

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Oneida Business Committee Alma Webster
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

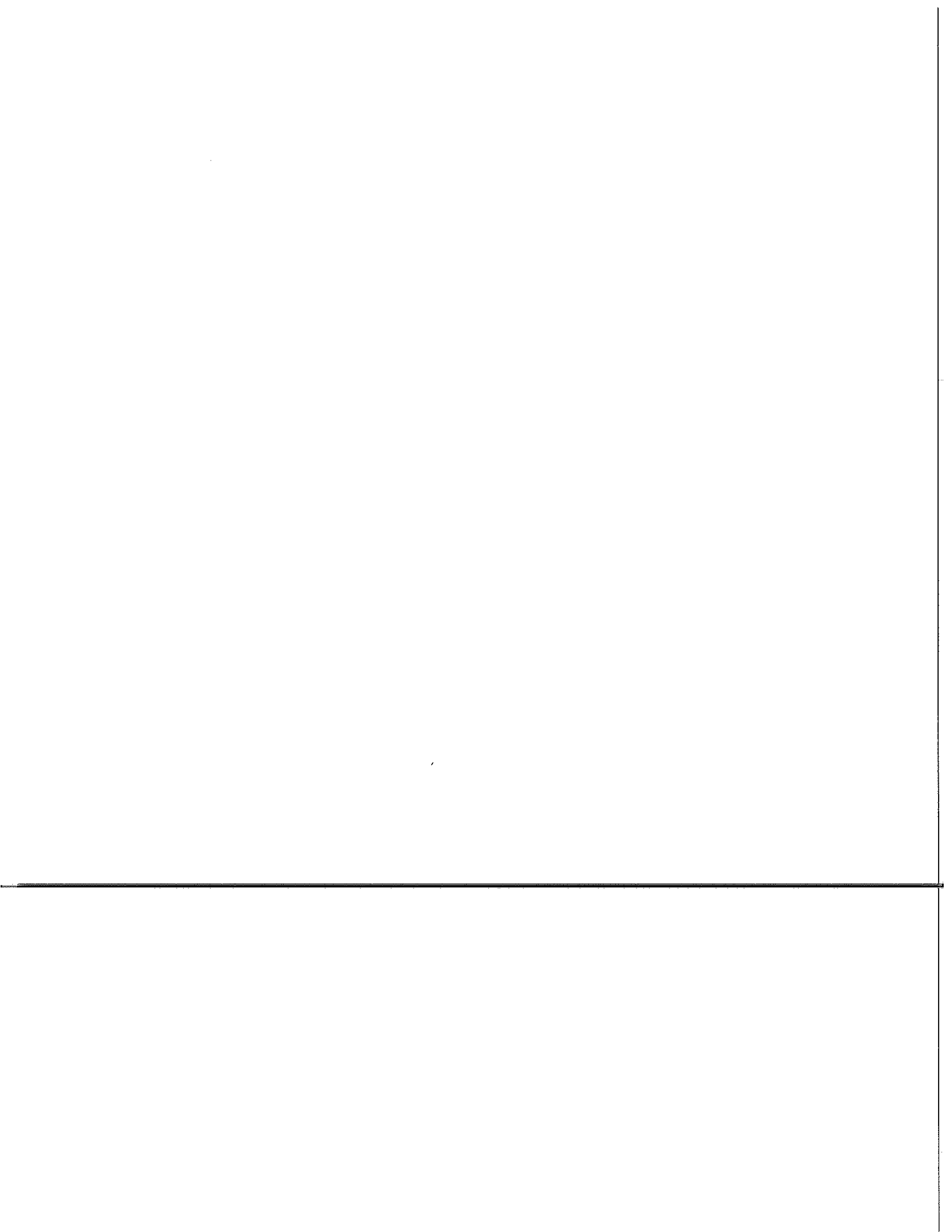
DATE: December 1, 1989

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.

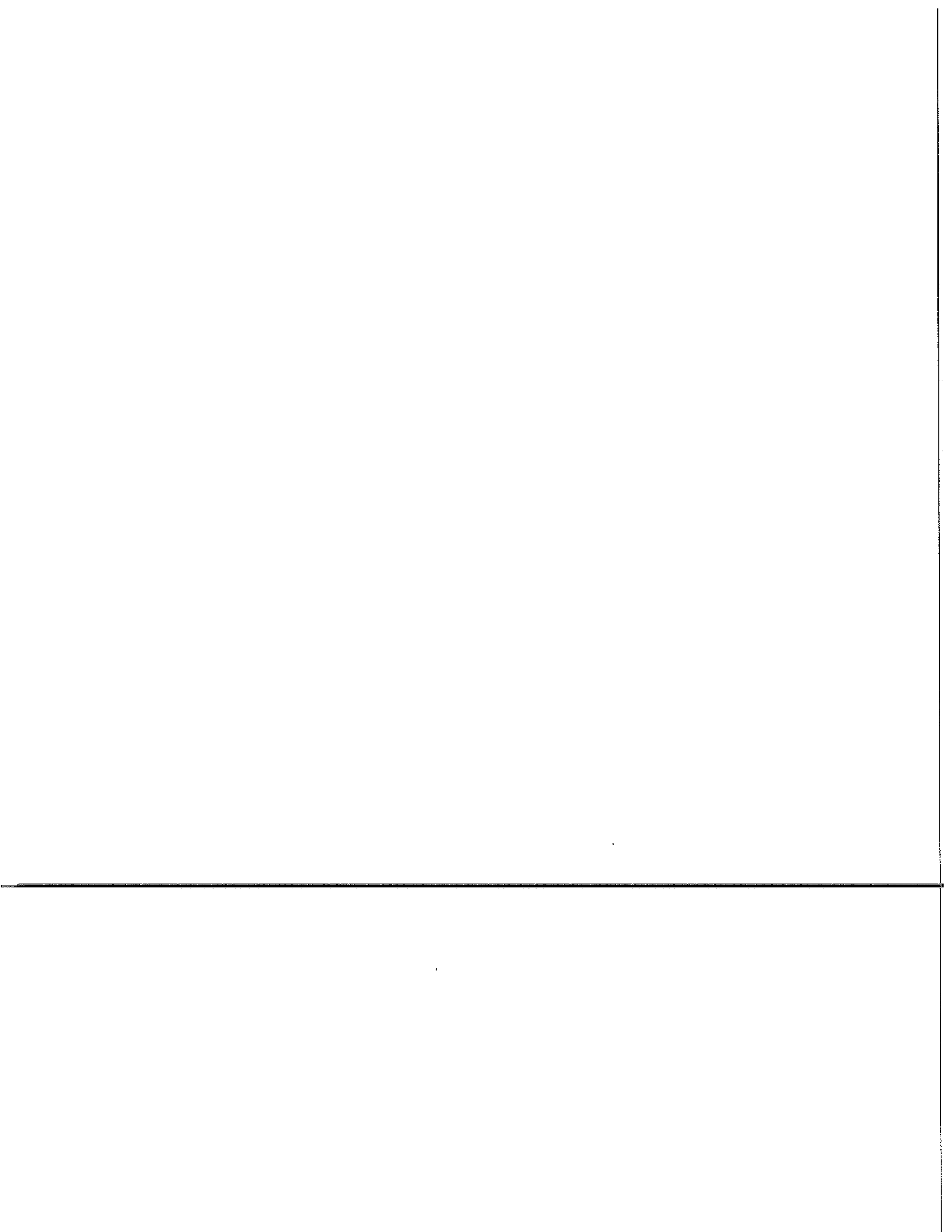
Let me stress that these photographs must be of the highest possible quality. A professional portrait is best (black and white is better than color, but color is usable.) Portrait-like photographs are second best (good, clear head shots or bust shots.) The worst shots are pure amateur photographs that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

If you have any questions, call me.



Howard T. Cannon was elected to the Oneida Indian Tribe Business Committee in September 1981 and served for one year. After returning from military service in 1945, he has been self-employed as a land surveyor.

Cannon, 70, graduated from Flandreau Indian School in 1938. He studied pre-engineering. He received Land Surveyors licenses for Wisconsin in 1958 and Illinois in 1959.

He was born Jan. 8, 1920 in Green Bay and raised in the Oneida area. He is a member of the Oneida United Methodist Church.

In the late 1930s, Cannon attended a government school for Native American children. He served in the military that included almost four years overseas during World War II. He worked for the U.S. Corps of Engineers for about two years doing hydro-graphical surveys for river maintenance.

He has served on numerous Oneida Tribe boards and commissions since 1972. His interests include real estate, Indian Law, and tribal governments.

A section of ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs, consisting of several lines of text. The characters are arranged in a regular grid pattern, typical of ancient Egyptian writing. The text is oriented vertically on the page.

ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE
BIOGRAPHY FOREMAT
For use with Honor Ceremony - Oneida History Conference II

Correct full name: Howard T. Cannon

Nickname(s) [if any]: None

Date of birth: January 8, 1920

Date of death (if applicapable):

N/A

Business Committee offices held (and dates of each):

Member of B.C. September 1981 - December 1982

Occupation(s):
Surveyor

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

~~Born in the Green Bay area and raised in the reservation area. Left~~
in the late thirties to attend Government School and the service.
Returned in 1945 from Military Service and worked in Areas of Wisconsin
and Illinois in private practice doing land survey work.

Education and school(s):

Graduated 1939 from Flandreau Indian School - majored in pre-engineering.

Wisconsin Land Surveyor's license - awarded in 1958

Illinois Land Surveyors's license - awarded in 1959

Religious affiliation:

Oneida Methodist Church

Activities and interests: Real Estate, Indian Law, and Tribal Government.

Notable accomplishments:

5 Years in the Military Service--3½ overseas in WWII.

Spent 1½ years with the U.S. Corps of Engineers doing hydro-graphical surveys relative to river maintenance work.

Honors and recognitions:

Other pertinent information (be brief):

Served on numerous Tribal Boards and Commissions since 1972.

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M E M O R A N D U M

Charlie,

I didn't get a personal response from Howard Cannon, and when I contacted him by telephone for a follow-up he was very agitated and uncooperative; and even went so far as to say "leave me out of it!"

I only know Howard casually, and thought I had a good rapport with him, so I couldn't understand his attitude.

The information on this biography format was obtained from material we have on file in our department.

I am sorry I couldn't provide a photograph. Perhaps the Kalihuisals may have a file photo on hand or your staff may have better luck in contacting him.

Charlene

