

April 20, 1934.

Mr. O. E. Heller,
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Chilton, Wisconsin.

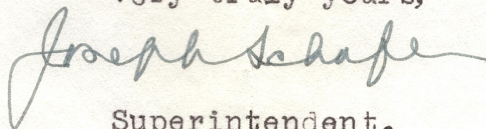
Dear Mr. Heller:

I learn indirectly that you are in possession of some interesting manuscript material relating to the history of the Brothertown Indians. This material was described as including not only a considerable body of letters, but an important record book of the period prior to the removal of the Brothertown Indians from the State of New York.

Let me say that the State Historical Society, which for more than eighty years has been gathering material of all kinds relating to the Indian tribes of Wisconsin and particularly to the New York Indians who emigrated to Wisconsin, has a vast body of Brothertown material in its files. Among other important items we have a very complete transcript of all data relating to these Indians which is on file in the Indian Bureau at Washington. We also have record books covering a portion of the period after their removal to Wisconsin, and a large box filled with manuscripts of all sorts pertaining to the business of the Brothertowns in Wisconsin.

It will be quite obvious to you, I think, that the material in your possession ought also to come to the State Historical Society where it will be permanently preserved in our fire proof building and vaults, where it will be arranged along with the larger body of material already here, and will be always available for historical researchers. I trust you may be disposed to agree with the view expressed above and if so we invite your cooperation. If you will simply box the material and send it by express collect addressed to the Superintendent, State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, you will be doing a distinct service to historical scholarship.

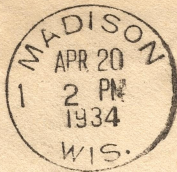
Very truly yours,



Superintendent.

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After 10 days, return to
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