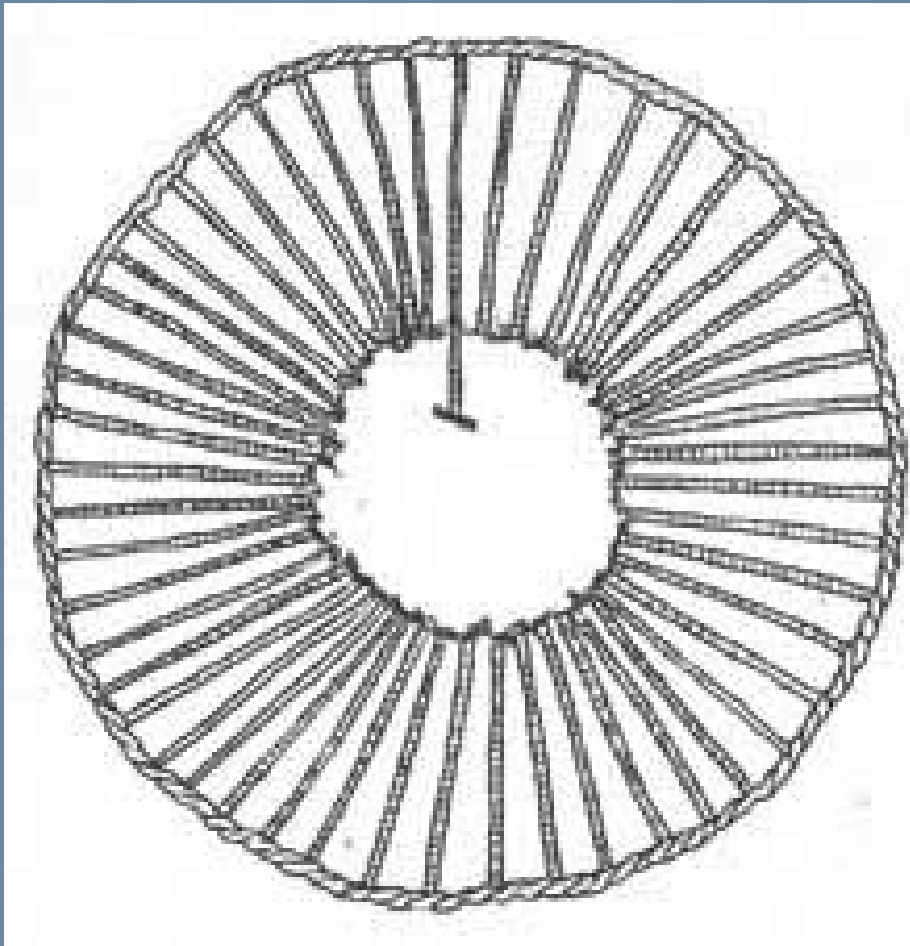
**This belt uses squares to represent two nations and a vertical line running between them to represent an agreement of peace.**

**This belt was often used when agreements between two nations were formed.**

# Circle Wampum



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**The circle wampum is a very important belt to the Haudenosaunee. Each of the strands represents one of the fifty chiefs, each equal and united. The longer strand represents the people. It is longer because when we are born our heart is in the middle of the circle. The chiefs and people work together to keep the circle strong.**

**Created using the knowledge shared by the Onondaga Nation**  
**<https://www.onondaganation.org/culture/wampum/circle-wampum/>**

**Tadodaho is also spelled Tadadah - exact Anglican spelling is  
unknown**

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