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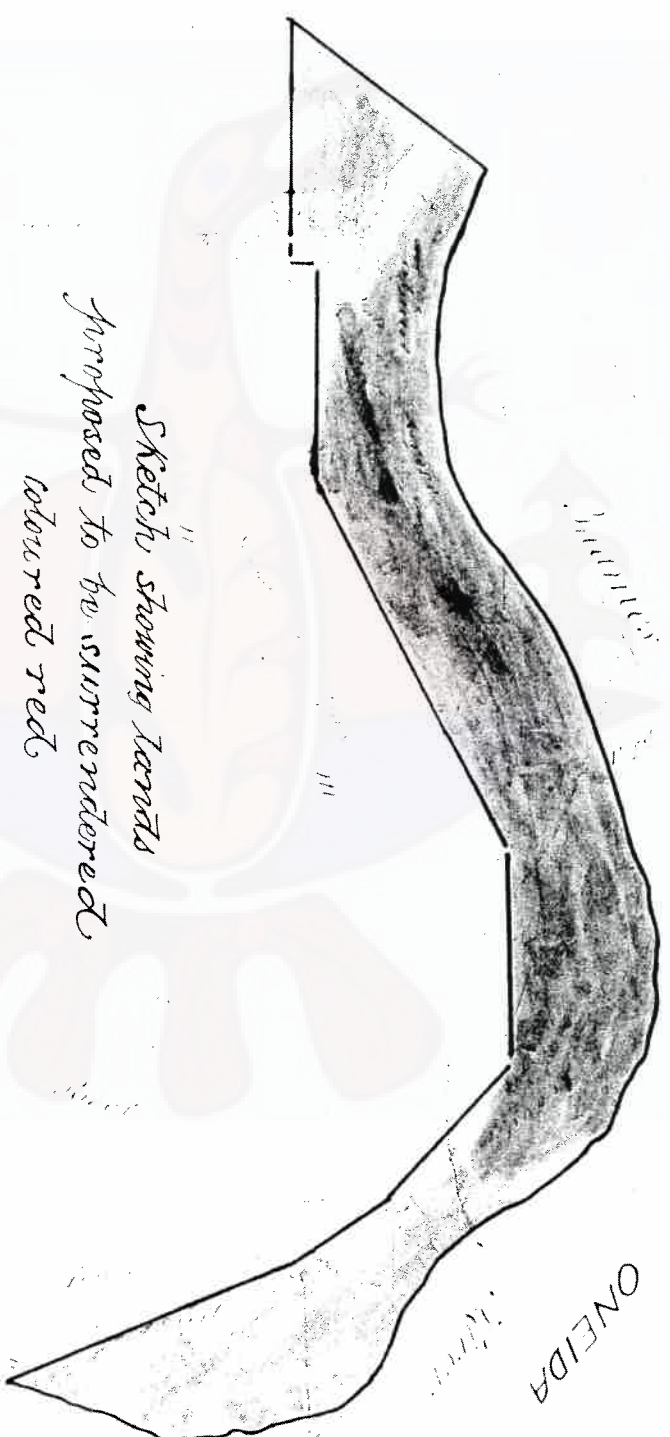
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*23. 6. 97
J.D.G.*

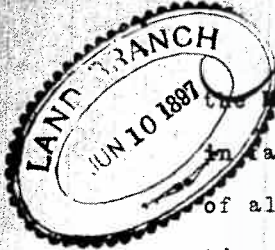
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Ottawa 18th May, 1897-

To the Superintendent General,



In view of the fact that Head Chief Henry, of the Muncy Band of Indians, expresses himself very strongly in favour of the Mount Elgin Institute retaining possession of all the lands they have occupied for a great length of time, and in fact states that he is in favour of adding to these lands, instead of taking from them, the undersigned has the honour to recommend that the Indian Agent be instructed to endeavour to obtain a Surrender of the lands shewn to be held by the Institute, but not included in former Surrenders, and of the privilege of closing the road referred to, at such time as the proposed bridge may be built, but should the Agent fail to obtain this Surrender, the Department will reserve its action. The Rev. Mr. Shepherd's contention that the Institute has had long and undisturbed possession, is a very strong one, although not good as against lands held by the Crown, and it is to be remembered that the Ontario Statute gives title to such lands after ten years of undisturbed possession, except against the Crown.

John L. ...

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*Mr. ...
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EXAMINED
SCHOOL BRANCH,

Ottawa 24th June 1897-

Sir-

I beg to inform you that it has been decided by the Minister to allow the Mount Elgin Institute to retain possession of all the lands they have occupied for a great length of time and, in order that this may be done, I enclose herewith Form of Surrender in Duplicate covering the land held by the Institute, but not included in former Surrenders and you are hereby authorized to take the same in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Act.

You will be good enough to lay the question of Surrender before the Indians as early as possible, explaining the matter fully to them and if they decide to give the Surrender, you will have the same properly executed and attested and then return to the Department.

Your obedient servant

L. B. RILEY

Acting Secretary-

John H. Wood

A. S. McDougall, Esq-
Indian Agent,
Melbourne-
Ont-

Caradoc Reserve
Jubilee Council House
April 15th 1898.

At a meeting of the Chippewas
of the Thames, in general Council
held upon the above date, in presence
of Indian Agent, W. S. Mc Dougall
Esq, the following resolution was
passed. - Moved by George Fisher
seconded by ex chief Samuel French
and resolved that the Band hereby
refuse to consent to their Chiefs the
signing of any Documents for the
surrendering of the thirty acres of
land held in excess by the Morn
Olejin Institute except for leasing
purposes.

Certified

Chief Joseph Fisher
" John J. Henry
" Frank Fox
" David French
" Frank Selady
Johnson & Rasbee
George Fisher
Samuel French
Alan Maddison Isaac Mc Fahy
E. Burch Frank Fox
Wm Tunigo David & Seneca
Moses Keshego ^{his} William & Whiteloon
James Riley ^{mark} Francis & Jaurich
William King ^{his} Peter & Beaver
Wm. Tomney ^{mark} Henry & Askin
Samuel Plain ^{his} Edward & French
Benjamin Keshego ^{mark} Joseph & Hall
John Bruce

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA



OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

Muncey. Ont.

File 200-28.

December 7th. 1934.

Sir;- Re; Mount Elgin School. Muncey.

I would advise you that the Rev. O. B. Strapp, Principal of Mount Elgin School has consulted me with reference to a number of land leases covering lands on the Oneida and Chippewa reserves, which either have to be renewed or allowed to lapse.

Handwritten: Release King's...
Lease No. 570 covering the lands of Solomon Schuyler should not be renewed, as this piece of land of 26 acres is separated from the rest and it is an added expense to keep up the fences for so small a tract which is the farthest distant from the school. *Jan. 1935*

Lease No. 572 covering the lands of Mrs Lucy Fisher on the Chippewa Reserve should not be renewed for this 58 acres for during the past 5 years very little use has been made of this land and it was an expenditure that should not have been made due to the school not keeping as much stock and only needing the land part of the time. *Jan. 1935*

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Lease No. 573 covering what is known as Oneida lands, 154 acres and it is very necessary that this land be released and I would so recommend.

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Lease No. 574 covering lands of W. K. Cornelius for 30 acres is also necessary for the school and I would recommend the land be released.

Handwritten: 1/20/35
Lease No. 575 covering the lands of Mrs Levi Doxtator for 34 acres is also necessary for the school and I would recommend the land be released.

The last leases were for 5 year terms at a rental of \$2.25 an acre and all the rents were paid in advance and in my opinion this rental was some what high in comparison with other lands leased on the reserves.

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The Principal of the school considers these lands of more value to the school on account of their location adjoining the River Thames for a goodly supply of water and also that the fencing is kept low on the same account, and that the lands are across the river adjoining the school and can be kept under close supervision. I would suggest that the price of \$3.00 an acre at the most be paid for these lands and that the leases be renewed at this rate, which receives the approval of the Reverend Principal.

As some of the leases run out at the end of this year and others on the 28 of Feb and 31st of March next, I would wish your authority to take the necessary steps for the renewal or that entirely new leases be drawn up for the five year period.

Secretary.
Dept of Ind. Affs.
Ottawa. Ont.

Your obedient servant.



A. D. Moore. Indian Agent.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

File 200-28.

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

Muncey. Ont.

March 4th. 1935.

Sir:- Re: Oneida Reserve Leases to
Mount Elgin Residential School.

With reference to your letter 7-0-9 of December 13th, and dealing with the renewal of certain leases covering lands at present being used by the Mount Elgin Residential School, I would beg to enclose a signed statement by those members of the Oneida Indian band, who have lands leased and who are agreeable that these leases No. 's 573, 574 and 575 be renewed for a further period of five years at an annual rental of \$2.00 an acre.

There are a few changes in land ownerships in so far as the renewal of Lease No. 573 is concerned as follows,

Stephen Williams is whose named 11.9 acres of this land was formerly listed, has since died and the land is now half owned by Mrs Annie Williams and by the estate of Stephen Williams, and for which estate Lomas Phillips, the executor has signed.

That land formerly owned by Mahlon Antone and his sister Carrie Davis (nee Antone) amounting to 19 acres is now all the property of ~~Mr~~ Carrie Davis, as with her portion in 1930 she did pay her brother off and is now full owner of the land.

Lazarus Schuyler is now the owner of 17 acres of land as he did buy out the 4½ acres that was formerly held by Louis Nicholas, giving him a total acreage as above noted, instead of 12½ acres.

Isaac Antone has since died and his three heirs David and Jacob Antone and Mrs Japheth Bunn have signed in his stead.


Secretary.
Dept of Ind. Affs.
Ottawa. Ont.

Your obedient servant.

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Mr. J. J. [unclear]
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Muncey, Ont. July 31st 1940.



Dear Sir:

I would acknowledge receipt of your letter 7-0-9 of July 24th, 1940, dealing with the issue of new leases to replace leases 611, 613, 614 which expired March 31st, 1940, and lease 615 which expired February 29th, 1940 and not in May as stated in your letter.

You further state that I have furnished your office with no information on which a lease could be based. In this connection I would ask you to peruse my letter of December 7th, 1939, at which time I did bring to the attention of the department that these leases would expire early in 1940 and did ask your instructions concerning the issue of new leases as the Principal of the school had asked for some changes to be made when the new leases were issued and to date I have not been advised on the points raised by the Principal.

It was for the purpose of getting these points cleared up that I took the matter up with the department long before the old leases did expire and I do appreciate the fact that the old consent given by the Indians would be in no effect with regards new leases, as stated in the last paragraph of my letter of Dec. 7th last. To conform with the instructions of the department with regards expenditures during this period of stress on the funds available and before the consent of the Indians was secured it was necessary to know if you would pay annually, or all in advance, whether you would lease for one, five or ten years as was requested by the Principal.

Concerning the old leases I would wish to submit the following information,

Lease 611. Expired March 31-40.

No. 45 Caroline Fisher of the Chippewa of Thames Band holds this land under Location Ticket No. 6312. The legal description is contained on the old lease.

Lease 613. Expired March 31-40

<u>Band.</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>acres owned</u>	<u>Amount payable on 5 yr lease</u>
Oneida	1	David Antone →	13.6 (6)	\$ 65.00
"	284	Mrs. Japheth Bunn →	6	\$ 65.00
"	268	Huron Williams →	10.2 (5.9)	\$ 59.50
"	269	Mrs. Annie Williams →	10.2 (5.9)	\$ 59.50
"	263	Mrs. Jennie Thomas →	14	\$ 140.00
"	222	Jacob Powless →	31	\$ 310.00
"	263	Sam Thomas →	4	\$ 40.00
"	35	W. K. Cornelius →	27.7 27 1/2	\$ 275.00
"	297	Mrs. Carrie Davis →	19.8 19	\$ 190.00
"	234	Lazarus Schuyler →	17.9 17	\$ 170.00
"	26	Daniel Antone →	9	\$ 90.00
"	92	Estate Levi Doxtator	9	\$ 90.00
Totals			155.4/10	\$1554.00

On the enclosed sketch of lands covered by lease 613 you will note that the lands of David Antone and Mrs. Japheth Bunn, who are brother and sister, are shown as one lot. Also the lands of Huron and Annie Williams, who are nephew and aunt are shown as one. The lands of Daniel Antone and the estate of Levi Doxtator are shown as one, having never been divided and this lot was the source of a lot of correspondence with your office of recent date. As these lands have been used by Mount Elgin School for over forty years these parties will not use these lands and are prepared to allow the lots to stand as they are and divide the rental.

The legal description of these lands, with the exception of the Jacob Powless lot, is shown in the plan of survey made by James H. Kennedy, O.L.S. dated October 27-1899 (File 101281) and is at the department.

Lease 614: Expired March 31-40. \$68.

Cheque to Dept. -

No. 92 Estate Levi Doxtator, Oneida Band, ³⁴ acres, is the owner of this land that is located in Concession A, Lot 24, ~~possibly part of Lot 23~~, Oneida Reserve. Mrs. Sophia Doxtator is the heir of this property, being the wife of the deceased Levi Doxtator, and any rentals paid are retained at the department and applied on the debts of the estate. If leased for 5 years the amount of rental would be \$340.00.

Lease 615: Expired February 29-40. \$60.

No. 35 W.K. Cornelius of the Oneida Band is the owner of this 30 acres of land that is in Lot 24 and possibly some in Lot 23, Concession A, Oneida Reserve. If leased for five years the amount of rental would be \$300.00.

If further legal descriptions are necessary it will be necessary for the department to supply a qualified surveyor or person accustomed to using a sextant to survey these separate Indian holdings, for while the School has kept up all outside fences, there are no marks to distinguish the lots that were surveyed in 1899 as these lands have been used by the school for over forty years and all division fences have long since been removed or washed away by the Spring freshet of the River Thames.

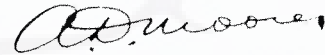
The sketch as enclosed does show the actual lots for all lots except that of Jacob Powless in the group lease and W.K. Cornelius and Estate of Levi Doxtator in leases 615 and 614 respectively. In sketching these three lots it was done on my own knowledge in the case of the Powless lot and on the knowledge of the Principal of the school and local Indians concerning the Cornelius and Doxtator lots.

Pending a proper survey being made I will prepare new papers of consent for the Indian land owners to sign, which will take considerable time, as some of these owners are now in the United States and scattered over Western Ontario. With one exception they were home last Winter and early Spring and there would have been little delay in procuring their consent at that time.

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Unless otherwise advised by the department the consent that will be signed by the Indian land owners will grant the Principal of the Mount Elgin Residential School to lease their lands for pasture and cultivation purposes for a term of 5 years from the date of expiration of the old leases, that the school shall be responsible for the maintenance of all line fences and that the lease can be renewed at the end of five years for an additional term of five years on terms suitable to the owners and the school. All rents for lands leased on the Oneida Reserve will be paid in advance for the full term of the five year lease. That if possible the lands of Mrs. Caroline Fisher will be leased for five years only and that this woman receive her rental annually in advance, which I would consider of most benefit to her.

Your obedient servant,



A. D. Moore, Indian Agent.

D. J. Allan, Esq.,
Supt. of Reserves & Trusts,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Dept. of Mines & Resources,
Ottawa, Ont.

Enclosure.

April 12th, 1944.

To
The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Dep't. of Mines & Resources,
Ottawa, Ont.

We, the undersigned members of the Oneida of the Thames Band of Indians, being the owners of lands situated in Lots 21, 22, 23 and 24, Concession A, Oneida Indian Reserve, containing two hundred and nineteen and four-tenths acres in all, do hereby authorize you to lease our lands to Mount Elgin Indian Residential School, for pasture purposes, for a term of one year commencing April 1st, 1944, at a rental of \$ 2.00 per acre per annum. The rental payments are to be made in advance and Mount Elgin Indian Residential School is to be responsible for the upkeep of line fences during the term of the lease.

We further declare that we are the owners of the lands in accordance with the acreage set opposite our separate names as follows:

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Signature</u>
David Antone	6.5	David Antone
Mrs. Japheth Bunn	6.5	Mrs. Catherine Bunn
Huron Williams	5.95	Huron Williams
Mrs. Annie Williams	5.95	Mrs. Annie Williams
Mrs. Jennie Thomas	14	Mrs. Jennie Thomas
Jacob Powless	31	Jacob Powless
Samuel Thomas	4	Samuel Thomas
Wm. K. Cornelius	57.5	William K. Cornelius
Mrs. Carrie Davis	19	Mrs. Carrie Davis
Lazarus Schuyler	17	Lazarus Schuyler
David Antone	9	David Antone
Estate Levi Bortator	43	Sophia Bortator per Mary Elm

Witness to signatures:

[Signature]