



Oneidas bringing several hundred bags of corn to Washington's starving army at Valley Forge, after the colonists had consistently refused to aid them.

# Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Inc.



UGWA DEHOLUM YATENE

Because of the help of this Oneida Chief in cementing a friendship between the six nations and the Colony of Pennsylvania, a new nation, the United States was made possible.

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ROUTE 4



WISCONSIN  
54115

## TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

September 20, 1976

PRESENT: Purcell Powless, Chairman  
Norbert Hill, Vice Chairman  
Amelia Cornelius, Secretary  
Alma Webster, Treasurer  
Mervin Jordan, Member

EXCUSED: Irene Moore, Leave of Absence  
Joy Ninham, Leave of Absence  
Ruth Baird  
Rick Hill

Mr. Marvin Chapman, Attn.: - Amos Hopkins, Claims Attn.  
Packet 301, filed 1950.

Claims 1-2 - 1785 & 1788 - everything ceded except A and B  
1795 claim A was ceded.

Claim 1 - Claim B  
Claim 2 - 1788 remainder of land except A  
Claims 3,4,5,6,7, - remaining land A  
Claim 8 - lands lost and not identified as how lost.

Tribe cannot sue state of New York.

Trade & Intercourse Act - No Indian land could be sold or traded except by Treaty.

No obligations on land prior to constitution & Trade Intercourse Act, 1790.

Obligated for lands after 1790. Claims 1 & 2 - Federal Government not obligated.

After Revolutionary War under Articles of Confederation, Oneidas were allies of 13 states and said Federal Government was liable for Claims 1 & 2.

Claim 8 was dropped by resolution. Claims 1-7 - Court of Claims sided for Oneidas.

\* Opinion - March 76

Claims 1 & 2 - U.S. liable for lands at value.

Claims 3-7 - U.S. liable.

Notice of Appeal - based on 8 counts.

1. U.S. Claims Commission in error
2. No judiciary obligations before 1790.
3. Ft. Stanwix Treaty
4. Assume obligation
- 5.-6.-7.-8.

Value of land will be based on value of lands in 1785 & 1788 approximately 80¢ to \$1.00.

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| 1. Northern Corner | 1. 89,130 acres, village mixed ownership.      |
| 2. Line above A    | 2. 2,119,718 common hunting territory          |
| 3. South           | 1,350,000 prove Oneida Land                    |
| 4. East of River   | 934,749 acres - 1768 ceded to King of England, |

TOTAL 5,136,000 acres  
minus Area A 244,000  
3,900,000 difficult to prove title.

Offered \$685,000 for Area A

	Amounts Paid
2,000,000 Total for Claim	
2,685,000	29,000.00
Minus Amounts paid - \$2,379,000 Net	
	B. <u>297,000.00</u>
	326,000/00

Offered \$3.3 million.

Pending - Treaties are invalid because not approved by Federal Government.

Payment for Claim 1 & 2  
4,000,000 acres

Would need to have a special general Tribal Council Meeting for a decision.

Amelia Cornelius moved to have law firm continue to pursue with settlement of Docket 301. Seconded by Alma Webster.  
3 for 1 oppose Motion Carried. *Res. 9-20-76-A-1*

Motion to adjourn. Seconded and carried.