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Robert E. Powless is the father of Blair (17) and Marcia (15) Powless, and the husband of Linda G. Powless formerly of Lake Linden, Michigan. He is a full-blooded member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin.

He holds the B.S. degree in History (Secondary Education) and the M.S. degree in Guidance and Counseling from the University of Wisconsin (Madison) and the Ph.D. in Educational Administration from the University of Minnesota (Minneapolis). His dissertation title: The Effect Of A Human Relations Curriculum On The Dogmatism Of Teachers.

Professor Powless coached, taught and counseled in Wisconsin high schools for five years beginning in 1958 and began his career in college administration and teaching in 1965 in the Fox Valley Center of the University of Wisconsin Center System. He has also worked as a counselor at Anoka-Ramsey Community College (Coon Rapids, MN), and as an administrator at the Medford Branch Campus of UW-Stevens Point and at the main campus at UW-Stevens Point.

In 1972 he became Director of the American Indian Studies Program at the University of Minnesota, Duluth, and on September 1, 1977, became Chairperson and Associate Professor in the Department of American Indian Studies at the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth. In June, 1980, he set up a sole proprietorship as a Human Relations/Educational Consultant. On August 17, 1981, Dr. Powless assumed the duties of President of Mount Senario College. Attached you will find documentation of some of his creative efforts.

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## Publications

1. Epilogue to Book: Great Documents in American Indian History  
Wayne Moquin, Editor, Prager Publishers, N.Y., 1973  
PP. 389-401
2. Article: "Indian Leadership and Education"  
The AmerIndian: American Indian Review  
Vol. 19, No. 5, May-June, 1971  
Chicago, Illinois
3. Article: "An Oneida and a Short Person Look at Human Relations"  
Published in: Pupil Personnel Services Journal,  
Minnesota Dept. of Education, Vol. 3, No. 2, 1974, PP. 31-33
4. Article: "All People, All Tribes, All Nations"  
Published in: The Conservationist, State of New York, Dept.  
of Environmental Conservation, Vol. 30, No. 4, Jan-Feb 1976,  
PP. 10-11
5. Article: "Port Cities Indian Country: 'Past Unites With Present'"  
Published in: Lake Superior Port Cities, Spring, 1979,  
Vol. 1, No. 1, Duluth, Minnesota
6. Article: "Preparing Native American Counselors for the Chemically  
Dependent Native American"  
Published in: Counselor Education and Supervision (APGA)  
Vol. 19, No. 4, June, 1980, PP. 310-317  
Co-Authored with Professors Gum, Smaby and Tamminen, University  
of Minnesota, Duluth, Psychology Dept.
7. Paper: "Assessment of Current Wisconsin Education Programs in Serving  
American Indian Students"  
Published in: Proceedings: Human Potential Conference  
University of Wisconsin (Madison) April, 1969, PP. 51-52
8. Commentary: R. E. Powless presented commentary on two papers on "Urban  
Indians" presented in Session 18 of the Eighteenth Annual  
Conference of the Western History Association, Hot Springs,  
Arkansas in October, 1978.
9. Commentary: R. E. Powless presented commentary on two papers on American  
Indians presented as part of the Fifteenth Annual Northern  
Great Plains History Conference, Duluth, Minnesota in  
October, 1980.
10. Research Assistant on: An Education Overview: Survey of Cass Lake,  
MN, School District  
Bureau of Field Studies and Surveys  
University of Minnesota (Minneapolis), June, 1971

11. Review: Red World and White; John Rogers  
Published in: Minnesota History: The Quarterly of the Minnesota Historical Society (Fall, 1974)
12. Review: The Last Americans; William Brandon  
Published in: American Indian Quarterly (Summer, 1975)  
Southwestern American Indian Society, Vol. 2, No. 2
13. Television Productions: Robert E. Powless was the host and producer of (1972-1981) the program; "Indian Viewpoint" shown weekly on Channel 10, WDIO (ABC) and Channel 8 (Public Television) in Duluth.
14. Paper: "You Are Part Of Our History: The Indian and the Land in Northern Minnesota"  
Published in: Proceedings: 1981 Speakers' Series  
Lake States Interpretive Association, Inc.
15. Article: "Community Needs and Educational Institutions"  
Published in: Integrated Education; Horace Mann Bond Center For Equal Education; Vol. XIX, Nos. 1-2, January-April, 1982  
PP. 19-22.
16. Article: "Modern American Indian Values"  
Published in: Wisconsin Academy Review; Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters; Vol. 28, No. 2, March 1982;  
PP. 32-33
17. Review: History of the Ojibway People by Wm. W. Warren (Borealis Reprint, 1984).  
Published in: Minnesota History; The Quarterly of the Minnesota Historical Society; Fall, 1984.

#### ADDRESSES

1. Presented the Commencement Address at Dawson (Minnesota) High School, May, 1975.
2. Presented the Commencement Address at the University of Wisconsin, River Falls, May, 1974.
3. Presented the Commencement Address at the University of Wisconsin, Superior, May, 1979.
4. Presented a public address at the University of Minnesota, Duluth entitled: "An Indian View of the Bicentennial", March, 1976.
5. Presented a public address at the Duluth Heritage and Arts Center as part of City of Duluth Tricentennial. Title: "You Are Part Of Our History", September, 1979.

6. Presented the Keynote Address at the Annual Fall Conference of Wisconsin College and University Human Relations Coordinators, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Title: "Can You Spell Love with an 'R'? The Human Relations Challenge of the 80's", November 1980.
7. Presented the Keynote Address at the Annual Wisconsin Indian Education Conference, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, January, 1982.
8. Presented a public address at the University of WI-Stevens Point entitled: "Is the Solution Becoming the Problem Or Watt Now?", April, 1983.
9. Presented an Address, "Networking and Organizing for Change", to the First Annual Minorities Involved in Catholic Higher Education Conference, Chicago, Illinois, October, 1983.
10. Presented a Special Address to the Mid-American Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (10-State Conference) Fontana, Wisconsin, November, 1983.
11. Presented an address at the Conference for Minority Students/Advisors at American Lutheran Church Colleges and Universities, St. Paul, MN, November, 1983.
12. Presented a keynote address, "The Last of the Coopers", at Winter Conference of the Minnesota Personnel and Guidance Association, Duluth, MN, February, 1984.
13. Presented three speeches on American Indian Education as featured speaker, KINI-3 Conference, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD, February, 1984.
14. Presented an address to the Executive Personnel, Girl Scouts of the USA, Briar Cliff, NY, March, 1984.
15. Presented the Commencement Address for the Northeast Wisconsin Technical Institute, Green Bay, Wisconsin, May, 1984.

#### AWARDS AND HONORS

1. Selected for bibliographic sketch in: Indians of Today (fourth edition)  
Edited by Marion E. Gridley,  
1971.
2. R. E. Powless was one of two faculty to receive the Outstanding Faculty (Teaching) Award at the University of Minnesota, Duluth, May, 1974.
3. Appointed to Danforth Associate Program (for improving and humanizing teaching in higher education) along with wife, Linda. (May, 1975)

## BOARDS

Past: Charter Board Member (August, 1970) of National Indian Education Association

- Currently:
1. Depot Foundation (St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center), Duluth, MN
  2. Board of Trustees, Museum of the American Indian (HEYE Foundation) New York, NY.
    - A. Chair, Education and Extension Committee
  3. Education Commission of the States (appointed February, 1983 by Wisconsin Governor Anthony S. Earl.)
  4. Board of Directors, Lake Superior Association of Colleges and Universities (Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota)

## OTHER INFORMATION

Served two years as Medical Aidman, U.S. Army

Served as coach for the University of Minnesota, Duluth Women's Basketball Team (1974-76) and for the College of St. Scholastica Women's Team (1977-1980).

Served as a member of Evaluation Teams for the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools evaluating:

- A. Sinte Gleska Community College, Rosebud, South Dakota, December, 1980.
- B. Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute, Albuquerque, New Mexico, April, 1981.
- C. Flaming Rainbow University, Tahlequah, Oklahoma, August, 1982.
- D. Black Hills State College, Spearfish, SD, February, 1983.
- E. Haskell Indian Junior College, Lawrence, KS, March, 1984.
- F. Appointed to four year term (Sept., 1984) as Commissioner-at-Large by Appointments Committee, Commission on Institutions of Higher Education. Participated as member of Review Committee, January 14, 1985, Chicago, Illinois.

## Work Experience

1. Coached, taught and counseled in Wisconsin High Schools for five years--1958-63.
2. Advisor to students, University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley Center (two-year institution): 1965-67.
3. Counselor and study skills instructor, Anoka-Ramsey State Junior College, Coon Rapids, MN: 1967-68.
4. Director, Upward Bound Program, Wisconsin State University, Stevens Point: Summer, 1968.
5. Director of Student Affairs, Wisconsin State University, Stevens Point, Medford Branch Campus (two-year institution): September, 1968-March, 1969.

6. Director, P.R.I.D.E. (Minority Programs) Wisconsin State University, Stevens Point: March, 1969--August, 1970.
7. Director, American Indian Studies Program, University of Minnesota--Duluth: 1972--77.
8. Chairperson, Department of American Indian Studies, College of St. Scholastica (Duluth): September, 1977 - June, 1980.
9. Human Relations/Educational Consultant, June, 1980 - August, 1981.

Robert E. Pawless, Ph.D.: Recent Workshop-Conference Presentations (Selected)

The following is information on some of my past presentations including the name of a contact person at the site. Please feel free to get in touch with that person for an evaluation of my work.

- November 14, 1979 American Indian Clients and the Correctional System.  
Patrick Thompson, Arrowhead Regional Corrections Board,  
Duluth, MN.  
PRESENTATION TITLE: American Indian Clients and the  
Correctional System.
- March 7, 1980 Meeting the Educational Needs of American Indian Children:  
Issues and Problems. Douglas Fuchs, Ph.D. - Special  
Education Pre-School Programs, Minneapolis, MN Public  
Schools.  
PRESENTATION TITLE: "Power through Diversity: The Indian  
Child in Special Education".
- August 5, 1980 Sensitivity Training Session for Indian Health Service  
Staff, Ms. Josephine Lee, RN, Office of Community Health  
Nurses, Cass Lake, MN.  
PRESENTATION TITLE: "Physician Heal Thyself: Toward a  
Better Understanding of the Integration of Indian Health  
and Indian Culture".
- August 7-8, 1980 Minneapolis Title IV-A Community Advisory Board Annual  
Retreat. Ms. Rosemary Christensen, Director Indian  
Education, Minneapolis, MN Public Schools.  
PRESENTATION TITLE: "Principles for Advisory Board Members"  
and "In-Basket Situations for Board Member Training".
- October 2, 1980 In-Service on Indian Education, Duluth MN Public Schools.  
Ms. Judy Byce, Desegregation-Integration Coordinator.  
PRESENTATION TITLE: "A Multi-Cultural Approach to  
Curriculum".
- October 24 and  
December 8, 1980 In-Service on Indian Education, Cass Lake MN Public Schools.  
Tom Peacock, Principal, Cass Lake High School.  
PRESENTATION TITLE: "Bringing the Community and the  
School Together".
- November 18-19,  
1980 Communications and Management Workshop, Wisconsin Winnebago  
Business Committee. Held in Wisconsin Rapids, WI.  
Ms. Sharon Cloud, Native American Center, UW-Stevens Point.  
PRESENTATION TITLE: "Communications and Management Skills".

June, 1981

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. Mr. George Goodwin, Exec.  
Dir., Cass Lake, MN - 56633  
ROLE: Presentor and Facilitator of Management Training  
Seminars for 94 members of MCT staff including Executive  
Director, Director of Administrative Services, etc.



R E L E A S E

I, DR. ROBERT POWLESS, agree to release  
(Print Name)

and hold harmless the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Humanities Committee, the National Endowment for the Humanities, NEWIST and CIP, for the use of audio visual (videotape) recordings of my academic, historical presentation of the Oneida Indians held at the Oneida Rodeway Inn, Green Bay, July 24, 25 and 26, 1986.

It is understood that uses referred to above include only public television and non-commercial audio visual programs of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, instructional programs at U.W.G.B. and appropriate curriculum offerings of NEWIST and its member agencies.

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1986

Robert E. Powless  
(Signature)



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August 20, 1985

Mr. L. Gordon McLester  
Secretary  
Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin  
P.O. Box 365  
Oneida, WI 54155

Dear Gordon,

I was pleased to receive your letter of August 16, 1985 regarding my presentation as a speaker in the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin Historical Conference to be held in July, 1986. I will be pleased to assist the Oneida people in this manner.

I will appreciate receiving more details as the conference draws nearer.

Best Wishes,

Robert E. Powless, Ph.D.  
President

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UGWA DEMOLUM YATEHE  
Because of the help of this  
Oneida Chief in cementing  
a friendship between the  
six nations and the Colony  
of Pennsylvania, a new na-  
tion, the United States, was  
made possible

Oneidas bringing several  
hundred bags of corn to  
Washington's starving army  
at Valley Forge, after the  
colonists had consistently  
refused to aid them

April 1, 1986

Dr. Robert Powless, Dean  
1500 College Avenue  
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Dear Dr. Powless:

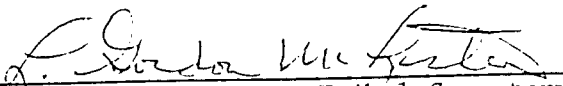
Just dropping you a line to remind you of the April 15 deadline  
for the abstracts and to enclose some brochures.

Please arrange your own travel plans to Oneida and let me know if  
you intend to stay at the Hotel, and how long so I can make your reserva-  
tions.

If you need any further information, please call me.

Sincerely,

ONEIDA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF WISCONSIN

  
L. Gordon McLester, Tribal Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee

Enclosures:

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