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SAPONI-TUTELO AMONG THE IROQUOIS; 1792
(amended- contd.)

This is a hell of a way to do business; but if that Saponi-Tutelo memo of 3/19/44 has any value it would be in fixing their presence in the U.S. after they are supposed to have moved to Canada &, perhaps, locating them. The notes from which I made the 3/19 memo were hastily made; didn't realize till I got home that they don't add up. I, therefore, stopped again at N.Y. Historical Society library 3/23 & rechecked. The following is, I believe, accurate; and, what's more, it throws considerable additional light.

(I) Strip of paper about 2½" x 5", endorsed on reverse:

"Number of the Five Nations Within the U. States; Recd from Genl. Chapin Nov. 12, 1792". They, in another place, "Col. Pickering".

On front:

225

(A) Stockbridge, removed

25 Mohawks at New Stockbridge
53 Tuscaroras
600 Oneidas
120 Onondagas at Onondaga
300 do. at Buffalo

80 Cayugas at Cayuga
200 Cayugas at Buffalo
300 Tuscaroras West of Genesee
120 Suppawnee do.
1800 Senekas

3823

(B) At bottom of p.; in another hand -- Pickering's, I believe:

600 Oneidas
353 Tuscaroras
420 Onondagas
280 Cayugas

1653

225 Stockbridge
25 Mohawk

1903

1800 Senekas
120 Suppawnees

1920

(II) Sheet of paper about 8 x 10. Reverse is covered with calculations; and bears this legend: "Numbers of the Six Nations and Distribution of Goods".

On front:

"Numbers of the Six Nations Nov. 1792"

Senekas

-- main village at Buffalo Creek
-- White Chief's village

381

107

488

225

-- Cataraugus
(Interlined: add 32 & deduct them from Cataraugus)

-- Allegany (Cornplanter's two villages)

331 (363)

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I stopped last week at the New York Historical Society place (170 Central Park W., NYC) to take a look at the Israel Chapin papers in the O'Reilly Collection, about which Vail at Albany told me some years ago. He spelled his name Henry O'Rielly when he gave this big bunch of stuff to the Society in 1860; but the Society catalogues it as Henry O'Reilly Collection. Amongst a lot of other stuff there are 15 bound scrap-books titled "Western Mementoes: 1774-1820" in which are pasted original MSS or official copies thereof, and a great deal of material copied from American State Papers and like sources presumably by O'Reilly himself. The arrangement is not, as the Society's catalogue says, chronological. There may be a system to it but I had no time to discover it. I went thru Vols. 6, 7 & 8 of the Western Mementoes series, and there alone I found enough good stuff to choke a horse: Many of the original Phelps and Gorham letters, agreements with Chapin and others who went out to Cananigua for them, instructions especially from Phelps as to how to handle the Indians; what appear to me to be original copies of treaties and agreements; many letters from Samuel Kirkland (apparently the originals); Chapin's accounts with the War Department, including the "Secret Service accounts"; letters of instruction to him from Knox, Pickering et al; letters from Brant and the various spies which the Americans had located hereabouts; etc. etc..

There are two papers in Chapin's hand pasted to the same page in vol. 8. One (I) is a small scrap, about 3" x 5"; the other is a sheet about 8x10 (II).

I. "Numbers of the Six Nations"

- 225 Stockbridge, removed
- 25 Mohawks at New Stockbridge
- 53 Tuscaroras
- 600 Oneidas
- 120 Onondagas at Onondaga
- 300 Onondagas at Buffalo
- 80 Cayugas at Cayuga
- 200 Cayugas at Buffalo
- 300 Tuscaroras West of Genesee
- 120 SUPPANNES
- 1800 Senekas
- 3823

Endorsement indicates that this was made for Pickering, by Chapin Nov., 1792.

II. Number of the Six Nations Nov. 1792

<u>Senekas</u> - main village at Buffalo Creek	381	
- White Chief's village	107	488
- Cataraugus	<u>225</u>	
(interline in MS) (add 32 & deduct them from Cataraugus)		
- Allegany (Cornplanter's two villages)	<u>331</u>	556
- Tawnawandie	104	
- Canawaugus	22	
- Genesee Village	91	
- Big Tree	96	

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	- Squawkee Hill	190	399
	- Ka-oun-o-de-o	148	148
	TOTAL		1695
<u>Onondaugas</u>	- Buffalo Creek -Reservation	215 145	360
<u>Oneida</u>	- Oneida - Genese	600 26	626
<u>Tuscoras (sic)</u>	- near Niagara Landing - at Oneida	262 63	325
<u>Cayugas</u>	- at the Reservation - at Buffalo Creek, suppose (The rest of the Cayugas are at Grand River)	51 22	73
			3079
<u>Munsees</u> (sometimes called Delawares) at Cataraugarus			143
<u>Muh-he-kon-nucks</u> or Stockbridge Indians at Oneida			315
	Total		3537

To share annuity of 4500 dollars: total 3537.

III. In the same vol.8 there is a MS copy of "Speech of Captain Jacob Chief of the SUPONEA NATION with a number of warriors of that nation, made to Israel Chapin at Canandaryg this 27th day of July, 1792".

I did not copy it, but Jacobs says, in effect, "here are some wampum belts to be sent to the United States with our good wishes; we have not thought it necessary before to attend any council, but we now hear they have land "in the State of Pennsylvania which the State are ready to pay us for" and we'd like to have the money." (Part underlined is exact quote).

This paper is endorsed on the back "SUPONEA INDIANS"

Chapin answered them on the 28th.

	-- Tawnawandie	104	104
	-- Canawaugus	22	
	-- Genesee Village	91	
	-- Big Tree	96	(80)
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	-- Reservation	145	360
<u>Oneida</u>	-- Oneida	600	
	-- Genesee	26	626
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	-- at Oneida	63	325
			3006
<u>Cayugas</u>	-- at the Reservation	51)	
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<u>Sau-no-kon-mucka or Stockbridge Indians</u>	at Oneida		315
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I have checked this reference and can find no such treaty. I believe the one referred to must be the contract entered into between the Cayuga and the Governor and Commissioners for N.Y. at Albany Feb. 25, 1789 when the Cayuga conveyed all their NY lands to the state and received back as a reservation lands lying along the Seneca river. This contract makes no mention of the Saponi as living with the Cayuga at that time; but in the part where N.Y. agrees to keep everyone off this Reservation an exception is made in favor of the Cayugas "and their adopted brethren the Paines." (see Treaties between the U.S. of America and the Several Indian Tribes: Washington, 1837; pp. 47-49 where this contract is printed in full.) I believe the Handbook's 1780 is merely a misprint for 1789; and I am confirmed in this opinion by the fact that in the synonymy under SAPONI this Albany treaty of Feb. 25, 1789 is cited as authority for the syn. ~~name~~ and no other is.

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		Canawaugus	22	
		Genesee Village	91	
		Big Tree	96	(80)
		Squawkee Hill	<u>190</u>	399
		Ka-oun-o-de-o		148
			TOTAL	<u>1695</u>
<u>Onondaugas</u>		Buffaloe Creek	215	115
		Reservation	<u>145</u>	360
<u>Oneida</u>		Oneida	600	
		Genese	<u>26</u>	626
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A. In Br.Mus. Add MSS 12660 , Library of Congress photostats there is a letter of 11/11/1778 from Capt. Walter Butler to Bolton reporting on the Cherry Valley Massacre in which he says Brant and CAPT. JACOBS of OCHQUAGA did they best they could to help him hold the Indians in check.

B. Col. Guy Johnson's "Return of Refugees at Ft.Niagara : May 13, 1781" (Canadian Archives photostat) mentions amongst those sent "to plant at Buffalo Creek" a party of PODERIGHRONOS, CAYUGA & NANTICOKE" (refugees from "Chughquagy ") under PEKARACHKA as head man.

C. The Kirkland Census of Oct.20,1789 (Hamilton College MS) enumerates about 65 "TEDDEOCHRONES at Buffalo Creek"; and amongst the Cayuga family heads at Buffalo Creek he names PAGHREAHGRON , "broken axe" (Snipe Clan).

D. July 27,1792, CAPT. JACOBS spoke for the SUPEONEA (Suponea) NATION to Chapin, and indicates in his speech that his nation had not thought it necessary to attend any of the previous councils (altho Handbk under Saponi says from a treaty made with the Cayuga at Albany in 1780 "it appears that a remnant still lived with this tribe on Seneca river, in Seneca Co., NY; after which they disappear from history").

E. There are many instances where the names Tutelo-Saponi are used interchangeably. One clear case is in Penna. Col.Records, v.3, p.511 where they are referred to as "Tootelaes alias Chaponick".

F. Why Chapin lists them separately in (I) above & not in (II), I do not know; except that the second Census is probably more accurately made than the first and its purpose is shown by the final line. The other may have been merely a rough figure for Pickering who was at the time in Phila., shortly before starting west to meet the western Indians at Auglaize. He was at the time "consulting expert" on these Indians for Knox and Washington, since he had come thru two treaties with them (Tioga Point, and Newtown Point (usually called Painted Post). The biggest differences are in the figures for Cayuga at Buffalo Cr.. It is possible that they left for Grand River between the times the two papers were made, and took the Saponi with them.

G. According to Hale's Tutelo informant, when the Tutelo fled to Canada shortly after 1779 they parted with the Saponi at Niagara.