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Mr. J. J. [unclear]
Reslove

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 Dostator	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 Duxtator 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.

No. 92 Estate Levi Duxtator, 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 Duxtator is the heir of this property, being the wife of the deceased Levi Duxtator, 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 Duxtator 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 Duxtator 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.

The right

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.

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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]