

January 17, 1963

Mrs. Ella C. Coate  
4130 NW 19th Street  
Oklahoma City 7, Okla.

*Int  
Indians*

Dear Mrs. Coate:

This has further reference to your letter regarding enrollment in the "Six Nations Confederacy."

The enclosed letter from the Bureau of Indian Affairs states that the Keshena Indian Agency has been discontinued, but my letter in your behalf has been forwarded to the Great Lakes Agency, Ashland, Wisconsin, with a request a request that the Superintendent check his records in an effort to be of assistance to you.

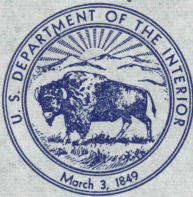
When a further report is received, I will write you again.

With best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure





UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Tribal Operations  
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Hon. A. S. Mike Monroney  
United States Senate  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Monroney:

This is in response to your communication of January 3, with which you transmitted your letter addressed to the now discontinued Keshena Indian Agency and copies of correspondence sent to you by Mrs. Ella C. Coate. Mrs. Coate is attempting to verify roll numbers assigned to her and other members of her family as enrolled members of the Six Nations Confederacy. The copy of the enrollment card submitted by Mrs. Coate shows her to be a Stockbridge Indian and, in your letter to the Keshena Agency, you asked for information concerning Mrs. Coate's enrollment as a member of the Stockbridge Indian Nation.

Records pertaining to the Stockbridge Indians were transferred to the Great Lakes Agency, Ashland, Wisconsin, when the Keshena (Menominee) Agency was discontinued. We are, therefore, forwarding copies of all correspondence submitted with your communication to Mr. Emmet J. Riley, Superintendent of the Great Lakes Agency, with a request that he check the records and advise you of any information he may have concerning Mrs. Coate's enrollment with the Stockbridge Tribe. However, since the Six Nations Confederacy is composed of New York Indian tribes it is most unlikely that the records of the Stockbridge Nation would reflect any information about Stockbridge Indians who were enrolled with the Six Nations Confederacy.

At our informal request the staff of the National Archives and Records Service made a search for a composite roll of the Six Nations Confederacy, but was unable to find such a roll in the records. We regret that we cannot be of more assistance in this matter.


Sincerely yours,

(KSGD) JAMES E. OFFICER  
ASSOCIATE  
Commissioner

Enclosure



December 28, 1962

  
Mrs. Ella C. Coate  
4130 N. W. 19th Street  
Oklahoma City 7, Oklahoma

Dear Mrs. Coate:

Thank you for your letter requesting my assistance in verifying certain roll numbers in the "Six Nations Confederacy."

I have written the enclosed letter to the Keshena Indian Agency, Keshena, Wisconsin, in the hope that they may be able to provide some information. It seems that your inquiries to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Supervisor of Indian Welfare of the State of New York were of little avail.

As soon as I receive a reply to my letter I will pass it along to you.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure



December 28, 1962

The Keshena Indian Agency  
Keshena, Wisconsin

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing some correspondence which I have received from Mrs. Ella C. (Nall) Coate, 4130 N. W. 19th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Mrs. Coate is interested in verifying certain roll numbers in the "Six Nations Confederacy." She is a member of the Stockbridge Indian Nation.

It is my understanding that the Stockbridge Indians moved to Wisconsin during the early part of the 19th century. Because of this, you may have a list of enrolled members.

I will appreciate your looking into this, and returning the file to me with whatever information you discover relating to Mrs. Coate's request.

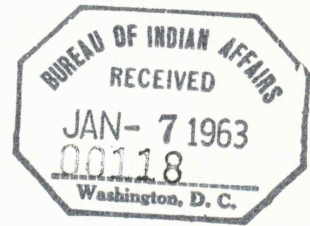
Thank you for your consideration. With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. S. Mike Monroney, USS

Enclosures





4130 N. W. 19th Street  
Oklahoma City 7, Oklahoma

Senator Mike Monroney  
6203 New Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Attached is a photo-stat copy of my enrollment card in "The Six Nations Confederacy" and "Tax Certificate Six Nations Confederacy".

I wrote to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C. and they forwarded my letter on to New York. Attached is a photo-stat of the reply from the New York Office.

Can you furnish me any further information of the attached photo-stats?

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ella C. Coate".

Ella C. (Nall) Coate



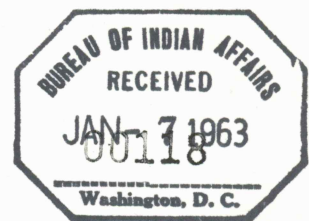
ENROLLMENT CARD IN THE SIX NATIONS  
CONFEDERACY

This is to certify that Miss Ella C. Vall.  
P. O. Big Cabin, Mo. and a member  
of the Stockbridge Indian Nation by  
blood is an enrolled member of The Six Nations Confederacy  
and his or her enrollment number is 12078.  
Date 11-20-1925.

Six Nations Confederacy.

W. K. CORNELIUS, Treasurer,

GEORGE E. THOMAS, Head Chief.



TAX CERTIFICATE SIX NATIONS CONFEDERACY

This certifies that Miss Ella C. Vall.  
has paid \$ 10.00 enrollment fee and \$----- taxes  
to The Six Nations Confederacy, and this money draws 10 per  
cent interest and 40 per cent bonus from this date and is to be  
repaid from the first money recovered in our claim against the  
State of New York.

This tax certificate is transferable  
and will be paid as stated above to  
the person presenting same, properly  
endorsed.

GEORGE E. THOMAS,  
Head Chief.

W. K. CORNELIUS,  
Treasurer.



STATE OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE  
ALBANY

KINDLY REPLY TO  
AREA OFFICE NO. 1  
12 NORTH DIVISION STREET  
BUFFALO 3, NEW YORK

December 14, 1962

Mrs. Ella C. Coate  
4130 N. W. 19th Street  
Oklahoma City 7, Oklahoma

Dear Mrs. Coate:

To my knowledge there is no enrollment on record of the Stockbridge or Delaware Indians in the State of New York. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to furnish any information as to your degree of Indian blood.

The Delaware Indians are alleged to have belonged to the Algonkian stock, once the most widely distributed linguistic family in North America, who lived in eastern New York and the southern New England states. They were not part of the Six Nations.

It is my understanding that the Stockbridge-Munsee Indians were a remnant of the Mohigans who once occupied the banks of the Hudson. On or about 1832, those remaining Stockbridge Indians moved to Wisconsin as they were granted a tract of land there. The Keshena Indian Agency, Keshena, Wisconsin, serviced this group for some time and may have had a list of enrolled members.

This is the first time I have heard of a "Tax Certificate Six Nations Confederacy" which you mention. As both George E. Thomas and W.K. Cornelius are deceased, I doubt if very much information regarding same is available. Personally, I do not know what an enrollment such as you have shown would mean. If your tribe was eligible to share in any claim, I am sure that the Bureau of Indian Affairs would protect your interest.

Yours very truly,

Helen A. Wayne  
Supervisor of Indian Welfare

HAW:ph  
Enc.



4130 N.W. 19th. Street  
Oklahoma City 7, Okla.

Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Washington 25, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Will you please verify the following roll numbers in  
"The Six Nations Confederacy".

Name	Roll Number
Ella C. Nall (Coate) (date 11-20-1925, photostat copy attached)	12079
Mary E. Nall (Eldridge) (date 11-16-1925)	14035
John Eldridge (date 11-20-1925)	12080
John Larkin Nall	Unknown

I also have a "Tax Certificate Six Nations Confederacy"  
where I paid \$10.00 and states "his money draws 10 per cent  
interest and 40 per cent bonus from this date and is to be  
repaid from the first money recovered in our claim against  
the State of New York".

GEORGE E. THOMAS  
Head Chief

W. K. CORNELIUS  
Treasurer

My father, John L. Nall, deceased and my aunt Mary E.  
Nall (Eldridge) are 3/8 Delaware Indian.

If you can furnish any information on this I would certainly  
appreciate it.

Enclosed is a stamped, addressed envelope. Please furnish  
any information on the "Stockbridge Indians" that you may have.

Thanking you in advance

Very truly yours,

*Ella C. Nall Coate*

Ella C. Nall (Coate)