

# Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

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## 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

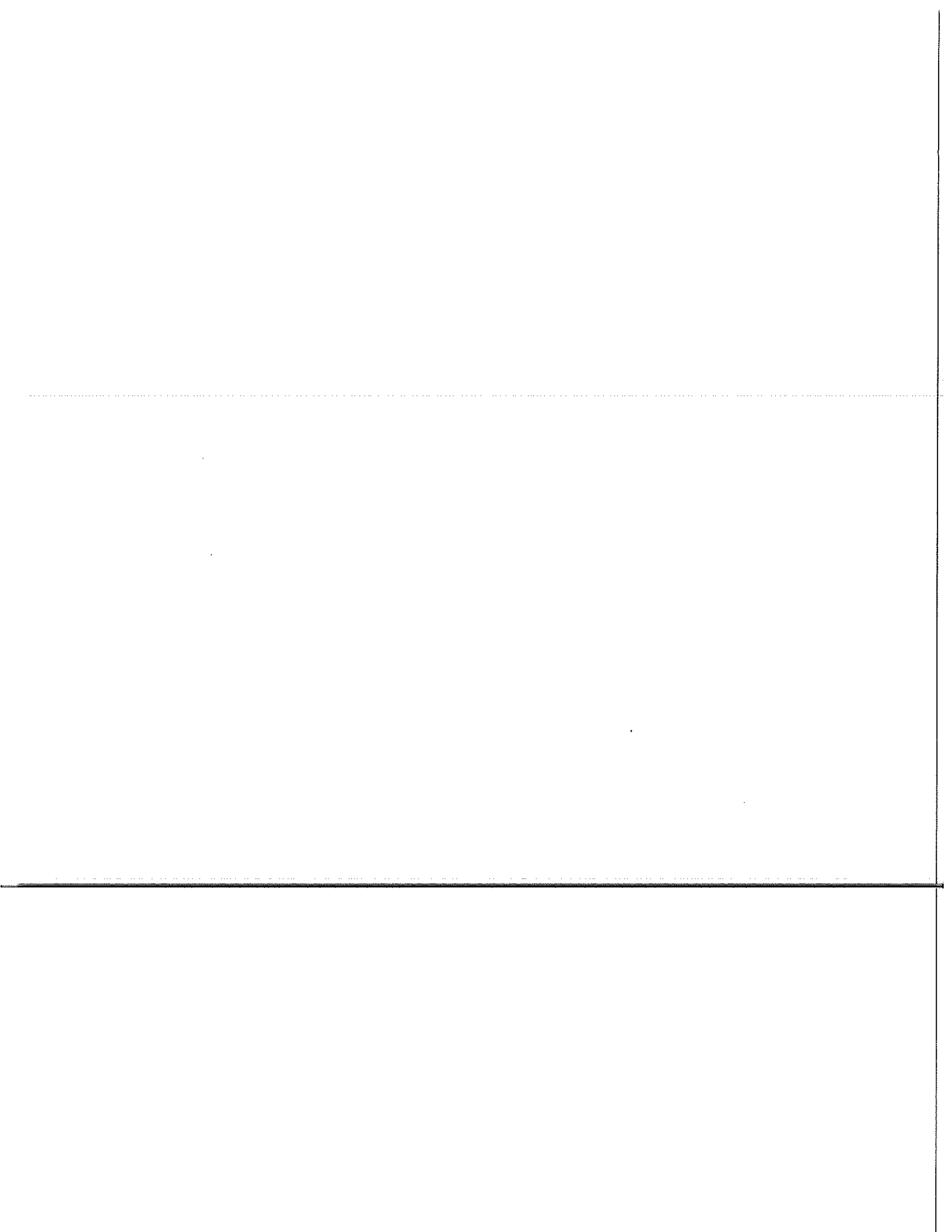
DATE: December 1, 1989

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

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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.

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**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.

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Wendell W. McLester served on the Oneida Indian Tribe Council for many years during the 1970s and was elected treasurer from 1979 to 1982. He was elected councilman from 1972 to 1975 and 1977 to 1978. He currently works as the director for the Oneida Senoir Citizens Programs.

McLester, 59, has served in the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps and National Reserve. He has attended the Oneida Mission School, Green Bay East High School, Milwaukee Technical College, University of Oklahoma, University of Illinois and Northeastern Wisconsin Technical College in Green Bay.

Hi He practices both Episcopalian and Traditional Iroqouis Indian religions. His Oneida name is Yo weh Luhn and he belongs to the turtle clan. He is one of few people who belong to a group called the Oneida Singers who sing hymns in the Oneida language.

McLester has served as an Economic Development Specialist for the Governor during 1971 to 1978. (~~What governor and state?~~) He has owned and managed a TV and electronics store during the 1960s. He has been operating a gift shop that features Native American crafts since 1983.

1. The first part of the document discusses the general principles of the system. It outlines the main objectives and the scope of the project.

2. The second part describes the methodology used for the data collection and analysis. It details the sampling techniques and the statistical methods employed.

3. The third part presents the results of the study. It includes a series of charts and tables that illustrate the findings.

4. The fourth part discusses the implications of the results and offers suggestions for further research. It also addresses the limitations of the study.

5. The final part of the document is a conclusion that summarizes the key points of the research.

"Oneida Reservation Commission on Aging"

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BIOGRAPHY of:

WENDELL W. McLESTER

Full Name; WENDELL W. McLESTER, Turtle Clan

Given Oneida Name; Yo weh luhn

Date of Birth; 10/24/30

Business Committee offices held;

Councilman-----various years during the 1970's.  
Oneida Tribal Treasurer-----1979-----1982

Occupations;

Business Owner/Manager; Wendy's TV & Electronics, 1960's  
Unique & Native Gifts, 1983--present.

Economic Development Specialist; UGLRC---Governors Office  
1971---1978.

Director, Oneida Senior Citizens Programs.1989---Present.

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

Lifelong resident of Oneida except for tours in the  
U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Navy and higher education.

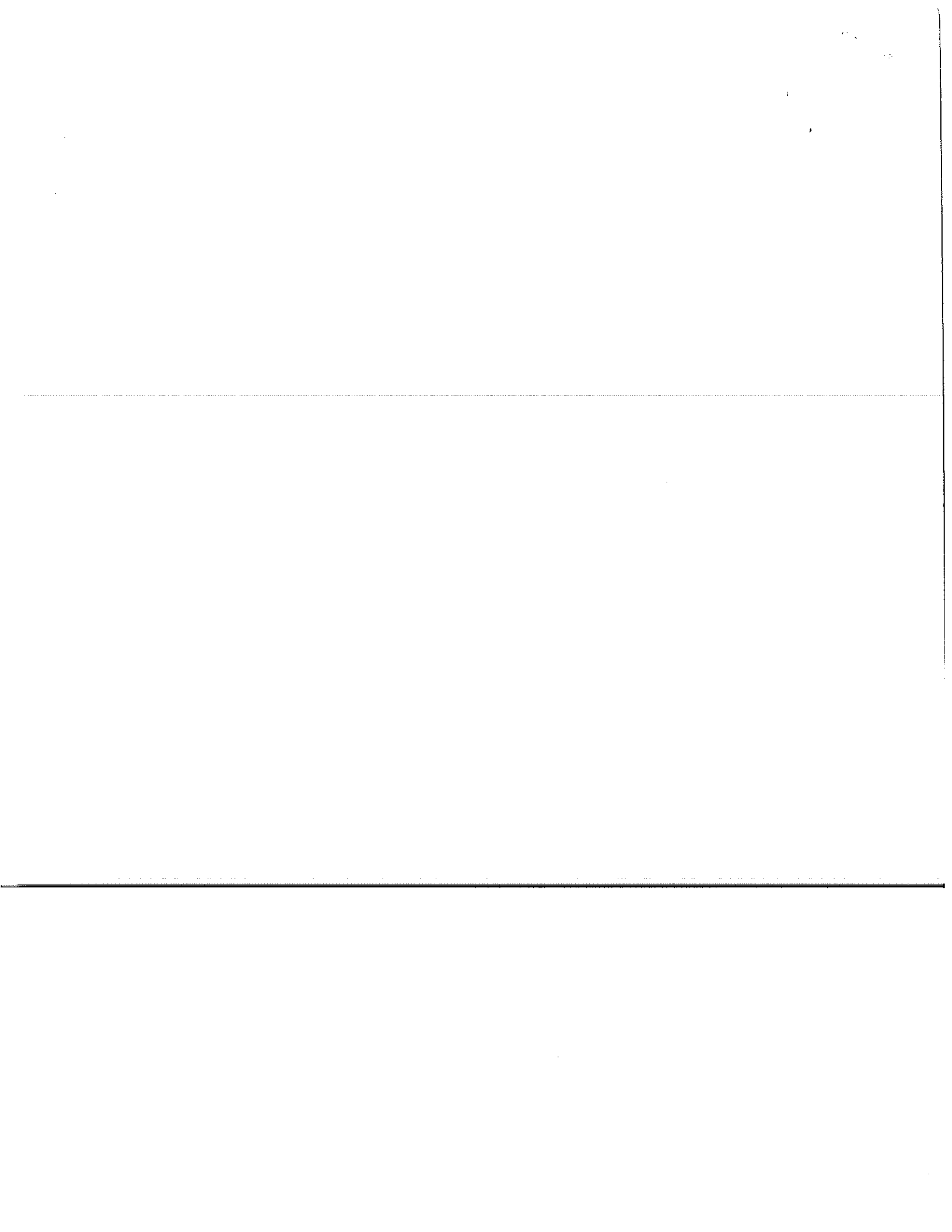
Education and schools

Oneida Indian Mission  
East High School, Green Bay, Wi.  
Milwaukee Technical College  
Univ. Oklahoma, Norman, Ok.  
Univ. Illinois, Champaign, Ill.  
NWTC, Green Bay, Wi.

Religious affiliation;

Episcopalian/Traditional

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Activities and Interests;

I'm a sports enthusiast specifically as a participant in golf. My other interests center around designing and creating gold and silver jewelry, making traditional Oneida , "Gustoweh's" and keeping our Oneida language singing alive.

Other pertinent information;

Publications; 'Indian Industrial Development Manual; co-author.

U.S. Military Service Record; U.S. Navy-----Honorable Discharge  
U.S.N.R. -----Honorable Discharge  
U.S. Marine Corps ---Honorable Discharge

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Tribal Affiliation; Enrolled member Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wi.  
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