

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

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



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 nation, the United States, was made possible

MEMORANDUM

TO: Oneida Business Committee Alma Wesbter
Mark Powless Wendell McLester
Lois Powless Pat Misikin
Tony Benson Wanda Webster
—Julie Barton

FROM: Charles Leonard

RE: Biographical stories of BC members from 1937-present

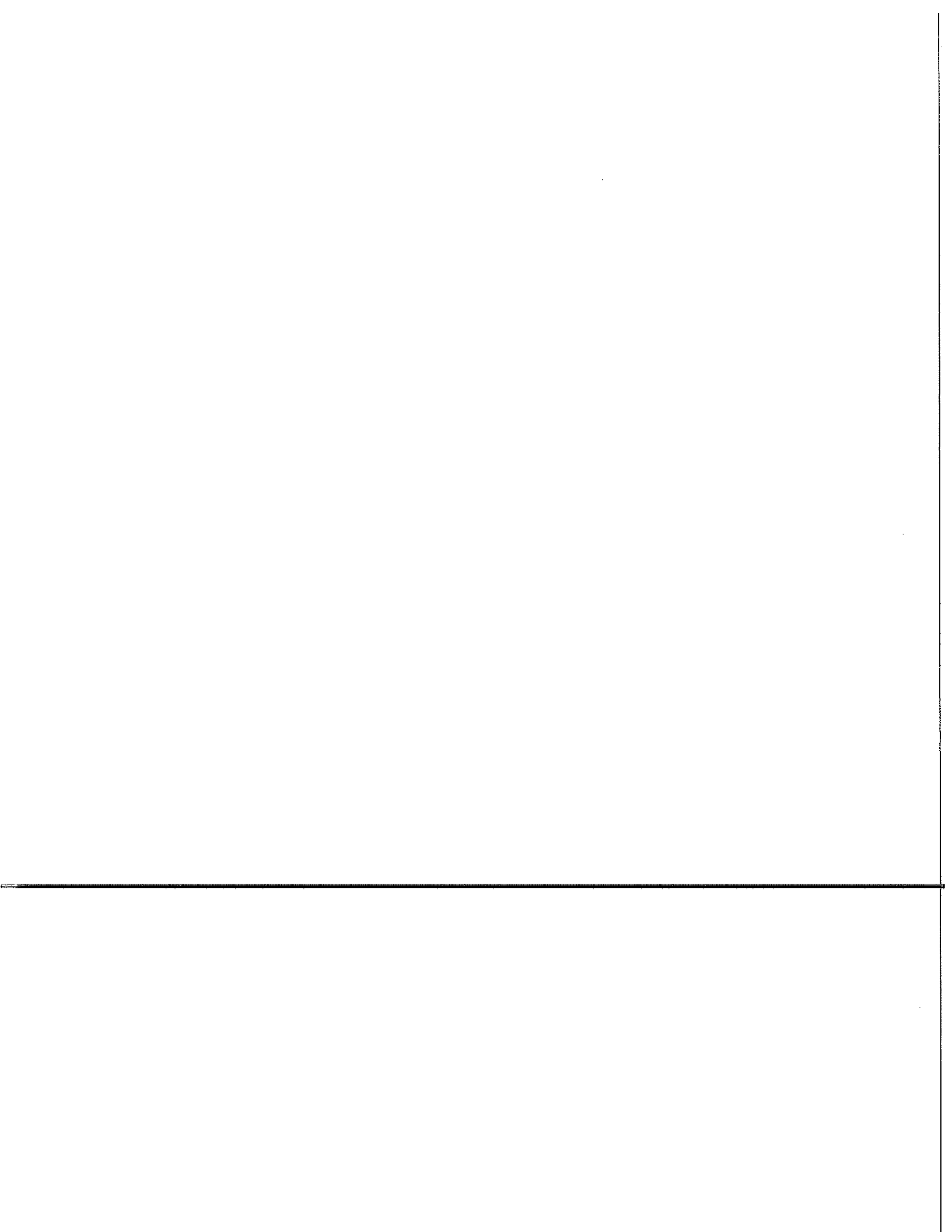
DATE: December 1, 1989

As I'm sure most of you know, we are planning a ceremony and book honoring Oneida Business Committee members between 1937 and the present. It seems reasonable that those BC members who are now serving and some immediate past members should fill out their own information sheets, rather than having someone else do the research. Therefore, I am attaching a copy of the standard information sheet we are using.

Please fill it out AS SOON AS POSSIBLE and return it to me. We need to get the information written into a story.

Also, we will be needing a top quality photograph of you. I prefer a professional portrait as detailed in the attached memo. If that is not available, the memo lists other options. This too is needed as soon as possible.

The absolute deadline for getting this finished is January 15th. However, I would appreciate your efforts in finishing this biography sheet and obtaining your portrait as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please call me at ext. 326.



MEMORANDUM

TO: IRA BC-member book researchers
FROM: Charles Leonard
RE: Photographs
DATE: December 1, 1989

As you research each of the persons you are assigned, it is imperative that you come up with a photograph of each Business Committee member that you are researching.

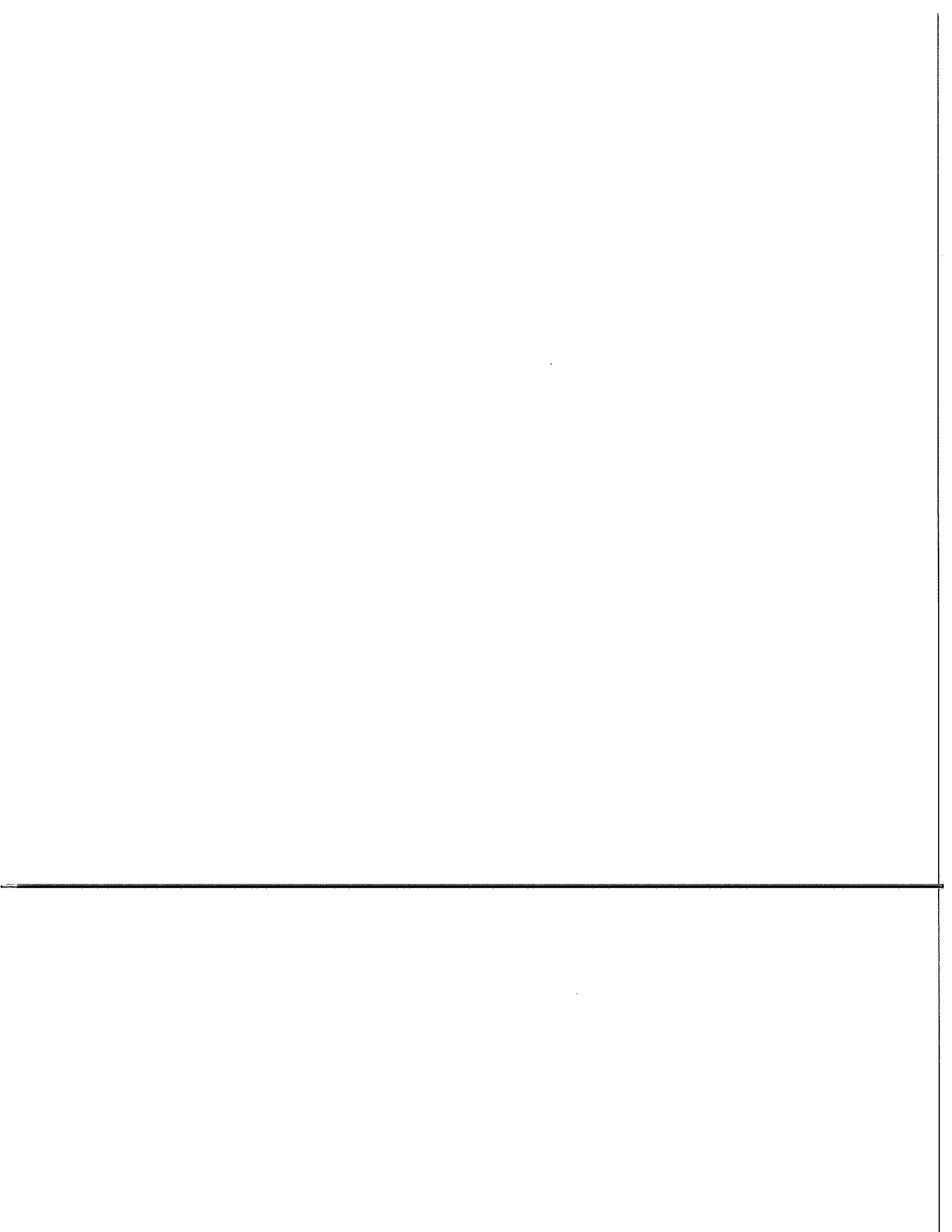
Let me stress that these photographs must be of the highest possible quality. A professional portrait is best (black and white is better than color, but color is usable.) Portrait-like photographs are second best (good, clear head shots or bust shots.) The worst shots are pure amateur photographs that are usually out-of-focus, shot at a distance or are improperly exposed.

We should try to avoid these, unless they are all we can get. If this is the case, please pay close attention to the focus, framing and composition of the shot. Distance is very bad, the closer the better. Focus is critical. Even if the shot is only slightly out-of-focus, that lack of sharp focus will be doubled and quadrupled by the time the picture gets into the book. Every generation of that a picture goes through (every time it is re-photographed or engraved) the out-of-focus factor is doubled. Therefore, focus is very critical. Also, every enlargement we do magnifies the grain of a picture (every photograph is a series of small dots, or grains.) Therefore, the closer, the better.

We will return every photograph after use. But in order to do so, each must be identified as to 1.) who the person is, 2.) who the picture is to be returned to, and 3.) what is the address of the person to whom the picture is to be returned.

DO NOT WRITE ON THE BACK OF THE PHOTOGRAPH! The pen or pencil leaves an impression on the front of the picture that you cannot remove! The best method is to write the information on a self-adhesive label, then press the label firmly to the back of the picture.

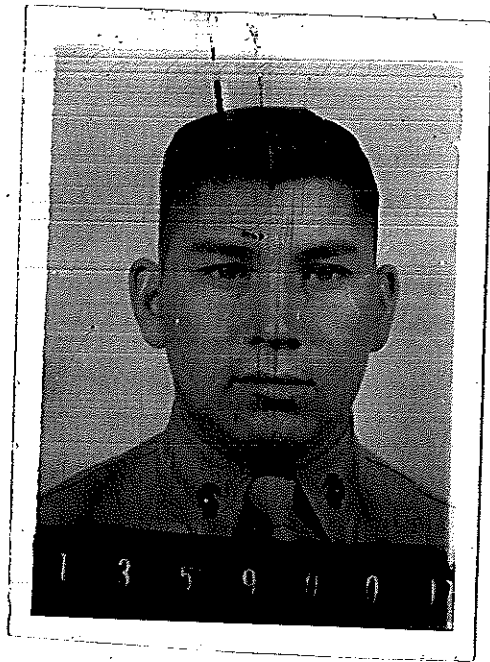
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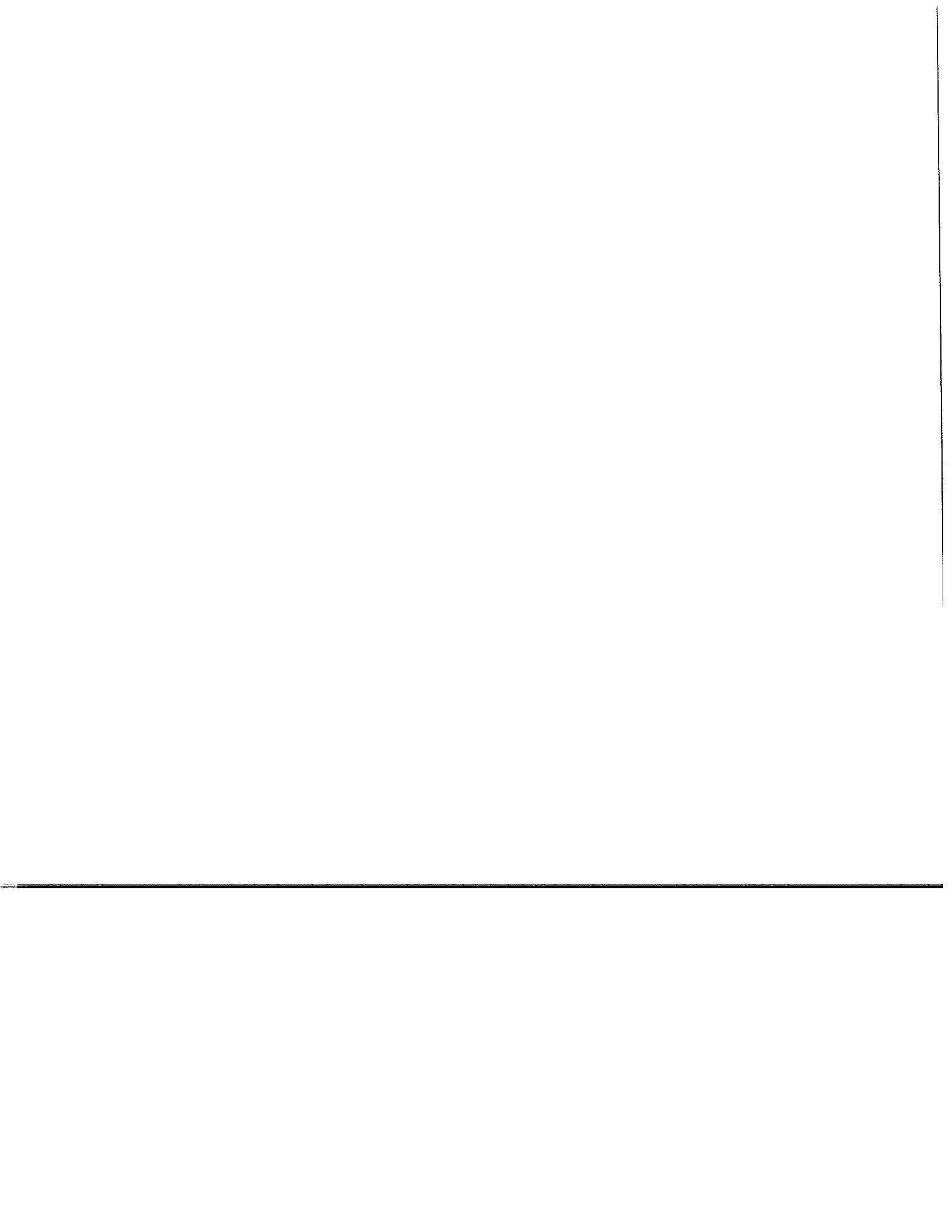


Franklin L. Cornelius was elected in 1981 to the Oneida Indian Business Committee and served for one year. As an entrepreneur, he has owned a grocery store, gas station and laundromat in the Oneida community. He served twice in combat during the Korean War and the Vietnam Conflict as a second lieutenant in the Armed Services. He retired as a captain after serving 22 years in the military.

Cornelius, 56, was born and raised in Oneida. Electrician work was his craft. He graduated from Nicolet High School in De Pere and attended the University of Nevada. He has received many achievement awards and letters of appreciation from the U.S. Marine Corps, Department of Interior, 3M Company and the U.S. Postal Service.

He is a member of the Robert Cornelius Veterans of Foreign War Post of Oneida, Minnesota Masons, Disabled Veterans, Green Bay Chapter, Green Bay Shrine BEJA Temple and the Red Cross. He has been awarded by the Red Cross for donating five gallons of blood. He also is a member of the Oneida Singers, which is a group who sing hymns using the Oneida language. He is a Sunday School teacher for the Oneida United Methodist Church. He has been a past employee for the Bureau of Indian Affairs.





ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE
BIOGRAPHY FOREMAT

For use with Honor Ceremony - Oneida History Conference II

Correct full name: Franklin L. Cornelius

Nickname(s) [if any]:
Frank

Date of birth: March 15, 1933

Date of death (if applicapable): N/A

Business Committee offices held (and dates of each):

BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEMBER December 1981 - December 1982

Occupation(s): ELECTRICIAN AND PROFESSIONAL BUSINESSMAN.

Period(s) of residency on reservation (area):

Born and raised on the Oneida Reservation 1933 - 1952

~~Left for a short period of time for the service and employment.~~

Returned in 1977 and presently still resides on the Oneida Reservation.

Education and school(s): Graduated Nicolet High School, De Pere, Wis.
Attended University of Nevada in Reno, Nev.

Religious affiliation:

Born and baptized as a Methodist.
Member of the Oneida Methodist Church.

Activities and interests: Square Dancing, Golf, Swimming, Hand-Ball, Raquet Ball, Running, Skiing, Fishing, Boating, Camping, Sightseeing, Snow Mobile-ing, Sports, and Singing.

Notable accomplishments: (Entrepreneur) Grocery Store, Gas Station, and Laundromat owner. Commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Armed Services two times and served in combat two times during the Korean War and Viet-Nam Conflict. Retired after 22 years in the service as a Captain. Electronics Officer aboard the USS Essex. Disbursing Officer in Beaufort, So. Carolina

Honors and recognitions:
U.S. Marine Corp. - Letters of Appreciation and Special Achievement Awards.
Department of Interior - Letters of Appreciation and Special Achievement Awards.
3M Company - Letter of Appreciation/Letters of Thank You. Awards.
U.S. Post Office - Letters of Appreciation & Special Achievement Awards.

Other pertinent information (be brief):

Robert Cornelius VFW Post of Oneida - Member
Minnesota Masons, Stillwater, MN. - Member
DAV - Green Bay Chapter - Life Member
Oconto Shrine Club - Member
Green Bay Shrine BEJA Temple - Member
Member of the Consistory in the Green Bay Scottish Rite.
Green Bay Red Cross - Five Gallon Blood Donor (Recognition)
Past member of the York Rite in Minnesota
Member of the Oneida Singers
Sunday School Teacher - Methodist Church
Worked in the past for the Bureau of Indian Affairs.