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<td>Copies of documents primarily related to Joseph Clark and his mission to return Indian girls to upstate New York. Includes observations of the Brotherton Settlement.</td>
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The penetration and judgements of the Indians in matters of Religion, in this authentic Narrative is very evident, as it was follows:—

Two Ministers, under the patronage of Princeton College of New Jersey, whose charge was given by the Missionary Society, to go and propagate the Gospel among the Creek Indians, and in order to give weight to this embassy, seven Members of Congress accompanied these Ministers in their respective stations, who took with them a number of Bibles for the use of this People. When these Ministers arrived with their presence and Bibles arrived, a Conference was held with some of their Chiefs, where it was agreed that the Indians should call a council; where they were informed they had brought two Ministers of the Gospel to preach the Gospel of Salvation unto them, and a number of Books which would teach them the way to Heaven. The Indians, after some consideration, agreed to consider it; the Ministers proposed which took fourteen days. The Ministers proposed preaching, but the Indians requested they must forborne preaching; but the Indians signified they must forborne preaching; but the Indians signified, when the time of council was over, they would consider it. When the time of council was over, they considered it. When the time of council was over, they considered it. When the time of council was over, they considered it. When the time of council was over, they considered it. When the time of council was over, they considered it. When the time of council was over, they considered it. When the time of council was over, they considered it.

In consequence of this unexpected advice, the Indians replied:—John and preached the Gospel of Salvation to them; gave them these good Books, which would teach them the way to Heaven. Whether they treated them as Brothers, or as Slaves? Whether they treated them as Brothers, or as Slaves? Whether they treated them as Brothers, or as Slaves? Whether they treated them as Brothers, or as Slaves? Whether they treated them as Brothers, or as Slaves?
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They returned—and one of the members of this Embassy having
14. Hours, gave them all their liberty.

The occurrence took place among the Beek Indians.
The person who set his slaves at liberty was E. P. Davis.
—a well-known family in east New Jersey.

From Joseph Park to the Indians, on his return with their
young women.

Brother, the love I always felt for you and your chil-
dren, has induced me to take all that is near and dear to my
children, my friends, my property, and my business.

Come and see me. I believe he interests our cause. The Lord
brought one from my habitation; but that your children
whom you delivered into my care, in the year 1737, should
himself return unto you, with their qualifications and
improvements, and as the good and great Spirit has pre-
served them in sureness of sobriety, and industry in
this state, I hope they will continue, and that you may
write with us, to encourage them in every good word and
work. That thereby, the Church of Friendship may grow
stronger and brighter, which is the sincere desire of your
brother, Joseph Park.


Brother, attend. We wish to speak a few words to you—we rejoice
most thankful to the great—good Spirit, that he put a concern to your
heart, for the poor Indians, so that you were willing to leave
all your friends, to take along you, and that you have,
kindly and safely conducted our young women whom you
had under your care some years ago. Therefore that the Good
God from his protective and preserved you all this way, while
we walk the holy path, what you are safe, armed by the de-


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14 slaves gave them all their liberty. P.S. This occurrence took place among the Creek Indians.
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known family in East New Jersey. Place Information: From Joseph Clark to the Indians on his return with their
young women -- Brothers, The love I always felt for you and your children, has induced me to leave all that is near and dear, my
children, my Friends, my property, and my business to come and see you -- It is neither interest nor ease, that has
brought me from my habitation; but that your Children whom you delivered into my care, in the year 1797 should
be safely returned unto you, with their qualifications and improvements; and as the Good and Great Spirit has pre-
served them in innocence & sobriety, and Industry, in this state I hope they will continue, and that you may
write with us, to encourage them in every good word, and work -- That thereby the Chain of Friendship may grow
stronger and brighter, which is the sincere desire of thy Brother, Joseph Clark.

Brother, Joseph

Clark

10th Mo. 22, 1801.
You are in good health, and that we are all exposed to the
sufferings of war. This day - Friend, we are sensible that all the
kindness you have shown us, and the kindness of our friends, we wish to send a few
words to them in writing, thus we encourage you to stay with
us all the day, and to think that we may have time to write
to your friends, and that you may call at the house and
Joseph Shaw will greet you.

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Brothers, attend,

Our friend and brother, Clerk safely arrived here by the side of our fire place, on the 13th of the last month
with our 3 young women, who have been under your kind
and care for a considerable time, whom he conducted through
along journey, and delivered your kind wish the next day.

Brother. Our satisfaction is very great in finding that
our friends have taken great pains to instruct the girls, and
in their good customs and their love,

Mrs. B. which is necessary for living happily and comfortably
and that they have been taught to read and write and read
the English language, for which kindness, we hear they thank
you. We hope that they are happy and will be able
depart to them as well as to us; we will endeaver to encour-
gage them to improve their accomplishments.

Brother, we are sensible that it is out of love and piety you
have exercised many kindness towards us, even since friendship
has been established between you and us, not only in
good words, but you have suffered in your property, this
upset business might be known how to help ourselves, that by
of our fireplace in good health, and that we are allowed to see each others’ faces this day -- Friend we are sensible that all the kindness you have done, you do purely out of love to us, for which we with our Women heartily thank you -- We hope we shall never forget your Kindness -- Respecting the Kind talk which you brought us from our friends, we wish to send a few words to them in writing. therefore we desire you to stay with us all the day, and to night, that we may have time to write to our friends, and that you may take a little more rest Joseph Shawquith arrived here by the side of our fireplace on the 13th of the 10 Month with our 3 young women, whom he delighted through a considerable time, whom he conducted through the next day. Brothers Our satisfaction is very great in finding that the Friends have taken great pains to instruct these Girls in sober and steady conduct, and in these good Customs and useful Methods, which are necessary for living happily and comfortably and that they have been taught to read and write and the English Language, for which kindness we heartily thank you -- We hope that the advantage they had will be a benefit to them as well as to us, we will endeavor to encourage them to improve their acquirements. Brothers We are sensible that it is out of love and pity you have exercised many kindnesses towards us, ever since friendship has been established between you and us, -- not only in good words, but we have experienced your properties, that we poor Indians might know how to help ourselves, that by
To David Bacon, Henry Drakin, Ellis Ireland, and John Wilson.

Joseph More with his wife, Margaret Cowan, Isaac Winship, Isaac Living, Moses Warrington, Jacob Conard, and Solomon Laflin.

To David Bacon, James Bunker, James Parker, James King, James Parker, Peter Lord, Peter Brown, Ellis Gurnell, and John Lawton.

Joseph More with his wife, Margaret Cowan, Isaac Winship, Isaac Living, Moses Warrington, Jacob Conard, and Solomon Laflin.

Fourth of December, 1700.

Brothers, we have received your counsel and advice at this time and many other times and are made thankful that the great good Spirit continues to give you in remembrance for to give us this counsel and advice some you have agreed together to endeavor to follow it and improve our land, raise more cattle, grain, hay, and loan our young women to spin, and other useful employments as they are now employed in building houses, barns, and find great good from it.

We wish to listen to your counsel and advice most often, and not to quarrel with one another nor to go to war. We last summer had a general council with many of the Western tribes of Indians, at Buffalo Lake, where we all agreed in love, peace, and renewal of that chain of friendship, and with better will toward the Great Spirit. May He teach us to refrain from all practices.

We beseech that the great good Spirit governs season and weather with like more and more benevolent effect.

Brothers, we are sensible that the great good Spirit governs season and weather with like more and more benevolent effect.
Industry, Care, and Prudence we might live happy and comfortable -- And may the Great Good Spirit ever countenance the Chain of Friendship, that it may remain bright in the last generation is the wish of your Brothers. farewell To David Bacon
Henry Drinker
Ellis Yarnal
Wister ty Joseph Shasquithquirtty Isaac Wranpeytty Moses Wrainkoinhystty Jacob Concapustty Solomon Quaikenutty Hendricks Aupauma
From the Oneida Organization Indians to David Bacon
Jnoyty Parish
Hen'tty Drinker
Ellisyty Yarnal
Natety Harper
Jnoyty Biddle
Thosyty Wistar
Peteryty Barker
Thosyty Fisher
Jamesyty Cooper
Jnoyty Elliot
Wmyty Savery
Jacobyty Lindley
Oliveryty Paxton
Thos Stewardsyty Oneida Place Information ytf 15th 10 mo. ytf 1801Brothersytf We have received your Counsel and Advice at this time, as well as at many other times, and are made thankful that the great good Spirit continues to put you in remembrance of us, to give us this counsel and advice. some of us have agreed together to endeavour to follow it, and improve our land, raise more cattle, grain & Flax, and learn our young women to Spin, and other useful employments in the House we have improved in building Houses & Barns, and find great good from itty Brothers, we wish to listen to your counsel and advice not to offend, or hurt one another, nor to go to War. We last summer had a general counselytf with many of the Western tribes of Indians, at Buffalow Creek Place Information, where we all agreed to live in peace and renewed the Chain of Friendship and wish to attend to the Good Spirit, ittyf will teach us to refrain from all evil practicesytf Brothers, We are sensible that the great good Spirit governs all theytf seasons, and some of us wish to live more and more in his
Favour. That we should more and more be worthy of this bly-
sky. Without standing some through unwatéd friend-
are taken out of you then great and mighty.
Brother Joseph Clark, We do thank you for your good counsel
we believe the Great Spirit hasten you amongst us as
we treasure it up in our heart, from day to day and we
will teach it to our children, we wish all ways, you wish all
way, to keep right the aunts friendship and remain
your brother.
Cornelius Oto, Napa
Peter Onangone
John Schunnudac
Luc Lewis
Christian Schenadel

From a Tuscarora Indian
Dear Friends, We are all well, and glad to see the girls, and our friend J. Clark; we often think of the kindness
you shewed us. An nation mong Composition is hard, and
cause some pain, and we find al the and we hop that
of instance. The Great One often are in his favor
over a house plenty of corn, fish and flax, and become
his children, and most in his Kind he - I presume
cause my heart, but am not able to express myself.
Peter Onangone

From a young Indian Woman to Eliz. Townsend (daughter
Joseph Clark), Dear Friend, We do not but the nations-
me wale from one who wishes thee, and all thy society
well. This unknown to each other as to our Majesty Per-
son, may I sincerely hope that we may be so frequently
converse with the same ones. My dear friend, I think
thy father and all the others for your kind concern towards
us the natives of America, for believe this generous
love.
favour, that weytf should more and more be worthy of his bles
sings. Notwithstanding someytf through unwatchfulness
are taken captive by the great and mighty as were manyadversary destroyerytf Brother Joseph Clark We also th
we believe the Great & Good Spirit has sent youytf amongst us. We
will treasure it up in our hearts from day to day andytf we
will teach it to our Children. We wish always, we wish all
-ways, toytf keep bright the Chain of Friendships and remainytf your Brothersytf ytf ytf Cornel
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youytf shewed us -- Our nation now plough their land, and
raise some flax, and weytf spin a little, and we hope by the
assistance of the Great Good Spirit weytf grow in his favour
so as to have plenty of Corn, Cattle, and Flax -- andytf becom
his children, and rest in his Kingdom -- I feel much
love in myytf heart, but am not able to express myselfytf Peter Oksantguoytf ytf ytf From a Young Indian Woman to Eliz.
Townsend (daughter of Joseph Clark)ytf ytf Dear friend.ytf No doubt but thee will ex-
cuse a letter from me, who wishes thee, and allytf they society
well, tho unknown to each other as to our Bodilytf Per-
sons, yet I sincerely hope that we sincerely frequently
ytf converse with the same Spirit. My dear Friend, I thank
thy Father andytf likewise thee for your kind care towards
us the Natives of America, for Iytf believe that you will have
An address from Joseph Knight to Himan.

When the Great and Good Spirit made the first Man and Woman, He placed them in the Garden of Eden and commanded them to dress it. Then we learn that the Lord said He would make another of all good intending Man should labor from the beginning of the Creation; and we are further instructed from the scripture of Truth, that the Lord's chief servants, in every age were those that labored.

And Moses was given to intermankers called of the Most High, while he was engaged keeping his father-in-law's sheep, as was also Elizah the Prophet, when he was ploughing with the plowshare of Eden, and Paul that came into the forms in that he laboured with his hands that he might support himself. But above all these take command my Brother, when he obedience to the Command and imitate the example of Christ. The Great Good Spirit, who had all power in Heaven and Earth, and once in a manner manner just four hours and Men besides, Woman and Children with only two loaves, and five fish and notwith

standing afterwards gave the special Command together

framents, that nothing should be lost in those days clearly and fully, this shows how great is the constant necessity of being careful of the good things that are all wise. 

Geo. Crosby

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have your reward, for God will reward you. Iytf give my
kind love to all thy friends, and tell them that the great &ytf good
Spirit is on its way to the dark corners of the Earth -- When
mytyf dear Friend? When will that happy day appear?
When the Nations will learnytf War no more; for then Lion
will arise and travel, and bring forth, She willytf bring
forth. ytf So farewell from thy unknown friendytf Gracy Crosbyytf ytf ytf 6th
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and imitateytf the example of Christ, the Great Good Spirit, who
had all power in Heavenlyf and Earth; and once in a miracu-
loous manner fed five thousand Men besidesytf Women and
Children, with only two loaves, and five fish -- and notytf with
standing afterwards gave this special Command to gather
fragmentsytf that nothing should be lost - How clearly and
fully this shews poor frailtytf Man the constant necessity
of being careful of the good and things that anytyf all wise Providence
place on his person — and in order to make the man of God more perfect, He further informed him, that it was more blessed to give than to receive. I conclude in the same line which I wrote, well unto other families of the Earth, from your Brother, Joseph Clark.

Philadelphia Dec. 14, 1801

P.S. My desire is that my Brother David Towle would add this at the conclusion of the time of Worship, unto the Brother of New Bern, and also unto the Ancona Indians, so much as manner as Memory and judge best.

Observation on the Brother town Indians: who have within these last 3 years, built 3 Loghouses, 3 log barns, and 4 frame barns, also well been closed the fall 2 frame houses. They have a Post about 3 yards, been added to their former number (recently all number not exactly as certain) They have lately purchased 100 sheep. Likewise 50 Calfs. In this year 1799 they were about 100 yards of linen. In this year 1801 they were upwards of 600 yards. In 1799 seven families raised 600 bushels of wheat. In 1801 50 families raised upwards of 10,000 Bushels of wheat in proportion — they have of Weavers, and Attle. with all Indians. They have an essential place of Worship, steadly attended, and a School, and exemplary teacher. Several other Indian families have been added unto them from remote parts. They have also acquired 2 saw mills. Likewise several were, and now more handsome.

Observation on the North Wind Indians, who it is said are in increasing 20 Women and two men in full church membership: to which many more added, to the churches. They have built 10 new houses, since last 2 years. 100 Children fit to attend school.
Transcription

places in his power -- And in order to make the man of God more perfect, He further informed him, that it was more blessed to give than to receive -- I conclude in a degree of that love which we wish for all the families of the Earth from your Brother - Joseph Clark Philadelphia Place Information 12 mo. 14-1801 your Brother David Fowler would read this at the conclusion of the time of Worship, unto the Brother-town Indians, and also unto the Oneida Indians, as in such a manner as thou may judge best.

Observations on the Brother-town Information Indians who have within these last 3 years, built 9 Log Houses, 3 Log Barns, and 4 frame Barns, also will been closed this fall 2 frame Houses -- They have about 8 yoke of Oxen added to their former number (a considerable number not easily ascertained) They have lately purchased 270 sheep likewise as Colts. In the year 1799 they wove about 100 yards of Linen. In the year 1801 they wove upwards of 600 Yards. In 1799 -- seven families raised a little wheat. In 1801 -- 56 families raised wheat, Corn and Flax in proportion. They have 7 Weavers, and a blacksmith all Indians -- They have a neat place of Worship steadily attended, and a School, and exemplary teacher -- several sober Indian families have been added unto them from remote parts -- They have also a grist and saw mill, likewise several Ovens - and now raise more Geese. Observations on the Stockbridge Information Indians who it is said are increasing 20 Women and two men are in full church membership; To which may be added, two Tuscarora Indians -- They have built 100 new houses these last 4 years -- 105 children fit to attend School -- Also
Also about 63y. old. Or in - some have are gathered by him - almost every family has a ver. Some, 6 days of these Indians, is burning good brick. They knew a hard complaint in worship, which is const. etwa. twice a week. But in the house, they have an aw. and great millet

Observation on the Tuscarora Indians, justifying but we learn. They plough some land, or use more carts than formerly - they have built several new houses within three or four years; raise more hay and spin alittle, and say they have now one earl.

Observations on the Tuscarora Indians, they have 50 head of horses lately, of which are 30. 5 good from cheese, and 16 frame house. one building this summer

We also said they are ruining wheat. It is generally allowed they do not plant corn as they did 60-70 years ago, and from my observation, among them. I discovered only two - they have a missionary minister and school master among them. They have also a girls and lace mill.

Old New Shekett pl. 15. 1805

Friend and sister. This is to let you know. I am much rejoiced to see you. I look upon the side. Your fine place and bring our girls home. I cannot but think the great good spirit for his great goodness in preserving us long absent. Gift of foreign dangers, and that they have found favor in the sight of. Such good friends as. take these under their benevolent care, and instruct them in good things and ways. I acknowledge that you have
Also about 30 yoke of Oxen, some sheep are possessed by them -- Almost every family has a cow, some 3 or 4 -- One of these Indians is burning good Bricks -- They have a handsome place of worship, which is constantly attended twice a week likewise they have saw and grist mill and a School house. Observations on the Tuscarora Organization Information Indians (not perfect) but we learn they plough more land, and receive more cattle than formerly -- They have built several new houses within three or four years, raise more flax, and spin a little and say their nation increases Observations on the Oneida Organization Information Indians they have 58 head of horned Cattle. 7 of which are oxen, 5 goody frame Houses, and 5 frame Barns, one building this summer. This also said they are raising Wheat -- This generally allowed they do not paint so much as they did 5 or 6 year ago, and from my Observations among them I discovered only two -- They have Missionary Minister and School Master among them -- they have also Grist and Saw Mill. 

8th New Stockbridge Place Information 10 Month 15, 1801 

Friend and Sistery This is to let you know I am much rejoiced to see friend J Clark come by the side of our fire place and bring our girls home I cannot but bless the great good spirit for his great goodness in preserving our long absented girls from various dangers and that they have found favor in the sight of such good friends, as to take them under their benevolent care, and instruct them in goody things and ways. I acknowledge that you have
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done a great deal for us, out of Love to the great good spirit and your fellow creatures--that we poor natives might as it were rise up and walk and follow the good path which you follow, by which I always feel thankful and hope you will not lose your reward in heaven. I feel our obligations are increased as our advantages are increased to serve God in sincerity and in truth. The Religion is somewhat low amongst us but Christians seem to keep on still. there have been but a few careless ones stirred up for soul concern since your young men left us who at Oneida-- but others seem still to remain in bondage of spiritual Pharaoh. But God is able to turn their hearts and make them willing to walk towards Concern-- I have no time to express as I feel, but to conclude with your prayers that the great good Spirit may pour down his blessing upon us--that religion may again revive among us. Catharine Solomon Townsend

Dear Sister I take this opportunity to inform you that we have received your kind letter which gladdened our hearts. We are all well - and the great good spirit has blessed the labours of our lands the summer past with good crops of grain - We are happy to see our good friend Jos. Clark, also our young women who were put under the care of our friends - I often thought of you since you left our Country - I wish all the women in the world as well as men become such as you are, followers of the Great good Spirit _ then it would
in all Brother and Sisters - these beautiful things must be - but humble submission to the great good things of our duty. - hope by the help of good Spirit we may never forget that we are dependent creatures, as you said, can do nothing spiritually, go. May the good Spirit bless you forever.

Toeuranna Gregory, Saedia Hendricks.

P. S. Give my love to Mr. Hub and give my love to our kind sister Anna B. Johnson on whom may the unconscious almighty rest and listen to all our kind sister at Philadelphia.

Copy of Joseph Clark's Certificate

Dear Friend. An esteemed friend of Clark's called my house of the 16th inst. and stay with me one first day, on the 12th inst. went with him to Heinsville where we as before night, and returned the young women under his care. Next day the chief men, and some of their principal, came, and being informed them in every affecting language they had all the wiser as they knew and then whiskey, to accompany their children home. And I can truly say, his life and conversation, has been very edifying and exemplary. WithDenver for his sepulture, return to him family and friends, from our friend Joseph Doe.
be allytf Brothers and Sisters – How beautiful this would be _But humble submissionytf to the great good spirit is our duty _I hope by the help of the good spirit we and you shall never forget that we are dependant creatures as youytf said can do nothing spiritually good may the good Spirit bless youytf farewelltyf To Susanna Gregorytyf Lydia Hendricksytf P.S. Give my love to our kind Sisterytyf Hannah Jackson -am sorry that weytf cannot at present send letters to all our kind sisters at Philadelphia Place Inoformation ytyf ytf 10th Copy of Joseph Clark’s Certificateytf Dear Friend. ytf Our esteemed Friend J Clark called at mytf House of the 16 of 11mo. and staid with me over first Day - On the 12th, Iytf set out with him to Stock bridgePlace Inoformation where weytf set before night, and returned the 3 young women under his care. Next dayytf the Chiefs met, and some of their principal Women where he informedytf them in very affecting language how that he had left all that was near andytf dear to him, to accompany their children home and I can truly say, hisytf life and conversation has been to me edifying and exemplaryytyf With Desires for his safe return to his family and Friends from goodytyf friend John Deanytf 10th
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To the yearly Meetings Committee on Indian affairs, ytf David Baconytf William Saverytf James Cooper ytf
The 19th of the 10th Month, 1801ytf ytf ytf ytf

Brothertown

Place Information

with state of New York

The 19th of the 10th Month, 1801

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