

James Newton, A Wisconsin
Boy in Dixie. S. Ambrose
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The Oneidas had an important impact on regimental life. They appear to have been resourceful in securing food and in influencing the culinary direction of camp life. As a diversion from writing about combat, Stockwell described how one of the F Company Indians, armed with his Belgian rifle, went squirrel shooting and came back to camp with all the squirrels he could handily carry, all shot in the head.³² Squirrel soup, an Iroquois favorite, was a welcome substitute for stale hardtack.³³ Yet the Oneidas were not credited with contributing to the overall improvement of camp life. Lieutenant James K. Newton of De Pere, commander of Company E, never specifically mentioned the Indians, but by reading between the lines of Newton's account, one can see the Oneida presence. Newton, who lived adjacent to the Oneida Indian Reservation, made reference to a culinary delight "discovered" by recruits:

You would not believe how many ways we can cook our corn so as to have a variety. We have parched corn, boiled Do. mush, corn coffee etc. but the latest invention to make it go down good is to half parch it and then grind it coarse like hominy and then boil it with a small piece of pork to season it. If you have to live on corn altogether, by reason of this war's continuing, for a great length of time longer I advise you to cook it in the way I last mentioned.³⁴

Parched hominy seasoned with salt pork is a typical Iroquois recipe, "Onondaat." It has been described as an Indian dish since earliest European contact and is often referred to as sagamite, sapaen, or suppawm.³⁵

4th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry G Company Oneidas

Name	Rank	Occupation	Birthplace	Residence	Age	Marital Status	Height	Enlistment Credited to	Place of Enlistment	Recruiting Officer	Date/Length of Enlistment	Date of Discharge
Anthony, John 1st	pvt.	farmer	New York	Oneida	19	single	5'8"	Green Bay	Green Bay	Capt. E. R. Merrill	12/31/1863 3 years	10/9/1865
Anthony, John 2d	pvt.	farmer	Wisconsin	unknown	42	unknown	5'6"	unknown	Green Bay	Capt. E. R. Merrill	8/18/1864 1 year	7/21/1865
Anthony (Alstone), Thomas	pvt.	farmer	New York	Oneida	43	married	5'6"	De Pere	Green Bay	Capt. E. R. Merrill	12/30/1863 3 years	Died in service 6/26/1865
Bread, Peter	pvt.	farmer	Wisconsin	Oneida	18	single	5'5 1/2"	Green Bay	Green Bay	Capt. E. R. Merrill	12/31/1863 3 years	10/9/1865
Doxtator, Charles	pvt.	farmer	Wisconsin	Oneida	28	single	5'8"	De Pere	Green Bay	Capt. E. R. Merrill	12/31/1863 3 years	Presidential discharge 11/13/1864
Doxtator, Paul	pvt.	farmer	Wisconsin	Fort Howard	20	married	5'9"	unknown	Green Bay	Capt. E. R. Merrill	12/31/1863 3 years	Died of disease in service of dysentery 5/3/1864
Powlas, August	pvt.	farmer	Wisconsin	unknown	18	single	5'9 1/2"	De Pere	Green Bay	Capt. E. R. Merrill	12/31/1863 3 years	Died of disease in service 8/18/1864
Powlas, Cobus	pvt.	farmer	Wisconsin	unknown	25	married	5'6"	Green Bay	Green Bay	Capt. E. R. Merrill	1/ 5/1864 3 years	10/9/1865

Source: Descriptive Muster Rolls, SHSW and NA, and the Records of the Oneida Nation of Indians of Wisconsin.

14th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry F Company Oneidas

Name	Y	Rank	Occupation	Birthplace	Residence	Age	Marital Status	Height
Antone, Abram		pvt.	farmer	Wisconsin	Oneida	19	unknown	5'7½"
Archiquet, Aaron		pvt.	farmer	Wisconsin	Oneida	18	unknown	5'10½"
Archiquet, John		pvt.	farmer	Wisconsin	Oneida	19	unknown	5'10½"
Archiquet, Solomon		pvt.	farmer	New York	Oneida	40	married	5'11"
Baird, Thomas		pvt.	farmer	Wisconsin	Oneida	40	married	5'5"
Bread, Daniel		pvt.	farmer	Wisconsin	Oneida	22	unknown	5'9"
Chrisjohn, Daniel		pvt.	farmer	Wisconsin	Oneida	25	married	6'
Coulton, Henry		pvt.	farmer	Wisconsin	Oneida	20	unknown	5'9"
Danforth, Cobus F.		pvt.	farmer	Wisconsin	Oneida	18	married	5'10"
Danforth, John		pvt.	farmer	New York	Oneida	46	married	5'10"
Doxtator, Cornelius		pvt.	farmer	New York	Oneida	46	married	5'10"
Doxtator, George S.		pvt.	farmer	Wisconsin	Oneida	29	married	5'10"
Doxtator, Jacob S.		pvt.	laborer	New York	Oneida	36	married	5'7½"
Doxtator, Paul C.		pvt.	farmer	Wisconsin	Green Bay	22	unknown	5'9"
Hill, Abram		pvt.	farmer	Wisconsin	Oneida	20	unknown	5'6½"
Hill, Abram C.		pvt.	farmer	Wisconsin	Oneida	23	unknown	5'11½"
Hill, David		pvt.	farmer	Wisconsin	Oneida	20	unknown	5'8½"
Hill, Henry		pvt.	farmer	Wisconsin	Oneida	19	unknown	5'8"
Hill, Lewis		pvt.	farmer	Wisconsin	Oneida	28	unknown	5'10"
James, Antoine (Anthony)		pvt.	farmer	Wisconsin	Oneida	20	unknown	5'7"
Johnson, Peter		pvt.	farmer	Wisconsin	Oneida	29	unknown	5'9½"
King, Adam		pvt.	farmer	Wisconsin	Oneida	28	unknown	5'8"
King, Nicholas		pvt.	farmer	Wisconsin	Oneida	24	unknown	5'11"
King, Simon		pvt.	farmer	Wisconsin	Oneida	19	married	5'4"
Ninham, Anthony		pvt.	farmer	New York	Oneida	23	married	5'10½"
Ninham, James		pvt.	farmer	Wisconsin	Oneida	19	married	5'11"
Powlas, Anthony		pvt.	farmer	Wisconsin	unknown	29	single	5'10"
Powlas (Powless), George		pvt.	farmer	Wisconsin	Oneida	21	single	5'7"
Powlas (Powless), Moses		pvt.	laborer	New York	Oneida	29	married	5'10"
Powlas (Powless), Peter I		pvt.	farmer	Wisconsin	Oneida	32	married	5'9½"
Powlas (Powless), Peter II		pvt.	farmer	Wisconsin	Oneida	24	married	5'11½"
Silas, Abram		pvt.	farmer	Wisconsin	Oneida	22	married	5'6"
Silas, Isaac		pvt.	farmer	Wisconsin	Oneida	23	single	5'6½"
Skenadore, Jacob		pvt.	farmer	Wisconsin	Oneida	21	single	5'6"
Stephens, Henry		pvt.	farmer	New York	Oneida	46	married	6'
Thomas, Thomas		pvt.	farmer	Wisconsin	Oneida	26	single	5'9"
Webster, Augustus		pvt.	farmer	Wisconsin	Oneida	29	married	5'10"
Webster, Edgar E.		pvt.	farmer	De Pere	Lawrence	20	single	5'4"
Webster, Lewis B.		pvt.	farmer	Green Bay	Lawrence	25	single	5'4"

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Name	Enlistment Credited to	Place of Enlistment	Recruiting Officer	Date/Length of Enlistment
* Antone, Abram	Fort Howard	Green Bay	Capt. E. R. Merrill	1/4/1864 3 years
Archiquet, Aaron	Fort Howard	Green Bay	Capt. E. R. Merrill	1/4/1864 3 years
Archiquet, John	Sheboygan	Fond du Lac	Capt. Phillips	9/8/1864 3 years
Archiquet, Solomon	Fort Howard	Green Bay	Capt. E. R. Merrill	3/8/1864 1 year
* Baird, Thomas	Oshkosh	Green Bay	Capt. E. R. Merrill	4/19/1864 3 years
Bread, Daniel	Lomira	Fond du Lac	Capt. Phillips	3/4/1864 3 years
Chrisjohn, Daniel	Sheboygan	Fond du Lac	Capt. Phillips	3/11/1864 3 years
Coulon, Henry	Lomira	Fond du Lac	Capt. Phillips	3/4/1864 3 years
* Danforth, Cobus R.	Fort Howard	Green Bay	Capt. E. R. Merrill	1/4/1864 3 years
Danforth, John	Lomira	Fond du Lac	Capt. Phillips	3/5/1864 3 years
Doxtator, Cornelius	Oakfield	Fond du Lac	Capt. Phillips	2/3/1864 3 years
Doxtator, George S.	Lomira	Fond du Lac	Capt. Phillips	3/4/1864 3 years
Doxtator, Jacob S.	Lomira	Fond du Lac	Capt. Phillips	3/4/1864 3 years
Doxtator, Paul C.	Lawrence	Green Bay	Capt. E. R. Merrill	1/2/1864 3 years
Hill, Abram	Lomira	Fond du Lac	Capt. Phillips	3/4/1864 3 years
Hill, Abram C.	Lomira	Fond du Lac	Capt. Phillips	3/11/1864 3 years
Hill, David	Lomira	Fond du Lac	Capt. Phillips	3/4/1864 3 years
* Hill, Henry	Lomira	Green Bay	Capt. E. R. Merrill	1/10/1864 1 year
Hill, Lewis	Fort Howard	Fond du Lac	Capt. Phillips	3/4/1864 3 years
James, Antoine (Anthony)	Fort Howard	Green Bay	Capt. E. R. Merrill	6/4/1864 3 years
Johnson, Peter	Fort Howard	Green Bay	Capt. E. R. Merrill	1/4/1864 3 years
King, Adam	Fort Howard	Green Bay	Capt. E. R. Merrill	1/4/1864 3 years
King, Nicholas	Fort Howard	Green Bay	Capt. E. R. Merrill	4/29/1864 3 years
* King, Simon	Casco	Green Bay	Capt. E. R. Merrill	4/29/1864 3 years
Ninham, Anthony	Lomira	Fond du Lac	Capt. Phillips	3/4/1864 3 years
* Ninham, James	Lomira	Fond du Lac	Capt. Phillips	3/4/1864 3 years
Powlas, Antony	Fort Howard	Green Bay	Capt. E. R. Merrill	9/12/1864 1 year
Powlas (Powless), George	Green Bay	Green Bay	Capt. E. R. Merrill	1/2/1864 3 years
Powlas (Powless), Moses	Fort Howard	De Pere	Charles Beattie	12/15/1863 3 years
Powlas (Powless), Peter I.	Fort Howard	Green Bay	Capt. E. R. Merrill	1/4/1864 3 years
Powlas (Powless), Peter II.	Lomira	Fond du Lac	Capt. Phillips	3/4/1864 3 years
Silas, Abram	De Pere	Green Bay	Capt. E. R. Merrill	1/7/1864 3 years
Silas, Isaac	Green Bay	Green Bay	Capt. E. R. Merrill	1/7/1864 3 years
Skenandore, Jacob	New Holstein	Green Bay	Capt. E. R. Merrill	9/10/1864 1 year
Stephens, Henry	Lomira	Fond du Lac	Capt. Phillips	3/4/1864 3 years
* Thomas, Thomas	Fort Howard	Green Bay	Capt. E. R. Merrill	1/7/1864 3 years
Webster, Augustus	Oshkosh	Green Bay	Capt. E. R. Merrill	4/20/1864 3 years
Webster, Edgar F.	Holland	Green Bay	Capt. E. R. Merrill	2/22/1864 3 years
Webster, Lewis B.	De Pere	Green Bay	Capt. E. R. Merrill	1/1/1864 3 years

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* died in service

** killed in action

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"The white troops," continues Lieut. Bowley, "were now exhausted and discouraged. Leaving the line they sat down, facing inwards, and neither threats nor entreaties could get them up into line again. In vain was the cry raised that all would be killed if captured with negro soldiers; they would not stand up. From this time on the fire was kept up, mainly, by the colored troops and officers handling muskets. A few Indians, of the 1st Michigan Sharpshooters, did splendid work. Some of them were mortally wounded, and, drawing their blouses over their faces, they chanted a death song and died—four of them in a group. An attempt had been made to dig a trench through the side of the Crater towards the Union line, but the rebels got the range of that hole and plugged the bullets into it so thick and fast that no one would work in it. Of the men of my company who had rallied with me, all but one, a sergeant, lay dead or dying. The troops seemed utterly apathetic and indifferent. The killing of a comrade by their very sides would not rouse them in the least. Between 1 and 2 o'clock in the afternoon our men in the ditch, outside the Crater, had expended all their ammunition, and were quickly captured. Then the rebels planted their battle flags on the edge of the Crater, front and both flanks, not six feet from our men. They quickly pulled them back, but we knew that they were there, just on the other side of the clay bank. Muskets,

with bayonets, were pitched back and forth, harpoon style. In this last movement the Confederates exposed themselves most fearlessly, and had all our men stood up at that time, the rebel loss would have been much more severe. I have good reason to believe that my own revolver did some effective work at this point."

Here ends Lieut. Bowley's account of what was transpiring in the Crater, and I will resume the narrative from our stand-point.

It is now about one o'clock. We receive another order to keep the enemy's heads down. A charge is about to be made, this time by the Alabama brigade, Gen. Saunders, who form in the ravine from which the Virginians had charged, but further south and accordingly were nearly opposite the Crater. The charge is successful—those who witnessed it say it was splendidly executed. The works are surrendered, and the prisoners pour out, making their way back, however, under a severe fire from their own batteries, some of them falling on the way.

What was here transpiring those of us in the breast-works to the north of the Crater could not see, but we immediately knew the result of the charge.

From this time, during the balance of the day, everything is comparatively quiet. When night comes on we are made to fall in line and move up the trench towards our right. In the trench that led around and to rear of the Crater, dead men lie so

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D Company, 132 NYS Vol. Infantry:

The Iroquois Indians of the Tuscarora Company

(compiled from Descriptive Muster Rolls, NA and NYSA, and Iroquois community records)

Name	Rank	Age	Height	Occupation	When	Where	By Whom Enrolled	Term	Discharge
Mason, William	pvt.	18	5'3"	farmer	6/13/1862	Tonawanda	C. C. Cusick	3 years	6/29/1865
Moore, Charles	pvt.	35	6'2"	farmer	6/13/1862	Cattaraugus	C. C. Cusick	3 years	6/29/1865
Parker, Isaac Newton	sgt.	29	5'8"	farmer	6/18/1862	Buffalo	C. C. Cusick	3 years	6/29/1865
Peters, Jeremiah (Jerry)	pvt.	21	5'7"	farmer	6/1/1862	Lewiston	C. C. Cusick	3 years	---
Peters, John	pvt.	22	5'3"	farmer	5/31/1862	Buffalo	C. C. Cusick	3 years	5/25/1865
Powles, Abram	cpl.	26	5'9"	farmer	8/26/1862	New York City	Capt. A. W. Smith	3 years	6/29/1865
Redeys, Martin	pvt.	25	5'8"	carpenter	7/22/1862	Buffalo	C. C. Cusick	3 years	Disability discharge 5/26/1863
Snow, George	pvt.	32	6'	farmer	5/24/1862	Cattaraugus	C. C. Jemison	3 years	5/25/1865
Sundown, Henry	pvt.	24	5'8"	farmer	6/18/1862	Buffalo	C. C. Cusick	3 years	6/29/1865
Titus, John	pvt.	22	5'9"	farmer	7/22/1862	Buffalo	C. C. Cusick	3 years	6/29/1865
Warmes, Jacob	pvt.	38	6'	farmer	5/24/1862	Cattaraugus	C. C. Jemison	3 years	5/25/1865
Wilson, George	pvt.	34	5'10"	farmer	5/24/1862	Cattaraugus	C. C. Jemison	3 years	5/25/1862