

Seymour, Wisconsin.

June 27th. 1911

Dear Dr. Montezuma:-

I will be in Chicago at the Hotel Stratford on Friday. I will bring with me the Program we drew up at this meeting and will be happy to answer all your questions. I think the better way will be for you to be prepared to be called up any time On Friday as I intend to go from here Thursday night arriving there Friday Morning. I shall be so full of business that I really do not know what moment I shall be freest, but I make an appointment with you right off on my book so as to be sure. I feel quite the way you do about this matter and I cannot tell you how I regretted yours and Mr. Sloan's absence. All we had outside of D. McKenzie and myself was Indian Service. Mr. Dagenette has called another meeting in Sept. sometime and to my mind, that is too long away but I may be wrong.

I went in person to one of the local Editors again to give him a right impression of this movement, because, naturally the people around woke up on the thing and I really think we've got to watch what goes in the Press from now on. He has not yet mailed me the local story, but in this mail have come letters from other papers in Wisconsin who have written me up a great deal in the past year, asking for material. I will hold it off till I have talked with you and Dr. Eastman next Saturday.

I do not yet know where Oregon Ill. is or I would send you directions how to get there. That is where the Monument is to be unveiled. What the hours are I do not yet know. Shall tell you by Phone when I get there.

Very hastily

J. M. Cornelius

*I am sorry the letter I wrote
you did not reach you.
I did send you a note
with specific explanation
J. M. C.*



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Washington, D. C.
Aug 31 - 1917.

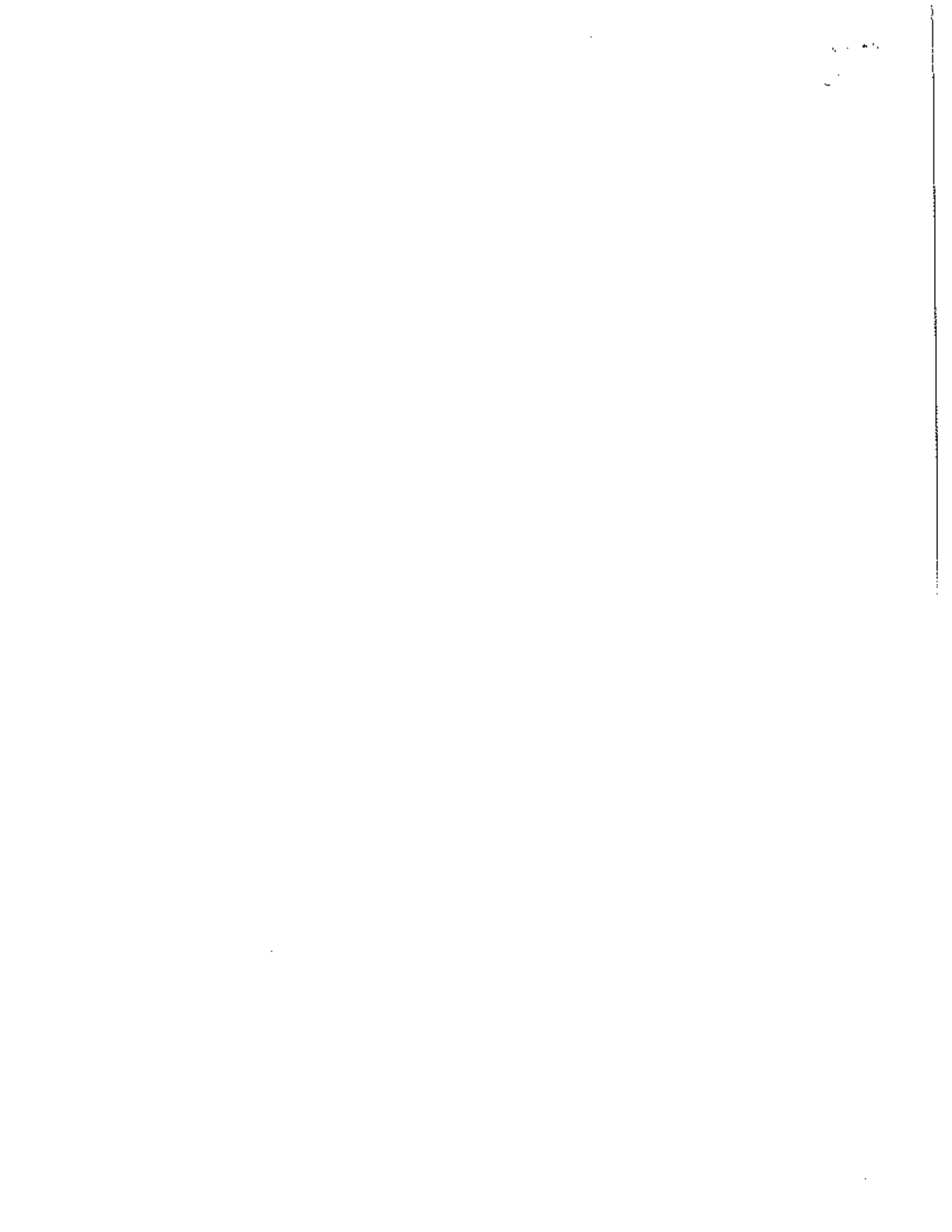
The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

We have the honor to report that in the course of our investigations as to the competency of allottees, on the Oneida Reservation in Wisconsin to receive patents in fee to their allotments, we found a large number of allotments, about 125 in all, and comprising about 4500 acres, belonged to Oneidas who are now dead, and whose heirs in nearly all cases, have been determined by the Department.

Many of these estates are large, containing 90 acres each, and, with improvements thereon, are valuable. In many instances, these estates are occupied as homes by one or more of the heirs, but owing to conflicting interests and to the irregular shape of the tracts involved, the lands can not be satisfactorily partitioned, and on account of the minority of some of the heirs, fee patents can not be granted to the heirs under existing laws.



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The number of minor heirs is large, and increases yearly by the death of adult heirs. Many of the heirs would like to sell their interests, but are unable to do so because others interested refuse. It has been suggested that the trust period on these allotments be allowed to expire on June 13, 1918, and that fee patents be issued, to the heirs as determined by the Department, and thus permit the division of these estates to be effected under the State Law.

We find that the Judges of the County Courts of Brown and Outagamie Counties, Wisconsin, in which these lands are situated, are men of high character, who will undoubtedly, see that the rights of widows and minor heirs are properly protected.

The settlement of these estates becomes more complex from year to year and some means should be provided by which each heir may secure possession of his interest in an estate and to retain his share of the land if he wishes to do so. Present laws provide for the sale of estates on petition of one or more heirs, but since many may have their only homes on such land and it is desirable that each should retain his home, where possible, such sales do not serve the purpose. Our information is that the expense of division by the local courts would be moderate.

We commend this matter to Departmental consideration.

(Sgd) J. L. Hart
Superintendent.

(Sgd) James W. Langley
Inspector

(Sgd) Frank E. Brandon
Supervisor.

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Minister F. Kovacs - Ex

Hearing before Mr. O. F. Hauke, Chief
Clerk, Office of Indian Affairs, May 7, 1917.

Mr. Dennison Wheelock,)
Mr. P. W. Silverwood,)
Mr. O. J. Kollogg,) 9th District,
Mr. Peter J. Bowles,) Wisconsin,
Mr. Josiah C. Charles,)
Mr. David G. Clawson,)

In reference to expiration of trust period
covering allotments on the Oneida Reservation, Wis-
consin.

Mr. Wheelock:

I have here a map of the Oneida Indian
Reservation, showing the land set apart for the
Oneida Indians by the Government. The land for
which patents in fee have been issued is shown
on the map in red and the trust patent land is
shown in white. These markings are supposed to
be correct but some errors have been made. Some
lands are marked red that are not patented. When
this land was allotted, under the Act of February
9, 1887, the Indians who were present received
the best part of the land on the reservation,
while the Indians who were not there were allotted
land on the outskirts, which was poor land.

I also have here two sets of pictures; one
set representing improvements on lands of allottees
who are now living; the other representing im-
provements on lands of allottees who are now dead.
In all cases, however, the improvements are on
trust-patent lands. The names of the allottees
and the description of the land and improvements
are written out on the back of each picture. With
very few exceptions, these Indians are competent
to handle their own business affairs.

Mr. Hauke:

Are they full or mixed bloods?

Mr. Wheelock:

There are no full bloods on the reservation.
(Mr. Wheelock then set forth in particular the
case of one William Silas, who has 90 acres of
trust land in the very best part of the resor-

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vation, citing the fact that he is thoroughly competent and capable in every way to transact his own business matters.)

Mr. Hauke:

Has this man made application for a patent in fee?

Mr. Wheelock:

I do not think he has. The trust period on this land expires June 12, 1917, but if you have extended this period for one year, you could not compel him to take a patent in fee. Some of the best land is held under trust patents and the allottees are in every way competent, but they do not want patents in fee because they do not want to pay taxes.

Mr. Hauke:

This case (William Miles) is a sample of what you want to present to the Indian Office? Let us file this map and the pictures in this case. I believe the Commissioner told you that this extension of one year was merely for the purpose of having time in which to make a thorough investigation of these matters and with a view of avoiding any mistakes. It seems there are some Indians on the reservation who are not competent.

Mr. Wheelock:

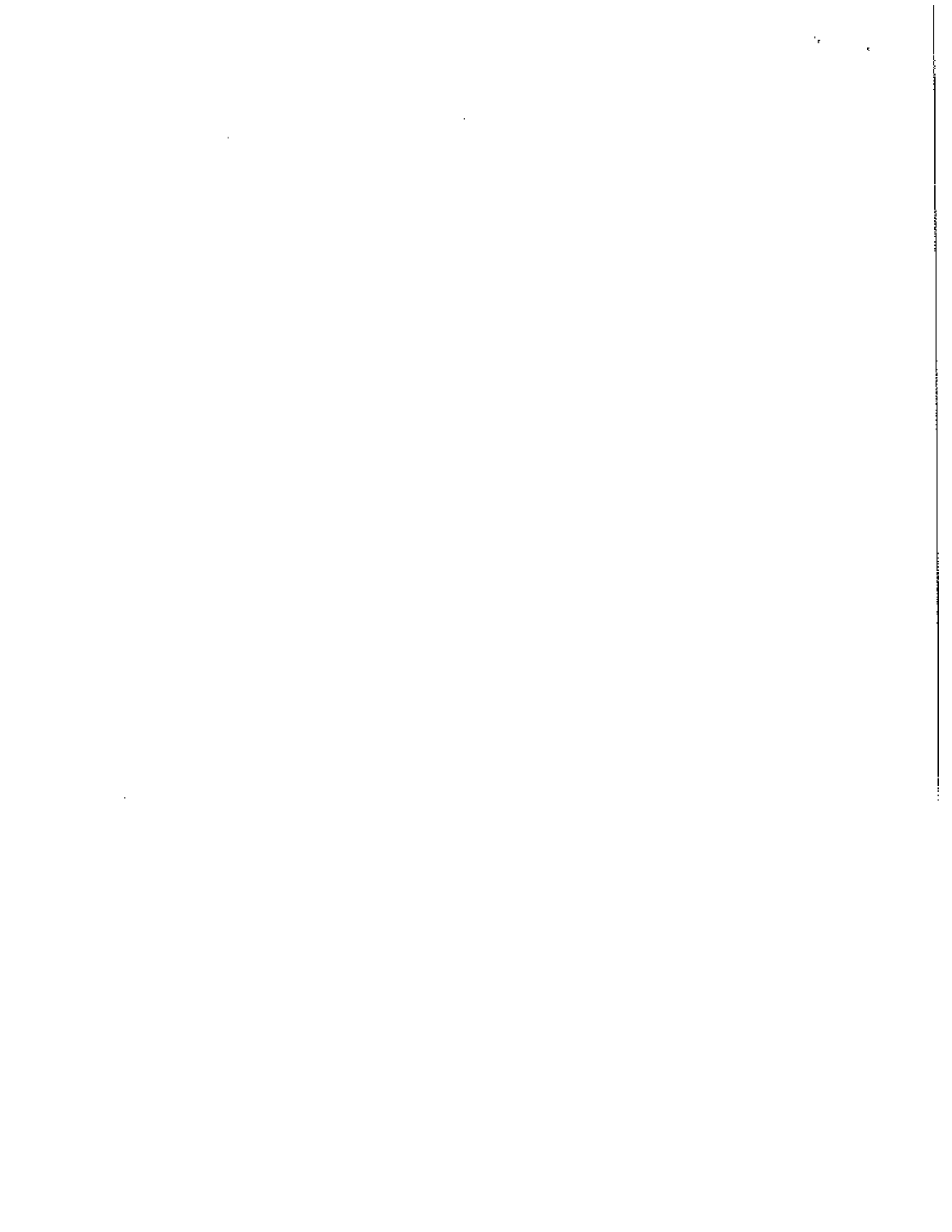
I think you have not been thoroughly advised on that subject.

Mr. Hauke:

It is for that reason that the Commissioner wishes to send a man there to fully investigate the matter and to protect those Indians who are not ready for fee patents. There are 25 or 28 Indians holding trust patents for which there has been no extension of time.

Mr. Wheelock:

Those Indians who were allotted on the outskirts of the reservation were compelled to sell



the land which was allotted to us and purchase other land which we could use to better advantage. My own allotment consisted of 45 acres, 26 acres of which were in one part of the reservation and 19 acres in another part, back in the woods. This was the case with many other Indians whose allotments were separated and they had to do the same thing I did. My father received 76 acres in one tract which was very good land, because he was there at the time the allotments were made. The other Indians were put out in the poor land on the outskirts of the reservation. My brother's allotment was divided up into several tracts.

Mr. Hauke:

What I understand is this. You are presenting evidence to show that many of the Indians now holding trust patents are incompetent. Our purpose in extending this trust period was to give us time to investigate conditions.

Mr. Wheelock:

If you have extended this period for one year there is no use for us to talk over this matter any farther, except with the understanding that at the expiration of this time there is to be no further extension. We are trying to convince you that there was no necessity for this extension.

Mr. Hauke:

You admit there is a necessity for extending the period for some of the Indians?

Mr. Wheelock:

Very low.

Mr. Hauke:

Suppose we file this map and the pictures and have our man make an investigation. This extension will mean that the Indians holding trust patents will escape paying taxes for one year. If, upon investigation, we find the conditions as you represent them, of which I have no doubt, I feel sure that the Commissioner will



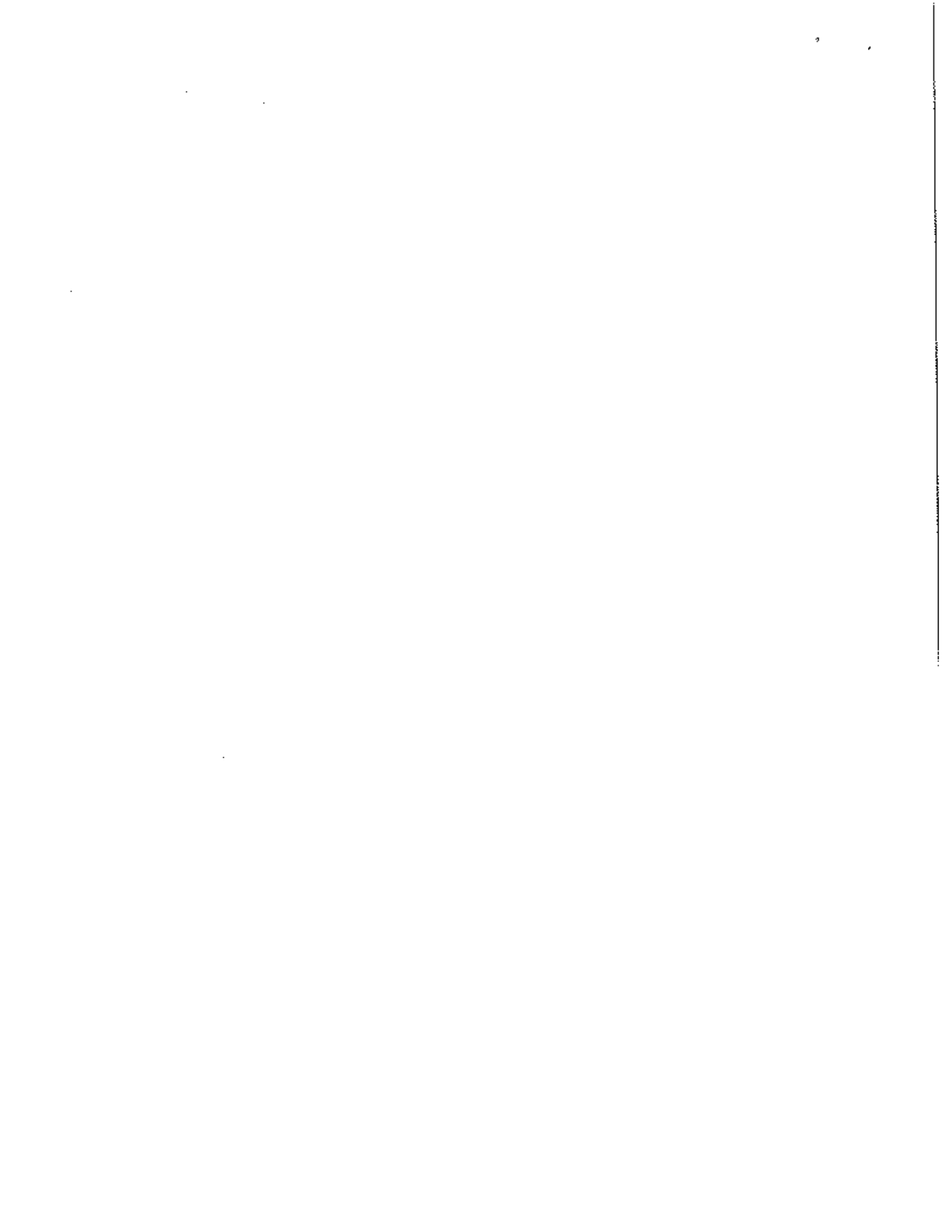
take such action that the trust period will be extended no longer than for one year. Would 'nt it be a good idea to let the extension for one year go through, knowing that it will be the last extension?

Mr. Wheelock:

If the President has already signed the order for this extension, of course it will have to stand. In that case we will be satisfied if the time is extended no longer than for one year.

Mr. Kellogg:

(Mr. Kellogg presented in detail the matter of road construction on the reservation, stating that about 50 miles of new turnpike had been constructed within the past three years. This work has been done by the county authorities and a large amount of money has been expended. Of course, it was assumed that the Indians would be subject to taxation in June of this year and that they would pay their share of the money for road work. The roads so constructed directly cross the reservation and the Indians holding trust patents derive full benefit and should pay their share of the cost and maintenance. Fifteen or twenty bridges of a permanent nature have been constructed. The first cost, however, is considered a small item compared with the cost of maintenance, and as the Indians, especially those whose allotments are near the roads and who derive great benefits therefrom, and whose lands are held in trust, were expected to meet their share of the expenses of maintenance, this extension of time leaves the heavy burden on the other citizens while the trust-patent Indians are protected. Mr. Kellogg then exhibited pictures showing the type of bridges that have been constructed and of the roads that have been constructed. Mr. Kellogg further stated that the road work had been paid for, and that the Indians holding trust patents derived great benefits therefrom without contributing either in the cost or maintenance. This includes not only allottees who are now living, but the roads run past allotments of Indians who are dead, that is, the roads run past their estates.



Mr. Hauke:

You say this road has been paid for?

Delaware
Mr. Kellogg:

Yes, some \$10,000 were expended. (Mr. *Delaware*
~~Kellogg~~ then exhibited pictures showing the
new tubercular sanatorium which has lately
been constructed, also several schools, homes,
farms, etc.)

Mr. Hauke:

What per cent of this land is trust land?

Mr. Wheelock:

About 13,000 acres out of 64,000 acres.

Mr. Hauke:

About 20 per cent. Out of this 20 per cent
remaining in trust, what per cent is held by
Indians who are not fully competent?

Mr. Wheelock:

A very small per cent, probably 3 or 4 per
cent.

Mr. Hauke:

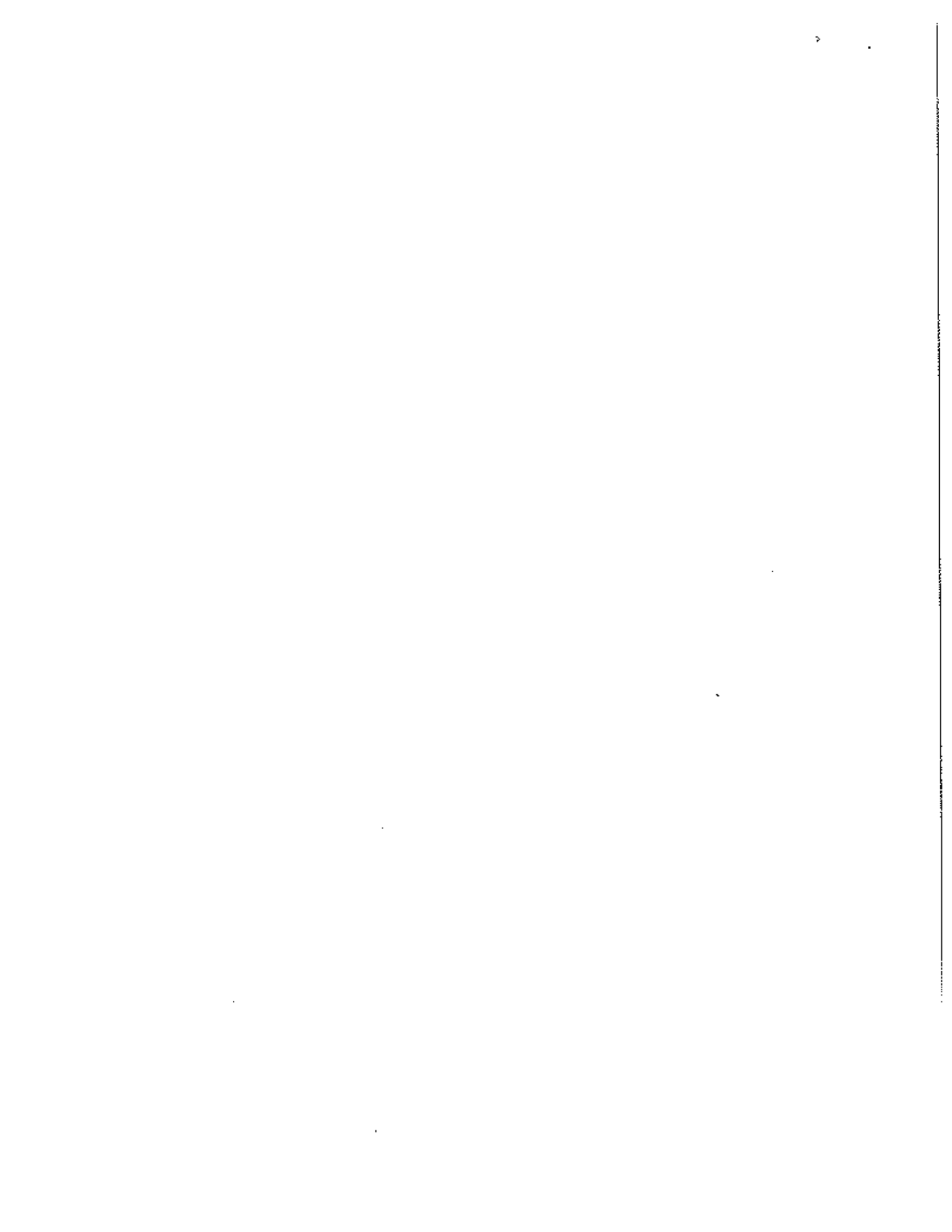
You were apprehensive that we would extend
the trust period for ten years or more?

Delaware
Mr. Kellogg:

Delaware
(Mr. ~~Kellogg~~ stated that as chairman of the
county committee on improvements, he had re-
ceived a large appropriation for road work, on
the assumption that the Indians, their trust
period expiring in June of this year, would pay
their share. If the trust period were extended,
it would create a prejudice against the town of
Onoda and the other citizens would be very much
dissatisfied.)

Mr. Hauke:

What effect would it have if you were to go
back home and say that this time is extended for
one year in order to have an investigation by our
representative, this period to cover the last
extension?



Mr. Kellogg
Mr. Kellogg:

That ought to be sufficient.

Mr. Hauke:

The Commissioner wants time to look into this matter thoroughly in order that no single individual might have his property confiscated.

Mr. Kellogg
Mr. Kellogg:

We could present enough evidence to convince the Commissioner that our contention was right and that this extension was unnecessary, if we could take the time to go into detail. However, we will go back and tell the town officials that the time will be extended for one year only.

Mr. Hauke:

I am sure the Commissioner will send a man out there this season to make an investigation in order that he may determine for himself the action to be taken.

Mr. Wheelock:

Could this investigation be made before the twelfth of June?

Mr. Kellogg
Mr. Silverwood:

Could the time be extended for a period of six months instead of one year? It is evident that if the time is extended for one year the Indians will escape paying taxes for two years.

Mr. Hauke:

I do not believe that the extension for one year will mean that the Indians will escape paying taxes for two years. The extension will be for a period of one year.

Mr. Wheelock:

We certainly would assist any representative you might send to get to the bottom of the situation.

Mr. Kellogg:

We would be pleased to assist him in order that he might get the facts in the case.

Mr. Wheelock;

This extension was a great surprise to me. Here was one reservation, I thought, from which the Government could withdraw. Then all at once I heard that the trust period was to be extended.

Mr. Hauko;

Is it possible that anyone has made contracts with the incompetent Indians for the sale of their lands.

Mr. Wheelock;

I do not think these trust-patent Indians are incompetent, in fact, I think they are the best business men in that part of the country.

Mr. Wheelock then brought up the question of the disposition of the estates of deceased allottees, stating that these lands were lying idle, including some of the very best lands on the reservation. He cited several cases in which the determination of the heirs to the estates had been held up for several years. (Particularly the case of Henry Skomandore).

Mr. ^{Silverwood} ~~Hauko~~ stated that the production of crops was held up on these estates and that no one was receiving the benefits which could be derived from such lands.

Mr. ^{Silverwood} ~~Hauko~~ brought up the question of 700 acres of land on which there were duplicate allotments, allotments having been made to the same Indians under different names.

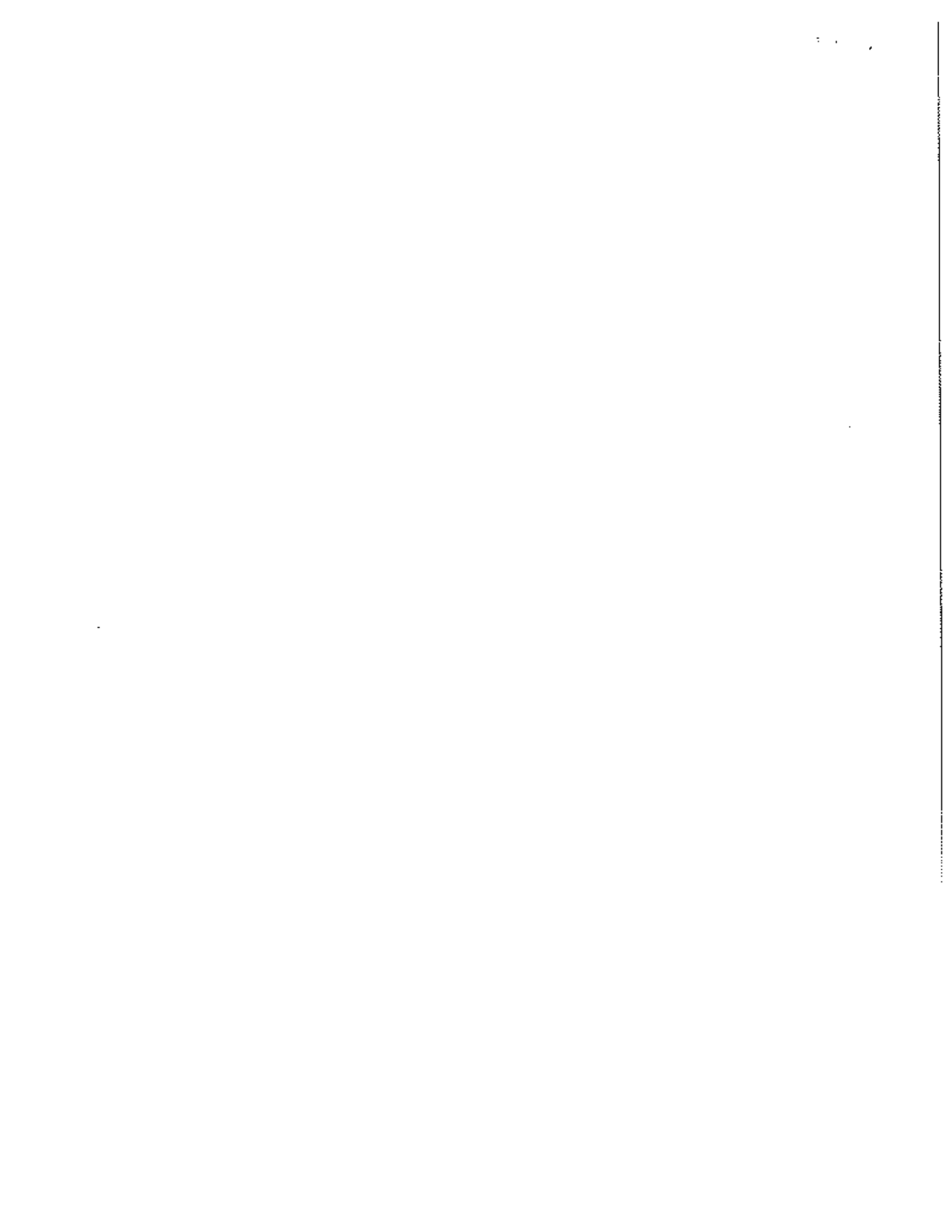
Mr. Hauko: (answering Mr. Silverwood)

If you will present this matter to me in a letter I will see that the proper action is taken.

Note.

Write Mr. Silverwood a letter on this subject.

Mr. Powlas described the conditions which existed on



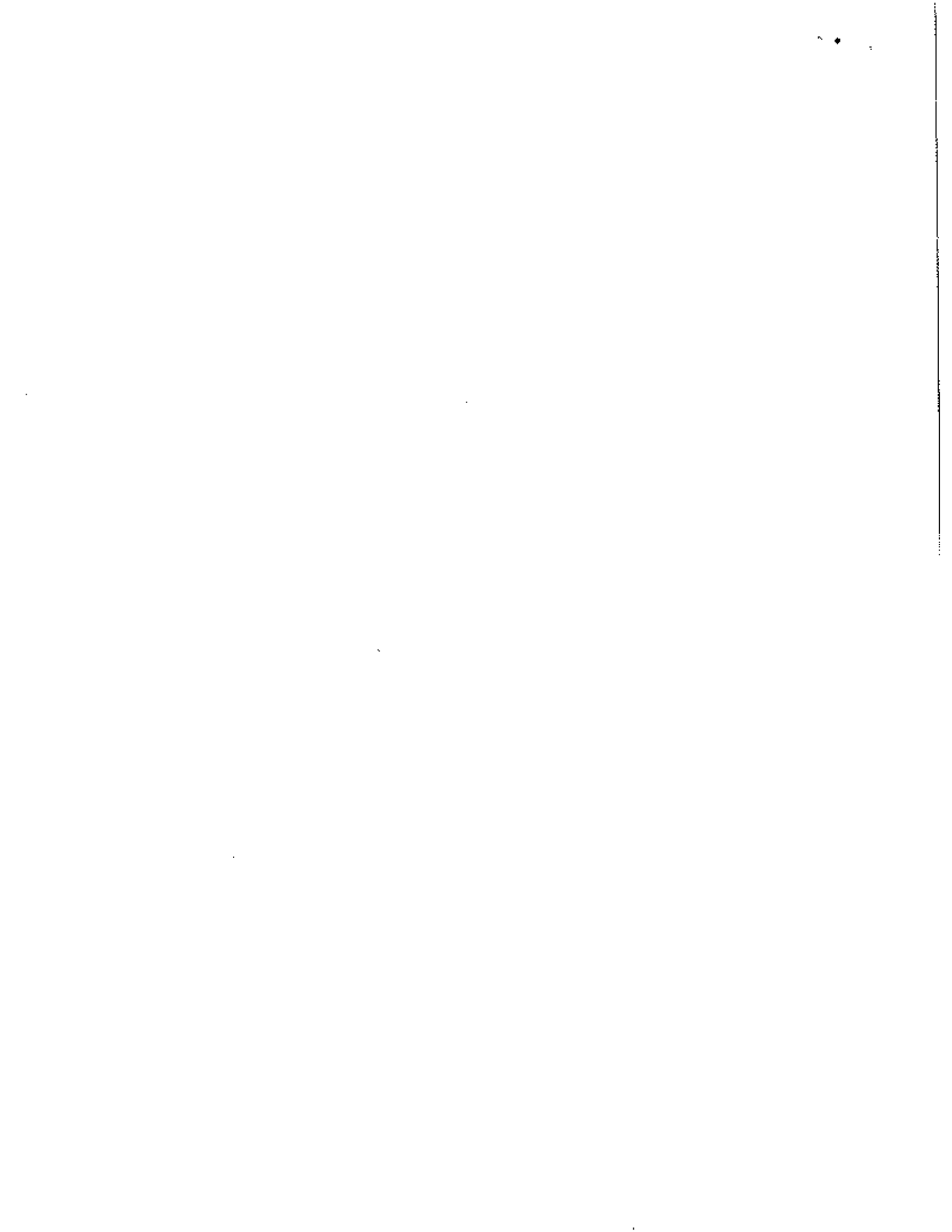
the reservation twenty-five years ago, when the schools were supported by the Government. There were no roads, bridges, etc. Conditions have changed greatly since that time and now the schools are supported by the counties. In his opinion, these matters should be brought to the attention of the Indian Office, and as chairman of the Indian committee, it is his duty to inform the Office concerning the conditions existing on the reservation at this time. It is his belief that the Indians are all competent to handle their own business affairs.

Mr. Hauke: I am sure the Commissioner's ideas will meet your ideas, and it is simply a question of giving us time to make an investigation which we can stand on. I think the Commissioner has the same ideas on this matter as you have.

Mr. Kellogg: *Silverson*
The last investigation made was not very thorough and the reports concerning the financial standing of the Indians were absolutely erroneous. These Indians are fully able to take care of themselves. Their farms are good, and the merchants will vouch for their integrity. We invite the fullest investigation of these matters.

Mr. Hauke: When the Commissioner sends his representative to the reservation he will probably direct him to call upon you, and there will be no opportunity, if you do your part, that he will not be in possession of all the facts. I believe that if you will let the matter rest in that way it will be the best thing to do at this time. We will write you a letter responsive to this hearing, and set you straight on everything pertaining to this case.

Mr. Hauke then suggested that these trust patent in-



dians might be appealed to in a patriotic way and induced to make application for patents in fee.

Mr. Wheelock:

Putting it up to them on patriotic grounds I think probably they would do it.

Mr. Kellogg:

Coming from the Indian Office, such an appeal would have the desired effect, but coming from the citizens it probably would not.

Mr. Powlan:

These Indians are all self-supporting and should have patents in fee, but they do not want patents because they would then have to pay taxes.

Mr. Hauke:

Responsive to these matters and the stand you have taken, we will write you a letter which will show that you have done your part along this line and which will give encouragement of early action on our part to settle the discussion once and for all. I believe it would be better to let the matter rest as it is now, rather than to try to make an investigation which would be incomplete. It is better to have it done thoroughly when it is done.

Allen
Mr. ~~Kellogg~~ called attention to the matter of Bishop *Burlison* Bolton holding some of the best land on the reservation and that he did not pay any taxes, etc.

Mr. Hauke:

How did he get this land?

Mr. Wheelock:

He was adopted into an Indian family.

Kellogg
Mr. ~~Silverwood~~ brought up the question as to whether Indians over sixty years of age should be declared incompetent. He stated that a great many Indians over sixty years of age were fully competent.

Mr. Hauke:

I know of no instructions of that kind, where Indians over sixty years of age should be declared incompetent. That, however, would not be considered in this extension.

How can we keep this map on file here along with the pictures?

Mr. ^{Silversmith} Welles:

We will take this map home and make a copy of it, which we will send to you and you can file it with the copies of all the pictures in this case.

Mr. Hauke:

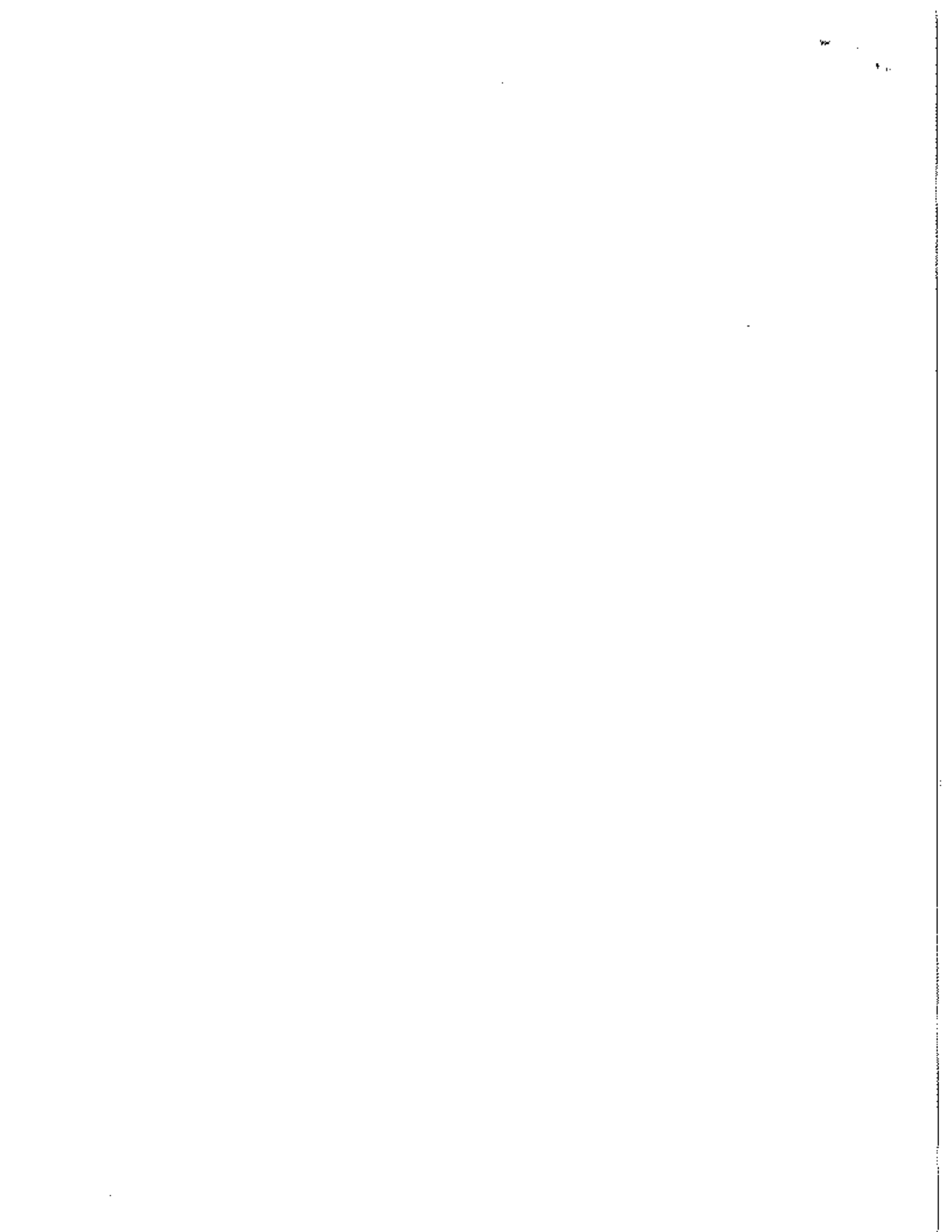
In conclusion, I can say that the Commissioner will give this matter his immediate attention.

James McLaughlin
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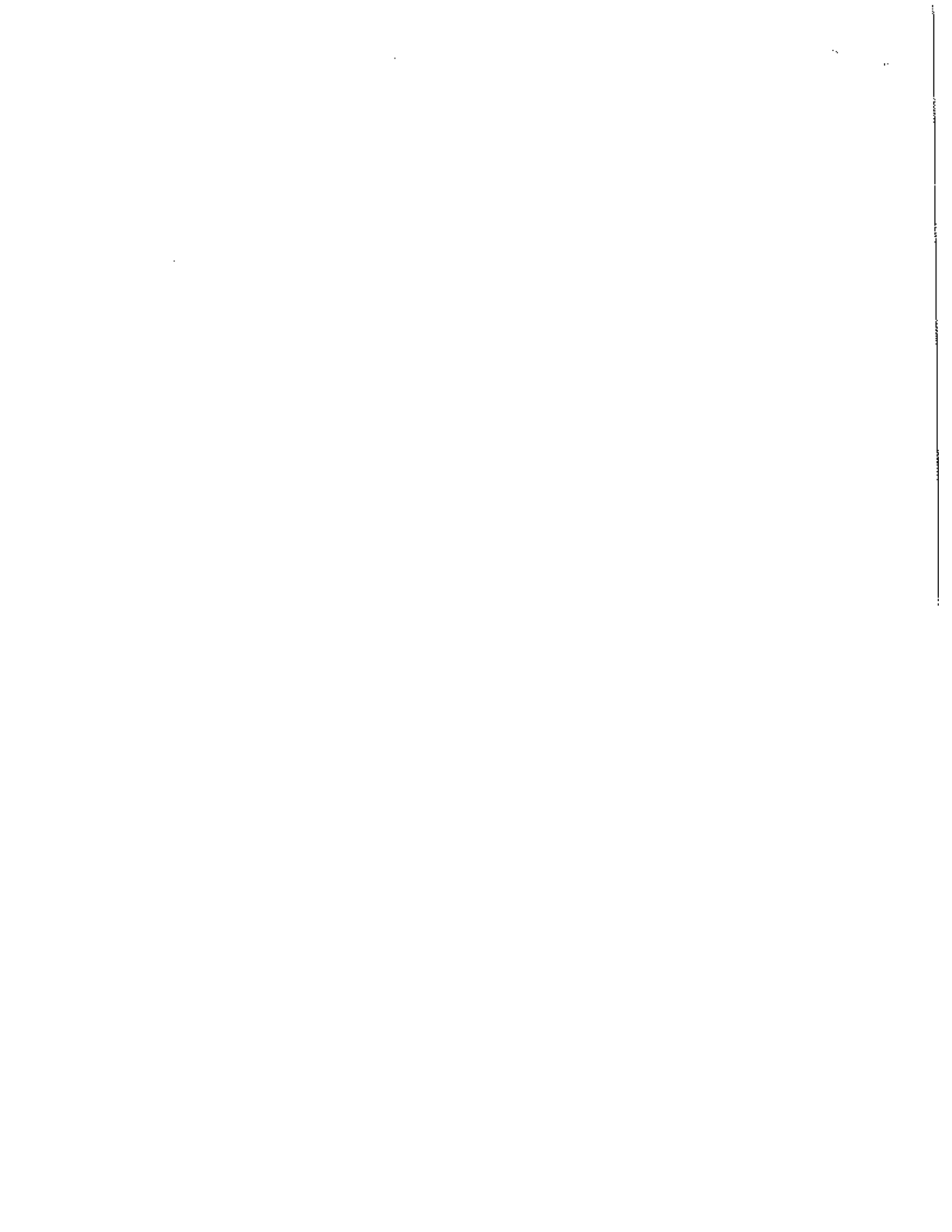
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ONEIDA INDIAN AGENCY, ONEIDA, WIS. AUG. 1, 1917.
 LIST OF INDIANS HOLDING TRUST PATENTS FOR ALLIEMENTS.

Alli. No.	Name	Age	Acres
4	Archiquette, John	72	90
6	" , Josiah	28 when he died, <i>Nov 23, 1908,</i>	26
1199	" , Isaac	62	15
37	Adams, John Quincy	66	90
42	" , " Cecilia, his wife, estate of dead daughter ²⁶ <i>Julia</i>		
✓ 39	" , Sophia (Mrs. Baird)	59	26
✓ 500	Baird, Samuel	40	26
✓ 501	" , Elijah	59	26
✓ 550	" , Abram	81	90
✓ 558	" , Thomas	49	15
✓ 1158	" , Cornelius, Jr.	56	16
✓ 95	Cornelius, Sampson W.	58	39.43
✓ 521	" , Sampson J.	69	60
✓ 759	" , Isaac O.	57	90
✓ 760	" , Wilson	53	26
✓ 798	" , Henry	38	26
✓ 862	" , James	65	90
✓ 864	" , Eliza (Baird)	25	26
✓ 868	" , Thomas (G)	62	90
✓ 1050	Christjohn, David	71	26
✓ 1311	Cooper, Wilmore	62	20
✓ 1313	" , Martin (Pat. app. for)	51	40
✓ 1485	" , Elvira (Mrs R. V. Dick)	50	19

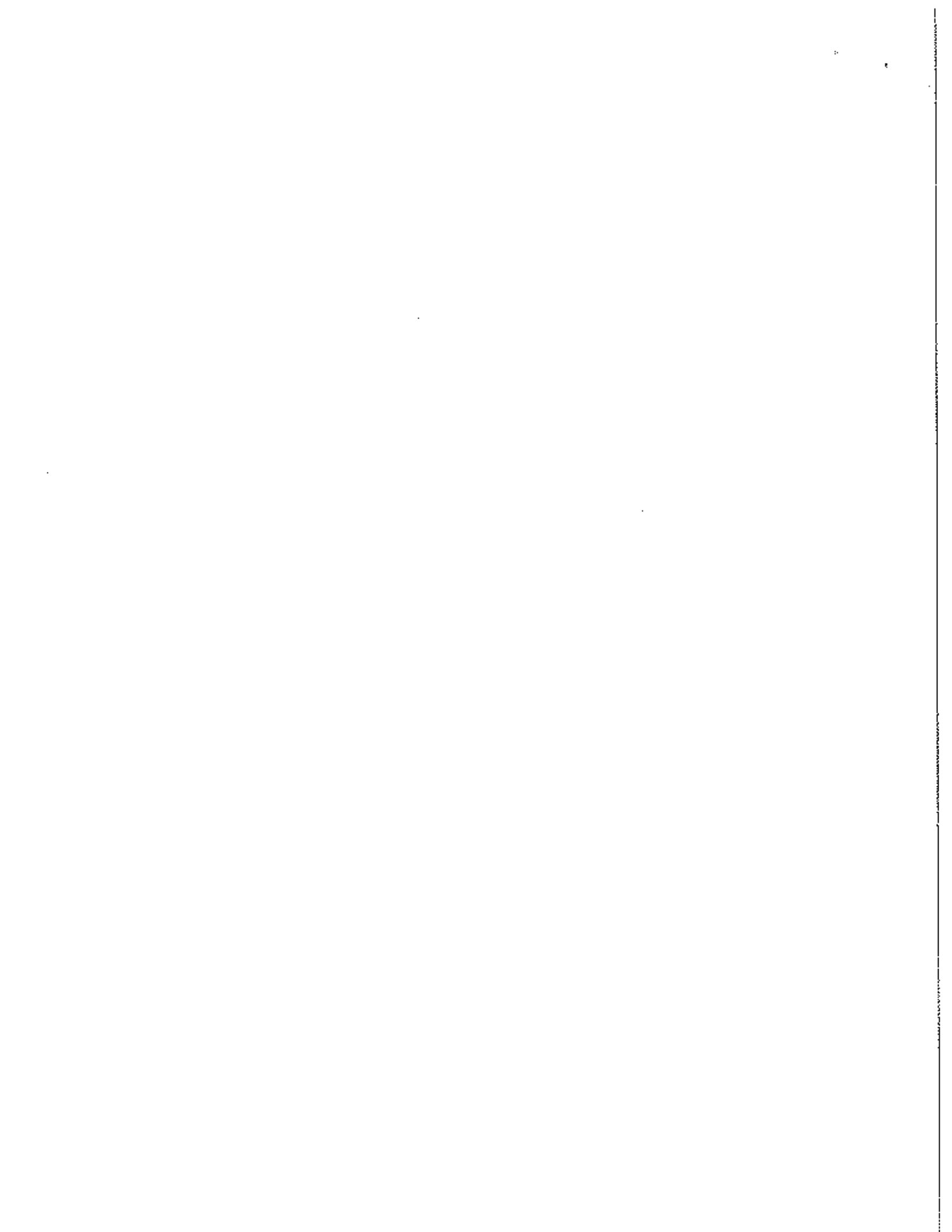


Ill. No.	Name	Age	Acres
914	Dunforth, Peter	52	48
953	" , William	39	26
1040	" , May (Jordan)	29	26
296	Denny, Joshua	70	90
527	" , Lewis	78	34
726	" , Adam	29	26
1379	" , Thomas	28	26.50
822	" , Aaron	20	26
458	Doxlater, Abram P.	60	26
259	" , Henry	33	29.25
625	" , Clarence	22	26
997	" , Anthony	28	26
825	" , Leonard	31	26
826	" , Franklin	29	26
1086	" , Paul	74	29.90
1089	" , Isaac	40	26
1091	" , Lewis	34	26
1093	" , Joseph	29	26.40
1094	" , Levi	46	46
1080	" , Jacob H.	27	26.24
877	Eln, John	49	45
830	" , Nicholas	66	90
24	Hill, Melinda (Hans)	41	26
1301	" , Edward O.	32	40
389	House, William	42	26.77
519	" , Electa (Bumors)	39	20



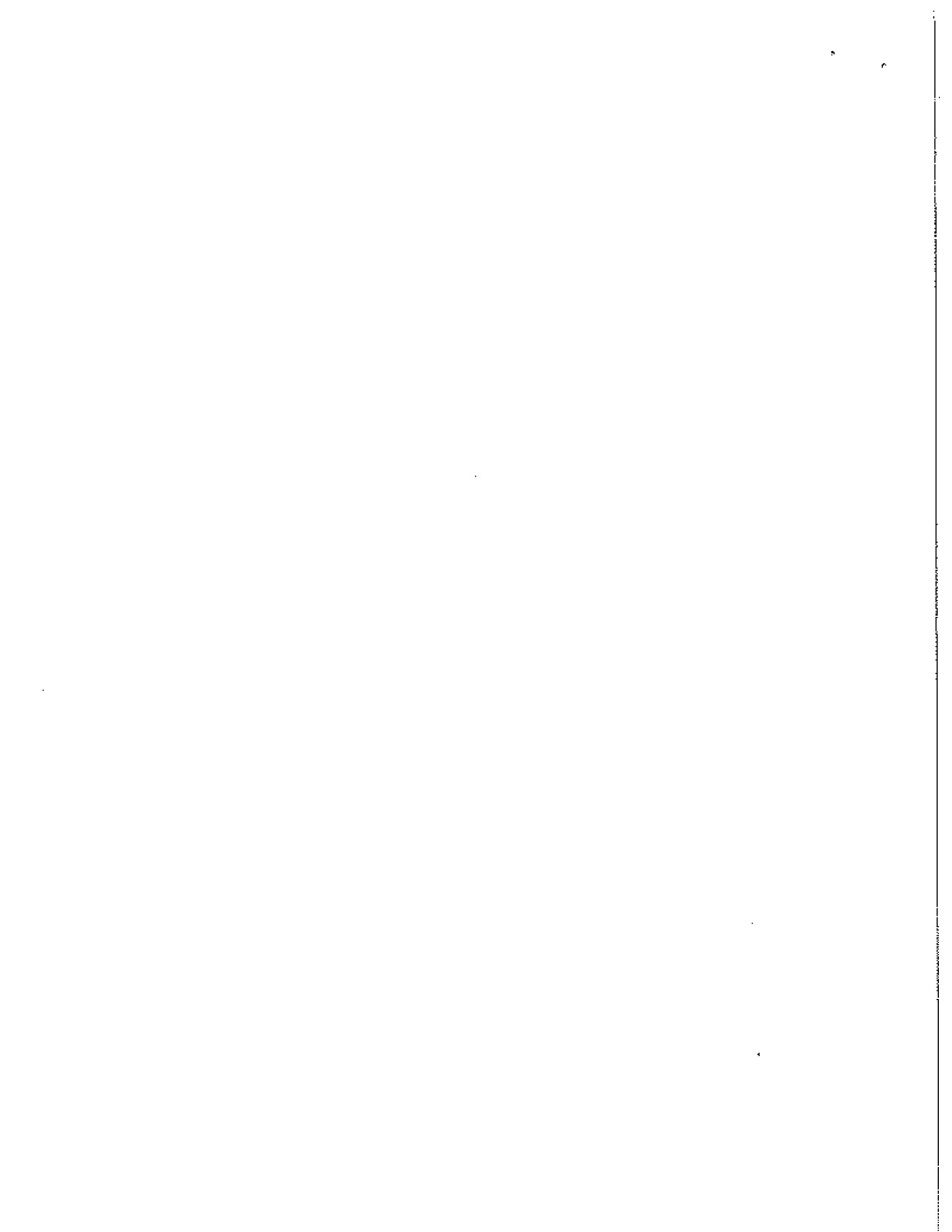
Plot No.	Name	Age	Acres
606	Keuse, Aaron	65	50
611	" , Martha (Doxtater)	68	20
152	Johnson, Minnie (Swary)	28	25
1389	Johns, Louisa (Hill)	43	32
1165	Johnson, Elizabeth	73	86
838	Jordan, David	56	57
431	King, Antone	82	46
613	" , Solomon	58	20
810	Kelly, William	51	44.69
616	King, Electa (Baird)	35	26
617	" , Joshua	30	12
202	" , Henry	46	15
582	Metoxen, James (<i>alotted as George Metoxen</i>)	32	22
643	" , Jones	55	40
1015	" , Jonas	57	23
267	Hynham, Electa (Smith)	53	45
105	Powless, Hyson	43	28.18
254	" , John K.	62	30
960	" , Ella (Henderson)	43	26
1002	" , Abram	62	00
1451	<i>Metoxen</i> , Peter	28	25.43
142	" , Joseph <i>(alotted by the probate court James 26/57)</i>	70	20
213	Schuyler, Isaiah	54	10
945	" , Wm. Thomas	74	40

Allt. No.	Name	Age	Acres
1295	Silas, William	64	80
87	Skenandore, Leomis	54	90
449	" , Elijah, Jr.	62	75
597	" , John L.W.	72	10
604	" , Alice	30	26
632	" , Solomon	76	30
685	" , Lyman	65	40.55
852	" , Charles (Absalom)	34	28
1117	" , Adam	51	30
1245	" , Joshua	63	80
72	Smith, Joseph (H)	64	90
330	" , Adam	87	18
738	" , Leonard	59	53
989	" , Henry	53	45
1338	" , John (Bull)	50	45.94
347	Stevens, Mary	75	48
472	" , Isaac	68	29
476	" , Sampson C.	51	45
1447	" , Edward	44	45
208	Summers, Nicholas	54	40
894	" , Lewis	56	30
1027	" , John	54	43
206	Swamp, <i>Jacob</i>	60	30
429	" , Noah	55	35
893	" , Antone	54	17
1069	" , Simon	49	45



Allt. No.	Name	Age	Acres
1078	Swamp, Paul	51	40
1375	" , Cornelius	59	80.56
1378	Thomas, Wilson	50	20
510	Webster, Daniel	59	19
1278	" , Jacob	52	50
1281	" , Peter	41	46
1349	" , Noah	54	44.73

Total 106 2/3 acres of land.



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Oneida Reservation, Wis.

Washington, D. C.

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The Honorable

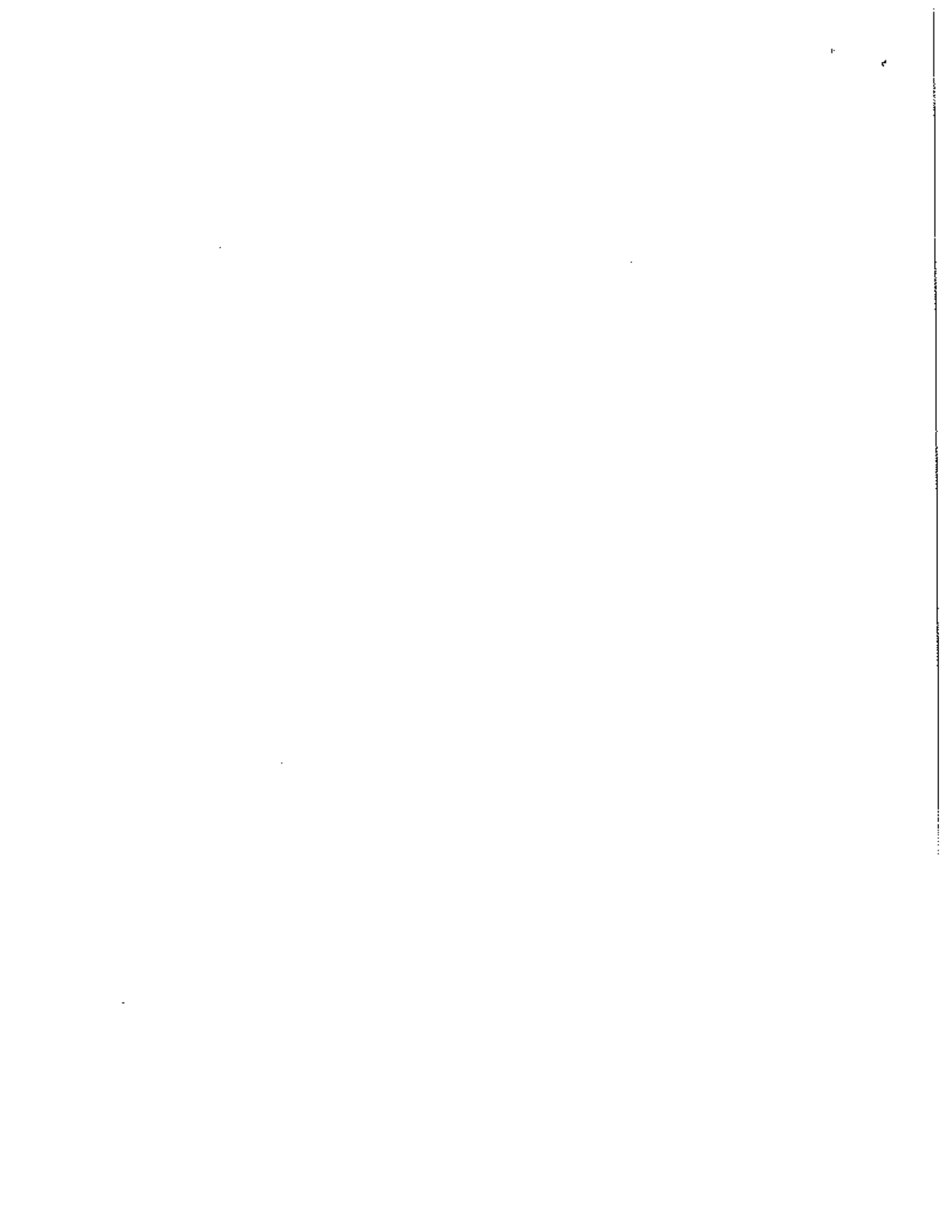
The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:-

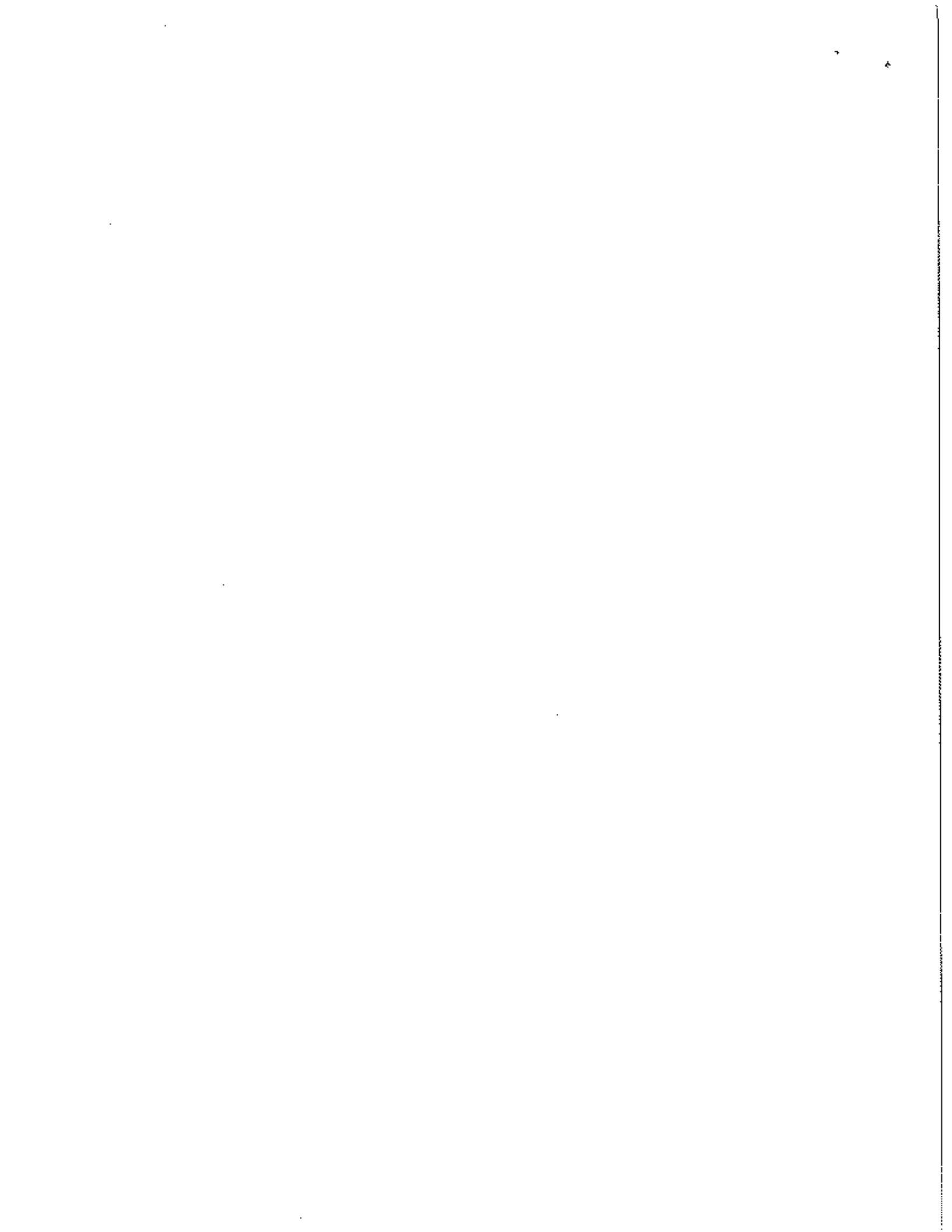
Complying with instructions contained in Indian Office letter dated July 24, 1917, approved by the Department July 27, 1917, we have the honor to report that we made a careful investigation of the condition of the Oneida Indians of the Oneida Indian Reservation, Wisconsin, who hold trust patents to their allotments at this time.

The trust period on all allotments on said reservation was to expire June 12, 1917, under the act of February 8, 1887, but, Executive Order No. 2623, dated May 19, 1917, extended the trust period for one year from June 12, 1917, on allotments then remaining restricted, which we found to number 106, exclusive of heirship lands, and our report on each of the said restricted allottees is transmitted herewith as follows:

NAME	AGE	ALLOTMENT NO.	RESERVATION	RECOMMENDATION	
				FEE-PAT.	EXTENSION OF TRUST PERIOD
Archiquette, John	72	4	Oneida, Wis.	90	A.
Archiquette, Josiah	28 D.	6	" "	25	"
Archiquette, Isaac	62	1199	" "	15	"



NAME	AGE	ALLOTMENT No.	RESERVATION	RECOMMENDATION FEE-PAT. EXTENSION OF TRUST PERIOD
Adams, John Quincy	66	37	Oneida, Wis.	90 A.
Adams, Julia	17 D.	42	" "	26 "
Baird, Sophia	39	39	" "	26 "
Baird, Samuel	40	500	" "	26 "
Baird, Electa	55	616	" "	--
Baird, Eliza	33	846	" "	26 " 26 A.
Baird, Elijah	39	501	" "	26 "
Baird, Abram	81	550	" "	90 "
Baird, Thomas	49	553	" "	45 "
Baird, Cornelius, Jr.	56	1188	" "	16 "
Cornelius, Sampson W.	88	95	" "	39.43
Cornelius, Sampson J.	69	321	" "	60.
Cornelius, Isaac	57	759	" "	90.
Cornelius, Wilson	35	760	" "	26.
Cornelius, Henry	28	793	" "	26.
Cornelius, James	65	862	" "	90.
Cornelius, Thomas G.	63	863	" "	90.
Christjohn, David	71	1050	" "	26.
Cooper, Filmore	62	1311	" "	20.
Cooper, Martin	61	1313	" "	40.
Diak, Lydia	35	1488	" "	19.
Danforth, Peter	50	914	" "	48.
Danforth, William	39	953	" "	26.
Denny, Joshua	70	298	" "	90.
Denny, Lewis	78	527	" "	--
Denny, Adam	29	728	" "	26. 34 A.
Denny, Thomas	68	1379	" "	89.50
Denny, Aaron	50	822	" "	35.
Doxtater, Abram Powless	60	458	" "	56.
Doxtater, Henry	63	620	" "	89.85
Doxtater, Chauncey	32	625	" "	26.
Doxtater, Anthony	38	997	" "	--
Doxtater, Leonard	31	825	" "	26. 38 A.
Doxtater, Franklin	29	826	" "	26.
Doxtater, Paul	75	1036	" "	89.90
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Doxtater, Levi	46	1094	" "	-- -- 28.40
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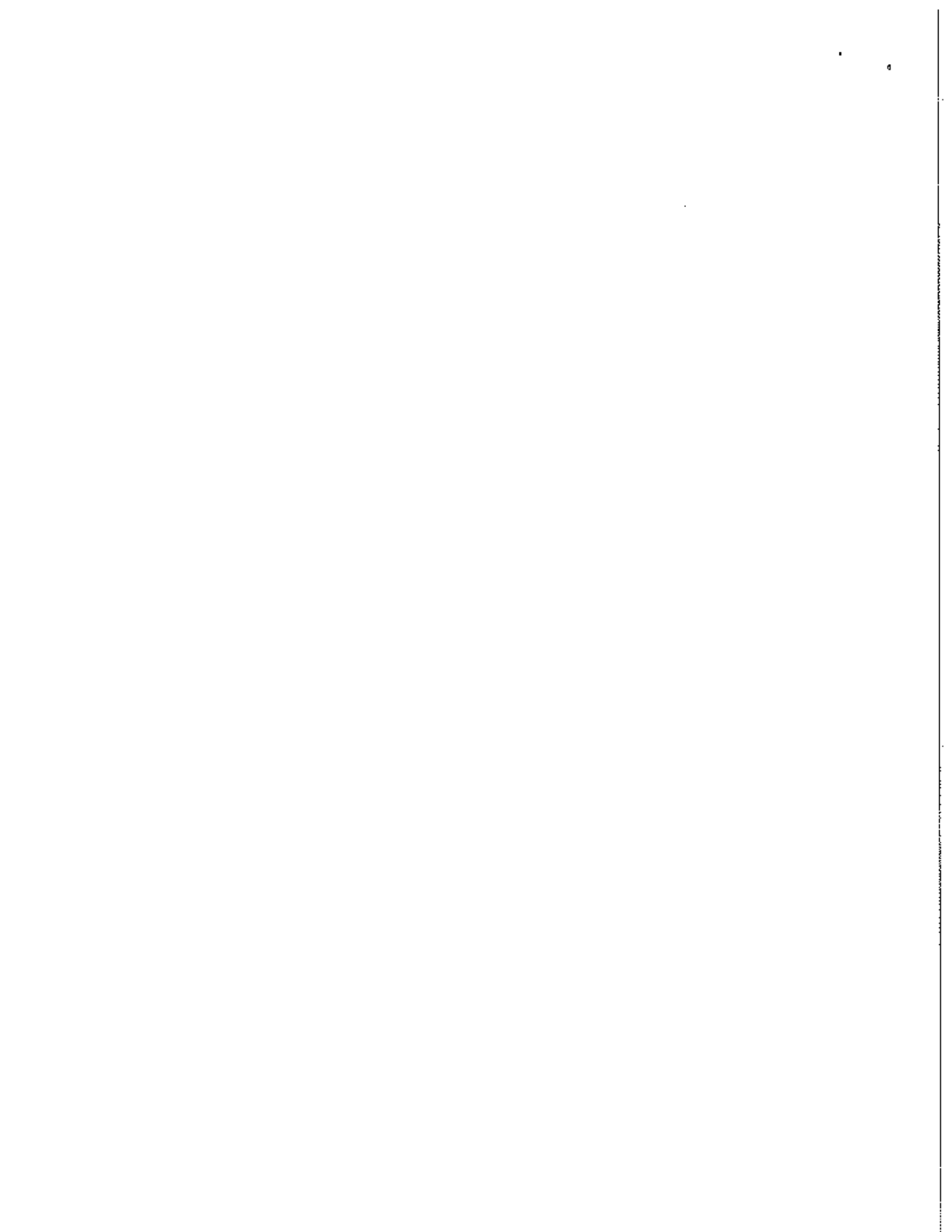
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Elm, John	49	877	Oneida, Wis.	45. A
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Haas, Melinda	41	24	" "	26.
Hill, Edward O.	52	1301	" "	40.
House, William	43	389	" "	28.37
House, Aaron	65	606	" "	50.
Hill, Louisa	43	1388	" "	52.
Henderson, Ella	43	960	" "	26.
Jourdan, Lucy	29	1040	" "	26.
Johnson, Elizabeth	73	1165	" "	86.
Jourdan, David	68	838	" "	57.
King, Antone	82	431	" "	--
King, Solomon	68	613	" "	20.
Kelly, William (Webster)	51	810	" "	44.69
King, Henry	46	202	" "	-- --
King, Joshua	30	617	" "	-- --
Metoxen, James	32	562	" "	22.
Metoxen, Jones	63	643	" "	40.
Metoxen, Jonas	57	1015	" "	--
Metoxen, Peter	28	1451	" "	25.43
Metoxen, Joseph	70	142	" "	80.
Powless, Hyson	43	105	" "	28.18
Powless, John K.	68	254	" "	80.
Powless, Abram	62	1002	" "	90.
Schuyler, Isaiah	53	813	" "	10.
Schuyler, William Thomas	74	943	" "	40.
Silas, William	63	1295	" "	80.
Skenandore, Loomis	54	87	" "	90.
Skenandore, Elijah, Jr.	62	449	" "	75.
Skenandore, John L. W.	72	597	" "	--
Skenandore, Alice	31	604	" "	26.
Skenandore, Solomon	76	632	" "	40.
Skenandore, Lyman	65	636	" "	40.55
Skenandore, Charles (Absalam)	34	852	" "	28.
Skenandore, Adam	51	1117	" "	30.
Skenandore, Joshua	63	1246	" "	80.
Smith, Joseph M.	64	72	" "	90.
Smith, Adam	87	330	" "	18.
Smith, Leonard	60	738	" "	53.
Smith, Henry	53	989	" "	45.

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Smith, John (Bull)	51	1338	Oneida, Wis.	45.94 A.	
Smith, Electa	53	267	" "	45.	
Stevens, Mary	75	347	" "	--	48 A.
Stevens, Isaac	59	472	" "	29.	
Stevens, Sampson C.	51	476	" "	45.	
Stevens, Edward	44	1447	" "	45.	
Summers, Nicholas	54	208	" "	40.	
Summers, Lewis	56	894	" "	--	30 A.
Summers, John	54	1027	" "	43.	
Summers, Electa	39	519	" "	--	20 A.
Swamp, Jacob	60	206	" "	--	30."
Swamp, Noah	53	429	" "	38.	
Swamp, Antone	54	898	" "	17.	
Swamp, Simon	49	1069	" "	46.	
Swamp, Minnie	28	152	" "	25.	
Swamp, Paul	51	1078	" "	40.	
Swamp, Cornelius	59	1375	" "	60.55	
Thomas, Wilson	50	1378	" "	-- --	20."
Webster, Daniel	69	510	" "	-- --	19."
Webster, Jacob	52	1278	" "	50.	
Webster, Peter	43	1281	" "	46.	
Webster, Noah	54	1349	" "	44.73.	

After traveling over a considerable portion of the reservation, visiting the homes of the Indians, we met the Indians in conference, by appointment, on August 7th, which meeting was well attended, there being over one hundred Indians present, and at which the object of our visit to the reservation was fully explained to them, and the question of patents in fee was freely discussed, as may be seen by transcript of the stenographic notes of the meeting transmitted herewith, marked "Exhibit A".

At the request of the restricted Indians we attended another meeting on August 14th, called by them for the purpose of continuing the discussion of the subject referred to in the first meeting.



A certified transcript of the proceedings is transmitted herewith, marked "Exhibit B".

While the second meeting was in session, the Indians took advantage of the opportunity to present an informal petition, with the request that we submit it with our report.

It covers several subjects, but takes the general form of a request for an indiscriminate extension of the trust period on lands held in trust by the Oneida Indians. It is transmitted herewith marked "Exhibit C".

While the first meeting of August 7th was in session, a resolution was presented and passed by unanimous vote, in which the Indians ask that some disposition be made of what is called "Duplicate Allotments" on that reservation. They ask that such allotments be sold and the proceeds distributed to the Oneida Indians, and we are submitting a special report with reference thereto of even date herewith.

On May 7, 1917, a hearing was held before Mr. C. F. Hauke, Chief Clerk, Office of Indian Affairs, with a committee from the Oneida Reservation, claiming to represent the Oneida Indians, during which hearing several pictures and a map of the reservation were used to illustrate conditions on the reservation, which map and pictures were furnished us by members of said committee to be filed with our report, and which we transmit herewith marked "Exhibit D".

This band of Oneida Indians left their former home and tribesmen in the state of New York about eighty years ago and moved to the locality of the reservation they now occupy in Wisconsin.

Many built permanent homes in the beginning, and the succeeding generation, in many instances, still make their homes on the land originally claimed from the forest by their fathers. In one instance, we visited the home of Thomas G. Cornelius who is 64 years of age. He lives with his family in a large four-room frame house, in which he was born, that was built seventy-five years ago for his grandmother.

The close association with white people which these Oneida Indians have had for so many years has made its impression upon them. They have adopted white methods and profited thereby, and in some instances prospered equal to their white neighbors.

As a community, they are intelligent, law abiding, peaceable citizens. They take their place in the religious, educational, industrial and political activities of the community, and while some have outdistanced others, taken as a whole, they are further advanced in civilized ways than any other of the northeastern Indian tribes.

The original settlements were made upon the ranges of

hills on both sides of Duch Creek which traverses the reservation from North to South. As the population increased the settlement spread East toward DePere and West toward Seymour. At the time of the treaty of Buffalo Creek in 1838, the population was 654, and at that time the present reservation of 65,400 acres was established on the basis of 100 acres for each person enrolled. Under the act of February 8, 1887, the entire reservation was allotted to 1520 persons then found to be entitled to share in the land, on the basis of 90 acres each to heads of families, 45 acres each to single persons over 21 years of age and orphans under 21 years of age, and 20 acres each to other minors. Various tracts were reserved for cemeteries, churches, day schools and a boarding school.

A very considerable portion of the reservation was swamp and low land, inaccessible the greater part of the year, and for that reason unused by the Oneidas until the sale of lands to white people and the establishment of township government made possible the opening and building of roads and the construction of bridges.

The largest area reported under cultivation by the Oneidas, only, was 10,000 acres. A large part of this acreage is still in the hands of the original owners or their heirs, who still own most of the early improvements. The remainder, of over

50,000 acres, has passed to white ownership and is being improved by white settlers.

Public improvements, since the two townships were organized on the reservation, consist of the opening and grading of many miles of good roads, the building of a large number of concrete or steel bridges, and the erection of seven modern public school buildings, open to whites and Oneidas on equal terms.

The present enrollment of the tribe in Wisconsin is 2550, showing a substantial increase in numbers since the allotment. Fully one-half of the present adult population have attended training or other Government schools for periods of from one to ten years, so that, in the matter of education they may be considered as equal to their white neighbors.

In conclusion we submit that we have carefully considered the various phases of this question and our conclusions are set forth in our report on each of the restricted Oneida allottees of Wisconsin now living.

Respectfully submitted,

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Inspector.

(Sgd) Frank E. Brandow
Special Supervisor.

(Sgd) J. C. Hart
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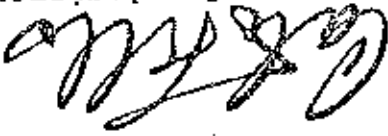
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