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An Alternate View Of Ojibwe Ethnogenesis

In 1849 William Warren wrote an article in the *Minnesota Pioneer*, stating that the Ojibway had no traditions of origin. Three years later he was writing his major work, *History of the Ojibways Based upon Traditions and Oral Statements*. Today I offer an alternate view of Ojibwe Ethnogenesis, based on the writings of 17th century witnesses. Most of these sources, written in French and, often hidden in French archives or remaining largely unpublished, tell a far different story than the one Warren heard or created in 1850.