

# THE BROTHERTON MESSENGER

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## DEDICATED TO OUR BROTHERTON INDIAN HERITAGE

### TRIBAL MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Brotherton Indian Nation will be held on Saturday, February 16, 1985, at the Hamilton House (corner of Sophia & Forest Avenue) in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. The meeting will begin at 1:30 P.M. , with a social hour following business. Coffee will be provided, but you are asked to bring a snack, relish, or dessert to share with others. An open Council meeting is scheduled for 10:00 A.M. at the same building, and will be over with by noon. This is a good way to see your Council in action. All are encouraged to attend.

The March 16, 1985 meeting of the Brotherton Indian Nation will also be held at the Hamilton House in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. The third Saturday of the month is our meeting day, so mark your calendar right away. We need your input to decide the fate of our tribe. Please try to attend!

### GRANT NETS \$17,818.00

A supplement to the A.N.A. Grant under the title of Social and Economic Development, has been awarded to the Brotherton Tribe in the amount of \$17,818.00. This amount is over and above the original \$74,809 grant monies awarded, and extends the grant period to August 31, 1985. The S.E.D. Grant has already enabled the Brothertons to open a Tribal office known as the PCC (Petition Coordination Center), located in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, at 14 Western Avenue, and helps pay for further research needed in our quest for federal recognition. Thank you A.N.A.!

### RESEARCHERS NEEDED

People are needed to conduct research at: Austin, Texas; Alexandria, Virginia; Chicago, Illinois; Kansas City, Kansas, and New York City, New York. The A.N.A. Grant has allowed us to pay for transportation, meals, and lodging. We need to complete more research before petitioning the government for recognition. All interested parties are asked to contact Lani Bartelt or June Ezold for more information.

### ANNUAL GRESHAM MEETING

The annual meeting in Gresham is tentatively being planned for August. There are a large number of Brothertons living in the Gresham area, for whom this meeting is being planned. Last year, however, there were more people in attendance from other areas of the state than there were from Gresham. We need to hear from the people in Gresham to let us know if they want this meeting. Other people from Minnesota and Iowa have requested that it be held closer to them. You must let us know!!

### GRANTWRITING COMMITTEE MEETING

A Grantwriting Committee meeting is being scheduled at the PCC after the general meeting on February 16, 1985. The committee will be working on grant proposals and possible funding organizations. Those on the committee should plan on attending.

### PIONEER FAMILY CERTIFICATE

Pioneer Family Certificate applications are available from the W.S.G.S for those who's ancestors settled in Wisconsin by 1850. Proof of descent must be provided by an official record, but applicant need not presently live in Wisconsin. The information obtained from applications will be a valuable addition to the history of Wisconsin, and it would be a good idea for the W.S.G.S. to have as much information about the Brotherton Indians as possible. For those who missed the opportunity to send in for the Jean Nicolet Certificate, this is your chance. The cost of the Pioneer Certificate is \$1.50, and applications can be obtained by writing to the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society, Box 5106, Madison, Wisconsin, 53705. Send for yours today!

### BROTHERTON ON THE MOVE

Patricia (Shady) Schreiber left on January 26, 1985, to join her husband, Frederick, who is stationed with the Air Force, in the Phillipines. Patricia is the daughter of Herb and Irene Shady of Fond du Lac, and Frederick is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Schreiber, Sr., of Keil, Wisconsin. Patricia and Irene are descendants of the Potter and Quinney line. Best of luck to the Schreiber family!

# ~CHAIRPERSON'S CORNER~

We, the Brotherton Council, sincerely hope that you had a wonderful Christmas season and pray that you have a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year. We also hope that you are keeping warm this winter. We really have had our share of winter weather in Wisconsin!!

A New Year's resolution to mail each Brotherton member and spouse an informational letter and questionnaire has been carried out. Hopefully you have received yours by now. If so, please complete and return it. We really want to know what you would like your tribe to do; in this instance, in regard to the Brotherton Homecoming and/or Picnic. This questionnaire was planned on being mailed out by the second week in January, but the original was lost in the mail on the way to the PCC office in Fond du Lac. Consequently, we had to do it over again, so it was mailed out one week later. The letter was mailed out on January 17, 1985. If it has taken any longer than two weeks for you to receive it, please inform the PCC office and they will check again with the Post Office in Fond du Lac.

There remains a problem with our third-class mail getting delivered within a reasonable amount of time. A few members are still receiving their mailings as long as four to five weeks later. The Post Office informs us that this is not right. We are checking with many Post Offices to rectify the problem, or at least find the source of the problem. If you are receiving any Brotherton mailings late, please inform us so that we may zero in on the specific Post Office or problem.

The Brotherton Tribe has received official notification from the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) of a supplement to the monies already received, and that the grant was extended to August 31, 1985. We need your help in carrying out the goals of researching our past and current history, for petitioning the government to become federally recognized. This is what the money received from the grant is to be used for. At the present time we are doing all of the research with a small number of people. Why not join the History Committee and become a part of this great undertaking? Experience is not necessary!!

On February 16, 1985, there will be an open Council meeting at the Hamilton Building in Fond du Lac, beginning at 10:00 A.M. The meeting will be over by noon, and then a general meeting and discussion will be held starting at 1:30 P.M. Why not come and see the internal working of the Tribal Council? Can't you give your tribe just one Saturday a month to help further their goal? It is all for your children and your grandchildren. Have you ever noticed that your Tribal Officers and Council Members are from all over the state of Wisconsin?? It takes some of them two to five hours to drive to the meetings, but they do it for you and the Tribe. Please see what you can do for the Brotherton Tribe.

The Grant Writing Chairman, Mark Baldwin, has been working very hard for us with his committee. A grant was sent to the Banta company, for aid in oral taping. A grant is currently being worked on for the National Endowment for Humanities. The committee has been meeting at the PCC office in Fond du Lac, giving of their time and talents.

Other committees are really outdoing themselves with the amount of help they are giving to the tribe. It makes a person feel great to see what has been accomplished in such a short time, by people giving their extra time to our cause. Thank you everyone.

We have been working very closely with the Wisconsin Judicare, in obtaining advice on legal questions; with an accountant in Fond du Lac; working with and getting some direction from another anthropologist; and with our Tribal Genealogist who will be spending some time with us in the near future. We have also been working very closely with Sister Virginia, the Head Librarian at Marian College in Fond du Lac. She has given us so much support in our efforts, as well as much guidance with our archives. We are also planning on having our members help us with out of state research. If you are located in or around; Kansas City, Kansas; Austin, Texas; New York City, New York; Chicago, Illinois; or, Alexandria, Virginia, and would like to read newspapers, books, government documents, or visit archives, please send us your name. Even if you don't live nearby and would like to do research at any one of the places, send us your name and we will see what we can do as far as expenses. You will receive full instructions on what is needed and how to get it, and money will be made available to you. Doesn't it sound exciting?

Your research for the tribe, which is needed for the Brothertons to become federally recognized, is a page from the history books done by you. You don't have to be a historian or a professional researcher. You only need to have an interest in the Brothertons or the willingness to be of service to us. Right now we have a gentleman in Fond du Lac, not a Brotherton, who is interested in our cause and has been doing research at the library. We also have a well known historian from Fond du Lac, who has donated information to us, plus a retired editor from a Fond du Lac newspaper has donated several items to us, including; a set of Wisconsin History Collection books, for the archives. These dedicated people and the History Committee can't do it all. Please come forward to be counted. Volunteer your time - we all need you.

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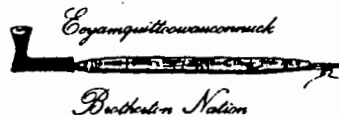
The meeting on February 16th is a very important meeting to attend, as well as the meeting in March. At these meetings we will have the second and third readings of the amendments to the constitution and by-laws that the Tribal Council has been working on. These are important changes that need to be completed before the election of the Nominating Committee in March. There will be an election of the Tribal Officers and two Council Members in May. The next few meetings are very important to those who care about the people who run the tribe. Why not start by attending the February meeting? We're looking forward to seeing you there.

The Tribal Office (Petition Coordination Center) has been busy this past month. To date there have been about 14,000 pieces of research materials copied and catalogued, 800 letters have been mailed out, 38 people have visited our facility, and our staff has made 70 to 80 local phone calls, and 15 long distance calls. They have indeed been busy!

Feel free to call the PCC (414-923-3173), or write to us at 14 Western Avenue, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, 54935, or come to see us in person. Our staff would enjoy your visit, and while you are there you can see the Brotherton Photographic Exhibit. If you have questions, feel free to ask, and if they don't know the answer our very capable staff can direct you to someone who can. If you have artifacts, photographs, letters, books, etc., that you would like to donate to the tribe, the PCC can handle that for you also. They make copies and give you a receipt. The Brothertons have a safety deposit box in our name, and an archives to keep your Brotherton memorabilia in safe keeping. We need these types of articles to help with our petition for recognition. We are getting closer to the realization of that goal. Please help us. Remember, we are all in this for the good of our tribe, not any personal gain.

If you have any comments, concerns, or suggestions, please let me know. Remember we meet every third Saturday of the month at the Hamilton Building in Fond du Lac. Hope to see you there!!

June Ezold, Chairperson  
Brotherton Indian Nation  
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Arbor Vitae, WI 54510



#### IN MEMORY OF

We are saddened to report that three Brothertons have passed from our flock in the last few months. They were Elders of our tribe and will be missed by friends, relatives, and other Brothertons who never had the pleasure of meeting them. Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of our dear departed.

Pearl Welch Lomblo of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, died on August 13, 1984. She was born on October 5, 1904, at Brothertown, Wisconsin, and on January 11, 1969 married Kelvin Lomblo in Fond du Lac. Pearl's parents were Warren Welch and Eldora Kindness. She leaves two sons, two daughters, and one step-son.

Hazel Welch Jackson of Venice, Florida, passed away on January 2, 1985. She was born on March 9, 1888 in Wisconsin, and was the daughter of Eva Beaman, a Stockbridge, and Ai Welch, a Brotherton. Hazel's ancestors included: Erastus Welch and Jane Baldwin, grandparents, who were both born in Oneida County, New York; John Baldwin and Oreilla Peters, and William and Nancy Welch, great-grandparents. Hazel Jackson is survived by a daughter, Demassqua Stroder, of Venice, Florida.

Dorothy Bostwick Zinkgraf of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, left this world on January 18, 1985, at her home. She was born on March 15, 1922 in Fond du Lac, and on September 12, 1942 was married to Oliver P. Zinkgraf in Fond du Lac. Dorothy's parents were Elmer Bostwick and Mary Ann Berrens, and was descended from a long line of historic Brotherton families, including: Elmyra Dick, William Dick and Juliette Peters, and from the Lucy Cohegan family line. Dorothy is survived by six children and a sister, Marian Wood of Fond du Lac.

They have "gone home" to meet their ancestors, and are at peace with God.

# BROTHERTON NATION MINUTES

## ABRIDGED MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 15, 1984 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING, FOND DU LAC, WISCONSIN

- Meeting called to order by Tribal Chairperson, June Ezold, Arbor Vitae, at 9:30 A.M.
- Minutes of the November 17, 1984 Tribal Council meeting were read by Lani Bartelt, Milwaukee, and approved as read.

### CORRESPONDENCE

- June Ezold, read list of people she had written to, including; Barb Snyder, accepting her resignation as publicity chairperson; COACT; Bob Gough, Tribal Anthropologist, lack of communication; Doris Straw, Newberry Library research materials; Ray Tousey, Wisconsin Indian Grant Scholarship application; History Committee members, next meeting date; Dr. John Turcheneske, accepting his letter of resignation; John Holzhueter and Nancy Lurie, letter informing them of the new ANA Grant received and location of PCC; and the Computer Consulting and Programming Association in Washington, D.C., future computer selection and purchase information.
- June Ezold, read list of letters received from the following people; Wisconsin Judicare, setting up payments for researchers; Bob Gough, stating he would attend the December meeting; Jack Campisi, future petition research and anthropological work and fees.
- Discussion took place with the following action; Jack Campisi, send copy of rough draft for his review, and inform him of the ANA Grant monies received for research assignments; Bob Gough, was need to discuss much in person, and time should be set up for him to report to the Tribal Council, also, a monthly report needed from him.
- Tribal Chairperson announced an additional \$17,818 from the ANA Grant, which was originally requested, and an extension of the grant period. Notification in writing still pending.

### REPORTS

- GRANT Report -  
Petition Paraprofessional, Vivian Haase, Marshall, had been in contact with; Rose Tousey, Membership Chairperson, will be bringing in materials for copying soon; and Rudi Ottery, Tribal Genealogist, will be sending her materials to the PCC in January. Vivian has been working closely with Sister Virginia, Head Librarian for Marian College, and Jayne Elsen, Archival Paraprofessional. Jayne has copied over two boxes of materials, about 7,005 pages. Vivian has typed up file labels for future archival folders, and a letter requesting some research information from the Stockbridge-Munsee Historical Museum at Bowler, Wisconsin.
- Research Paraprofessional, Lani Bartelt, has prepared newspaper, courthouse, and out of state research for future research volunteers, and has made some research assignments to History Committee members. A list of books already read is being typed, as well as books to read in the future. Also researchers contacted to complete their past assignments.
- Petition Coordination Center staff has completed the following work assignments: sent out 418 "Open House" invitations; received 42 phone calls; sorted and mailed the December issue of the Messenger; sent out research volunteer questionnaires; engraved office equipment; sent publicity releases about the tribe to local radio and television stations; and has filed all time sheets and in-kind sheets. Jayne Elsen, has devised a new "time-line" criteria cards for brochures, and a research volunteer card kept on file at the PCC. Decision made for Jayne Elsen to conduct History Committee research workshops.
- TREASURER'S Report was given by Leo Tousey, Treasurer, West Bend,

BROTHERTON TRIBAL ACCOUNT  
\$ 31.47 bal. as of 11/17/84  
\$ 19.50 donations received  
\$ 60.97 bal. as of 12/15/84

BROTHERTON NATION ACCOUNT  
\$11,618.47 bal. as of 11/17/84  
\$ 9,076.58 payroll, supplies, etc.  
\$ 5,242.00 ANA Grant money received  
\$ 7,783.49 bal. as of 12/15/84

### OLD BUSINESS

- New "write-in/wipe-off" boards for research assignments are on order and will be in soon.
- Locks for file cabinets at the archives not installed due to the office supply store burned down. Locks are on order.
- Amendments to the constitution and by-laws were discussed, and will be read at the January meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS

- Boots Sampson, Council Member, Fond du Lac, stated that he was making arrangements for engraving the file cabinets at the Marian College Archives.
- Payments for two months rent at the Hamilton Building, through February, was approved.
- Open Council meeting for February 16, 1985 was approved.
- Due to lack of response from the publicity released from the PCC staff, discussions with Mark Baldwin, Social and Economic Development Grant Advisor, Madison, should take place in the near future for further direction.
- Motion made to adjourn the meeting, motion carried. Meeting adjourned by June Ezold, Chairperson, at 12:00 P.M.

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ABRIDGED MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 19, 1985 GENERAL TRIBAL MEETING, FOND DU LAC, WISCONSIN

- Meeting called to order by June Ezold, Tribal Chairperson, Arbor Vitae, at 2:00 P.M.
- Minutes of the December 15, 1984 Tribal Council meeting were read by Tribal Secretary, Lani Bartelt, Milwaukee, and approved as read.

CORRESPONDENCE

- June Ezold read letters received; Dept. of Public Instruction, meeting to held in Eau Claire, Wisconsin; researcher's packet, for future research of Episcopal church records in Austin, Texas; Materials from the Dept. of Natural Resources; Youth Corp. of workers summer job program; Dept. of Health and Human Services, three day workshops to be held in January, in different locations around the country; Materials from the Wisconsin Dept. of Regulation and Licensing, recruitment of candidates for position in Bureau of Health; George King, enrollment and scholarship forms; and from Lightfoot Fay, returning completed researcher's form.
- Correspondence was written to the following: Jack Campisi, research and petition information and his coming to Wisconsin in February; and June Ezold had written to New York, Chicago, and Austin, Texas, for lodging and restaurant information for the research trips.

REPORTS

- TREASURER'S Report was given by Leo Tousey, Treasurer, West Bend. Balances in accounts were as follows: Brotherton Memorial Fund, \$45.00;

BROTHERTON TRIBAL ACCOUNT  
 \$ 60.97 bal. as of 12/15/84  
 \$ 25.00 donations received  
 \$ 37.15 bills paid  
 \$ 48.82 Balance as of 1/19/85

BROTHERTON NATION ACCOUNT  
 \$ 7,783.89 bal. as of 12/15/84  
 \$ 6,653.91 payroll, supplies, etc.  
 \$ 4,459.00 ANA Grant money received  
 \$ 5,588.98 Balance as of 1/19/85

- Discussion followed, whether to pay for Hamilton Building through June meeting. Money for the June meeting donated by Carl Ezold and Faith Ottery.
- GRANT WRITING COMMITTEE Report was given by Mark Baldwin, Madison. Mark reported that: a grant proposal was sent to the Banta Company for funding an oral history taping; a grant to the National Endowment for the Humanities is being worked on; a file has been set up at the PCC for future grants, and that he had met with Sister Virginia Murphy, Head Librarian at Marian College, to discuss a grant for purchasing a computer system for indexing all collected materials.
- SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT Report was given by June Ezold, ANA Grant Administrator. June explained some of the activities which took place at the PCC, including: 38 people had come to the Tribal Headquarters for meetings, family history and genealogy, etc.; 46 phone calls received, 70 local calls made, and 15 long distance calls made; from December 15, 1984 to January 19, 1985, 4,536 copies of history materials have been made, a staff meeting was held on January 18, 1985; research assignments had been given to ten researchers; and a three month report is being made to send to the A.N.A.
- COUNCIL MEETING Report was given by June Ezold. She stated that she had visited with our accountant about the possibility of being taxed in Fond du lac, by the tax assessor. We may have to fill out much paperwork, but we are a non-profit organization, so there shouldn't be any assessments made on us.

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- NEWSLETTER Report was given by Tim Vanderhoef, Editor, Kenosha. He stated that to-date, there were 72 subscriptions to the 1985 Brotherton Messenger, with a balance in the account of \$670.86. The December issue was mailed out of Fond du Lac on December 6, 1984, but some subscribers didn't receive theirs until January 7, 1985. The Post Office says they are still looking into the problem, but assures us it's not the Fond du Lac Post Office. The deadline for information to be included in the February issue will be February 26, 1985. The deadline for subscriptions to be received and still cost \$6.00 will be January 31, 1985.
- GENEALOGY AND ENROLLMENT Report from Rudi Ottery, Tribal Genealogist, Middlebury, Vermont, was read by June Ezold. She stated that she had spent 20 hours to-date on genealogy; acquired three out of print books on Samson Occum from Dartmouth College; spent two hours on phone with Council Members or other Tribal Members; spent one hour locating Narragansett language materials in published form; traveled about 250 miles to libraries and post office, or about 20 hours travel time. Travel time and office expense to be donated as in-kind contribution. Rudi also reported that all enrollment mail is caught up, with 25 hours spent on enrollment and five hours spent on looking up data for tribal members. June then noted that ALL tribal members should keep tract of all in-kind donations made to the tribe.
- HISTORY COMMITTEE Report. June Ezold asked that a History Committee Member that attended the morning meeting at the library report on what they had done. Faith Ottery, Madison, stated that she felt Jayne Elsen, Archival Para-Professional, Fond du Lac, who conducted the meeting was very organized, and had all sheets prepared ahead of time. She felt that everyone had accomplished much during the morning session, reading books that mention the Brothertons. Faith also suggested that, as a way to get more Fond du Lac Brothertons involved, the History Committee Members should go out to canvas the Fond du Lac area, and speak to Brothertons in person. This could possibly take place in March.

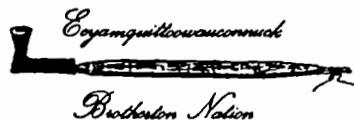
#### OLD BUSINESS

- Suggested By-Law changes were read for the first time to the general membership, and each change was discussed. These are changes that must be read three times before being voted on for approval or disapproval, and must be completed before the elections in May.
- A suggestion was made for Tim Vanderhoef, Newsletter Editor, to include a note about the three readings, in the next Messenger, to get the Fond du Lac area members to attend.

#### OPEN DISCUSSION

- Lani Bartelt asked if the Grant Writing Committee was writing a grant to the Wisconsin Community Fund. Mark Baldwin, Grant Writing Committee Chairperson, Madison, stated that at this time they were not, but he would be glad to help if someone was interested.
- June Ezold announced that for those who had not heard, she had received official notification from the A.N.A., that the Brothertons had been funded an additional \$17,818.00 that we had originally requested. This means that the PCC job positions and research monies will be extended through August 31, 1985. June then commented that Mark Baldwin had done a terrific job on the grant. Mark stated that so many others deserve the credit also.
- Tim Vanderhoef then presented the tribe with two "Jean Nicolet Certificates" obtained from the Bay Area Genealogical Society from Green Bay, Wisconsin. The certificates, one made out to "The Brotherton Indian Tribe" and the other made out to "The Brotherton Indian Nation", will become a valuable addition to the Brotherton Archives, and should help us in our petition, which shows that the Brothertons are recognized by B.A.G.S. in 1984, 1822, and 1832.
- Apology made to Ron and Clarice Gall, Racine, for not acknowledging their 39th wedding anniversary at the November 17, 1984 meeting. Congratulations then made to the couple for celebrating their retirement January 9, 1985. A cake in their honor was to be served at the lunch following the meeting.
- Motion made to adjourn the meeting made by Mark Baldwin, seconded by Dan Vanderhoef, Council Member, Racine. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M. by June Ezold, Chairperson.

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# Grantwriting Committee --- Report

The past three months have been busy for members of the Brotherton Grantwriting Committee. A proposal to fund an Oral History Project was sent to the Banta Foundation in Menasha, Wisconsin, on December 24, 1984. A decision on funding the \$16,500 project will be made in late spring.

Inquiries were sent to approximately 50 local, state, regional, and national funding agencies requesting grant guidelines and deadline schedules. A Grantwriting Committee file has been established at the Petition Coordination Center in Fond du Lac, where all collected information will be stored.

The committee is in the process of developing grant proposals to be sent to the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), and the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC.) The NEH Grant would fund continuing historical research for up to a 36 month period. The NHPRC Grant would fund an automation project incorporating the use of a computer to further index the collected materials and provide training to members in using the system.

At a recent Grantwriting Committee meeting, members were surveyed to see what type of projects they felt were most important to seek funding for at this time. There was an interesting variety of responses, but there seemed to be a consensus that the following five items were the most important priorities:

1. Continued funding of the Administration for Native Americans - Social and Economic Development Grant.
2. Purchase and incorporation of a computer system for indexing all collected materials.
3. Funding for the tribal newsletter. \*
4. Preparation of a historical/anthropological narrative for the acknowledgment petition.
5. Funding for an Oral History project.

The survey also asked which items were least important at this time. Responses were more diverse to this question, but the four items below received the largest number of votes.

1. Advanced training for Council Members and tribal leaders.
2. Funding for the tribal newsletter. \*
3. Funding of a small business enterprise.
4. Funding for building/land purchase.

My thanks to everyone who took the time to participate in the survey. It has helped us to understand which areas to ask for funding in.

There are many ways each of you can assist the Grant Writing Committee. While we are always looking for good writers, we also need volunteers who can assist the committee in other ways. Take a look at the list below to see if there is some way you can help.

1. Do you have an electric typewriter which you could loan for a specific grantwriting session?
2. Can you serve as an "on-call" typist? Many times grants are written in a series of drafts, and we need people who can volunteer their time to type things on short notice.
3. Can you volunteer time to collate and assemble grant applications?
4. Can you make a financial donation so the Grantwriting Committee can purchase materials and publications which would improve our effectiveness in soliciting grant funding?
5. Can you provide accommodations in the Fond du Lac area so Grant Writing Committee members can assemble and work at the PCC for two to three day periods?
6. Would you be willing to check with your employer or church, to see if they support the funding of non-profit charitable organizations, such as the Brotherton Nation, Inc.?

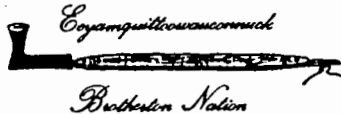
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7. We need people to submit their ideas and any information they have on possible funding sources.

If you can provide any of these services, or if you are interested in becoming a member of the Grantwriting Committee, please write to me at the address listed below, or call me at (608) 273-3704. We need your help to write up proposals for funding, and ultimately, to gain federal recognition. We look forward to your assistance and support.

\* Note- "Funding for the tribal newsletter" had a mixed view, appearing in the "most important" and the "least important." This can be interpreted as being an important means of communication between Brotherton descendants, but as it is self supporting by means of collecting subscriptions, it did not need a priority funding as some of the "most important" projects do.

Mark Baldwin  
Grantwriting Committee  
302 Kent Lane, #103  
Madison, WI 53713



## WHO'S WHO:

As an introduction to new Messenger subscribers, my name is Mark Baldwin. My Brotherton ancestry is through the WIGGINS line. I have a degree in Mass Communication and I am the former editor of the newsletter. I was also a Brotherton Tribal Councilmember. Since 1980, I have been involved with the Brothertons' reorganization efforts, and have served as a member of the Grantwriting Committee since 1982. I am now the chairperson of that committee. I am employed as an Energy Advisor, and reside in Madison, Wisconsin.

With the award of the A.N.A. Social and Economic Development Grant in September, 1984, I was appointed A.N.A. Grant Advisor, by June Ezold, Tribal Chairperson and A.N.A. Grant Administrator. Since that time, I've worked closely with June and the grant staff in developing time and material accounting procedures, formulating grant policies, revising the budget, and providing operational and administrative recommendations. In cooperation with Sister Virginia Murphy, Head Librarian of Marian College in Fond du Lac, a training workshop was held at Marian College in November, 1984. It's purpose was to explain S.E.D Grant objectives, scope, and to give volunteers a tour of the new home for the Brotherton Tribal Archives.

My role in this grant is strictly advisory, and my services are offered on a voluntary basis. It is truly gratifying to witness the tremendous progress which is being made by the grant staff, and the spirit of cooperation which makes that progress possible. I encourage every Brotherton to visit the Petition Coordination Center in Fond du Lac, and discover for themselves, the excitement and rededication which is providing expression for a new chapter of Brotherton history.

In the next issue of the Messenger, the five objectives of the A.N.A. S.E.D. Grant will be explained, and a report will be given charting our progress in fulfilling those objectives.

In closing, I would like to stress how important it is to have everyone's active support. We would not be where we are today if it were not for the commitment Olivia Tousey, Phyllis Frederick, John Turcheneske, Bob Gough, and many other people. Because of their contributions a completed acknowledgment petition is within sight. Join with us as we celebrate those accomplishments and the advent of a completed petition.

Mark Baldwin  
SED Grant Advisor  
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Madison, WI 53713

### A BIRTHDAY DONATION

In honor of Margaret Highman's birthday on February 24th, Jerry and Cynthia Highman have donated money to the Brotherton Messenger. Margaret is the daughter of Edna Lynch and John Verbeten, and a descendant of the HAMMER and MODLIN line. Thank you Jerry and Cynthia, on behalf of Margaret, and the Messenger. Have a happy birthday Margaret!!



# BLOODLINE: *rudi ottery, genealogist . . . .*

## THE BROTHERTOWN PEOPLE DURING THE LATE NEW YORK PERIOD

Religious affairs at Brothertown were troubled after the death of Samson Occom. Kirkland said they were rent and torn to pieces by Seventh Day Baptist teachers and exhorters--and following that, were invaded by Methodists who were not representative of the best of their denomination. The Brothertown Indians were concerned about protecting their nation from divisions and animosities which would ruin them.

When Samuel Kirkland preached to them, he heard sighs and groans now and then, but there was no crying out as he had heard there would be. He had heard that some cried out, fell on the floor, said a power had come over them--which carried them beyond themselves. Kirkland said he spoke to them tenderly about this; and they said they were confused by it too, and did not ascribe it completely to the Holy Spirit--but they felt that those upon whom the power came must be highly favored by God.

When Kirkland returned another time, his services were attended by all of the fragmented divisions of the tribe--the Methodists, Baptists, Separatists, and Presbyterians. In 1793 the Rev. Samuel Ashbow, their old acquaintance from the coast, visited them. Ashbow was then 75 years old.

The "steady" Indians wanted Ashbow to preach while Kirkland was present, but Ashbow declined. After this trip to Brothertown, Ashbow returned to Mohegan and died. David Fowler, Jr. absorbed Ashbow's views for awhile, but his father was one of those Kirkland said remained among the "steady" Indians of Occom's flock.

The final result was a congregation of Baptists with Separatist tendencies, and a Methodist party which did not really survive. Kirkland continued to preach to the "steady" Indians. The Baptist party again became divided, with some becoming Freewill Baptists. Elder, Isaac Wauby, and Elder, Benjamin Garret Fowler, were the ministers of this last group--and the original Baptist group had Elder, Thomas Dick, as their minister. Elder Wauby removed his party to White River, Indiana, and died there in 1824.

All of this caused the superintendents to feel it would be better for the tribe to have a white teacher. A number of Quakers worked among the Oneida Indians, among them Thomas Dean. Dean was selected to work among the Brothertown Indians, but the Indians feared another religious view, and sent a petition to the governor, saying "they did not wish to be made proselytes by any people, but wished to have the liberty of acting according to their own consciences" in religion, and in teaching their children. But Dean was of good character, had no intention of interfering with the religion of the Brothertowners, and became schoolmaster in 1798. He was a good farmer, and was respected for his steady, sober conduct. His wife was a "reliable woman."

Dean said the Brothertown children learned as quickly as the white children. His son, Thomas Dean, became schoolmaster after him. The Brothertowners no longer feared proselytism to the Quaker faith, and he was able to guide them without offending them, and had their confidence and affection. When he married, he settled down to devote his life to the Brothertown people he had adopted.

The Brothertown Indians looked upon him as their white father. He was their surveyor and laid out their roads, their lawyer in the sale of lands, drew up their conveyances and agreements, and held trusts for the benefit of individuals and families. He was interested in the industrial efforts of the tribe, and encouraged them in building, manufacturing, and improved tillage. It has been said that he stability and success of the Brothertown Tribe, during their later years in New York, was due to Thomas Dean. He died in 1842 at the age of sixty-three.

During his late years he did his greatest service for the Brothertown Indians. They were surrounded by white people, a vast area of land in the West was inviting to them, and emigration fever again possessed them. Thomas Dean felt another removal, to Wisconsin, to be wise. In their behalf, he tried to open the way by journeying to Washington with Randall Abner, and to the West. His efforts were successful. The Brothertown Indians named their settlement in Wisconsin - Deansborough, to show their appreciation for his efforts.

One company of Brothertown Indians followed another, in the tribal pilgrimage to Wisconsin--and as death came to the aged of the tribe who remained in New York, and to Thomas Dean, there were few left to attend his burial. "The Indian town of Samson Occom had melted away."

NOTE: This condensation was made entirely from Samson Occom and The Christian Indians of New York, by W. DeLoss Love, Ph. D.

Rudi Hjella Ottery  
Brothertown Tribal Genealogist

# MEMOS FROM RUDI:

My hectic semester is finally over, and I am now almost completely Brotherton property again. I have been dealing with mail which was behind, and copying the information I need from enrollment papers, which are headed for the Brotherton Archives in Fond du Lac. By the first of February, I should be putting in a forty hour week at the computer.

Thank You, Jere Daniell, of Dartmouth College. Professor Daniell has helped us with the donation of a set of out-of-print books concerning Samson Occom, from the Dartmouth College Archives, to the Brotherton Tribal Archives. The books are here now, and will be sent to Fond du Lac soon.

The complete copy of part of the language of the parent tribes, specifically the Narragansett dialect, has been ordered, but has not arrived yet. I placed the order in December, so it should be here soon. I have had no feed-back regarding the vocabulary of the Native American language, which has been included in the past two issues. I have had enough comment about the articles to know that this is to be one type of information desired. I do not want to take up space in the newsletter if I am the only one enchanted with my language "find"-- so if you want the vocabulary continued, please mention it to me, Tim Vanderhoef, or any member you are in contact with who can pass on your opinions to me.

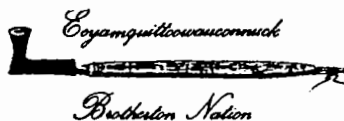
The next article will probably be the last of this series of articles. My previous research worked forward in time only to about 1910-25 for families we were not connected to very closely--because of the privacy act. While I have vital statistics up to date now, I have assigned "the inside story" of various families to several people--more immediate members of a family can tell their story far better than I. The first two will involve Johnson family stories, or information by Maynard Thompson; and Coyhis stories and information by Ernest Baker. They have been working on these for many months now--and Ernest has his brother Harold helping too.

Many families have not been assigned yet, so if anyone would like to write "the inside story" for their Brotherton name or line, please let me know. If I don't hear from you, I'll come after you--so someone with the inclination might just as well volunteer.

I would like to continue with this type of family line, story telling for a time because it is important that we keep this type of information up to date for tribal purposes. There are other genealogical avenues we can follow, such as additional parent tribe information.

Let me know your desires for the genealogical area of the newsletter--whether it's family history written by members of the family line, language vocabulary and information, parent tribe information, or something entirely different.

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## A BROTHERTON BIRTHDAY PARTY

On January 12, 1985, twenty-nine HAMMER, JOHNSON, DEGROAT, and WELCH clan members gathered together to celebrate a surprise birthday party for Frankie Allen Johnson in Oneida, Wisconsin. This happy occasion brought four families together. In the past, Frankie has always been the one who plans the family gatherings, so this time the table was turned. Since the event was such a success and everyone enjoyed themselves, suggestions were made to hold another family get-together, possibly a picnic and hay-ride, either in Oneida or Brothertown, Wisconsin. Plans are also in the making to attend the DeGroat reunion in Minnesota this year.

The following story is written by Ernest Baker of his visit to his ancestor's homeland at Brothertown, New York, and some history of his ancestors. It is the continuation of the first part of his story, from the December 1984 issue. This is a good example of but one type of history that your editor is looking for, to publish in future issues. His story is an inspiration to us all.

THE LAND OF MY FOREFATHERS (continued)

The main purpose of the Brothertons was to civilize the Indians by making them dependent upon the soil. Industry and sobriety was rewarded in payments of nails, glass, and other articles which they could use for improvements. They were living in good, convenient houses which were well kept and clean. Their farms were well fenced, they had good roads, and their crops were larger than needed. In general, they were successful farmers. They raised potatoes, apples, cabbage, hops, squash, corn, beans, grain, cattle, pigs, horses, oxen, and sheep. The Brothertons produced 11,300 bushels of grain, and 3,400 bushels of potatoes. The most advanced state of civilization in this country's Indian life was probably seen here at Brothertown.

Upon returning to the motel, we had received a message to call Kenneth McConnell, the author of the article of the photostat that I had received from the Oneida Historical Society. The next evening we had a very nice visit with Kenneth.

We also saw the home of Samson Occom, and a sign directed the way to Samson Occom's burial site which was about one-quarter mile through a corn field. We did not go to see it, as it had been raining all day. Later we heard from Kenneth McConnell that we may not have found it anyway, because it was not marked.

Before we had started on this trip, I had also written to Rudi Ottery, to ask if we could visit her, and we received an invitation from her to come. We left Utica for Clifton Park, New York, and this was the highlight of our trip. A visit with a very gracious lady, with whom we talked for hours. I was able to supply Mrs. Ottery with some information that I hoped could be useful. Mrs. Ottery gave us the names and addresses of Ferris Dove (Chief Roaring Bull), the only Indian U. S. Postmaster; Princess Red Wing; and Chief Tantaquidgeon and his sister Gladys.

With this wealth of information, we started for Rhode Island. The first place we looked for was the Tamaquag Indian Memorial Museum, to visit with Chief Tantaquidgeon and his sister Gladys. Before we arrived there, we saw a sign pointing to Dovercrest, and followed that sign to the Trading Post, where we asked for Ferris Dove. We were asked what we wanted him for, and I told him that I had written twice and did not receive an answer. Then the man said "I am he." We had a long talk with Ferris (Chief Roaring Bull), who is a direct descendant of Chief Ninigent, who was prominent in early Colonial history. We met Ferris' wife, Eleanor (Princess Pretty Flower), who operates the restaurant Dovecrest. It was just lunch time so we had a delicious lunch there of Johnny Cakes and sausages, with Indian bread pudding. Princess Pretty Flower has won the championship for several years with her Johnny cakes. We were well received by Princess Pretty Flower, and had a nice visit with her. We visited their museum and learned a great deal. We were sorry we were not able to visit with Princess Red Wing, as she was ill, and they thinking of taking her to the hospital.

In the evening we visited with Clifford Guy, Jr. at Jamestown, Rhode Island. He told us about the life of the Narragansetts. On the west side of the island they had clams, on the east side fish were in abundance, and on the land, food and clothing came from the animals. The Narragansetts were the first to use wampum for exchange. They made wampum of clam shells, and also used shells for tools, utensils, and jewelry. We spent a delightful four hours with Mr. Guy and his wife, and he made arrangements for us to visit his cousin, Tall Oak, the next evening at 7:30 P.M.

The next morning we met Chief Tantaquidgeon and his sister Gladys. We had a delightful talk with them and enjoyed their museum. We then visited the former Narragansett Indian Reservation, the Narragansett Church and cemetery behind it. To the left of the church was a ceremonial platform about 40 feet in diameter, built with a three foot stone wall and filled with soil. To the right of the stairway was a large stone, with the initials of the stone mason who had constructed it well.

We returned to our motel about 4:30 that afternoon and found a note telling us to call Tall Oak. They wanted us to have dinner with them at 5:30 P.M., and we accepted their invitation. Mrs. Oak was not at home because she had gone to New York for an Indian conference, but she had made the dinner in the morning so that all the boys had to do was heat it up. Tall Oak is about six feet tall, and has a Mohawk hair cut. We were greeted by two young boys, whom we mistook for girls, as they had pony tails and pretty features. When their father came home, we told him we were entertained by the girls. He then informed us they were boys, about eight and ten years old. Their older son was in high school, a handsome boy with a regular hair cut.

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The Oak's home was a two-story building with an Indian Craft Store on the first floor, and living quarters upstairs. It is on the former Narragansett Indian Reservation. We had a delicious Italian dinner with our Indian host, and talked from 5:30 P.M. until 12:30 A.M., and I taped 180 minutes of the conversation. We shared information about the Narragansetts and my ancestors, and Tall Oak will try to give me more.

Tall Oak and Cammetah of the Narragansett and Wapanoag Tribes are of Charlestown, Rhode Island, and Mashpee, Massachusetts. The Names of Tall Oak's sons are; Taupowaw (Wise Speaker); Weenaata (Man Alone); and Annawon (One Who Exceeds).

We had a wonderful trip and were received by everyone with such hospitality as we never expected. We can't think of any other trip that was so satisfying, and we would like to do it again in the near future.

Ernest James Baker  
Narragansett/Brotherton  
Mesa, Arizona

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Ernest's story and words are an inspiration to many of us who have done our own research on our ancestors. We should all sit down (after reading the Messenger) and begin writing the stories of our parents, grandparents, and bye-gone ancestors. When Ernest decides to go to Brothertown, New York again, I hope we can form a tour, so we can all enjoy it together.

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--The Editor--  
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#### AN INDIAN'S PRIDE

Bert Skeesick turned 81 years old on January 24, 1985. He is the oldest child of George and Clare Skeesick. He lived most of his life knowing down deep that he is part Indian, but back when he was a kid, he, and his sisters and brothers were ridiculed for being Indian. He can remember when he was 12 years old that his father ran off a government agent who came out to give the family "aid" because they were Indians. Bert understood this as a denial of his Indian heritage, but the more my father talks, the more that I understand that his father was a proud man, and would not accept that "aid." My father can hardly believe that he's still one-half Brotherton Indian, and very proud of it. We're having great fun writing down our family history. We wish we'd have started on it sooner. We're very proud of our heritage.

Rosemary E. Kramer  
Brainerd, Minnesota

#### A BROTHERTON UPDATE

For the many new subscribers to the Brotherton Messenger, and for those of you who may have forgotten what has transpired in the past year, and want to know what's coming up in the current year, the following are a few of the items of importance that have taken place in 1984, or will take place in 1985:

- September 1, 1984 - Received grant from the Administration for Native Americans (A.N.A.) under the title of Social and Economic Development in the amount of \$74,809, for a ten month duration.
- November 3, 1984 - Moved the Brotherton History materials from the Tousey home in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, to the new archives at Marian College in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.
- December 1, 1984 - Held Open House for the new Petition Coordination Center (PCC) located at 14 Western Avenue, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.
- December 15, 1984 - Held Brotherton Christmas Party at the Hamilton House in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.
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- February 16th and March 16, 1985 - Important meetings in Fond du Lac. Second and third reading of the proposed amendments to the constitution and by-laws. Must be approved by the March Meeting.
- May 18, 1985 - Tribal Elections. Very important to vote.
- July 20, 1985 - Brotherton Indian Picnic in Racine, Wisconsin. Details to appear in next issue.
- August 17, 1985 - Brotherton Tribal meeting at Gresham, Wisconsin.
- October 19, 1985 - Brotherton Homecoming at the Hamilton House in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

A BROTHERTON CHRISTMAS PARTY



Pictured from left to right, eating the Christmas goodies are: Ruth Vanderhoef, Barb Vanderhoef, Dan Vanderhoef, and Willis Vanderhoef.

On December 15, 1984, over 20 people attended the Brotherton Christmas Party at the Hamilton House in Fond du Lac. A pot luck lunch was served, and all sat around to chat about the Brotherton activities they were involved in, their ancestors, and future plans for the Brothertons. During the afternoon, tours were conducted at the Tribal Office (PCC), and some even ventured down Main Street to find that "special" gift for Christmas. They all met in the spirit of friendship and Brotherhood. A great time was had by all.



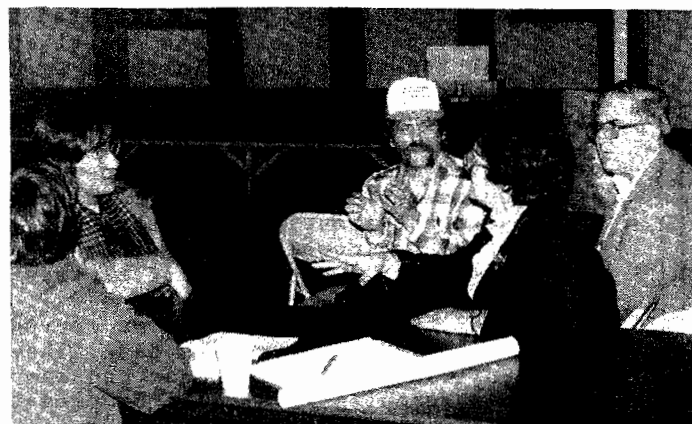
From left to right, these Brothertons are: Gary Elsen, Jayne Elsen, Lucille Baldwin, Boots Sampson, Irma Sampson, Mary Hoey, and Faith Ottery.



Enjoying themselves, these Brothertons from left to right are: Phyllis Mattern, June Ezold, Marge Van Acker, Florence Hoey, and Roger Hanchild.



Seated from left to right, these grinning party-goers are: Maynard Thompson, Lani Bartelt, Carl Ezold, and Blanche Thompson.



Discussing tribal issues, this hard working group from left to right are: Bob Gough, Dan Vanderhoef, June Ezold, and Maynard Thompson.

## A RETIREMENT PARTY

Ron and Clarice Gall, of Racine, Wisconsin, retired from their jobs during the first week in January. They have both worked hard all their lives, and now it was their turn to sit in their easy chairs, and catch up on the things they've never gotten around to. Little did they know that some of their Brotherton relatives were planning a surprise retirement party at their home.

To get them both out of their house for the day was at first no easy task. However, one smart thinking Brotherton thought of a plan that played on their dedication to the Brothertons.... They received a call telling them that the Brothertons at the regular monthly meetings wanted to have a cake in honor of their retirement. They very happily accepted the "special" invitation to the meeting on Saturday, January 19, 1985. So on that special Saturday morning, a van full of Racine Brothertons were on their way to Fond du Lac. Meanwhile, back in Racine, their relatives were busy decorating and preparing food for over 80 people, in anticipation of their return.

It just so happened that January 19, 1985 was the coldest, windiest, bitterest night that Wisconsin has seen in many years. The freezing temperature that night reached 28 degrees below zero, and the wind blew snow over the road so hard it was barely visible. Homeward bound the Racine Brothertons went after the meeting, with some members stalling at the meeting so the Galls would reach their home at the specified time.

The two hour trip back home was no treat in itself. The heater going full out, could not heat the vehicle sufficiently to counteract the bitter cold and howling wind. The windows were soon frosted over, and when the windshield began to collect some white stuff, it was time to slow the van down, putting them behind schedule.

Upon hitting Racine County, the county highways were used to cut across Racine. The wind had drifted over the roads in some places, and visibility was difficult. When nearly close to the Gall residence, a snow drift appeared out of no where. An on coming car made it impossible to swerve, so the drift was hit head on. The impact of the snow bank cause the van to swerve toward the ditch, and the engine killed. While the van was still in motion, the driver cut the wheel to the left, and safely made it back on to the road. There were no screams, only heavy breathing, which frosted up the windows even more.

The van was restarted without too much trouble, but it had to run for a few minutes to dry it out. The Racine Brothertons were on their way again, the Galls still not aware of the destiny that awaited them that night.

The time of truth had arrived, as we approached their driveway, with no place to park. Their driveway normally holds 15 to 20 cars, but it was packed. The street was full too. Clarice immediately thought her daughter was having a "bash," and within an instant was off, running to the house to give her daughter a "piece of her mind." The others left in the van just thought she was cold and wanted to warm up to their fireplace. Ron, however, started to recognize some of the cars in the driveway, and soon caught on to what was going on.

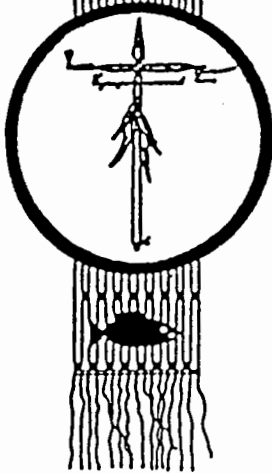
**SURPRISE!!** Friends and relatives greeted Ron and Clarice inside, and the retirement party was finally on. We had suffered much to get there, but the laughter and hearty congratulations made everyone forget the freezing temperature outside. It was time to have some fun at Ron and Clarice's expense.

After visiting for a short time, the entertainment was about to begin. The Vanderhoef brothers had written a story about the Gall's experiences in life, with some slightly exaggerated views, portraying Ron and Clarice's dating, home life, and their jobs. With the help of some Gall family members, the story of their life was read, and the skits were acted out. Though there were some serious moments, the hilarious antics of the performers, combined with the slightly twisted wording of the story, made seeing very difficult. A whole box of tissues were used to wipe away the tears of laughter.

Soon after the skits, a meal was served, and people sat and chatted, bringing up stories of Ron and Clarice's past. They have had fulfilling life, raising five children, building their own homes and campers, having parties in their home for other relatives, camping with their campers club (mostly Brotherton relatives), and now their added interest in the Brotherton Indians. They have also helped trace the HAMMER, MODLIN, WETZEL and LYNCH ancestry, as well as helping the History Committee.

Their willingness to help out at family gatherings, and their dedication to family and friends, has been an inspiration to those who have had the pleasure of knowing them. To Ron and Clarice we say-- "Congratulations" and "The best of luck" in your well deserved retirement!!

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## BACK ISSUES AVAILABLE

Back issues of the Brotherton Messenger are available from the editor for \$1.00 each, including postage. The first Messenger was published in November of 1981, and six issues each year for 1982, 1983, and 1984. A lot has happened to the tribe since 1981, so if you would like to see how much has change, the improvements we've made, and what part of the Brotherton history you've missed by not reading Rudi Ottery's "Bloodline," order your back issues today. Do it now!

## BROTHERTON NATION POSTCARDS

Brotherton Nation Postcards are still for sale from Lucille Baldwin, 522 Wilson Avenue, Apt. #7, Sheboygan, WI, 53081. An eight card package sells for \$1.00 plus postage. The types available are: Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, and a general note card. The note card design is the symbol of the cross formed by a spear and the calumet, or peace pipe. All post cards were designed by Rudi Ottery, our Tribal Genealogist. For more information on the postcards, refer to the October and December 1983 issues, or write to Lucille at the address listed above.

## BROTHERTON GREETINGS!!

Congratulations, Best Wishes, and Happy Birthday to the following people who have recently, or will soon be celebrating their special day. If you know of any Brotherton with an upcoming birthday, anniversary, special occasion, or illness, please notify the editor, or Amy Tousey, Sunshine Committee Chairperson at the address located elsewhere in this issue.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Renona Elsen, Leo Tousey, Charles Tousey, Linda Hankwitz, Phyllis Frederick, Michael Tousey, Christine Tousey, Brandy Tousey, John Lee, Claudette Lee, Virginia Zielicke, Barb Snyder, Paula Toshner, Natasha Schmidt, John Elsen, Donna Aliez, and Terrainna Snyder.

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY TO: Ilene Miller, Jackie Shady, Ervin Miller, Bert Skeesick, and Elizabeth Bischoff.

JANUARY ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO: Herbert & Jackie Shady, Jr., Ray & Cheryl Tousey.

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY TO: Robert Sampson, Thomas Wightman, Barb Ter Beest, Carl Ezold, and Brett Baldwin.

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY TO: Carl Ezold, Jr.

### FROM THE LYNCH LINE...

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY TO: Rick Vanderhoef, Liz Smith, Ginny Stark, Barb Bulgrin, Mary Fox, Margaret Highman, Dennis Wittman, John Peterson, Kurt Vanderhoef, Jennifer Bark, Tammy Hardy, Maureen Bislew, Robby Stark, Marsha Huissen, Tamara Gandee, and Renee Peltier.

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY TO: Ruth Vanderhoef, Ruthann Chernowski, Margie Johnson, Bill Bislew, Rosemarie Bark, Kristine Verbeten, Mark Hollow, Jim Voet, Aaron Fay, Jennifer Peltier, Adam Vanderhoef, Tony Bislew, Allen Green, Christopher Green, Rebecca Peltier, Nicole Gandee, Richard Bulgrin, Amanda Bulgrin, Laureen Nytes, and Cory Wittman.

MARCH ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO Butch & Sarah Jane Matsen.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bill & Rosemarie Bark on the birth of their son, Joshua Robert, on December 18, 1985.

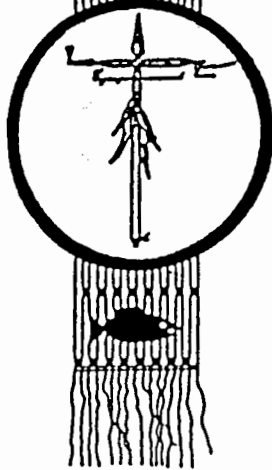
### FROM THE SHELLEY CLAN...

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY TO: Dale Gripentrog, Scott Shelley, Kathryn Neumann, Jean Marie Mosconi, Jamie Gripentrog, Sybil Bertram, Lee Gripentrog, Dianne Gripentrog, Michael Starich, Kenny Schmoll, Slick Decher, Russell Bigelow, Billy Schuh, Linda Topper, Gondy Muslof, Milly Starich, Lois Wilke, Dale Ann Gripentrog, Ken Toll III, Linda Helbling, Michael Baumann, Mildred Gripentrog, Kathy O'Dell, Peter Briggs, Jr., Nancy Searer, David McCarthy, Denise Shelley, Dale Rhodes, Elroy Shelley, Jr., Geo Drnek, Tammy Shelley, Jerry Stein, Crystal Shelley, David Masconi, Tiffany Rhodes, Alma Shelley, Bob Schmoll, Heidi Gripentrog, Trvel Yan Mosconi, Dorothy Boen, and Janice Wetherall.

HAPPY FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARY TO: Tom & Karen Schuh, Dale & Dale Ann Gripentrog, and Gene & Beth Breu.

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY TO: Normie Searer, Mike Starich, Michael Breu, Frank Starich, Robin Bigelow, Lyle Gripentrog, Paul Shelley, Pam Guzzetta, Bonnie Gripentrog, Debbie Stich, Tim Helbling, Sr., Kevin Leitner, Cullen Neumann, Pat Shelley, Lacey Krause, Carrie Miller, Barb Tanner, Dennis Krause, Jay Gripentrog, Arlene Miller, Chad Jones, Ed Rhodes, and Cara Vasa.

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## MESSENGER UPDATE

To date, there are 102 subscriptions to the 1985 Brotherton Messenger. Many people took advantage of sending their subscriptions in early to receive a reduced rate, but others were very generous and sent in more money than what was required. It clearly shows that Brothertons do give freely for their fellow Brothertons. It also shows the interest and importance of our newsletter. Talk to your relatives who don't subscribe, we want ALL Brothertons to be informed of the tribe's happenings.

The cost of the Messenger has been raised to \$7.00 for the calendar year, from January to December. It is published six times a year, in February, April, June, August, October, and December. Any subscriptions received after February 1, 1985, will receive all back issues for that year, which will be mailed with the regular newsletter mailing. The Messenger is mailed on a third-class, non-profit rate, so the newsletter does take longer than first-class mail. It is mailed out by the tenth of the mailing month, so if anyone does not receive their copy by the end of that month, please notify the editor.

## THANK YOU

A special thanks to the following people for their contributions to the Brotherton Tribe:

- Liela Gozdecki, for her gift of money to the Brotherton Tribal account.
- Eleanor Soto, for submitting news articles and information on the Pioneer Certificates.
- Carl Ezold and Faith Ottery, for donating money for rent on the Hamilton Hall.
- Leo Tousey, for printing up labels for the Messenger Mailings.
- Rudi Ottery, for always being available to answer questions over the phone.

## GOSSIP COLUMN

Congratulations to Ron & Clarice Gall of Racine who recently retired. Good Luck!!

Rose Tousey, Membership Committee Chairperson had surgery on January 7th. Hope all is well. We look forward to your return. If you find it hard to contact Rose and Harry Tousey, that's because they've moved to Ripon, Wisconsin.

Word has it that Phil & Olivia Tousey have a dented car. Hope the bumps & bruises have healed without too much discomfort.

The same bird has told us that June Ezold had a scrape with a slippery stairs. Photos are available of Dr. Faith Ottery wrapping June's ankles. "Is nothing sacred?"

Phyllis Mattern of Neenah, Wisconsin, is enjoying her trip to the Holy Land. She states that "this is where it all started." Hope to see you at the next meeting Phyllis. You can tell us all about it.

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Brotherton Reservation maps, Proclamations, pins, and bumper stickers are for sale at the PCC in Fond du Lac. Write for details.

## MESSENGER DONATIONS

A BIG "Thank You" to all of those unselfish Brothertons who donated money to the newsletter account. You have not only shared your generosity with your fellow Brothertons, but have made it possible for the Messenger to operate without money worries until at least August. It also has enabled the use of some limited photos to be incorporated in the next several editions. Something that was too costly before. It has also made things easier for the editor now, getting masters of some pages pre-printed, saving much time and grief. A "special" thanks to the following people: Ernest Baker, Harold Baker, James Ottery, Sr., Carl Ezold, Leonard Welch, Edward Verbeten, Liela Gozdecki, Willard DeGroat, Nancy Lurie, Violet Thiele, Demassqua Stroder, Guinevere Doran, Delphine Miller, Lucille Baldwin, Mark Baldwin, Jerry Highman, Don Bukowski, and one LARGE donation from an anonymous Brotherton.

HAPPY MARCH SHELLEY ANNIVERSARY TO: Rusty & Diane Watkins, Dave & Gladys Shelley, Bob & Diane Bertram, Dorothy & Erv Boen, and Don & Kathy Shelley.

## FOR SALE

Brotherton hats, t-shirts, patches, and can wraps are still for sale from Tim Vanderhoef. The cost and postage for each item is as follows:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>POSTAGE</u>
T-SHIRTS	adult	\$5.50	\$1.00
T-SHIRTS	children	\$5.00	\$1.00
HATS	children	\$4.00	\$ .75
HATS	adult	\$4.00	\$ .75
HATS	women	\$4.25	\$ .75
PATCHES	4x6 oval	\$2.50	\$ .25
PATCHES	3x4 square	\$2.00	\$ .25
CAN WRAPS	all	\$2.75	\$ .50



# OPEN FORUM

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The Brotherton Tribal Council is to be congratulated on the movement of the historical, genealogical, and all archival materials to Marian College. With all the materials at one central location, ready and available for use and retrieval, the tribe will not only be strengthened, but the fact that the Brothertons are an active and working group will also be obvious. A permanent location for the Brotherton Tribal Archives within the Marian College Library facilities is a long step in the direction of recognition for the Brotherton Tribe.

But the locating of these records at Marian College is not the only thing that the Council should be congratulated for... Accomplishments which include the new A.N.A. Grant and the establishment of the new Brotherton office in downtown Fond du Lac are among the results of other Council efforts. Such accomplishments can only be the result of dedicated Council Members working as a team. There were probably differences of opinion as they worked out the details, but it is apparent that their guidelines are focused on what is best for the tribe as a whole.

I made the statement at the Brotherton Picnic last July that the Brothertons had come a long way over the past two years. Since that time, they have not only continued with the progress that has been the tradition of this Council, but they have multiplied their results. The accomplishments that the tribe has seen could only be effected for the tribe through the cooperation and direction of a strong and dedicated Council, who has kept in mind the fact that federal recognition must be obtained before the Brothertons can be a factor in the future of Indians and Wisconsin.

My congratulations and gratitude are extended to our outstanding Council Members, who future generations will remember for their attention to the welfare of all Brothertons, for the way they have handled the problems and business of the tribe, for the teamwork they have demonstrated, and for the progress they have made.

--Willis Ottery--  
Middlebury, Vermont

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Truer words were never spoken, however, these words should have been spoken in December's issue. My apologies to Will Ottery for forgetting to print his letter last month.

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I am so very proud of all of us for the many things we have accomplished this past year, and I think the good Lord must be also, to have allowed us to receive this last A.N.A. Grant to fund so many research projects!

To have a Tribal Office, an archives, a new brochure, reduced postal rates, an election that had more involvement than ever before, a new Messenger editor who's made the transition seem effortless, and the continued efforts from people who have worked so hard over the past years, plus the added support from new people. It is quite overwhelming and almost "too good to be true." The wonderful thing is - that IT IS TRUE! We have accomplished all of this in one year- 1984. I look for only better things for us in 1985!

--Lani Bartelt, Milwaukee, WI--

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## TO ALL BROTHERTON INDIANS

In everything we do, and in spite of our illusion of independence, we are inexplicably drawn to our past. If being an Indian means anything, it means an inability to turn our backs on our heritage. We are commanded by the graves of our ancestors to struggle and procure the birthright they were often denied. Souls are not resting, they are teeming in the ferment of hope. We live again because their hope has refused to die. We cannot explain the bond that holds us together after centuries. We cannot explain how the struggle continues. It is enough that the spark is rekindled!

You may dismiss us! You may refuse to acknowledge us!! But that is no matter. What is in our blood, what remains after tragedy and transgression may to you be indistinguishable, but to us remains honor and pride. That will never be erased, and it is our duty to see that it is never forgotten. Our bodies will not rest as those of our ancestors have not been stilled, if what has been suffered only remains a footnote in history. This blood may dilute, but it will never die. Beyond hardship, beyond neglect, and beyond the grave-- we speak and we survive.

--A Brotherton Descendant--

I have never read, and understood, and felt words like those above. It is a very realistic view of the misfortunes and tragedies that have befallen the Brotherton Indians. Let these words of wisdom be written down in the history books, as those from the mouth of a Brotherton.

--The Editor--

VERY IMPORTANT MEETINGS

The Tribal Council has been hard at work, making some very necessary changes to the Brotherton Constitution and By-laws. These amendments deal with our Tribal Elections, to be held in May of this year. These proposed changes must be read at our general meetings, for three consecutive meetings, before they can be approved or disapproved. Since these amendments are rules and regulations governing the election process, it is vital that these changes be made before the election. If you would like to know what is going on in your tribe, or wish to voice your opinion - please show up for the next two, VERY IMPORTANT meetings on February 16th and March 16th. It's up to you!



----OPEN COUNCIL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 16, 1985, AT 10:00 A.M.----

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# THE BROTHERTON MESSENGER

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## TRIBAL MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Brotherton Indian Nation will be held on Saturday, April 20, 1985, at the Hamilton House (corner of Sophia & Forest Avenue) in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. The meeting will begin at 1:30 P.M., with a social hour following business. Coffee will be provided but you are asked to bring a snack, relish, or dessert to share with others. A History Committee meeting is scheduled for 9:00 A.M. at the PCC office. A session on preserving photographs is planned and all are encouraged to attend.

The May 18, 1985 meeting of the Brotherton Indian Nation will also be held at the Hamilton House in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Elections of Council Members and all officers is slated for this meeting. Please try to attend, or ask for your absentee ballot. The third Saturday of every month is our meeting day, so mark your calendar. See you then!

## NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

At the March 16, 1985 meeting, three members were elected to the Nominating Committee, to prepare a list of names of any individual interested in running for any of the positions at the May election. The positions open for election are: Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Council seats. Requirements for these positions are: you must be at least 21 years of age, a resident of the state of Wisconsin, and be a member of the Brotherton Indian Nation. All Officers elected will serve for a three year term, and all Council Members for two years. Those elected will be required to attend each meeting, unless you have a valid excuse. The members of the Nominating Committee are: Carl Ezold, Arbor Vitae; Tim Vanderhoef, Kenosha; and Bernard Sampson, Fond du Lac. Please contact one of the above mentioned persons if you wish to run in the May 18th election. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the April 20, 1985 meeting. A list of all members running for each position will be sent to you when you send in your request for an absentee ballot. Vote in person, or send for your absentee ballot TODAY!

## BROTHERTON HOMECOMING

Remember to mark your calendar for October 19, 1985. That's when the Homecoming will be this year. The Hamilton House Community Center in Fond du Lac has been reserved for this special occasion, so make your plans now. The time, agenda, and what to bring will be explained in a future edition of the Messenger. Stay tuned!

## SHELLEY FAMILY REUNION

This year the Shelley family reunion will be held at the North Wood County Park, Pittsville, Wisconsin, located on County Hwy. A, on June 29, 1985. It will start at 10:00 A.M., with a meeting at 1:30 P.M., when prizes will be awarded. Those interested in further details, or a list of motels and campgrounds in the area, should contact Mrs. Leon Shelley, 617 Laurel Ct., Apt. #103, Marshfield, WI, 54449, or call (715) 384-3605. Information can also be obtained by calling Cydell Boushon at (715) 659-4215.

## DEGROAT FAMILY REUNION

The DeGroat family reunion will be held on June 29, 1985, at the White Earth School in White Earth, Minnesota, located on Hwy 224. There will be a pot luck lunch at noon, with entertainment following, for adults and children. A supper meal is also planned, with dancing in the evening. For a fun time, and a chance to visit with relatives and friends, please contact Dorothy DeGroat, Box 33, Ogema, Minnesota, 56569.

## ANNUAL BROTHERTON PICNIC

The annual Brotherton Indian Picnic will be held on July 20, 1985, at Pritchard Park in Racine, Wisconsin, corner of Hwy. 11 and Ohio Street. Registration begins at 10:00 A.M., meeting begins at 10:30 A.M., with lunch at 12:30 P.M. A registration fee of \$1.00 per person, or \$5.00 for a family of five or more, will be charged. A potluck lunch will be served and you are asked to bring a dish to pass, and bring an item for the craft & rummage sale. For more information on what to bring, activities, maps, lodging info., etc., refer to the picnic mailing, or contact Tim Vanderhoef. SEE YOU THERE!!

We hope you all had a blessed Easter!! There's a feeling of spring in the air! There is a lot of progress to report. The Tribal Council voted to hire Dr. Jack Campisi, an Anthropologist from Red Hook, New York, to come to the Petition Coordination Center in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, to review all collected materials in our possession. He spent the week of February 10-16th, and worked many long and hard hours reviewing our research collections. Dr. Campisi also met the members of our Tribal Council and the general assembly, on Saturday, February 16, 1985, and then had to leave quickly to catch his flight back to New York.

Dr. Campisi immediately wrote a report revealing all our materials collected for the petition, and suggested certain steps to be taken to insure our petition efforts. His report was received on February 23, 1985, and a special meeting of the Brotherton Nation, Inc. was set for March 2, 1985. The meeting was held to discuss Dr. Campisi's report, his findings, and what action had to be taken. The findings of this meeting was then reported to the Tribal Council on March 16, 1985, at the regular meeting. The Executive Board of the corporation decided to hire Dr. Jack Campisi to write the history narrative for the petition. The PCC staff is now in the process of copying the information in the folders for the research Dr. Campisi will need for the history narrative.

In his writing, Dr. Campisi will find out where the holes in our research are, and our researchers will research what is needed to plug those holes. In this way, we will end up with a very thorough history narrative, and in three months we will be on our way to the start of our federal petition. Good news, don't you agree?

Dr. Campisi wrote his thesis on the Oneida Indians, and therefore is very knowledgeable of the Eastern Indians, and of the Eastern Tribes as they came to Wisconsin. I hope you will all be able to meet Dr. Campisi some day. He's a terrific guy and a big help in our petition efforts. He has helped other tribes with writing their petitions and comes highly recommended. I worked with John Wiley, Indian Unit Director of Judicare, on the contract formulated for hiring Dr. Campisi, and we will be signing the contract in the near future.

At the march 16th meeting we adopted the amendments to the By-laws. We will try to have them printed up, along with the constitution so each tribal family has a copy. We also adopted a resolution at the Council meeting for Dr. Campisi.

Bonding of the Tribal Chairperson and Treasurer is now in process. Our income tax report has been mailed, and we are moving ahead with Brotherton research like a house on fire!! The cooperation we are getting from our fellow Brothertons and spouses is just tremendous and most gratifying. The Council thanks you all. We wouldn't be where we are without that cooperation and hard work. There may be a light at the end of the tunnel after all. Keep up the good work!

Professor Blackwood of Hamilton College, Clinton, New York, will meet with some of the Council Members and PCC staff on April 13, 1985. He will be giving a talk on the Brotherton Indians to the Clinton Historical Society at the end of May this year. He will talk about the Brotherton Indians when they were in New York, when they came to Wisconsin, and about the Brothertons today. Isn't that terrific?! We should all feel honored. The Brothertons are becoming known again.

A letter was received from Rev. Gerald and Sue Alger, a Brotherton minister from Cass Lake, Minnesota, asking for permission to use the Brotherton name, in naming their new church--the Brotherton Covenant Church. The Council has approved the use of the name, but the location of the church is on an Ojibwa reservation, so we shall see if they vote for the use of the Brotherton name for their church.

I have been completing scholarship forms for some of our young people going to school. Hopefully it has been helping them. At the present time this help is available only to Wisconsin members. When our petition is accepted, we can help all of our people. See how important our research on the petition is? This is just one instance where it will prove to be helpful.

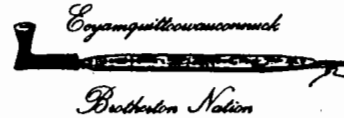
The next two meetings are very important meetings to attend. At our March 16th meeting our Nominating Committee was elected. They will try to come up with names of people to run for the elections at the May 18th meeting. At the election we will be voting for two open Council seats, and all officer positions. At the April 20th meeting, there will be nominations from the floor, as well as nominations from the mail. If you can come to the meetings, please do. If not, please read the letter sent out to announce the elections, and request an absentee ballot. Write to Lani Bartelt, Secretary, for your ballot. Please vote!!

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The next meeting of the Brotherton Indian Nation will be on April 20, 1985. If you are unable to attend, try to be with us in spirit. Remember we meet every third Saturday on the month at the Hamilton Community Center in Fond du Lac. Hope to see you there.

If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or suggestions, please feel free to contact me, any member of the Council, or the Petition Coordination Center in Fond du Lac.

June Ezold, Chairperson  
Brotherton Indian Nation  
Route #4, Box 90-1  
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IN MEMORY OF

We are saddened to report that another Brotherton has passed away recently. Susie (Wetzel) Fitzgerald left this world on February 15, 1985, at the age of 88. Mrs. Fitzgerald was confined to the Masonic Home and Hospital in Wallingford, Connecticut, since leaving her home in West Haven, in 1976. She died peacefully, which was a comfort to those who had expressed their concern for her.

Susie Wetzel was born on March 8, 1897, in Appleton, Wisconsin. Her parents were Minnie Modlin and Joseph Wetzel, and she was a descendant of the Mary E. Hammer line. On December 24, 1923, she was united in marriage to Hunter Fitzgerald, in Springfield, Massachusetts, and lived most of her life on the East Coast. She left no children to mourn her passing, and was preceded in death by four brothers: Henry, Joseph, Frank, and George; and three sisters; Sarah Lynch, Anna Pautz, and Jane Closson.

Susie was the last of her generation and now leaves the Wetzel's of Sheboygan, Verbeten's of Racine, and the Lynch's of Appleton, to carry on the Wetzel Brotherton blood line. She is now with God, and has finally met her ancient Indian ancestors.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON MAY 18TH, AND THE RACINE PICNIC ON JULY 20TH.

BROTHERTON IN THE NEWS

Fellow Brotherton, Dr. Robert Rae, was appointed Medical Director of the Northern Valley Indian Health Clinic, on August 1, 1984. The clinic is located at Oroville, California, which is located about 70 miles from Sacramento. Dr. Rae has about 8,500 Indian clients from all tribes, and is very proud to be working in this area. The Northern Valley Indian Health Clinic has a dental office, as well as providing medical care for the Indians.

Dr. Rae took his pre-medical work at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, and graduated from the University of Southern California Medical School in Los Angeles, California. He has worked in several clinics in the Los Angeles area as a surgeon, before his appointment to the Northern Valley Indian Health Clinic, and has done graduate work at the Leahy Clinic in Boston, Massachusetts, and at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio. He has worked very intensively in chest and thoracic surgery.

Robert Rae is the brother of Vivian Rae Haase, and is descended from the DeGroat and Fowler lineage. His mother was Vivian E. DeGroat, daughter of Charles DeGroat. Congratulations Dr. Rae! You are an inspiration to us all, and make us proud to be your fellow Brotherton.

# BROTHERTON NATION MINUTES

## ABRIDGED MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 16, 1985 GENERAL TRIBAL MEETING, FOND DU LAC, WISCONSIN

- Meeting called to order by Tribal Chairperson, June Ezold, Arbor Vitae, at 1:45 P.M.
- Minutes of the January 19, 1985 general tribal meeting were read by Tribal Secretary, Lani Bartelt, Milwaukee, and approved as read.

### CORRESPONDENCE

- Due to the correspondence being read at the open Council meeting in the morning, June Ezold reported that there would not be as much read in the afternoon general meeting.
- There was much discussion on the reason for Dr. Campisi's visit, and that he had specified that no one else be notified so that he could conduct his review of the collected materials by himself. A written report by Dr. Jack Campisi would be sent by the end of the month.
- Lani Bartelt, Research Para-professional, Milwaukee, reported that she had been in contact with the Methodist Archivist at Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, and also with the Episcopal Archives at Austin, Texas. She also had corresponded with Dwight Stelling at the Historical Institute in St. Louis, Missouri, regarding the Red Springs Mission School records, and with fellow Brotherton, Vicki Cassidy, from Coopers Cove, Texas, stating that she would like to help in researching the Episcopal Church Archives in Austin, Texas. Further correspondence revealed that Eleanor Hearn, from the Episcopal Archives, notified her that most of the material could be located here in Wisconsin, at the diocese in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- June Ezold stated that a letter had been sent to Sheila Moede with the Jean Nicolet certificate that Tim Vanderhoef had obtained for the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe.
- June Ezold had talked to Curly Robinson from Gresham, Wisconsin, and that he said it was all set to have the Gresham meeting at the Legion Hall in Gresham, for our August meeting.
- Letter from Bob Gough was read and some discussion followed: Bob stated he would like to have spent some time with Dr. Jack Campisi; clearing the air as to the lack of communication to the Council; not completing an anthropological report until all materials are collected; and that he had not received any direction from the Council as to what was expected of him under the new ANA Grant. Further discussions were tabled until Dr. Campisi's report was sent to us and we could determine what his findings were.

### REPORTS

- NEWSLETTER Report was given by Tim Vanderhoef, Editor, Kenosha, stating that to date there were 112 subscriptions to the Brotherton Messenger. He also stated that he had used photos in the last issue and would like photos of the Officers and Council Members to use in future editions for the "Who's Who." Anyone sending him notices of deceased Brothertons should send as much information as possible to keep the phone calls to a minimum. It was recommended that he will contact the PCC for further obituary details. Tim also noted that a stamp was made to use on "complimentary copies" that are sent out free, just to let those people know that they were free and to subscribe to the Messenger.
- GENEALOGY Report from Rudi Ottery, Tribal Genealogist, Middlebury, Vermont, stating that 300 hours had been spent on enrollment, with 100 of these hours on copying her files and getting all correspondence caught up. No genealogy work reported for this time period.
- GRANT Report was given by June Ezold, reporting that to date 1055 hours had been worked, with 46½ "in-kind" hours from the PCC staff and 104½ "in-kind" hours given from other tribal members. Twenty-eight phone calls were received and 47 out-going calls made, and 908 pieces of mail was posted, including the Messenger. Jayne Elsen, Archival Para-professional, had completed 575 files and was working on box #8 of the materials collected, and 4,353 copies had been made. The PCC staff also helped with the last flyer mailed out, sent address lists to Rudi Ottery, typed up old By-laws and new By-laws with 40 copies, and worked on research files, index cards and time-line.
- TREASURER'S Report was given by Leo Tousey, Treasurer, West Bend. Balance in the Brotherton Memorial Fund was \$45.00, other balances were as follows:

#### BROTHERTON TRIBAL ACCOUNT

\$ 48.82 as of 1/19/85  
\$ 32.15 checks written  
\$ 65.00 deposit 2/7/85  
\$ 81.67 Balance as of 2/16/85

#### BROTHERTON NATION ACCOUNT

\$ 5,588.98 as of 1/19/85  
\$ 7,411.03 checks written  
\$ 8,000.00 deposit 2/7/85  
\$ 6,177.91 Balance as of 2/16/85

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Motion made by Barb Ter Beest, LaCrosse, to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Blanche Thompson, Waukau. Motion carried."

#### OLD BUSINESS

- A second reading of the proposed By-law amendments were completed, with some discussion following. No changes were made. Third and last reading to be at the March meeting.
- Lucille Baldwin, Sheboygan, suggested that in the future all letters to the Council be directed to June Ezold, Chairperson, or a copy be sent to her so that she can acknowledge and answer that correspondence, per previous discussion.
- Boots Sampson, Councilperson, Fond du Lac, stated that the hall rental had only been paid through May, discussion followed. Faith Ottery, Madison, and Carl Ezold, Arbor Vitae, offered to pay for the rental for the June meeting. Offer was accepted.
- The idea of specific Saturday morning workshops at the PCC for the History Committee was discussed. A March canvassing of the Fond du Lac area was planned to meet with fellow Brothertons, and a workshop on preserving photographs was set up in the near future.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Tim Vanderhoef stated that he had received requests to have a meeting held closer to the Minnesota or Iowa border so that Brothertons in those states could attend. He then suggested that LaCrosse, Wisconsin, be considered as a possible meeting site.
- Newsletter Editor, Tim Vanderhoef, presented two handouts that he felt might be of interest to fellow Brothertons: 1. a "pioneer certificate" application form from the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society; and 2. an opinion page from the Wisconsin State Journal explaining what public records were available to the public. Tim also showed a copy of the subscription renewal notice letter he had written to remind the large number of people who had forgotten to subscribe in 1985. He felt it was an oversight on their part. It was decided that since many people had donated money to the Messenger, that money could be used for postage.
- Faith Ottery, on behalf of her parents, Will and Rudi Ottery, Middlebury, Vermont, presented the Brotherton Tribal Archives with a set of three books from Professor Jere Daniell of Dartmouth College. Phil Tousey, Vice-Chairperson, Beaver Dam, made a motion to send Professor Daniell a thank you note on behalf of the tribe. Seconded by Faith Ottery.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Mark Baldwin, ANA Grant Advisor, Madison. Seconded by Faith Ottery, motion carried. Meeting adjourned by Tribal Chairperson, June Ezold.

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#### ABRIDGED MINUTES OF THE MARCH 16, 1985 GENERAL TRIBAL MEETING, FOND DU LAC, WISCONSIN

- Meeting called to order by Tribal Chairperson, June Ezold, Arbor Vitae, at 1:40 P.M.
- Vice-Chairperson, Phil Tousey, Beaver Dam, led the meeting in prayer.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

- June Ezold read the following letters received: Rose Tousey, Membership Committee Chairperson, copy of letter she used for mailings; Timothy Blonien of the Wisconsin Correctional Institute, questionnaire and information on the Native American Prisoners Programs; replies from Carol Miller and Betty Jacobs; materials from Carol Hableman of the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society; letter from Rev. Gerald Alger, naming their church in Minnesota the Brotherton Covenant Church; DeGroat family reunion from Dorothy DeGroat; Shenandoah News-letter from the Oneida Tribe; Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in Ashland, Wisconsin, regarding enrollment number from Calvin Mosby; enrollment number request from Margaret Antell; Scholarship form request from Brian Baldwin; materials from the Wisconsin Runaway Association; materials from the Department of Health and Human Services, rally at the State Capitol for disabled people; Jobs Training Program Services; materials from the Governor's Employment and Training Office; Paul DeMain, Office of the Governor; letter from researcher, Ray Geweke; materials from Harold Schwartz, information on treaty rights; Judicare, open meeting laws; and letters from Bob Gough, Wisconsin Community Fund, State Historical Society, and two letters from Dr. Jack Campisi.

#### REPORTS

- MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE Report given by Rose Tousey, Membership Chairperson, Ripon. She stated that 69½ hours had been spent writing letters and typing a list of names for the PCC Office. Rose had received seven replies and answered three of these. She also stated she had been working with Rudi Ottery, Tribal Genealogist, Middlebury, Vermont, and would like an updated list of enrolled members to follow up on finding missing addresses.

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- TREASURER'S Report was given by Leo Tousey, Treasurer, West Bend. Balance in the Brotherton Memorial Fund was \$45.00, other balances were as follows:

BROTHERTON TRIBAL ACCOUNT

\$ 81.67 as of 2/16/85  
 \$ 12.15 checks written  
 \$ 69.00 deposit donations 3/12/85  
\$138.52 Balance as of 3/16/85

BROTHERTON NATION ACCOUNT

\$ 6,177.91 as of 2/16/85  
 \$ 4,036.50 checks written  
 \$ 6,000.00 deposit (grant) 3/12/85  
\$ 8,141.41 Balance as of 3/16/85

- Motion made to pay bills by Faith Ottery, Madison, seconded by Florence Hoey, Fond du Lac. Motion carried.
- FUND RAISING Report was given by Lucille Baldwin, Fund Raising Committee Chairperson, Sheboygan, stating that \$5.00 had been turned in from the sale of re-cycled aluminum cans, and \$8.00 from the sale of maps and proclamations.
- GENEALOGY AND ENROLLMENT Report read by June Ezold, from Tribal Genealogist, Rudi Ottery, Middlebury, Vermont She reported that about 250 hours had been spent on genealogy this month, and that copies of all genealogy had been sent to the PCC.
- NEWSLETTER Report was given by Messenger Editor, Tim Vanderhoef, Kenosha. He stated that 119 people had subscribed to the 1985 Brotherton Messenger, but there were many people who had subscribed in 1984 that had not renewed their subscriptions. He further stated that he encouraged Brothertons to submit information to him on birthdays, anniversaries, deaths, marriages, and other data of interest to fellow Brothertons. The deadline for the April edition is Saturday, March 23, 1985, and that the deadline for all issues is the Saturday following the meeting day, in the month preceding the issue month. (March 23rd for April, May 25th for June, July 27th for August, etc.)
- ANA GRANT Report was given by June Ezold, stating that 4,480 contracted hours were worked at the PCC, and 726 "in-kind" hours had been volunteered. Eighteen phone calls had been received, 44 outgoing calls made, and 24 people had come in to the PCC. In addition, 170 pieces of mail were posted, 2,365 photocopies made, two storage cabinets purchased, 182 files copied and completed, three research assignments completed, with two additional assignments given out, and other special assignments given to Vivian Haase and others.
- BROTHERTON PICNIC Report was given by Tim Vanderhoef. He stated that the picnic will be held on July 20, 1985, at Pritchard Park in Racine. The cost for registration will remain the same as last year, at \$1.00 per person or \$5.00 for a family of five or more. More information will be sent out in a special mailing along with the election information.

OLD BUSINESS

- The third and final reading of the proposed amendments to the By-laws was made. Motion made by Mark Baldwin, ANA Grant Advisor, Madison, to take a vote to approve the amendments. Blanche Thompson seconded the motion. Vote to approve amendments was 19 yes-- 3 no.
- Additional correspondence was read and included the following: a letter from John Wiley of Judicare, regarding contract for Dr. Jack Campisi; grant application sent to the Banta Foundation earlier this year for oral history taping funds; Phone call from Professor Blackwood of Clinton College, New York, stating he would like to meet with Brothertons at the PCC in April. This is all in regard to a report he will be giving in New York later this year. In addition, phone call to Ed and Angie Welch discussing the copying of the Brotherton Record Book, and the decision to copy it from the State Historical Society.

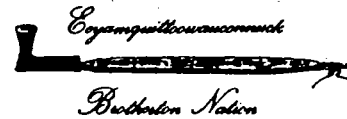
NEW BUSINESS

- Nominations for members of the Nominating Committee were opened from the floor. Phillip Tousey, Vice-Chairperson, Beaver Dam, nominated Dan Vanderhoef, Boots Sampson, and Vivian Haase (all Council Members not up for re-election). Carl Ezold, Arbor Vitae, was nominated by Boots Sampson, Council Person, Fond du Lac, seconded by Maynard Thompson, Council Person, Waukau. Tim Vanderhoef was nominated by Dan Vanderhoef, Council Person, Racine, and seconded by Florence Hoey, Fond du Lac. Motion made by Mark Baldwin, ANA Grant Advisor, Madison, to close nominations. Motion seconded by Phyllis Mattern, Neenah. Nominations were closed and a vote was taken by ballot. Elected were Boots Sampson, Carl Ezold, and Tim Vanderhoef. The three were then assigned the task of producing names of all individuals wishing to run for all open positions at the May 18, 1985 election.
- Jayne Elsen, Archival Para-professional, Fond du Lac, reported that the History Committee had gone house to house, to speak with Brothertons in Fond du Lac that morning. She stated that there were positive results, and that many addresses had been updated.
- The Indian Arts Festival will be held at Eau Claire, Wisconsin on June 8 & 9th, and Bob Gough is on the Steering Committee.

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- Faith Ottery presented the Brotherton Tribal Archives with a book called "A Key Into The Language of America, by Roger Williams, on behalf of her parents, Will and Rudi Ottery.
- Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Faith Ottery, seconded by Rose Tousey. Motion carried. June Ezold, Tribal Chairperson, adjourned the meeting at 3:45 P.M.

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# ANA Grant Administrator's Report

A staff meeting was held at 11:00A.M. on March 15, 1985, at the PCC. A lot of questions were answered, and after each meeting we feel that the the office runs a little more efficiently. The total contracted hours for February 12, 1985 to March 15, 1985 is 4,730 hours. The number of in-kind (volunteer) hours is 726, with a total dollar in-kind contribution of \$6,757.41. The A.N.A. Grant, which has kept the PCC office in operation, has also allowed us to send our Petition Para-professional, Vivian Haase, to Madison for a training workshop in April.

The Petition Coordination Center received 18 phone calls for this time period, made 36 outgoing calls, eight long distance calls, 24 visitors called on the PCC in person, and 170 pieces of mail were received. The PCC staff made 2,365 photocopies, and we purchased two new storage cabinets, three file cabinets, and one book binder. The Tribal Office is in good working order now and much more efficient. To date, 18,186 pieces of materials have been copied. This does not include the genealogy that Rudi Ottery has copied in Vermont.

The office staff has completed 182 files and Lani Bartelt, our Research Para-professional, gave out two new research assignments. Three people, Eleanor Soto, David Kohli, and Carl Ezold, have completed their research assignments. Questionnaires were mailed to libraries, museums and historical societies, asking for information on Brothertons. The answers to these questionnaires are being compiled at the PCC.

Jayne Elsen, our Archival Para-professional, and the PCC staff, worked out an agenda, made copies of Fond du Lac city maps, and made lists of Fond du Lac Brothertons that the History Committee members were to call on. Instead of having a History Committee meeting on Saturday, March 16, 1985, they went house to house to say hello to most of our Fond du Lac Brothertons. Though there was much doubt and apprehension before they started out, the History Committee members came back with a much different view. All Brothertons they had met were very pleasant to them and expressed the hopes of attending some of the meetings. These Brothertons weren't trying to sell anything door to door but the Brotherton Tribe itself. They were very pleased with the results.

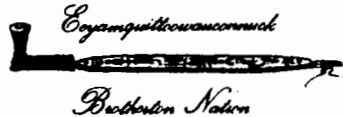
On April 18, 1985, there will be a review of the PCC staff, as six months have gone by since we received our ANA Grant. Time surely has flown by, but so Very, Very much has been accomplished. We have another six months to attain the goals that we set out to accomplish during the grant time period. You can see why we couldn't drag our feet in getting our archives and Tribal Office, and why we can't slow down on any of our research projects. The outcome of the federal petition depends upon our constantly surging ahead. We must not slow down!!

We have received suggestions and direction from Dr. Jack Campisi through his review of the materials collected for the petition. We are also receiving guidance from Sister Virginia Murphy of Marian College, where our Tribal Archives are located, in preserving the photographs in our archives. The archival folders for the history materials collected have been received, and nearly all of the boxes of materials have been filed and catalogued. This was a huge task to have accomplished in a few short months. Thank you to Sister Virginia, Jayne Elsen, the PCC staff, and all the History Committee members who collected much of our history materials. You've all done a fine job.

Rudi Ottery, our Tribal Genealogist, has spent 250 hours copying all of her genealogy files. Most of these files are now at the PCC or on their way. The materials from the Secretary, Treasurer, Chairperson, and other Committee Chairpersons will be coming to the PCC to be indexed and filed. We will eventually have all materials, correspondence, minutes, book-keeping, etc. in one central location. That also includes any grant materials accumulated. As you may remember, this has been our goal for the past year or so, and we are finally seeing the light.

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The cooperation we have received has been just fabulous. The PCC staff, Council, Grant Advisor, History Committee members, and members at large. Everyone has been so helpful. Thank you one and all, for making my job more interesting and easier than I first thought it to be.



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# ANA Grant Advisor's Report

## OBJECTIVES OF THE CURRENT A.N.A. GRANT

While there are strong similarities between the current Administration for Native Americans (A.N.A.) Social and Economic Development (S.E.D.) Grant, and the last grant the Brotherton Nation, Inc. received from the A.N.A., there are also major differences. Both grants were designed to promote the preparation of an acknowledgement petition, but the funding we are now receiving is also focused on the social and economic development of Brotherton Indian descendants. Most of the monies in the first grant were earmarked for professional consultants. Under this grant, the majority of monies are being utilized to employ Brotherton descendants to perform much of the work needed to complete an acknowledgment. It is also providing us with a facility in Fond du Lac known as the Petition Coordination Center (PCC). Through the PCC all our efforts are coordinated, as well as having the flexibility to hire professional consultants when needed. Listed below are the five objectives of the ANA Social & Economic Development Grant, and a brief description of our progress toward fulfilling them.

1. TO PROVIDE A PETITION COORDINATION CENTER (PCC) TO FACILITATE THE PROCESS OF RESEARCH COLLECTION AND PETITION DRAFT WRITING.

Rental space for the PCC was secured in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and the facility has been in full time operation since November 1, 1984. Necessary office equipment and supplies were purchased and the physical design of the center was established. All collected historical and genealogical material has been transported to the PCC, where they are being processed for permanent storage in the Brotherton Tribal Archives. A system for recording all public contact was developed and center operating procedures were adopted. In its first three months of operation, over 15 formal meetings were held at the PCC, attended by over 67 people. During the same period over 120 telephone inquiries were received by the PCC staff.

2. TO CONTRACT TRIBAL MEMBERS AS PARA-PROFESSIONALS, CONTRACT CONSULTANTS TO PERFORM SPECIFIC RESEARCH, WRITING, AND THE ORGANIZING OF AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PETITION, AND TO PROVIDE MEMBERS WITH ADVANCED TRAINING IN RESEARCH AND PETITION PREPARATION.

Upon notification of the ANA Social & Economic Development funding, the Grant Administrator and Fiscal Agent implemented strategies to fill staff positions and secure qualified consultants to assist in petition preparation. Notification of job openings were posted, candidates interviewed, and selected staff members began employment on November 5, 1984. A three-day training session was conducted by the Grant Administrator, and by Sister Virginia Murphy, Head Librarian of Marian College, detailing time and material accounting procedures, grant policy, archival management, staff responsibilities, and a review of all collected materials. Daily and monthly reporting systems were also developed. Preliminary inquiries were made to various consultants to ascertain their availability in participating in petition preparation. Results include a petition status report completed in February, 1985, by Dr. Jack Campisi, and a commitment from Tribal Genealogist, Rudi Ottery, to prepare a genealogical and enrollment narrative while at the PCC this coming June.

3. ESTABLISH A PERMANENT TRIBAL ARCHIVES BY ALLOCATING FUNDS TO COPY ALL COLLECTED MATERIALS AND TRANSPORT THEM TO A CENTRAL LOCATION IN ORDER TO SECURE THE HISTORY AND HERITAGE OF THE BROTHERTON INDIAN PEOPLE, AND TO FACILITATE PETITION PREPARATION.

All historical and genealogical information has been transported to the PCC. A Grantwriting Committee file has also been established at the PCC containing 47 files. The Council, Brotherton Nation Corporation, and other committee information is in the process of being organized for shipment to the PCC.

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4. TO COMPLETE RESEARCH IMPERATIVE TO THE COMPLETION OF A PETITION.

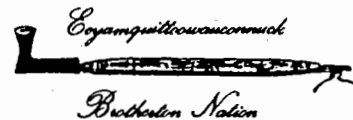
The detail of research needed to complete the petition is quite lengthy. For the full information on current research and future research plans, please read the report by the Research Para-professional, Lani Bartelt, included in this issue of the Messenger.

5. CONTINUANCE OF A REVIEW TEAM WHICH WILL REVIEW COLLECTED MATERIAL, MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER RESEARCH NEEDED, PROVIDE GUIDANCE IN IMPROVING DOCUMENT STORAGE AND MAINTENANCE, AND PETITION PREPARATION.

Continuing contact with Dr. Nancy Lurie, Jack Holzhueter, and Sister Virginia Murphy has been maintained. A three day formal review has been tentatively scheduled for the last week in June, 1985. This review will focus on surveying all collected materials at the PCC, operating procedures, utilized methodologies, and a review of a petition draft including a historical narrative of the Brotherton people and our ancestors from 1600-1840, and an enrollment/genealogical narrative.

As you can see, our efforts have been concentrated and intense during the past six months. We do, However, have much work to complete before the end of August, when our ANA funding expires. There is no better time to volunteer your assistance than right now. The tribe needs experienced people to help us--and the best way to learn is by doing. The more trained people we have working with us, the better our chances are in receiving grant funding, and in sending off a completed petition to the Federal Acknowledgement Board. For more information on how you can help, contact the Grant Administrator, June Ezold.

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THERE'S A MORAL TO BE LEARNED

This is a story about four people named: EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY, ANYBODY, and NOBODY. There was an important job to be done and EVERYBODY was sure that SOMEBODY would do it. ANYBODY could have done it, but NOBODY did it. SOMEBODY got angry about that, because it was EVERYBODY'S job. EVERYBODY thought that ANYBODY could do it, but NOBODY realized that EVERYBODY wouldn't do it. It ended up that EVERYBODY blamed SOMEBODY, when NOBODY did what ANYBODY could have done.

From the Alum-line Newsletter of the Wisconsin Office  
Education Association - Alumni, September 1984.

AND THE MORAL OF THE STORY IS....

There is a moral to this story, and it has hit home to the Brothertons, in our need for help in research for the federal petition. Don't be that SOMEBODY that EVERYBODY thought would help with the Brotherton research. ANYBODY can help--if YOU don't--NOBODY will. We need your help as researchers for the Brotherton petition. Please call or write the PCC, or Lani Bartelt.

Eleanor Soto would like to correspond with people having the same family lineage as she. Her ancestors are as follows: 1.) James & Margery HAMMER, 1763- Narragansett Tribe, Charlestown, Rhode Island; 2.) William & Mary WELCH, 1766-Mohawk Valley, New York; and Sam & Mary SKEESUCK, 1772- Charlestown, Rhode Island. Other ancestry includes: JOHNSON--Mohegan Tribe, Mohegan, Connecticut; FOWLER--Montauk Tribe, Montauk, Long Island; SKEESUCK--Narragansett Tribe, Charlestown, Rhode Island; DEGROAT--Madison County, New York (Brotherton Tribe); MOORE-- Delaware, New York; also the DENNY and RHODES lines. If anyone has any information, family history, family tree, etc., before 1850, please contact Eleanor Soto at: 1958 A. S. 15th Place, Milwaukee, WI, 53204.

Anyone receiving any Brotherton mailings with incorrect names, addresses, or any other wrong, or double mailings, should contact the PCC at 14 Western Avenue, Fond du Lac, WI, 54935. You must tell us of the mistakes if the mailing lists are to be updated. Also, if you know of anyone who has moved recently, or found people needed for the lists--Please contact the PCC!!

# HISTORY COMMITTEE REPORT

My name is Jayne Elsen, and I am the Brotherton Archive Para-professional hired through the ANA Grant, along with many other Petition Coordination Center (PCC) staff workers. My duties as Archive Para-professional deal mainly with the records stored at the Brotherton Archives located at the Marian College Library. I work very closely with the Research Para-professional, Lani Bartelt, and with Sister Virginia Murphy, Head Librarian at the Marian College Library here in Fond du Lac. Early into the ANA Grant program I was assigned the duties of heading the History Committee meetings. For those who are not familiar with the History Committee, we are a small group of tribal members and associate members who meet once a month for a few hours. We usually do some type of research work or project which needs to be accomplished to help achieve our goal of federal recognition. In addition to this work, many History Committee members receive assignments from the Research Para-professional, and complete their projects in their own homes, at the library in their home towns, or go to specific sites to perform the assigned research project. More of their duties will be explained in Lani's Research report. My duties in the History Committee Report will be to keep you all informed as to what the History Committee members are doing at the Saturday morning meetings, and what projects we are planning in the future.

At our latest venture, on March 16, 1985, members of the History Committee met at the PCC to receive maps of the Fond du Lac area, and a list of Brothertons living in the area. They then went to the assigned homes to talk to fellow Brothertons to let them know what the tribe has been doing, to invite them to come in and visit the PCC, and to remind them of our tribal meetings at the Hamilton House on the third Saturday of each month. Some members left to do their assigned tasks with a little apprehension on talking to Brothertons they had never met before, but found that their fears were unfounded after talking to just a few of their fellow Brothertons.

All people contacted were very friendly, and some even invited the History Committee members in for a cup of coffee. The response to this type of contact was very positive. We had a few people stop in at the PCC office during the week following, with a promise to attend some of the tribal meetings. This house to house canvassing also produced some new addresses of members to help update the mailing list. You could say our first outing was a great success.

Our next History Committee meeting will be on April 20, 1985, and we will be working on a Brotherton picture preservation project. Anyone who is interested in becoming a History Committee member is welcome to attend this meeting. No special training is required, so come get acquainted and participate. We are always in need of your help and we do appreciate all the help we can get.

At this time, I would like to thank the present members of the History Committee for all their hard work and dedication in helping the Brothertons achieve federal recognition.

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This portion of the History Committee report will be written by your Research Para-professional, Lani Bartelt. I was hired through the current ANA Grant, and my duties include: reviewing collected history materials; assigning research assignments, and monitor their progress to completion of each project; working with the other para-professionals on the PCC staff; and many other tasks. I report directly to the ANA Grant Administrator, June Ezold. My main duties as Research Para-professional, during the first months of employment, have been concentrated in the following areas: 1. to assess the research still needed to complete the petition, and to put into priority sequence, which research project was to be done first; 2. to assign researchers (History Committee members) to do the specified research assignment; and 3., to work closely with the Archive Para-professional, Jayne Elsen, and Petition Para-professional, Vivian Haase, in filing and cataloging materials as they come into the PCC office.

During the first six months of the ANA Grant period the following has been accomplished:

1. Twenty-nine research volunteer questionnaires were received and reviewed. Eighteen of these researchers who wanted to work under this new grant structure were given assignments, while four others are working on past assignments. The 18 researchers now working on assignments have: turned in reviews on 108 books; are working on reading five Wisconsin newspapers; Barb Snyder continues to do Calumet County land research, and two other researchers are currently doing additional Calumet County land research; there have been a total of 55 original Brothertown Reservation lots researched to-date; and Wisconsin censuses and the Wisconsin Gazetteers are now in the process of being reviewed.

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2. A total of 112 genealogical or historical depositories around the United States have been sent letters requesting information from them as to what information is housed by them, and whether or not any of their materials contain Brotherton related information. At that time they were also sent a Brotherton brochure.
3. Three religious archives (Methodist, Episcopal, and Lutheran) have been contacted, and correspondence with their archivists has been initiated to locate Brotherton materials at their depositories. In addition, Baptist, Congregational, Catholic and Moravian church materials have been researched for their connections to the Brothertons.
4. Correspondence has been sent, or questions asked in person, to Olivia Tousey, Robert Gough, and Dr. John Turcheneske on past research completed, research tools, and guidelines set up under the first ANA Grant.
5. Five new forms have been developed to explain to researchers, exactly how and what to research while doing newspaper, book, and land record research. Also, a new church records form was developed by Tim Vanderhoef, and new forms for incoming research location, and criteria cards were developed by Archive Para-professional, Jayne Elsen.
6. Three boxes marked "research to be filed" was turned over by past Research Coordinator, Olivia Tousey. These have been cataloged, and another box marked "research to be done" has been reviewed extensively for what research needs to be done to complete the petition, and other materials being held for future grant proposals.
7. An alphabetical listing of all books read to-date has been developed, and is being updated on a current basis.
8. Guidelines are being developed for tribal members interested in doing oral family or history tapings.
9. Sixty-one correspondences have either been written to, or answered from, researchers, staff workers, archivists, or institutions.
10. The "rare book collection" at the Milwaukee Public Library has been reviewed for Brotherton related materials, and microfilm reading of the Milwaukee Journal has been started.
11. Staff meetings have been held almost every two weeks, with all ANA Grant staff employees. Continued correspondence between the staff, ANA Grant Administrator, and ANA Grant Advisor has been performed weekly, as well as telephone communications keeping us all well informed.

We are now six months into the new ANA Grant period, and while alot of work has already been accomplished, there is much, much more to be done. Some of the specific future research that still needs to be done before we can complete the petition is as follows:

1. Individual church records from specific churches where our Brotherton members belonged.
2. Reading newspapers from communities where Brothertons lived.
3. Brothertown Reservation lots (190) need to be researched at Chilton, Wisconsin.
4. There are a number of census records that need reviewing, some are already being done by Vivian Haase and myself, but we need more help.
5. Coordinators are needed to set up oral history tapings with elders in different parts of the state. All that is required of a coordinator is to help us locate names and addresses of elders in your area that should be taped. We have several grant proposals now under review, to obtain funds for oral history tapings.
6. There are specific research tasks that need to be performed at; the State Historical Society in Madison, Wisconsin; and at the Area Research Centers at Green Bay, and Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

Please let us know if you are interested in doing any of these research assignments. Your milage, motel, and meal costs will be paid for. You would not only be performing an aid to your fellow Brothertons, you would be helping yourself, and your future generations. Our being recognized depends upon the petition we submit, and without further research the petition cannot be completed. If you would like to become a History Committee member, or send in copies of Brotherton related information, please call or write the PCC. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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# *BLOODLINE: rudi ottery, genealogist . . . .*

## THE FIRST REMOVAL FROM NEW YORK

Samson Occom had been able to see that Oneida Country in New York would eventually be settled by the white population, and had conversations with his friends on this subject--Hendrick Aupaumut, the chief of the Stockbridge, was one of these friends.

In 1791 Aupaumut and Good Peter, the father of the faithful among the Oneida Indians, visited the Miami Tribe. One of the purposes of the trip was to introduce the Miami Indians to christianity, but they also tried to locate a tract of land on the White River, to which the Stockbridge Tribe had a claim. In 1802 they held a council with the Delawares who lived there, and during the following two years, Aupaumut worked in behalf of the Oneidas and their wards at Brothertown and New Stockbridge. In 1809 the Brothertown Indians were invited to send delegates to accompany Aupaumut to Indiana. John Tuhie, John Skeesuck, Henry Cuship, and Jacob Fowler were the delegates.

The Miami Indians told them that they could take their choice of the undivided land along the White River to "build their fire-place." When they returned to New York, Aupaumut remained in Indiana to be of service to the government in opposing Tecumseh and Elskawatawa in preaching the extermination of the white population. Aupaumut had also fought in the Revolution and later fought in the War of 1812. He removed to Wisconsin at an advanced age, and died at South Kaukauna in 1830.

The Brothertown Indians wanted to begin a White River settlement in 1812, but war prevented this. Many went into the service and did not return. When peace returned, they attempted to get title for a tract of land there, and the Stockbridge Tribe planned their removal. When they left, the Brothertown families of Elder Isaac Wauby and some of his followers, Thomas Isaac, and Samson Occom, a grandson of the Brothertown founder, went with them. When they reached there, they heard that the United States government, by treaty, had bought a large tract of Miami land, including that which they had intended to settle. A few Brothertown Indians returned to New York, but most of them moved on. They became discouraged, illness was a problem, and Elder Wauby, among others, died. Years later, a few found their way to Green Bay, Wisconsin.

In 1816, Rev. Eleazar Williams appeared among the Oneidas. The previously attempted removal from New York caused some to consider a removal for these Indians to a western home--among them, Williams, the Rev. Jedediah Morse, and the land companies who wanted the Indians to vacate New York.

The result was the purchase of a large tract "from the Menomonees and Winnebagoes" in 1821. The tract was said to contain 2,000,000 acres. In 1822 another treaty gave "all the right, title, interest, and claim" to another tract. The Brothertown Indians were represented in these treaties, and in 1824 they were formally united in the affair. At that time the Brothertown Indians voted on making a purchase of land in Wisconsin by themselves.

William Dick, Rhodolphus Fowler, Thomas Dick, Randall Abner, John Johnson, Daniel Dick, David Toucee, George Scippio, George Sampson, and Samuel Scippio were appointed as agents of the tribe in the purchase of such land. Thomas Dean accompanied the delegation to Wisconsin where they purchased a tract of land nine miles wide, and thirty miles long. In 1830 when the lands were laid out, the Brothertown Indians were represented by William Dick, Rhodolphus Fowler, and John Johnson. Those who had gone to White River went to Wisconsin at once, and others prepared to remove. Before the latter were able to arrange for the sale of their New York land, the "Menomonees" changed their minds. The government investigated, with the result that, in spite of the ratifies treaties, the government decided to acquire from the Wisconsin tribes, a title to all of their lands. The senate refused to ratify this without providing three townships east of Lake Winnebago for the Stockbridge, Munsee, and Brothertowns--in addition to the 500,000 acres on the Fox River. The township of Brothertown was to be 23,040 acres--and they could see that this was not the 153,600 acres which they had bought and paid for. They protested the changing of the boundaries of the tract of land on the Fox River, but some were already there and wanted to settle down, Brothertowners in New York were awaiting word from them to join them, and the agreement was accepted in 1832 because there did not seem to be much they could do about it.

These Indians from New York held title to the aforementioned reservations plus the additional 500,000 acres. The additional 500,000 acres were the object of the 1838 treaty at Buffalo Creek, New York, and the issues depending upon this treaty continued to be important from then on. Their Kansas Claim and the case of the "New York Indians vs. The United States" rested on them. In 1898 the Supreme Court decided in favor of the Indians and they then moved for judgment in the Court of Claims, where an attempt was made to exclude the Indians in Wisconsin--

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but a mandate of the Supreme Court favored the claimants. An attorney named James B. Jenkins of Oneida County, New York, was the attorney for the Indians, and it is said that to him the credit of the final decision is largely due.

This half million acres was the consequence of the 1822 agreement, and was made valid by the payment made by the Brothertown Indians of the funds from the lands which Samson Occom had fought to retain for them.

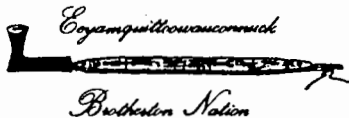
By the treaty of 1838 the 500,000 acres of Green Bay lands were deeded, and in return, a permanent home for all New York Indians, to contain 1,824,000 acres west of the state of Missouri, was to be held by the tribes. They were supposed to remove there within five years, and the government was to appropriate \$400,000 to aid in their removal.

Apparently the government did not appoint a removal time and did not make the appropriation--and the Kansas lands were not conveyed, but sold to white settlers. An attempt was made in 1846, without the President's appointment, to remove 201 Indians from New York. These were taken by the Indian agent to the Little Osage River in Kansas and left there unprovided for--to starve and die during the following winter. Thirty-two survived, and their lands were taken from them by the settlers. Until 1967, that seems to be all that was done by the government to fulfill its agreement in payment for the Green Bay lands which were sold to settlers under various acts of congress.

The relationship of the Brothertown Indians to the New York Indians is a matter of historical record. From the time of the 1774 grant to the New England Indians, they were wards of the Oneida Indians and were involved in all of the early negotiations. Their union was reaffirmed in making the 1822 land purchase and they were recognized in all of these transactions by the Wisconsin Tribes and by the United States. In 1838 they were named among the tribes participating in the western grant.

Brothertown Indians are alone in their ability to trace their ancestry back to the founding of America--to the earliest European contacts. A few Brothertown lines can be traced and documented to several generations prior to the founding of America. John Elliot, in Massachusetts, was one of the earliest to do missionary work among some of their ancestors. Several attended Wheelock's Indian Charity School. All Brothertown Indians are the spiritual children of Samson Occom. Some of their ancestors were the "white man's friend" in the Pequot War, and in King Philip's War--and some were the victims of these wars. The rolls of the Colonial Wars contain the names of soldiers from whom Brothertown Indians descend. Their ancestors fought in the Revolution, where so many perished that the Revolution can be called the final death blow to their ancient strength. In the War of 1812 they continued to supply the government with large numbers--and did the same in the Civil War from their diminished family.

NOTE: This article is mainly a condensation of the work of W. DeLoss Love.



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## MEMOS FROM RUDI:

1985 has been one 70 to 80 hour Brotherton week after another. The enrollment records have all been copied for computer entry now, and the originals have been sent to the PCC office in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

A book, A Key To The Language of America, by Roger Williams, edited by John Teunissen and Evelyn Hinz, arrived and has been forwarded to the Brotherton Archives in Fond du Lac.

I had thought that the "Bloodline" would be the last condensation article from the W. DeLoss Love book, but there were so many names listed that the remaining material could not be abbreviated into one article. Therefore, there will be one final article in the next issue. I had intended to move backward to more detailed information on the parent tribes than could be included in these condensations. Instead, I have decided to move forward in time toward the present. The first article in the next series has already arrived. It is on the Coyhis family, and was written by Ernest Baker. It will appear in the July issue. Maynard Thompson's article on the Johnson family will follow, as will Lani Bartelt's article on the Shelley line. Eleanor Soto has volunteered to do the descendants of Bertram Hammer and Cora DeGroat;

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Rose and Harry Tousey have agreed to do their line of the Tousey family; and we have writers scheduled into 1986, including Tim Vanderhoef, who will write on the descendants of Mary E. Hammer. I'm looking for a volunteer for some lines in Minnesota, and a Fond du Lac Fowler descendant. Please let me know if anyone is interested in writing about any of these lines!

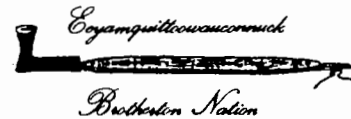
Thank you Elaine Schultz for the photos sent. I will copy them and send to the Fond du Lac archives. Thank you Donald Sears for the newspaper clippings which will be sent to the archives. Thank you also to Vern Soper for information and dates sent. If I have forgotten to thank someone for something, I will catch it in the next issue.

Get Well Soon wishes to Donald Sears who recently had surgery. Good wishes also to Vera Stephenson's husband, Theodore, who continues in delicate health.

Best Regards to Professor Russel Blackwood who visited me at my home recently. You have been a big help to our Brotherton efforts, and I look forward to more of the same.

See you all in June--in the Brotherton Messenger, in your mailbox, and during my visit to Fond du Lac.

Rudi Hjella Ottery  
Brothertown Tribal Genealogist  
Route #3, Halladay Road  
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## WHO'S WHO:



June Ezold--Chairperson

My name is June Ezold. I am the Tribal Chairperson of the Brotherton Indian Nation. In 1980 I became actively involved in the tribe when I attended my first meeting at Gresham, Wisconsin, during the early stages of the re-organization efforts. I first became a Council Member, and then in 1982, I was elected to Tribal Chairperson. Currently I serve as the Grant Administrator for the ANA Social and Economic Development Grant, which the tribe received in September of 1984. I am a direct descendant of Samson Occom, and am also of the Sampson, Fowler, and Welch ancestry.

I am married to the most wonderful, understanding, and cooperative man, Carl. Without his understanding, dedication, and constant help, I would not be able to accomplish the many things I have tried to do for the tribe. We have a son, Carl, Jr., of Wheat Ridge, Colorado; a daughter, Pam, and son-in-law, Jim; living in Berkley, Michigan; and two grandchildren, Timothy and Suzanne.

In 1980 I retired from the newspaper industry after working for 17 years for the Milwaukee Journal and the Milwaukee Sentinel. We sold our home in Milwaukee, and in June of 1982, moved to Arbor Vitae, Wisconsin.

Prior to my retirement, I was very active in a number of volunteer organizations, including: Parent Teachers Association, having served on many committees, and as past President; held numerous offices on the Milwaukee Girl Scout Council, as well as Scout Leader; and I am presently a lay reader at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Woodruff, Wisconsin.

Though I feel that I am very capable as your Chairperson, I am also receiving an enjoyable education with the Brothertons, especially now, during the ANA Grant period, and in our increased federal recognition efforts. My life has been so enriched and enjoyable because of the Brothertons, and their wonderful families. I couldn't imagine my life without you. I hope to meet all of my fellow Brothertons some day, and hope to see many of you at our monthly meetings real soon.

# MESSENGER                      FEATURE

## INDIAN LEGEND--THE ORIGIN OF CORN

A long time ago, there once lived a lonely Indian who lived all alone, far, far away from any others. He knew not of fire, and subsisted on roots, bark, and nuts. This Indian became very lonesome for company. He grew tired of digging roots, lost his appetite, and for several days he lay dreaming in the sunshine. When he awoke he saw something standing near him. At first he was very frightened, but when it spoke, his heart was glad, for it was a beautiful woman with long light hair, unlike any any Indian.

He asked her to come closer to him, but she would not, and if he tried to approach her, she seemed to go farther away. He sang to her of his loneliness and asked her not to leave him. At last she told him if he would do just as she should say, he would always have her with him. He promised her that he would.

She led him to where there was some very dry grass, told him to get two dry sticks, rub them together quickly, while holding them in the grass. The grass caught fire, and quick as an arrow, the ground was burned over. Then she said, "when the sun sets, take me by the hair and drag me over the burned ground." He did not like to do this, but she told him that wherever he dragged her, something like grass would spring up and he would see her hair coming from between the leaves. Then the seeds would be ready for his use. He did as she said and to this day, when they see the silk hair on the cornstalk, the Indians know she has not forgotten them.

To the Indians, corn was like a gift from the gods, or KAUTANTOWWIT. Many of the tribes depended largely upon corn, as do their modern day descendants. They even dramatize it, as in the "Green Corn Dance" and other ceremonies. In the ceremonies, an ear of corn was used to symbolize "Mother Corn--the source of life."

--Eleanor "Mohnee" Soto, Milwaukee, WI--

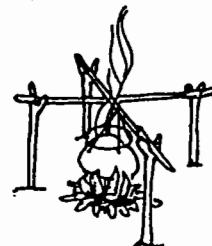
### INDIAN CORN SOUP

Indian method of parching corn into hominy



#### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups wood ashes from an open fire
- 5 quarts water
- 4 cups shelled Indian corn
- 3 pounds venison or short ribs
- 1 cup navy beans (optional)



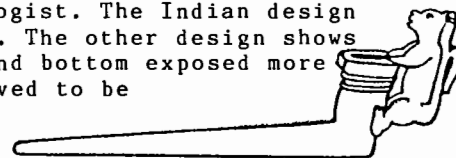
Combine ashes with 3 quarts water in a cast iron or enamel kettle. Stir with a stick or wooden spoon bringing mixture to a boil. Strain. All that remains is lye.

To the lye add 2 quarts of water and 4 cups of shelled Indian corn. Bring to a boil and keep boiling for about 1 hour. Add more water if necessary, when kernels start to expand and pop open. When the skin on the kernels begin to open and the hearts of the corn come out, remove from fire. Drain and place corn in a large dishpan. Fill the dishpan with fresh water and drain again. Repeat 3 times and be careful not to put your hands into the corn until the washing is completed. After the fourth washing, rub the corn between your fingers. Change the water 4 more times. Put the corn back into the kettle and cover with water. Boil for 30 minutes, then drain and wash corn 4 times again. By this time the skins of the kernels will float to the top of the water. Pour the kernels off, the water in the pot should be clear. Add your choice of meat to the pot, and uncooked beans if desired. Add enough water to cover ingredients, and simmer for 2 more hours, or until the meat, corn, and beans are cooked. Serves 6-8 people.

Corn soup is a festive food and is traditionally served at feasts.

--Eleanor "Mohnee" Soto, Milwaukee, WI--

The above designs were drawn by Rudi Ottery, our Tribal Genealogist. The Indian design shows how the Indians wore their tobacco pouch around the neck. The other design shows a round bottom pot used for cooking over an open fire. The round bottom exposed more surface when hung over coals. The pipe shown at right is believed to be the pipe from the grave of Massasoit, chief of the Wampanoags.



# BULLETIN BOARD

## BACK ISSUES AVAILABLE

Back issues of the Brotherton Messenger are available from the editor for \$1.00 each, which does include postage. The first issue was published in November of 1981, and six issues each year in 1982, 1983, and 1984. If you order the issues from 1982, the November 1981 issue will be included at no extra cost. A lot has happened to the Brotherton Tribe since 1981, so if you would like to see how much progress the tribe has made, what the improvements have been, and what part of the Brotherton history you've missed by not reading Rudi Ottery's "Bloodline," order your back issues today.

## BROTHERTON NATION POSTCARDS

Brotherton Nation postcards are available from Lucille Baldwin, 522 Wilson Avenue, Apt. #107, Sheboygan, WI, 53081. An eight card package sells for \$1.00, plus postage. The card types available are: Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, and a general note card. The note card design is the symbol of a cross formed by a spear and a calumet, or peace pipe. All post cards were designed by Rudi Ottery, our Tribal Genealogist. For more information contact Lucille Baldwin.

## BROTHERTON GREETINGS!!

Congratulations, Best Wishes, and Happy Birthday to the following people who have recently, or will soon be celebrating their special day. If you know of any Brotherton with an upcoming birthday, anniversary, special occasion, or illness, please notify the editor, or the Sunshine Committee Chairperson, Amy Tousey, at the address listed elsewhere in this issue.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Mike Tousey, Tiya Snyder, Wendy Snyder, Barb Snyder, Charles Snyder, Steve Hankwitz, Amber Tuschl, Steven Elsen, Blanche Thompson, Diane Snyder, Angel Snyder, Danielle Schmidt, Harry Tousey, Jr., Zachariah Schmidt, James Moffatt, Evelyn Moffatt, Harvey Moffatt, Gabriel Schmidt, and Marlena Bischoff.

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Jeff & Melissa Schmidt, Leo & Barb Tousey, and Mr. & Mrs. Gerri Dondlinger.

HAPPY BELATED MARCH BIRTHDAY TO: Sandi Hahn, Debra Johnson, and Terrie Lee Johnson.

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY TO: Linda Shady, Brett Behm, Herbert Shady, Sr., Timothy Gibson, Pam Gibson, Irma Sampson, Lois Johnson, and Dan Taylor.

APRIL ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO: Eleanor & Sigfredo Soto.

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAY TO: Mabel Pannell, Crystal Monteen, Mario Soto, Michelle Shady, and Suzanne Gibson.

MAY ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO: Herbert & Irene Shady, Sr., and Sandi & Phil Hahn.

Tim Vanderhoef wishes to correspond with members of the following family lines:  
MODLIN, WETZEL, HAMMER, LYONS, MILLARD, WOODS, MAHONEY, GANNON, PAUTZ, and DAMAS.

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A gold star goes to three couples of the Highman family for being the first people to register for the Brotherton Picnic in Racine!

### FROM THE SHELLEY CLAN ...

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY TO: Butch Shelley, Jr., Debbie Shelley, Marlene Gripentrog, Rebecca Mosconi, Judy Underwood, Dick Schuh, Pete Briggs, Kathy Jones, Jolene Krause, James Kafura, Rick Drnek, Becky Gripentrog, April Neumann, Craig Neumann, Neil Neumann, Rollie Helbling, Candi Decker, Ronnie Bigelow, Bob Bertram, Kathy Shelley, Jacob Shelley, Barry Musolf, Patrice Edwards, Cheryl Halliett, Vickie Bauman, Brian Bertram, Bonnie Gielfuss, Rhonda Breu, Renee Breu, and Kassie Kyman.

APRIL ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO: Jerry & Sharon Friedl, Bert & Pat Kyman, Dan & Arlene Miller, Dick & Sherri Schuh, Kevin & Kris Leitner, Jerry & Pam Rhodes, and Gary & Faye Gripentrog.

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAY TO: Lana Shelley, Michael Gripentrog, Chad Gripentrog, David Gripentrog, Mary Jo Gripentrog, Erv Boen, Ritchie Bigelow, Jeff Breu, Michael Helbling, Laura Desereau, Diane Smith, Phyllis Mosconi, Tom Starich, Sr., Rosie McCarthy, Patsy Schuh, Nancy Shelley, Cernie Shelley, Shawn Shelley, Ryan Shelley, Corey Shelley, Lucille Brier, Sonny Musolf, Normie Searer, Jodi Kyman, Jay Gardner, Adam Smith, Herb O'Dell, and Andrea Bartelt.

MAY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO: Don & Buzzie Simons, and Tim & Laura Desereau.

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Word has it that Dr. Faith Ottery will be leaving the Madison, Wisconsin, area to go back to Chicago and do what ever it is that doctors of nutrition do. We won't say good-bye because we'll be seeing you again soon.

# BULLETIN BOARD

## MESSENGER UPDATE

There are currently 150 subscribers to the 1985 Brotherton Messenger. At this time last year there were only 115, and considering that in February of 1984 a collection had to be taken to be able to mail out that issue, we have certainly come a long way. It is through your own efforts that we now have enough money in the Messenger account to sustain us. It truly shows the interest and importance of our newsletter, and through some very generous donations made, it shows that you all care. Thank you all for subscribing.

During the last week of March, a letter was mailed to over 70 people who had not renewed their subscription in 1985, who had subscribed in 1984. Immediately, 25 people renewed their subscriptions, and as this editor had supposed, all had forgotten to send in their 1985 subscriptions. Just an oversight as suspected. What of the other 50 who have not renewed theirs?? If we receive the other 50, we will have reached the goal of 200 subscribers needed to utilize the non-profit rate we now use. It will mean a savings to the Messenger account if we can get our full 200. So, tell your relatives and Brotherton friends who have forgotten to subscribe in 1985, to do so at once. They are missing alot of the current happenings, future prospects, and past history of the Brothertown Indians.

FROM THE TRIBAL OFFICERS, COUNCIL, PCC STAFF, AND YOUR EDITOR, PLEASE ACCEPT OUR SINCERE WISHES FOR A HAPPY EASTER, AND A LIFE FILLED WITH PEACE, HAPPINESS, AND THE BEST OF HEALTH!

## AND FROM THE LYNCH LINE...

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY TO: Jack Hollow, Patty Confer, Matt Confer, Nicholas Vanderhoef, Melissa Hardy, Regina Bislew, Michael Stark, Julie Ann Schuster, Donald Graves, and Eric Haigh.

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAY TO: Joe Vanderhoef, Bob Confer, Edna Graves, Mary Peltier, Michele Hollow, Julia Campeau, Terry Smith, Jr., Megan Stark, Jim Steinhoff, Andrea Peltier, David Matsen, Joseph Matsen, and Kathleen Nytes.

ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO: Art & Grace Niesen (April 28th), and Willis & Ruth Vanderhoef (May 9th).

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We are happy to report that Rosemarie (Vanderhoef) Bark is now at home recuperating from surgery received in March. It also pleases us to report that her daughter, Jennifer, has completely healed from those nasty burns received in January.

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## DONATIONS TO THE ARCHIVES

Three Books donated by Professor Jere Daniell of Dartmouth College, have been presented to the Brotherton Archives by Will & Rudi Ottery. The books are a very impressive addition to our collections, and include the following: An Indian Preacher In England; Samson Occum, The Biography of an Indian Preacher; and Letters of Eleazor Wheelock's Indians. In addition, Willis & Rudi Ottery have donated a book entitled, A Key Into the Language of America, written by Roger Williams. THANK YOU!!

## THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to Willis & Ruth Vanderhoef, Roberta Vanderhoef, and my wife, Barb for their time and talents in collating, stapling, labeling the Messengers each issue.

Thank You to Dolores (Lynch) Wallace, for her very generous donation to the Messenger account.

Thank You to Cynthia Highman for updating the Highman family address list, her contributions in Messenger supplies, and her constant interest and support in the Brotherton Indians.

Special thanks to Rudi Ottery for the information on the MODLIN & WETZEL ancestry. Also for your Indian designs donated to the Messenger.

## CHUCKLE OF THE MONTH

Many people who lack a spark of genius make up for it by having plenty of gas!

## PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

On file at the PCC in Fond du Lac, are catalogs listing publications and resource materials available for purchase from the following organizations: 1.) Taft Corporation (non-profit corporation consultants); 2.) Society of American Archivists; 3.) United Indian Development Association; 4.) American Association of Museums; 5.) Oral History Association; 6.) American Association for State and Local History; and 7.) VOLUNTEER (National Center for Citizen Involvement.) Write to the PCC for more information.

# OPEN FORUM

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 \* discussion of ideas, information, points of view and opinions. It does NOT reflect \*  
 \* the points of view or opinions of the editor or of the MESSENGER. You are encour- \*  
 \* aged to contribute your comments and concerns on all issues. All materials submitted \*  
 \* must be signed, but names may be withheld upon request. \*  
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The tribal election in May is more important than ever, as all officer positions and two Council seats are subject to this election. The future of the Brotherton Tribe is at stake, and as always, it is YOUR choice of the people who will make the tribal decisions for you. One person alone does not decide our fate--it is the Council and officers of the tribe. You are the ones who will decide whether we continue to progress toward recognition at the steady rate we have in the past few months, or if we change our attitude and become stagnant while we bicker about the archives, tribal office, or anything else that can slow us down or produce discontent among those who have the knowledge and dedication to WORK FOR THE TRIBE. The majority has decided these issues long ago, and it is time to continue on with the tribe's plans for attaining federal recognition.

When you vote on May 18th, let your conscience be your guide. If you vote how your friend or relative has told you to vote, you will only find disappointment in the tribe and in yourself. Vote on the merits of the individual who is up for election, for someone who has shown their abilities, or vote for someone who has the potential to make the right decisions for you. Let us work with each other and for each other, with the ultimate goal of federal recognition in our minds. Cast your vote on May 18th by voting in person, or by requesting your absentee ballot today. It's all up to YOU!!

--Tim Vanderhoef, Kenosha, WI--

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I would like to make a donation to the Brotherton Indian Tribe.

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\_\_\_\_ I would like my donation to remain anonymous.

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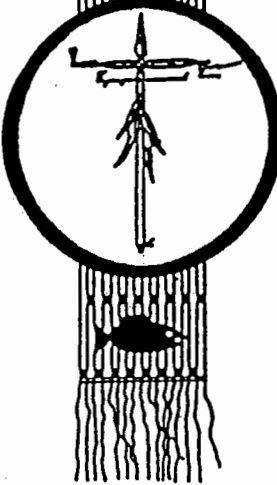
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# THE BROTHERTON MESSENGER

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## DEDICATED TO OUR BROTHERTON INDIAN HERITAGE



The next scheduled meeting of the Brotherton Indian Nation will be held on Saturday, June 15, 1985, at the Hamilton House (corner of Sophia & Forest Avenue) in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. The meeting will begin at 1:30 P.M., with a social hour following business. Coffee will be provided, but you are asked to bring a snack, relish, or dessert to share with others. A History Committee meeting is scheduled for 9:00 A.M. at the PCC office. All are encouraged to attend.

There will not be a meeting at the Hamilton House in Fond du Lac on July 20, 1985. Instead, there will be the annual Brotherton Picnic to be held at Pritchard Park in Racine. Please refer to the picnic information located elsewhere in this issue.

The August meeting scheduled for Saturday, August 17, 1985, will also not be held in Fond du Lac. It will be held in Gresham, Wisconsin, at the American Legion Hall, located on Main Street, at 1:30 P.M. Hope to see a large turnout! The next meetings will again return to Fond du Lac in September.

### ELECTION RESULTS

There was a large turnout at the May 18th election meeting, with 45 people showing up to vote. There were 337 requests for absentee ballots, with 266 ballots returned. In total, over 300 people voted, making this the largest election ever. The ballot requests came from 17 states, one from Germany, and 43 Wisconsin cities, including 55 votes from Racine alone. It just proves the amount of interest this election has generated.

The results of the election are as follows: For Chairperson-June Ezold 218, Phil Tousey 82; Vice-Chairperson-Mark Baldwin 262; Secretary-Lani Bartelt 255; Treasurer-Leo Tousey 284; Council Person-Maynard Thompson 254, Phyllis Mattern 156, Eleanor Soto 137, and Alfred Tousey 39.

CONGRATULATIONS to June, Mark, Lani, Leo, Maynard, and Phyllis! And thank you fellow Brothertons for voting. This "thank you" note which appeared in the Racine Journal Times on Monday, May 27, 1985, sums it up best: Thank You Fellow Brothertons! "By casting you vote in the May 18th election of the Brotherton Indian Tribe, you have elected Tribal Officers and Council Members who will carry out the task of tribal recognition and the continuation of our Indian heritage."

### SMOKE SIGNALS

If anyone knows the whereabouts of "Punky" Hammer, in Florida, please tell him "Chief Alfred" and his squaw "Silverfox," will be on the "giant thunderbird" heading south this summer. --Alfred Monteen--

### COMPLIMENTARY COPIES

It was suggested at the May 18th meeting, that because of the large number of voters, many of which who do not subscribe to the Brotherton Messenger, that those people be sent a free copy of this issue. The main interest, to let those people know the election results. Another reason was to show them what our newsletter looks like and to generate interest in receiving current information on the Brotherton happenings. If anyone receiving a complimentary copy of the Brotherton Messenger would like to subscribe, please fill out the coupon at the back of this issue, and return it with your payment to the editor. Thank You Phil Tousey, Jr. for that suggestion, and for offering to pay a portion of the extra cost.

### ADDRESS CHANGE

June Ezold, Tribal Chairperson, has been notified by the Post Office Dept. that her address will be changed. She has not physically moved, only the address has changed. Her new address will now be: Av2848 Witches Lake Road, Woodruff, Wisconsin, 54568. June's phone number has remained the same. Please refer to the list at the back of this issue for addresses of all Brotherton Officers, Council Persons, and Committee heads.

### ADDRESS UPDATES

We are currently trying to update our mailing list to avoid duplications and to correct addresses. Please help us by notifying the PCC Office of any change in name, address, marital status, deaths, or specific problems you may have with Brotherton mailings you receive. Please send changes to: Renona Elsen, 14 Western Ave., Fond du Lac, WI, 54935.

# ~ CHAIRPERSON'S CORNER ~

The election and campaigning is now over and we are starting a new year for the Brotherton Indian Nation. First of all, I want to thank all of you who voted for me. I promise to carry out my duties to the best of my ability, and I will not let you down. I will continue to perform my duties as I have for the past three years, with only the goals of the Brothertons in mind. One thing that I would like to set straight right now is that as Chairperson, I do not get paid for any of the duties I carry out. I also want to thank you for giving the tribe a Council that will help the image of the Brothertons, and will have a lot of input which will help the Tribal Council further its efforts toward petitioning the federal government for recognition.

The Brotherton Indian Nation is now having our books audited, we have sent in our tax forms, reapplied for non-profit status, filled out scholarship forms for our young people to help them get Wisconsin financial aid, and the Treasurer and Chairperson have now been bonded. In regard to scholarships, if any of your children have received any monies from Wisconsin toward their tuition, will you please forward a copy of the form they were notified with!? We need this type of information for our petition, and we would like to keep a copy of the papers in the Brotherton Archives. Just send a copy, not the original that you have.

In April, we were honored with the presence of Dr. Russell Blackwood, Professor of Philosophy, Hamilton College, Clinton, New York. He attended Dartmouth College, the school that Samson Occom collected money to start as an Indian school. Dr. Blackwood lives just a mile from the Samson Occom home, skated on Samson Occom Creek, and is very knowledgeable about Samson Occom and the Brothertown/Brotherton Indians in New York. He has been giving talks on this subject for a number of years, and he now wants to expand and change his talk somewhat, to add information about the Brothertons in Wisconsin. On April 13, 1985, some of the Council members met with him to gather and exchange information about our tribe.

This past month I met with the Wisconsin Indian Resource Association for setting up a Youth Conference in Stevens Point, July 24-29, for Indian youths ages 14-17. The Council wants to send two of our youths to the conference, dealing with drug abuse, alcohol abuse, having athletic game competition, powwow, a dance, educational sessions, and a fun time for our youth. Barb and Jim Snyder's son is interested in attending. If someone else would be interested in attending, please let me know. We do want to send two of our young people. I will be attending another W.I.R.A. Conference on May 24, 1985, and will be obtaining more information then.

I have met several times with John Wiley, Indian Unit Director, of the Wisconsin Judicare in Wausau, Wisconsin, for legal advice and answers to some questions that arise regarding administration. I have also met with the Wisconsin Indian Education Association in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. They are being newly organized after the Great Lakes Intertribal Council Education Association dissolved. There will be more to report later. In addition, we have been receiving information about job opportunities for Indians receiving special consideration when hiring. If you are interested, please write to me and I'll see that you get the information.

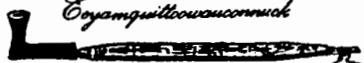
Dr. Jack Campisi, Anthropologist, from Red Hook, New York, is working on the narrative for our petition to the federal government. We expect a report from him in June.

Rudi Ottery, our Tribal Genealogist, will be at the Petition Coordination Center in Fond du Lac, 14 Western Avenue, from June 10th through the end of the month. Here's your opportunity to meet her and to have some of your questions answered.

The Grant Writing Committee met May 25-27, to set down some ground rules and information in regard to another grant request. The Grant Writing Committee met the same way last year and we have received the monies to open our PCC, hire a staff and professionals, and to further our research needed for the petition. This committee is doing a fantastic job.

I hope to see you at the next general tribal meeting on June 15th, and also at the Brotherton Picnic, July 20th in Racine, Wisconsin. The August 17th meeting will be held at Gresham, Wisconsin, at the American Legion Hall, 1:30 P.M.. See you then.

June Ezold, Chairperson  
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*Brotherton Nation*



## ANNUAL BROTHERTON PICNIC

WHERE: Pritchard Park, Racine, Wisconsin. Corner of Highway 11 (Durand Avenue) & Ohio Street. (See attached map.)

WHEN: Saturday, July 20, 1985. Registration begins at 10:00A.M., meeting at 10:30A.M., lunch at 12:30P.M.

COST: Registration fee is \$1.00 per person, or \$5.00 for a family of five or more.

WHAT TO BRING: Potluck lunch will be served, so bring a dish to pass such as: ham, chicken, tuna, fruit or vegetable salad; baked beans; casseroles; American or German potato salad; cookies, cake, pies, or any other desserts. Any Indian dishes are more than welcome. Out-of-state Brothertons may want to bring something easier, such as: potato chips or snacks; olives, pickles or relish plate; or bring whatever is easiest. Milk and coffee will be provided.

BRING YOUR OWN: Utensils, plates, cups, beer or other refreshments. Sandwiches, hot dogs, etc. are optional if you wish to bring something extra for your family. Some grills are on the grounds or bring your own portable grill and charcoal. A few small refrigerators will be used for food, but bring a cooler for your refreshments. There will also be two small stoves to use for hot dishes. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Picnic tables are available, but possibly not enough depending upon the turnout. Don't forget to bring your camera, tape recorder, and family history, photographs, and stories to tell.

ACTIVITIES: After lunch there will be a music sing-along with Sandi & Phil Hahn; craft & rummage sale (bring along an item to donate); get-together for people exchanging ancestry information; prizes will be awarded, and sports activities (baseball, volley ball, jarts, badminton, or any other activity suggested.) There is a large playground for the children, and the new "Regency Mall" within walking distance.

CRAFT & RUMMAGE SALE: Please bring home made items to donate for the craft sale, and other articles for the rummage sale. Price the items you donate at a price you feel would be fair. All proceeds will go to the Brotherton Indian Tribe. Brotherton maps, pins, bumper stickers, hats, t-shirts, and post cards will also be sold while quantities last.

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# OPEN FORUM

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\* The OPEN FORUM section of the newsletter is reserved for letters to the editor, \*  
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\* discussion of ideas, information, points of view and opinions. It does NOT reflect \*  
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\* aged to contribute your comments and concerns on all issues. All materials submitted \*  
\* must be signed, but names may be withheld upon request. \*  
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## HOMECOMING/PICNIC -- A SUBJECT TO RECKON WITH

There is an important issue that seems to creep up from time to time, though I thought it was settled over a year ago. The question that was proposed at the July 20th meeting, "whether to combine the Brotherton Picnic with the Homecoming or to keep them as separate events," is a topic of discussion that should be explained thoroughly, before any decisions are made or voted on. The following is, as the "Open Forum" states, my personal opinion.

The annual Brotherton Picnic provides an opportunity for a summer get together. A chance to have fun in the sun, meet old friends and relatives, make new friends, and to let fellow Brothertons know what has been going on in the tribe. It is the one time during the year for the tribe to raise a large amount of money, and an opportunity for a meeting to move from city to city to allow other Brothertons from certain areas to attend. The picnic also provides the continuity that the Brotherton Tribe once shared in having a re-union every summer.

The Homecoming is a very significant event. It is a time to honor our Brotherton ancestors. It is a time to "come home" and to reflect upon the dedication, diligence, foresight, and hard work that it took our Brotherton leaders of generations ago, to obtain the Brotherton lands in Calumet County. The Homecoming is a day to commemorate the Treaty of October 27, 1832, in which the Brothertown Indians were finally able to purchase their tract of land on the eastern shores of Lake Winnebago, later called Brothertown, Wisconsin. It is the most significant event that the Brothertons of today can honor.

It is my view, and one that I share with many others, that the Homecoming should ALWAYS be in October. It is to signify an important date in the history of the Brothertown People. It should ALWAYS be in, or as close as possible to, Brothertown, Wisconsin. The only problem with "coming home" to Brothertown is that the present day Brothertown, Wisconsin does not have the facilities to hold the large crowd that our special event brings. Therefore, because of the large number of Brothertons living in or around the Fond du Lac area, because it is so close to Brothertown, Wisconsin, and because Fond du Lac seems to be almost a center point in Wisconsin for all Brothertons to drive to, Fond du Lac will have to be (at least for the present time) the place to hold the Homecoming.

The Picnic and Homecoming are only two of three events during the year, for which the main importance of the get together is to socialize and have fun with fellow Brothertons--not just to hold meetings. The point is to have as many opportunities to get together as possible. If the Picnic is combined with the Homecoming, it allows one less time for all to meet. If someone cannot make it to the Picnic, there is the chance they will then come to the Homecoming, or vice versa. If anything should be combined it should be the Christmas party combined with the picnic. They have about as much in common as combining the Picnic and Homecoming.

We must all weigh the decision to make the Homecoming and Picnic as one, very carefully. If the majority of the people want to have only one activity besides the Christmas party--that's fine--but let's not call a picnic a "Homecoming" when we would not be coming home. Call it a re-union if you like, but my Brotherton ancestors did not leave New York to settle at Gresham or Racine, Wisconsin, nor did they settle in Minnesota or Iowa. They settled at Brothertown, Wisconsin, and that is the place (or as close as physically possible) that we should hold a homecoming, and October is the month that we should commemorate the event. We must show a little continuity throughout our history and not switch back and forth. Let's set our events now, state the reasons why we want them, and leave them alone. If someone wants to change now and really goof up the history books, then I suggest we move our Christmas party to July. We would certainly have an event to remember. For the time being, let's keep the picnic in July, and have it travel to cities where there is a large concentration of Brothertons. Keep the Homecoming in October at or near Brothertown. In any case, before any action is taken to change any events the Brothertons hold, there should be a careful and thorough discussion. A little common sense could solve this problem for once and for all.

--Tim Vanderhoef, Kenosha, WI--

# From The Editor:

Exactly one year ago I was sitting at my typewriter, trying to publish my very first Brotherton Messenger. I accepted the challenge as editor when Mark Baldwin resigned to do other things for the Brothertons. This has been one big learning experience for me, and one that I hope I have executed to your satisfaction. I started this job with no experience, my dedication to the Brothertons, and my willingness to learn. At first I followed Mark's guidelines and it worked out quite well; but I am my own person and have changed a few things so that it has become my own work of art. I have tried to introduce new ideas and to show more Indianism in the newsletter. I need to feel comfortable with it and I hope you approve.

When I took over as editor of the Messenger I knew it wouldn't be easy for me or my wife and children. I spend more time than I first thought it would take. At that time I didn't realize the extra time it takes to type up subscription lists, answer letters, make phone calls, write reports, add names to the birthday greeting list, and much, much more. All this is in addition to attending History Committee meetings, general meetings, doing research, and selling hats and t-shirts. I promised I would be your editor for at least one year. There are times I ask myself why I go through this torture every newsletter, and I'd tell myself all I had to do was make it until August when my one year promise was up. I thought about it even more when people didn't like the way I worded things, or when they questioned why I printed a certain letter. It hurts to be cut down when you work so hard at doing a good job. It's the words of praise though, that out weigh the others, and it's my dedication and Indian blood that won't let me quit. And so my fellow Brothertons, you have me for at least one more year. I hope you like my work, and if you feel like sending me a letter telling me how I'm doing, or some suggestions, please do so. It will give me the encouragement to work even harder.

Please submit articles, stories, birthdays, anniversaries, or even a post card when you take a trip. I'm here to serve you and I'd like to hear from all of you. Thank you for subscribing.

--Tim J. Vanderhoef, Editor--

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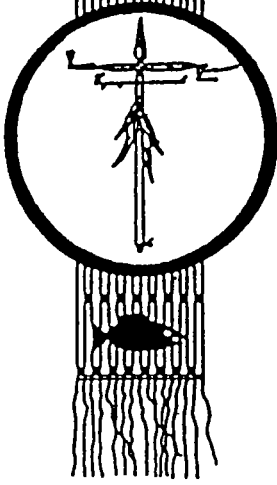
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# THE BROTHERTON MESSENGER

DEDICATED TO OUR BROTHERTON INDIAN HERITAGE

## BROTHERTON CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Brotherton Indian Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 14, 1985, at the Hamilton Building in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. The party will begin at 11:00A.M. with a potluck dinner at noon. The afternoon will be spent getting acquainted with one another, socializing, and trading family history. More information will be sent out by June Ezold in a Brotherton flyer. This is a great opportunity to get together with your fellow Brothertons and join in the Christmas spirit. Hope to see you there!

Take special note of the above date. The 14th of December is NOT the third Saturday of the month, as the monthly meetings are usually held. This is an exception to the rule and will revert back to the third Saturday of the month in January.

MAY THE GREAT SPIRIT BLESS YOU WITH A VERY BLESSED AND MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!

## SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE

The December issue of The Brotherton Messenger is the last issue of 1985. To receive the Messenger next year you MUST renew your subscription for 1986. The cost will remain at \$7.00, and you will again receive six issues, published in February, April, June, August, October, and again in December. Since 1981 The Messenger has served as the voice of the Brotherton Indian Nation, reporting on the tribe's progress toward federal acknowledgement. It has also served as a forum of communication for all Brotherton Indian descendants and contains many valuable articles of our Brotherton history. If you would like to preserve the past, learn more about the history of the Brotherton Indians, and keep abreast of the current happenings of the tribe, renew your subscription today. Fill out the coupon at the back of this issue and send it, along with a check or money order for \$7.00 to the editor. You, your children, and your grandchildren will be glad you did.

## ADOPT A MESSENGER

The "Adopt a Messenger" program was started last issue to provide a copy of a Messenger to someone who might share our common interest in the Brotherton Tribe, for a minimal cost. For \$1.00 you can have one copy of the current issue (or back issue) sent to your brother, sister, cousin, or any other Brotherton. The idea being, to show other Brothertons who do not subscribe at this time, what the Messenger is like, and to get them interested in their heritage. The ultimate result too, would be to get them to subscribe to the newsletter. Find a home for our newsletter--adopt a Messenger.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Because of the importance of the following notice, it will be repeated from the last issue.

Dr. Jack Campisi, our Tribal Historical Consultant, urgently needs copies of papers or records of anyone who attended an Indian school or mission. These schools might include Carlisle, Hampton, and schools in Kansas, Northern Wisconsin, or anywhere else that Brothertons may have attended. It is VITAL that we receive copies of these records.

If you, your parents, or your grandparents attended an Indian school, please look for these papers or documents, or find out where they are located. If you know that you or some member of your family did attend an Indian school but you cannot locate these papers, please contact June Ezold so she can set up an oral history taping with you. It is of the utmost importance that you contact June or Dr. Campisi as soon as possible.

In addition, wouldn't you like to donate copies of your family photographs, records, papers, and anything relating to the Brothertons, to the Tribe?? Your history can be preserved in the tribal archives, and can be a very welcomed addition to the ever growing Brotherton history.

The Brotherton Tribe is still in need of any documents or papers from 1900 to the present time. These would include any letters or papers from the Bureau of Indian affairs, schools someone attended under a scholarship or grant because of your Indian blood, or any other papers. Please send copies today!

# ~CHAIRPERSON'S CORNER~

by June Ezold

Fellow Brothertons! A few weeks ago, Carl and I drove to the Bureau of Indian affairs office in Ashland, Wisconsin. We had quite a talk with the personnel in the Tribal Operations office and asked if we could check over some records and information they might have about the Brothertons. They told us we needed a letter of "Freedom of Information" from the Director before we could receive access to their files. They also told us someone had already been up there a few years ago getting information for us, researching the files. As of now, we have not seen it, nor do we know who it was. I now have the letter of Freedom of Information, so we will be going there to complete some research to help Dr. Campisi write his report about the Brothertons from 1900 to the present.

Dr. Campisi is in Washington, D.C. right now, researching for the Brothertons, to help fill in the gaps in the 20th Century for his history narrative. He will be coming to Fond du Lac after the first of the year to help with oral tapings and other necessary data he will need for us, and from us. I haven't received an O.K. from him yet, but hopefully he will be here for a meeting with the tribe, meaning of course, that he will be the program for that month.

Remember, if you have any old letters, photographs, records, school papers from Indian schools, clippings, or any other pertinent information about the Brothertons in the 20th Century, we would like you to furnish us with a copy of what you have, to be worked into the petition. You will be doing a great service to your tribe by allowing us to use these items. We want to get the petition off to the Federal Government in 1986. That is our goal and YOU can help. Why not make that a challenge to you?? Send what you can to help reach our goal, to the PCC office. Why not make a New Year's resolution along those lines??

We know the Brotherton story is being heard. We received a letter from Mrs. Marian Vanepren of West Allis, Wisconsin a few months ago. Because she read of the current activity of the tribe, she donated a Brotherton family bible to the tribe. More of her story will appear elsewhere in the newsletter. Lucille Baldwin of Sheboygan, received a call from a great great granddaughter of Lucy Abner, a noted Brotherton ancestor. Others have been hearing positive things about the Brotherton Tribe. Tim Vanderhoef, our current editor, was interviewed by The Kenosha News, and his article about his work for the Brothertons should be in print soon. Also, Maynard Thompson was asked to have a Brotherton give a talk to the Oshkosh Historical Society. I gave the talk, and it was received well. The Historians in Oshkosh are now watching for items about us in their research. Phil Tousey gave a talk about the Brothertons to the DAR in Beaver Dam and Lani Bartelt talked to the Historical Society in Milwaukee about the Brothertons. The Brotherton story is being told and we are being heard!

Now is not the time to rest on our laurels. We are receiving help from outsiders and we, the Brothertons, must continue on with our research and findings. If you can give some time in helping, it will be well worth your efforts when we send in the petition, or proof of tribal entity, to be a part of the "team." Read some old newspapers, interview your elders, look up land patents, just to mention a few of the things you can do for your tribe. Contact Jayne Elsen, PCC Director, at (414-923-3173, or write to the PCC at 14 Western Ave., Fond du Lac, WI 54935. Tell her what you would be interested in doing. It will not be difficult, it just takes some of your time, and what satisfaction you will gain.

The Brothertons have received another grant, thanks to the great talent of Mark Baldwin. We are only able to have two people on staff: Jayne Elsen, our PCC Director; and myself, the Grant administrator. We are seeking volunteers to help with the office work at this time; such as mailings, xerox copying, and record keeping, just to mention a few. Can you help? Just a few hours a week would be most appreciated. Even an hour a day or whatever you can spare would help. The office hours are now 9-5 Monday through Thursday, and 8:30-1 on Friday. Won't you please help?

Due to the misunderstanding last May in regard to elections, the Tribal Council is working on amendments to the amended By-laws adopted on March 16, 1985. A copy of the amendments will be mailed shortly. The Council is also working on the enrollment for the Brotherton Tribe; checking to see if every person who has their charts and information in, has proven their ancestry, to become an enrolled Brotherton member. The next step will be to assign enrollment numbers to each member.

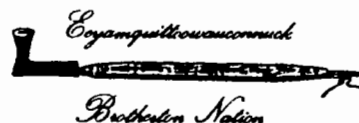
The Brotherton Homecoming & Anniversary on October 19, 1985 was a huge success, as was the Brotherton Picnic in Racine on July 20, 1985. Each big event seems to bring more and more people together, for the Brothertons. More people are finding the time and taking pride in their heritage. Why not plan on getting involved next year and attend one or all of the tribe's functions? The Picnic is usually in July and the Homecoming in October. The third Saturday of the month is our meeting and special events day. Exceptions to the rule will be held to a minimum and will be announced via a Brotherton flyer.

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We are all looking forward to seeing as many Brothertons as possible at our next get-together, which is our Christmas party. We hope this will hold true for the new year also. It's for your benenit that you come too, and you'll learn alot and meet some very nice people. Won't you attend at least one meeting in 1986??

The Tribal Council and myself would like to wish you all a very Blessed and Merry Christmas, and a happy and prosperous New Year!

June Ezold, Chairperson  
Brotherton Indian Nation  
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#### BROTHERTON BIBLE FINDS ITS WAY HOME

Prior to the November 16, 1985 meeting, June Ezold was contacted by Mrs. Marian Vanepren of West Allis, Wisconsin. Marian told June the story of how her husband had come into possession of a Brotherton family bible. Mrs. Vanepren's husband (now deceased) had received the bible in payment for helping a friend demolish an old house near Brothertown, Wisconsin. This Friend had purchased some property near Brothertown and decided to build a new house on the same property. When the owner of this old house had passed away, all of the personal belongings and furniture were left in the house. The friend gave the bible to Mr. Vanepren for his help, and kept it all these years.

Mrs. Vanepren had read an article in the Milwaukee Journal about the Brotherton organization, and the newly acquired archives in Fond du Lac. Rather than sell this rare old bible as a collector's item, she thought it should be left with the Brothertons for their archives. When Mrs. Vanepren talked to June, she was invited to come to our meeting on November 16th. At the meeting, Mrs. Vanepren presented the old bible to the tribe. Needless to say, everyone was very grateful to her for the very generous gift.

The names inside the bible are: Mrs. Ursula Bostwick, Beha E. Mosher, and Mrs. Andrew Kork. Also tucked inside the bible were some old tintype photographs. There is no price tag one can put on an item such as this. The bible is a very welcomed addition to the archives and may solve some genealogical problems as well. Our heart-felt thanks to you Marian for your thoughtfulness.

Never give up on trying to find information, photographs, relics of the past, or distant Brotherton relatives. As long as the Brothertons remain active and are mentioned in print, people will remember us and help us. We must let them know that we are still functioning, and not extinct.

#### GORDON C. FAY, SR. 1918 - 1985

The Brotherton Tribe has recently lost a member of it's flock. Gordon C. Fay, Sr. of Mobile, Alabama, passed away on Sunday, November 10, 1985, after a long illness. He was born on March 22, 1918 in Mobile, the son of Dora Cook, a Mohawk Indian, and Hallie Waldo Fay, a Brotherton whose ancestry dates back to the Schooner, Wiggins, and Johnson lines.

Gordon lived all of his life in Mobile, with the exception of his tour of duty during WW II. He married the former Annie Mae Busby and had one son, Gordon Fay, Jr. of Atmore, Alabama. He was an insurance salesman for 25 years, and a Deacon in the Baptist Church for over 20 years.

No one knows more, the closeness and love this man had for his wife and son, than Annie Mae and Gordon, Jr. This kind and gentle man has served God and family, and will now reap the rewards of heaven for his good deeds on earth. Gordon C. Fay, Sr. will be sadly missed by his wife, Annie Mae; son, Gordon, Jr. "Lightfoot"; brother, Robert; two grand children and three step-grand children; and the many friends and relatives he has left behind. Let this man's life be an inspiration to his fellow Brothertons who never had the pleasure to shake his hand.



# BROTHERTON NATION MINUTES



## ABRIDGED MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 19, 1985 GENERAL TRIBAL MEETING, FOND DU LAC, WISCONSIN

- Meeting called to order by Tribal Chairperson, June Ezold, Woodruff, Wisconsin, at 11:10 A.M. She greeted the members by saying in Narragansett "Netompauog, askuttaaquompsin?" (Friends, how are you?) "Asnpaumpmauntam." (I am very well.)
- Minutes of the September 21, 1985 meeting were read by Tribal Secretary, Lani Bartelt, Milwaukee, and approved as read.

### REPORTS

- TREASURER'S REPORT given by Leo Tousey, Treasurer, West Bend. Balance in the Brotherton Memorial Fund as of October 19, 1985 was \$45.00, other balances were as follows:

<u>BROTHERTON TRIBAL ACCOUNT</u>		<u>BROTHERTON NATION ACCOUNT</u>	
\$595.92	Balance as of 9/21/85	\$ 5,947.47	Balance as of 9/21/85
\$143.50	Deposits made 10/11/85	\$ 7,500.00	Deposits made 10/19/85
.00	Checks written	\$ 5,932.81	Checks written
<u>\$739.42</u>	Balance as of 10/19/85	<u>\$ 7,514.66</u>	Balance as of 10/19/85

- Motion made to accept the Treasurer's report made by Dan Vanderhoef, Council Member, Racine, seconded by Tim Vanderhoef, Newsletter Editor, Kenosha. Motion carried.
- HOMEcoming REPORT. Carl Ezold, Woodruff, reported that ten people had accompanied him on the cemetery tour to Brothertown that morning, and all enjoyed themselves.
- NEWSLETTER REPORT was given by Tim Vanderhoef, Editor. He explained what the "Adopt a Messenger" was and hoped to get new subscribers if people would send a newsletter to someone not now subscribing. He also stated that extrasubscription forms and copies of the Messenger were available at the meeting.

### OPEN DISCUSSION

- Officers and Tribal Council Members were introduced to all present.
- June Ezold then talked about the PCC, the Archives at Marian College, and information needed for the petition. Also discussed for the petition were: Dr. Campisi and his future plans for us; how important individual Brothertons' records and papers are; and how our Tribal Genealogist, Rudi Ottery, Middlebury, Vermont, is computerizing all of the genealogical information. The Tribal Chairperson also stated that the Brothertons had received another grant from the ANA for \$45,000.00 to continue our petition finalization.
- Discussion on whether to hold separate Picnic and Homecoming events in 1986. Phil Tousey, beaver Dam, stated that he thought it had been voted on to hold one combined event, at the Picnic in Racine in July. June Ezold and other members stated that it was only an opinion poll taken at the Picnic, not a motion before the membership. Lani Bartelt was asked to check the minutes of that meeting to find out for sure. Results showed that it was only an inquiry poll and not a motion to hold only one event.
- June Ezold explained that the third Saturday of December fell on the Saturday before Christmas and feared that not many people would attend. She then asked those present if the meeting date could be changed to December 14th, the second Saturday of the month. Florence Hoey, Fond du Lac, made such a motion, seconded by Tim Vanderhoef. Vote 16 yes, 4 no, motion carried. Christmas Party to be December 14, 1985.
- Tribal Chairperson, June Ezold, stated that there were extra enrollment forms available if anyone needed them. She also asked that members fill out an opinion survey listing the importance of each item that the tribe should be doing, and rank them in priority order.
- Phil Tousey brought up the discussion that there is a non-Indian currently in charge of the Brotherton Tribal Office (PCC) and how he felt it was not a good image for the Brothertons. There was much discussion on this subject. June Ezold stated that she (Jayne Elsen) had already had a year's experience on the job and there was no time to ask for others to apply for the job, and then take months out to train a new person. June also felt that Jayne was the right person for the job at the time she was asked to be the PCC Director, and had the professional skills to do the job and provide a good image for the tribe. Subject was to be taken into consideration by the Tribal Council in the future.
- June Ezold made an announcement that in the afternoon, tours of the PCC and Tribal Archives would be conducted. In addition, a slide presentation by Phyllis Mattern, an awards ceremony, and a barn dance would be held. June thanked the Homecoming Committee, headed by Cheryl Millay, for all their efforts. It was a great Homecoming and well attended.
- Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Tim Vanderhoef, seconded by Irma Sampson, Fond du Lac. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned by Tribal Chairperson, June Ezold, at 12:00 P.M.



# BROTHERTON NATION MINUTES

ABRIDGED MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 16, 1985 GENERAL TRIBAL MEETING, FOND DU LAC, WISCONSIN

- Meeting called to order by Tribal Chairperson, June Ezold, Woodruff, Wisconsin, at 1:50P.M.
- Minutes of the October 19, 1985 meeting were not read due to them being lost in the mail.

## CORRESPONDENCE

- June Ezold read letters and information from the following: BIA, job opportunities from the Minneapolis area; invitation to attend the 1st annual American Indian Heritage Benefit Gala, Miss Indian USA Pageant, and the American Eagle Awards to be held at the John F. Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C.; request for names of three tribal members from the American Indian Study Commission for the possible selection from twelve tribes, and a final selection of six names to make up a committee for a State Legislative Council to meet in Madison (anyone interested should contact June Ezold); Letter from Liela Gozdecki resigning from research task due to eyestrain; brochure from Discovery Learning Inc., showing what math materials will be used to teach Indian students; letter from the Dept. of Health & Human Services stating that the ANA grant of \$19,200 and all final review papers had been ok'd by their Department; Brochure from Ray Geweke for researching and writing tribal histories workshop; letter from Mrs. Marian Vanepren who wishes to donate a Brotherton family bible with tint type pictures; article by Dennis Boyer about Indian and White dialogue; a four generation photograph donated by Ernest Baker; the Winnebago Indian newsletter received; and, materials received for subscribing to the Nonprofit World Magazine.
- Letters were written to the following: Mr. Robert St. Arnold, of the BIA at Ashland, requesting "Freedom of Information" for several researchers to view Brotherton materials located there; requests for grant proposal information from the Bremer Foundation, Bush Foundation, McConnell Foundation, Public Welfare Foundation, Kresge Foundation, and the Ford Foundation; and thank you notes to Phyllis Mattern and Cheryl Millay for their help with the Homecoming in October.

## REPORTS

- TREASURER'S REPORT was given by Leo Tousey, Treasurer, West Bend, stating that the balance in the Brotherton Memorial Fund as of November 16, 1985 was \$45.00. Other balances were:

### BROTHERTON TRIBAL ACCOUNT

\$739.42	Balance as of 10/19/85
\$ 50.00	Checks written
\$142.00	Deposits made 11/08/85
<u>\$831.42</u>	Balance as of 11/16/85

### BROTHERTON NATION ACCOUNT

\$ 7,514.66	Balance as of 10/19/85
\$ 2,692.51	Checks written
\$ 3,761.17	Deposits made 11/08/85
<u>\$ 8,583.32</u>	Balance as of 11/16/85

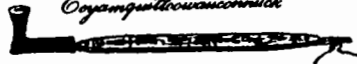
- Motion made to accept the Treasurer's report by Florence Hoey, Fond du Lac, seconded by Phyllis Mattern, Council Member, Neenah. Motion carried.
- FUND RAISING REPORT was given by Lucille Baldwin, Sheboygan. She stated that to-date \$589.25 had been raised from the sale of Brotherton postcards. Total spent had only been \$97.50, for a total profit of \$491.75 for the tribe. Remaining cards are to be turned over to the office for future sales.
- NEWSLETTER REPORT. Editor, Tim Vanderhoef not present. All materials for inclusion into the December issue should be sent to Tim by November 23rd. To-date there are 194 subscribers to the Brotherton Messenger. The cost for an "Adopt A Messenger" to be sent to someone is \$1.00. Renewals for 1986 are due by January 31, 1986.
- PCC OFFICE REPORT. Office Director, Jayne Elsen, Fond du Lac, continues to work on enrollments; Dr. Campisi's report is completed as far as he can go with the materials given him, and he will make a research trip to Washington, D.C., looking for more information.
- GENEALOGY REPORT. Tribal Genealogist, Rudi Ottery, Middlebury, Vermont, reported that she continues to work many hours entering all genealogical information into her computer, and will have a report ready for the Council by December. She is now in the process of moving.
- HOMECOMING REPORT. Cheryl Millay, Fond du Lac, was thanked for a good job as Homecoming Chairman, where 115 persons attended that day and \$123.25 was raised for the tribe.
- BROTHERTON NATION, INC.- It was reported that anyone who wishes may designate that their United Fund donations go directly to the Brotherton Nation, Inc., which is a tax exempt organization.

## NEW BUSINESS

- It was announced that many of the people who had received awards at the Homecoming and about the Homecoming event itself, had been in many area newspapers.

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- A special presentation of a Brotherton family bible, once owned by the Mosher family, was made by Mrs. Marian Vanepren, West Allis. It was accepted by the Tribal Chairperson, on behalf of the tribe, and will be placed in the Tribal Archives.
- A letter of resignation from current Sergeant-At-Arms, Lucy Baldwin, Sheboygan, was read and briefly discussed. Subject was tabled until next month in hopes of changing her mind.
- Motion made by Leo Tousey, Treasurer, West Bend, that the tribe pay for the use of the Hamilton building, in advance, for the months of January, February, and March. Maynard Thompson, Council Member, Waukau, seconded the motion. Vote was 15 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.
- It was discussed and approved that the December Council meeting and Christmas Party following, be held on December 14th, the second Saturday of the month, instead of December 21st because the 21st was too close to Christmas. Cheryl Millay to be the Christmas Party Chairman. Potluck dinner to begin at 12 noon, and last until 5:00P.M. A flyer will be sent out to explain all information about the event.
- Discussion followed regarding changing the starting time of the monthly meeting from 1:30P.M. to 2:00P.M. It was decided to keep the meeting time the same, at 1:30P.M., on the third Saturday of the month (except the December Christmas party.)
- Motion to adjourn made by Maynard Thompson, seconded by Phyllis Mattern, Council Member, Neenah. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned by Tribal Chairperson, June Ezold, at 2:45P.M.

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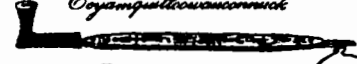

MEMOS FROM RUDI:


Dear Fellow Brothertons,

This will be just a brief note to let you know that I am still alive. I have been in the process of packing for our move to Weare, N.H., and have been working many 18 hour days to complete the enrollments and to print out a list for the Tribal Council. My time is stretched to the limit, having time for little else. When the enrollments are complete and our move to New Hampshire is done, I will try to catch up as soon as possible. My new address will be listed in the next issue of the Messenger. The following are a few points I wish to express to you at this hectic time:

- The guidelines for printing your family history in the Messenger will be mailed to the chosen few as soon as I can get to it.
- I will be writing very little in the newsletter except for some notes of importance. After all of the families have had their stories printed, I will again write about Brotherton history, and will try to concentrate on more recent information.
- The Narragansett language articles will not be written by me any longer. The editor will publish things as time and information is available.
- I cannot do a "one on one" family print out, genealogy request, or anything concerning your family history on a personal basis. My entire time must be devoted to the enrollments for the petition. Time does not permit me to explain why I can't just push a button on the computer to get a printout for an individual. There are boxes of manual files to go through also. For now let me state again that the petition comes first. I will return to answering your questions on individual families in the not too distant future. Please have patience.

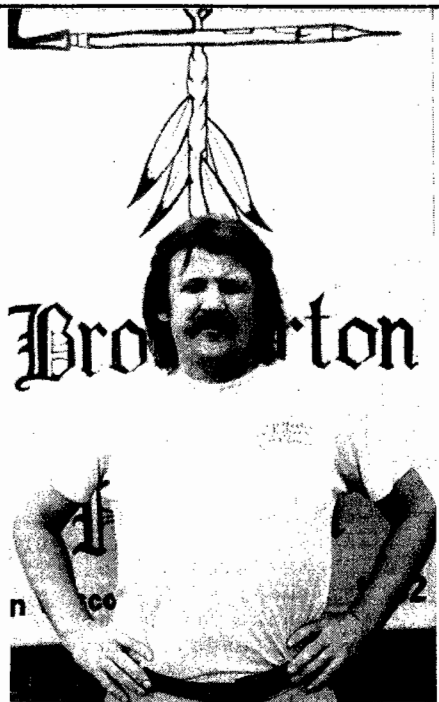
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THANK YOU Vera Stephenson, Bob Voet, and Mrs. Milton Wratten for ordering back issues of The Brotherton Messenger, and for your donations to the Messenger account.



# WHO'S WHO:



DANIEL A. VANDERHOEF

COUNCIL MEMBER

My name is Dan Vanderhoef. I am currently a Council Member, having been elected in May of 1984. Prior to that I was appointed to the Council when there was a vacancy in 1983. Though I did much research on my Brotherton ancestors before becoming an active member, as a child I grew up knowing I was a Brotherton Indian, and telling everyone about it. The stories I heard about my grandmother going to tribal meetings and being proud of her Indian heritage, made an easy choice for me, when as kids we played "cow-boys and Indians." Though the Indians were "supposed" to lose, I chose to be one, just as I choose to fight for my heritage now--only this time we are winning.

I was born on October 6, 1947, in Racine, Wisconsin, and am the fifth oldest of 17 children born to Willis and Ruth (Verbeten) Vanderhoef. My ancestry goes back to the Lynch, Wetzel, Modlin, and Hammer lines. There are currently over 170 Brotherton descendants living in Racine who claim the same bloodline.

From October 1964 to September 1967 I served in the U.S. Army, and was stationed in England and Germany during my tour of duty. I presently work for the Milwaukee Journal in Racine, as the A.M. Assistant, where I began working in July of 1984. My duties include: making sure papers are delivered, listening to complaints, showing new carriers their routes, and making drops to businesses in the Racine area. In September of 1982 I married my lovely wife, Linda, and we are expecting a baby in March of next year.

Since January of 1983 I have been attending meetings and actively working with the tribe. I would not spend the time and effort if I didn't believe in my Indian heritage, and the goals of the Council and of the Brotherton Tribe. My only regret is that I no longer have the time to do research, as my job takes up at least 10 hours a day, plus Saturdays (when I'm not attending a tribal meeting.)

I enjoy working with the Brothertons and think of them as another family. There is no other organization I can think of, that I would rather work for, than the Brotherton Indians. We, the Tribal Council, have worked hard for the tribe and hope that you support us in our decisions to help record our history and heritage, and to attain our main goal--that of federal recognition.

## A THANK YOU NOTE

A BIG thank you goes out to all my relatives and friends that I met on my pilgrimage to Oneida, Stockbridge, and the Sioux Nation. I want to thank you all for making my trip a very enjoyable one. A "special" thank you to Uncle Willard and Kate DeGroat for letting us stay in your home and for being our "Indian" guide. Also, special thanks to Jeannie and Clifford Lucio, and Mr. Clifford Lucio, Sr. for making a cross out of the sacred pipestone from Pipestone, Minnesota. This trip will surely go down in my book of treasured memories. THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!!

--Eleanor "Mohnee" Soto, Milwaukee, WI--

## JOKE OF THE MONTH

Why were the Indians the first people in America??  
Because they had reservations!!

-submitted by Dave Highman, Cudahy, WI-

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

The closest to perfection a person ever comes is when he fills out a job application form.

-Stanley J. Randall-

# Brotherton Homecoming 1985

In 1785, the dream of Samson Occom, a Mohegan preacher became reality. Years after the Brothertown homeland had been secured from the Oneida Tribe, and postponed by the onset of the Revolutionary War, a new Indian Nation took root and formed in the wilderness of New York. From the Christian remnants of the Mohegan, Pequot, Narragansett, Niantic, Montauk, and the Tunxis Tribes, the Brothertown Indian Nation emerged. As the history of the Brothertown Indians unfolded, the Brotherton Indians found themselves taking root in another wilderness, in a far away land called Wisconsin. By the treaty of October 27, 1832, the Brothertown Indians purchased their lands on the eastern shores of Lake Winnebago. This land in Wisconsin was four miles by eight miles in size, and was located in what was later known as Brothertown, Calumet County, Wisconsin. It was a new home and the final move for the Brotherton People.

Each year in October the Brotherton Indians remember their homeland in Wisconsin by celebrating the "Homecoming" event in commemoration of the treaty of October 1832. In 1985 there was a special anniversary of the Brothertons to remember. The acquisition of the Brothertown homeland in New York in 1785.

On October 19, 1985, the Brothertown Tribe celebrated its Bi-centennial anniversary and Homecoming celebration at the Hamilton Building in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Over 110 Brotherton descendants and their families attended this special event. The Homecoming Committee consisted of: Cheryl Millay, committee Chairman; with the assistance of Lucy Baldwin, Bernard & Irma Sampson, Maynard & Blanche Thompson, and Carl & June Ezold. Many members from Wisconsin and Minnesota attended, and some from as far away as California. It was a celebration at its best and the Brotherton Indians showed up in large numbers to pay homage to their Brotherton ancestors.



The Homecoming celebration started at 9:00A.M. with a tour of the cemeteries in Brothertown, headed by Carl Ezold. A short tribal meeting was held from 11:00A.M. to 11:30A.M., presided over by Tribal Chairperson, June Ezold; assisted by Tribal Secretary, Lani Bartelt.

At 12:00 noon, everyone lined up for a very large array of tasty food, and sat down to an enjoyable dinner with the best company anyone could ever ask for. There was the constant buzzing of conversation and a continuous line at the food table. Seconds and thirds were not uncommon—the food was delicious!





At 1:00P.M., tours of the PCC and Tribal Archives at Marian College began. Vivian Haase, Jayne Elsen, and Greg Elsen were tour guides. Phyllis Mattern gave a slide presentation of her Holy-land trip, at 2:15P.M.

"Service Awards" were presented at 3:00P.M., to some of the many volunteers who have helped the Brothertons with research and other related work. The "Service Award" read as follows: "In recognition of the contribution you have made to the Brothertown Indians of Wisconsin. For your participation in preserving the history and heritage of the Brothertown people. And, for your willingness to offer your time and talents to further the goals of the Brothertown Tribe." The Brotherton Tribal Council bestowed service awards to the following people: Lucille Baldwin, Sheboygan; Blanche Thompson, Waukau; Jayne Elsen, Fond du Lac; Mary Hoey, Fond du Lac; Lani Bartelt, Milwaukee; Vivian Haase, Marshall; Tim Vanderhoef, Kenosha; Sister Virginia Murphy, Fond du Lac; Olivia Tousey, Beaver Dam; and Carl Ezold, Woodruff, Wisconsin. Special Service Awards were also given to: Leo Tousey, West Bend, the Thomas Commuck Memorial Award; Mark Baldwin, Madison, the Samson Occom Leadership Award; and June Ezold, Woodruff, Wisconsin, the Samson Occom Honor Award.



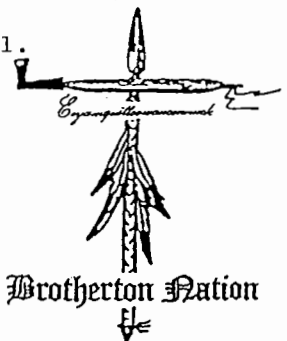
At 3:15P.M. the Gilmore's of Ripon, Wisconsin, lead the many anxious Brothertons in a square dance mixer. It was a fun-filled afternoon, full of laughter, smiles, and an opportunity to learn new dances and greet fellow Brothertons. It was a time to just be with one another--hand in hand.



The Gilmore's entertained the crowd until 5:15P.M., when the hard working Homecoming Committee began heating food for the supper meal. Many Brothertons had continued to enjoy each others' company, the dancing and fun, and prepared themselves for another fine meal.

After the supper meal was over, many Brothertons sat around and talked about tribal issues, ancestors, and what fun the day had brought to them. Others viewed the Brotherton Traveling Photo Exhibit, looking for a glimpse at their Indian ancestors, and gaining a sense of pride in their heritage.

The day had come to an end. Brothertons said their good-byes, sad to leave after such an enjoyable day. It was a special day in the history of the Brotherton Tribe. A Brotherton Homecoming.



# BLOODLINE: The Brotherton Story

## THE SHELLEY FAMILY STORY

by Lani Bartelt

It is interesting to note that the early Shelleys, like most of the Brotherton tribal families, were farmers, practiced the Methodist Episcopal faith, and married members of other Brotherton or Stockbridge Indian families.

Many of the Shelleys of this generation continue to farm. Those who do not work in the occupations that they did three or four generations ago do so because they went where the jobs were. That is, to the larger metropolitan areas, so they could survive and raise their families.

Religious faiths have changed only as they have married into families of other faiths, and has been an individual family members choice. This change has taken place only in the last few generations. Both my great-grandparents attended the Methodist Episcopal Church in Northern Wisconsin.

At the time of the Civil War the male members of the Shelleys went willingly to fight for the North, as did the husbands of the female Shelley members. This devotion to their country has continued with WW I, WW II, The Korean Conflict and the Vietnam Conflict. Several members of the family have also become "Lifers" in the service of their country.

With the loss of so many male members of the tribe during the Civil War era, and with the move into Calumet County of so many European settlers, is it any wonder that some tribal members married outside of the tribe? I don't think so. Combine that with the evidence that at least in the case of the Shelley family, many of them moved to Northern Wisconsin, and some onto Minnesota, Montana, and Washington. They were no longer of the immediate Brotherton family in Calumet County and surrounding area. One can readily see why the Indian history of the family has been lost a little within each generation to come.

The Shelley family, as with the case of most Brothertons, seemed to be a closeknit family who helped each other in time of need, corresponded with each other, and tried at times to come back to visit each other. They seemed to come home for family events such as weddings and funerals, and this has continued to the present with annual family reunions each year, some members attending from all over the United States.

Another factor which has limited the contact of the Brothertons farther away has been the economy of this country in the past eighty years; to include the Great Depression, and the shortages during the WWII time period when gasoline and tires were so limited.

Some of the Shelley family members belonged to the Six Nations Club during the 1920's and 30's, and some family members were on both the 1901 and 1967 tribal rolls. I also know they have lived through the bigotry, racial slurs and segregation in their communities against all Indians. Those not living in Indian communities did not have the support network that could be afforded to those Indians in communities having larger Indian populations.

In meeting distant cousins like Tom Shelley of Montana, and Judy Shelley MacArthur of Washington, it has been interesting to find how much of the family resemblances still carry on each generation, and often, how much we have in common. Interestingly enough, one area that we all seem to feel strongly about is our pride in finding out more about our Indian ancestry and even more proud of our Indian blood.

Though some "older" family members may not want to be Indian after all they went through, we have to hope that the younger generations in each of our families will take pride in their new knowledge of their Indian ancestry, and carry it on for generations to come.

It saddens me when I hear some people quibble over what blood degree one is, or whether or not they "look" Indian, or belong to several Indian organizations. To me, being a Brotherton descendant and an enrolled member of the tribe, and an active, participating member makes me an Indian. A Brotherton Indian!

## THE STORY OF SIMEON SHELLEY & SABRINA WELCH, PHEBE JONSON AND THEIR DESCENDANTS

This story begins with these three persons, spans one hundred and eighty-five years, and takes us seven generations later into 1985. There are over three hundred descendants to continue this unique Brotherton family history.

Simeon Shelley was a Pequot Indian born in Mystic, Connecticut on May 7, 1800. According to the book Samson Occum and the Christian Indians, he was assigned Lot #68 on the Brothertown, New York reserve in 1820. His brother, Bradley, also came there and was assigned Lot #146 in 1830.

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Sabrina Welch, daughter of William Welch, was born in the Mohawk Valley of New York in 1766. She married Simeon Shelley during the 1820's in New York. Sabrina was born May 5, 1805 into a large family of seven brothers and two sisters. I have not as yet completely verified the Welch information, so at this point I will not elaborate any further on the Welch line, and will leave that for a more knowledgeable Welch descendant to tell their story later on.

As of now I believe that Simeon and Sabrina had the following children: David, John, Henry, Pamela, Elias, Simon, Lewis, Alvira, Jane, Lyman, Nancy, Thomas, and Louisa (not necessarily in that order.) The information on the children has been obtained from birth, marriage, death, Civil War, census, and tribal roll records.

Phebe Jonson, daughter of Emanuel Johnson and Martha Fowler, was born in New York in 1821. She married William Shapely, born July 12, 1810 probably in Scotland. William and Phebe had three daughters born to them: Almira, Ruth, and Minnah. Almira married a Boyer and had four sons; Minnah married Warren Skeesuck and had three daughters, all of whom died as infants; and Ruth married Simon Shelley, son of Simeon and Sabrina, and had four sons and a daughter who died as an infant. The sons' stories will be told later in the Shelley history.

Wm. Shapely, at age 51, became a teamster for Co. I, 5th Wisconsin Infantry during the Civil War. Later, after the Civil War, William and Phebe came north to Unity, Wisconsin, where they spent their final days. He died on March 21, 1893, and she on September 7, 1903. Phebe Jonson Shapely is buried at the Unity Township Cemetery, as is her daughter Ruth, Almira, Almira's husband, Almira's sons, and Minnah's infant daughters.

On the New York roll of 1841 Phebe is listed as one of the Brotherton tribal members who is already in Green Bay, Wisconsin. The following Shelleys are listed as being some of the Brotherton tribal members who still wish to emigrate to Wisconsin: Simon, David, John, Lyman, Louisa J., Henry F., Thomas E., Betsey, Simeon, Elizabeth and Hannah Shelley. On the Wisconsin tribal roll of 1842 most are listed as being issued land patents on the Brothertown reserve.

The territorial census of 1850 the following Shelleys are listed: Simon Shelley Sr., Sabrina, David, John, Lyman, Henry F., Thomas E., Simon, Sabrina, Louis A., and Nancy. They are listed as living in the same household as Alonzo Simons, his wife Louisa (probably Louisa Shelley,) and their infant son, William. Also listed as living with the John Simons family is Elizabeth Shelley and her daughter, Elizabeth, age 19. Simeon Shelley is listed as a farmer with a real estate valued at \$500.00.

Family stories handed down from generation to generation has it that the Simeon Shelley family suffered a house fire and lost several of their children in this fire. Although I have not documented this as yet, I believe the children who perished were probably Thomas, Nancy, and Lyman. I do not locate them in any marriage, death, Civil War or census records at later dates.

During the Civil War many of Simeon and Sabrina's sons would fight valiently for the North. They were: Elias, Henry, Simon, Lewis, David, and John. I will list their companies and information as I tell their individual stories.

Simeon and Sabrina Shelley lived out their lives in Brothertown, Wisconsin. Simeon died on June 25, 1860, at the age of 60. Sabrina followed in death at the age of 65 on November 2, 1869. Both are buried at the Brothertown Union Cemetery and were buried from the Brothertown M. E. Church.

#### THE DESCENDANTS OF SIMEON AND SABRINA SHELLEY

Over the past four years I have located and documented much information on the children of Simeon and Sabrina, with the help of Tribal Genealogist, Rudi Ottery, and several Shelley cousins; Tom Shelley of Livingston, Montana; Judy Shelley MacArthur of Sedro Wooley, Washington; and Helen Baldwin Wiedenmayer of Grafton, Wisconsin. My thanks to all of them for filling in "the pieces of the puzzle." I will relate what I have learned.

David Shelley, the oldest son of Simeon and Sabrina, was born about 1828 in New York state. He was 33 years old and married to Maryette (last name unknown), when he enlisted in Company K, Wisconsin Infantry and fought in the Civil War. He had one child while he and Maryette lived in the Brothertown, Wisconsin area, whose name was Frances Ann. She died at the age of three years and is buried in the Brothertown Union Cemetery. According to the 1901 Brothertown tribal roll David's residence was listed as Long Prairie, Minnesota. He died shortly after that. David Shelley has descendants listed on the 1967 tribal roll who listed him as their great-grandfather, so obviously he had more children than I am aware of.

John Shelley, the second oldest son of Simeon and Sabrina, was born in New York state on August 17, 1831. His first marriage was to Margaret Daggert, widow of Daniel Daggert, on January 3, 1856. Margaret had several children from her first marriage. John Shelley served in the "Pioneer Corps." during the Civil War; the Pioneer Corps. was sort of a predecessor

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of what is now called the Army Corp. of Engineers, and during the Civil War, went ahead of the troops preparing the roads for the troops and equipment to get through. John and Margaret had the following children: Lettie, who married first, George White, and second, Edmund Duane Tyron; and Magdeline, also known as Lena, who married William Kohl and lived at Redwing, Minnesota; Franklin; Sadie, who married \_\_\_\_\_ Compton (first name unknown); and Mary, who married \_\_\_\_\_ Sears (first name unknown). Margaret Daggert Shelley died about 1877 and is buried at the Brothertown Union Cemetery.

John Shelley then married a second time to Charlotte Simons. They had a son, James, who married Ellen Cuish. James and Ellen had a daughter, Lillian, who married Harry Dibbel; and a son Howard. James, Ellen and Howard are all listed on the 1901 tribal roll as living in Ironwood, Michigan, as are the Dibbles.

John's second wife, Charlotte, died by 1870 and he married for his third wife, a woman named Sylvia. They had the following children: Jobe, born November 2, 1871 at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; Reuben, born 1885; and Benjamin, born 1885. Jobe married Louesa Oliver on November 15, 1900 in Motley, Minnesota, and had the following children: Elva Cecil, born on September 20, 1901 in Motley, Minnesota; Velma Viola, born March 28, 1903 in Mt. Vernon, Washington; Verda Lucilee, born May 29, 1906 in Mt. Vernon, Washington; Llyod Oliver, born February 25, 1908; and David Edward, born February 1, 1918. Jobe and daughter, Elva, are listed on the 1901 tribal roll as living in Motley, Minnesota. David's daughter, Judith Shelley MacArthur, is the cousin I mentioned earlier, who is from Sedro Wooley, Washington, who has helped fill me in on this family's history. I have been pen pals with her for several years and have the pleasure of sharing our home with her for several weeks this past summer, when she came to Wisconsin for a visit.

(To be continued next issue)

--Lani Bartelt, Milwaukee, WI--



#### AN INDIAN PRAYER

He was sired by a thunder bolt from the Indian God above  
He was born of Mother Nature and he was her's to love

He wore a feather in his hair cause the eagle was his friend  
A warden of the out of doors with nature his to tend

His messages were sent with smoke from mountain top plateau  
And fish were planted with his seed to make his corn crop grow

The buffalo, that noble brute was his to eat and wear  
As was the beaver, fish and dear, also his friend the bear

Oh yes this man stood tall and proud, this keeper of wild life  
He did it all not with a gun, but with his bow and knife

Then he met the white men, who prayed on bended knees  
And while he prayed to white man's God, they cut and sawed his trees

They taught him all the white man's ways, while the flames of war were fanned  
Then when they had him weak and drunk, they took away his land

They filled his streams with oil and sludge, his sky with dust and smog  
They shot his buffalo for sport, so he had to eat his dog

Oh yes they had him beaten, this brilliant mind was lost  
The warden of the woods was gone, but God, at what a cost

Let's help this man to gain his feet, let's stand him tall and straight  
Let's help him to renew his life, and hope it's not too late

Let's give him back his lifestyle, let's put away the gun  
We've destroyed his Mother Nature, let's not destroy her son

--Submitted by Eleanor "Mohnee" Soto, Milwaukee, WI--

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## 40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

A 40th wedding anniversary celebration for Ron and Clarice (Verbeten) Gall was held on November 16, 1985 in Racine, Wisconsin. The happy couple was married on November 17, 1945 at St. Joseph's Church, Racine.

A mass in honor of their anniversary was held at the same church they had been married in, 40 years earlier. During the mass, Ron and Clarice renewed their marriage vows, witnessed by hundreds of their close friends and relatives.

That night, a dinner and reception was held at Giovanni's Supper Club, where over 200 people attended, including a bus load of relatives from the Appleton, Wisconsin area. The music, atmosphere, and wonderful company of friends and relatives alike, made the event a most enjoyable one.

Ron and Clarice Gall are the parents of five children, and have three grand children to add spice to their lives. They both retired in January of 1985 and just returned from a six week vacation to the West Coast. Clarice is a descendant of the Hammer, Modlin, and Wetzel line.

## BROTHERTON GREETINGS!!

Congratulations, Best Wishes, and Happy Birthday to the following people who have recently, or will soon be celebrating their special day. You are all encouraged to send in names and information about a Brotherton with an upcoming birthday, anniversary, special occasion, or illness. Of special importance are stories of Brothertons who have made a special achievement or won an award, graduated, made the newspapers, or just general Brotherton stories. Please submit your information and put one of your Brotherton loved ones in the pages of history.

HAPPY BELATED OCTOBER BIRTHDAY TO: Phil Hahn.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO: Harry & Rose Tousey, and Phil & Olivia Tousey.

HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY TO: Garden Liedke, Herbert Shady, Jr., Josh Liedke, Ginger Fay, Eleanor Soto, and Elissa Sampson.

HAPPY DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY TO: Larry & Irma Monteen, and Ricky & Sandra Baker.

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY TO: Ilene Miller, Jackie Shady, Ervin Miller, Bert Skeesick, Elizabeth Bischoff, Jeffrey A. Stephenson, Larry Monteen II, Richardo Monteen, and Beatrice Hammer Mitchell.

JANUARY ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS TO: Ray & Cheryl Tousey, and Herbert & Jackie Shady.

Those people whose names appeared in the birthday & anniversary section, prior to the August 1984 issue, please re-submit your names if you so desire.-The Editor-

## FROM THE SHELLEY CLAN...

HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY TO: Brenda Schuh, Stacy Shelley, Richard Mosconi, Michael Neumann, Vernon Shelley, Jason McCarthy, Wayne Manyen, Michele Schuh, Julia Stein, Don Simons, Janice Shelley, John Shelley, DuWayne Shelley, Jr., Beth Breu, Robert & Coley Kyman, Rachel Bigelow, Ronnie Bartelt, Butch Shelley, Jimmy Friedl, Cheryl Shelley, Tom Schuh, Jodi Decker, Sherri Schuh, Betty Rhodes, Gary Mosconi, Andrea Smith, and Rhonda Schuh.

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO: Rick & Susie Plum, and Bob & Marlene Gripentrog.

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY TO: Vicki Pasquasi, Christopher Helbling, Todd Bushons, Kathy Smith, Dean McCarthy, Timmy Helbling, Lani Bartelt, Wanda Shelley, Travis Burt, Janice Shelley, Larry Mosconi, Lisa Bushons, Chawn Shelley, Holly Wilke, Donalds Shelley, Jr., Audrey Musolf, Dawn Geilfuss, Jon Schuh, Renee Burt, Faye Gripentrog, Randy Rhodes, Trish Neumann, Christopher Rhodes, Bob Smith, Jim Pasquasi, Nicole Jones, Jerry Rhodes, Cyril Schmoll, Karen Poyner, & Jon Gripentrog.

JANUARY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO: Sonny & Wanda Shelley, Jim & Bea Gripentrog, Rollie & LaVerne Helbling, and Gordy & Audrey Musolf.

## FROM THE LYNCH LINE...

HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY TO: Marian Fay, Ray Fay, Sarah Fay, Christine Mapel, Evelyn Bislew, Karen Huissen, Jahnathan Bislew, Kari Vanderhoef, Jennifer Bislew, Donald Lorenz, Nancy Haigh, Nathan Haigh, Michele Fox, Alex Hollow, Sr., Steven Voet, Joshua Bark, and Ann Marie Peterson.

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO: Larry & Maria Bislew, and Ted & Helen Lorenz.

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY TO: Edward Verbeten, Brian Vanderhoef, Michele Kujawa, Kathleen Bislew, Benny Smith, Gwendolyn Schuster, Amy Lorenz, Andrew Green, Daniel Bulgrin, Aaron Verbeten, Joel Verbeten, Christobel Verbeten, Patrick Verbeten, Joanna Verbeten, Katrina Verbeten, and Michael Wittman.

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## BROTHERTONS IN THE NEWS

Tater Fay, son of Gordon "Lightfoot" Fay of Atmore, Alabama, has won first place in the junior division of Indian "fancy dancing" at the Creek pow-wow, held on November 28, 1985. Tater's prize included a blue ribbon and \$100.00. Congratulations Tater, and to your proud father. Keep on dancing!!

Mario Soto, son of Sigfredo and Eleanor Soto, Milwaukee, appeared in the Milwaukee Journal newspaper. The students at the Milwaukee High School of the Arts used their theatrical know-how to create dramatic costumes and moods for the school's costume day, during Halloween week. Mario was pictured in the newspaper as a powerful Ninja shadow warrior in the school window.

Tim Vanderhoef, newsletter Editor, had a full page story printed about him in the Kenosha News on Sunday, December 8, 1985, of his involvement with the Brothertons in gaining tribal recognition from the federal government. The newspaper interviewed him after learning that he had received a Brotherton Service Award at the Homecoming celebration in October. The article explained much about Tim's hard work for the tribe, serving as editor and on the Research Committee, and described much about the Brotherton history and their eventual move to Brothertown, Calumet County, Wisconsin.

## MORE FROM THE LYNCH LINE...

JANUARY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO: Dennis & Jane Hardy, and Patrick & Lila Verbeten.

Happy 40th wedding anniversary to Ron and Clarice Gall of Racine.

Congratulations to Michael & Shawn Metoxen on the birth of their son born in October.

## TRIBAL MEETINGS

With the exception of the December 1985 Christmas party, the August Meeting in Gresham, and the Brotherton Picnic in July, the tribal meetings are always the third Saturday of the month at the Hamilton Building in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. The meetings begin at 1:30P.M. and usually end by 3:00P.M. There is a potluck lunch served after the meeting, and you are asked to bring a snack, dessert, or relish to pass. The next scheduled tribal meeting will be on January 18, 1986. Hope to see you there.

## CORRECTIONS

The October 1985 issue of the Messenger was listed as "Volume VI Number 5" which was incorrect. Since we are now in the fifth year of publication, the volume number should have been "V" (5). In 1986 the volume number will become "VI" (6).

APOLOGIES to those subscribers with wrong names or addresses on their mailing labels. There is more than one person processing the labels, and since we are only human, we do make mistakes. PLEASE notify the editor if there is anything wrong with your name or address. The same holds true for any Brotherton mailings coming from the tribal office. You must tell us if it's wrong.

## BROTHERTON HAPPENINGS

Bob Voet of Albuquerque was in Wisconsin recently, visiting fellow Brothertons. The cold November weather we had here ought to jog your memory a bit!

Olivia Tousey continues with treatment on her eyes. Hope all turns out well.

Rose Tousey was in the hospital last month with leg problems. Hope you're up and about real soon.

OUR TRIBAL GENEALOGIST IS MOVING TO WEARE, NEW HAMPSHIRE SOON. WHERE?? WEARE, N.H.

On December 9, 1985, Eleanor "Mohnee" Soto and her husband and son, will be leaving for a three week holiday vacation to the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. While visiting her husbands relatives in Puerto Rico, Eleanor, (sometimes called the Indian Alex Haley) plans to do some research on the Taino Indians of Puerto Rico. Not only is Sigfredo part Taino Indian, but since some of the Eastern Indians were sold into slavery during the King Phillip's War, Eleanor's curiosity is getting the best of her. They also plan to visit some of the caves that her husband used to play in as a child. Many had Indian writing and paintings on the cave walls. The Soto family sends their best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## BROTHERTON ITEMS FOR SALE

Brotherton post cards, maps, and proclamations are still for sale at the tribal office. Write to the PCC for more information. Brotherton shirts, hats, pins, and various Indian items are for sale from Tim Vanderhoef. Contact him for more information. All profits go to the Brotherton Indian Nation.

# Brothertown Diary

The Brothertown Diary is a weekly account of the lives, events, and of the people who lived in or around the community of Brothertown, Wisconsin, before the turn of the century. All information listed is copied from the Chilton Times Newspaper, Calumet County, Wisconsin. All notices are from Brothertown, unless otherwise noted.

July 23, 1887

The infant child of Simon T. Hart was buried yesterday from the M.E. Church.

Mr. J. J. Samson is dangerously ill with inflammation of the bowels and I understand there is but slight hopes of his recovery.

The "Laura May," the steam yacht owned by Bigford & Jones will make two trips weekly from this shore to Oshkosh and return. I understand that Monday and Wednesday will be their days.

July 30, 1887

The groves along the lake shore are full of campers.

Mr. J. E. Brushell who had his leg broken at Merrill, arrived home on Sunday last.

Don't forget the G.A.R. picnic at Dayton's grove on August 11.

Hot as ever, 100° in the shade yesterday. Harvesting is nearly all done up.

J. J. Samson whom we reported last week was dangerously ill is much improved under the care of Dr. R. E. Minahan.

Mr. Wm. Welch, Jr., who has been here on a short visit, started for his home at Red Wood Falls, Minn., on Wednesday last. He was accompanied by Mr. Wm. Dignin, Sen., who has gone to take a look at the country and probably locate a new home.

Duane Samson was fined \$7.70 by 'Squire Parkinson,' on Monday last, for exercising his personal liberty too freely at Chas. Welch's picnic on Saturday evening last.

August 4, 1887  
(Advertisement)

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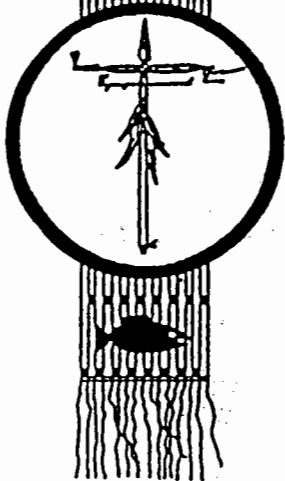
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