

INTRODUCTION

Questions over money due the Ottawas and Chippewas of Michigan was settled by a Court of Claims case on March 4, 1907. The court determined that \$131,188.94, including interest, was due to those Indians who were parties to the Treaty of Washington, March 28, 1836. These include the Grand River, Grand Traverse, Little Traverse, Mackinac and Sault Ste. Marie bands. The Comptroller of the Treasury also determined that \$9,786.69 was owed to these same Indians from the Treaty of Detroit, July 31, 1855. A special agent from the Office of Indian Affairs, Horace B. Durant, was appointed to create a roll of all living descendants of the Ottawas and Chippewas who were parties to these treaties. He used as a starting point the 1870 Ottawa and Chippewa annuity payment roll and tried to trace all the descendants from every name on that roll. In Durant's field notes is a separate form for almost every name on the 1870 roll and a listing of their descendants. From his field notes, Durant created his 1908 census roll of all those descendants who were alive on March 4, 1907—the date of the Court of Claims decision and were therefore entitled to participate in the Court of Claims settlement and the money in the Treasury from the 1855 treaty.

This 1908 census roll, known as the “Durant Roll”, lists 7396 descendants and provides the following information: Their relationship to individuals on the 1870 annuity payment roll; their Indian name; English name; their relationship to other family members; age; sex; which band they belonged to; residence; and some miscellaneous notes. Durant also made check marks in red or blue pencil next to certain names. Those he checked in red pencil were mixed-blood descendants who were not entitled to participate in this payment on the advice of the chiefs. Those checked in blue pencil had affiliated with other bands, such as the Potawatomi, or Lake Superior Chippewas and were also not entitled to receive this payment. I've indicated on my transcription those who have check marks beside their name. From the microfilm copy you cannot tell if the check mark is red or blue, but it can be figured out from the reports I have transcribed which include each band's list of mixed-blood descendants they wanted excluded from payment and from Durant's notes on his census where he indicates if an individual has affiliated with another band.

Durant compiled a second census roll of all the children born after March 4, 1907 and prior to August 1, 1908. This census, known as the “Durant Supplemental Roll”, lists 236 children who were entitled to share in the payment from the monies found in the Treasury, but were not entitled to share in the Court of Claims judgment because they were born after the settlement date. This supplemental roll provides the same kind of information as Durant's 1908 census roll and he notes in the remarks column the names of the parents and date of birth of the child. Some of these children were also excluded from the final payment because of their mixed-blood status.

From these two census rolls, a final payment roll was made listing only those individuals who were entitled to payment. The final roll contains 5442 names from the Durant 1908 census and 202 children from his supplemental roll. This roll is sometimes referred to as the 1910 Durant roll. The payment was actually made by Charles H. Dickson, the supervisor of Indian Schools at Flandreau, South Dakota.

DESCRIPTION OF FILES

Included on this CD are the following files:

INTRO.PDF, this file.

DURANT08.PDF, a transcription of the Durant 1908 Census Roll.

DURANTSP.PDF, a transcription of the Durant Supplemental Census Roll.

DURANT10.PDF, a transcription of the final payment roll.

REPORTS.PDF, miscellaneous reports from Durant and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs relating to the creation of these rolls and the payment of the award including the lists of mixed-blood members on the 1870 roll whose descendants should not be paid.

OTCHIP70.PDF, a transcription of the 1870 Ottawa and Chippewa Annuity Payment Roll.

I've also included my previous censuses and documents:

1836MD.PDF, 1836 Michigan Ottawa and Chippewa mixed-blood census.

1910CHIP.PDF, 1910 Chippewas of Lake Superior census.

CADMAN.PDF, 1895 Potawatomi census (Cadman Roll).

SAGINAW.PDF, 1864 Chippewas of Saginaw Annuity Payment Roll.

OTCHIP57.PDF, 1857 Michigan Ottawa and Chippewa Annuity Payment Roll.

TAGGART.PDF, 1904 Potawatomi census (Taggart Roll).

MTPLEAS1.PDF, Mt. Pleasant Indian School Student List (1920-23, 1925).

MTPLEAS2.PDF, Mt. Pleasant Indian School Master List.

OTCHIP61.PDF, 1861 Michigan Ottawa and Chippewa Annuity Payment Roll.

OTCHIP65.PDF, 1865 Michigan Ottawa and Chippewa Annuity Payment Roll.

A copy of Adobe Acrobat Reader (Microsoft Windows version) which is needed to view, search, and print these documents is also included:

RP500ENU.EXE, the latest version of Adobe Acrobat Reader (Version 5).

A NOTE ABOUT THE TRANSCRIPTIONS

The Durant 1908 census roll and supplemental roll were transcribed from the National

Archives microfilm series M2039, Roll 1. On the Durant roll, in his relationship column, Durant would write son, dau, wife, etc., to indicate the relationship of that person to other family members. I took the liberty of expanding his designations to include the family member he was referring to and their number on the roll. For example, instead of just Mabel Carr, *dau*. I would indicate Mabel Carr, *daughter of Emma Carr [1187]*. Other than this, the roll is transcribed as Durant wrote it.

The 1910 final payment roll was transcribed from a microfilmed copy of the original at the National Archives. This roll listed the names of the individuals paid; their relationship; age; sex; amount paid; check number; signature; date of payment; and a remarks column. I did not transcribe the check numbers, signatures, or date paid on my transcription.

The documents included in the REPORTS.PDF file were transcribed from the National Archives Microfilm series M2039, Roll 4.

The 1870 Ottawa and Chippewa annuity payment roll was transcribed from a microfilmed copy of the original at the National Archives. I added a column to my transcription which shows the number Durant used to designate these individuals on his 1908 census roll. On the 1908 census roll, Durant would use a number such as 11-15 to refer to a person on the 1870 roll. This number refers to an individual's number on the band's roll and the page number of that band in the 1870 roll. In this example, 11-15 refers to individual number eleven on page fifteen, in this case Way we gaw nay be. The roll for the Grand River band under Chief Ne be nay ke zhick, is missing from the National Archives copy, however, I was able to recreate it from Durant's field notes and the 1872 annuity payment roll which is almost identical to the 1870 roll. Other pages of the 1870 roll were damaged in such a way that some of the names were missing. I was able, in all but one case, to restore these names by reference to Durant's field notes and the 1872 payment roll. Durant occasionally made notations on the 1870, such as the location of the band or alternative names for some individuals; these were not transcribed in order to keep the transcription close to the original 1870 roll as possible. The only exception is that noted above of adding a column of Durant reference numbers.

Listed below are the correlations between Durant's 1870 roll page numbers and band names. If Durant made a notation of their location, it is also noted.

Page No.	Band	Chief	Location
1, 2	Sault Ste. Marie	Maw dosh	Marquette / Dead River
3, 4	Sault Ste. Marie	O shaw waw no	Sault Ste. Marie vicinity
5	Sault Ste. Marie	John Waish key	Waishkey Bay
6	Sault Ste. Marie	Waw be gay kake	
7	Sault Ste. Marie	Edward O maw no maw ne	Bay Mills vicinity
8	Sault Ste. Marie	Shaw wan	Sugar Island
9	Sault Ste. Marie	Pi aw be daw sung	Sugar Island, Payment, Mich.
11	Mackinac	Ne swaw so be Jr.	Pine River
12	Mackinac	Pay baw me say	Les Cheneaux

13, 14	Mackinac	Mrs. Agatha Biddle	
15, 16	Mackinac	Amable Anse	St. Ignace
17	Mackinac	Naw o quaish cum	
20, 21, 22	Little Traverse	Naw we maish co tay	Cross Village
23	Little Traverse	Shaw waw day se	Charlevoix
24	Little Traverse	Shaw waw ne gwaw nay be	Bay Shore
25	Little Traverse	Louis Mick saw bay	Charlevoix
26, 27	Little Traverse	Aw me gwaw bay	Petoskey
28, 29	Little Traverse	Naw o ge maw	Good Hart/Middle Village
30	Little Traverse	Simon	Harbor Springs
31	Little Traverse	Way bway dum	Burt Lake
32, 33	Little Traverse	Daniel Ne saw waw quot	Harbor Springs
34, 35	Little Traverse	Pay zhick way we dung	Beaver Island
36	Grand Traverse	Naw o quay gaw bowe	Manistique
37	Grand Traverse	Kaw ge gay pe nay se	North Shore
38	Grand Traverse	Waw say quo um	Northport
39	Grand Traverse	Kay bay o say dung	Leland
40	Grand Traverse	Aw ko we say	
41	Grand Traverse	Naw o quay ke zhick	Sutton's Bay
42, 43	Grand Traverse	Nay waw day ke zhick	
44	Grand Traverse	Key way cush cum	
45	Grand Traverse	Kaw zhe guaw ne gay	North Port
46	Grand Traverse	Tay baw se ke zhick	Elk Rapids
49	Grand River	Ne be nay ke zhick	Oceana-Mason Reserve
50	Grand River	Maw beece	Oceana-Mason Reserve
51	Grand River	Me tay wis	Oceana-Mason Reserve
52	Grand River	Aish ke baw gosh	Oceana-Mason Reserve
53	Grand River	Shaw be quo ung	Oceana-Mason Reserve
54	Grand River	Pay baw me	Oceana-Mason Reserve
55	Grand River	Maish caw	Oceana-Mason Reserve
56A	Grand River	Aish quay o say	Oceana-Mason Reserve
56B, 57	Grand River	Pe nay se	Oceana-Mason Reserve
58A	Grand River	Pay quo tusk	Oceana-Mason Reserve
58B	Grand River	Waw be gay kake	Oceana-Mason Reserve
59	Grand River	Pay shaw se gay	Oceana-Mason Reserve
60	Grand River	Kaw gay gaw bo we	Oceana-Mason Reserve
61A	Grand River	Naw gaw ne quo ung	Oceana-Mason Reserve
61B	Grand River	Maish ke aw she	Oceana-Mason Reserve
62	Grand River	Ching gwaw she	Oceana-Mason Reserve
63	Grand River	Aw ke be mo say	Oceana-Mason Reserve

64	Grand River	Me tay o mig	Oceana-Mason Reserve
65	Grand River	Aken Bell	Oceana-Mason Reserve

This is part eleven of a series of documents that will be produced in this format relating to Great Lakes Indian genealogy and history. The previous ten documents are available on this CD.