### Frances Slocum: The Lost Sister of Wyoming

Frances Slocum was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, in 1773. Her family was part of a group of settlers who were moving west to the Wyoming Valley in what is now Pennsylvania. In 1778, when Frances was five years old, her family's home was attacked by a group of Native Americans. Frances's father and brother were killed, and she and her mother and two sisters were taken captive.



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The Slocums were taken to a Native American village in what is now Ohio. Frances's mother and sisters were eventually ransomed and returned to white society, but Frances remained with the Native Americans. She was adopted by a Delaware family and given the name *We-to-mah*, which means "Young Bear Woman."

Frances lived with the Delaware for the next 60 years. She learned their language and customs and became a respected member of the community. She married a Delaware man and had several children. In 1837, Frances was reunited with her white family. She was initially hesitant to return to white society, but she eventually agreed to go back to Pennsylvania.

Frances's return to white society was not easy. She had difficulty adjusting to the customs of her former culture. She also faced discrimination from some white people who did not believe that she was truly white. Despite these challenges, Frances eventually found a place for herself in white society. She lived with her family in Indiana and Ohio until her death in 1847.

Frances Slocum's story is a fascinating and tragic one. It sheds light on the complex relationships between Native Americans and white settlers in the American West. It is also a story of resilience and survival. Frances Slocum was a strong and courageous woman who overcame adversity to live a full and meaningful life.

#### Frances Slocum's Legacy

Frances Slocum's legacy is complex and multifaceted. She is remembered as a pioneer and frontierswoman, a captive of Native Americans, and a symbol of reconciliation between Native Americans and white settlers. Her story has been told in books, articles, and films. She has also been the subject of historical research and debate.

Frances Slocum's story continues to resonate with people today. It is a story of loss, survival, and resilience. It is also a story that raises important

questions about the relationships between Native Americans and white settlers in the American West.

#### **Further Reading**

- The Frances Slocum Memorial Foundation
- Frances Slocum: The Lost Sister of Wyoming
- The Lost Sister of Wyoming

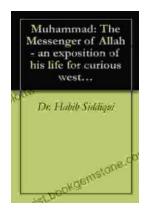


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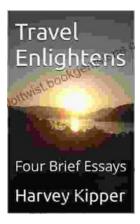
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