

MATERIAL RELATION TO THE ONEIDA LAND QUESTION 12-3-1976

May 20, 1889

Letter from C.C. Painter, Agent Indian Rights Association, to Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Wash, D.C. asking early allotment of their land. There was a question of wood-cutting in this letter.

May 23, 1889

Letter from the Dept. of the Int. to the Comm. of Ind. Affairs. to inform of executive authority and copy of letter from C.C. Painter above. (Painter was agent for BIA, was Govt. enrolling officer for Menominees, a sponsor of the allotment Act--it was his letter approved--no Tribal authority to allot Oneida Reserve)

May 27, 1889

Authority signed by Harrison #20008 May 21, 1889 for allotment

Oct. 1889

Authority of May 21, 1889, to be amended as herein stated. (?)

Signed Oct. 16, 1889 by Harrison.

(Authority claimed under Sec. 1, Act of Feb. 8, 1887, 24 Stat. 388)

January 25, 1890

Letter from the Oneida Reservation, Brown County, to Hon. John W. Noble Sec. of the Int. Wash. D.C., against the allotment of the lands in the Reservation. 1st. protest; 2nd. less than 1/3 desired the allotment; 3rd. Petitioners were not part of the Tribal structure, had not gained confidence or respect; 4th. Those that comprise the allotment group are the most uncivilized and ignorant; 5th. that the land remain as a reservation and that it shall not be divided or allotted. 6th. That the land purchased with our own money be not divided for the benefit of persons who have no right in the same and are only on said reservation by suffrance.

June 17, 1919

At a meeting regularly called and held at the Parish Hall, Town of Hobart County of Brown, State of Wisc. of the lawful and qualified Oneida Indians, the following Resolutions and petitions were unanimously adopted. (resolved that the buildings, livestock etc., were to be kept intact. claim #145 and pt. claim #146, and that a school shall be maintained for the education of Oneida Children.

The Order issued by the Ind Dept. for closing was a surprise to the Oneida People.)

Copy of resolution to be sent to the Senate, House of Rep. and Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Sept. 21, 1922

25 US Code 280 PATENTS OF LANDS TO MISSIONARY BOARDS OR RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS; The Sec. of the Int. is authorized and directed to issue a patent to the duly authorized missionary board, or other proper authority of any religious organization engaged in mission or school work on an Indian reservation for such lands thereon as were prior to Sept 21, 1922, set apart to and were on that date being actually and beneficially used and occupied by such organization solely for mission or school purposes, the area so patented to not exceed one hundred and sixty acres to any one organization at any station: Provided, that such patent shall provide that when no longer used for mission or school purposes said lands shall revert to the Indian owners. Sept. 21, 1922, c 367, Sec 3, 42 Stat. 995.

April 15, 1924

Bid submitted to Mr Edgar A. Allen, Keshena, Wisconsin from Philip Sheridan, Sec. of the Murphy Land and Investment Co.

October 2, 1924

Letter from Philip Sheridan, Sec., Murphy Land & Investment Co. to Chas. H. Burke, Ind. Comm. Wash., D.C. regarding the purchase of the Oneida School property for a client of theirs Anthony J. Koeferl.

(Indenture signed by Hubert Work, Sec. of the Int. in the presence of W.J. Donald., W. Bertrand Acker Notary Public in and for D.C.)

October 11, 1924

Letter from C.F. Hauke, Chief Clerk to Philip Sheridan referring to the letter of ~~10~~ Oct. 2, 1924.

Deed in in the Misc. Deed Book, Vol. 19, page 422.

Oct. 22, 1924

Letter from E.B. Meritt to Lars N. Larson, regarding the sale of the Oneida property and receipt of letter ~~of~~ requesting information about the property.

October 13, 1926

Letter from the Sheridan & Evrard law offices, 305 Sheridan Building, Green Bay, Wisconsin to C.F. Hauke, Acting Asst. Commissioner, Interior Dept., Washington, D.C. acknowledging the the Murphy Land & Investment Co., is not the real purchaser. Anthony J. Koeferl, Sec. of the Catholic Diocese of Green Bay was the real purchaser. They would have preferred the deed run directly to him.

(? on this matter)

October 22, 1924

Letter from E.B. Meritt to Philip Sheridan in regards ~~to~~ the inability to convey land directly to Koeferl.

Nov. 13, 1924

Letter from Murphy Land and Investment to C.F. Hauke, Int. Dept., Wash., D.C. requesting photographic copy of plat attached to deed.

November 18, 1924

Letter from Eli Skenandore, Chairman Oneida Nation Committee, Henry G Smith, Treasurer Oneida Nation Committee and L.C. Kellogg, Secretary Oneida Nation Committee, to Right Rev. Rhodes, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Interests, to notify the Bishop the the Oneida Nation would not sell the property and asked them ~~to vacate~~, the Roman Catholic interests, to vacate.

(There was a question raised in this letter in regards to the Six-Nation Tribes coming under the Statute governing contracts with Indian Tribes. Commissioner Burke admits that the Six Nations of N.Y. do not come under the Statute.

The Tribe was not able to hear from the Indian office on this matter.)

December 5th, 1924

Letter from Philip Sheridan, Murphy Land and Investment Co., to E.B. Merritt, Assitant Commissioner, Dept. of the Interior, Washington, D.C. informing them of the letter dated November 18, 1924, advising them and asking for consideration.

Murphy Land and Investment C. quit claimed their interest in it to said Diocese.

Dec 11, 1924

Letter from Chas. E. Burke, Commissioner to Philip Sheridan, Murphy Land & Investment C., stating the position of the Indian Office (Dept of the Int.) in regards to the Oneida National Committee.

(I could not find a letter for this date in the material Paul S.)
(There was a letter address on December 3, 1924 to Eli Skenandore from Chas E. Burke. I cannot find it.)

April 19, 1924

Letter from E.A. Allen Supt. of the Dept of the Int. Keshena Indian Agency, Keshena, Wisc. to Commissioner of Ind. Affairs, Wash. D.C. in regards to the Murphy Land Co letter.

(There is question in this relationship as the appraised value was transmitted to the Murphy Land Co. The bid was lower than an earlier bid and right on the amount of appraised value)

May 5, 1924

Letter from Commissioner to E.A. Allen, Supt. Keshena Agency, accepting the Murphy Land Co. is accepted.

A deed to be prepared to 38.71 acres, and the 80 acres to pass by patent in fee to the company.

May 10, 1924

Letter from E.B. Meritt to E.A. Allen in regards to the proposed land sale. the 38.71 acres were in 3 separate tracts within claim 146.

(There was a question as to deed being approved at this time, 1924. a letter dated Mar. 20, 1903 from E.A. Hitchcock was used in regards to this)

May 20, 1924

Letter from E.A. Allen to the Comm. of Ind. Affairs, in regards to the 38.71 acres belonging to the government.

(Records could not prove that this deed had been signed. Brown county records and Oneida files.)

June 4, 1924

Letter from E.B. Meritt to E.A. Allen regarding the 38.71 acres.

June 14, 1924

Letter from E.B. Meritt to E.A. Allen, regarding May 5 and June 4 letters.

June 16, 1924

Letter from E.A. Allen to Indian Office Wash. D.C. (Western Union Telegram), advising they will make payment for Oneida School this week.

June 23, 1924

Letter from E.A. Allen to Comm. of Ind. Affairs, Wash. D.C., transmitting the reception of check from Murphy Land and Investment Co.

(Request was made that the Patent and deed be made to run Anthony J. Kowferl)

Aug. 11, 1924

Letter from E.A. Allen to Comm. of Ind. Affairs, Wash, D.C., asking that a patent be issued instead of a deed.

October 2, 1924

Indenture between the USA and the Murphy Land and Investment Co. total land 118.71 acres with the building thereon.

Claim 145; under the Act of Feb. 14, 1920.

Claim 146; under the Act of March 2, 1917..

(In a letter stapled with this material received by Loretta V. Ellis, there is reference to an enrollment of 80 children enrolled on the closing date with a maximum capacity of 120 students.

This letter is from the US Dept of the Int., ~~WXX~~ Bur. of Ind Affairs, Great Lakes Agency, Ashland--Acting Supt. Potts.

This letter is dated November 13, 1973, received 11-18-1973)

(Take time to look up the Title 25--Indians 1946 edition, 292a. Discontinuance of boarding and day schools having small attendance.)

December 16, 1924

Letter from Philip Sheridan to Chas H. Burke, thanking him for his help in the Nov and Dec 1924 Action.

June 14, 1926

Letter from A.E. School, Asst Supt. Indian Field Service, Keshena to Commissioner of Ind. Affairs, Wash., D.C., in regards to checks received protesting against the sale of the Oneida School property.

The checks were sent by Mr. Sam Bell, formerly financial clerk in charge of the Oneida Sub-Agency. dated April 24, 1924.

Protests involved; Contending that the property was illegally sold.

In a Gen. Council held at Oneida right after the checks had been issued the people made another protest against the method of the Indian Bureau in disposing of property.

Annuity money and the Government School sale money were mixed.

Many of the Oneida do not read.

Stating that the undersigned vehemently protest against such unfair methods being foisted over the people.