



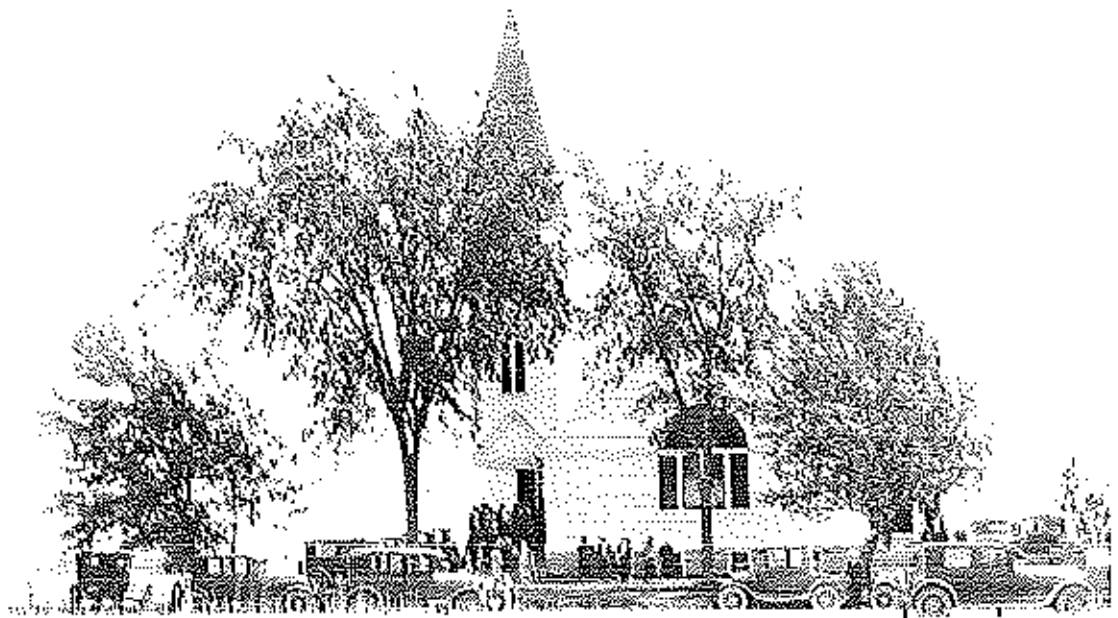
**A Collection of Notes on the History of the Oneidas And The  
Oneida Methodist Mission, Together With related Letters and  
Documents**

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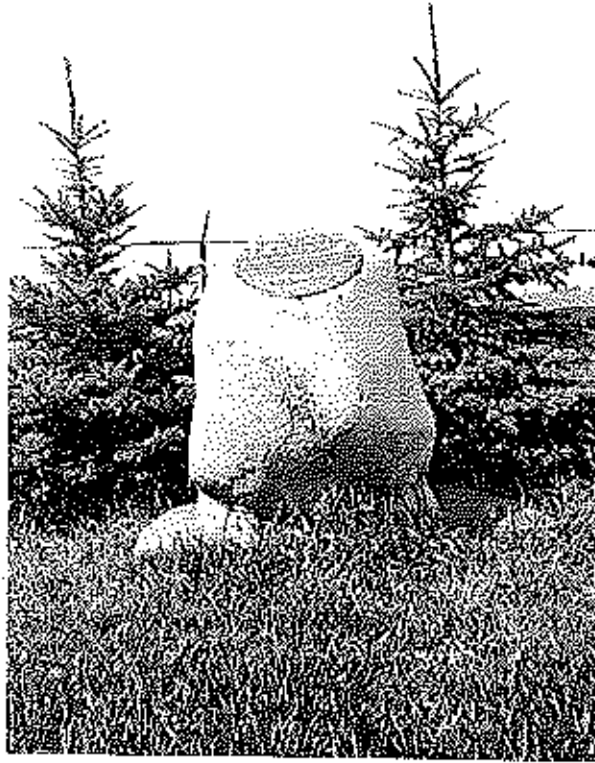
**The Reverend J.H. Wenberg  
Missionary to the Oneida Indians  
1928-1950**



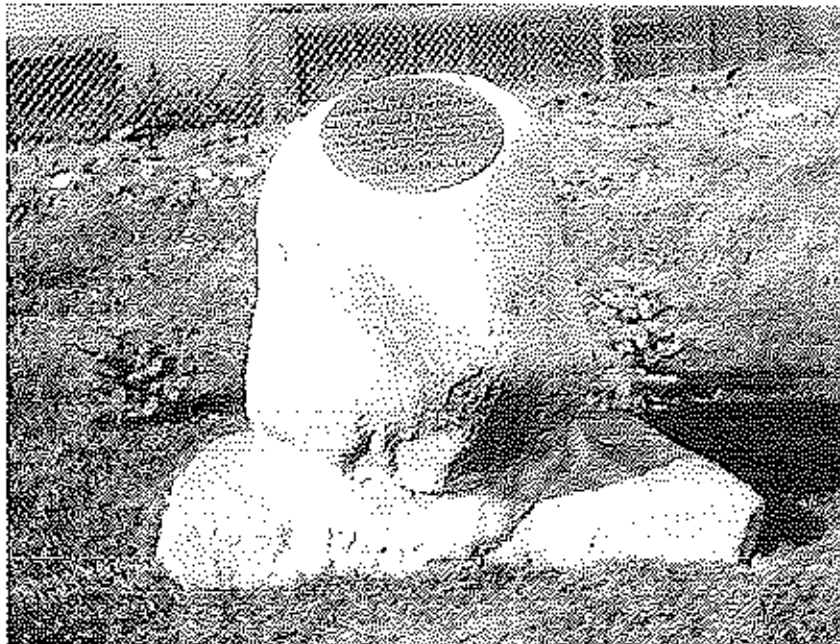
**The Reverend and Mrs. J.H. Wenberg**



**Church Building 1890-1943**



**Marker for Smithfield**



## INTRODUCTION

For many years my father, the Rev. J.H. Wenberg, had plans for the writing of a book on the Oneidas, their past and their present. He collected information from many sources, but never finished compiling it into a finished form..

I have herein reproduced his notes in the manner in which I have inherited them, some with and some without names of sources. It is hoped that anyone who reads this book will recognize that although much is repetitious, this is to be expected in the early organizing of the material from many sources into a chronological order. It is left to someone else to complete this work.

I am also including copies of a few of the many letters he wrote for the cause of the Oneidas, showing his plea for their national recognition, and his deep concern for their welfare.

Two booklets on the Oneidas are included, although they are the works of others. To update the set the booklet "Oneida Methodist Mission" published during the pastorate of Rev. Thompson, should be added. I have included a blank sheet for its addition.

Finally, a list has been added of further source materials which he had gathered. The sorting of the multitude of clippings about the Oneidas has not been done, but it is hoped that it will be started in the near future.

In closing, may I join with my father in saying-

" May the Lord bless you and keep you;

May He make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you;

May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace, now and forever!"

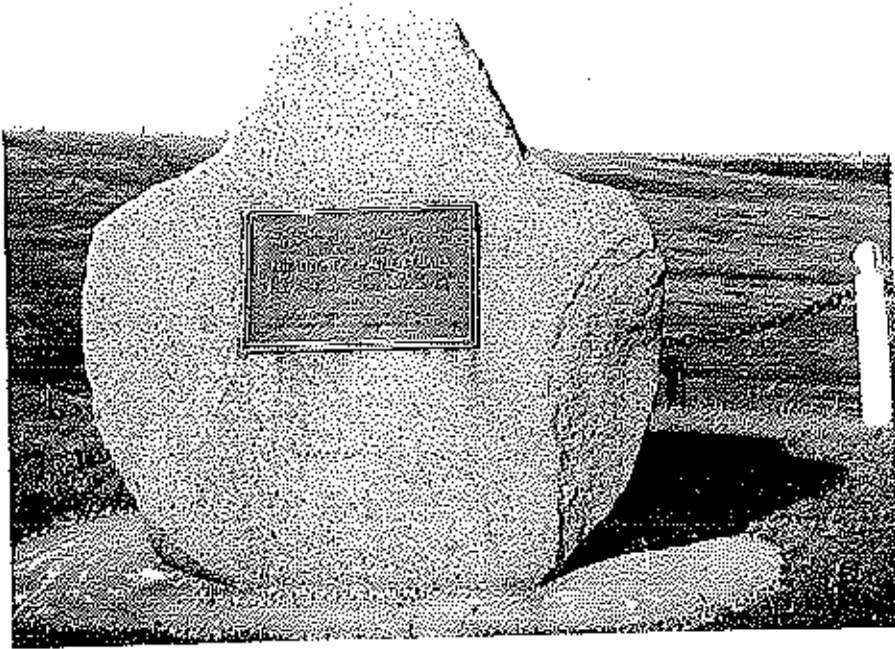
Herbert Wenberg

October 15, 1972

## Introduction

- 1 - The Oneidas - by J.H. Wenberg  
Notes on the early history of the Oneidas and of the Iroquois Confederacy.
- 2 - The Oneidas - by J.H. Wenberg  
Notes on the Oneida nation, its history and customs.
- 3 - Extent of Oneida land Area in New York State in Early Times
- 4 - The Oneidas in the American Revolution - by J.H. Wenberg  
Notes on the Iroquois Confederacy, the role of the Oneidas in the American Revolution, treaties with the Menomonees and the U.S. Government, settlement in Wisconsin, early religion of the Oneidas, Rev. Kirkland, Chief Skenandoah, Eleazer Williams, "First Christian Party" (Episcopal), "Orchard Party" or "Oneida West" (Methodists), Smithfield (see 12), early education among the Oneidas. The first four pages are apparently a rewrite of the next page. As these are notes from various sources, they do not necessarily follow chronological order.
- 5 - Lafayette at Barron Hill - by J.H. Wenberg  
More history of the Oneidas during the American Revolution, early religion, treaties with the Menomonees and Winnebagoes, treaties with the U.S. Government, removal to Wisconsin. Note that the first paragraph of page 2 is followed by page 4.
- 6 - The Oneida Indians in the Revolution - by Josephine Richards  
Published in the Southern Workman of Hampton Institute.
- 7 - Washington in Iroquois Heaven - by J.H. Wenberg  
Notes on the Iroquois' beliefs of the fate of George Washington after death, more on the American Revolution, Washington's counsel on the handling of the Iroquois and particularly the Oneidas after the war, the oneidas in the Civil War.
- 8 - A Treaty Between the United States and the Oneida, Tuscarora and Stockbridge Indians, Dwelling in the Country of the Oneidas
- 9 - Samuel Kirkland  
Two biographies of the noted early missionary to the Oneidas.
- 10- Skenandoah - Oneida Chief  
Hans Yost Schuyler  
Biographies of these Oneidas.
- 11- Transfer of the Oneida Nation to Wisconsin - by J.H. Wenberg  
More notes on the movement to Wisconsin.
- 12- The Rediscovery of Smithfield - by Rev. Elizabeth Wilson  
The rediscovery of Smithfield, the first settlement of the "Orchard Party" (Methodists) of the Oneidas is of great historical significance as it marks the location of the first Methodist Episcopal Church between Lake Michigan and the Pacific Ocean. This church (the corporate body, not the building) later moved to its present location and became the Oneida Methodist Church.
- 13- Thirty Years in the Itinerancy - by Rev. W. G. Miller  
This extract from his book describes the Oneida Methodist Congregation in the middle of the nineteenth century. Speaks of "Chief Jake" and Rev. Henry Requa.

- 14- Copies of Early Records of the Oneida Methodist Church  
Includes a summary of present membership and present every day life of the Oneidas (about 1946).
- 15- Extracts from The Oneidas - by J.K. Bloomfield  
More on the early Methodist Church at Oneida, "Big Jake", "Brother Requa".
- 16- The Oneida Indians - by J.H. Wenberg  
Notes on Samuel Kirkland, Chief Skenandeah, "Second Christian Party" (Methodists), Removal to Wisconsin, Eleazer Williams removal from Smithfield to present location, building of the Church Building and its burning, building of Epworth Hall, early school, present schooling, partial list of the missionaries, church membership, church activities, loss of Oneida lands, Oneidas in the various American wars.
- 17- Letter to Mrs. Allene Groves, President General of Daughters of the American Revolution - by J.H. Wenberg  
Showing place of Oneidas during the American Revolution, treaty with the U.S., War of 1812, Civil War, Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II, Korea, removal to Wisconsin, present status of Oneida Indians. Stressing Americans should know more about and have more honor for the Oneidas.
- 18- Letter to the Editor of the Green Bay Press Gazette - by J.H. Wenberg  
A rebuttal to an article blaming the Indians for their low economic state. History of Oneidas, especially during Revolution. Apparently not complete.
- 19- Letter to President Harry Truman - by J.H. Wenberg  
Complaining of poor treatment of the Indians in General.
- 20- Letter To John W. Byrnes - by J.H. Wenberg  
Complaining of poor treatment of Indians.
- 21- Letter to the Nicolet Council of the Boy Scouts and Article on Scouting - by J.H. Wenberg  
Trying to get the Nicolet Council of the Boy Scouts to change its name to the Oneida Council. Quotes long and faithful history of the Oneidas to the U.S.
- 22- Letter to the Editor of the Green Bay Press Gazette - by J.H. Wenberg  
History of the Oneidas with particular reference to the annual payments of 51¢ by the Federal Government.
- 23- Letter to Rev. James Buxton - by J.H. Wenberg  
Status of the Oneida Methodist Church.
- 24- Oneida Methodist Church - by J.H. Wenberg  
History of the Oneida Methodist Church.
- 25- Sagole
- 26- History of the Oneida Nation - by Aren Akwaks
- 27- Further References  
A list of additional notes, letters, maps, clippings, etc. collected by J.H. Wenberg



**Marker for the treaty of the Cedars**



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16<sup>th</sup> Edition, 1997  
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### "A New Spirit"

New Spirit Customer Service Uniform Brochure  
United Airlines  
David A. Coftman  
Senior Vice President Marketing