

Wyandot Indians.

Allen C. Johnson.

Letters of
to William E. Connelley

His mother was the direct descendant of the
Half-King. She adopted me into her family.
She was of the Deer Clan. So, I became a Deer
When I was raised up to be the Sär'-stär-rä'-tē of
the Wyandots I was set in the place of the Half-King
and given both his title of Sär'-stär-rä'-tē and his
Clan name - Tōō-dä-rē-ghōō - the Great Deer.

William E. Connelley

To be written
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Tōh-dāh-rēh-ghōh

Wyanadotte I.T.

May 1st 97

Mr. Wm. L. Connely:-

Stansbury City N.M.

Sir

I am requested by the
Wyanadotte Council
to write in regards to
the selling of ~~the~~ Wyanadotte
grave yard at Stansbury
City.

Of which you have
already written to Mr.
Armstrong in reference
to it. and Mr. Armstrong
has refused to let
known to the council
so by request would

ask you respectfully to
submit all important
matters regarding to the
grave yard to my care.

And if there is any
bids please oblige me
to write to me at once.
~~in due~~ And if you can
do me so kind a favor
I will be ever so obliging
to you.

Write at once,
yours most truly,
Allen C. Johnson. Ch.
Myan datta
J. F.

Myandotte City
Indian Terr.
May 11th 1897

Mr Messrs E. Leammely Esq:-
Saras city Ind.

Sir

Your favor received
May 14th. In reply to our
suggestion I would gladly
to have you to assist
in bringing this question
of the disposal of the
cemetery.

Our land council
today, and the matter
was layed before the
council and it was taken
up for discussion and
the council requested

Mr Armstrong to write
to you about it and
to see what kind of an
offer we could get.

But I met Mr Armstrong
few minutes ago he said
you were coming.

So I will let you know
that the cemetery is for
sale.

and the chance is
favorable for you to
aid to get a bill of Congress
to see it, for the reason
that we have no money
to send some one to
Washington to have the
bill pass.

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I will be very glad to
meet you when you come
down and talk the
matter over.

As for the records or
books pertaining to the
Tuyandotte Council
I will be very glad
to let you have them
if it be any help to you
in collecting materials
for your history.

Yours truly,

Allen C. Johnson Jr.
Chief.

P.S. If you will down
very soon please come
propose.

A.C.J.

Shih - Tath - U - rōm
yōhō - Big Swire
Love H. Gantt

Senece Sep 27th
1897

Mr Connelley

We are all anxious
to hear from you. I am going
to K.B. next week if I am well enough.
to travel will have to improve
right smart this week - suffering
from a fall. Hoping to hear
from you soon I am respectfully
Sarah Daggett

In with Wy Indians letters to Connelley
from Allen & Johnson

in time & no paper
in the house -
Josie is at Kean's
Benton Ariz.

Weyanatto, I T.

July 16th 1899.

Mr W. E. Counelly Esq.

Dear Sir

I have received your two letters
and giving me a notice of your
shipment a copy of your book.
I can not express my thankful-
ness of your interest in the
Weyanatto people.

When you come down again
I shall be most ready to tell you
my appreciation of both your
kind and lasting interest in the belief

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 triband history and the work
 that it took in showing to the
 public that the Wyandottes
 are worthy of interest I read
 it ravenously and took a great
 interest in it and thus it gave
 me some knowledge of all
 people I speak it this way because
 you are related to us by adoption
 I shall be more freely in my
 expressions since I have known
 you some thing near two years.
 And in your later letter I am
 sick at heart to learn the
 contents. I am only wishing
 that some day we shall succeed
 in selling out our home place.
 But I rather think that we

as a people made a mistake in
 including ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ travelling expenses.
 I tried my best to convince
 few that it will take right smart
 expense to fight it out for we will
 have to overcome power those so call
 "Absentee Wyandottes." I would spend
 much of my time to find out where
 they obtain their present name.
 And one thing I want to speak
 to you as a friend of you which
 you are finding away step at a
 time I mean you are knocking
 some tender friends down here.
 What I want to say is this I am
 so disgusted to think that our
 people is without a leader to
 fight this matter out, they.

will discuss among themselves
 what it ought to be done but
 the trouble is who will go a
 head and do these things that
 is the question. I would like very
 much for you to come down
 some time before the next
 Congress comes. I think we
 can enter into a new scheme. I
 want to organize ~~for~~ a protesting
 committee of the able and Indian
 who composed the recognized band
 of M'gandates I think that would
 be a great force in pushing through.

It is evident that some action must be had before next Congress.

We had an election it resulted in Mack Johnson our reelection as head chief I was elected head of the Council. I ^{must} speak to you of about S. Armstrong talk before the new board, it was evident that he wanted to have his way about the dispute or say he wants us to keep down our dispute

from His way he made
his remark. He desired
very much to ignore the
transaction of His "Adventures."
I think Silas is helping
them all he could. That is
why I want you to come
back again just as soon as
you can, for we are getting
down to business.

He was elected second chief
he will ^{use} all his power to
divide into sentiment so as
to give him a longer hold.
And I also bleed that chief
N. Johnson is influenced by
Armstrong so much that
he is secured at his his money.

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he shall regret it in time
to come if he goes back on
his people.

And Mr Armstrong
said so in his remark that
you had the contract and that
you must abide by it and
for you to go a head with it.
It made me so sure that I did
not listen to him.
If I did not have to work so
much I would give a whole
month in studying up a
true scheme that would be an
everlasting curse and shame to
be seen in public.

I must close
with kind regards & hopes

I should ever be glad to hear
from at any time.

Yours true friend
Allen C. Johnson for
myself only
A. C.

My and date. I T.

Dec 26th / 1899

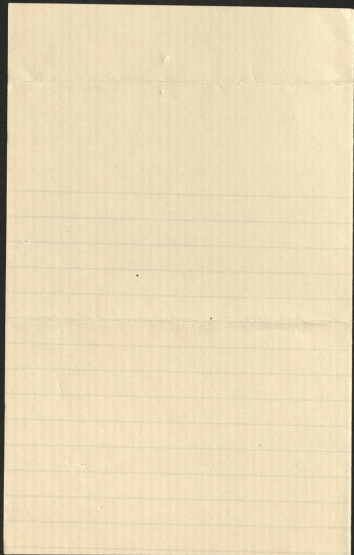
W. C. Cannelly Esq.

Dear Sir

Your letter of recent date
is now before and glad to
hear from you again, and
am very much thankful
for your interest and for
the book I am very much
pleased by it. I will do
all I can for you and
try to collect stories of interest.
I am very sorry to learn
that Mr. K. C. W. were able

to do us any thing but
harmful. I think that
~~to~~ very hard matter
to do away with since
there is such a strong
opposition by the R. E.
W. & R. E. Real Estate
investors. Well I wish
we could do something
with the cemetery if no
thing else to have it
remain in its former
order. I have other business. I get to see Smith Plot.
I would like to have it.
Come through I wish
I think it be more or
less trouble than the
cemetery.

It is in the shape of
Individuos claim. Haven
was a depraudation claim.
In my correspondence
with Mr. R. V. Beechey
few years ago admitted
that this claim is just-
and. And I would like for
you to take this up
in your hands and
see what you could ^{do} admit
it. I could tell you when
Nicholas the exact date
of filing & approvals.
Pless write again.
Your friend,
Allen Johnson



My andotte, I T.

March 17th 1900

Mr. Wm. E. Connelley Esq.:-

Dear sir

Your last favor has
been an honor some times,
but I have been very busy
it seem thought that there
was no time to write,

I am wanting to write to
you in regards to the burial
ground I wish you to take
special pain to give me
the correct details of its
present condition.

and the number of street
that pass through it or
taking part of it, in which
side of it I wish to know.
it, I have been calling
to some older members
of the Myardville they
seem to be very uneasy
about it, they seem to
think that a hasty
action should be had.
would insure safety to
our interests.

and I believe it to be
so in our hand.

It is the approaching
Territory Government that
will make some changes

in our Treaty relation
to the Government. I
wish to tell you the exact
situation of your project
or rather say how are you
getting along. I do not
wish to get into mixed
up but with the thought
of helping you to urge
the Government to make
some satisfactory
legislation.

I hope to talk
the matter over with
^{you} when you have a chance to come
down that I hope to be
nearby.

I am very Resp^t,
Alfred Johnson Jr.

Tiffin City Mo.
Oct 7th 1901

Mr Wm E. Connelley Esq;
Topeka Kan;

Dear friend

I wish to recall to you to the attention
of your search of my ancestor history.
I want to ask you if you ever come
across ^{your} ~~my~~ search, of a white man by
the name of Coon; or rather a half
breed and the history. I am wanting
to follow up the histories of my ancestors
I am descended by name of Coons
on my mother's side they are supposed
that they were white folks I wish
to know the facts.

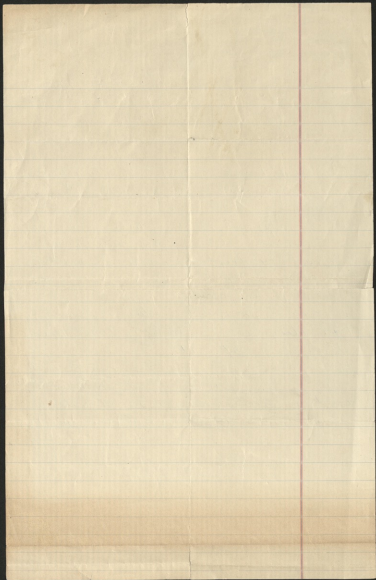
and if you ever knew ^{any} history of any
such family either in Kan, and Ohio
and if there ever was and part of
land by that name, I will ever be obliged
to you for any information.

I am yours truly
Allen L Johnson.

P.S.

Wishes all well to whom you know.

Ans'd Oct 25



Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT.

Nov. 11th 1901

Mr. Wm E. Connelley Esq;

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My Dear friend
Yours of Oct. 25th duly received and
very glad to received the desired
information. The reason why I
wish to locate the supposed that
my mother is on claim to some
lands either in some town site.
Some parties have tried all means
to defraud my mother for her
to sign papers, I am set to dig it
up. Once we received a letter through
the Chief Indian long from a man
by the ^{name} Cutler he stated that he
wish to obtain histories of the
Coon family and later we received
from a man by the P.P. Mask for
in Cleveland Ohio denying any
knowledge of such property. So I am
have later learned that P.P. Mask have
died since, from what I have learned

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Department of the Interior,

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT.

That this man was in full possession that would lead to disclosure of all facts concerning the property. It is the Mr Abram that I wish to hunt up his ancestors. If you could help me out in the way of advice just how to get at it in getting information ^{from} the state of Ohio, and one more thing did Mr. Abram have any children if so how many and their name if possible both English & Indian names, and what was his wife's name. did she have any English name? I am in many thanks to your kind information. I hope you will come down soon I wish to ask you many questions concerning the Indian relations.

Yours true friend.

Allen G. Johnson
Present P.O. Pitt City Mo: our

P.S.

And what date of Abram captured,
if possible and if any more beside this
day. if so please tell me in the next
letter.

I am yours truly

Allen Johnson

I wish you would write to Cooper ask
all the history he has of him for me.

Do you know any thing about the
Weyandotte having any land claims in
near Toledo? I saw in the Seward
dispatch stating that a gentleman
by Ira Berge of Toledo was here
on a mission to ask the Weyandotte
to ~~give~~ give him power of attorney to act and
secure for them there just right.

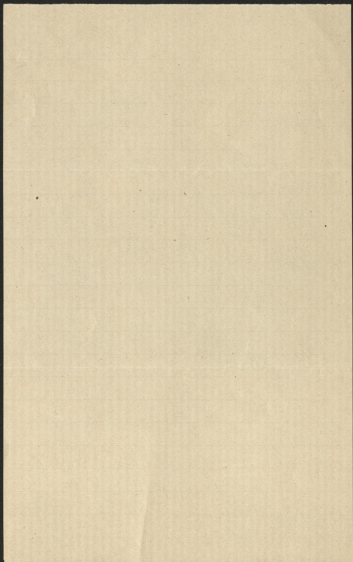
I am yours truly,

AJ.

Oryandotte, Ind, Tenn.
Jan. 14th 1902,
Mr John E. Cammery,
Dear Sir

Your letter of recent date duly
received. It found us all well
only that my father is getting
cripple more than ever he was
throuing by a young Colt some
time during the summer and
as never been able to get a
round. And to my surprise
in your letter that I have
never said any thing about
the death of ^{my} sister she die
last April.

I am not prepared to
trace up the Coon family. I will
do so at the next writing.
"Host" Allen C. Johnson



Myaudette, Ind. Ten.
Jan 20th / 90 2.

Mr. J^r E. Cannelly, Esq.

Dear sir

I have enclosed one brief note, but it seems
though that I am compelled to write you
another letter, this ^{time} upon a business topic.
I am working for a position in the Indian
school, I have made out my application
papers and forwarded to the Indian Office
for consideration.

I want you, if it is not too tedious
to write out a letter of recommendation
in my favor to use it in completing my
papers. I guess they ^{will} ask me for more
recommendation for they never guess to
ask. I shall be greatly obliged to you if you
can help me out a little on this line.
And, if you will outline a detail on your
work, down ^{low}, I shall be please to gather up some
information for you. As this 'Half-King' I gather
nothing of note from my mother. I shall have

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to see Smith Nicholas he can trace up
better than any of us, he is the oldest in
our clan.

Did I ever ^{tell} ~~told~~ you that I was off
to myself! I mean that I am married, and I
have two children boy and a girl. I recollect
one time you ask me for my photograph I
^{have} none just now but if you still want one I
shall take pleasure ⁱⁿ ~~of~~ ^{having} ~~one~~ taken soon.

I hope to hear from you at an early date.

I am your friend,

Allen C. Johnson Jr.

Myandotched. Terr.
Jan. 30th / 1902.

Mr. W^m E. Connelley Esq:-
Topeka Kan.

Dear sir

Yours of the 22th inst duly received.
I am especially grateful for the enclosure,
and the kind offer, to help me out my
project.

I needed it so bad. It is so strong that
so many unmanly in their dealing. I
went to the Indian agent before I filed
my application for his approval, he made
so many excuses, until I got disgusted with the
man, came away and set a strong determination
to overcome my weakness.

The position I am asking is of this nature,
a place in the school of the Indians at large,
the so call. Industrial teacher. This place affords
a salary something like \$6000 to \$7200 a year.
I dated my application on the 17th / 1902 and
forwarded on the same day, and it is on file in

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the Indian office, from here I am expecting to
received my appointment, and expect to assume
upon my duties as soon as I am ~~accorded~~ ^{accorded} a
place.

The rule of appointing eligible Indians, as
without take examination, the Department gives
the Indian the preference in the Ind. school, if
they qualify them selves, to hold position and
discharge their duties satisfactorily.

I will be many times obliged to you if you will
procure an indorsement from your friends in
Washington in favor of my application.
I received an answer concerning my appointment
from the department, requesting me to write to the
school where I wish to locate, to ask them to
recommend to the department whenever vacancy
occurs. I shall write again and have the ~~place~~
designated, ^{place} cancel and have them to give ^{me} the
first vacancy.

An early reply will be appreciated
I am your friends,
A. L. Johnson,

Jan 30, 1902

Mr Connelley,

Dear Sir: I rec'd your letter some time ago, it was very interesting and I want to hear from you again. I wrote to Allen Johnson for your letter but I don't think he will part with it Will you tell me how you learned of Abraham Coons capture and adoption? do you know who he married? I don't know exactly who we are related to, you give the names of Mary, George, Aaron Coon you see but not sure who was my mother & Aunt's father is my Aunt said her fathers name was John Coon and I can't tell who is who, for sure Do you think I could learn any thing by the pay-rolls at Washington Can you tell me how would be the best way for me to

find out about my ancestors Any
information or hints you may
give me will be appreciated
Hoping to hear from you again
I remain Resp-

Mrs Jennie Wallace
Joplin Mo

January 30, 1902

P.S.

It is very interesting to know you
belong to my family and may be
by now you have come across
those notes you had when you
wrote to Allen Johnson.

Wyandotte Ind Terr.
Feb. 15th 1902

Mr. W. E. Connelley:

Dear friend

Yours of the 3rd duly received and I should have answered long before this time, had it not that sickness have taken hold of one of my baby.

My father is in good health and mother is the same too, she has got charge of my sisters children, they are getting along nicely. You spoke of the Seneca Indian living near my father's, he is dead have been for two years, and Mr. Nicholas is well and seem to be enjoying hisself at an old age.

I have come back to father's and will stay until Spring, I did lived near Smith all last summer, on my wife's place, I think we shall rent her place this year for I have not the means to put in crop, fed is the greatest of a stalk. This year I concluded I would

try and get a position in the Indian service if there is any opening, I do not expect it until about July, that time the Department makes more or less changes in the school employes.

The position, that I'd apply for, is something similar to Agriculture or teach the Indian boys in that line of business. I see good many men who are not doing neither, teach or carried out their orders, that is why, I believed I could hold such a position. I know I would take more interest in the work, there is no hard work about it, and sure for pay, there who expect it, what work man can pick in this country.

Well, I am mostly talking nonsense, I should like to hear very much the results of your letters to Washington I shall enclosed in document from an old friend of mine, would give ^{you} better ideas of the place I want to get if possible. And expect you to write me another ^{letter} commendation so I can send it to the

Indian Commissioner. I shall write a letter to him by the first of next month, to have my appointed place change, that is I wanted to locate at the school near Pangu Agency ^{Ariz.}. I was advised by a letter from the Com. - to write to Maj. John Jensen the Ind. agent at that place, to recommend when ever vacancy should occur to the Department and I met up with less encouragement than I expected. so I want to put it, so my application should have an early consideration. The present outlook of my project is, that my papers are only on file. I shall only be glad to hear from you soon. The favors you shall do.

I am your true friend
 Allen L. Johnson

P.S.

please return the enclosed letter to me again I shall send it to Washington,

Alg.

Wyandott, I. T.
Feb. 22nd 1902

Hon. Wm E. Connelley:

My dear friend
Your two letter of the recent date, is now
before me. I am very glad that you are doing
all that could be done toward helping
me get my position. I shall only be
to glad to furnish any information
that ^{may} be of help to me. I cannot do any
better than to enclose the letters of the
Acting Commissioner and I will also
send you a book that will give you
a general scope of information I have
two of them so you will not bother
about sending it back you keep it.
I will mark the places that I come
under, (the rules) are on page 13 and the
nature of the place, is an " (b) " and are all
well and plenty of snow the largest snow-
storm I ever seen it in this country.
Yours Respectfully
Allen C. Johnson

