

My mother and father were members of Oneidas of the Thames Band and Settlement near Southwold, Ontario, Canada. It was not a reserve as the ancestors purchased 5,000 acres on their way from New York state to Green Bay, Wisconsin. My dad was at Mount Elgin school across the Thames River in Muncey, Ontario. We did not hear many stories about his time there but one I do remember was of another male who tried to escape by swimming across the river to Oneida when he was captured he was beaten, He walked across the frozen Thames River home for a warm meal, but he went back after. He wasn't caught. The school kept him after everyone else went home for summer break because he tended the garden so well. Grandpa Ninham drove over to get him and never let him go back. Mom was born in Detroit dad was born in Strathroy, Ontario. Both have passed on and taken their stories with them. Mom in 2000 and Dad in 2020. Mom was a US citizen Dad was not but we all grew up near Detroit.

Thank you for this opportunity, sorry that I couldn't provide any more information.

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