

Tom Quick: It's time for the healing to begin

Editor, the Record:

The town council of Milford is talking about the possible re-dedication of the Tom Quick monument.

As an enrolled member, tribal council member and appointed chief of the Lenape Nation, I feel it is once again necessary to address plans to bring back a monument that not only demeans and offends my people, the Lenape/Delaware, but honors a man who is historically honored only by a few misguided individuals. In fact, he was a vengeful, drunken, maniacal mass murderer.

The time is now, Milford, to correct this mistake, not to repeat it. Your town should be known as a beautiful, quaint, charming, tourism-friendly borough that is friendly to all races, including the very aboriginal people who opened their hearts and land to the Quick family so many years ago.

Instead, it seems the town council would rather be known for one citizen who vowed to kill as many Indians as he could.

The excuses coming from town council is that his family were the original settlers. Would it therefore be right to honor the KKK in Georgia or Mississippi, because whites once controlled the South and blacks were slaves? Should we put up monuments to other famous serial killers like Ted Bundy or John Wayne Gacy?

I ask once again that you do what is right and do not re-dedicate this monument.

Our elders always ask us to think of our actions in a specific way. They ask us to think of the next seven generations to come. What will be the legacy you leave your grandchildren's grandchildren?

The moment is now, Milford. Please do what is honorable and put the Tom Quick monument to rest for good! Then the healing will begin.

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