

Sogansport June 20 1877.

Father Lovin.

Dear Sir,

You may perhaps remember of my asking you about about 1856, in regard to the treaty of Oct. 27, 1832 and the lands of Ash-Kum and you stated that you had a record of all the Indian names when born to. It becomes very important to my Aunt Tah-gah, now the wife of Joseph Bertrand, and 76 years old. Joseph is a nephew of Old man Bertrand who lived and died about mile N. W. Tah-gah was a daughter of "Kaw-kee" and was born ^{in Kalamazoo Co and early after 1812 moved to} the Calumet 12 miles from Chicago, with Tah-gah's mother, was a daughter of Old man Topenchee who died in 1828- and sister of young "To-pen-e-hee" who signed the treaty of Oct. 27 1832. See Vol. 7, U. S. Stat. at Large pg. 399.

Under that treaty Tah-gah was granted a quarter section of land by the name of To-gah. see pg. 401 same Vol. next to the last name of the list of beneficiaries.

What is important in her case is to find her baptismal name in the Church records, or her name as recorded in the Church. The question is material for identification. To-gah, or "Tah-gah," first married in 1820 in Kalamazoo to "Sh-yah-shee," he died in 1830- she went to To-pen-e-hee village near Bertrand in Sept. 1835, and resided with "Wah-saw-to" and "Sin-go-wah" until May following and then married a second time, to "John Ka-teh-O-nani,"

I have thus given you these items so that you may be able to find her name upon the Records of the Church. I mean her baptismal name. There was a girl living here in 1831 and up to 1838 by the name of "Betsey" "Do-go" called by all "Do-go". An Indian trader took a deed from her by the name of "To-goh" to agree with the treaty. She was small and about 16 in 1832 and was known as a prostitute. She was no relation of any of the head men or chiefs. She roamed all over. The question now to be tried in Court is 1st That the fancy girl was not "To-goh" she made her home here with Jeremiah Deuham a gunsmith. 2^d That "Toh-goh" the name of To-pee-ee-bee was surely known as To-goh as the white people spoke it.

The Indians speak it as now spelled "Taw-gaw" broad. My Aunt has lived in Westford Van Buren Co. Mich. and in Selzer Creek Cass Co. Mich. for many years and has been at it a member of your church. She is now old and infirm. Her land is worth \$150,000 and her identity is very important.

If you can find her baptismal name, or church record or marriage to show her name positive you will do a great good. I reside at Dowagiac ^{Mich.} near my aunt. I am here now taking testimony as to Do-go - to show the fraud. I go home on Friday. The case is soon to be tried. Will you make search and write me soon.

Very truly yours,

Augustine J. Toposh
please write to me at Dowagiac

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