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## Report of Agent of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians for the Year 1916

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Party, *Panama guaddy Strike*

Subject, *Report for 1916*

Date, *Dec. 29, 1916.*

# STATE OF MAINE.

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In Council, December 29, 1916.

The Standing Committee on Indian Affairs

to which was referred the Report of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians  
for the year 1916,

REPORT: That same is approved.

Which is respectfully submitted.

  
..... Chairman.

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In Council, December 29, 1916.

Read and accepted by the Council and by the Governor approved.

Attest   
..... Secretary of State.

REPORT OF AGENT  
OF THE  
PASSAMAQUODDY TRIBE OF INDIANS  
FOR THE YEAR  
1916.

REPORT.

To the Honorable Governor and Executive Council of the State  
of Maine:

Sirs:- I submit herewith my second annual report as agent of the  
Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians from January 1, 1916 to January 1, 1917.

By resolve of the legislature of 1915, the sum of eighteen  
thousand one hundred and ninety dollars (\$18,190.00) was appropri-  
ated for the benefit of said tribe of Indians for the year 1916, as  
follows, viz. :

For May dividends	\$400 00
November dividends	400 00
Distressed poor	5000 00
Agricultural purposes	400 00
Ploughing	100 00
Fertilizer	100 00
Bounty on crops	100 00
Wood	1000 00
Educational purposes	1500 00
Salary of priests	1000 00
Doctors' bills and medicines	1000 00
Salary of Governors	100 00
Salary of Lieutenant Governors	40 00
Salary of Agent	500 00

For Salary of Police at Pleasant Point	\$100 00
Salary of Police at Peter Dana's Point	30 00
School Books	80 00
Insurance on Church and School	100 00
Repairs on Roads at Pleasant Point	100 00
Repairs On Roads at Peter Dana's Point	100 00
Basket Ash	500 00
Janitor's Service at Pleasant Point	100 00
Janitor's Service at Peter Dana's Point	40 00
Fuel for School, Church and Convent	400 00
Painting and Repairing Buildings at Pleasant Point	750 00
Painting and Repairing Buildings at Peter Dana's Point	750 00
Building to replace old ell or rebuild teacher's home at Pleasant Point	2,000 00
New Church at Peter Dana's Point	1,500 00
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Total appropriation for 1916	\$18,190 00
The 1915 appropriations for teacher's home at Pleasant Point of	2,000 00
and new church at Peter Dana's Point of	1,500 00
were carried over to 1916 making the	<hr/>
Grand total for 1916	\$21,690 00

### Expenditures.

Mr. James Swan, sub-agent at Princeton, and myself have made from the various funds the following expenditures, viz. :

For May dividends	\$360.40
November dividends	359.20
Repairs on convent at Peter Dana's Point	50.00
Agricultural purposes	430.00
Plowing	75.00
Fertilizer	95.00
Educational purposes	1,500.00
Salary of priests	1,000.00
Repairs on Town Hall at Pleasant Point	66.24
Salary of Governors	100.00
Salary of Lieutenant Governors	40.00
Salary of Agent	500.00
Salary of Police at Pleasant Point	100.00
Salary of Police at Peter Dana's Point	30.00
Repairs on church at Pleasant Point	96.00
Insurance on church, convent and schools	137.92
Repairs on road at Pleasant Point	98.89
Repairs on road at Peter Dana's Point	100.00
School books	80.00
Doctors' bills and medicines	1,000.00

For Painting and Repairing Buildings at Peter Dana's Point	\$750.00
Bounty on crops	57.65
Distressed Poor	4,979.96
Fuel for School, Church and Convent	1,009.72
Basket Ash	500.00
Painting and Repairing Buildings at Pleasant Point	729.73
Wood	997.14
Telephone at Peter Dana's Point	12.50
Janitor's Service at Pleasant Point	100.00
Janitor's Service at Peter Dana's Point	40.00
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	\$15,395.35
Building teacher's home at Pleasant Point paid by State	3,978.43
Building church at Peter Dana's Point paid by State	3,000.00
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Total of expenditures	\$22,373.78



Credits.

December,30,1915, by warrant on State Treasurer,	\$830.87
January,27,1916, by warrant on State Treasurer,	1,127.27
March,2,1916, by warrant on State Treasurer,	533.65
March,30,1916, by warrant on State Treasurer,	655.08
April,27,1916, by warrant on State Treasurer,	1,493.09
May,31,1916, by warrant on State Treasurer,	1,408.19
June,16,1916, by warrant on State Treasurer,	375.00
June,29,1916, by warrant on State Treasurer,	508.55
July,27,1916, by warrant on State Treasurer,	1,159.19
August,31,1916, by warrant on State Treasurer,	772.64
September,28,1916, by warrant on State Treasurer,	671.89
November,2,1916, by warrant on State Treasurer,	1,265.92
November,30,1916, by warrant on State Treasurer,	1,633.27
December,7,1916, by warrant on State Treasurer,	375.00
December,21,1916, by warrant on State Treasurer,	1,229.53
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	\$14,039 .14
Amount due Agent for balance of expenditures,	1,356.21
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	\$15,395 .35

### Sanitary condition of the Tribe.

During the past year the physical welfare of the Tribe has been under the supervision of Dr. E. Grady, who has had this work under contract since September 1915.

The Physician in Charge has made forty-three (43) trips to Pleasant Point, making three hundred and one (301) calls while there. At the city office one hundred and forty-seven (147) calls were made by the Indians.

The Dispensary which was instituted at Pleasant Point last year, and carried on by the Sisters under Dr. Grady's direction, has given very gratifying results. The actual cost of maintenance was practically nothing. The expense of the drugs and materials used amounted to \$375.00, where the number of patients treated at the Dispensary by the Sisters was nine hundred and twenty-seven (927). The Dispensary has given the Indians the benefit of prompt treatment and immediate relief, where drugs and remedies are at once available for the simple injuries, and even the more complicated cases may be given relief by the Sisters receiving directions over the telephone until Dr. Grady can reach the Point.

During the past year two cases of Tubercular patients were sent to the Sanatorium. One returned home greatly improved, while the other case is still under treatment at Fairfield. One patient was sent to the Hospital and is still under treatment at home.

Sorcus Joseph, the oldest member of the Tribe, died during last autumn, of old age.

### Census of the Tribe.

There were reported in 1915, four hundred and sixty-seven (467) members of this Tribe.

There have been during the year 1916, thirteen (13) births and fourteen (14) deaths, decreasing the number of the Tribe to four hundred and sixty-six (466) members.

### Death robl.

David Dana	Tuberculosis.
Joseph Socoby's baby	Convulsions.
Noel Soctoma	Pneumonia.
George Soctoma's baby	Tubercular.
Maude Lewy	Spinal meningitis.
Caroline Sabattus	Drowned.
Clara McGee	Valvular heart disease.
Sorcus Joseph	Old Age.
Simon Francis	Tubercular.
Joseph LacoOte	Valvular heart disease.
Joseph Sepsis	Tuberculosis.
Josephine Nicholas	Stoppage of bowels.
Joseph Newell's baby	Convulsions.
Joseph Lacoote 1st	Old Age.

### Unveiling of Memorial Tablet.

On June, 14, 1916, at Pleasant Point it was my privilege to be present at the unveiling of the tablet to the memory of the Passamaquoddy Indians, who took part in the War of the American Revolution, on the side of the Colonists.

After a dinner served by the Sisters of Mercy to the members of the D.A.R. who had arrived on the noon train, the party accompanied by the band, members of the Reservation and invited guests, proceeded to the old Indian cemetery where the tablet had been set in place.

The tablet, a large granite block set in concrete with a brass plate on the front, was presented by the members of the Hannah Weston Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the exercises which took place were under their direction.

The exercises were opened by a bugle call followed by a selection by the Indian band. After the invocation and the singing of "America" by the audience a paper on the "Abenaki Part in the American Revolution and Indian Characteristics", written by Mrs. Wallace Brown of Machias, was read by Miss Mary P. Hill of Bath.

Sorcus Joseph, one of the oldest members of the Tribe, unveiled the tablet, which had on the brass plate the following inscription:

In honor of the Indian patriots for their loyal service during the Revolutionary war, erected by the Daughters of the American Revolution, June 14, 1916.

The presentation was made by Mrs. C.W. Steele and was accepted on behalf of the Tribe by Rev. Joseph J. Ahern.

Lewy Mitchell, the Indian Representative to the Legislature, gave an account of the part played by the Indians in the Revolution which was translated by Frank Francis from English into the Abenaki dialect.

The Exercises were completed by the Indian children saluting the flag and the bugler sounding "taps".

#### Churches.

Reverend Father Joseph Ahern of Eastport, and Reverend Father Colin F. Shea of Woodland have, as heretofore, looked after the spiritual needs of the tribe at each Point. They have been constant and untiring in their endeavor to improve the morals of the tribe and their assistance to the Sisters is incalculable.

## Schools.

At Pleasant Point the schools are in operation nine (9) months of the year and at Peter Dana's Point four (4) months.

In February when Sister M.Louis was called to a more responsible position she was succeeded by Sister M. Beatrice, who is now in charge at Pleasant Point. At Peter Dana's Point Sister M.Rose is in charge.

Sixty-four (64) scholars were enrolled at Pleasant Point with an average attendance of fifty-three (53) for the year. At Peter Dana's Point eighteen (18) were registered with an average attendance of sixteen (16) .

The common English branches are taught supplemented by music, sewing, drawing, Bible history and the Catechism. It is quite remarkable the progress made by some of the pupils in writing, the Palmer system being the one now taught. The young people are thoroughly instructed by the Sisters, who are most painstaking in their efforts to aid their young charges in every possible way.

Aside from the excellent work done by the Sisters in the school room much time is spent in giving relief to the sick and in caring for the old and infirm. A great deal of good could be accomplished if there was another Sister, who could devote all of her time in caring for the sick and in teaching the Indians hygiene and sanitation.

## Public Buildings.

A few slight repairs on the school-houses at both Points will put them in very good condition.

At Pleasant Point the Town Hall has been shingled and as no money was appropriated to paint it it was given a coat of white wash. While the masons were at the Point working on the Convent the chimney and masonry of the church building were repaired and the chimney on the old part of the Convent was topped out. The church needs a coat of paint both on the outside and on the inside.

The work on the convent was begun in June by E.R. Brooks, a contractor from Bangor, and on its completion in the early part of September was accepted by the State. An appropriation is needed for finishing off the attic and for repairing the old part of the convent.

At Peter Dana's Point some necessary repairs were made on the convent under Mr. Swan's supervision. A new church has been built by Contractor Murphy of Bangor from plans furnished by Mr. Patterson to replace the old church which was too far gone to repair. An appropriation will be needed to complete the interior.

### Agricultural Products.

The Indians produced for the year 1916, the following crops, viz.:

Potatoes	835 bushels.
Oats	90 "
Beans	35 quarts.
Peas	14 "

On these crops the bounty was paid as the law requires.

### Elections.

On the third and fifth of October last, I held at Peter Dana's Point and Pleasant Point, respectively, an election for Governor and Lieutenant Governor for Pleasant Point and for a Representative to the Legislature.

William Neptune received the majority of votes cast for Governor, Sabattus Mitchell for Lieutenant Governor and Wallace Lewy for Representative to the Legislature, and were declared elected.

I would respectfully recommend that appropriations of money for the benefit of the tribe be made for the years 1917 and 1918, at the earliest convenience of the Legislature, as many who are old and unable to work depend upon aid from the State.

I would recommend the establishment of a small hospital of from



three to four rooms, for the treatment of sickness at Pleasant Point, where the Indians may be cared for by the Sisters under sanitary conditions. At present, the patients, when sick, are almost always cared for in the kitchen of the Indian home, where all conditions are greatly in favor of the spreading of the disease to other members of the household, if it is contagious. Everything that is done for the patient must be where the food is cooked, where the meals are eaten, and the children play. Not only would conditions for the rest of the family be better, but the patient's chance of recovery would be greatly improved if he could be cared for in a sanitary place, properly heated and ventilated, and with adequate provision made for its sanitation.

I trust that steps will be taken this year for the establishment of such a small hospital.

Respectfully submitted,

December, 28, 1916.

*John J. Pike*

Agent.