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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

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

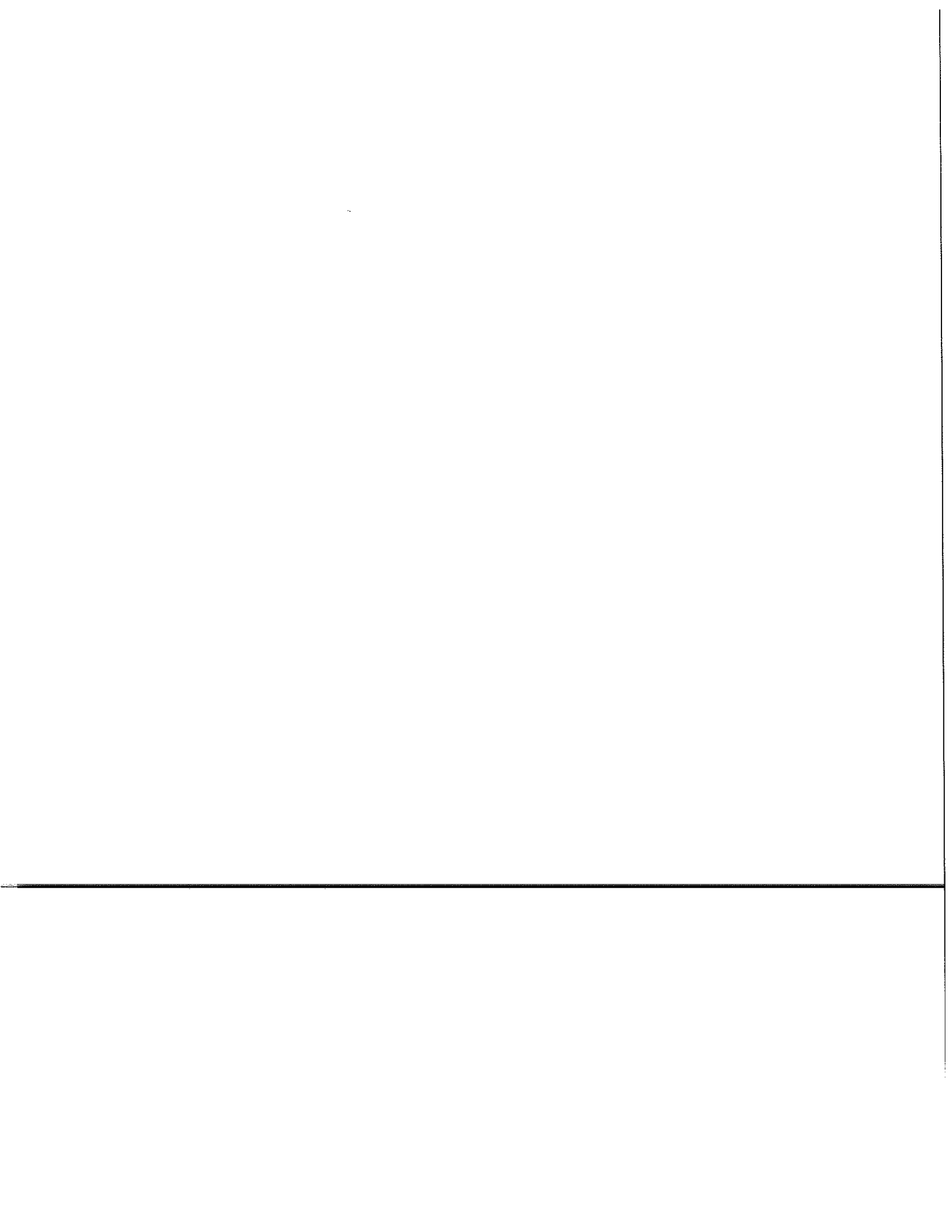
DATE: December 1, 1989

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.

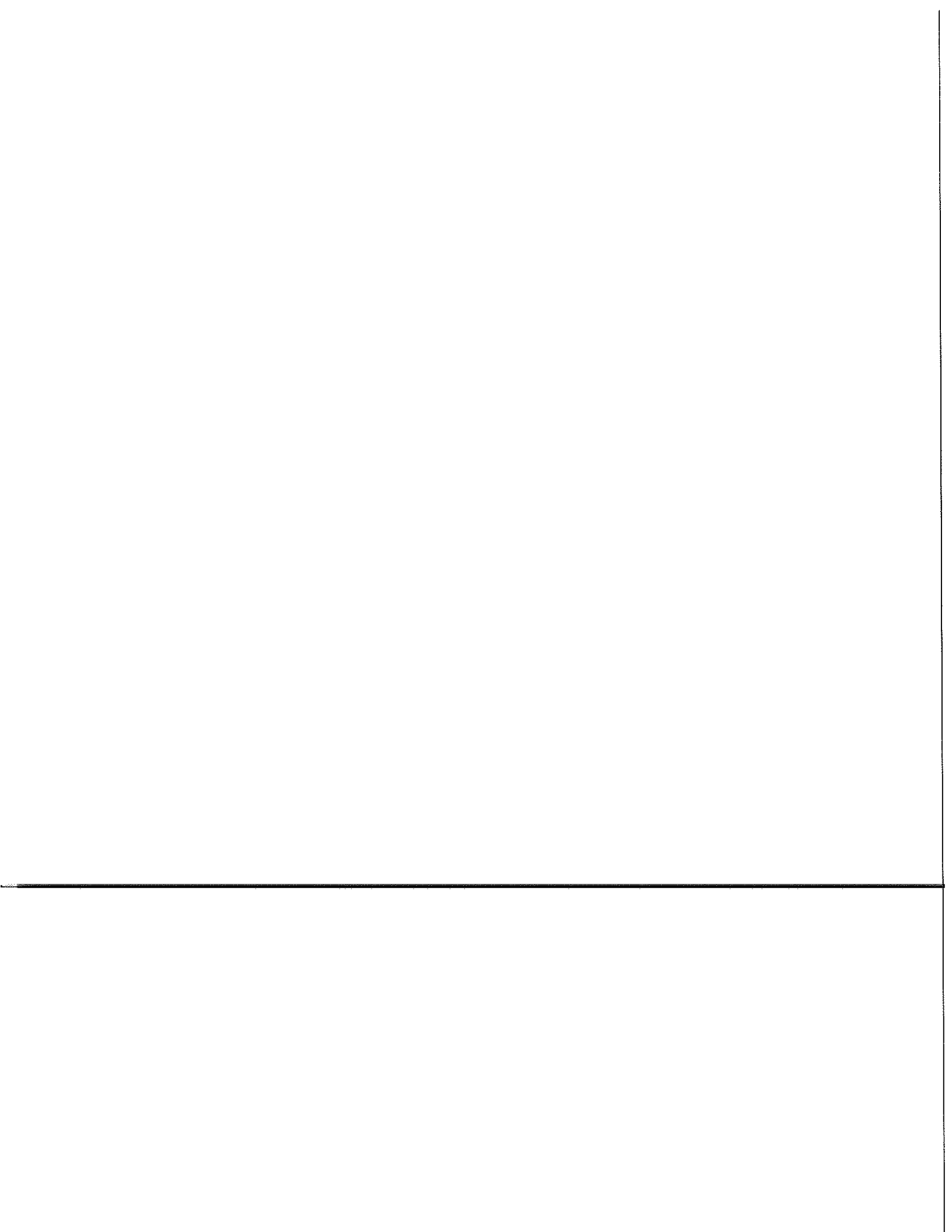
Let me stress that these photographs must be of the highest possible quality. A professional portrait is best (black and white is better than color, but color is usable.) Portrait-like photographs are second best (good, clear head shots or bust shots.) The worst shots are pure amateur photographs that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

If you have any questions, call me.



Peter Mervin Jordan Sr. served as Oneida Indian Tribe Council member from 1975 to 1976. Better known as Merv, he has worked as the Oneida Tribe's Building and Grounds Program assistant manager until 1989. He also worked with the Indian Action Team, Oneida Tribal Development Corp and the Oneida Home Improvement Program.

Jordan, 58, was born and raised in Oneida. He is the son of Ben and Amelia Jordan. He has two children. He attended Silver Summit School in Oneida. He served in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper during (when?).

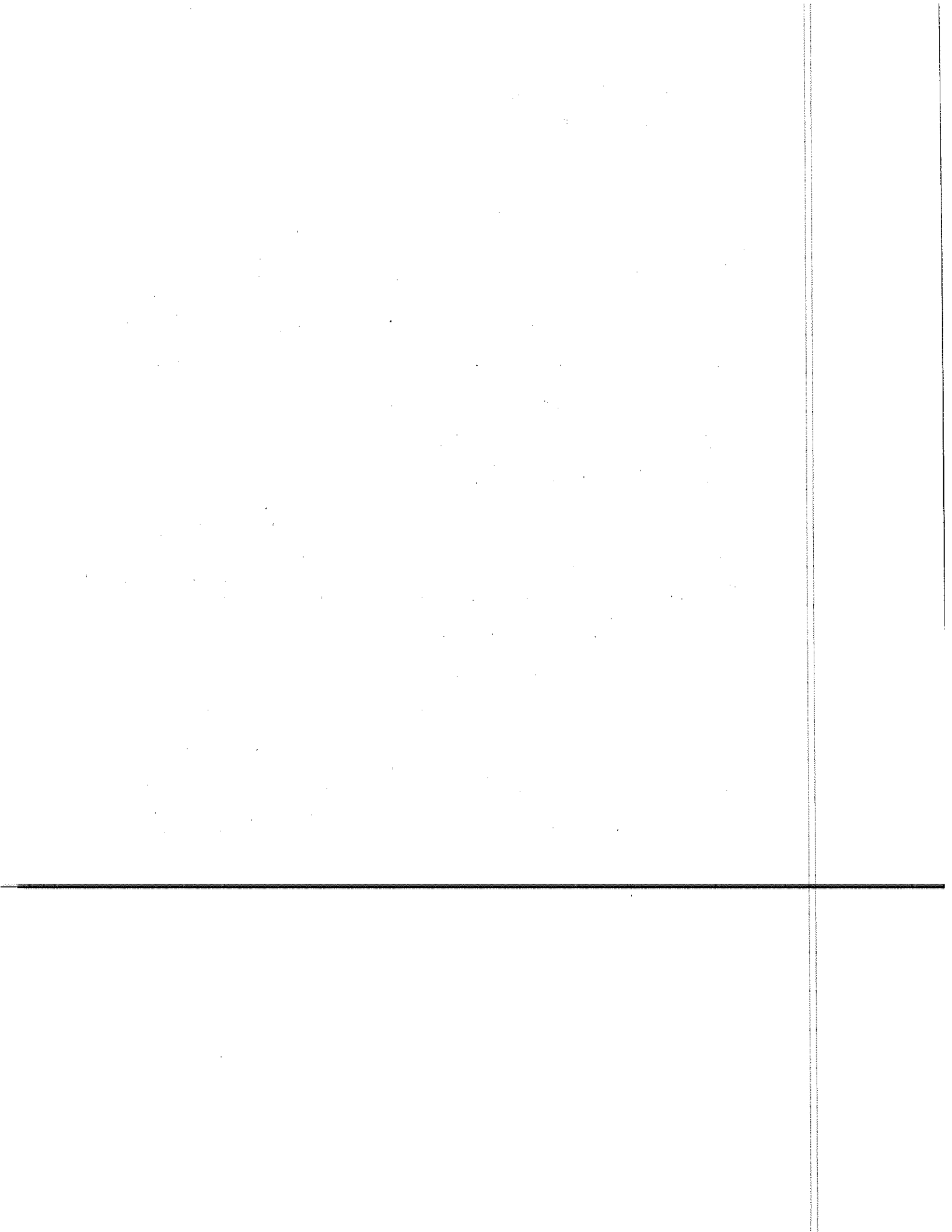
He is a member of the World Wide Church of God. His interests include art, Bible study and fishing.

Pete or Melv as everyone calls him
as born or in Oneida July 27, 1931
and Resided here all his life.

He is the son of Ben and Amelia Jordan,
the youngest of son of four boys and five girls.
Pete has two children, Pete Jr and Pat
(Mrs. Rad Vandeker) and four grandchildren
Marvin Franklin Steen and Joshua.

Pete attended Silver Summit ~~Grade~~ school
he served in The U.S. Army Paratroopers.
Pete held office as a Council member from July 1975
to Dec of 1976. He worked with the Indian
action team, the Oneida Tribal Development
corp, the Home Improvement program
and was the asst. Manager for the Oneida Tribal
Building and Grounds Program until 1989

Pete belongs to the World Wide Church of God
and has interests in art, Bible Study and
Fishing.



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

Correct full name: Peter Mervin Jordan Sr.

Nickname(s) [if any]: Pete - Mer

Date of birth: July 27, 1931

Date of death (if applicable):

Business Committee offices held (and dates of each):

Council member - July 1975 - Dec. 1976

Occupation(s):

- 1977 - 1989 Oneida Tribe - Building and Grounds, Asst. Manager
- Oneida Tribal Development Corp. Construction Mng. for NINH.
- Oneida Indian Action Team, Carpenter Instructor
- G + L in Neokanna • general services of the Neokanna
- Oneida Tribe of Wis. - Home Improvement Carpenter.

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

Neokanna

Education and school(s):

Silver Summit Grade School

Religious affiliation:

World Wide Church of God

Activities and interests:

Art, Bible study, fishing

Notable accomplishments:

He was a U.S. Army Paratrooper

Honors and recognitions:

Other pertinent information (be brief):

He is Ben and Annetta Jenkins' youngest son of four boys and five girls,

he has two children

Pete Jr.,

and Pat (Mrs. Rod Vandehel)

and four grandchildren

Marvin,

Franklin,

Steven

and

Joshua