## Chief Pau-Koo-Shuck

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Pau-Koo-Shuck lived in area of Au-be-nau-be Village.

Pau-Koo-Shuck knew most of the Indians well and spoke the Pottawatomie language fluently. He said that he was familiar with the facts in relation to the tragic end of his father Chief Aubenaube, who was buried at Long Point. After having killed his father, being the oldest son, Pau-Koo-Shuck inherited his father's estate, some thirty-two sections of land, and became the chief of the band of Pottawatomies over which his father had presided for many years.

Pau-Koo-Shuck entered into a treaty with the government in April 1836, by which all the lands in Au-be-nau-be's reservation was transferred to the government. He and his band agreed to go to the lands reserved for the Pottawatomies west of the Mississippi River within two years. As the story goes, when the time came, Pau-Koo-Shuck was very much opposed to leaving the land of his birth and early exploits. With a great many others who had determined that they would not go, he was taken by force by the government soldiers.



Sources: Pau-Koo-Shuck: A Ghost Story. Retrieved from culver.lib.in.us