

Dean Family Papers

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Box 1 Folder 1:

- Pp 1-2 Letter Aug 12, 1799; Thomas Eddy to John Dean; Wants to hear from Dean
- Pp 3 Letter Oct 22, 1799; Thomas Eddy to John Dean; Many people out of town due to the "sickness"; hopes to have Indians build barns, houses, etc; Letter is from Old Ft Schuyler; also sent 120 pairs of shoes.
- Pp 4-8 Indenture of mortgage?? Signed by Thomas, Daniel and Peter Dean
- Pp 9-11 Indenture 7-6-1801; Between George Paul of BT and "the New England Indians and their brethren consisting of the Tribes called the Mohegan, "Montauge", Stonington, and "Narraganset" Indians and the Pequots of Groton and Nehanticks of Farmington and their posterity of the town, county, and state aforesaid..."; Signed by George Paul (deeding land back to the BT?)
- Pp11-14 Indenture July 6, 1801 between Thomas Iasaacs and the town of BT...like previous but made his mark; no signature.
- Pp 15-16 Letter Feb 16, 1804; Thomas Eddy to John Dean; Committee requests report on the Indian improvements in "civilization, agriculture, and moral rectitudes of life". Asks about the Stockbridge, Oneida, Tuscarora, and Onondaga as well.
- Pp 17-18 Letter 10-10-1806; John Dean and Henry (McNeil??)
- Pp 19-22 Letter Aug 24, 1807; Thomas Eddy to John Dean; Instructs that no money should be handed to the Indians/wait til have enough for a boarding school
- Pp 23-25 12-10-1807 Letter from a son at boarding school to the Deans

Box 1 Folder 2:

- Pp 1-2 Letter Jan 7, 1808; John Murray Jr to John Dean; discusses Oneida, teaching females domestic concerns, the 3 "Friends" sent to the Indians
- Pp 3-4 Letter from boarding school to Deans; son wants to come back home
- Pp 5-7 Feb 4, 1808; Typed copy of letter to John Sergeant from Capt. Hendrick Aupaumut; (includes note to see letter of Jan 3, 1809—believe typed pages were done by John Candee Dean circa 1950's). Original letter follows typed (p 6-7)
- Pp 8-10 Letter March 9, 1808 Thomas Eddy(?) to Dean; Glad that Dean established a (Moral) Society; gives input on who to receive and suggests not fining misconduct but instead booting them out
- Pp 11-12 Letter April 3, 1808- Gideon Mullemire?
- Pp 13-14 Letter from Thomas and Elizabeth Skidmore to John and Phoebe Dean
- Pp 15-16 Letter June 11, 1808 from John Murray
- Pp 17-18 Letter June 17, 1808 From T. Eddy to Thomas Dean; glad to hear new building is going up; thinks best way to improve the Indians is to educate the children "separated as much as possible from the influence and control of their parents".
- Pp 19-20 Letter July 5, 1808 from John Murray
- Pp 21-25 Letter Oct 7, 1808 from Charles Webb to John Dean
- P 26 State of Funds of the "female Morrel Society" in BT June 6 1808

Box 1 Folder 3:

- Pp 1-24 February, 1808 Institution of Mens "Morrel Society" instituted in BT February 1, 1808; names Isaac Wobby, Thomas Dick, T. Dean, John Johnson (Treasurer), Joseph Wobby, Paul Dick, Jacob Dick, James Fowler, John Sector, Benjamin Fowler, Jacob Fowler... signatures on p2; James Niles and John Tuhy made their mark and Aaron Poquintop is crossed through. Lists articles, committee members, etc. Next they will meet at the schoolhouse in BT. Feb 9, 1808 Thomas Dick and Isaac Wobby say they have a prospect of going on a journey. John Tuhy and Elipplet??Mather? request membership and ok'd. P 21 Joseph Wobby called out and fined.
- Pp25 Women's Society Dec 5, 1808 Names Hannah Dick, Hannah Sepit, Sarah Isaac, Mary Brushel, Barbary Niles, Betssey Marthers, Lucy Seketor, Nabby Brushel, Abigail and Lydia Brushel (clerk)

Box 1 Folder 4:

- Pp 1-13 1809 minutes of the men's Moral Society; Jacob Dick causes trouble Note: p 3 is suddenly the women's Society minutes (Mary Wobby becomes a member) and then back to the mens;
- p 14-34 more men's minutes; T. Isaacs talks about John Seketor

Box 1 Folder 5:

- Pp 1-12 1808-1809 Receipts of the Morrel Society...monies paid with interest?; same names as Previously

Box 1 Folder 6:

- Pp 1-5 Typed letter with notes and commentary (probably John Candee Dean?) followed by original letter...from Hendrick Apatawmut or maybe Isaac Wobby???)
- pp 6-9 Jan, 24, 1809 John Dean to John Murray?? Mentions Henry or Harvey McNeil and Thos. Eddy; Discribes home where a # of orphaned Indian children are now living; boarding school; land and providing for the children of a particular widow
- P 10-11 Feb 10, 1809; Receipt to Female Moral Society signed by Isaac Wobby, Joseph Wobby, Thomas Dick, B.G.(?) Folwer
- Pp 12-13 Mr. Sergeant's statement concerning the parish lot given by the Stockbridge Indians
- Pp 14-15 Letter March 9, 1809 Henry McNeil to Thomas Dean; "I wish you would inform Isaac Wobby...."
- Pp 15-17 Letter April 13, 1809 from Linus Chandler; "Dear Uncle...."
- Pp 18-19 Letter April 20, 1809 from Henry McNeil; mentions the sawmill
- Pp 20-21 Letter from McNeil?
- Pp 22-23 Letter Oct 27, 1809 from John Murray to Thomas Dean "I rec'd thy letter by Benjamin Fowler and am pleased to hear of your health; annuity; Widow Wampy {possibly Elijah Wampy's wife} asked for \$12to be taken out of her rent (via Benjamin Fowler); B Fowler is on his way to East end of Long Island; pleased the BT school is progressing. Gave Absolom Hatfield a wagon, horse and cows; mentions David Thomas of Utica

Pp 24-31 Letter Dec 15, 1809; Pleased to learn Absalom was correct in the info he gave respecting the advance "thou" was willing to make for the sawmill. Also another copy of the same letter

Pp 32-33 Letter to Henry McNeil about settling Betty Wampy's Account {Elijah Wampy's wife???}; large pieces are missing from this letter

Box 1 Folder 7:

Pp 1-6 Letter March 7, 1810 letter to John Murray

Pp 7-8 John Murray's reply to T. Dean's letter

Pp 9- Letter from John Murray dated June 7, 1810; mentions governor and Elijah Wampy; "I wrote thee from Albany and enclose the governor's instruction related to Elijah Wampy. I presume that letter got to hand thou I have not received any information on the subject- as by the sworn statement of Guy Johnson, the Indians at Brothertown cannot dispose of their lands-it may be a means of getting their minds as to the idea of a remove or also to show the propriety of the governor's instruction in the case of Elijah Wampy-I thought it might be usefor for them to know the tenure by which they hold their land and have therefore forwarded a copy of the instrument of writing issued by Guy Johnson relative to that matter. I have executed a lease to John Dean for some land which he says was agreed to when I was last at Brothertown if he is correct therein-I presume he is, thou will be re (?) obliging as to put thy signature thereto.

Pp 10-11 Enclosure by Guy Johnson—(same as the Oct 4, 1774 document) gives BT land description; Rec'd Feb 4, 1783 and here croded..a true copy from the public record of the state of CT; examined Sept 17, 1794 by George Willy's secretary.

Pp12-15 Letter to John Dean May 6, 1810 from Henry McNeil; a 2nd copy of same follows

Pp 16-18 Names Brushels, Dean, Wobby, etc

Pp 19-22 1810 letter to John Murray about account

Pp 23-24 letter from Henry Knowles to Thomas Dean 1810

Pp 25-26 1810 letter from John Murray to T. Dean saying he isn't surprised at his remarks as the "civilization" of the Indians going slow; he encourages Dean; Benjamin Fowler came with a letter from Elizabeth Wampy in east end of Long Island requesting to receive \$40 as a draw from her rent

Pp 27-30 1811 legal notice about manufacturing

Box 1, Folder 8

Pp 1-5 Begins with a repeat of Folder 7-another copy of "an Act relative to incorporation for manufacturing purposes 3-22-1811; talks about stockholders

Pp 6- April 6, 1811 letter to TD from John Murray; says rec'd letter from Henry McNeil and that superintendents removed him (McNeil); you and your dad have" long evidenced your attachment to the Indians pray now be very careful what steps you may take..."

Pp 8-9 April 17, 1811 letter from Hallock Thorne to T Dean (cousin)

Pp 10-14 June 16, 1811 typed copy of "Leter I writ to White River" followed by actual copy of same

Pp15-16 various letters...can't read much but writer asked to be remembered to Thomas Dick

Pp 17-20 July 29, 1812 J. Talcott?? Letter to John Dean; Letter to Mr Cord for ?? Doolittle

Pp 21-22 "The Friendly Woolen and Button Manufacturing Company"- T. Dean is 1 of the persons forming this company

Pp 23-26 Sept 11, 1813...letter seems to be written by Thomas Dean??? to Robert Caton(?) and mentions his father's (John Dean) last written words; no appetite, too much haste on his 4 day excursion and it was hot.

Box 1 Folder 9:

Pp 1-3 Letter from Stockbridge about the character of Mary Doxtater 1815

Pp 4-6 1816 letter to John Dean from ??Mosher

Pp 7-8 More about Mary Doxtater

Pp 9-10 4-21-1817 letter confirming BT and Stockbridge have chosen T. Dean to accompany them to White River Indiana Territory signed by John Taylor of Albany

Pp 11-13 Thomas Dean letter to his family 7-3-1817 while on the trip to White River...he's hurrying as the rest of the company is waiting on him to leave

Pp 14-16 Copy of Mr Irwin's (?) letter to Col John Bowyers from Green Bay about people being hostile to the US and exciting Indians to pick up arms.

Pp 17-18 Stockbridge/Onondaga..constitution from their society

Box 1 Folder 10:

Pp 1-2 Letter to T. Dean 1818 from John Sergeant

Pp 3-6 Address to school children by Benjamin Daughy (copy) at bottom mentions Phebe Hick and Mary Dostator

Pp 7-9 Field notes of the Mico lot?

Pp 10-12 Deed of land from Thomas Isaacs to his wife (BT)

Pp 13-16 letter from St. Marys Oct 8, 1818 written by Isaac Wobby-speaks of being on White River which is in Tigua ? Miami County, OH. He and wife and nephew Orville are well as is Jacob Dick and family since Thomas left them at Fr Harrison. P5 notes "...we have obtained in some measure our request as to the land-our friends in your county need not request? any land favors from the Delaware unless they will consent to accompany them and go beyond the Mississippi. If any wish to purchase in this country there will soon be a favorable opportunity to purchase on the White River

Pp 17-20 July 7, 1819 letter from Thomas Isaacs in IL..his wife died at 10 AM July 1, 1819..several times he speaks of the "BT people" and about the land where he is being good and that they'll be making a contract w/ the US

P 21-23 typed letter from Hendrick Aupaumeut-Stockbridge followed by actual copy of same

Pp 24-27 Friends of Mary Doxtator attest to her character—she'd been instructing her people for 7 years in making clothes

Pp 28-29 T. Dean? Letter to cousin E.H. Thorn?

Box 1 Folder 11

Pp 1-2 July 20, 1828? Writes of how spend anniversary of America's Independence==to T. Dean from Alex Collins of Louisville

Pp 3-4 letter to Dean from Isaac McCoy Sept 2, 1822 about the BT who were living with him as part of his Baptist mission in Ft Wayne Indana—Thomas Isaacs and stepdaughter Betsey Plummer; Charles Dick, son or stepson of Jacob Dick—previous to his father's death and Dick Charles previous to his mother's death. Plus Jacob Rowkapst???. Mentions John Metoxen one of your chiefs from White River and his forty ???, Mary Ann and Betsey daughters of Thomas Isaacs both live at Ft Harrison.

Something about guy T. Isaacs was dealing with not so great and doesn't expect the girls to end up with much so asks Dean to see after any land they have there (in BT) til come of age. Also says Metoxen thinks Charles Dick ought to have Jacob Dick's land but heard he's not actually Jacob's son—but he and writer think Charles should have it as was 1 of the 40 that came

Pp 5-7 Curtis to Dean

Pp 8-12 "We the Peacemakers of Brothertown..."; last page includes signatures of Elizabeth Marthers?, Randal Abner, J. Johnson, William Dick. Joseph Skeesuck added a PS leaving Joseph Freeman?? The gristmill April 1813 and more copies and lots of details of what Freeman had to do

Pp 13-14 Copy of letter Green Bay Oct 9, 1823 says some mistakes and kept squaws??.. gave names of squaws long dead. H. B. Brevourts? Letter

Pp 15-16 Albany Oct 26, 1828 "Dear Brother" Thomas Hamdrer?/ Thomas H. Flannonese?? To T. Dean says raised \$600.

Box 1 Folder 12

Pp1-3 Letter from T Dean to governor and land commissioners concerning Stockbridge

P4 Letter from and signed by Stockbridge...an Abraham Occum signed

Pp 7-9 Purchase of Indian Lands at Green Bay w/ Stockbridge

Pp 10-13 Oct 1824 letter from cousin EH Thorne

Pp 11-21? May 11, 1824 Dean to Jeffrey Parish, Esq US agent for the 6 Nations mentions that the BT want to buy land from Stockbridge in Green Bay (+ the Oneida, Tuscarora, etc) agreed to do it for \$950; 12-14 mi wide x about 20 miles long

Pp 22-25 Aug 26, 1824 Doxtator and Albany NY Stockbridge and BT purchase of land Green Bay (copy of treaty w/ Oneida-looks like Stockbridge) \$950 paid to Menominee by William Dick, George Samson, Paul Dick, George Scipio, Daniel Dick, and David???. References Sept 23, 1822 treaty Also Aug 18, 1821

Pp 26-28 Jan 13, 1825 letter from Stockbridge to chiefs of St. Regis Tribe (signed by a Baldwin and a Quinney); "ample space to spread our blankets, smoke our pipes and promote each other's welfare and thereby be enables to have our children after us to enjoy the same to latest generations"; then start asking for the BT tribe to join them saying BT paid \$950 to the Menominee "last fall"

Pp 29-30 letter and signatures of the Stockbridge Jan 18, 1825

P 31 notarized Feb 9, 1825

Pp 32-33 Feb 25, 1825 Office of Indian Affairs/War Dept to T. Dean agent for the BT Indians; President doesn't care and won't give it any special sanction; menacing sounding...the Menominee will be punished if they take up arms.

Pp 34-38 draft of letter to Gove DeWitt Clinton, NY. Is this from Dean? Sticking up for BT???honesty, agriculture, "fraudulent intentions"?? (pp 35-36 mentions lands bought by the BT Indians)..does he call out Sergeant as defrauding??? says inconvenient to travel to _____ to get their (our) annuity; leaves space for PM's to sign

Pp 39-40 A later copy of previous? Treaty of St. Mary's in 1818; calls us "half-breeds" and doesn't agree to Dean's proposal that Dick and Wobby purchase 2 half tracts of land—wouldn't give Jane Wobby Isaac Wobby's land because she was his widow not his heir. 3-18-1825 from Detroit

P 41 Dept of War Office of Indian Affairs Apr 1825—denies application of Jane Wobby and Thomas Dick

Pp 42-43 Sawmill Thomas and Mary Dean to Asa Dick May 6, 1825 \$60 describes land, highway, bridge, canals, and Oriskany.

Pp 44-46 T. Dean writes to Peter Hagner..auditor of War Dept Washington..on behalf of a veteran blind 3 years, wants to know if any payment for his service (may be Stockbridge) Mr John M Dittman?