

LOWELL INDIANS



A long time ago, over 350 years, only Indians lived in Lowell. Some people believe that the Indians came from Asia, across the Bering Strait and into North America. Nobody is sure, but it is guessed that the two continents were connected and something in nature caused the continents to divide. Some of the Indians came to Lowell and stayed because the Merrimack River was good for fishing. Passaconaway, an Indian chief, liked to set his wigwams where the Pawtucket Falls are. When he died, his son Wannalancit became chief. Wannalancit camped on a big hill and built a fort on it. Today this area is called FORT HILL PARK.