

Since there is great mis Representations by some con-
cerning my life and Education; I take this opportunity to
~~give~~ give the World in few words, the true Account of my Edu-
cation - I was Born a Heathen in Mmoyanbecanuck
alias Mohegan in N. London North America, my Parents
were altogether Heathens, and I was Educated by them in the
Heathenish Notions, that there was a common Prejudice to
our Mohegan Tribe some times, but our Indians regarded not
the Christian Religion, they would persist in their Heathenish
ways, and my Parents in particular were very strong in
the Customs of their fore Fathers, and they led a wandering
Life up and down in the Wilderness, for my Father was
a great Hunter, thus I lived with them, till I was sixteen
years old, and then there was a great Rev. Religion
in these Parts of the World both amongst the Indians
as well as the English, and about this Time I began
to think about the Christian Religion, and was in a
great tumble of Mind for some Time, I thought the Religion
which I heard at this Time was a new thing among man-
kind, such as they never heard the like before, to Ignorance
was I - and when I was seventeen years of Age I received
a Hope, and as I began to think about Religion so I
began to leave to hand, tho' I went to no school, till I
was in my nineteenth year, and then I went to the
Rev. Mr. Wheelock's to Learning, and spent four years
there, and was very weakly most of the Time; this is
the true account of my Education,

Sampson Occom

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Mr. Becon's Account
of his own Life
Boston Dec. 1765.