

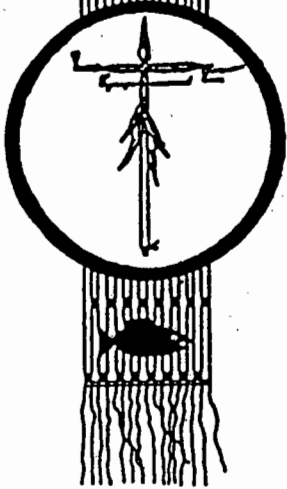
# THE BROTHERTON MESSENGER

DEDICATED TO OUR BROTHERTON INDIAN HERITAGE

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HAPPY 1986 BROTHERTONS!! THIS IS THE YEAR THE BROTHERTONS WILL PETITION THE GOVERNMENT FOR FEDERAL RECOGNITION. BE A PART OF THE "TEAM" BY ATTENDING MONTHLY MEETINGS AND BY VOLUNTEERING YOUR SERVICES.

### TRIBAL MEETINGS

The next scheduled meeting of the Brotherton Indian Nation will be held on February 15, 1986, at the Hamilton Building (corner of Sophia & Forest Avenue) in Fond du Lac. The meeting will begin at 1:30P.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 planned for 9:00A.M. at the PCC.

The February 15th meeting will be attended by Dr. Jack Campisi, who is our Historical Consultant. He has written the historical narrative from 1600 to 1920 for the tribe and will be in Fond du Lac for 10 days for oral history tapings and a community study for the acknowledgement petition. Dr. Campisi will answer any questions at this very important meeting. Please try to attend.

The March meeting will not be held at Hamilton Hall. It will be held on Saturday, March 15th, at Marian College, 45 South National Avenue, in Fond du Lac. The meeting will begin at 1:30P.M., and a History Committee meeting at 9:00A.M. is also being planned, room 100-A. This is also an important meeting, because the Nominating Committee will be selected to solicit candidates for the May tribal elections. Please attend these very important meetings.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

If anyone has any recollection of, or record stating who the elected chiefs or headmen of the Brotherton tribe was, after 1900, please notify Maynard Thompson. There seems to be a little confusion as to who they were, and whether this was a life time position. If you know the names and time periods for these elected headmen, please notify Maynard Thompson at: P.O. Box 64, Waukau, WI 54980.

### STEERING COMMITTEE FORMED

The Brotherton Nation, Inc. Board of Directors has established a Corporation Steering Committee. The committee's function will be advisory and will provide the Board with recommendations on corporate priorities including: fundraising, research, education, and corporation membership. Lucille Baldwin has been appointed to chair the Steering Committee, which is open to any member of the Brotherton Nation, Inc. (spouses of Brothertons). To express your interest in serving on the committee, please notify Lucille Baldwin at: 522 Wilson Avenue #7, Sheboygan, WI 53081. The first meeting of the Corporation Steering Committee will be held on February 15, 1986 at 10:00A.M., at the PCC in Fond du Lac. Please volunteer.

### CHUCKLE OF THE MONTH

GENIUS: A crackpot before he hits the jackpot.

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# ~ CHAIRPERSON'S CORNER ~

The Brotherton Council and myself hope you all had a happy holiday season, and the New Year will bring you health and happiness.

As usual, your council has been really busy. After the New Years parties, parades, football games, and when things slowed down a bit, the Council met on January 4, 1986 to continue the enrollment process that we started on December 15, 1985. We are going through the genealogy files using the 1839 and 1901 Tribal Rolls, checking the ancestor listed on each of our member's enrollment application form. With all this information, if everything checks out, we give that member an enrollment number. If the ancestor listed cannot be found on the rolls, or if the genealogy file does not have all the necessary forms, we set these files aside to be reviewed at a later date, after notification to the person involved. It has been an uphill battle, and very time consuming, but we have a very dedicated council and we will not rest until all members are enrolled. We will be meeting again February 15 to February 18th, to continue the work on the enrollment process. There are about 1172 files to be reviewed. This will take many, many hours, but as I stated, we will work the extra time to finish enrollments by the time the petition is sent in this summer.

The mailing address list has been brought up to date. This has been an on-going process, as someone is always moving. One of the reasons for updating the list is because of the special mailings sent out in December and January. We hope everyone received their suggested amended by-laws and the schedule for the next three months. One of the important changes was the announcement of the March meeting to be held at Marian College instead of the Hamilton Building. The meeting will be held on March 15, 1986 at 1:30P.M. in room 100-A at Marian College, 45 South National Avenue, in Fond du Lac. Remember, the election of the Nominating and Election Commission will be held at that meeting.

Dr. Jack Campisi, our Anthropologist from Red Hook, New York, will be with us at the February 15th meeting at Hamilton Hall, Fond du Lac. The topic of his discussion will be: what is being done, what has yet to be done, and how to get things done for our petition to be sent in this year. Please try to attend, and spread the word about the important February and March meetings.

Maynard and Blanche Thompson and Carl and myself visited the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Ashland, Wisconsin, on January 22nd. We had hoped to research their files, but came away with very little, as we were not allowed to look through them ourselves. Nothing concrete was found by the BIA staff, but we hope to try again later.

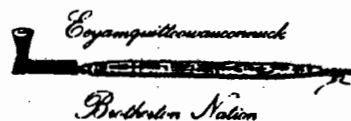
Elsewhere in the Messenger is a resolution adopted by the Tribal Council on January 18, 1986, dealing with candidate solicitations in elections. The amended by-laws you received in your December mailing were adopted at the general meeting, also on January 18th.

We are very sorry to report that Dan Vanderhoef, a dedicated Council Person, has sent in his resignation. The reason was that he was hired by the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel newspapers (Newspapers, Inc.), shortly after his election to the Council in 1984. This required him to work Saturdays, which he took off once a month without pay, to attend the Council meetings. With an addition to the family expected in March, plus the added expense of a house they purchased last year, Dan must work as many hours as possible to meet house payments and save for upcoming medical bills not covered by medical insurance. Dan, we are very sorry to lose you as a Council Person. We do understand, and please come to our meetings and events when you find the time. You have been a great help while serving your tribe. We will miss your input which you gave so willingly. As of now there has been no appointment to replace Dan Vanderhoef's seat on the Council, until the May election. We will notify you as our choice is made.

Mary Hoey of Fond du Lac has graciously consented to plan the Brotherton Picnic in July, and pick a location in the Fond du Lac area. The tentative date will be July 19th. Mary is looking for volunteers to help. Now is a good time for the students who received help with their tuition, through the Brothertons, to come forward and do something for their tribe. Can we count on you? We need your help. Call the PCC office in Fond du Lac, (414) 923-3173, and offer your services.

If anyone has any problems, questions or comments about the Brotherton Tribe, be sure to let me know. I am here to serve you. See you at the February and March meetings!

June Ezold, Chairperson  
Brotherton Indian Nation  
AV2848 Witches Lake Road  
Woodruff, WI 54568



# BROTHERTON NATION MINUTES

\*Because of the Brotherton Christmas party held December 14, 1985, there was no general tribal meeting to report on.

## ABRIDGED MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 18, 1986 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 December 14, 1985 Council meeting and the "specially" called Council enrollment meeting of January 4, 1986 were read by Tribal Secretary, Lani Bartelt, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and both approved as read.
- Lani Bartelt reported that to-date 330 enrollment files had been reviewed by the council. Of those, 86 had been approved for enrollment and 244 denied. Of the 244 denied, 102 were missing one or more enrollment forms, and 142 needed more ancestry data from the Tribal Genealogist.

### CORRESPONDENCE

- Chairperson, June Ezold, read the following correspondence: From Jack Campisi, Historical Consultant, a contract approved by the council needing a signature; Tribal Genealogist, Rudi Ottery, a contract approved by the council and a check to be sent to her; Harold Baker, Chippewa Falls, WI, corrections to the Baker Family History story; meeting notice from the WIEA; from Job Opportunities, a nursing position open; Vivian Haase, Council Person, Marshall, a letter explaining her absences from several council meetings and a report that her research task in Madison was completed for Dr. Campisi; and a letter from the DNR Job Opportunities for employment this summer in the Youth Conservation Camp.

### REPORTS

- 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

\$831.42	Balance as of 11/16/85
\$ 30.00	Checks written
<u>\$ 92.40</u>	<u>Deposits made 12/06/85</u>
\$893.82	Balance as of 12/14/85
\$ 98.38	Checks written
<u>\$ 12.00</u>	<u>Deposits made 1/16/86</u>
\$807.44	Balance as of 1/18/86

#### BROTHERTON NATION, INC. ACCOUNT

\$8,583.32	Balance as of 11/16/85
\$3,312.41	Checks written
<u>\$3,750.00</u>	<u>Deposits made 12/06/85</u>
\$9,020.91	Balance as of 12/14/85
\$3,689.40	Checks written
<u>\$2,500.00</u>	<u>Deposits made 1/16/86</u>
\$7,831.51	Balance as of 1/18/86

- Motion made to accept the Treasurer's report, by Phyllis Mattern, Council Person, Neenah, seconded by Irma Sampson, Fond du Lac. Motion carried.
- NEWSLETTER REPORT was given by Tim Vanderhoef, Editor, Kenosha. He stated that subscriptions were coming in very slow, only 47 to-date, and that 194 people had subscribed in 1985. The editor plans to shorten the newsletter, as it was too long and cost more money to print, not to mention the extra hours per page. He requested opinions as to which sections to exclude, or shorten. Deadline for the February issue will be January 25th.
- COUNCIL REPORT. Resolution number 115-86 regarding election campaigning was adopted by the Tribal Council and approved by the general membership as read.
- GRANT WRITING REPORT. A number of foundations for grant funding had either been sent grant proposals or were asked for information on how to submit proposals. Others will be contacted in the future.
- GENEALOGY REPORT. No report from the Tribal Genealogist was received as she had recently moved and no tribal work would be completed until February 1, 1986.
- PCC OFFICE REPORT was given by Grant Administrator, June Ezold. She reported that 162½ contracted hours had been worked, and 112 in-kind hours volunteered for a total dollar contribution of \$113.00, and \$320.00 for the Grant Administrator. Phone calls received were 59, out-going local calls 29, long distance calls 37, in-person contacts 30, 913 pieces of mail posted, 2,775 photocopies made, 1,155 files completed, and no major purchases made. Special enrollment status report was checked and compared with genealogy files at the PCC, by Jayne Elsen, and a report made on the differences found. Carl Ezold compared and updated the mailing list and sent updated list to Leo Tousey for computer entry. Grant Administrator's letter was assembled and hand addressed by Jayne Elsen, Irma Sampson, Blanchè Thompson, and Carl Ezold.

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## OLD BUSINESS

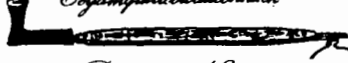
- Discussion on whether to purchase a Smith-Corona typewriter from Wagner Office Supply in Fond du Lac, for \$150.00, to replace one of the office typewriters. Decision made not to purchase the machine, but to continue looking for another typewriter.
- June Ezold reported that flyers had been sent out dealing with upcoming events and the amendments to the proposed by-laws. No replies from tribal members had been recieved.
- Discussion on whether or not to hold an open council meeting in February as had been done in the past. Decision made not to hold the open meeting and the council could then spend their time with the all-important enrollment meeting. The general meeting would still be held in the afternoon.
- Discussion on whether or not to write to Council Member, Dan Vanderhoef, about his absences the last several meetings. Decision made that June Ezold should write to him and ask for a formal explanation.
- Amendments to the by-laws were read and discussed. Motion to accept the amendments as read made by Mark Baldwin, Madison, seconded by Maynard Thompson, Council Member, Waukau. Vote was 17 yes, 0 no, 1 abstained. Motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion on whether to hold a meeting in Gresham, Wisconsin in 1986. Decision made to hold a meeting in August at Gresham.
- A special council meeting was set up for February 16, 17 & 18th to work on enrollments.
- Discussion on whether or not to purchase photocopier paper from Discount Cash Register Co. at \$29.00, versus Wagner Office Supply, at \$41.00. Decision to purchase from Discount Co.
- It was stated that Fond du Lac had passed a new ordinance allowing beer & liquor at the Hamilton Hall, and that we would now be in competition for the hall with weddings, etc. Decision was made to pay for the building rental for all of 1986, in the months needed. Boots Sampson will take care of the rental.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- June Ezold announced that our Historical Consultant, Dr. Jack Campisi, will be attending the February meeting and will spend ten days in Fond du Lac and surrounding areas to interview tribal elders for oral history tapings. Anyone who knows of families in the Fond du Lac area that he should visit, should contact June Ezold.
- June Ezold reported that she and Carl, and Maynard & Blanche Thompson would be going to the Bureau of Indian Affairs office in Ashland, Wisconsin, for research. This will take place on January 21st and 22nd.
- Maynard Thompson asked that if anyone had any knowledge of who the tribal leaders (elected officers) were after 1900, to please contact him.
- Announcement made by June Ezold that the March 15, 1986 meeting would be at Marian College room 100-A. This is an important meeting because there will be an election of the Nominating and Election Commission for the elections in May.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Maynard Thompson, seconded by Faith Ottery, Chicago, Illinois. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned by Tribal Chairperson, June Ezold, at 3:25P.M.

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### 1987 ALL INDIAN WORLD OLYMPICS

The North American Indian Athletic Association Olympic Committee is proud to announce the First Historic All Indian World Olympics to be held June 24 through July 4, 1987. The site of the Olympics will be Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Olympics is expected to be represented by at least 300 Indian Nations and 98,000 participants. There will be 68 different events offered during the two week period of the Olympics. All teams and participants must affiliate themselves with their own Indian Nations. For more information and an olympic packet, write to the NAIAA Olympic Committee, P.O. Box 450, Beggs, Oklahoma, 74421. Telephone number 1-918-758-0336.

# Grantwriting Committee --- Report

The following corporations and foundations have been solicited for funds to purchase equipment for the Brotherton Indian Government Automation and Training Project:

1. The Patrick Cudahy Foundation: Letter sent requesting \$5,000
2. The Kings Daughters of the Wisconsin Foundation: Letter sent requesting \$1,000
3. The Tolibia Foundation: Letter sent requesting \$500
4. The Dr. R. G. & Sarah Raymond Foundation: Letter sent requesting \$1,500
5. The Banta Foundation: Letter sent requesting \$3,000
6. The Giddings & Lewis Foundation: Letter sent requesting \$3,000
7. The Ben Sadoff Foundation: Letter sent requesting \$3,000
8. The Fort Howard Paper Foundation: Proposal sent requesting \$8,000

A preliminary application was sent to Innovations in State and Local Government, an awards program funded by the Ford Foundation and Harvard University. Semi-finalists (75) will be selected by March 1, 1986.

Work continues on applications to the following foundations for "matching" funds for the Brotherton Indian Government Automation and Training Project:

1. Public Welfare Foundation, Washington, D.D. (2-86, \$17,500 request)
2. Educational Foundation of America, Connecticut: \$17,500 request sent
3. Kimberly Clark Foundation, Wisconsin: \$7,500 request sent
4. Brunswick Foundation, Illinois: \$5,000 request sent
5. Mead Corporation, as time permits
6. Georgia-Pacific Foundation, as time permits
7. Grotto Foundation, Minnesota, as time permits

Letters have been sent requesting application guidelines to the following foundations:

1. The New World Foundation, New York
2. Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, Michigan
3. Charles Evans Hughes Memorial Foundation, New York

Much work has been accomplished for the tribe and as you can see, there are many plans in the making. All this work is for the future of the Brotherton Tribe. Please send any comments, suggestions or inquiries to the: Grantwriting Committee, c/o Brotherton Tribal Office, 14 Western Avenue, Fond du Lac, WI 54935.

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## ENROLLMENT AND OFFICE REPORT

We have received very few responses during the past few months, in reply to the letters sent out in June for the enrollment files. Lani Bartelt called the office to compare notes on what enrollment forms were still needed for her relatives. After talking to her, five letters were sent to certain relatives of hers that only needed signatures on their applications. Hopefully, we will be receiving replies from others in the near future.

Tribal Genealogist, Rudi Ottery, sent a listing of her enrollment files to the PCC. Each person's listing was compared to our office files to check for discrepancies. A report was then made of the differences between Rudi's list and our files. Three copies of the report were made and copies sent to: Rudi Ottery, June Ezold, and one kept at the office.

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Carl Ezold worked on updating the mailing list, which was then sent to Leo Tousey to be entered into the computer. Before the list was updated, there were approximately 750 names on the list. There are now over 850 names.

June Ezold's quarterly report was copied at the PCC and sent out to all people on the new mailing list. Since the new labels had not been made yet, the letters were all addressed by hand. Irma Sampson, Blanche Thompson, and Carl Ezold volunteered their time to assist me in the mailing project.

Vivian Haase finished copying the 1900 and 1910 censuses for Calumet County, and has mailed them to Jack Campisi.

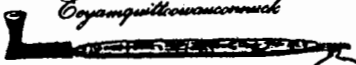
Wegner's Office Supply was called about another typewriter, but they were out of stock at that time. We have been waiting for a call from them, but no word as yet.

Much of the unprocessed research has been copied and put into new files. The top drawer of the new filing cabinet at Marian College is nearly full already. History researchers are asked to keep me informed as to projects completed and to hand in research files.

A report of the 1985 in-kind figures for the staff members has been completed. A report of the PCC office statistics was sent to the Grant Administrator. Please refer to the minutes of the January 18, 1986 meeting for more detailed information.

As always, I am here at the PCC to serve you and the Brotherton Tribe. If you have any questions or comments, don't hesitate to call or write. If you have received a notice requesting additional information for your enrollment file, please respond right away.

Jayne Elsen, PCC Director  
Brotherton Indian Nation  
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Fond du Lac, WI 54935

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TRIBAL RESOLUTION REGARDING CANDIDATE SOLICITATION IN ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, The Brothertown Tribal Council is the governing body of the Brothertown Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, It is a goal of the Tribal Council to effectively represent the members of the tribe, and

WHEREAS, It is vital to fairly and equitably provide members with an opportunity to participate in tribal government, and

WHEREAS, It is imperative to provide an equal and unbiased opportunity for those interested in serving in tribal government to communicate their interest and qualifications to serve in that capacity, and

WHEREAS, The ability of candidates to communicate that interest should not be dependant on an individual's financial ability to solicit support, and

WHEREAS, It is the duty of the Tribal Council to provide notice to all members of each election and of the slate of candidates, and

WHEREAS, It is the moral and financial duty of the Tribal Council to ensure fair representation and selection of tribal representatives.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That each eligible candidate for tribal office will be given equal opportunity and equal space in the official notice of tribal elections to communicate their qualifications for serving as a tribal representative.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the above mentioned notice shall constitute the the only official communication concerning candidate qualifications, and that any other solicitation from individual candidates does not have the endorsement of the Tribal Council.

\*Tribal Resolution number 115-86, regarding candidate solicitation in elections was adopted by a quorum of the Tribal Council on January 18, 1986, in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

# BLOODLINE: The Brotherton Story

Since the very first publication of the Brotherton Messenger in November of 1981, the "Bloodline" article has been a feature series written by our Tribal Genealogist, Rudi Ottery. These articles have been condensed versions of the very early Brothertown Indian history, and have mainly been based on the writings of W. DeLoss Love, from his book Samson Occom and the Christian Indians of New England. These articles have covered selected influences on Brotherton ancestors who lived from the 1700's to about 1900. In the future we will return to the bygone days to cover specific parent tribes and the New York period families in more detail. For now, however, we will continue moving forward in time, through the 1900's and the present. The "Bloodline" series will now be written by descendants of specific Brotherton family lines.

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## THE SHELLEY FAMILY STORY

by Lani Bartelt

(Continued from December 1985)

Henry Shelley, third son of Simeon and Sabrina Shelley, was born about 1836. Birthplace records differ saying either New York or Wisconsin, it is probably New York. Henry married Almira Pangborn, daughter of Abel Pangborn and Sarah Potter, on November 9, 1860, at Stockbridge, Wisconsin. He was a private in Company E, 21st Wisconsin Infantry when he was wounded at the battle of Chaplin Hills, and spent over a year in a hospital recovering. Henry and Almira had many children: Abel Simon, Emma, Cora, Ella, Mary, and Larson. According to the 1901 tribal roll, Henry was listed as living at Unity, Wisconsin, where he died on September 27, 1902. Almira preceded him in death on August 27, 1887, at the age of 44. Both are buried at Unity, Wisconsin.

Emma Shelley married Lewis Weimer in Brothertown, Wisconsin on December 20, 1877.

Abel Simon Shelley married Rose Stone and later married Ada Steinbeck. They had a son Clarence Frederick Shelley, who in turn, had a son Clarence Thomas "Tom", and two daughters: Nancy Sue, who died as an infant; and Mary Susan. Abel Simon Shelley spent his last years in Montana and died on June 23, 1915, in Livingston.

The rest of the children of Henry Shelley are listed on the 1901 tribal roll as living in Unity, Wisconsin, and are listed as the following: daughters, Cora (Shelley) Downs, Ella (Shelley) DuChene, and Mary Shelley; and son: Larsen Shelley.

Of the above children of Henry Shelley, in 1982 I had the pleasure of meeting the grandson of Abel Simon Shelley, "Tom" Shelley, of Livingston, Montana. Tom and I have remained pen pals since then and he has helped me complete his family line.

Pamela Shelley, daughter of Simeon and Sabrina, was born about 1838. Just exactly where she fit in I'm not sure, but the 1901 roll shows her as age 63, and as the mother of John Crosley, age 29. Both were living in Brothertown, Wisconsin at that time.

Elias Shelley, son of Simeon and Sabrina, was born about 1839. At the age of 22 he enlisted in Company A, 3rd Wisconsin Infantry and was wounded in the chest during the Battle of Chancellorville, Virginia in May of 1863. He reenlisted in December 1863 and was promoted to Corporal in May of 1865. In the census enumeration of 1886 Elias is listed as still living in Brothertown, Wisconsin.

Simon Shelley, son of Simeon and Sabrina Shelley, was born on April 6, 1841 at Brothertown, Wisconsin. He was only 21 when he enlisted in Company E, 21st Wisconsin Infantry. In May of 1864 he was severely wounded in the lower jaw and shoulder. Simon also saw action in the battles of Chaplin Hills, Stone River, Hoovers Gap, Dug Gap, Chickmauga, Chatanooga, Resaca, and finally, Dallas. As his obituary stated in the Oshkosh Northwestern, he was "wounded during a charge at Pumpkinvine Creek in Tennessee, while trying to get a bead on a rebel skirmisher who had fired upon your Captain, R. W. Weisbrod" (later the Oshkosh Police Chief).

On June 30, 1865, Simon married Ruth Shapely, daughter of Phebe Jonson and William Shapely, at Brothertown, Wisconsin. Simon and Ruth had four sons: David, Herbert, Lyman, and George; and one daughter, Ruth, who died as an infant. Simon's wife, Ruth, died on June 24, 1882, and it is believed that the four sons were raised by her family and relatives. Later on in life, Simon Shelley married Cynthia Bostwick, and they spent the remainder of their lives in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, where Simon worked for the city. He died on August 28, 1901, and Cynthia followed him in death a few years later. They are both buried in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

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Herbert Lyman Shelley was the oldest son of Simon and Ruth Shelley. He was born at Oshkosh, Wisconsin on July 3, 1865. As a teenager he was blinded in one eye and had poor vision in the other, due to the misuse of firecrackers. Herbert worked in a logging camp where he met Ethel Parker, whom he married in 1905. They had one daughter, Alberta Joyce Shelley, born November 11, 1912, in Beaver Township, Wisconsin. Herbert lived to the age of 82 and died on June 30, 1948 in Owen, Wisconsin. He is buried at Riverside Cemetery near Owen-Withee, Wisconsin. His wife, Ethel, died on February 7, 1956 at the age of 68, in Wauwatosa, and is buried at Good Hope Cemetery in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Their daughter, Alberta, married Leo O'Dell on October 7, 1929 and had children named Bonnie Lou, Arlene Ruth, Herbert Willis, and Sybil Lee.

David J. Shelley, second son of Simon and Ruth, was born on July 5, 1866. He married Ida in the 1870's and had the following children: Raymond, Clifford, Elmer, Cecil, and Ida V. David and all of his children are listed on the Brotherton tribal roll in 1901.

David was a conductor for the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad at the time of his death, on April 25, 1903. His wife, Ida, and most of their children, spent the remainder of their lives in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Raymond, in early records, is listed as a barber, but family stories tell me that he became a "lifer" in the Navy. As of yet I have not been able to verify this, but he does not show up in later Fond du Lac records, so this may be so. Clifford worked for Moore & Galloway Lumber Co. for many years and then for the Sterling Lumber Co. in Fond du Lac. Elmer worked for the Fred Reuping Leather Co. until his death. Cecile was a diabetic, never married, and lived with her mother until Ida's death, and then spent her remaining years at the Rolling Meadows Nursing Home in Fond du Lac. Ida V. must have married, but to whom I do not know. Although Elmer and Clifford and their wives attempted to bear children, all attempts ended in miscarriage and stillborn deaths, so to my knowledge there are no descendants.

Lyman Shelley, the third son of Simon and Ruth, was born in May of 1870 and also probably worked for the railroad. Family stories have it that Lyman fell off a caboose and was "never right in the head again." In reality, he had epilepsy (probably caused from this fall) and was placed in the Marathon County Insane Asylum each time he had a seizure. He would be released again shortly after, until the next seizure. Sometime between August 26, 1898 and March 1, 1899 he married, but to whom I do not know. Lyman died on June 13, 1905 at the Asylum, of nephritis (a liver disease) and tuberculosis. He was born at Brothertown, Wisconsin and buried at Unity, Wisconsin.

George Bertrum Shelley, the last son of Simon and Ruth (and my great grandfather), was born on September 23, 1878 in Unity, Wisconsin. On June 10, 1900 he married Violet Rogers, a woman who worked as a domestic for one of his cousins. At this point I would like to note how ironic it is that Violet's ancestry can be traced to the Dutch in New York State, who may well have been part of the "whites" who pushed some of the early New York Indian Tribes off their lands.

George and Violet had the following children: Dorothy Ruth, who married John Neumann and had two children, Betty and Donald; Olive Janette, who married Emmett McCarthy and had children named Gerald, Dolores (my mother), Audrey, Mildred, and Emmett; William Bertrum, who married Rose Kaske and had children named Melvin, Dorothy, Elroy, Dennis, Phyllis, Sandra, and John; Sidney Delbert, who died as an infant; Herbert Lyman, who married Lucille Dallman and had children named Ronald, Donald, David, and Margaret; Leon Francis who married Alma Hilderbrandt and had children named Merlin, Annette, Erland, Carroll, Wayne, Cydell, and Jackqueline; Mildred Almyra, who married Rhineheart Gripenrog and had children named Violet, Frances, Robert, Albert, LaVon, Rachel, Karen, Elizabeth, Dale, Lyle, Gary, Jon, MaryJo, and Debra; Leslie Ernest, who married Julia Fenny and had children named Delbert and Vernon; Dwight Lawrence, who married Barbara Schoepp and had a son named Martin; Lyle George; and the last child of George and Violet Shelley was Geraldine Beatrice, who married Anthony Schuh and had children named Roger, Judith, Richard, Jean, Lois, Larry, Nancy, and Thomas.

All of the children of George and Violet Shelley are now deceased except for Mildred and Geraldine. Their families have gone on to have their own children, grandchildren, and in some cases, great grandchildren, now numbering over 300 members of this Shelley clan.

George Bertrum Shelley died on July 28, 1936 at Unity, Wisconsin and is buried at the Unity Township Cemetery. He was a factory worker most of his life. Early in he and Violet's marriage they lived for a time with her great aunt, Dorothy Chapman, on her farm. Later they lived in Rib Lake, Wisconsin, moved to North Dakota for awhile, and finally moved to Riplinger, Wisconsin, shortly before his death. Violet lived on for many years in her little home in Riplinger, surrounded by her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She died on March 15, 1968, at the age of 84, and was also buried at the Unity Township Cemetery.

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As a note of interest, for the family medical record, I have documented the fact that all male deaths in the Shelley family from Simon on down, have been caused by heart disease. The ages range from Lyle, age 23, through some family members in their late 60's. Also, many of the female deaths are heart disease related, latent diabetes is prevalent, and on my maternal great grandmother's side of the family, another trait is twin births.

Lewis Amazi Shelley, son of Simeon and Sabrina, was born on March 22, 1843 in Brothertown, Wisconsin. He was a private in Co. D, 16th Wisconsin Infantry and was 20 years old when he enlisted. He married Katherine Boyer, Daughter of John Boyer and Charlotte Richards, on September 24, 1865, in Brothertown. When and where Katherine died and whether there were any children from this marriage, it is not known. Lewis re-married to Mary O'Brien, daughter of William O'Brien and Elizabeth Stanton, on November 23, 1887 at Gravesville, Calumet County, Wisconsin. In 1886 he was listed as living at Brothertown, but by 1900 he was listed as living in Charlestown, with his wife Mary, and children Ida and Willie. Lewis Amazi died on July 31, 1900 and Mary died on October 14, 1915. They are buried at the Brothertown Union Cemetery. It is thought that their son Willie died young, as no information can be found.

Ida, daughter of Lewis and Mary, was born at Gravesville on August 8, 1880. She married Frederick Baldwin on May 6, 1903 in Charlestown, Wisconsin. Frederick was the son of George Baldwin and Callista Welch. Ida and Frederick had two sons: George Amazi and Ray Delos Baldwin. George married Myrtle Mathers, daughter of Charles Mathers and Ellen Welch. They had the following children: Helen Marie, who married George Wiedenmeir and they had the following children: George Frederick, Linda Louise, and Susan Marie; Frederick Lewis married Donna Towne and had the following children: Mark Allen, Brian Lewis, and Paula Kay; and the third child of George Amazi Shelley was Cleone Margaret. She married Jack Nutter and had two children, Barbara Jean and Jack Jaye.

Ray Delos Baldwin, the son of Ida and Frederick, married Fern Setzer and had a child, Joyce Ann. She married Paul Stein and had two children, Richard Paul and Karen Ann. Many of these children have since married and have children of their own.

At the Brotherton Indian Nation meeting of May 15, 1982, I had the pleasure of meeting cousin Helen Baldwin Wiedenmeir, who in later phone conversations and letter correspondence, has helped me fill in the pieces of this Shelley family puzzle.

Alvira, the next child of Simeon and Sabrina Shelley, was born about 1844. She married first to Joel Sampson, and later to \_\_\_\_\_ Davids (first name unknown). I have been told that she had eleven children, of these I know of only one, Mary Davids. She married Freeman Colby and had the following children: Guy, Myrtle, James, Verna, Norma, Paul, and Daly. On the 1901 tribal roll, Alvira, Mary, and all of Mary's children are listed as living at Unity.

Jane Shelley, daughter of Simeon and Sabrina, was born about 1848. She married Luke Henry Jordan on February 10, 1869. Luke was the son of Timothy and Pually Jordan. It is believed that Timothy was one of the trustees of the church for the Stockbridge Indian Nation.

Louisa, Nancy, Elizabeth, Thomas, and Lyman are the remaining children of Simeon and Sabrina Shelley for whom I know very little. Nor do I know where Hannah and Betsey Shelley fit in.

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As I have stated at the start of this Shelley family story, I know that certain members of my immediate family, namely a great uncle and his five children, were on the 1901 tribal roll. Many, many other indirect family members were listed as well. Why my other two great-uncles and my own great grandfather were not listed I do not know, nor do any of their descendants know either. My cousin Alberta Shelley O'Dell told me that her father, Herbert Shelley, always knew he belonged to the "Brotherstowner" Indians, so I know that he knew and cared about his Indian heritage.

In the 1960's when the tribal members were contacted to apply for the 1967 tribal roll, this same cousin and all my great-aunts and uncles, and even my own grandmother WERE contacted. Unfortunately cousin Alberta's "white" lawyer looked into the matter for them and told them all it was not necessary to fill out the applications as they did not have large enough blood quantum to make the difference. Sadly though, he was wrong! They were all one-quarter blood degree and could have been enrolled members.

Now in the 1980's I am pleased to say that of the 300 plus members of my Shelley family members living, a very large portion have taken the time to fill out all their enrollment papers and return them to the tribe. It gives me a great sense of pride to know that my hard work for the tribe and for my Shelley family members has paid off. It has all helped me to understand and to continue my Indian heritage. May we all continue our pride in being Brotherton Indians.

--Lani Bartelt, Milwaukee, WI--

# BULLETIN BOARD

## BROTHERTON IN THE NEWS

Fellow Brotherton Richard Stein, age 14, a student at Madison Edgewood High School, was named a Wisconsin State Journal carrier of the month, last August.

Richard, who delivers 70 papers daily and 78 on Sunday in Verona, Wisconsin, has worked with The State Journal for 2½ years. He is the son of Paul and Joyce Stein, 412 S. Jefferson St., Verona.

During his time delivering The State Journal, Richard has had no complaints from customers and never missed a bill payment. His supervisors describe him as a very reliable carrier.

At Edgewood High School, he participates on the swim team, aquatic club, and in the school choir. Richard Stein maintains a B-plus grade average and enjoys photography and collecting comic books.

Congratulations Richard, for a job well done!!

Congratulations, Best Wishes, and Happy Birthday to the following people who have recently, or soon will be celebrating their special day. You are all encouraged to submit information, special dates or happenings, Brothertons in the news, etc.

HAPPY BELATED JANUARY BIRTHDAY TO: Chalis Mattern, Boyd Radcliffe, Faith Ottery, and Paul Stein.

BELATED WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO: Willis & Rudi Ottery (36 years).

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY TO: Thomas Wightman, Robert Sampson, Barb Ter Beest, Leo Tousey, Brett Baldwin, Carl Ezold, Sr., Dorothy Jones, Renona Elsen, Rudi Ottery, Linda Helbling, Gordy Musolf, Rick Vanderhoef, Liz Smith, Ginny Stark, Margaret Highman, and Robby Stark.

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY TO: Carl Ezold, Jr., Sandi Hahn, Debra Johnson, Sandra Baker, Terrie Lee Johnson, Tim Helbling, Ruth Vanderhoef, Ruthann Chernowski, Margaret Johnson, Rosemarie Bark, Bill Bislew, Jim Voet, Kristine Verbeten, and Martha Lynch.

MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO: Butch & Sarah Jane Matsen (15 years).

## WEDDING NEWS

Best wishes to Mary Behm and John Letourneau who were married at St. Germaine, Wisconsin on December 21, 1985. Mary is the daughter of Herbert and Irene Shady of Fond du Lac. Congratulations John and Mary!!

## ON THE MOVE

Tribal Genealogist, Rudi Ottery, and her husband, Willis, have moved from Middlebury, Vermont, to Weare, New Hampshire. Their new address is: R.D.2, Weare, NH, 03281. Telephone # (603) 529-2186.

BE SURE TO FILL OUT THE NEWSLETTER SURVEY AT THE BACK OF THIS ISSUE, AND RETURN IT TO THE EDITOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!!

## ADOPT A MESSENGER UPDATE

Seventeen copies of the December Brotherton Messenger were sent out under the "Adopt A Messenger" program started last October. So far there are 14 Messengers to be given homes in February.

For \$1.00 you can have one copy of the current or back issue, sent to your brother, sister, cousin, or anyone who might share our common interest in our Brotherton heritage. The idea is to show Brothertons who do not subscribe, just what the newsletter is like, and hopefully, to get them to subscribe. Adopt A Messenger next issue. Find a needy home for our newsletter.

## THE INDIANS OF BROTHERTOWN

They die by a process of lingering decay  
which carries them slowly but surely away.  
The vice of the white man they're prone  
to embrace  
And it hastens the doom of their  
vanishing race.

\*From The History of Calumet County, 1876

## PIONEER FAMILY CERTIFICATES

The Wisconsin State Genealogical Society launched a project in 1972 to award a Pioneer Certificate to anyone whose ancestors settled in Wisconsin by 1850, and a Century Certificate to anyone whose ancestors settled in Wisconsin at least a century ago. In order to qualify, interested persons must be able to prove the ancestors' residency in Wisconsin by one official record, such as a census, county history, birth or death record, or land record. You need not presently live in Wisconsin to apply. Applications can be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped, long envelope to: Wis. State Gen. Soc., P.O. Box 5106, Madison, WI 53705-0106.

## WHO'S WHO:



BERNARD "BOOTS" SAMPSON  
COUNCIL MEMBER

My name is Bernard Alvin Sampson. I have a lot of nick names, like Bud, Sammy, and Hank, but most people call me Boots. I got the name Boots when I was just a kid. I had a pair of red boots with little bunnies around the top. One day someone hid them from me and I kept asking, "where are my boots?" That's how I got my name. I've been called a lot of names, but Boots is the name I go by.

In May 1984 I was elected to the Brotherton Tribal Council, and have really enjoyed my work with the Brothertons. I feel a sense of pride in helping to make decisions for the tribe. It's a job I never take lightly.

I was born in the town of Auburn, Wisconsin, on July 21, 1922. My parents were Fred and Isabel Sampson. We moved to St. Francis, Wisconsin, where I attended kindergarten and then moved to Fond du Lac where I attended first through twelfth grades.

During summer vacation from school I worked on my uncle Willis Ottery's farm, milking cows, helped with the thrashing crew, and worked in the sugar beet fields. I also worked on the ice wagon peddling ice, and in the ice house.

When I graduated from high school I went to Vocational School through the N.Y.A. (National Youth Association) to take a course in machine shop. Later I got a job at Giddings & Lewis Machine Tool Company, working as a drill press operator.

In 1941 I entered the Army and served with the Tank Corp., and was in for three and a half years. After returning home, I went back to work for Giddings & Lewis for a few months, when I decided to work for my father tending bar in his tavern. I worked with my dad until I got married and then got a job at the Winnebago Cheese Co., for about five years. When my mother died I went back to help my dad again, since he couldn't work the tavern alone. I continued to work for my father for 12 years, and then got a job working for the city of Fond du Lac at the sewage plant. For 13 years I worked for the city and then landed a job as zoo keeper at Lakeside Park, in Fond du Lac, which I'm still doing.

On July 26, 1947 I married Irma Hinkel in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. We have two wonderful children; Bob and Sandi. Bob has two lovely children; Elissa and Aaron. Sandi is married to Phil Hahn, and I guess from that side we are grandparents to about two horses, two cats, three dogs, and a bird.

I attend all Council meetings and am honored to be a Council Member, a part of the decision-making process. I thank those who voted for me for giving me the opportunity to serve you and the tribe. My Brotherton heritage means a great deal to me, and with Irma's help, we will continue to serve the Brothertons as often, and in whatever way we are able.

## From The Editor:

Production of the Brotherton Messenger is a very important task, to which I devote much time attention. It is nearly my number one priority in life, second only to my family activities, when a choice must be made. For the past year or more the Messenger has been consistently ten double-sided pages. I increased its size when I took over in August 1984. Beside the difference in typewriters (the one used by Mark Baldwin and mine) the choice to make it larger was mine. To be consistent in length, extra time and creativity had to be employed, adding to the time it took to produce each newsletter. On an average it takes about 65 hours to put the newsletter together. All within a 1½ to 2 week time period--like working another job. Late hours and lack of sleep does tend to take its toll, the results of which I will not enter into at this point.

The time involved, as mentioned above, does not include updating subscription lists and the "Adopt A Messenger," nor does it include telephone calls, writing letters, mailing back issues, taking care of the money, or writing editor's reports for the meetings. This is not a complaint; I'm merely indicating the hours involved. The Chairperson, for one, spends far more hours than I, and there are countless others who work just as hard for the tribe.

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For my sake I had thought of making the Messenger a little shorter, but I had to be consistent with the number of pages used at the start of the year. The reason for this was to be able to send back issues to late subscribers, using the non-profit rate (the same weight for every issue). It is a considerable savings over the course of a year when you compare 6¢ each versus 39¢ each for first class postage. I began to wonder if it was too full or too long, being crammed with little oddities or things that weren't important. I wondered if people thought it was too long and boring.

I have had heard good comments about the Messenger and it's content, but finally there surfaced some comments relating to my own doubts. After hearing that the newsletter was too long, and therefore boring, I knew for my sake, as well as for the people who subscribe, that the newsletter should be shortened, but what portion is to be shortened or lost by the way-side?? Some sections of the newsletter are indispensable, after all, the idea of the newsletter is two-fold: 1.) A means of communicating news, activities, and our progress toward federal recognition; and 2.) My personal goal of using the Messenger as a historical diary of our current happenings, stories of our past, special achievements, and in effect, our present-day history. In addition to the above mentioned, another purpose was to relay some of the history, heritage and culture of the Brotherton Tribe. A job that both editors have done quite well.

Knowing that some changes should be made, it is important to find out what the subscribers feel about the newsletter. What sections are important, not needed, should be shortened, or just their feelings in general. On the next page is a newsletter survey, to find out what your likes and dislikes are, with additional space for comments if you wish to elaborate.

EVERY person receiving a copy of the Brotherton Messenger, including "Complimentary" copies, are asked to complete the survey form and return it to the editor. It is the ONLY way to find out what your likes and dislikes are, and whether to shorten, delete, or keep each section. The other possibility being, to alternate certain sections every other issue, and would be noted on the survey as "Not Needed Each Issue." At any rate, we need your full cooperation to get a fair representation of the changes or deletions to be made.

#### INSTRUCTIONS

On the survey, just make a "V" (check mark) under the category (Shorten, Delete, etc.) for each newsletter section (Brotherton Nation Minutes, Reports, Who's Who, etc.). You can make more than one "V" per line. Please review all of the 1985 editions to get a better idea of all the newsletter sections commonly used. Some sections have not been used every issue.

The survey has been copied on one side only--so that no other information will be lost when you tear out the survey to send in your reply. You do not have to fill in your name if you so wish. Please send to the editor soon after receiving the February issue, so that the results may be analyzed as quickly as possible. Again--your help is necessary. ALL of you are asked to return the completed survey. Thank you for your cooperation.

--Tim J. Vanderhoef, Editor, Kenosha, WI--

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NEWSLETTER SURVEY

NEWSLETTER SECTION	VERY IMPORTANT	NO CHANGES	NOT NEEDED EACH ISSUE	SHORTEN	DELETE ENTIRELY
Front page (important notices)					
Chairperson's Corner					
Brotherton Nation Minutes					
Reports from:					
Grant Administrator					
Grant Advisor					
Grant Writing Committee					
PCC Office/Enrollment					
History Committee					
Bloodline (family story)					
Memos from Rudi Ottery (Genealogist)					
Bulletin Board					
Messenger Feature (feature story)					
Open Forum (letters to the editor)					
From The Editor					
Who's Who-Contact People					
Who's Who (photo & bibliography)					
Brothertown Diary					
Indian Recipes					
Coupons on back page:					
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Adopt A Messenger					
Brotherton Nation Membership form					
Donations to the Brotherton Nation					
Miscellaneous articles:					
Obituaries					
Brothertons in the news					
Indian prayers, sayings & stories					
Brotherton Picnic					
Brotherton Homecoming					
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Tribal meeting notice					
Newsletter updates					
Others					

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\*Send to Tim Vanderhoef, c/o The Brotherton Messenger, 6018 25th Ave., Kenosha, WI 53140

# THE BROTHERTON MESSENGER

DEDICATED TO OUR BROTHERTON INDIAN HERITAGE

## TRIBAL MEETINGS

The next scheduled meeting of the Brotherton Indian Nation will be held on Saturday, April 19, 1986, at the Hamilton Building (corner of Sophia & Forest Avenue) in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. The meeting will start at 1:30P.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. The April 19th meeting will include nominations of members who wish to run for three open Council seats. A History and Steering Committee meeting will be held at 9:00A.M. at the PCC. All are encouraged to attend.

The all-important ELECTION meeting will be held on Saturday, May 17, 1986, at the Hamilton Building beginning at 1:30P.M. If there is only one meeting you wish to attend during the year--this is the one. Please be sure to mark your calendar for May17th!! The Tribal Secretary, Lani Bartelt, will send out a letter after the April 19th meeting, listing the candidates nominated for the Council positions, and a brief resume of each of the individuals running. If you wish to vote by absentee ballot, please contact Lani after April 19th.

## BROTHERTON PICNIC SCHEDULED

The annual Brotherton Indian Picnic has been scheduled for Saturday, July 19, 1986 at Calumet County Park, near Stockbridge. The picnic will begin at 10:00A.M. and run until 5:00P.M. Camping is available, but no reservations can be made ahead at the park. For more information consult the picnic article in this issue.

## BROTHERTON HOMECOMING SCHEDULED

The 1986 Brotherton Homecoming has been scheduled for Saturday, October 18, 1986, at the Hamilton Building, Fond du Lac. For more information stay tuned as details are released.

## NEWSLETTER SURVEY

While the response to the newsletter survey in the February 1986 issue was not ignored, there are quite a few subscribers who have not sent in their points of view. The editor sincerely requests that all of you return your completed survey soon. It helps to know what the members want.

## NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

Nominations for three open Council seats in the May 17th election are being accepted. The open seats are for Boots Sampson, Vivian Haase, and Dan Vanderhoef (Sandra Biancardi) whose term will expire in 1986. If anyone is interested in running for Council, they should contact the Nominating Committee or voice their desire to do so at the April 19th meeting.

## INDIAN LAWSUIT FILED

The Forest County Potawatomi Indians filed a racial discrimination lawsuit in Federal Court last month charging that the Crandon, Wisconsin School District had denied Indian children an equal educational opportunity.

The tribe asked the court to order the district to:

- \*Make a prompt and reasonable start toward elimination of policies and practices that have created a situation where Potawatomi schoolchildren become dropouts or feel compelled to attend federal BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs) schools in order to get a quality education.

- \*Implement policies and develop courses "that recognize the social, economic and cultural uniqueness of Potawatomi children."

- \*Develop a training program for district teachers and staff "to sensitize them to the special educational needs of Potawatomi schoolchildren."

- \*Provide remedial education for Potawatomi children.

- \*Raise taxes if necessary "to assure that Potawatomi schoolchildren have quality education and an equal educational opportunity."

The lawsuit caps a five-year effort by the tribe to reform the district's policies and practices through complaints to the district and department.

--Milwaukee Sentinel, March 18, 1986--

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Dear Brothertons:

While I am writing this, the wind has started to blow the 11 inches of snow we received these last few days, off of the trees onto the 50 inches of snow that we have on the ground. It's like another snow storm. I hope it melts slowly so we don't get washed into Witches Lake.

Dr. Jack Campisi has returned to Red Hook, New York. He spent two weeks with us, interviewing Brotherton families in the Fond du Lac area, meeting with some elders living in the Brothertown vicinity (not Brothertons), visiting the Chilton Courthouse, and compiling information into a report for us, from 1900 to the present. In other words, doing a community study for the tribe toward federal recognition. He will be returning to Wisconsin sometime in May or June to gather further information from the Gresham and Minnesota areas. If you think you have some information, such as: photographs, memorabilia, stories or memories from 1900 on, please let me hear from you so we can channel that information to Dr. Campisi. He is now working and reporting on "community continuity" of our tribe, and any information you might have will be a big help to all of us.

The Public Television Network, WHA of Madison, visited our office February 19th and 20th. The reporter and crew put together a TV segment to explain who the Brothertons are and what we are trying to accomplish. It aired the 28th of February on "Wisconsin Magazine", was very interesting and informative, and was well received by many. We thank station WHA and crew for helping to present the Brotherton story in the professional light.

We held an election of our nominating and election committees at the March 15th meeting. The nominating committee consists of Carl Ezold, Clarice Gall, and Vivian. The election committee consists of Mark Baldwin, Mary Hoey, and Phil Tousey, Sr. If you have any suggestions for anyone to be on the Council to represent you, please let one of the nominating committee members hear from you. We are electing three members to the Council in the May election.

The election committee's duties will be: initialing all of the ballots to be used, and counting all of the ballots on May 17th. This includes all of ballots being cast for the election--both absentee and on-site. The nominating committee does not do any counting. This is in accordance with the amended by-laws. All absentee ballots must be requested by mail.

Your Tribal Council has been putting in some overtime, working on the enrollment list. We are finding a lot of members do not go back far enough to trace their ancestry. We are using the 1839 and 1901 membership rolls. We are not using the 1967 rolls because that list was for "Emigrant New York Indians," and a lot of Brothertons felt we should. The 1967 rolls are too recent and was for "Emigrant New York Indians" which could include Stockbridge and Oneida. We may ask for more proof of ancestry from you so please bear with us during this monumental project.

Jayne Elsen, the office director, is in the process of sending out requests for forms or documents needed toward completing enrollment reviews. If you receive one, please answer as soon as you can. Don't delay!! All genealogy sent to the office is copied and that copy is forwarded to Rudi Ottery, to help with her genealogy list. So what you send to us also gets sent to Rudi.

Rudi Ottery, our Tribal Genealogist, is working very hard, putting in overtime also, entering data into her computer so that eventually all genealogy information will be available by pushing the right keys.

The steering committee of the Brotherton Nation, Inc. is meeting on the mornings of the Council meeting at the Petition Coordination Center. They are recruiting volunteers for helping at the office and aiding the Chairperson with clerical duties as needed.

The history committee meets on the same mornings at the PCC. They are now in the process of preserving photographs for the archives. Why don't you come and help with these interesting projects?? Come and get to know your fellow Brothertons and then attend the afternoon meeting at the Hamilton Building, and meet your Council members.

Dan Vanderhoef resigned from the Council in January and as your Chairperson I appointed Sandra Biancardi to fill in for him until the May election. Dan and his wife Linda are now the proud parents of a bouncing boy named Jacob William. Congratulations!!

The picnic committee is working very hard under the guidance of Mary Hoey. The Brotherton Picnic is scheduled for July 19th at the Calumet County Park, in the upper level. The park is located near Stockbridge and is the same one we had in 1984. There is a large pavilion available, and camping on a first come first served basis. See you there!!

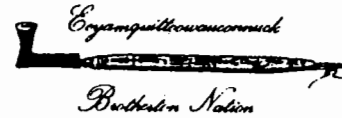
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REMEMBER THESE IMPORTANT DATES--

MAY 17 --Election, Hamilton Building, Fond du Lac  
JUNE 21 --Meeting, Hamilton building, Fond du Lac  
JULY 19 --Picnic, Calumet County Park, Stockbridge  
AUGUST 16 --Meeting, Gresham  
SEPTEMBER 20--Meeting, Hamilton Building, Fond du Lac  
OCTOBER 18 --Homecoming, Hamilton Building, Fond du Lac

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THEN!!!

June Ezold, Chairperson  
Brotherton Indian Nation  
AV2848 Witches Lake Road  
Woodruff, WI 54568



INDIANS THREATEN TO BLOCK SEAWAY

Mohawk Indians, threatening to block the St. Lawrence Seaway because they claim ship traffic has caused their land to erode, said they will give authorities only one more chance to solve the problem. Mike Mitchell, chief of Akwesasne Council, said a meeting on April 4, 1986 with the Canadian Seaway Authority was halted because his people are upset that only technicians were sent instead of those who would make the decisions to fix the problem. The meeting lasted only 15 minutes before the Indians walked out.

Mitchell said the Indian leaders who represented some 16,000 Indians from the United States and Canada on the St. Regis Reservation north of Massena, will meet again with officials on April 10th, but warned that will be their final meeting. They are threatening to blockade the St. Lawrence River with their boats if action is not taken.

Tribal members are concerned that parts of Cornwall Island in the St. Lawrence River have been dropping into the river and shorelines of some 40 other islands are being eroded by waves created by ship traffic.

--Kenosha News, April 6, 1986--



MOHEGAN WOMAN HONORED

On March 20, 1986, there was a special gathering at the University of Connecticut to honor Gladys Tantaquidgeon. Ms. Tantaquidgeon is a descendant of Lucy Occom, sister of Samson Occom, the Brotherton founder. She has enjoyed a lifetime of serving her people, bringing an awareness of her native culture to the citizens of Connecticut, and has worked with scholars everywhere.

Ms. Tantaquidgeon was honored at the March 20th ceremony for her diverse and remarkable accomplishments, and throughout the month of March the museum at the University of Connecticut will also be honoring her with a display of photographs, artworks, traditional clothing, and books related to her life.

At the ceremony, Ms. Tantaquidgeon spoke of her life and experiences: growing up as a Mohegan girl at the turn of the century, working as an anthropologist and BIA agent with tribes in the Western states, serving as one of the original members of the Indian Arts and Crafts Board, heading her family's own museum, and passing on her rich cultural tradition.

In addition to the award presented at the ceremony, recognition of Gladys Tantaquidgeon's accomplishments will be conveyed by an ongoing award named in her honor. The Gladys Tantaquidgeon Award will be given by the Women's Studies Program in future years to students who, like her, have contributed to diminishing the dual invisibility of women of minority cultures in the United States. Congratulations Gladys!

--Rudi and Will Ottery, Weare, NH--



# BROTHERTON NATION MINUTES

ABRIDGED MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 15, 1986 GENERAL TRIBAL MEETING, FOND DU LAC, WISCONSIN

- Meeting called to order by Tribal Chairperson, June Ezold, Woodruff, WI, at 1:35P.M.
- Minutes of the January 18, 1986 meeting were read by the Chairperson and approved as read.

## CORRESPONDENCE

- June Ezold read the following information and letters: A. J. Dahlin, enrollment; Todd Publications, our written publications; Mrs. Van Epprin, complimentary copy of newsletter received; Radioactive Waste Review Board, site selection; Sharon Metz, Wisconsin State Assembly, "budget repair" bill containing spending cuts affecting the tribe; Winnebago Committee newsletter received; thank you note from State Representative, Gervase Hephner, for recommending him for position of Secretary of the Dept. of Agriculture; letter of resignation from Council Member, Dan Vanderhoef; Sandra Biancardi will take Dan's place on the Council until the May election; a \$35.00 speaking fee from June Ezold received from the American Baptist Women, Royal Oak, MI, turned over to the treasurer.

## REPORTS

- TREASURER'S REPORT was given by Leo Tousey, Treasurer, West Bend, stating that the balance in the Brotherton Memorial Fund as of February 15, 1986 was \$45.00. Other Balances were:

### BROTHERTON TRIBAL ACCOUNT

\$807.44 Balance as of 01/18/86  
\$140.00 Checks written  
\$667.44 Balance as of 02/15/86

### BROTHERTON NATION ACCOUNT

\$7,805.68 Balance as of 01/18/86  
\$3,186.84 Checks written  
\$4,618.84 Balance as of 02/15/86

- Motion made by Tim Vanderhoef, seconded by Florence Hoey, to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.
- GRANT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT read by June Ezold. Contracted hours worked, 207½; in-kind hours contributed, 22½; in-kind dollars contributed, \$110.00; 41 phone calls received; 45 long distance phone calls received; 45 out-going calls made; 52 long distance calls made; six in-person contacts made; 351 pieces of mail posted; 1,140 photocopies made; and no major purchases made. Sixteen files completed, for a total of 1,171 completed files; and no research assignments given. Cheryl Millay working on alphabetizing the mailing list by cities; Jayne Elsen has been setting up appointments for Dr. Campisi while he is here doing oral history tapings and a community study; and Jayne also sent out cards to all members in the Fond du Lac area inviting them to our tribal meetings.
- STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT was given by chairman, Lucy Baldwin. She reported that the committee was established for the Brotherton Nation Corporation, and they held their first meeting that morning. The Steering Committee will meet in the morning of the Council meeting, same as the History Committee.
- NEWSLETTER REPORT given by Tim Vanderhoef, Editor. To-date there were 76 persons who had renewed their subscriptions in 1986. He also explained the newsletter survey form in the February issue, and requested that everyone fill out a survey and return it to him soon.
- FUNDRAISING. Lucy Baldwin reported that she had turned in \$10.00 from the sale of aluminum cans.
- Tim Vanderhoef reported that 374 screen printed items had been sold since 1983. The profits had not been turned over to the Brotherton Tribe because the account still owed him \$114.00. A profit of about \$350.00 should be realized after the remaining inventory is sold out.
- HISTORY COMMITTEE REPORT was given by Cynthia Highman stating that the committee worked on the mailing list that morning, sorting Brothertons by cities.

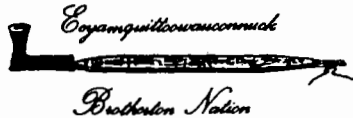
## OLD BUSINESS

- Phil Tousey inquired about the persons doing land record research. He was informed that the Andersons are still working on it, but the personnel at the Chilton Courthouse do not have the time to do the copying, and won't allow us to do it ourselves.
- There was a discussion on whether Rudi Ottery, Tribal Genealogist, had all the enrollment papers recommending which applicants were eligible. It was explained that it is a Council decision, not the genealogist's. It was further explained that the Council is using the 1839 and 1901 rolls as a basis for their genealogical verification.

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## NEW BUSINESS

- Mark Baldwin, Vice-Chairperson, reported that a new book had been published called the "Irredeemable America. The Indians' Estate and Land Claims," edited by Irme Sutton. Dr. Campisi wrote a chapter for this book, available at the University Book Store, Madison.
- Mark Baldwin also reported that the "Wisconsin Magazine," a weekly Public Television series which is broadcast on all public television stations in Wisconsin, had requested permission to do a story on the Brotherton Tribe. It wanted to focus on the history of the tribe and what we are trying to do for federal recognition. They would also like to come to the PCC office, take shots of the traveling photo exhibit, and interview some tribal members on February 19th and 20th. The TV series also requested an interview with Dr. Jack Campisi to talk about his experience with the Federal Acknowledgment Program. The program is to be aired on February 28th at 8:00P.M. on channel 10 and 36. It was a unanimous opinion of the Tribal Council that this would be a good opportunity to obtain free publicity for the tribe. (The show was recorded on video cassette and will be shown at the tribal meetings.)
- Boots Sampson brought up for discussion whether the Council Persons working on enrollments for the next four days would be reimbursed for their mileage or lodging, with the money to come out of the general fund. A motion was made by Tim Vanderhoef, seconded by Sandra Biancardi, that the Council Members attending only this special enrollment meetings on February 15, 16, 17 and 18th, should be reimbursed for either mileage or their lodging. Vote was 16 YES, 1 NO, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried.
- Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Tim Vanderhoef, seconded by Florence Hoey. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned by Tribal Chairperson, June Ezold, at 3:25P.M.



Blanche Thompson, Secretary pro tem  
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# BROTHERTON NATION MINUTES

## ABRIDGED MINUTES OF THE MARCH 15, 1986 GENERAL TRIBAL MEETING, MARIAN COLLEGE, FDL, WI

- Meeting called to order by Tribal Chairperson, June Ezold, at 1:45P.M. Phil Tousey then led the group in prayer.
- Minutes of the February 15, 1986 meeting were read by Tribal Secretary, Lani Bartelt and approved as read.

## CORRESPONDENCE

- June Ezold read letters and information from the following: FDL Post Office, bulk mailing rate increases; replys from foundations for grant requests; answer from Non-Profit World regarding United Way Contributions; letter to be sent to scholarship recipients; letter from Gordon Fay; Letter from Dr. Campisi regarding research; signed contract from Accountant; Indian legislation and Indian Burial Site legislation material from Sharon Metz; answer from Tribal Genealogist, Rudi Ottery, regarding Council query on enrollment; DeGroat reunion date changed, sent by Jayne Gloega-DeGroat; and, a query from Reggie Finlayson, a student working on research grant.

## REPORTS

- TREASURER'S REPORT read by Tribal Treasurer, Leo Tousey. Balance in the Brotherton Memorial Fund as of February 15, 1986 was \$45.00. Other balances were as follows:

### BROTHERTON TRIBAL ACCOUNT

\$667.44 Balance as of 2/15/86  
\$ .00 Checks written  
\$ 60.00 Deposits made 2/15/86  
\$727.44 Balance as of 3/15/86

### BROTHERTON NATION ACCOUNT

\$4,618.84 Balance as of 2/15/86  
\$4,574.67 Checks written  
\$3,000.00 Deposits made 2/26/86  
\$3,044.17 Balance as of 3/15/86

- Motion made by Boots Sampson, seconded by Mark Baldwin that the treasurer's report be approved as read. Motion approved.
- Motion made to pay the bills by Phyllis Mattern, seconded by Florence Hoey. Motion Carried.
- GRANT REPORT was given by Grant Administrator, June Ezold. Contracted hours worked, 180; 166½ in-kind hours worked; \$4,497.22 in-kind dollars contributed; 49 local phone calls received, 23 out-going local calls made, and 37 long distance calls made; 91 in-person

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contacts made; 2,098 photocopies made; no major purchases made; 1,216 enrollment files completed; four research assignments given; and two research assignments completed.

- NEWSLETTER REPORT. Editor, Tim Vanderhoef, reported that there were only 102 subscribers to the 1986 Brotherton Messenger. Anyone not renewing their subscription should do so at once. Preliminary results of the newsletter survey show that few subscribers feel any changes need to be made, but a full report of the survey will be made to the Council at the April 19th Council meeting. Deadline to submit articles for the April edition will be March 22nd.
- CORPORATION STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT was given by Lucy Baldwin, Committee Chairman. The committee is in the process of getting volunteers lined up for help at the petition filing time and for the April mailing.
- ENROLLMENT REPORT. Tribal Secretary, Lani Bartelt, stated that as of February 26, 1986, 1,244 enrollment files have been reviewed: including, 526 files approved and 718 files denied. Of the 718 files denied, 380 need more detailed ancestry and 338 are missing one or more forms. Each person has been notified in writing to complete the missing forms and return it to the PCC office. The files which need more ancestry information have been reported to the Tribal Genealogist for more verification.
- PICNIC REPORT was given by Co-Chairman, Mary Hoey. The Brotherton Picnic will be held at the upper level of Calumet County Park, Stockbridge, WI, on Saturday, July 19, 1986. The other Co-Chairman for the picnic is Carl Ezold. Picnic Committees consist of the following: Invitations-Florence Hoey; Registration-Tribal Council; Food-Irma Sampson; Rummage & Craft Sale-Lucy Baldwin; Entertainment-Phil & Sandy Hahn; and Publicity-Jayne Elsen.

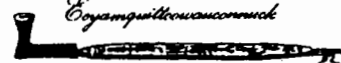
#### OLD BUSINESS

- Discussion brought up by Phil Tousey, Sr., regarding the campaigning procedures for candidates running for Council seats this election. He stated that the Council could not infringe on the rights of persons running for office regarding how they campaigned. Chairperson, June Ezold explained that it had been a Council decision to pass a resolution stating that the only tribal approved method of publicity will be the list of candidates, stating their qualifications and a short resume of each person, which will be sent out in a mailing by the tribe. Any other publicity will not have the approval of the tribe.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- It was announced that Marian College will have a program for Indian teachers to be trained to teach Indian Studies. More will be announced by Sr. Virginia Murphy at a later date.
- ELECTION FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE. Those nominated to the Nominating Committee were: Willis Vanderhoef, Carl Ezold, Ruth Vanderhoef, Phillip Tousey, Sr., Vivian Haase, and Clarice Gall. Motion made by Vivian Haase, seconded by Boots Sampson, to close nominations. Motion carried. Voting then took place. Those elected were: Carl Ezold, Vivian Haase, and Clarice Gall. Motion made by Mark Baldwin, seconded by Leo Tousey, to destroy the ballots. Motion carried.
- ELECTION FOR ELECTION COMMITTEE. Those nominated to the Election Committee were: Mary Hoey, Phillip Tousey, Sr., Mark Baldwin, Sandra Biancardi, and Tim Vanderhoef. Motion made by Vivian Haase, seconded by Phyllis Mattern, to close nominations. Motion carried. Voting then took place. After voting three times to break a tie vote, those elected were: Mary Hoey, Phillip Tousey, Sr., and Mark Baldwin. Motion then made by Florence Hoey, seconded by Phyllis Mattern, to destroy the ballots. Motion carried.
- Maynard Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Phyllis Mattern. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned by Tribal Chairperson, June Ezold, at 3:25P.M.

Lani Bartelt, Secretary  
Brotherton Indian Nation  
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#### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Grandchildren are God's way of compensating us for growing old.

#### CHUCKLE OF THE MONTH

ALARM CLOCK: a mechanical device used to wake up people who have no children.

# Grantwriting Committee --- Report

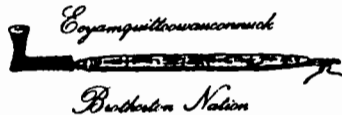
The Brotherton Grantwriting Committee is concentrating its efforts on soliciting support for a two-year automation project which will begin after the acknowledgement petition is submitted. The Brotherton Indian Government Automation and Training Project will have three main objectives. The first is to develop a finding index for the tribal archives; second, to automate tribal administration; and third, to train five Brotherton Indian descendants to become computer literate.

The first stage of the Grantwriting Committee's effort is to secure funding to purchase the equipment needed for this project. Eight Wisconsin foundations have already been solicited for this type of support. The second stage is to secure matching funds for this project since we intend to submit the project to the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) and they require matching funds which amount to 20% of the project total. To date, two national and one local foundation has been solicited for matching support.

The Grantwriting Committee intends to submit this project for the June 1986 deadline for ANA funding, and we are hopeful that if equipment or matching funds are secured, this project will receive primary funding support from the ANA.

A preliminary application has also been submitted to Innovations in State and Local Government, which is an awards program funded by the Ford Foundation and Harvard University. 75 semi-finalists will be selected in a nation-wide competition by March 1, 1986 for further consideration of several \$100,000 awards for government entities (including tribal governments) which have shown innovation in dealing with the populations they serve.

Suggestions on possible funding sources are always welcome. Please send your comments or suggestions to the Brotherton Grantwriting Committee, c/o the PCC, 14 Western Ave. Thanks!!



Grantwriting Committee  
Brotherton Tribal Office  
14 Western Avenue  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935



The Brotherton Indian Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 19, 1986 in the upper level of the Calumet County Park, Stockbridge, Wisconsin. Calumet County Park is located five miles north of Stockbridge, just off Highway 55. Camping is available on a first-come first-served basis.

Chairpersons for the picnic are Mary Hoey and Carl Ezold. Committee heads are:  
Invitations-Florence Hoey; Registration-Council Members; Publicity-Jayne Elsen;  
Food-Irma Sampson; Rummage & Craft Sale-Lucille Baldwin; Entertainment-Phil & Sandi Hahn.

Once again we are asking everyone to bring a dish to pass. Bring your own beverage. A FISH POND and PENNY CANDY area for children ages 4 to 10 will be provided. We could use money donations for the purchase of prizes and candy. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated.

We are also planning a CRAFT and RUMMAGE SALE, as well as a RAFFLE. Don't throw anything away--donate it to the RUMMAGE SALE (no clothes--PLEASE). We would appreciate any items you would like to make and donate.

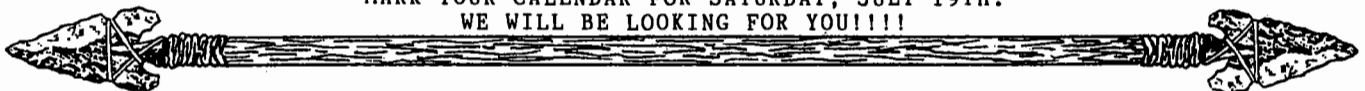
A more detailed announcement will be sent out in the near future. If you have any suggestions, ideas, comments, or would like to volunteer, please contact the following:

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AV2848 Witches lake Rd.  
Woodruff, WI 54568  
(715) 542-3913

Mary Hoey  
263 Rose Avenue  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935  
(414) 922-1215

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SATURDAY, JULY 19TH.  
WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR YOU!!!!





# MEMOS FROM RUDI:



Other than a quick trip to the University of Connecticut to participate in the celebration of Gladys Tantaquidgeon, and a quick trip to Albany to complete our income tax, most of my waking hours have been applied to Brotherton genealogy. All of you who I have forms for, and all of your ancestors who I have information for, are entered in the computer now. We are presently involved with printouts and making corrections. If you have ever tried to correct a computer error on something like a magazine subscription, you have a small idea of the time involved in removing human error from the system. In something like genealogy, an incorrect number entry can penetrate the whole system, affecting many families. While everyone, and much information has been entered into the computer, much documented information remains to be entered from sources such as court house research, newspapers, lists, etc. These items, plus trying to meet the demands and schedule of the Tribal Council, sum up what has been happening with genealogy.

I have not reported to you through the Messenger for two issues. The February issue was missed because we have moved to New Hampshire, and at the time I should have been writing the article, our belongings were in North American Van Lines storage, and we were in Ramada Inn storage, between our old home and new one. The December issue was missed because the article I wrote on enrollment was evidently lost in the mail.

The Tribal Council is charge of all enrollments. I will be asked for verification when some members have enrollment problems. All enrollment forms and questions should be directed to the Tribal Chairperson or the tribal office.

The reason that the Narragansett language listings no longer appear in the newsletter is because they seemed a bit confusing, had no punctuation, and the sayings themselves were a bit outdated. Tim felt that the language of the translations should be brought up to date. Because all of my time has been devoted to enrollment, I did not have the time to write lengthy explanations or do a better job on the vocabulary. Tim has agreed to work on the language part, as time and work load permit. More of the language will be printed (if there is sufficient interest) in the future.

I began the series on Brotherton background (Bloodline) at Mark Baldwin's request, when the newsletter began in 1981. I had intended to follow that series of articles with condensations of my research into the most ancient periods of the parent tribes. However, it seemed more appropriate to continue forward with Brotherton history, until we reached 1986. Both Tim and I decided to have more current stories about Brotherton families at about the same time. To avoid duplication these stories were kept under the Bloodline title. For the time being, the Bloodline will contain family histories--hopefully, more present day information. For the time being, Tim will handle this, and at some point in the future we will go back to the older history of the Brothertons and parent tribes.

As certain subjects and specific information is necessary to report to you, I will write my "memos" to you for inclusion in the newsletter. I have enjoyed writing for you and will continue to work on your genealogies. Haw-un-shech!! Farewell!!

Rudi Hjella Ottery  
Brothertown Tribal Genealogist  
R.D. #2  
Weare, NH 03281

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*Brotherton Nation*

### WHAT KIND ARE YOU??

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed?  
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings, mingle with the flock?  
Or do you stay at home and criticize and knock?

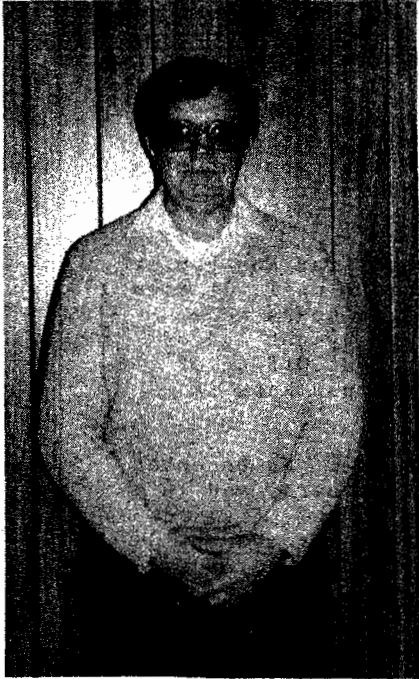
Do you take an active part to help the work along?  
Or are you satisfied to be the kind that just belong?

Do you ever voluntarily help at the guiding stick?  
Or leave the work to just a few, and talk about the clique?

Come out to the meetings often and help with hand and heart.  
Don't be just a member, but take an active part!

Think this over members, you know right from wrong.  
Are you an active member, or do you just belong??

From the Oct'85 Alumni Accent newsletter, Office Education Association, Columbus, Ohio



DR. JACK CAMPISI

ANTHROPOLOGICAL/HISTORICAL  
CONSULTANT

Dr. Jack Campisi is currently our tribal Anthropological/Historical Consultant. He brings with him many degrees, including a BA in history, MA in Social Studies, and a Ph.D. in anthropology. He has published works in numbers far too great to mention. Dr. Campisi also brings with him a determination to gain federal recognition for the Brothertons through the Federal Acknowledgement Project.

Dr. Campisi was born October 7, 1931 in Brooklyn, New York. He is married and has three children. Fifteen years ago, Jack was teaching high school and wanted to get a Ph.D. His friend, an Oneida Indian, suggested that he do his research work on the Oneida Indians. He has been working with Indian tribes ever since.

To his credit, Dr. Campisi has published many historical items, all dealing with Indians and land claims, including: seven books or manuscripts, has written over 14 published articles, and many other papers on specific Indian matters. He has delivered addresses to National Indian Conferences, guest lectured at various universities, and has given "expert" testimony in many court cases dealing with Indians.

In addition, he has been a consultant for numerous Indian projects, including: The University of Wisconsin, Green Bay, film project--"The Oneida Indians"; and the "Oneida Indian Language Project." Jack has been a consultant for, and helped on the Federal Acknowledgement Project for: the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, Massachusetts; Narragansett Tribe; Mashantucket Pequot Tribe, Connecticut; Western Abenaki Tribe, Vermont; Gay Head Tribe;

Lumbee Indian Tribe, North Carolina; Eastern Pequots of Connecticut; United Houma Nation of Louisiana; Cayuga Nation of New York; and the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe, North Carolina. To this list we add the Brotherton Indians of Wisconsin. His work and expertise with history, Indians, and Federal Acknowledgement gives our tribe an advantage and high hopes of becoming recognized by the federal government.

In 1984, Dr. Campisi was contacted by the Brotherton Tribal Council to do a Petition Progress Report. The Council was so impressed with Dr. Campisi that they eventually hired him as our Anthropological/Historical Consultant. He has already completed a Historical Narrative of the Brotherton Tribe from 1640 to 1900, and is now under contract to write a Historical Narrative from 1900 to the present, do a Community Study, and complete a Political Continuity Study, all three of which are now in progress. He is a busy man, but knows just how to get the work done.

Dr. Campisi visited Wisconsin in February and started the Community Continuity Study in Fond du Lac and surrounding areas. He plans to return in May or June to continue his study, and will visit Gresham and areas in Minnesota. His work is very important to us and fellow Brothertons need to tell their stories to him. He's a great listener and would like to hear yours.

The Brotherton Tribe has come a long way on its petition efforts since hiring Jack Campisi. His knowledge and experience have led us over a difficult path. We can now see the light at the end of the forest. Thank you Jack, for helping the Brothertons, and to the Council who had the foresight to search him out--Thank you too. With him as coach--we've got the #1 team!!

A DEFINITION

Funk & Wagnall's dictionary lists the following word and definition: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ac=knowl-edge-ment--1. The act of admitting; confession. 2. Recognition of the existence or truth of something. 3. Something done or given in return. 4. LAW-- A formal declaration of an act before competent authority, or the official certificate of such declaration.

# BULLETIN BOARD

## NEWSLETTER UPDATE

So far in 1986 there are 121 subscribers to The Brotherton Messenger. We are falling behind compared to last year at this time. Please tell your Brotherton friends and relatives to renew their subscriptions today.

The Post Office has again increased the postage for Non-Profit mailings. It now costs us 7.2 cents per piece to mail. It does not mean the mail will move any faster, it just costs more. Subscribers who do not receive their Messenger by the end of the mailing month, are asked to notify their Post Office of slow delivery, and also notify the editor. We must know if your mail is slow.

The Adopt-A-Messenger program has done quite well. In December there were 17 Messengers sent out to non-subscribers, and 14 in February. April is a bit slow, however, with only five requests so far. Send your relatives a copy of The Brotherton Messenger for just \$1.00 per name. It's a great way to spread the word.

The answers to the newsletter survey are being tabulated and your ideas, comments, and areas of interest will be relayed to the Tribal Council in April. If you have not sent in your survey from the February issue--Please do so at once!!

Congratulations, Best Wishes, and Happy Birthday to the following people who have recently, or soon will be celebrating their special day. You are all encouraged to submit information, special dates or happenings, Brothertons in the news, etc.

BELATED WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO Ted & Belle Stephenson of Madison (Feb.16th)

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY TO: Linda Shady, Irma Sampson, Brett Behm, Herbert Shady, Sr., Timothy Gibson, Pamela Gibson, Daniel Taylor, Lois Johnson, Natalie Schreiber, Tatat Fay, Susan Kingsling, Jack Hollow, Patty Confer, Matt Confer, Nicholas Vanderhoef, Michael Stark, Donald Graves, Eric Haigh, Butch Shelley, Debbie Shelley, Rollie Helbling, and Barry Musolf.

APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO: Art & Grace Niesen, and Sigfredo & Eleanor Soto.

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAY TO: Michelle Shady, Mabel Pawnell, Robert Pawnell, Phyllis Mattern, Sandra Biancardi, Mario Soto, Crystal Monteen, Suzanne Gibson, Edna Graves, Mary Peltier, Michele Morin, Joe Vanderhoef, Andrea Peltier, David Matsen, Joseph Matsen, Kathleen Nytes, Andrea Bartelt, Michael Helbling, Lana Shelley, Nancy Shelley, Cernie Shelley, Shawn Shelley, Sonny Musolf, Corey Shelley, and Ryan Shelley.

MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO: Phil & Sandi Hahn, Herbert & Irene Shady, and Willis & Ruth Vanderhoef.

Sincere Wishes for a speedy recovery to Walter Vanderhoef who had by-pass surgery on March 3rd. Our thoughts are with you!

THANK YOU to all those wonderful subscribers who donated money to the Messenger account.

THANK YOU to Willis & Ruth Vanderhoef, Ron & Clarice Gall, Roberta Vanderhoef, Barb Vanderhoef, Chris Mapel, and Marge Johnson for your help in assembling the February issue.

CONGRATULATIONS Dan & Linda Vanderhoef on the birth of a son, Jacob William, on March 7th. A cute one says the Godfather!!

The Verbeten family picnic is scheduled for August 2, 1986, at Franksville Park. For those who hadn't heard before--this is your official notice.

## INDIAN PRAYER

Despite all that has happened to our tribe, we as Brothertons, have endured and survived with the help of our Great Spirit. And we will continue to do so until the day comes that we will be federally recognized.

--Eleanor Soto, Milwaukee, WI--

## DEAD MAN WINS CHILTON ELECTION

The incumbent City Clerk of Chilton, Wis., who had been dead for a week, was reelected April 1st in a landslide victory over two write-in candidates. The man, Kenneth Ludwig, 37, died March 23rd of a heart attack.

# MESSENGER . . . FEATURE

## FIRST NATIVE AMERICAN BISHOP

The Very Rev. Donald Edmund Pelotte, S.S.S., Ph.D., Provincial Superior of the Blessed Sacrament Community of Religious in Highland Heights, Ohio, since 1978, has been appointed Co-Adjutor Bishop of the Diocese of Gallup, New Mexico, by Pope John Paul II. Bishop-Elect Pelotte is the first Native American priest to be ordained to the episcopacy in the United States. Though all details have not been completed as yet, the Ordination Ceremony is tentatively being planned for the first week of May, 1986.

Reverend Pelotte was born in Waterville, Maine on April 13, 1945, the son of Norris Albert and Margaret Yvonne (LaBrie) Pelotte. He and his twin brother Dana (who is also a member of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament - Finance Director - St. Jean Baptiste Parish, New York City, and formerly of Menasha, Wisconsin) are the youngest of five boys: Norris, Jr. and Roger of Waterville, Maine; and Richard of Pacifica, California (deceased in 1983). His parents are both deceased: his father in 1963, mother in 1985. Father Pelotte's father was of the Abenaki Tribe--his grandparents were born in Abenaki, Canada. The Abenaki Tribe is part of the Algonquin Nation which inhabited the NE United States and Canada. His mother was of French-Canadian descent.

Father Pelotte received his early education in the Waterville, Maine public school system. After receiving his high school education at Eymard Seminary in Hyde Park, New York, he attended John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio, and was awarded a B.A. degree in Philosophy in June, 1969. Father Pelotte professed his religious vows in the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament on August 22, 1967, and was ordained a priest on September 2, 1972 at St. Francis de Sales Church in Waterville, by Bishop Edward O'Leary of the Diocese of Portland, Maine.

While studying for the priesthood at Blessed Sacrament Seminary, he completed his doctoral studies at Fordham University, Bronx, New York, and was granted a Ph.D. in Theology on June 6, 1975. His doctoral thesis entitled: "John Courtney Murray, Theologian in Conflict: Roman Catholicism and the American Experience," was an historical and theological analysis of the relationship of church and state in the United States and the American experience of religious freedom. This dissertation was published by Paulist Press in 1976 for the American Bi-Centennial and was granted the Catholic Book of the Month award by the Catholic Book Club in October, 1976.

First elected to the post of Provincial Superior in 1978, Father Pelotte was, at 33 years of age, the youngest major superior of a man's community in the country. Prior to his election he had been director of students for the American sector of the Province and Rector-Superior of the Blessed Sacrament Community in Cleveland, Ohio. He is presently serving the last year of his third term as Provincial.

For the past several years he has been active with programs of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions and the Tekakwitha Conference. He was present in Rome June 20, 1980 as a member of the official pilgrimage when Pope John Paul II beatified Kateri Tekakwitha, a Mohawk Indian. In 1981 Father Pelotte was the official representative of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men in Denver, Colorado, when 650 Native Americans and 23 American bishops participated in the annual Tekakwitha Conference. He has served for five years on the National Board of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men, and for the last seven years has served on the organization's Justice and Peace Committee. He is also a member of the Catholic Theological Society of America and the American Catholic Historical Society. Listed in the 1985 Who's Who in Religion, he is presently a member of the College of Consultors and the Council of Priests for the Diocese of Cleveland and at the request of Bishop Anthony M. Pilla, has served on various committees relating to religious life and priestly ministry.

In a statement from Bishop Anthony Pilla on the occasion of the appointment of Bishop-Elect Donald E. Pelotte; February 24, 1986: "... Bishop-Elect Donald E. Pelotte, S.S.S. as Co-Adjutor Bishop of Gallup, New Mexico, brings to the Diocese of Cleveland a sense of personal pride and thanksgiving. Our Holy Father Pope John Paul II, has not only bestowed a great honor upon the Blessed Sacrament Community, who has exercised a marvelous presence within our Diocese, but he has also recognized in a special way our brothers and sisters who are Native Americans. We share the pride and honor of these, our dear Indian brothers and sisters in the Lord."

For many years the Native Americans have longed for this moment. There is no group of people in the world more supportive of the Holy Father and more dedicated to the Catholic Church than the Native peoples. Pope John Paul II has been reaching out to every nation and race. The Indian community is truly grateful that one with American Indian blood will now be a member of the American hierarchy. Congratulations Father Pelotte!!!

--All information obtained from the Communications Department, Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio--

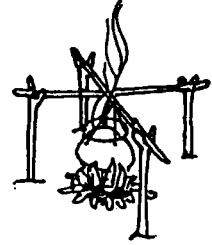


### CORNMEAL JOHNNYCAKE

The name Johnnycake is said to come from "journey cake." The idea was adapted from the bread the Indians made to carry with them while they were away from home hunting game. There are many versions of the recipe. Some Johnnycakes are fried and some are baked. Hoecake is a similar bread that was baked on a hoe over an open fire in the Southern colonies. In any form, Johnnycake is delicious served with butter and maple syrup or molasses.



(Makes two 8-inch rounds)  
 4 cups yellow cornmeal  
 3 cups boiling water  
 2 tablespoons light brown sugar  
 2 tablespoons butter or margarine  
 2 eggs  
 1 teaspoon salt



In a medium bowl, combine cornmeal and boiling water. Beat with a wire whisk until smooth. Fold in salt, brown sugar, and butter. Set aside to cool.

Heat oven to 400°F. Lightly grease 2 baking sheets and spread into two 8-inch rounds.

Bake until firm in center and golden brown--20 to 25 minutes

Cool 10 to 15 minutes on baking sheets before serving. These are best if served fresh. They will get quite firm if stored.

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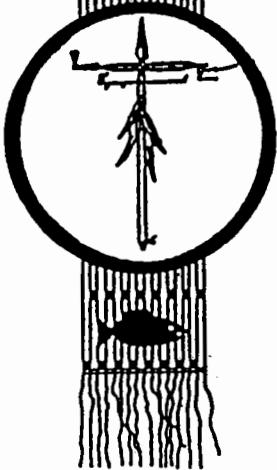
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# THE BROTHERTON MESSENGER



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I would like to "adopt a Messenger." Please send one copy of the next Brotherton Messenger to the person listed below. Enclosed is \$1.00 to cover costs.

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CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_  
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Yes, I would like to show my Tribe's strength and pride. Enroll me as a member of the Brotherton Nation, Inc.

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ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE NUMBER ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Send coupon to: Brotherton Nation, Inc.  
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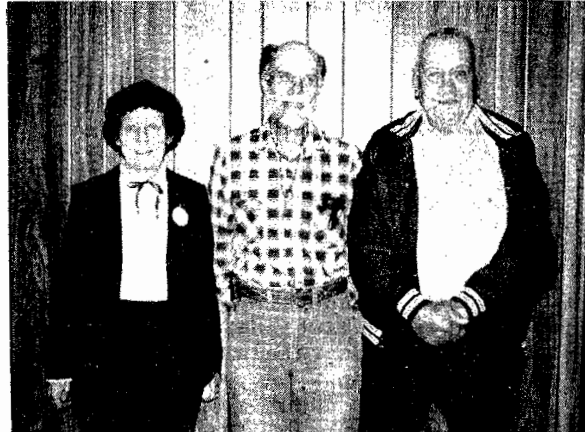
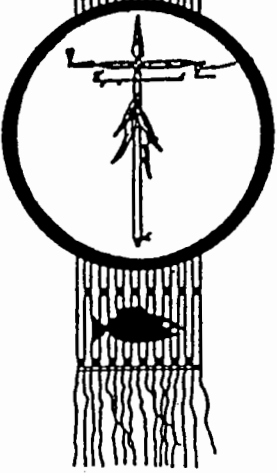
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# THE BROTHERTON MESSENGER

DEDICATED TO OUR BROTHERTON INDIAN HERITAGE

## COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECTED



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Elected at the May 17, 1986 Tribal meeting were from left to right: RUTH VANDERHOEF, Racine; BOOTS SAMPSON, Fond du Lac; and PLATT WELCH, Chilton. Congratulations to the new Council Members.

### TRIBAL MEETINGS

The next scheduled meeting of the Brotherton Indian Nation will be held on Saturday, June 21, 1986, at the Hamilton Building in Fond du Lac, WI. 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 pass. A History and Steering Committee meeting will be held at 9:00 A.M. at the PCC. All are encouraged to attend.

The July meeting will take place on Saturday, July 19, 1986, at the Brotherton Picnic, Calumet County Park, Stockbridge, WI. The meeting will begin at 10:30 A.M.

Gresham, WI is the site for the August meeting, beginning at 1:30 P.M. at the American legion Hall, Main Street. Hope to see all the area Brothertons there.

The September meeting will return to Fond du Lac in September.

### BROTHERTON HOMECOMING

Mark your calendar now for Saturday, October 18, 1986, and plan to attend the Brotherton Homecoming at the Hamilton Building in FDL. Information will be forth-coming. Contact Sandra Biancardi, Homecoming Chairman, at 1433 S. 169th St., New Berlin, WI, 53151.

### BROTHERTON ITEMS FOR SALE

Still for sale by the Brotherton Nation are Brotherton post cards, reservation maps, and proclamations. Contact the PCC for prices and further information.

Also for sale, by the editor, are Brotherton t-shirts, hats, pins, and a few patches. In addition, the editor has books on New England Indians and Indian greeting cards for sale. ALL profits from items mentioned go to the tribe, and will be for sale at the picnic in July. Remember, back issues of The Messenger are for sale at a cost of \$4.50 per year.

### FORETELLING OF THE WHITE MAN

Before the coming of the white man, a great and wise chief lived at Indian Hill, between Eastskysser Hill and the beach hummock where Moshop and Ol'Squant lived. On his death-bed he said that a strange white people would come to crowd out the red men, and that for a sign, after his death a great white whale would rise out of the witch pond below. That night he died and followed the fading glow of sunset to the Happy Hunting Grounds; and that night the great white whale rose from the witch pond. The old chief was buried on Indian Hill, and at it's foot the Witch Pond may still be seen.

-From The Journal of American Folk-Lore, "The Wampanoag Indian Tales."

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Correspondence has been real heavy these past couple of months. We are hearing from people who saw our WHA-TV program, questions about enrollment and scholarships, and from friends out in Deansboro, New Yoek, who have seen our brochure and are interested in our goal.

The research is still going on for the Brotherton Tribe, but we do need more help. A plea was mailed to all scholarship recipients for help. To date we have heard from three; two willing to help and the other one too busy. The Tribal Council felt they were receiving benefits because of the Brotherton Tribe, and that they in turn, could help us.

Some of the requests made by Dr. Campisi while here in February are being acted upon and followed through. He will be in the Green Bay, Racine, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin areas in June for more "Community Study" interviews. People in those areas have been contacted and appointments have been made.

The By-laws stating that the general membership approves payment of the bills to pay has been amended stating: "the payment of bills needs only Council quorum approval."

The May elections are now over and three council members were elected. Thank you to all who voted. Boots Sampson of Fond du Lac was re-elected, and Platt Welch of Chilton and Ruth Vanderhoef of Racine were newly elected. Congratulations to those council members, the Tribal Council is looking forward to working with you. Tim Vanderhoef was not elected to the council, but we ask that you try again. Thank you Tim for all your dedicated work as newsletter editor. The Council would also like to thank Sandra Biancardi for serving on the Council to replace Dan Vanderhoef, who resigned earlier this year. Sandra has been a big help to us and we will miss her. She will continue on as Parliamentarian for the tribe. Thank you Sandra.

The Council has been very busy with enrollments. We are checking each members' folder, making certain all their forms are complete and that their ancestry traces back to the 1839 or 1900 rolls. Remember, it is up to each individual to prove their ancestry, not for the Council to prove it. You will be receiving a letter if we need completed enrollment forms, or if your ancestry needs more documentation. The Tribal Council will be meeting again June 6-8, and will try to complete going through all membership folders for the first time. If you receive a request from us dealing with membership, please try to answer as soon as possible.

The Tribal Genealogist is diligently working with the Council in the enrollment process by entering all pertinent information into the computer. She has obtained a larger computer for this purpose.

The Council has completed and mailed a resolution to the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) to assist us in any legal matters that might arise while attaining federal recognition.

The city of Fond du Lac is celebrating its sesquicentennial (150 years) June 27 to July 6, and the Brothertons hope to be involved. Participating in a parade and having an open house were some of the things discussed. The subject was tabled until we can receive more information. Participating in the parade would entail a lot of work and money that we do not have. We will try to work on something in the near future.

A reporter for the Appleton Post Crescent newspaper was in Fond du Lac interviewing your chairperson for an article about the Brotherton Indians. It should appear in the newspaper on Sunday, May 25th.

Carl and I will be going to Minnesota to attend the DeGroat reunion in June. The Shelley reunion is also in June. Phil Tousey has been showing slide presentations relating to the Brotherton story this past month.

The Steering Committee of the Brotherton Nation, Inc. has been meeting on the same day as the History and Council meetings. They are in the process of securing volunteers for help in the office, writing thank you notes, looking into the cemetery lands, and being generally a big help to the tribe.

The History Committee has been meeting faithfully each month at the PCC. Right now their project is preserving photographs for the tribal archives. Do you have any photos or memorabilia for the archives?? Remember, anyone can meet with the History or Steering Committees at 9:30 A.M. at the PCC in Fond du Lac on the third Saturday of each month. We need you to do some service for your tribe. Hope to see you at the June 21st meeting.

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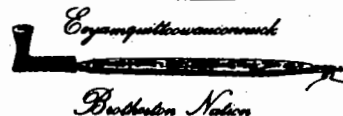
Maynard and Blanche Thompson, Cheryl Millay and her daughter, Irma Sampson, and Jayne Elsen worked on getting the notices sent out for the May tribal election. A total of 900 notices were mailed. We owe a debt of gratitude to these dedicated people. Thank you all.

REMEMBER the Brotherton Picnic will be July 19, 1986 at the Calumet County Park in Stockbridge. Just watch for the signs. I sincerely hope you will all try to attend. If you havn't sent in your reservation as yet, please do so as soon as possible. Mary Hoey, the picnic chairman, is waiting to hear from you.

The June meeting will be held on the 21st in Fond du Lac at the Hamilton Building. The August 16th meeting will be held in Gresham at 1:30P.M. at the American Legion Hall on Main Street. There will be no Fond du Lac meeting that month. The September meeting will again be back in Fond du Lac on the 20th. Keep in mind also, the Homecoming will be in Fond du Lac on October 17th. Please try to attend these upcoming meetings and events.

If you have any questions, please let us hear from you. We want and need your input.

June Ezold, Chairperson  
Brotherton Indian Nation  
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#### INDIAN BEADWORK STOLE PRESENTED

After Dr. Jack Lundy took the oath of office marking his installation as president of Nicolet College and Technical Institute in Rhinelander, WI this fall, he was presented with the Nicolet presidential stole made especially for the ceremony. The stole symbolizes not only the authority of the College president, but also the presence of Northern Wisconsin's Indian population in the Nicolet District.

The stole was made entirely of traditional Indian beadwork at the request of Dr. Lundy. "We must recognize and affirm that our Native Americans have enriched and enobled all of our lives," Dr. Lundy said.

Depicted on a background of Northern Wisconsin pine trees and blue sky are Wisconsin's state flower, bird, and leaf. It measures over seven feet long and was a tall order which had to be completed in a short amount of time--one month. Berty Pemma, a Potawatomi Indian from Wabeno, WI, was the craftswoman who filled that tall order and created the masterpiece stole which is now proudly displayed at Nicolet College.

The piece was worked on in sections and then sewn together after all five sections were completed. She worked 14 hours a day for the last two weeks to finish the piece on time. "I did the tree design first," Pemma said. "This, the hardest part, was done on a loom about 2½ feet long on each side. The state symbols were done by hand as was the neck part which depicts the blue sky."

Berty learned to do beadwork about 23 years ago when she attended a youth group activity in Crandon. Mary Wensaut of Crandon and Pemma's mother-in-law taught her the basic beadwork techniques. She has picked up more techniques since then and developed her own style. Sometimes she adopts other people's style for her own use.

She likes to do beadwork full time now, but she has not always been able to devote so much time to her craft. She and Peter, her husband, have eight children--Ruth, 24; Betty, 23; Cheryl, 22; Bernice and Brenda, 21 year old twins; Peter, 19; Robert, 16; and Michael, 11. They also have a foster daughter, Lateachia age 3, and a grandson, Donald, who is also 3.

Having a large family left little time for beadwork when the children were small, but it really helped while Pemma was working on the stole. "My daughters took over the household responsibilities so I was free to work. Cheryl took care of the baby, Brenda and Bernice did the housekeeping and cooking, and Ruth helped with the loom parts."

Beadwork is Pemma's full time hobby now. She makes lots of beaded vests, belt buckles, medallions, ties, belts, Moccasins, headbands, barrettes, watchbands, necklaces, key chains and, now with the Nicolet stole, she has also made herself a place in Nicolet's history.

From The Forest Republican newspaper, Crandon, Wisconsin. October 1985

Submitted by Ruby Fisher Kennedy, Lake Tomahawk, Wisconsin.



# BROTHERTON NATION MINUTES



## ABRIDGED MINUTES OF THE APRIL 19, 1986 GENERAL TRIBAL MEETING, FOND DU LAC, WISCONSIN

- Meeting called to order by Tribal Chairperson, June Ezold at 1:40 P.M.
- Phil Tousey led the group in prayer.
- Minutes of the March 15, 1986 meeting were read by Tribal Secretary, Lani Bartelt, and approved as read.

### CORRESPONDENCE

- June Ezold read the following correspondence: from the Oneida Tribe, information on the Oneida History Conference in July; Marian College, notice of resignation of president; thank you notes sent out by Blanche Thompson as Secretary of the Steering Committee, to the Wisconsin Magazine of History and to Sr. Virginia Murphy; BIA announcement of job opportunities; NARF mailing list, tabled until May; Winnebago Business Community newsletter received; letters received from two people in Deansboro, New York, encouraging the Brothertons in seeking federal acknowledgement; request from Vivian Haase to have Phil Tousey speak at her Sunday School; request from Appleton Post Crescent newspaper to interview Brothertons for future article, request tabled for further Council preparation; and phone call from Dr. Jack Campisi with further research projects to do.

### REPORTS

- TREASURER'S REPORT from Leo Tousey, given by June Ezold. Balance in the Brotherton Memorial Fund as of April 19, 1986 was \$45.00. Other balances were:

<u>BROTHERTON TRIBAL ACCOUNT</u>	<u>BROTHERTON NATION ACCOUNT</u>
\$727.44 Balance as of 3/15/86	\$3,043.17 Balance as of 3/15/86
\$260.00 Checks written	\$3,668.37 Checks written
\$ 26.60 Deposits made 3/27/86	\$3,000.00 Deposits made 3/27/86
\$494.04 Balance as of 4/19/86	\$2,374.80 Balance as of 4/19/86

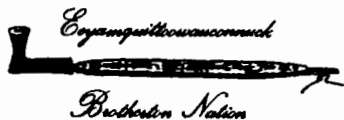
- Motion made by Phyllis Mattern to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Boots Sampson. Motion carried by a vote of 19 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained.

SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION of Fond du Lac's 150 years was reported on by Marlena Bischoff. Will be from June 27 to July 6, 1986, next meeting on April 28th at 7:00 P.M. Darwin Sampson volunteered to attend on behalf of the tribe, to see if the Brothertons could be a part of the celebration.

- NEWSLETTER REPORT was given by Tim Vanderhoef, Editor. There are currently 127 subscribers. Newsletter survey results showed that most people did not want any changes. Details of results are in Council minutes. June issue will be a little late due to Memorial weekend and Editor moving. Information due by May 22.
- FUND RAISING- Lucille Baldwin reported that \$6.25 from aluminum cans had been turned in.
- STEERING COMMITTEE Chairman, Lucille Baldwin, reported that the flyer with election information and research needed to be completed, had been worked on that morning.
- GRANT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT was given by June Ezold. Contracted hours worked, 220; 56 in-kind hours; \$690.10 in-kind dollars contributed; 58 phone calls received, 35 out-going local calls made; 25 long distance calls made; 30 in person contacts made; 922 pieces of mail posted, 1,706 photocopies made; and no major purchases made. No research assignments given or completed, and 50 archival folders were completed.
- GRANTWRITING COMMITTEE REPORT. Four "matching fund" proposals and eight equipment proposals tied into computerization have been written up and sent out.
- GENEALOGY REPORT from the Tribal Genealogist, Rudi Ottery. February- She stated that the month was spent setting up location of equipment after their move into new home. Her helper, Donald Dederick, completed materials he had worked on with Rudi before her move, which included: data input for those files which were open but incomplete when the alphabetical printout was sent to Council. New computer helper, George, worked with Donald for one day to get the feel of the job. March- spent working on printouts of data sheets for 10,000 past and present Brotherton entries. Numbers will diminish as duplications are merged or deleted. George was hired as of March 4, 1986 to work four hour per night, five nights per week until all printouts are completed, and then three nights per week after that. April report- All work during the past month has been concerning the printing of ancestry sheets. These will be alphabetized to determine duplications and will be used to correct files.

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- ENROLLMENT REPORT. Council will continue to work on enrollments today and tomorrow. Note: after working on enrollment files on Saturday and Sunday, only one file drawer is left to review.
- PICNIC REPORT was given by Mary Hoey, Picnic Chairman. The flyer with picnic information had been sent out, but not much response as yet. Picnic is scheduled for July 19, 1986 at Stockbridge, Calumet County, at Calumet County Park.
- NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT was given by Carl Ezold stating that three council seats were open for election this year. The committee nominated the following persons: Boots Sampson, Ruth Vanderhoef, and Platt Welch. Nominated from the floor by Willis Vanderhoef, was Tim Vanderhoef. Nomination seconded by Darwin Sampson. Carl Ezold asked three times for any more nominations. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to close nominations. Motion made by Maynard Thompson, seconded by Phyllis Mattern. Nominations were then closed.
- ELECTION COMMITTEE consisted of Philip Tousey, Mark Baldwin, and Mary Hoey. All absentee ballot requests were to be sent to the tribal secretary, postmarked no later than May 2, 1986. Lani Bartelt would then type up a list of requests and send it to the office. The Election Committee were to meet on May 6, 1986 at the PCC to initial absentee ballots and send them out. All incoming ballots would then be placed in a locked ballot box at the PCC office until the day of the election.
- HOMECOMING CELEBRATION. Sandra Biancardi volunteered to chair the event planned for October 18, 1986, at the Hamilton Building in Fond du Lac.
- Motion made by Mark Baldwin, Vice-Chairperson, to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Maynard Thompson. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.



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# BROTHERTON NATION MINUTES

## ABRIDGED MINUTES OF THE MAY 17, 1986 GENERAL TRIBAL MEETING, FOND DU LAC, WISCONSIN

- Meeting called to order by Tribal Chairperson, June Ezold, at 1:30 P.M.
- Announcement made that voting polls would close at 2:30 P.M.
- Philip Tousey led the members in prayer using excerpt from Sampson Occum hymn.
- Introductions of new persons attending were made.
- Minutes of the April 19, 1986 meeting were read by Tribal Secretary, Lani Bartelt, and approved as read.

### CORRESPONDENCE

- June Ezold read the following information and letters received: Winnebago Business Community newsletter received; requests for information about the tribe from Mr. Thomas Noe and Mr. Heusch who had contacted the editor; answered letter from Mr. Parker and Mrs. Welch; clippings received from Paul DeMain regarding PARR and ERFE newspaper articles; donation requests from State Representative from Calumet County, Gervase Hephner, for his campaign committee; and information received from Governor Earl's office regarding off-reservation bingo halls.

### REPORTS

- TREASURER'S REPORT given by Leo Tousey, Tribal Treasurer, stating that the balance in the Brotherton Memorial fund was \$45.00 as of May 17, 1986. Other balances were as follows:

<u>BROTHERTON TRIBAL ACCOUNT</u>	
\$494.04	Balance as of 4/19/86
\$369.00	Checks written
\$ 28.30	Deposits made 5/12/86
\$153.34	Balance as of 5/17/86

<u>BROTHERTON NATION ACCOUNT</u>	
\$2,374.80	Balance as of 4/19/86
\$3,401.74	Checks written
\$2,500.00	Deposits made 5/19/86
\$1,473.06	Balance as of 5/17/86

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- Treasurer's report was approved at the morning Council meeting and was approved as read.
- HISTORY COMMITTEE REPORT. Land patent research has been worked on by Office manager, Jayne Elsen, and by Irma Sampson, at Chilton, Wisconsin. Twenty four lots are being researched and they have completed 12. They will continue this assignment again next week. Research is being done under the direction of Dr. Jack Campisi and will show when Brothertons lost or sold their land and why or possibly where they moved to. It all fits in to the Community Study Dr. Campisi is conducting for the Brothertons for federal acknowledgment.
- GRANT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT given by June Ezold. As of May 16, 1986, 174 contracted hours worked; 107 3/4 in-kind hours; \$749.61 in-kind dollars contributed; 31 phone calls received; 28 local calls made; 27 long distance calls made; 50 in person contacts made; 1,005 pieces of mail posted; 2,986 photocopies made; a major purchase of parliamentary procedure books made for the Council; 61 files completed for a total of 1,282; 3 research assignments given and one assignment completed; special land patent research assignment given; and work done on absentee ballots to assist the Election Committee.
- GRANTWRITING COMMITTEE sent grant proposals to Faye McBeath and Public Welfare, both denied. Committee to meet at the Ezold's home at Woodruff over Memorial Day weekend to work on future grants.
- GENEALOGY REPORT read by June Ezold for Rudi Ottery. The Sider Disk System and the author of the genealogy program to be used, arrived on schedule. The operators manual did not come with system so the author could not get the system functioning. Because of other problems with both the manual and the author, the new computer system did not become functional until May 13, 1986. Work that was scheduled for completion by the end of May will not be done as planned. Ancestry questions sent to genealogist by the Council have been answered and another list will be sent to her soon.
- STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT. No formal meeting was held that morning, but a list of volunteers has been made up and will be contacted for volunteer services.
- HISTORY COMMITTEE met that morning and continued to work on preserving photographs.
- NEWSLETTER REPORT was given by Tim Vanderhoef, Editor. Subscriptions to the Messenger in 1986 were very slow with only 133 compared to 172 at this time last year. Subscription notices in the December issue will probably be in a different color so it will stand out and people will remember what time of the year to renew. June issue might be a little late. Deadline for the June issue will be May 24th.
- COUNCIL REPORT. Correspondence was as follows: Wisconsin Indian Youth Conference packet received; reply from Representative Petri about letter sent regarding BIA Ashland trip; reply received from Mr. Gate of Deansboro, New York; June Ezold has interview with Jim Meyer from the Appleton Post Crescent newspaper for article; received delinquent property tax bill from city of Fond du Lac--matter turned over to accountant and should not be a problem as we are a non-profit organization.
- HOMECOMING. Volunteers are needed. Contact Sandra Biancardi at 1433 S. 169 th St., New Berlin, WI, 53151, (414) 784-8539.

#### ELECTION RETURNS

- Phil Tousey reported that there were 40 requests for absentee ballots, with 34 returned postmarked by May 2nd. Sixteen persons voted in person at the meeting. Those elected to the Council were: Platt Welch, Boots Sampson, and Ruth Vanderhoef. Motion made by Phil Tousey, seconded by Mary Hoey to give the newly elected Council Members our unanimous vote of support. Ballots will be held for one month and then destroyed.

#### OLD BUSINESS

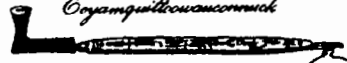
- Darwin Sampson reported that he had attended a meeting for the Fond du Lac Sesquicentennial celebration. The parade will be held on June 28th in which the Brotherton Tribe could enter a float. An open house could be held by the tribe at the PCC anytime during the week-long celebration, but we could advertise for the day of the parade. Contact persons and phone numbers were turned over to June Ezold. Final decision on what the tribe could do for the 150 year celebration will be made by the Council. Comments made by the general membership present was to use the banner in some way on a float and have an open house at the PCC on that day, since the parade would be very close to the PCC.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Appointments are being set up with tribal members for a Community Study by Dr. Jack Campisi in Racine, Milwaukee, Green Bay, Gresham, and Shawano, Wisconsin.
- Motion to adjourn made by Maynard Thompson, seconded by Phyllis Mattern. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned by Tribal Chairperson, June Ezold, at 2:45 P.M.

Lani Bartelt, Secretary  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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# ANA Grant Administrator's Report

Research is being done as requested by Dr. Jack Campisi, our Tribal Anthropological/Historical Consultant. Irma Sampson and Jayne Elsen have been working diligently for the past few weeks in Chilton researching land patents. They are picking lots at random and have completed 12 so far. The random picking is to see if there is a pattern that was formed in those days, as to where the Brothertons went, who purchased their lot, and why they left their lot. This is being done in conjunction with the Community Study for the Brothertons.

Appointments are being set up for Dr. Campisi's visit in June, in Racine, Milwaukee, Green Bay, Gresham, and Shawano, Wisconsin, for the tribe's Community Study interviews. Hopefully we will be contacting the people in those areas who can give some help in this study.

Parliamentary procedure books were purchased for each of the Council Members, but are to remain the property of the Corporation. The same is true for reports and copies that were given to Council Members--they will remain the property of the Council and Corporation.

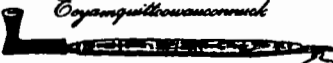
Maynard and Blanche Thompson copied the record books from the Six Nations era and typed it all to be sent to Dr. Campisi for his research. A copy will also be on file at the PCC.

Four matching fund proposals and eight equipment proposals tied into computerization have been submitted for funding. We have received replies from most of the proposals sent out, and all have been denied. The Grantwriting Committee won't quit here, and will be meeting to request primary funding from the Administration for Native Americans (ANA). The funding already received from the ANA has enabled the tribe to accomplish all research and goals for federal recognition.

To date \$19,000 of in-kind (donated time and money) has been donated to the Brothertons by the associate members and Brothertons. An interesting aspect of this is that it is all being done by a small dedicated group who have been volunteering their time and doing all of this work for the past six or eight years. They just set aside the third Saturday of the month for the Brothertons, and see how it has totaled up. Wouldn't you like to be included to help your tribe toward its ultimate goal of being federally recognized??

Please contact me or the Tribal Office if you wish to help.

June Ezold, Grant Administrator  
Brotherton Indian Nation  
AV2848 Witches Lake Road  
Woodruff, WI 54568

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*Brotherton Nation*

## WISCONSIN INDIANS AGAINST NUCLEAR WASTE DUMP SITE

A spokesman for the old Menominee Warrior Society said that the group's members would die fighting rather than allow placement of a high-level radioactive waste storage site on the Menominee Indian Reservation in Wisconsin.

Michael Sturdevant, 41, who served a prison term for his actions during the group's 1975 occupation of the Alexian Brothers Novitiate at Gresham, spelled out the society's defiance in a prepared statement read at a news conference in April, at the United Indians of Milwaukee center. "It is the position of the entire Menominee peoples" that the U.S. Department of Energy will not be allowed to establish the disposal site on the reservation in Northeastern Wisconsin, the statement said. The warriors "will defend the ancestral burial grounds" under the decision in early April by the tribal legislature to "exhaust all peaceful measures of resisting the DOE and its efforts for a nuclear dump," the statement said.

By "ancestral burial grounds," Sturdevant said, he meant the entire 500-square-mile reservation. He noted that the Menominees are one of only two Indian tribes in the United States with a reservation on land they held before the arrival of Europeans. "No one in Wisconsin should be subjected to radioactive waste," he stressed.

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From the Milwaukee Sentinel newspaper, April 8, 1986

ANNUAL BROTHERTON NATION PICNIC

WHERE: Calumet County Park (lower level), Stockbridge, WI. Approximately five miles north of Stockbridge, WI (not Stockbridge Reservation.) WATCH FOR SIGNS. Turn left at the park entrance. When you reach the tavern, turn right and go to the end of the road (near the lake.)

WHEN: Saturday, July 19, 1986. 10:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M.

REGISTRATION: Starts at 10:00 A.M.

FEES: \$1.00 per person or \$5.00 for a family of five or more.

WHAT TO BRING: Utensils, plates, glasses or cups

FOOD: Soda, beer, sandwich.

DISH TO PASS: Suggestions are: Casseroles, meatloaf, ham, chicken, fruit, vegetables and dip, fruit salad, vegetable salad, potato salad, baked beans, pies, cakes, or desserts.

OUT-OF-TOWN FOLKS: Pickles, olives, dinner rolls, cookies, cakes, snacks, crackers, cheese (hard or soft,) or watermelon.

CHARCOAL GRILLS: No grills available so bring your own if you plan to grill.

COFFEE AND MILK: Will be provided.

CAMPING FACILITIES: Calumet County Park on first come first serve basis. No reservations.

MOTEL: Lakeview Motel and Restaurant

N4111 Highway 55 & County S

Chilton, WI 53014

Phone: (414) 439-1130 \*Early reservation appreciated

ACTIVITIES: GENERAL MEETING--10:30 A.M. until noon.

LUNCH-- 12:30 P.M.

CEMETERY TOURS--For all interested people.

CRAFT & RUMMAGE SALE--Any item you wish to donate for these sales will be greatly appreciated. Please price your donation. NO CLOTHES PLEASE.

FISH POND & PENNY CANDY--For children ages 4 through 10. Money donations purchasing prizes and candy would be greatly appreciated.

CARD GAMES--Decks of cards will be available for anyone desiring them.

ENTERTAINMENT--Music will be provided throughout the afternoon by Sandi and Phil Hahn.

BROTHERTON SALE ITEMS: Brotherton maps, proclamations, t-shirts & hats, etc. will be on sale as well. All proceeds will go to the Brotherton Indian Nation.

Please detach and return as soon as possible to Mary Hoey

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF ADULTS \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ DISH I WILL BRING \_\_\_\_\_

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263 Rose Avenue  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935  
Phone: (414) 922-1215

\*\*Make checks payable to the BROTHERTON INDIANS OF WISCONSIN\*\*

## FIRST INDIAN BISHOP INSTALLED

The Roman Catholic Church, after five centuries in America, ordained its first Native American bishop May 6, 1986, at Gallop, New Mexico. The setting was wind-swept Red Rock State Park. Sisters in white habits, priests in high black collars, Knights of Columbus in fezzes, and Navajos, some with video cameras, crowded the outdoor amphitheater for the ordination of Bishop Donald Pelotte, a 41-year-old Abenaki Indian from the Algonquin Nation in Maine.

Bishop Pelotte will assist and later succeed Bishop Jerome Hastrich, 71, in the Diocese of Gallop. The 45,000-member diocese, established in 1939, is 45 percent Native American, including within its boundaries Navajo, Zuni, Hopi, Laguna, Acoma, White Mountain Apache, and Jicarilla Apache Tribes. Archbishop Robert Sanchez of Santa Fe hailed the day as a cause for celebration in the Catholic Church and "especially significant and important for the 400,000 American Catholic Indians."

The near-gale force gusts of Gallup's fickle spring winds kicked up dust clouds playing a part in making the historic event memorable. The first message of the newly ordained Bishop to about 6,000 people crowded into the grandstands for the occasion was, "The best thing we could do at this point is go back home and brush our teeth and take a shower." The first comments of Philadelphia Cardinal John Krol, who presided over the mass, won universal applause when he said, "We can see that the Holy Spirit is still active even after the consecration. He blows whenever he wants."

Native American and Roman Catholic religions embraced each other in the day-long observance, which included both Indian dances and christian services. Some of the readings and music in the program were in Spanish too. The theme was "Strengthen One Another." In a diocese so multi-cultural, with Hispanica, Croations, Japanese, Italians, and especially with such a large concentration of American Indians, we must make every effort at strengthening one another," Pelotte said.

Sanchez recalled Pelotte's poverty-stricken childhood, saying, "Your own personal experience of poverty will enable you to identify with the poverty of our people here in the Southwest. Never forget your roots or culture of origin," he admonished.

The new bishop was engulfed in Sanchez's windblown robes as they embraced after Sanchez bestowed upon him the symbols of his new position--rings, miter and staff. The predominantly Indian crowd applauded and released thousands of cherry-red helium balloons to soar with the wind up the red rock canyon that provided the backdrop for the event. Pelotte responded with a remembrance of his deceased French-Canadian mother, who he said, "Knew what it meant to struggle. We will make it. God is with us," he said. In the final words of his brief remarks, he said, "I love you all."

A barrel cactus sat before the altar where the ceremony was centered. The altar was draped with Indian geometric-patterned cloth and a crucifix. An amplified choir sang Kyrie eleison, subsiding as Zuni Indian dancers entered the amphitheater to the sound of their drums. A banner displayed in front of the choir read: "We are Holy People. Somos gente religiosa."

Some priests wore robes adorned with Indian silver, turquoise and Indian weavers' cloth. Some Navajo women, dressed in velvet blouses and gathered skirts, had silver crosses on necklaces and eagle feathers in their hair. The crowd received communion in the bleachers, to the sound of a Pueblo Indian chant.

Pelotte's twin brother, Dana, himself a Catholic priest in New York City, participated in the ceremony. Some 200 priests, 200 altar boys, and 200 children who had recently received first communion in the church also took part. Thirty-eight bishops from across the country attended.

Traditionally dressed representatives of about a dozen tribes and ethnic groups bore gifts to the new bishop, each of which he accepted with a hug. His array of presents included everything from Japanese ginger to hand-woven baskets of fruit to a multi-colored star quilt. Mohawk Nation representatives presented him with a statue of Kateri Tekakwitha, the first Indian set on the path to sainthood with her beatification in 1980 by the Pope while Pelotte was in Rome.

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Written by Talli Nauman, Journal State News, Albuquerque, New Mexico  
Submitted by Bob Voet, Albuquerque, New Mexico

# BULLETIN BOARD

## NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Subscriptions for 1986 are far behind last year's count. So far in 1986 there are 133 subscribers compared to 172 last year. Please remind your Brotherton friends and relatives to renew their subscriptions.

The Adopt-A-Messenger program is still going well. Nine Messengers were adopted for the April issue, and so far five more will be sent out in June. Send your relatives a copy of the Brotherton Messenger for just \$1.00 per name and help spread the word.

The results of the newsletter survey were tabulated and presented to the Tribal Council on April 19th. A more detailed explanation will be listed elsewhere in this issue.

You are all encouraged to submit information, stories, birthdays, anniversaries, comments or suggestions at any time. Please help the editor gather information to share with others. Deadline for information to be included in the August issue will be Saturday, July 26, 1986.

Congratulations, Best Wishes, and Happy Birthday to the following people who have recently, or soon will be celebrating their special day.

HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAY TO: Alfred Monteen, Tommie Monteen, Lightfoot Fay, Ricky Baker, Noel Liberty, Courtney Shady, Frederick Schreiber, Jr., James Wightman, Dustin Mapel, Bill Vanderhoef, Mike Vanderhoef, Kathy Campeau, Jane Hardy, and John Bislew.

JUNE ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO: Tom & Doris Straw, Bill & Carole Bislew, Ed & Karen Verbeten, Ray & Marian Fay, David & Karen Huissen, Erwin & Dolores Green, Clarence & Dolores Wallace, Craig & Kathryn Neumann, David & Janet Mosconi, Larry & Trevelyan Mosconi, Paul & Debbie Stich, Phil & Diane Smith, Jim & Lois Wilke, Kirk & Patrice Edwards, Rich & Sugar Bushons, Barry & Janice Wetherall, and Tony & Jeannie Pasquasi.

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAY TO: Boots Sampson, Mary Letourneau, Terrie Shady, Shawn Snyder, Philip Snyder, Will Ottery III, Willis Vanderhoef, Roberta Vanderhoef, Theresa Smith, William P. Bislew, Rosemary Verhagen, Larry Bislew, Henry Highman, Jerry Highman, and Steve Bartelt.

JULY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO: Boots & Irma Sampson, Lightfoot & Ginger Fay, Bob & Ginny Stark, Jim & Kathy Varbeten, Butch & Judy Hollow, Fred & Bonnie Geilfuss, David & Lynn O'Dell, Greg & Kathy Doyle, Dennis & Melody McCarthy, George & Betty Drnek, and Erland & Janice Shelley.

GET-WELL WISHES to Harry Tousey of Fond du Lac.

THANK YOU to Bob Vote of Albuquerque, NM for his donation to the Messenger account.

THANK YOU to Irma Samson for bundling and mailing the Messenger each issue. Thank you also to Willis & Ruth Vanderhoef, Barb Vanderhoef and Roberta Vanderhoef for their help in assembling the April Issue.

Clarice Gall of Racine was in the hospital for a short stay in April. She is doing just fine now and never looked better.

CONGRATULATIONS to Boots Sampson, Platt Welch and Ruth Vanderhoef for their election to the Council on May 17, 1986.

THANK You to Vivian Haase, Dan Vanderhoef and Sandra Biancardi for serving your tribe as Council Members.

For those who like to help others and are constantly saving things for the right day, here is a way to help your fellow Indians... Fr. Tom Westhoven, Director of St. Joseph's Indian School in Chamberlain, South Dakota, asks that people send in Campbell soup labels to buy items at a discount. Some things needed for the Indian children at the school are: computers, recorders, crayons, movie projector, sports equipment, and much more. Please send labels to: Fr. Tom at St. Joseph's Indian School, Chamberlain, SD, 57326.

## CHUCKLE OF THE MONTH

BULLDOZER: Someone who sleeps through political speeches.

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." -Martin Luther King

## WHO'S WHO:



LEO TOUSEY

TREASURER/FISCAL AGENT

My name is Leo Tousey. I am currently the Treasurer and Fiscal Agent for the Brotherton Indian Nation. Prior to these positions I was a Council Person. I've held the position of Treasurer for five years, and the Fiscal agent position for four years. As the treasurer I handle all the donations for the general fund, the grant monies, and gather information for taxes. As fiscal agent I make out reports for the federal government regarding the Brotherton Indians' financial status. I enjoy these positions and the opportunity it gives me to work with so many talented Brothertons.

I was born in Janesville, WI, and later moved to Fond du Lac. I served three years in the U.S. Army and returned to work at Regal Ware, where I am presently employed. I've been at Regal Ware for 33 years and currently work as Computer Operations Supervisor.

I married Barbara McCullen on May 20, 1961 in Fond du Lac, WI, where we resided for four years. (We just celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary) We are currently living in West Bend, and have five children--Jackie, Michael, Ann, Kelly, and Amy. Jackie is married to Ron Wilson, and they are expecting their first child in August. Michael is married to Patty (another Fond du Lac girl,) and they are living in Oshkosh. Ann, Kelly, and Amy are still living at home.

My hobbies are bowling; which I do once a week and am the captain of the Regal team. I enjoy playing cards, which I do frequently, with my family. I play games like sheepshead, malice, and other card games. I just purchased a new motorcycle and now I can keep up with my son-in-law, and stay in front of my son.

I enjoy working with the Brothertons and hope, soon, to see all our hard work become a reality by gaining the federal recognition we deserve.

## From The Editor:

### NEWSLETTER SURVEY RESULTS

As was stated previous to the newsletter survey going out, I had planned to cut down on the size of the Messenger. Some for my benefit in saving time, some for the cost savings, and partly because others thought it was getting too long, and possibly boring. I knew that if I just shortened a few articles, and printed some articles every other issue, the job of shortening it would be done. Nothing really has to be eliminated--and that, according to the survey, is what needs to be done.

For the most part, the "NO CHANGES" category had the most votes. In some areas, the "NOT NEEDED EACH ISSUE" were tied or were very close to the number of votes for "NO CHANGES." Since I had already decided that not printing some sections each issue would cut down on the size of the newsletter, it was easy to see by the results that this was the way it should be done. Those articles that need not be printed each issue will be: Memos for Rudi, Open Forum, From The Editor, Brothertown Diary, Indian Recipes, and photographs. It should also be noted that the committee reports would be combined under one or two, and that the Bulletin Board will be shortened. The Brotherton Nation Minutes, while very important, will be shortened by eliminating descriptive words and/or members titles or places of residence.

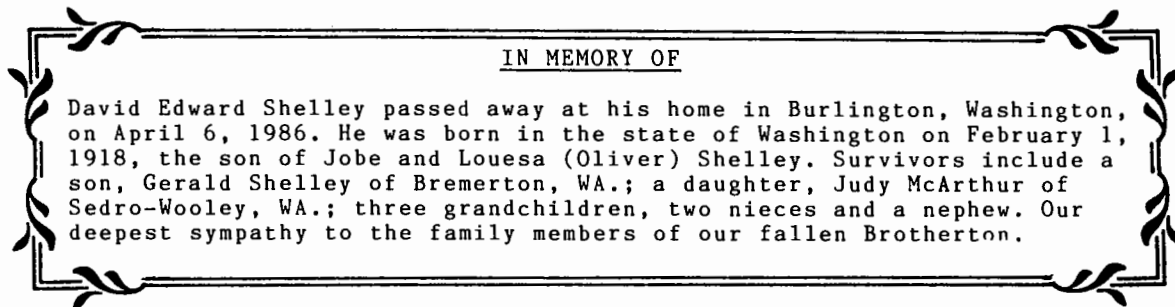
Those articles voted as most important were: Front page, Chairperson's Corner, Brotherton Nation Minutes, Bloodline, Who's Who-Contact People, Subscription Form, Brothertons In The News, write-ups on the Brotherton Picnic, Homecoming, and Christmas Party, and lastly, the one which was voted Most Important--Tribal Meeting Notices. Obviously, the above mentioned will be printed at every opportunity. There was another comment made about Brothertons liking Indian stories, current with today's happenings. Indian articles will be used alot as fillers, whenever possible.

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The subscription form on the last page will not be printed quite as often as in the past. One reason for this is to save space for other coupons. The other reason is to help people understand when the subscriptions are due--in December/January. The subscription coupon will hopefully be printed, in a different color, only in the December and February issues. If anyone wishes to subscribe during the rest of the year, they need only copy an old form, obtain a coupon from me, the PCC, June Ezold, or Rudi Ottery. Or just write a note to me saying they want to subscribe.

As promised, you will all receive your newsletter as before, with the same amount of important information, and in the same professional manner as before. You will still get your \$7.00 worth. We are just trying to maximize our time and talents with the money available. I appreciate your loyalty to the Brotherton Messenger and I hope to serve you in the future as your newsletter editor.

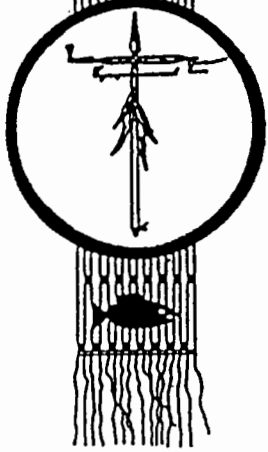
--Tim J. Vanderhoef, Editor, Kenosha, WI--



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# THE BROTHERTON MESSENGER



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I would like to "adopt a Messenger." Please send one copy of the next Brotherton Messenger to the person listed below. Enclosed is \$1.00 to cover costs.

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CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

Send coupon and \$1.00 per person to:  
The Brotherton Messenger  
c/o Tim Vanderhoef, Editor  
6018 25th Avenue  
Kenosha, WI 53140

\*Make checks payable to: The Brotherton Messenger

## BROTHERTON NATION, INC. MEMBERSHIP FORM

Yes, I would like to show my Tribe's strength and pride. Enroll me as a member of the Brotherton Nation, Inc.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE NUMBER ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Send coupon to: Brotherton Nation, Inc.  
14 Western Avenue  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

## DONATIONS TO THE BROTHERTON NATION, INC.

I would like to make a donation to the Brotherton Nation, Inc.

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\_\_\_\_\_ I have no objection to having my donation acknowledged in The Brotherton Messenger.

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

Send donations to: Leo Tousey, Treasurer  
Brotherton Nation, Inc.  
2248 E. Sandy Acres Rd.  
West Bend, WI 53095

\*Make checks payable to The Brotherton Nation, Inc.

# THE BROTHERTON MESSENGER

DEDICATED TO OUR BROTHERTON INDIAN HERITAGE

## TRIBAL MEETINGS PLANNED

The next scheduled meeting of the Brotherton Indian Nation will be held on Saturday, August 16, 1986, at the American Legion Post, located on Main Street in Gresham, 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. This is a great opportunity for the area Brothertons to show your numbers. Please try to attend.

The September 20th meeting will return to Fond du Lac at the Hamilton Building (corner of Sophia and Forest Avenue) at 1:30 P.M. A History Committee meeting and a Steering Committee meeting at the PCC is being planned for 9:00 A.M.

## BROTHERTON HOMECOMING 1986

The annual Brotherton Homecoming is scheduled for Saturday, October 18, 1986, at the Hamilton Building in Fond du Lac. Registration will begin at 10:00 A.M. with a short meeting at 10:30 A.M. A Pot Luck lunch will be served at noon and you are asked to bring a dish to pass. Call Sandra Biancardi to let her know what you are bringing: 414-541-2573. Registration will be \$1.00 per person. Please join us for a day with your fellow Brothertons.

## BROTHERTON PICNIC A SUCCESS

The annual Brotherton Indian Picnic held on July 19, 1986, was, as usual, a great success. The festivities were held at Calumet County Park near Stockbridge, where 88 people attended. The weather was great and the food delicious. There were activities for the children, prizes for the adults, and a large selection of craft and rummage items. The amount of profit realized will be disclosed at a later date by Picnic Chairman, Mary Hoey. It was a great day with fellow Brothertons and a huge success due to the careful planning of Mary Hoey and Carl Ezold. For a more detailed account of the day's activities, please read the picnic story written by Mary, located elsewhere in this issue.

## TRIBAL COMPUTER PURCHASED

With the help of a donation from the Stachner Foundation and the keen sense of computers by Leo Tousey, the Brothertons have purchased a tribal computer. The computer, a "Leading Edge," will be used at the PCC Office and will be operated by Jayne Elsen, the PCC director who has had some computer training. The "Leading Edge" has a core storage capacity of 250K and will be used with two 5¼ floppy disk drives and a printer. In addition, much software has been purchased, including: a Data Base Manager; a Word Processor, for letter writing, address labels and lists; and a Spread Sheet, for accounting purposes. Yes, even us Indians must realize the important advantages of modern technology--mainly--the computer.

## DO INDIANS FOLLOW 21 DRINKING AGE LAW ??

Indian tribes in Wisconsin, whether they are recognized as sovereign nations, must comply with the state's new minimum legal drinking age law, an assistant attorney general has stated.

At least two Menominee tribal legislators questioned whether the tribe would be forced to raise the minimum legal drinking age to 21 on their reservation following recent state action raising the age statewide. "I'm really not going to vote for it when it come before the tribal legislature," said Barbara Frenchette, a tribal legislator. "I think we're a sovereign nation and we don't have to abide by every law the state decides to pass."

Tribal Legislator Jim Washinawatook said he would go along with the 21-drinking age but questioned whether the tribe had to follow the state's lead. He said if raising the drinking age would reduce alcohol-related deaths, then I'm for it."

An official with the state attorney general's office said there can be no exception to the new state law. "All Indian tribes in Wisconsin have to comply with the state liquor laws," said John Niemisto, assistant attorney general.

The tribe has already adopted a liquor ordinance, but the new state law requires an amended option to the original resolution. Before the measure could be adopted, it must go through two readings. Only time will tell the outcome of this one.

--From the Kenosha News, June 4, 1986 (UPI)--



# CHAIRPERSON'S

# CORNER

by June Ezold

It seems the message from your chairperson comes around quite fast, every other month, but as usual, we have been very busy. Your Council met July 5th and 6th to work on enrollment files. We are now making a sweep for the second time and requesting forms to be completed, along with more completed birth certificates. The birth certificates must show the name of the mother and father, for enrollment purposes. Affidavits are also acceptable if they show parents names. We are aiming to have all requested enrollment forms back to us in the PCC office by the end of July. If you were contacted by the office to complete any of the enrollment forms; or for any birth certificates, please send them in at once. The Council must have enough time to review the files and act upon them before the petition is sent in by mid-September. This does not mean the rolls will be closed after July, it will just give us some time to complete all the required criteria before submitting the petition to the government. We cannot wait until the last minute--so please send in your information as soon as possible if you have been requested to do so.

The Council will meet again on August 9th and 10th to continue the enrollment process. Remember, we only have the information that YOU furnish about your ancestry for the Council to vote on concerning your enrollment. You must prove your own ancestry.

The annual Brotherton Picnic was held on July 19, 1986, at Calumet County Park. All who attended had a fine time, good food, opportunities for great prizes and rummage items, and great entertainment. Much information was exchanged and hopefully a few questions were answered or cleared up. Those who did not attend missed out on a great time with their fellow Brothertons. Mary Hoey and her committee did an outstanding job and we want to thank them for a job well done, and for their time, talent, money donated, and all things to make the Brotherton Picnic the success that it was. Thank you all.

Phyllis Mattern, Mark Baldwin and myself attended the Oneida History Conference July 24-26 in Green Bay, Wisconsin. The conference was separate sessions about the history of the Oneida Tribe, from their existence in New York and then on to Wisconsin. The Oneida, Stockbridge-Munsee and the Brothertons came to Wisconsin from New York and settled in close proximity, the Brothertons coming in 1832, after the Oneida's. The conference was very informative and entertaining as well. The members of the different panels were scholars, professors, writers or lawyers who had researched and helped the Oneida Tribe in their plight throughout the years. They also had several of their own members on the panels, describing their involvement with their tribe as lawyers, educators, foster grandparents, senior citizens and elders, and language experts. The conference was very informative and interesting and much of their history is parallel to the Brothertons'.

The Council is thinking very seriously of not holding a general meeting every month. We could then spend the whole day in the Council meeting, which at times is very necessary with so much business to be accomplished. We did not have enough members present at the June meeting in Fond du Lac, to constitute a quorum. We therefore could not hold a general meeting. The next meeting is to be held in Gresham, Wisconsin, on August 16th, 1:30 P.M. at the American Legion Hall. The September meeting will be September 20th, 1:30 P.M. at the Hamilton Building in Fond du Lac. Can we count on you to attend?? I am very disappointed in the lack of participation while working toward the petition for your tribe. It is always the same few people who are doing all the work. If you are looking only for what you can gain materially, and not for what you can give, then I guess we will have that problem of having a quorum again.

Of the 18 letters mailed to recipients of student scholarships, requesting them to volunteer some time to their tribe, we received only two replies. One student has odd hours so she couldn't work with us, and the other, Carole Miller, is giving her tribe a lot of volunteer hours. The others just chose to ignore us. Isn't that a shame?! They should have at least acknowledged their tribe's request. Carole Miller didn't ignore us and she has a summer job, but she manages to give of herself. Thanks again Carole.

The ANA Grant we are presently working under, which keeps the PCC office running, comes to an end on August 31st. Another grant was formulated by the Grantwriting Committee and sent in, but as of now we have not heard anything. We will keep you posted.

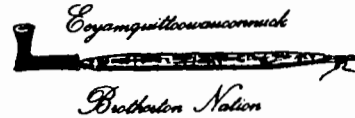
The tribe received a check from the Stachner Family Foundation to help with the purchase of a computer and equipment. We are presently purchasing a computer to enter all the information of the Brothertons, and to help ease our load. I would say your Council has made your tribe one of the better documented tribes in the country through their diligence, research work, and their expertise. It is an honor and a pleasure to be a part of this great team.

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I would like to publicly thank Darwin Sampson for his efforts and help in setting up our photographic display at Marian College during the Fond du Lac Sesquicentennial Celebration at the end of June. People were very interested and we received favorable reports of the display.

Remember, the August meeting is in Gresham on the 16th, the September 20th meeting is back in Fond du Lac at the Hamilton Building, and the all-important Brotherton Homecoming is on October 18th, also at the Hamilton Building. Hope to see you at one of the next meetings. We need you there!!

June Ezold, Chairperson  
Brotherton Indian Nation  
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#### BROTHERTON INDIAN NATION PICNIC

On July 19, 1986, a very hot and humid day, 88 people attended the Brotherton Indian Nation Annual Picnic at Calumet County Park, in Stockbridge, Wisconsin.

Activities for the day were: a short meeting, lunch, awarding prizes, entertainment, cemetery tours, craft sale, rummage sale, penny candy and a fish pond. The rummage sale conducted by Lucille Baldwin received many nice donations and a profit of \$162.67 was realized. The fish pond and penny candy was enjoyed by the children. Many little legs made several visits. Elissa Kaiser and Amy Tousey were kept rather busy throughout the afternoon.

The raffle got off to a slow start, but concluded with many enjoying donated prizes. An Irish afgan donated by Maurine (Hoey) Kaiser was won by Jim Ottery. Hats, t-shirts, hot pot, and a coffee maker were donated by Leo Tousey. Winner of the hot pot was Betty Moon. The coffee maker was won by Mark Baldwin. Several people won t-shirts, including: Ruth Ottery, Olivia Tousey and Alyce Everix. Hat winners were: June Ezold, Roberta Vanderhoef, Irene Shady and Clarice Gall. Karen Baldwin and June Ezold did an excellent job promoting the raffle.

For the third consecutive year, Sandi and Phil Hahn presented a varied, relaxing, and enjoyable afternoon of musical entertainment, which was warmly received by all.

Carl Ezold conducted cemetery tours for all interested people. Irma Sampson coordinated the lunch. The selection was fantastic and most delicious.

Prizes were awarded to those attending in the following categories:

YOUNGEST CHILD - Thomas Wightman (piggy bank)  
OLDEST GENTLEMAN - Ernest Baker (cooler)  
OLDEST LADY - Ethel Wettstein (dusting powder)  
NEWLY MARRIED - Mr. & Mrs. Mike Tousey (towels)  
LONGEST MARRIED - Mr. & Mrs. Ethel Wettstein (wine)  
TRAVELED THE FARTHEST - Darcey Vanderhoef (photo album)  
MOST CHILDREN IN ATTENDANCE - Leo Tousey (plaque)  
FIRST PERSON TO REGISTER - Lucille Baldwin (glass plate)  
LAST PERSON TO REGISTER - Bernard Johnson (calendar & plaque)

A big THANK YOU to all the committee members for a job well done: Florence Hoey, Jayne Elsen, Irma Sampson, Carl Ezold, Lucille Baldwin, Sandi Hahn, Phil Hahn, Leo Tousey, Elissa Kaiser, Phil Tousey, Karen Baldwin, and all Council Members and ALL who donated items, money, time, and talent.

Phil Tousey, along with the picnic treasurer, Leo Tousey, watched over the money and kept the books. Picnic earnings will be reported at a later time during one of the regular monthly meetings.

Picnic Chairmen,

Mary Hoey  
Carl Ezold

# BROTHERTON NATION MINUTES

## ABRIDGED MINUTES OF THE JUNE 21, 1986 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING, FOND DU LAC, WISCONSIN

NOTE: There was no general tribal meeting on June 21, 1986 due to the lack of a quorum. Therefore, the minutes of the Tribal Council meeting will be printed in its place.

- Meeting called to order by June Ezold, Chairperson, at 9:45 A.M., with the following Council Members present: June Ezold, Mark Baldwin, Phyllis Mattern, Boots Sampson, Leo Tousey, Maynard Thompson, Ruth Vanderhoef, Platt Welch, and Blanche Thompson-secretary pro tem. Absent was Lani Bartelt, Secretary.
- Minutes of the May 17, 1986 Council meeting were read and approved as read.

### CORRESPONDENCE

- Letters and information were then read and contained the following: Sue Chick-U. W. Milwaukee, seminar for writing tribal histories and research, June 9, 1986; Corporate Alternatives, Inc. specializing in the new management technology for not-for-profit organizations; Pathfinder Newsletter announcing the American Indian Heritage Pow-Wow July 3-5, 1986, later cancelled; Radioactive Waste Review Board, cancellation of waste dump site in Wisconsin; State Dept. of Regulation and Licensing for Director of Bureau of Business and Designs Professions position open; Winnebago Newsletter-Ho-Chunk; Acknowledgement from the ANA stating receipt of our grant application on June 10th; Application request for Miss Native America USA Pageant; Copy of article from Appleton Post Crescent of May 31, 1986; Latest map from Madison of the Indians in Wisconsin; BIA job opportunities; and newspaper item received from Tim Vanderhoef from Dick Case, a journalist in New York, dealing with grave diggings in Deansboro, New York, which could be Brothertons.

### REPORTS

- PICNIC COMMITTEE REPORT. Mary Hoey and Carl Ezold, Co-Chairmen reported that Darwin Sampson would help set up on the day of the picnic. Also helping will be: Phil Tousey, cash boxes; Blanche Thompson, craft sale; Lucy Baldwin, rummage sale; Amy Tousey, penny candy; and Karen Baldwin, fish pond.
- GRANT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT given by June Ezold. As of June 17, 1986, 184 contracted hours worked; 53 in-kind hours; total dollar contribution of in-kind-\$942.51; phone calls received was 34; 15 out-going calls, 23 long distance calls; 51 in-person contacts; 3,356 pieces of mail posted; 55 files completed; 6 research assignments given, and 6 research assignments completed.
- GENEALOGY REPORT. Work continues on corrections and mergings and should be completed by early July. Following that, printing of individual charts, etc. will begin. These charts will show ancestry, descendancy and will contain many vital statistics, dates and places. When all charts are complete and correct in terms of ancestry and present entries, data input from Rudi Ottery's personal files will continue to be entered until the latest possible time, when the final printouts will be made.
- TREASURER'S REPORT given by Leo Tousey. Balance in the Brotherton Memorial Fund is \$45.00. Balance from the Stachner Foundation, \$1,000.00. Other balances as follows:

<u>BROTHERTON TRIBAL ACCOUNT</u>		<u>BROTHERTON NATION ACCOUNT</u>	
\$ 153.34	Balance as of 5/17/86	\$1,473.06	Balance as of 5/17/86
\$ 12.50	Checks written	\$1,994.97	Checks written
\$1,760.01	Deposits made	\$3,000.00	Deposits made
<u>\$1,900.85</u>	<u>Balance as of 6/21/86</u>	<u>\$2,478.09</u>	<u>Balance as of 6/21/86</u>

- Motion made by Mark Baldwin to pay the bills, seconded by Boots Sampson. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

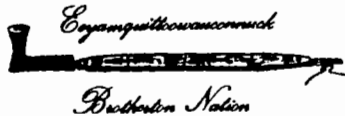
- Received copy of income tax report from the tax accountant for the last grant.
- Received two official ballots; one postmarked May 19th, after the deadline; and one post-marked May 14th, which was before the deadline. Since the votes did not alter the votes between candidates the matter was dropped. Ballots for this election were given to Mark Baldwin, Election Committee Member. Maynard Thompson made a motion to destroy the ballots, seconded by Ruth Vanderhoef, Motion carried.
- Report from Jayne Elsen, PCC Office Director, on Land Patent research at Chilton, Wis. for Dr. Campisi.

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- Boots Sampson reported on Heritage Day at Marian College. He had contacted Sister Virginia Murphy about putting up the exhibit at Marian College for their Open House on June 29th. Darwin Sampson will assist Boots in moving the Brotherton Photo Exhibit.

NEW BUSINESS

- Received \$1,000 from the Stachner Foundation of Milwaukee, for the purchase of a computer.
- Carole Miller, a student who received a scholarship through the Brothertons, has volunteered to help at the office, even though she has a full-time job.
- Letters were mailed out as the final notice forms for enrollment. Lucy Baldwin and Irma Sampson worked on those letters on June 12th.
- Suggestion by Mark Baldwin to go through the files of those people whose enrollments have been rejected because of lack of proof of ancestry and send them a letter stating we cannot prove their ancestry and advise them that they have 30 days to provide us with additional information if they still want to be enrolled.
- An enrollment meeting for the Council to review enrollments was set up for July 5th and 6th. Maynard Thompson made a motion that those Council Members working those days be reimbursed for either mileage or motel expenses, seconded by Leo Tousey. Motion carried.
- Mark Baldwin made a motion that we add to the membership criteria the following: "Any other substantiating evidence needed to establish the descendency from a Brotherton Indian being claimed will be confirmed by a two-thirds vote of the Tribal Council." Platt Welch seconded, motion carried.
- Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Leo Tousey, seconded by Maynard Thompson. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

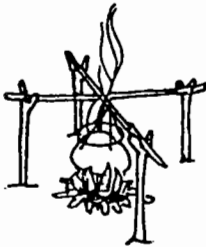


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NOTE: Since there was no formal meeting at the Brotherton Picnic on July 19, 1986, there are no minutes to report on.

INDIAN PUDDING

Indian pudding is a mixture of cornmeal, molasses, milk, and spices. The secret to its special flavor is the long, slow baking. In the winter in Colonial times, a fire was going all day to heat the home and Colonial recipes call for the long, slow cooking this provided.



- (Makes 6 servings)
- 2 cups milk
  - 1 cup water
  - 1/2 cup yellow cornmeal
  - 3/4 cup light molasses
  - 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
  - 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
  - 1 large egg (optional)
  - 1 tablespoon butter



In a medium saucepan, heat milk until bubbles form around edges. Stir cornmeal into water until smooth.

Heat oven to 300°F. Add cornmeal mixture to milk along with 1/4 cup molasses, ginger, and cinnamon. Cook, stirring constantly until thickened and smooth. If a firmer pudding is desired, beat egg into cornmeal mixture before stirring into milk.

Turn into a well-greased 1-quart shallow baking dish or an ovenproof skillet. Bake, uncovered until pudding is thick and has a golden crust on top-- about 1 hour.

Top with butter and remaining 1/4 cup molasses. Set aside to cool 30 minutes before serving.

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BROTHERTON TRIBAL OFFICERS

Brotherton Tribal Officers at left, from left to right are: LEO TOUSEY, Treasurer, West Bend; JUNE EZOLD, Chairperson, Woodruff; LANI BARTELT, Secretary, Milwaukee; and MARK BALDWIN, Vice-Chairperson, Madison.

BROTHERTON COUNCIL MEMBERS

Brotherton Council Members at right, from left to right are: BOOTS SAMPSON, Fond du Lac; PHYLLIS MATTERN, Neenah; RUTH VANDERHOEF, Racine; MAYNARD THOMPSON, Waukau; and PLATT WELCH, Brothertown.



PAUL GENEALOGY DESIRED

Roy Ike of Interlaken, New York, has written in asking to contact descendants of ANTHONY PAUL, SAMSON PAUL, NELSON PAUL, or RUDOLPHUS PAUL. Roy's grandfather was George Delano Paul, a full-blooded Brotherton Indian. George Paul died in 1942 and is buried in Tully, New York.

Descendants of the PAUL line are asked to contact Roy Ike at: Fox Road; Interlaken, NY; 14847. Another Brotherton has found his way home. Welcome Roy!

## OLD BONES

by Cliff Miller

More and more historic burial sites in Wisconsin keep getting plowed up. Those federal officials looking for a place to bury nuclear waste ought to think twice about digging in Wisconsin.

This is a state with an apparently high regard for things buried, if publishing the oldest state archeological journal in the nation is any indication. The Wisconsin Archeological Society has been putting out its quarterly publication since 1901.

But that respect has not prevented the following atrocities, according to archeologist William Green:

- A water tower was built in Monona on an Indian mound; when the old water tower was torn down, an unmarked Indian burial site was discovered.
- In La Crosse, an industrial park was built on a site known to have contained burial mounds. The mounds had earlier been plowed flat.
- In Onalaska, the site of an Indian village and burial place is being gradually chewed away by a sand-pit excavation. The site is on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Gravel pits in Pierce and Chippewa counties are being dug on old burial grounds. What may have been a pioneer cemetery in Chippewa County was discovered when a truckload of gravel from the site was found to contain bones.
- The oldest known archeologically important site in the state is located on land earmarked for flooding to provide waterfowl habitat. The site, Killsnake Marsh in Calumet County, may have been a paleo-Indian hunting camp frequented by people who stalked prehistoric game 1,000 years after the last glacier's retreat.

These and other examples of disregard for burial grounds have prompted Native Americans, amateur and professional archeologists and historians to work for a law to protect burial sites. The State Historical Society estimates that there are 2,200 burial sites on privately held land among the 11,500 archeological sites in the state. Some 1,650 of these sites have already been destroyed or heavily damaged. The proposed law would protect the remaining 550 through a combination of property tax exemptions for the owners and stiff penalties for intentional damage to the site. Penalties for deliberately disturbing a site would range from \$500 to \$10,000. Property owners whose land includes burial sites would get a tax exemption in return for leaving the sites alone. A minuscule \$67,000 would be lost in tax revenue, according to one estimate. The average site is about 10 acres and worth only \$7,000 as real estate.

Perhaps the greatest obstacle to the bill is the cost of Historical Society staffing to catalog the sites, a project requiring the efforts of 5½ people at a cost of \$171,000 per year. The project might take several years. Green, who is a society staff archeologist, concedes that asking the state to spend money to preserve old bones when a state budget deficit exists may not be the best political timing. On the other hand, one of the leading champions of the bill is State Rep. Sharon Metz, who also happens to sit on the Joint Finance Committee, which holds the state pursestrings. Metz is a longtime ally of the state's Native American population.

An outrageous proposal to build condominiums on Madeline Island, disturbing an important Chippewa burial ground, ignited the legislative effort. So far the measure has the backing of the Legislative Council, the Joint Survey Committee on Tax Exemptions and the Assembly State Affairs Committee. There is ample emotional support statewide. Early committee work quickly revealed that Native American burial sites are not alone in being threatened with willful destruction.

Anecdotes abound concerning the plowing, excavating, paving and outright plundering of early pioneer and immigrant cemeteries: A county highway garage was built on a pauper's cemetery, according to one legislator. An archeologist told of being called by a homeowner who had found bones while excavating a backyard pool. Arriving at the site, the expert was shown the bones in a box. "Where were they found?" she asked. "Down there," replied the owner, pointing to the deep end of the pool. Such experiences are common, rendering discoveries virtually worthless.

Green said the proposed law would be among the toughest in the nation on vandals, grave-robbers and what archeologists call "pot-hunters," those who seek artifacts for profit. Fortunately, Wisconsin's climate and its history of nomadic people make its artifacts less commercially valuable than, say, those of Pueblo and other Southwestern Indian Cultures.

Still, the committee's findings are unsettling. They raise serious questions--for anyone who has invested in cemetery property--about the real meaning of "perpetual care." Questions surely must also follow about the promises to safely bury nuclear wastes for what amounts to forever. And then there is the uneasy feeling when drinking Monona water.

--From the ISTHMUS newspaper, January 31, 1986 --

# BULLETIN BOARD

## JOKE OF THE MONTH

It seems there was this aged Indian chief who had extraordinary eyesight, who would often put on a show for tourists. He didn't like to do this, but times were really tough and the tribe needed money.

One day a group of tourists was going through the area and someone asked the chief if he would demonstrate his amazing talent. The chief asked someone to place a half dollar on a tree stump about 100 yards away. He flexed his arm muscles, then effortlessly threw his spear through the center of the coin. The chief asked for a quarter, and performed the same feat again. A third time he did it with a nickel.

Then one of the tourists put a dime in the tree stump, but the old chief shook his head. "My years are many and my eyesight is not as good as it was." "I will ask my younger brother to perform."

When his brother came to his side, the old chief turned to him and said, "I do not like to ask this of you, but I must. Brother, can you spear a dime?"

Congratulations, Best Wishes, and Happy Birthday to the following people who have recently, or soon will be celebrating their special day.

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY TO: Vera Stephenson, Cassie Behm, June Ezold, Jayne Elsen, Todd Kinsling, Mikel Elsen, Elizabeth Snyder, Walter Snyder, Harry Tousey, Sr., Alfred Tousey, Barbara Fell, Shari Verbeten, Joan Steinhoff, Linda Vanderhoef, Mildred Wittman, Kim Toll, and Clarice Gall.

AUGUST ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO: Tim & Linda Helbling, and Terry & Liz Smith.

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY TO: Nancy Goold, Irene Shady, Donna Liedke, Tanya Liedke, Cheryl Baldwin, Rebecca Snyder, Gary Snyder, Gregoice Elsen, Raymond Tousey, Lillian Voights, Ted Stephenson, Ennis Hammer, Marlon Harris, Willis Ottery III, Theresa Ottery Norris, Richard Stein, Karen Verbeten, John Verbeten, Dolores Green, Butch Hollow, Mike Hollow, Andy Confer, Willie Vanderhoef, Tim Vanderhoef, David Highman, and Jim Lynch.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO: Tim & Barb Vanderhoef, Bill & Evelyn Bislew, David & Rosemary Verhagen, Dan & Linda Vanderhoef, Dan & Mary Peltier, Bill & Rosemarie Bark, and Ronnie & Lani Bartelt.

CONGRATULATIONS to Tony & Yvonne (Dexten) Bislew who were married in Racine on June 7, 1986.

CONGRATULATIONS to Todd & Jennifer (Bislew) Buckhouse who were married in Racine on August 9, 1986.

### EDITOR HAS NEW ADDRESS

Tim Vanderhoef, editor of this illustrious newsletter has recently moved. His new address is: 5520-53rd Avenue, Kenosha, WI, 53142. Take Note!!

### GET WELL WISHES

Cheery thoughts and get well wishes are extended to Harry Tousey and Ted Stephenson who have been sick for some time now.

Speedy recovery is wished for Blanche Thompson who had back surgery last month. We're thinking of you, Blanche.

A little birdie has told us that Carl Ezold was sick last month too. Hope things are well.

### BACK ISSUE RATES REDUCED

It has been the hopes of the editor that many Brothertons who have not had the opportunity to read the Brotherton Messenger since it was first printed in November of 1981, might order back issues, to see how far we have come, and to learn much of the history of the Brothertons that was printed back then, and even now. The other reasons for purchasing back issues is to recover some of the money that was spent on printing those issues, not to mention the space that could be saved by emptying the boxes of back issues stored at the editor's home.

To help everyone out, and to spread the word, the editor has decided to reduce the price of back issues of the Messenger. The new low cost of back issues will be \$3.50 per year, including postage. This is a great price when you consider that they were produced at a subscription rate of \$6.00 or \$7.00 per year. The years available are 1982 through 1985. PLEASE ORDER YOUR BACK ISSUES TODAY!!

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

If you are patient in one moment of anger, you will escape a hundred days of sorrow.

# Brothertown Diary

The Brothertown Diary is a weekly account of the lives, events and personal happenings 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.

August 4, 1887

Mrs. Dignin, who had her ankle fractured a week ago, is getting along nicely.

The following are the names and title of the officers of the G. T. Lodge of Brothertown: C. T.-E. M. Dick; V. T. - F. M. Hammer; Chap. - A. W. Shorp; S. - Theo. Dick; F. C. - E. A. Fowler; Treas. - A. L. Dick; M. - F. Niles; G. - E. Dick; S. - L. Fowler; R. H. S.- H. A. Niles; P. C. T. - H. Johnson.

Barber Tousey took in the circus at Appleton on Monday.

AUGUST 20, 1887

Misses M. E. Fowler and Ada Evens left yesterday for Omro on a visit with friends at that place.

Miss Ella Fowler went over to Oshkosh yesterday and secured rooms for the fall term at the normal. (school)

## The G.A.R. Excursion

To Brothertown on Thursday, was the most delightful steamboat trip of the year, barring the fact that the boat was over two hours and a half behind her contract time in starting, and the long delay in getting through the Menasha channel owing to the fact that the mills use so much water as to interfere with navigation.

The day was magnificent and the lake was mirror-like in beauty. A large number of the best people of Appleton graced the occasion by their presence, and the result of the trip will be a handsome financial present from the G.A.R. Post to the Woman's Relief Corps.

At Brothertown a beautiful grove was crowded with people, all enjoying themselves. The stay was all too short. Col. B. F. Bryant, of La Crosse, made one of his most effective speeches; and all returned home glad to be able to say, "I participated in the G.A.R. Excursion of 1887."

Appleton Crescent newspaper-

August 27, 1887

Hiram Welch, of Stockbridge, was adjudged insane this week and conveyed to Oshkosh by Sheriff Egerer. The trouble is supposed to have it's origin in the war, Mr. W. having suffered from disease while in service.

Weather cool and refreshing.

Feed in the pastures is getting in good shape again.

August 27, 1887 (continued)

Mr. P. Kindness has rented rooms of E. M. Dick of this burg, and moved in on Monday last. He is now keeping house just as natural as anybody.

Miss Francis M. Hammer and Lathrop Fowler are delagetes from the G. T. Lodge of this place to the district lodge which meets at Oshkosh on the 25th and 26th of August. They will leave tomorrow on the boat.

## Accidentally Shot

There were several parties from the town of Chilton in the city Thursday night, among whom were Jack and Mont Welch, two cousins. The crowd had been indulging in liquid fire, at least the indications were such, as they made the night hideous with their yells on leaving town. On the way home the crowd engaged in a discussion of the merits of certain revolvers, one of which was in the possession of Mont Welch, and a dispute arose as to the report of the one carried by Welch. He wipped it out of his pocket and threw up his arm to fire it off, but in doing so, brought it back too far and pulled the trigger just as the revolver was on a level with Jack Welch, who was walking some two rods behind. The ball, a twenty-two calibre, struck Jack Welch in the left breast over the third rib. The wound was probed by Drs. Zielley & Luce, but they were unable to find the bullet without an operation which Welch did not desire to go through. It is thought that nothing dangerous will result from the wound.

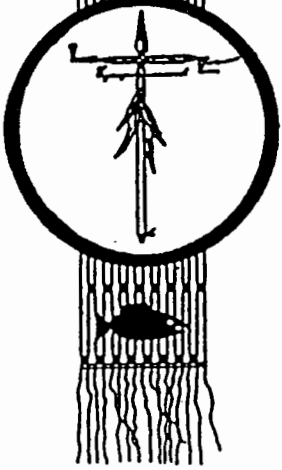
September 3, 1887

(Green Bay) The announcement made last week that the Oneida Indians had concluded to have their lands allotted in severalty seems to have been premature. Chief Cornelius Doxtater, in an interview today, says that only a small minority of the tribe was notified of the council held with Indian Agent Jennings and the special agent from Washington last week, and that the vote in favor of an allotment at that time, while being a majority of those present, was in reality only a very small minority of the whole tribe. A council was held last night, at which the action taken last week was condemned. A general council will be held next Monday, when a protest against the allotment will be presented, and Chief Doxtater says the protest will be approved by a large majority.

Hira Welch, who was conveyed to the insane asylum near Oshkosh, on Thursday last, died on Monday.



# THE BROTHERTON MESSENGER



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# THE BROTHERTON MESSENGER

DEDICATED TO OUR BROTHERTON INDIAN HERITAGE

## BROTHERTON HOMECOMING

The annual Brotherton Homecoming will be held on Saturday, October 18, 1986, at the Hamilton Building in Fond du Lac. Registration will begin at 10:00 A.M. with a short informal meeting to follow. A potluck lunch will be served at noon, and everyone is asked to bring a dish, snack, relish, or dessert to share with others. Bring your own utensils, but coffee and beverage will be provided.

Traditional Indian dances will be performed in the afternoon by Gordon Lightfoot Fay and family from Alabama, as well as other Brotherton Tribal members.

The Brotherton Homecoming is an annual event commemorating the Treaty of October 27, 1832, in which the Brothertown Indians of New York received their lands on the eastern shores of Lake Winnebago, later known as Brothertown, Wis.

Come help celebrate this event by attending the Homecoming in Fond du Lac and get to know your fellow Brothertons. Contact Sandra Biancardi, Homecoming Chairman, for more details.

## TRIBAL MEETINGS

Brotherton Tribal meetings are always scheduled for the third Saturday of each month. November is no exception, when the Brotherton meeting will be held on Saturday, November 15th, at the Hamilton Building, corner of Sophia and Forest. The meeting will begin at 1:30 P.M. with a social hour following business. You are asked to bring a snack, relish or dessert to share with others.

The December meeting/Christmas Party is tentatively scheduled for December 20th, but the date has not been decided on by the general membership.

For the schedule of meetings planned in 1987, please watch for information in future issues of the Messenger or contact the Tribal Chairperson.

## NEW TRIBAL SECRETARY

With the resignation of Lani Bartelt as Tribal Secretary, Sandra Biancardi has agreed to fill in as secretary until the May elections.

Sandra has been an active member of the Brotherton Tribe for several years and has helped out on many committees. She is a descendant of the Wamsly and the Samson Paul line. Congratulations on your new position Sandra, and thank you for helping the tribe in our time of need.

## TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSED

With the expiration of the ANA Grant, the PCC Office located at 14 Western Avenue in Fond du Lac has been closed due to lack of funds. The Petition Coordination Center has been in operation since November 1, 1984, with the help of the Social and Economic Development Grant awarded by the ANA on September 1, 1984. Without the help of the PCC Office and the many volunteer and office employees, the work on the petition could not have been completed. It is another sad day for the Brotherton Tribe, but we have brighter days ahead.

Until further notice, all correspondence, letters, questions, and calls of any type should be forwarded to the Tribal Chairperson, June Ezold, at AV2848 Witches Lake Road, Woodruff, WI, 54568. Telephone number (715) 542-3913.

## AREA REPORTERS NEEDED

The editor is in need of volunteer reporters to communicate the news of Brothertons from areas with high numbers of Brothertons. Examples of these areas would be: Gresham, Milwaukee, Racine, Fond du Lac, and other areas outside the state; Minnesota, etc. If you are from one of these areas where many Brothertons live and would like to report on your specific area, please let the editor know and send in information, stories, obituaries, weddings and other articles of interest to other Brothertons. Please help!

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Your Council and Enrollment Committee have been busy as usual putting the tribe's information, research and enrollment into a pattern to send in the petition. The end of September was the final deadline to receive any applications or forms requested from the members. The Enrollment Committee must have a cut off date to be able to accomplish their goal of sending in the petition with the other criteria. They have been meeting extra days to be able to do this. It isn't easy, living in different parts of the state and added expense to them, but they are all willing to do this for the tribe.

I am sad to report that we are closing the PCC Office in Fond du Lac due to lack of funds. Our grant application to the ANA was denied. We are moving the materials (research and files) to Marian College in Fond du Lac. The equipment has been inventoried and is to be moved to the Corporation office in Woodruff. We will continue to hold monthly Council meetings in Fond du Lac as usual. We will have one annual meeting a year, in addition to the homecoming and picnic, plus any special meeting announced.

The Council is also reviewing the by-laws again. One of the reasons for this is because the tribe cannot afford the \$400 it costs to carry out the present ruling in the by-laws in regard to the elections. We must also be more explicit about the duties of the officers, committees, membership criteria, and the general structure of the tribe. So, as you can see, your Council has been working very diligently to get things in order.

I have been asked to explain a couple of procedures to you that are necessary in making your tribe a tribe that is working:

**ENROLLMENT PROCEDURE--** The Brothertown Tribe enrollment procedure is for you to prove your ancestry to the Tribal Council. The Council is using the 1839 and 1901 rolls to use as a guideline for that step. If an ancestor of yours is listed on either of those rolls, your name is entered on the present roll. If your ancestor is not listed on those two rolls we cannot include your name. You must prove to the Council that your ancestor is on one of those rolls. The Council CANNOT prove this step for you. Names cannot be considered if your ancestor was listed on another tribe's roll or does not appear on the Brothertown roll. This is the procedure we must follow. The 1967 annuity roll is not being used because it was considered an annuity pay roll, and was for listing the families of Emigrant New York Indians. There are names on that listing who cannot trace ancestry back to Brothertown rolls in 1839 and 1901. We know there are families who are very disappointed, but we must follow these procedures. Proof of ancestry that you give to the enrollment committee is what is needed.

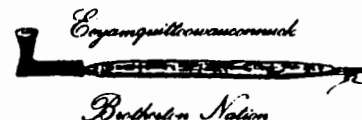
Also, people who have applied by sending in the required forms but have not given enough information, do not have the birth certificate stating the names of the mother and father, or do not have a copy of a birth certificate or the correct signature on the application form, all have been notified of their specific problem. If we did not hear from them by the end of September, we cannot include their names.

**STEERING COMMITTEE--** The Steering Committee is a committee set up by the Tribal Council for the Brotherton Nation Corporation. The tribe has spouses and friends who want to help us in our endeavors but are unable to vote or have a voice at the tribal meetings. They can become active by becoming members of the Corporation and can help by giving suggestions, setting up volunteer scheduling, do clinical work, help with refreshments at meetings, do research; in other words giving a helping hand when asked by the Council. These are members of the Corporation. Tribal members can become members of the Steering Committee if they wish, but they are not automatically members of the Steering Committee because they are a tribal member. Lucille Baldwin has been appointed chairman of this committee.

I hope this helps to clear up some of the questions you might have in regard to these two procedures. If you have any further questions, please feel free to call or write.

More next time. Hope to see you all at the Homecoming on October 18th at the Hamilton Hall in Fond du Lac, and also on the third Saturday of each month for our meetings.

June Ezold, Chairperson  
Brotherton Indian Nation  
AV2848 Witches Lake Road  
Woodruff, WI 54568



# BROTHERTON NATION MINUTES

## ABRIDGED MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 16, 1986 GENERAL TRIBAL MEETING, GRESHAM, WISCONSIN

- Meeting called to order by Tribal Chairperson, June Ezold, at 1:30P.M.
- Madeline Crowe led the group in prayer.

### CORRESPONDENCE

- June Ezold read the following letters and information:  
Notice from the Wisconsin Indian Education Association announcing the "Fall Exposition" at the Roadway Inn, October 16-18th; letter from Denise Vigue, American Indian Coordinator, UW-Green Bay, making herself available for a meeting on October 3, 1986. June will ask to re-schedule for September 20th; reply from the ANA stating that the grant application was denied and we were not selected for a grant award; notification from Sharon Metz, who is running for Lieutenant Governor, is instrumental in many Indian issues; received newsletter from the Winnebago Indian Community; and received an invitation from "Indian Summer, Inc." to attend the Indian Summerfest in Milwaukee during September 1987. Contributions were also asked for.

### REPORTS

- GRANT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT given by June Ezold. Contracted hours 184, in-kind hours 131, phone calls received 31, out-going local calls 15, out-going long distance calls 22, in-person contacts 30, mail posted 306, photocopies 2,401, and one major purchase of a computer made. 30 research files completed, and no research assignments given.
- STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT. The May 17th meeting cancelled because Chairman, Lucy Baldwin, not present. On June 21st a brief informal meeting was held. Several volunteers worked in the office during June, and the photo preservation project has been completed.
- PICNIC COMMITTEE REPORT. On July 19, 1986, 88 people attended the Brotherton Nation's annual picnic at Calumet County Park near Stockbridge. There was a short meeting, lunch, awarding prizes, entertainment, cemetery tour, craft and rummage and penny candy and a fish pond. \$398.35 profit was made from the picnic.
- TREASURER'S REPORT. Balance in the Brotherton Memorial Fund as of August 16, 1986 was \$45.00. Other balances were:

<u>BROTHERTON TRIBAL ACCOUNT</u>	
\$ 594.76	Balance as of 7/19/86
\$2936.00	Checks written
<u>\$3169.85</u>	<u>Deposits made</u>
\$ 783.61	Balance as of 8/16/86

<u>BROTHERTON NATION ACCOUNT</u>	
\$8,180.10	Balance as of 7/19/86
\$3,789.24	Checks written
<u>\$4,000.00</u>	<u>Deposits made</u>
\$8,390.36	Balance as of 8/16/86

- NEWSLETTER REPORT was given by Tim Vanderhoef, editor. He stated that there are now 135 subscribers, down from 1st year. Volunteers needed to collect news from areas such as Gresham to report Brotherton happenings.

### OLD BUSINESS

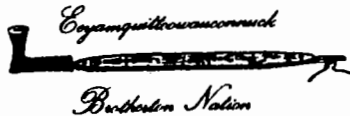
- Enrollment information--The 1839 and 1901 rolls are being used to establish ancestry for enrollment. It is necessary that all forms be completed before they can be acted upon. Members asked to report any information on tribal leaders from 1920 forward. It was stressed that the enrollments will be accepted only for Wisconsin Brothertons, not those early Brothertons who chose to stay in New York.
- Three Council Members attended the Oneida Conference at the Roadway Inn on July 24-26th. Phyllis Mattern reported that the conference was very impressive, and the guest speakers gave an informative review of the Oneida Indian's history.
- Mrs. Wells gave information about the meeting in Green Bay on August 28, 1986 at the Oneida Rodeway Inn concerning the government's intention to take all unrecognized tribal members of an unrecognized tribe, off of medical assistance.

### NEW BUSINESS

- The Enrollment Committee will be meeting again August 30-31 at the PCC in Fond du Lac.
- It was announced that Lani Bartelt will be resigning as Tribal Secretary so there is a need for someone to finish out her elected term. Sandra Biancardi has been asked to fill in and will let June Ezold know.
- The Chairperson stated that the PCC Office will be open until the end of October, and will be closed after that due to lack of grant funds. The files will be moved to Marian College.

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- Kathy Moon made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Ruth Vanderhoef. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10P.M. Members in attendance--28.



Blanche Thompson, Secretary pro tem  
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# BROTHERTON NATION MINUTES

## ABRIDGED MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 20, 1986 GENERAL TRIBAL MEETING, FOND DU LAC, WISCONSIN

- Meeting called to order by Tribal Chairperson, June Ezold, at 1:35P.M.
- Philip Tousey led the members in prayer.
- Minutes of the August 16, 1986 meeting held in Gresham, Wisconsin, were read by Sandra Biancardi, Tribal Secretary, and approved as read.

### CORRESPONDENCE

- June Ezold read the following correspondences: Thank you letter to the Stackner Foundation for the grant money to purchase a tribal computer; thank you letter to John Tessmar from Regal Ware for donations to the Brotherton Picnic; a letter from Denise Vigue, the American Indian Coordinator, U.W.-Green Bay. She will be attending the Homecoming on October 18th, and the November 15th meeting; letter of resignation from Lani Bartelt; news clippings sent by Paul DeMain on the Indian Health Services; and job listing from the B.I.A. June Ezold also reported that the PCC will be closing and all tribal files will be stored at Marian College, with the office furniture going to the Brotherton Nation's office in June's home in Woodruff.

### REPORTS

- ENROLLMENT REPORT. A special enrollment meeting was held August 30-31st. New applicants were reviewed. Another enrollment meeting will be held October 4-5. For petition purposes, the cut off date for enrollment applications is September 20, 1986.
- FUND RAISING. Lucille Baldwin reported that \$20.00 from aluminum cans had been turned in.
- TREASURER'S REPORT. Balance in the Brotherton Memorial Fund was \$45.00, with other balances as follows:

<u>BROTHERTON TRIBAL ACCOUNT</u>	<u>BROTHERTON NATION ACCOUNT</u>
\$ 783.61 Balance as of 8/16/86	\$8,390.36 Balance as of 8/16/86
\$ 15.00 Checks written	\$1,945.19 Checks written
\$ 56.00 Deposits made	\$ .00 Deposits made
\$ 824.61 Balance as of 9/20/86	\$6,445.17 Balance as of 9/20/86

- STEERING COMMITTEE. That morning the Homecoming fliers were completed and the mailing list was updated. Still need volunteers to help with various projects.
- HOMEcoming COMMITTEE REPORT was given by Sandi Biancardi, Homecoming Chairman. She stated that the Homecoming was October 18th at the Hamilton Building. Gordon Fay and some of his family will put on a demonstration of traditional Indian dances.

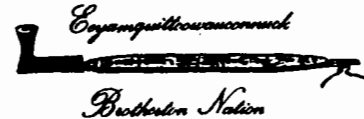
### NEW BUSINESS

- Amendments for the constitution and by-laws has not been completed.
- Sandra Biancardi has been appointed as Tribal Secretary to take Lani Bartelt's place, until the elections in May, 1987.
- Enrollment letters were sent out stating that both parent's names must be on the birth certificate.
- A motion was made by Evelyn Moffat, seconded by Tim Vanderhoef, that all applications sent in for enrollment should be accepted by the Council and sent in with the petition. Motion defeated.

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- Motion made by Evelyn Moffat to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bonnie Moon. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

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IN MEMORY OF

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of fellow Brotherton Harry M. Tousey Sr, age 80, of North Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, on September 9, 1986, at the V.A. Hospital in Madison. He was born on August 9, 1906 in Quinney, the son of Charles M. and Mary M. Coyhis Tousey. He married Rose Wahnschaffe on December 23, 1950 at Ebenezer Church in Lomira.

Mr. Tousey was a member of the Divine Savior Church, North Fond du Lac, and was employed in construction and trucking, and owned and operated "Chief's Place Tavern" in Dotyville.

Harry "Chief" Tousey was one of the first Council Members appointed under the new administration of the Brotherton Indian Tribe in the 1970's, and was instrumental, along with his brothers, in the movement for the Brotherton Tribe's recognition by the federal government. He was a member of the American Legion Post No. 347 in Lomira, and a member of the D.A.V. in Oshkosh. He served in the Army during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Rose; four sons, Harry Jr., Charles and Raymond, all of Fond du Lac, and Leo of west Bend; a daughter, Mrs. Marlene Bischoff of North Fond du Lac; 13 Grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Ione Rabiola of Janesville; and a brother, Phillip of Beaver Dam. Preceding him in death were one daughter, two sons, three brothers and one sister.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, September 13, 1986, at the Divine Savior Church, North Fond du Lac, with burial at Ebenezer Cemetery in Lomira.

Harry M. Tousey was a man of strong conviction who was never afraid to speak up for his family and his tribe. He will be sadly missed by his devoted family and friends, and by his fellow Brothertons for whom he worked so diligently.

A FAREWELL NOTE

To all my many Brotherton friends:

Resigning as Secretary of the Brotherton Indian Nation has been one of the several very hard decisions I have made in my lifetime, and I will miss terribly the members of the Council that I have worked with over the past four years and the other tribal members I have enjoyed looking forward to seeing each month at the general tribal meetings.

As some of you may have heard I am moving to the "North Woods" of Langlade County (25 miles north of Antigo, Wisconsin) with my daughter Kim, while my husband Ron continues to stay in Milwaukee over the winter months and tries to sell our home there. To my "mailbox friends" -- you will hear from me as soon as I get my new address and phone number up north.

Let me finish this note by saying "Though I may not be there in person, the Brothertons will always be in my thoughts and I look forward to the day when the Brothertons are once again federally recognized."

--Lani Bartelt, Milwaukee, Wisconsin--

# BULLETIN BOARD

## NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Subscriptions for 1986 have now reached 140, far below the total for 1985. There have been a few new subscribers, but the low numbers, in the opinion of the editor, are because a subscription notice was not sent to each individual who had forgotten to renew their subscription. It was thought that those individuals would eventually remember, and in turn, the Messenger account would not encounter the cost of first class postage. It was a mistake that I, as editor, apologize for. Plans are underway to remind subscribers next year when they have forgotten to renew.

On the bright side, 140 subscribers this year have a great opportunity to read about the Brotherton happenings, as well as many other Indian issues. Thank you all for subscribing, and please remind your Brotherton relatives and friends to subscribe next year.

As noted in the August issue, the cost for back issues of The Brotherton Messenger has been reduced to \$3.50 per year including postage. Back issues from 1982 through 1985 are still available. Don't hesitate to order yours today.

## ADOPT-A-MESSENGER UPDATE

A total of 60 Brotherton Messengers have been sent out since the inception of the Adopt-A-Messenger Program last December. It has allowed those who do not subscribe a chance to read our newsletter and see for themselves what we have to offer. For the mere cost of \$1.00 per name, you too can send a copy of the Brotherton Messenger to a relative who does not subscribe. If there is a Brotherton you know who does not now subscribe, please "Adopt-A-Messenger" and give our newsletter a home.

Congratulation, Best Wishes, and Happy Birthday to the following people who have recently, or soon will be celebrating their special day...

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY TO: Phil Hahn, Theodore Stephenson, Gary Monteen, Holly Haen, Ronnie Hammer, Marilyn Hammer, Dan Vanderhoef, John Vanderhoef, Karen Stein, Barb Vanderhoef, Ed Verbeten, Sarah Jane Matsen, Bob Voet, Jane Voet, Debra Stark, Jane Graves, and Jeffrey Steinhoff.

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO: Bill & Paulette Vanderhoef, Don & Edna Graves, Rick & Linda Vanderhoef, Joe & Janet Vanderhoef, Alex & Joyce Hollow, Jim & Lisa Hollow, Dave & Marge Johnson, Gordon & Donna Liedke, Frederick & Pattie Schreiber, Richard & Nancy Goold, Alfred & Myrtle Monteen, Ronnie & Marilyn Hammer, and Willie & Nancy Carter.

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY TO: Lucy Baldwin, Patricia Schreiber, Sherry Wightman, Nancy Carter, Sigfredo Soto, Joyce Stein, Joyce Hollow, Carole Bislew, and Judy Coe.

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO: Edward & Julie Verbeten, Henry & Margaret Highman, Tom & Christine Mapel, Bob & Jane Voet, Larry & Kathy Campeau, and Ron & Clarice Gall.

REMEMBER--The editor has moved to a new address; 5520-53rd Avenue, Kenosha, WI, 53142. Make a note of it!!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN to all those little Brothertons out there!!!!!!

HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE!  
There is so much for all of us to be thankful for. Let us count our blessings with family and friends on this very special day.

## NEW ARRIVALS:

Jessica Marie on August 19, 1986, born to Rosemarie (Vanderhoef) and Bill Bark.

Lindsey Rose on September 11, 1986, born to Marian (Vanderhoef) and Ray Fay.

CONGRATULATIONS PARENTS--and congratulations to Bill & Ruth Vanderhoef who are grandparents for the 38th and 39th time.

GET WELL WISHES are extended to Carl Ezold and Marlene Bischoff who had surgery last month. Have a speedy recovery!!

## INDIANS REGAIN TRIBAL STATUS

In 1954 the Klamath Tribe from Oregon lost it's tribal rights when it sold it's two million acres of reservation land to the government. Within 10 years the tribe had no money left. The 2,000 Klamath Indians filed for tribal status and after 32 years became a tribe once again. They have no land, but are now given educational and health services, which is better than money. Congratulations to the Klamath Tribe!!

# Brothertown Diary

The Brothertown Diary is a weekly account of the lives, events and personal happenings 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.

## September 3, 1887

(Chilton) George Reader, of Stockbridge, was under arrest here on Wednesday, on the charge of polygamy or bigamy as it is also termed. The charge was preferred by a woman named Melina Reader, whose maiden name was Sampson. She claims to have married the defendant in October, 1854, legally and lawfully and that on January 6, 1885 the defendant, without divorce, married Margaret Madden, at Hilbert. The defendant was taken before 'Squire Newell, but waived examination and was bound over to circuit court in the sum of \$500.00.

Mr. Lathrop Fowler is the delegate from the G. T. Lodge of this place, to the Grand Lodge, which convenes at Madison on September 5th.

## September 10, 1887

Lots of rain nowadays. Threshing is nearly all done up.

Messrs. Lathrop Fowler, E. M. Dick, Hiram Johnson and miss M. E. Fowler left on Monday last for Madison to attend the Grand Lodge of I. O. G. T. which opens up on the 16th.

The Good Templar's Lodge will hold a festival and fair at their hall on the evening of the 13th.

A large number of our citizens are in attendance at the fair at Oshkosh.

## September 17, 1887

Notice of Sale of Certain Fractional Indian Lands.

Notice is hereby given that by authority of an act of congress entitled "An act to authorize the issue of a patent of certain lands in the Brothertown reservation in the state of Wisconsin to the persons selected by the Brothertown Indians" approved April 20th, 1878. I, David Fowler, sole surviving trustee, under said act will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the office of the town clerk at the town of Brothertown, in Calumet County, state of Wisconsin, on the 19th day of November, 1887, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, all of the following described piece and parcels of land lying and being in said town, county and state to wit:

The west 45 acres of lot 7, ... also a piece of land 18 rods north and south by 27 rods east and west lying on the east side of lot 9, with the mill privileges appertaining thereto and being what is known as the Brothertown Indian mill site.

DAVID FOWLER

## September 17, 1887 (continued)

Negotiations are pending for a settlement of the Indian suits against the settlers in Brothertown.

(Price County) Three Indians were arrested in Price County last week for killing deer out of season, and fined \$3.00 and costs each. Considerable indignation is expressed by citizens in that vicinity over the arrest, as white hunters guilty of the same offense are not molested.

Mr. Wm H. Johnson who has been at work at Burnett Junction, spent a few days with relatives here. He returned again today.

Mr. W. P. Fowler left yesterday for Burnett Junction, where he has been engaged to work on a hay press with W. H. Johnson.

The funeral of Mr. Edwin Mathers took place at the M. E. Church on Friday last at 2 o'clock p.m., conducted by the Rev. A. W. Paul of Greenbush. Eddie was a young man 22 years old and has been a cripple since childhood. He was adopted in the family of the late John Mathers. When a child of about three years old he was stricken with scrofula and was never able to walk upright since. Although having been brought up as an adopted child, he became endeared to the family as one of their own. Consumption set in and on the 7th of September death came and relieved him of his long sufferings and placed his weary spirit at rest. A large circle of relatives and friends attended the services showing their sympathy for the departed.

## September 24, 1887

For many years, farmers residing on the line between the towns of Stockbridge and Brothertown have been subjected to much annoyance and some expense, owing to the uncertainty of the town line. Those residing in the town of Brothertown claim that their lands are infringed upon, while those in Stockbridge make the like complaint. Surveyors have endeavored to settle the matter, but have failed. Attempts have been made in the past to have the town boards appoint an arbitration committee consisting of surveyors to settle the dispute, but without success. The present boards have however, come to an agreement which promises to set the matter to rest. Each have appointed a surveyor. Brothertown selecting County Surveyor Severin, and Stockbridge, Mr. Spencer, empowering them to appoint the third providing they can reach no agreement. On Monday, Mr. Severin and Mr. Spencer commenced the work, but their lines did not correspond, and unable to settle their differences they have postponed the matter until Oct. 4th, for a resurvey. They have selected a Winnebago county surveyor to assist them, and a majority governs their report....



HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

PUMPKIN-RAISIN BREAD

Pumpkins were one of the Indian foods credited with keeping the Plymouth Colony alive for the first few years. Then, as now, pumpkins could be stored in a cool place for much of the long New England winter, or sliced and dried for even longer storage. They were used in everything from soup to dessert.



(Makes one - 9 inch loaf)  
2 packages active dry yeast  
1 cup warm water (105°-115°F.)  
4 cups unsifted all-purpose flour  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon ground nutmeg  
2 tablespoons light brown sugar  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon salt  
1 cup cooked pureed pumpkin  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup dark seedless raisins



Sprinkle yeast over warm water in a measuring cup. Set aside for 5 minutes to soften.

In a large bowl, combine  $3\frac{1}{2}$  cups flour, the nutmeg, brown sugar, and salt. Add the pumpkin and yeast to the flour mixture. Stir until well combined.

Sprinkle remaining flour over a board. Turn out dough onto flour and knead until smooth and no longer sticky, about 3 minutes.

Add raisins and knead until well combined, about 2 minutes.

Lightly oil a large bowl. Shape dough into a ball. Turn upside down in bowl. Turn over to oil top. Cover loosely and set aside in a warm place, away from drafts, until doubled--about 1 hour.

Grease and flour a 9-by-5-by-3-inch loaf pan. Turn dough out and knead 1 minute. Shape into an 8-inch roll. Place in prepared pan. Pat down. Cover pan loosely and set aside in a warm place, away from drafts, until double in volume--about 45 minutes.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Bake bread until golden brown and loaf sounds hollow when tapped--45 to 50 minutes.

Cool in pan for 5 minutes. Remove from pan and place on a wire rack to cool.

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THIS IS A CEMETERY

Lives are commemorated - deaths are recorded - families are reunited - memories are made tangible - and love is undisguised. This is a cemetery.

Communities accord respect - families bestow reverence - historians seek information - our heritage is thereby enriched.

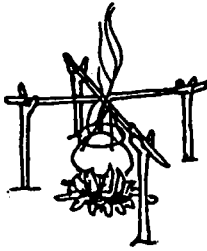
Testimonies of devotion - pride and remembrance are carved in stone to pay warm tribute to accomplishments and to the life -- not death -- of a loved one. The cemetery is a homeland for family memorials that are a sustaining source of comfort to the living.

A cemetery is a history of people - a perpetual record of yesterday - and a sanctuary of peace and quiet today. A cemetery exists because every life is worth loving and remembering -- always.

--from a tabloid in Abe Lincoln's Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois--

## ROAST GOOSE WITH SWEET-POTATO-AND-GRAPE STUFFING

Wild geese were plentiful in New England in the fall. All accounts of the first Thanksgiving mention goose as one of the dishes served. This sweet stuffing makes a nice compliment to the richness of goose.



(Makes about 8 servings)

- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 3/4 cup chopped celery
- 3/4 cup chopped onion
- 8 cups day-old bread cubes
- 2 1/2 cups coarsely chopped, cooked sweet potatoes
- 1 1/2 cups seedless green grapes or peeled and seeded Concord grapes
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
- 10 to 12 pound goose, thawed

In a 5-quart Dutch oven over medium heat, in hot butter or margarine, cook celery and onion until tender, stirring occasionally. Add bread cubes, sweet potatoes, grapes, salt, pepper, and thyme leaves. Remove from heat.

Heat oven to 400°F. Remove neck and giblets from goose. (Cook in water to cover, with onion, celery, and seasonings to make gravy if you wish.) Remove excess fat from body cavity and neck skin. Rinse goose; pat dry with paper towels. Wings may be removed at the second joint and cooked with neck and giblets, or leave wings attached and bend them under or to the back.

Fill neck cavity and body cavities with stuffing mixture. Fasten neck skin to back with skewers. Tie legs together or tuck in band of skin at tail, if present.

Place goose, breast-side up, on rack in large roasting pan. Insert meat thermometer deep into inside thigh muscle. Roast, uncovered, for 1 hour. Reduce temperature to 325°F. Continue roasting 2 to 2 1/2 hours longer or until meat thermometer reaches 180°F.

During roasting, spoon off accumulated fat at 30-minute intervals. Transfer goose to platter; remove skewer or string from legs, if used. Let goose set for 20 minutes for easier carving.

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### A 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On the occasion of the 60th wedding anniversary of Bert and Mable Skeesick of Brainerd, Minnesota, family and friends gathered for an open house celebration on August 2, 1986. The family gathered for a dinner, followed by an afternoon of visiting. The program consisted of a skit emceed by their daughter, Rosemary Kramer, with songs worked around the Skeesicks' lives, being sung by their grandchildren--Scott Sypnieski and Brenda Mass; son-in-law--Ken Kramer; and friend--Nancy Carkhuff. Several square dance numbers were called by their son, Harold (Duane) Skeesick, who brought his square of dancers from Wyoming, who included the great-grandchildren of the honored couple. Grace before the evening meal was led by Dallas Skeesick and Joann Sypnieski. A dance in the evening completed the memorable event.

All six of the couple's children were in Brainerd to honor the Octogenarian (the Brotherton) and his wife. Many other relatives camped on the Skeesicks' farm. The Skeesicks have 22 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. Other special guests travelled from Washington, Oregon, Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, Wyoming, Wisconsin, Kansas, Iowa, and from Minnesota.

## EASTERN INDIANS LEAVE HISTORY IN NAMES

Michael Pellam stood in front of the Grange Hall in the tiny Rhode Island coastal village of Quonochontaug, sheepishly shrugged his shoulders and said: "Only those of us who live here can pronounce the name of our village and we have a hard time." You will hear it pronounced a dozen different ways by locals. Strangers don't even try.

Pellam, 39, owner of Michael's Grocery and Michaels's Garage, said he did not call his business Quonochontaug Grocery or Quonochontaug Garage "because it's too much of a mouthful for one person to handle." Residents here call the place Quanny and themselves Quannies.

Rhode Island, which measures only 48 miles north to south and 37 miles east to west, is sprinkled with tiny villages bearing colorful, hard-to-pronounce names, legacies of five Indian tribes that lived here-- the Narragansetts, Niantics, Nipmucks, Pequots and the Wampanoags.

Quonochontaug means black fish. Dentist George R. Gray, 59, and his son, George S. Gray, 30, a teacher, are known as the Quonochontaug fish taggers. For 13 years they have been tagging stripped bass for the American Littoral Society to track the migratory patterns, longevity, growth and other information. The Grays are also Quonochontaug historians. "The oldest farmhouse in Rhode Island's south county still standing was built here in 1710," the dentist noted. "Three British sailors killed during the War of 1812 are buried behind the farmhouse.

"British vessels would fire hot cannonballs at Quonochontaug Beach to set the houses on fire and terrorize the farmers," he continued. "To this day, when seaweed washes in on the beach, a flag is run up a pole to alert farmers. The farmers gather the seaweed for fertilizer."

In Weekapaug, down the road from Quonochontaug, mail carrier Ronald MacDonald was delivering mail. "My work is picking up," he said. "In winter most of the homes are boarded up. These big old houses belong to families from all over the East Coast who use them mainly as summer homes." At the Weekapaug Dairy on Passapapaug Road nobody was home except the cows. Posted on the door and window of the dairy's retail store were stickers that read: "Never mind the Dog, Beware of the Owner," "Milk Drinkers Are More Passionate," "This Place Guarded by Shotgun 3 Nights a Week, You guess Which 3 Nights." Neither MacDonald nor anyone in the village knew what Weekapaug means.

Usquepaug (us-ka-pog), another village, population 35, is famous throughout New England for its 260-year-old grist mill and its annual Johnny Cake Festival. Johnny Cakes, also known as Jonny or Journey cakes, are a Rhode Island specialty dish made of white cap Indian flint corn. The cornmeal cakes, fried on a griddle until the crust is crispy, are eaten by many Rhode Islanders at breakfast, lunch and dinner-- instead of potatoes. There is a society for the Propagation of Johnny Cakes in Rhode Island.

Paul Drumm Jr., 55, and his son Paul III, 23, operate Kenyon's Corn Meal Co., the historic stone mill where corn, wheat, rye and oats are ground in the traditional way between two Rhode Island finegrained granite millstones. In addition to Johnny cake mix, they produce clam cake and fritters mix and buttermilk and honey pancake mix. "You know a couple drove in here the other day. They were lost. The man came into the mill," the elder Drumm recalled. "He asked me where the fork in the road to the left went. I said Quonochontaug. He asked me where the fork in the road to the right went. I said Escoheag. "He went out to his car and told his wife: "That fella in there doesn't speak a word of English."

Drumm explained that Usquepaug is an Indian word borrowed from the Scottish-Gaelic word for whiskey. He reached into a cabinet and brought out a bottle of Tullamore Dew Irish whiskey. On the back were the words Uisge Baugh, meaning water of life or whiskey. "The Indian version of Uisge Baugh was Wowoskepog, which became Usquepaug. So however you figure, Qsquepaug, Rhode Island means Whiskey, Rhode Island." he said.

At Misquamicut, near the Connecticut border, Christine Sisco, 69, owner-operator of Sisco General Store, wore a sweat shirt inscribed with the peculiar name of her hometown. "Misquamicut has something to do with an Indian maiden," Sisco said. "No it doesn't, Chris. It means a fish," said her sister Nancy Fiore, 72. A local historian said it is Indian for salmon.

Two of Rhode Island's eight cities have Indian names-- Pawtucket and Woonsocket. Among the other villages with tongue-twisting names are: Apponaug, Canonchet, Chepiwanoxet, Conimicut, Matunuck, Meshanticut, Misquamicut, Moosup Valley, Nassauket, Ninigret, Pettaquamscutt, Quidnick, Sakonnet, Scituate, Shawomet, Watchaug, Winnapaug and Yawgoo.

Corona Magner, 60, lives in Pascoag and is a postal clerk in Chepachet. "I have no idea what either means," she said. "But that's not so strange. These names are something we live with all our lives. To us they do not seem that unusual.

--by Charles Hillinger, Los Angeles Times --

# THE BROTHERTON MESSENGER

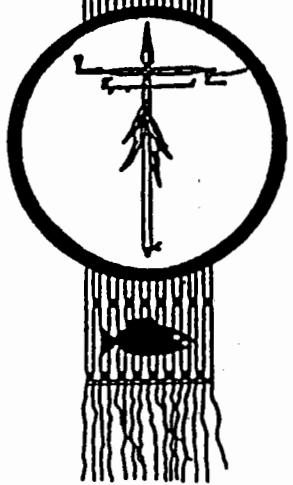
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The December issue of The Brotherton Messenger is the last issue for 1986. To receive the Messenger in 1987 you MUST renew your subscription. The cost will remain the same for 1987, at \$7.00 per year, and you will again receive six issues, published bi-monthly in February, April, June, August, October, and December. As soon as you are finished reading this issue, please fill out the coupon at the back, make out a check or money order to "The Brotherton Messenger", and mail it to Tim Vanderhoef. Do it before you forget!!!!

Since November 1981, The Brotherton Messenger has served as the voice of communication for the Brothertown Tribe, reporting on the tribe's progress toward acknowledgement. It has also served as the tribe's historical record, both past and present-- a keepsake for all Brotherton Indian descendants. If you would like to preserve the past, learn more about the history of the tribe, and keep abreast of the current happenings, renew your subscription today. You, your children, and grandchildren will be glad you did.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EACH AND EVERY BROTHERTON OUT THERE, AND MAY THE GREAT SPIRIT GRANT ONE AND ALL A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!

## TRIBAL MEETINGS

There will NOT be a tribal meeting or Christmas party in December. The next scheduled meeting of the Brotherton Indian Nation will be held on Saturday, January 17, 1987, at the Hamilton Building (corner of Sophia and Forest Avenue) in Fond du Lac. The meeting will begin at 1:30P.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. Please attend this first meeting of 1987. Share your views and voice your opinion-- but please show us you care.

The February meeting of the Brotherton Indian Nation will take place on the 21st, (the third Saturday of the month) again at the Hamilton Building in Fond du Lac. If you want to get first hand information on the status of the petition--be there and share the afternoon with fellow Brothertons and friends.

## BROTHERTON ON THE MOVE

Fellow Brotherton, Dr. Faith Ottery, will be moving to Philadelphia, PA, in June of 1987. She has accepted a position at the Fox Chase Cancer Institute, and will be in charge of nutrition for cancer patients there. In addition, Faith will be teaching medical students at Temple University.

Presently, Dr. Ottery is Chief Resident for Billings Hospital at the University of Chicago. Congratulations Faith, and the best of luck in your future endeavors.



Who is this dancing Brotherton Indian, and where did the Pow-wow take place???

For more details and photographs be sure to read the Homecoming story, located elsewhere in this issue.

If you didn't make it to the Homecoming you missed the event of the year!!

## A FAMILY HISTORY

Making a speech about the clever use of words to hide truths, someone once told of the prominent family whose children decided to give the head of the family a novel gift, a book on their family's history.

The biographer they hired was warned of one problem however: Uncle Willie, the black sheep of the family, had gone to the electric chair for murder.

The biographer promised he'd handle it; "I'll just say that Uncle Willie had occupied a Chair of Applied Electronics at one of our leading government institutions. He was attached to his position by the strongest of ties. His death came as a true shock."

"QUOTE"-- "Age is a high price to pay for maturity." --Tom Stoppard--

Dear Brothertown Brothers and Sisters,

By the time you receive your newsletter Thanksgiving Day will be over. I hope you all had a blessed Thanksgiving and remembered your ancestors in the part they played in the very first Thanksgiving.

The Tribal Council, with the assistance of the genealogist, has reviewed the enrollment of members who had sent their completed enrollment forms to us for the petition, to the present time. All who sent in enrollment forms will be notified as to their tribal status; whether they are a member of the Brothertown Tribe or not. This will be done in the future.

Due to the closing of the office in Fond du Lac, all research materials have been transferred to Marian College. The office equipment was transferred to the Corporation Office in Woodruff. It has been catalogued and numbered as belonging to the Brotherton Nation.

Darwin Sampson, Leo Tousey, Maynard Thompson, Carl Ezold, Jayne Elsen and her brothers, and Platt Welch and his truck came to 14 Western Avenue at 10 A.M. on October 28th to move the research materials to Marian College. They also loaded the trailer with the equipment to go to Woodruff. The rented trailer had to be returned the next day to Fond du Lac, or there would be an additional charge of \$100 if we left it in Woodruff. So Carl and I drove the trailer to Woodruff, asked two neighbor men to unload it for us, and then left at 6:00 A.M. the next morning to drive the trailer back to Fond du Lac.

The November Council meeting was held at Bernard Sampson's home. The general meeting was held at the Hamilton Building in Fond du Lac. Denise Vigue, the American Indian Director from the University of Wisconsin--Green Bay, was our guest speaker. She informed us of the new Indian Program that is being initiated in the high schools next year in preparing for college. We will have her speak again next year along with some other educators.

On the 18th of November a special meeting was held in Green Bay, Wisconsin, with Dr. Jack Campisi and Arlinda Locklear. She represented the Native American Rights Fund (NARF). The hurry-up meeting was called for some legal advice in regard to the petition. Dr. Campisi met with the Council at Marian College on November 22nd in respect to the petition. I am writing this letter before that meeting so I can't report on what transpired, but will give you a report later on.

There will not be a December meeting or Christmas party. The next meeting will be January 17, 1987, at the Hamilton Building in Fond du Lac. We will see you there, won't we???? Do you have any suggestions as to what you would like to be presented to you at the general meetings? Are there any special interests you might want us to explore for you?? Let us hear from you. Names and addresses of your Council Members are listed elsewhere in the newsletter. Let us know what's on your mind!!

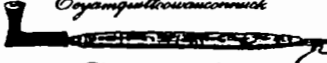
Tim Vanderhoef, our very capable editor, has submitted his resignation as editor of the Brotherton Messenger, but will remain with us until we have found a replacement for him. Tim has done a terrific job of getting our message to you, even though he has been busy being a father, working full time, renovating his home, and moving. I guess the old saying is true, "if you want something done, ask a busy person." Thanks Tim for a job well done. And we want to thank your family also for all the help they have given to you, and of course, Irma Sampson, for mailing the newsletters from Fond du Lac. Do you all see how the Brothertons cooperate and work together?!

At the time of this writing, Bernard (Boots) Sampson is in the hospital recovering from back surgery. He has been off work for about five weeks and is now hoping for relief from his back pain. Good luck Boots.

I want to take this time to thank all of you who have corresponded with the Brothertons or talked with us by phone. It makes all our efforts worthwhile. Even if it is for or against us, at least we know you are interested. Thank You All.

Until next time, a blessed and merry Christmas to each and everyone and a happy and healthy New Year to you all. Let's make a 1987 resolution, a year when we will all pitch in and help make it the year to remember the Brothertown Tribe.

June Ezold, Chairperson  
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# BROTHERTON NATION MINUTES



ABRIDGED MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 18, 1986 HOMECOMING TRIBAL MEETING, FOND DU LAC, WISCONSIN

- Meeting called to order by June Ezold, Tribal Chairperson, at 11:10a.m. June welcomed everyone and asked members to contact Council Members if they had any questions after the meeting.
- Phillip Tousey led the members in prayer.
- All members present were then asked to introduce themselves and state which lineage they belong to.

REPORTS

- GENEALOGIST REPORT- Rudi Ottery was asked to put the finishing touches on the charts.
- PICNIC REPORT- The lower section of Calumet County Park has been reserved for next year's Brotherton Indian Picnic.
- HOMECOMING REPORT- Sandra Biancardi gave a brief schedule of the day's activities and wished all who had attended, an enjoyable time.

OLD BUSINESS

- Grant update--The PCC Office will be closing at the end of October. All research papers and enrollment files will be move to the archives at Marian College.
- Dr. Jack Campisi will be coming to Wisconsin on November 16th to do additional "community" research. He will be meeting with the Council November 21-23 at Marian College.
- The next general meeting will be at the Hamilton Building.

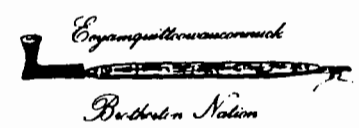
NEW BUSINESS

- Enrollment statistics-- Maynard Thompson compiled the following statistics: 1,953 persons have completed forms to be enrolled. 1,358 (69.5%) have proven their ancestry and are accepted; 595 (30.4%) are not accepted; 252 (13.0%) have not been accepted because of incomplete birth certificate; 243 (12.4%) had insufficient ancestry; 352 (18.0%) had not completed enrollment forms; and 12 members are now deceased. Rejection of tribal acceptance did not start until this fall to give members the opportunity to prove their ancestry to the 1839 or 1901 rolls, or documentation approved by the full Tribal Council.
- By-laws-- suggestions asked for from members.
- June Ezold suggested that only five meetings per year be held.
- A short Council Meeting will be held in the afternoon.
- June Ezold asked members to inform the Council of suggestions or ideas. She also asked if anyone wanted to donate photographs or other items of importance, to the tribe, to be preserved in the Tribal Archives.
- TREASURER'S REPORT-- Balance in the Brotherton Memorial Fund is \$45.00. Other balances and activity as follows:

<u>BROTHERTON TRIBAL ACCOUNT</u>	<u>BROTHERTON NATION ACCOUNT</u>
\$ 824.61 Balance as of 9/20/86	\$6,445.17 Balance as of 9/20/86
\$ 225.73 Checks written	\$2,567.95 Checks written
\$ 31.00 Deposits made	\$ .00 Deposits made
\$ 629.88 Balance as of 10/18/86	\$3,877.22 Balance as of 10/18/86

- Motion to adjourn made by Tim Vanderhoef, seconded by Florence Hoey. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:35a.m.

Sandra Biancardi, Secretary  
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# BROTHERTON NATION MINUTES



## ABRIDGED MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 15, 1986 GENERAL TRIBAL MEETING, FOND DU LAC, WISCONSIN

- Meeting called to order by Tribal Chairperson, June Ezold, at 1:40p.m. June announced that there would not be voting on any tribal issues since there was not enough members present to form a quorum.
- Phil Tousey led the members in prayer.
- Minutes of the October 18, 1986 Homecoming meeting were read by Tribal Secretary, Sandra Biancardi, and approved as corrected.

### CORRESPONDENCE

- June Ezold read the following letters and information:  
Cancelled insurance covering research but received response from Petri Insurance regarding coverage for archival material stored at Marian College; letter from Mrs. Madden requesting more information about the Brothertown Indians; received Winnebago newsletter; job availability from BIA and information from UW-Oshkosh; NARF will be legal "eagle" for the tribe during the petition period; and received letter of resignation from newsletter editor, Tim Vanderhoef, who will stay on until a new editor can be found.

### REPORTS

- FUND RAISING- \$611.00 has been raised in donations from enrolled members. In addition, \$6.50 from Lucille Baldwin for aluminum cans and \$100.00 from Tim Vanderhoef from the sale of Brotherton shirts and hats was turned in.
- COUNCIL REPORT- New bylaws have been approved by the Tribal Council and a copy will be sent to members soon.
- Mark Baldwin reported on the PBS Conference held at Austin, Texas. The program that included the Brothertown story won a national award. A two minute segment of the Brothertown story was shown.
- NEWSLETTER REPORT- Tim Vanderhoef reported that the total number of subscriptions for 1986 was 141- a slow year. A subscription notice for 1987 will be included in the December issue.
- TREASURER'S REPORT was given by Leo Tousey. Balance in the Brotherton Memorial fund is \$45.00. Other Balances as of November 15, 1986 were as follows:

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 \$ .00 Checks written  
\$ 684.50 Deposits made  
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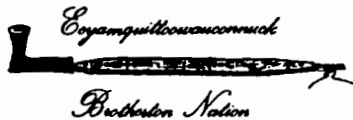
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### OLD BUSINESS

- Dr. Jack Campisi will be meeting with the Council members on November 22, 1986, at Marian College, to put petition papers together.

### NEW BUSINESS

- There will not be a December General Tribal meeting. The money paid for rent for December will be applied to the February 21, 1987 meeting at the Hamilton Building in Fond du Lac.
- June Ezold thanked the people who helped move the files from the PCC to the archives at Marian College: Leo Tousey, Darwin Sampson, Carl Ezold, Jayne Elsen and her brother, Platt Welch, and Irma Sampson.
- Meeting adjourned by Tribal Chairperson, June Ezold, at 2:30p.m.



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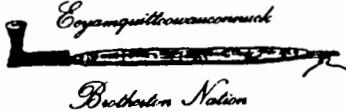
**REMINDER**



# MEMOS FROM RUDI:

The genealogical work for the Brotherton Petition has been completed and any machine error has been reviewed. The final printout will be sent to the Tribal Council within 30 days from the time I receive their finalized enrollment list.

Following that date there will be time to work with the families I have promised to assist with generation gaps in their ancestry. Much of this is ready, but there is always one more clue leading to more information.



Rudi Hjella Ottery  
Brothertown Tribal Genealogist  
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## DONATIONS RECEIVED

With the conclusion of the grant funding through the ANA, the monies which paid for the operation of the Tribal Office (PCC) in Fond du Lac, are now non-existent. With much regret the office has been closed down, and materials transferred to Marian College. A plea for donations went out to all enrolled members to keep the tribe alive-- and functioning toward our goal of petition writing -- and ultimately-- the recognition of the Brotherton Indian Tribe by the federal government.

Within a short time of notification of our need for donations, tribal members have come through, showing their generosity and their genuine interest in our tribe and in a heritage we all share. To date over \$1,400.00 has been received in donations. We can all breathe a little easier, though the fight still goes on.

It is with much gratitude that we now thank those tribal members who have unselfishly given what little they can, to sustain the tribe in its endeavors so dear to us. From the bottom of our hearts we thank our fellow Brothertons:

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## A BROTHERTON'S GIFT

Please accept this small donation for the efforts of the Nation. I am confined in income to a V.A. Disability pension and so I do not have more to send. But I wish also to send along a thought - which might be passed on to other Brothertons.

Since money is a weapon of our people in this modern time, perhaps this gift can be thought of in this way: as an arrow. I am too old, too sick, and too poor to fight any longer with my body, but I can pass this arrow on to a younger, stronger brave to put into his quiver for one more shot. Those who cannot furnish a bow can furnish a straight strong shaft to make an arrow, and others furnish a sharp stone which can be made into a point. Others furnish a good feather with which to fletch the shaft after the point has been attached. The size of your gift is not important when you have little, but the fact that you give what you can is. After all, everyone has heard of the loss of a nail, a shoe, a horse, and then a battle. The small contributions are the nails and the arrows to help us fight for our place. Our cause is a just one and with faith and trying on our part, God in His heaven will aid us in our fight. We must show Him that we are willing to do our part first.

Thank you all very much and I hope that you can keep up the good struggle until it is won. We all are proud of our heritage in the land and for too long we have been left lost in the annals of history about our great country. It is more ours than any one else's so we should be permitted to share in the story of it.

--Wallace Thrall, Pembine, WI --

# Brotherton Homecoming 1986

In 1775, 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 Brothertown 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 shore 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 Brothertown People.

Each year in October the Brothertown Indians remember their homeland in Wisconsin by celebrating the "Homecoming" event in commemoration of the treaty of October 1832. On October 18, 1986, the Brothertown Tribe once again celebrated their Homecoming event. The celebration took place at the Hamilton Building in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, where a large number of Brothertons and their families attended.

The day's activities started at 10:00A.M. with registration of guests, and a short informal meeting presided over by Tribal Chairperson, June Ezold. Sandra Biancardi, Tribal Secretary and Homecoming Chairman, explained some of the day's activities and welcomed her fellow Brothertons to this celebrated annual event.



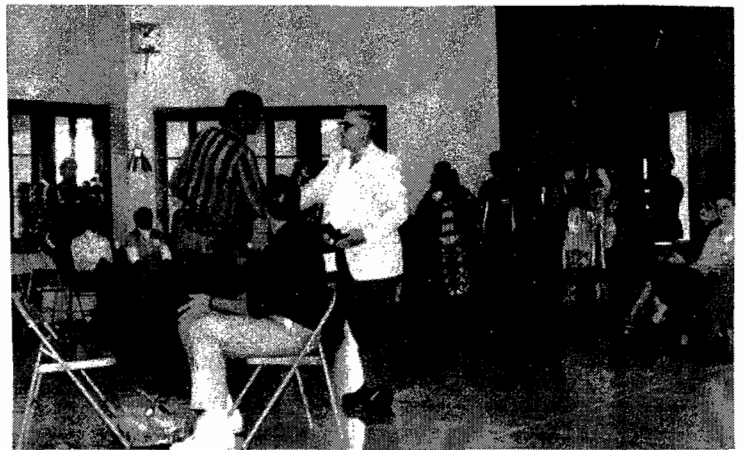
At noon, everyone lined up for a taste of the delicious pot luck lunch, and sat down to an enjoyable dinner with fellow Brothertons and family. The room was filled with the noise of conversations between friends and family, while others lined up for seconds and thirds.



After lunch, June Ezold presented "Service Awards" to some of the many volunteers who have helped the Brothertown Tribe in research, office help, and other related work. These special people, both Brothertons and non-Brothertons alike, received awards, including: Irma Sampson, Blanche Thompson, Willis & Rudi Ottery, Mary Hoey, Lucille Baldwin, and Sandi & Phil Hahn.

At left, June Ezold is presenting Blanche Thompson, Wife of Council Member Maynard Thompson, an award for her years of dedicated service.

Indian dancers from the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, led by Gordon "Lightfoot" Fay, performed traditional Indian dances in a Pow-wow demonstration, later that afternoon. It was very interesting and informative, as anyone who attended will attest to.



Above left, Lightfoot, fellow Brotherton and head drummer for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, teaches Mark Baldwin (on right) how to keep beat on the drum. Mark did a great job and never missed a beat. Pictured above right, Lightfoot presents Maynard Thompson with a gift called a "give-away." The Indian belief is that a gift is given when visiting. It is a gift from the heart, and as in Indian tradition, it will complete a full circle and come back to the giver. This is not a symbol of greed, but a gesture which brings joy to the heart.



Pictured above, Tyler McGee, Paul Rolin, Kevin Rackard, and Keith Rolin (not shown) danced the afternoon away to the delight of many Brothertons.



At left, a Brotherton Princess is stolen by Indian Dancer, Paul Rolin, in the Creek "Maiden" dance.



All eyes were fixed on the Indian dancers as they performed for the Brotherton audience. Some wondered if they too could dance as the Native Americans they were watching. Those Brothertons and family watching were, from left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bukowski, Mark Baldwin, Barb TerBeest, Lucille Baldwin, Lorraine Baker, Irene Baker, Harold Baker, Ernest Baker, Phillip Tousey, and Olivia Tousey.



The last Indian dance of the afternoon was called the "Intertribal Social Dance," and was performed by all members in attendance. It is a dance for all nations, as these Brothertons at left show us just how it was done.

With the assistance of Eleanor Soto of Milwaukee, these young Indian dancers treated Brothertons to an afternoon of fascination and of a heritage that is seldom seen. Our heartfelt thanks to the people pictured at right, from left to right: Paul Rolin, Kevin Rackard, Sonia Catrett, Eleanor Soto, Ginger Fay, and Keith Rolin. Not pictured but due a debt of gratitude are Lightfoot Fay and Tyler McGee.

Thank You our Creek brothers and sisters. You have made our Indian pride even stronger.



The following story was written by Dick Case, a writer for the Syracuse Herald American, during June of 1986. It deals with the discovery of skeletal remains found in Deansboro, New York, the old homeland of the Brothertown Indians, and the possibility that they are in fact remains of our Brotherton ancestors. As editor, I do apologize for not reporting this story sooner, as now, the material is somewhat outdated. You will, however, find this story interesting and worthwhile as a short history of the Brothertown Indians. Read on fellow Brothertown Indians...

## MYSTERY BONES:

### Remnants of an ancient nation of Native Americans?

The big mystery in Deansboro, New York, this week has to do with all those skeletons. Three human skulls, a large quantity of bones and remnants of decorated pine coffins were discovered April 28, 1986 in a hillock north of the hamlet.

The discovery of the old graves was an accident. Top soil was being removed by a businessman ahead of development of land that had been part of the old Whitney farm, along Route 12B. This started a lot of talk in the Oriskany Valley south of U.S. 5. No, these were not the remains of three thugs from Utica. The Oneida County Sheriff's Department determined, almost immediately, that foul play was not involved. The owners of these bones probably died peaceably years ago.

So, who were they? Deansboro has opinions, but no one knows for sure. Not even the sheriff's detective assigned to the case, which is officially closed. Well, almost closed. That detective, Sgt. Lynton Clark, told me a couple of days ago he believes the bulldozer uncovered a small family burial plot that was old enough not to be remembered in local tradition. He also thinks the plot held only three burials.

That's why the owner of the land has been given permission to go back and continue excavation. If more remains are found, the dig will be stopped again, according to Sgt. Clark. Nothing has been touched at the site, which is a few hundred feet east of 12B, since immediately after April 28th, when the detective himself dug into the hillock and found more bones.

There is a notion in Deansboro that the skeletons belonged to members of a group of Eastern Indians that lived in the valley for about 50 years in the 1700 and 1800's. The Indians called themselves the Brothertowns (or Brotherton). Some of them were the last of the Mohegans and several other burned-out ancient nations of Native Americans. They began settling in a tract of nearly 15,000 acres in the present Towns of Kirkland and Marshall just before the Revolutionary War. In 1791, 250 residents of the tract donated by the Oneida Indians by state treaty were recorded. Their leader was a Mohegan who was a Presbyterian preacher. The Brothertown resettled in Wisconsin with some of the Oneida and Stockbridge Indians after 1833.

There is not a single Brothertown member left in central New York, as far as anyone knows. The last probably died in a poor house here in the 1890's. The tribe is alive and well in Wisconsin, however.

Some 20th century residents of the (New York) tract know about the Brothertown. They live in the houses the Indians built and they have found their tiny cemeteries in hillocks that allowed the Brothertowns to be buried facing east. In fact, this is not the first time a family burial plot was disturbed by a bulldozer near Deansboro.

Are the old skeletons Brothertowns? Lynton Clark doesn't think so. That opinion is shared by John Reese, an anthropologist who is professor of social science at Herkimer County Community College. John said he examined the bones and the coffin parts and his evaluation was based on the material he saw. "They are white skeletons and probably date to the 1830s," he said. The anthropologist pointed out that the casket remnants included metal pieces he didn't think would have been used by the Brothertown Indians. He didn't see enough of the skeletons to guess about sex or age. Several of the metal parts--small upholstery type tacks--had single numbers and letters on the tops. John speculated these might have been used to make a date of death on the caskets.

There are those in Deansboro who think the skeletons were probably those of Brothertown Indians. One of these people is Dean White, a young potter who has his kilns and pot shop on a farm once occupied by two Brothertown families. One of the farmers was Rhodolphus Fowler, son of the first couple to settle in the tract, in 1775. Fowler's brother-in-law was the Rev. Samson Occom, the preacher who organized the Mohegan, Pequot, Tunxis, Shinnecock, Nanticoke, Narragansett and other tribes, into the Brothertown Nation. Occom died on the tract in 1792. His house sat a few hundred yards from the spot where the bulldozer cut into the hillock April 28.

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Dean White grew up in Clinton, New York. He and his wife have lived at the old Fowler place about nine years. When I went to see him last week, he told me he is as sure as he can be at this point that those skeletons are Brothertowns. "I started doing some research on the Brothertowns right after we moved here," Dean said. "I had accumulated some information about the people and their farms but as soon as the skeletons were found I did some serious reading. I spent about a week and a half up on The Hill (Hamilton College in nearby Clinton) looking at everything they have. Eventually I want to write a report and compile an index of the available material."

The Brothertown are well-documented, as Native Americans groups go. One reason for this was that the Indian settlers who came to Oneida County from New England and other parts of New York had adopted English as a common language of the new tribe. The white man's ways-- dress, industries and farming-- also were adopted. Samson Occom kept a good diary. So did his friend Samuel Kirkland, founder of Hamilton College. Dean's biggest discovery at the library was a book about Occom and the Brothertowns written by W. DeLoss Love in the 1890's. It contains complete family biographies of the Brothertown families.

Dean also spent some time talking with Prof. Russell Blackwood of the Hamilton Philosophy Department, who has done alot of research on Occom and the tract. The teacher told me last week he believes, with Dean, there is a "fair chance" the remains found in April are Brothertowns. Prof. Blackwood traveled to Calumet County, Wisconsin, to meet with the modern Brothertowns and is in contact with Rudi Ottery, the tribal genealogist. He said the tribe has a very sophisticated collection of family trees. In recent years, several Brothertowns traveled to Deansboro to check out their ancestors.

One of the places they found them was in Betty Wratten's back yard. Betty and her husband built a new house south of the center of town a few years ago. A small Brothertown cemetery was enclosed by the lot. State law protects any cemetery, no matter how small, but when I talked to Betty about this, it was obvious she had in mind to honor the bones of the old Brothertowns, not build a patio over them. "We terraced the cemetery and planted tulips out there," she said. "We're proud to have Asa Dick and his family buries out back." Asa Dick was the "mayor" of Brothertown, according to Betty. She is inclined to believe the skeletons found in April were tribal members too, because of the similar sites of other Brothertown burials found around Deansboro.

The town of Marshall historian, Ken McConnell, is leaning in that direction as well. Ken has been historian of Marshall for several years. He said he had found several hidden Brothertown cemeteries himself and the 12B site fits the profile. He knew of the discovery of Indian skeletons right in Deansboro several years ago when Route 315 was widened. He wasn't sure what happened to those. Ken pointed out the the 12B site is part of Lot 10 of the old Brothertown tract. Dean White verified that with Gifford's 1828 map of Brothertown. Samson Occom's house is close by, along with a schoolhouse which became a church. Although a state road sign marking Brothertown may be seen on County Route 8A, south of Deansboro, Dean said Lot 10 was the center of the community at its peak.

Ken also noted that the Indian cemeteries he knows about were small. The graves were marked only with flat pieces of limestone, with no carving on them. As for racial characteristics that might be picked up from examining a skeleton, Ken, while not an expert in this field, thinks that the fact that some of the Brothertown intermarried with whites, and blacks, ought to be considered.

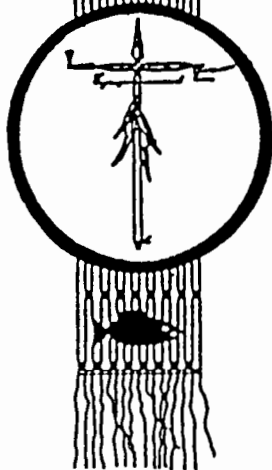
I took another vote for the Brothertowns from a senior citizen of Deansboro who asked me not to use her name. She was very definite, however, about her feeling that the bones were Indian. The abandoned farm where the skeletons were found once belonged to her grandmother, Mary Whitney. My informant said she knew, from her mother, that members of the tribe often visited Mrs. Whitney and may even have worked for her. She said she sees nothing wrong with the idea her grandmother would have allowed some of her Indian friends to be buried on the farm. No, she never heard of a burial ground there-- for Indians or Whitneys-- but quick, informal interments might be possible.

As far as other burials were concerned, Dean White's research found both Whitneys and Deans-- the community was named by the Brothertowns for the Deans-- in the main cemetery in the hamlet. The only Dean missing is John, the Quaker teacher to the Brothertown, whose grave was not accounted for. Dean White took me up Bogusville Hill, behind his land, to look at the state historical marker for a Brothertown cemetery hidden about a quarter mile from the road. The marker said it was "believed" to be the burial place of Samson Occom. Dean said there is no documentation because the preacher apparently did not want anyone to know his final resting place.

Dean and his allies conceded they may never be able to prove that what their instincts tell them is right. Meanwhile, the bones await their future sealed in plastic containers at a funeral home in Clinton. Sgt. Clark said they will be reburied sometime, somewhere. If no better place is found, they may go into the county's potter's field.

--by Dick Case, Syracuse Herald American, June 1, 1986--

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## NEWSLETTER UPDATE

As noted in the October 1986 issue, subscriptions for this year have come in very slow. Only 141 Brothertons subscribed in 1986. It is hoped that 1987 will be a banner year. We must all keep abreast of the current happenings of the tribe, and know some of the history of the Brothertown Tribe. Your best chance of doing this is by subscribing next year. Don't lose track of the tribe now. Renew your subscription soon!!

## ADOPT-A-MESSENGER UPDATE

A total of 60 Brotherton Messengers have been sent out since the "Adopt-A-Messenger" was started last December. This program has allowed those who do not subscribe, a chance to see what our newsletter has to offer. For only \$1.00 you can send a Messenger to someone who "needs to know." Please "Adopt-A-Messenger" and give our newsletter a home.

Congratulation, Best Wishes, and Happy Birthday to the following people who have recently, or soon will be celebrating their special day...

HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY TO: Gordon Liedke, Herbert Shady, Jr., Josh Liedke, Ginger Fay, Eleanor Soto, Elissa Sampson, Ronnie Bartelt, Marian Fay, Christine Mapel, Ann Marie Peterson, Karen Huissen, Nancy Haigh, Steve Voet, Sarah Fay, Ray Fay, Michelle Fox, Butch Hollow, Kari Vanderhoef, Donald Lorenz, Johnathan Bislew, Jennifer Bislew, Nathan Haigh, and Joshua Bark.

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HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY TO: Ilene Miller, Jackie Shady, Ervin Miller, John Letourneau, Elizabeth Bischoff, Bert Skeesick, Jeffrey Stephenson, Larry Monteen II, Richardo Monteen, Beatrice Hammer Mitchell, Boyd Radcliffe, Chalis Mattern, Faith Ottery, Paul Stein, and Lani Bartelt.

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FROM THE LYNCH LINE...

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

## THANK YOU

A big Brotherton THANK YOU is wished to all those who help put the Messenger together every other month, including: Willis & Ruth Vanderhoef, Barb Vanderhoef, and Roberta Vanderhoef. Thank you too goes out to Ron & Clarice Gall who sometimes help, but were not thanked properly last time.

THANK YOU also Irma Sampson for sorting, putting on stickers, and mailing the newsletters in Fond Du Lac. Without your help the job just wouldn't get done. Thanks!!

## GET WELL WISHES

Get Well Wishes are extended to Boots Sampson who had back surgery last month. Hope all is going well for you now.

Carl Ezold, who had hip surgery in September, is reported to be doing well and is now using a cane to get around. The old saying holds true--"You can't keep a good man down." Thanks too Carl, for all your help in keeping the tribe going.

Remember-- back issues of the Brotherton Messenger have been reduced to \$3.50 per year (including postage) and go back to 1982.

Brotherton t-shirts, collared shirts, and hats are available in limited quantities. Contact Tim Vanderhoef for details.

Brotherton proclamations and reservation maps are available through Lucille Baldwin. Please contact her for more details.

--Remember to plan ahead-- it wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark!--

# Brothertown Diary

The Brothertown Diary is a weekly account of the lives, events and personal happenings 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.

## October 1, 1887

The October Term of the circuit court for Calumet County will convene at the Court House on Monday next, with Judge Geo. W. Burnell, presiding.

Cases Pending...

The Brothertown Indian Cases

The Funeral of little Effie, the 12 year old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. J. Sampson, took place at the M. E. Church on Saturday last. Effie died on Thursday last of typhoid fever. Mr. & Mrs. Sampson have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in this their sad bereavement.

Mr. Lewis Shelly of Gravesville was visiting with his brother Elias yesterday. He left this morning for Fond du Lac to take in the fair at that place.

The funeral of Miss Orasy Coyhis, an adopted child of Mr. & Mrs. Mathers, took place at the M. E. Church on Monday last. The deceased was 18 years old and a sad mystery is connected with her death so it is reported, and there will be an effort made to ferit it out.

## October 10, 1887

The infant child of Mr. & Mrs. J. J. Sampson died on Friday last, and was buried from the M. E. Church on Sunday. They have another child quite sick but it is thought it will recover

The funeral of Miss Atvina Reed took place yesterday at 1 P.M., at the M. E. Church. The services were conducted by the Rev. Eldrige of Gravesville. The sadly bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community in this their deep affliction.

Quite a number of friends and relatives of Miss Dorcas Dick gave her a genuine surprise yesterday afternoon on the occasion of her 64th birthday. Quite an enjoyable time was had.

Mr. Hiram Johnson and Miss M. E. Fowler started today for Appleton on a short visit. They were accompanied by Miss Ada Evans of Praire du Sac, who has been visiting with Miss Fowler this summer.

## October 15, 1887

The first snow of the season fell yesterday.

Mr. J. J. Sampson has another child down with typhoid fever.

Mr. Laton Fowler had the misfortune to break a bone in one of his shoulders on Monday evening last, by a fall.

## October 15, 1887 (continued)

Mr. Rowland Johnson is moving on the L. S. Fowler farm.

Miss Laura D. Fowler who has been at work at Oshkosh paid a short visit with relatives and friends here on Saturday and Sunday last, returning on the O. B. Reed on Monday.

## October 22, 1887

Weather delightful. Corn husking is nearly done.

A large number of sturgeon are being taken from the lake daily. One crew pulled 47 one day.

Diphtheria is quite prevalent in this section this fall.

A large number of friends gave Miss F. M. Hammer a surprise last evening, on the occasion of her 33rd birthday. A very pleasant time was enjoyed.

Mr. J. W. Wiggins arrived home from Ashland on Friday last where he has been in the employ of the Lake Shore R.R. I learn his stop here will be short as he intends to move with his family to Kaukauna where he has secured employment.

Mr. A. L. Johnson, who has been at work at Shawano the past three months, returned home for a short stay last week. He will return to work again in a short time.

## November 5, 1887

The little 11 year old daughter of Frank Joyce of Brothertown, died of diphtheria on Saturday, after an illness of 12 days.

(Chilton) After a brief illness the little eight year old daughter of Andrew Chesebro died on Tuesday, of diphtheria. The funeral took place on Thursday. The sympathy of many friends goes out to the bereaved family.

A new concert troupe has lately been organized in this place. They made their first appearance on the street on Monday night last, about two o'clock in the morning. Oh! my, you ought to have heard them "climbing up the golden stairs."

Messrs. A. L. Johnson and E. N. Schooner left on Thursday last for Shawano, where they intend to put in the winter.

Mr. Hiram Johnson, Jr. returned from Marinette, where he has been at work since last April. He intends to go back in a few days.



# BROTHERTON MESSENGER

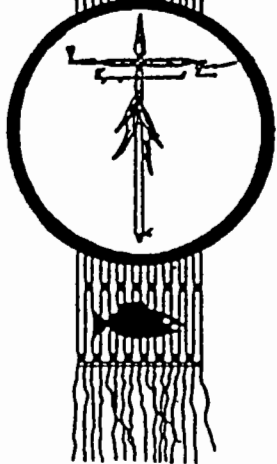
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SIOUX INDIAN STYLES MOVE INTO FASHION USA

In Fairfax, California, a new line of high-fashion clothing features motifs straight out of ancient America done up with a modern twist. In an adobe-style storefront in the posh Marin County town, Helene Hagan, a psychologist and anthropologist turned clothier, recently opened the first outlet for handmade formal apparel from the Sioux reservations of Rosebud and Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

Her goal is to transfer the Native American influence into the mainstream of U.S. evening-wear. "Americans often look to other countries for fashions without paying attention to the absolutely beautiful designs and color perceptions that come from their own land," she said. Hagan doesn't carry the wares stereotypically linked with the Southwest Indian -- heavy costume-style clothing, buckskin leathers and fringed moccasins. Instead, she offers silk and satin shirts, stoles, vests and dresses woven with the traditional tribal designs of the Lakota. The line is available nationwide through a catalog.

Hagan first made friends with the Sioux while working on an exhibit of old photographs that has been shown all over the U.S. and at the Musee de l'Homme in Paris. She said her idea of starting a Native American boutique coincided with a sewing cooperative of 25 women being set up by activist Dennis Banks of Wounded Knee fame, coordinator of a work project called Loneman Industries Inc.

"After looking at all the issues in the community, it seemed that economic development was the No. 1 need and that the women were the backbone of the community, as well as being wonderful in the crafts," said Hagan. "I wanted to promote this feminine contribution."

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