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# KATERI TEKAKWITHA

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1656-1680

April 15, 1970

Mrs. M. H. Brown  
1221 - 5th Avenue  
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Mrs. Brown,

Father Léon Lajoie, Pastor of the Mission of St. Francis Xavier, Caughnawaga, Quebec, asked me to do the research concerning the two missing generations of the Rice family. You will find enclosed, the result of my efforts. Should you desire any further information, I shall be happy to oblige.

Sincerely yours,

Henri Béchard, S.J.

Enclosures: 8

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1221 Fifth Avenue  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84103  
23 April 1970

Henri Bechard, S.J.  
Kateri Center  
P.O. Box 70  
Cuaghawaga, Quebec

Dear Father,

Your letter and genealogical data were welcome and of great interest to me, and I am happy to enclose the money for your services.

Also enclosed is a copy of one page which has a confusion of dates. Perhaps you could check the date, in these cases, which you feel is the accurate one. If I do not receive this page, returned, I shall know that you have done all that you can about it.

How many times I have come across stories about St. Catherine of the Iroquois! Other illustrations have shown her to be much older than she actually was, according to your most beautiful letter-head. I am fascinated by these people and have read everything that can be found about them--even to fiction i.e. "Shadows on the Rock" by Willa Cather.

My next move is to see if there are records on microfilm at the Genalogical Society here through which I might make connections with the names you have sent. There was nothing from Quebec at the time of my last inquiry (a year ago). The microfilmers were in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick two years ago but their results are not available yet. They take forever.

Let me thank you again for the results of your research. And may God be good to you and yours.

Sincerely,

*Henry S. Brown*



# KATERI TEKAKWITHA

June 1, 1970

**KATERI** Mrs. M. H. Brown  
1656-1680 1221 - 5th Avenue  
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Mrs. Brown,

Kindly pardon my delay in acknowledging your letter of April 23. I have just returned to Montreal after an absence of several weeks. The following details will help to complete your records on Silas Rice and Marie Tsiakohawi's children.

Silas Rice: a letter by E<sup>r</sup> Parkman, dated March 31, 1769, addressed to His Hon<sup>r</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> Hutchison states that the capture of Silas and Timothy took place "about ye year 1703 or 1704... of abt 9 & 7: their names Silas and Timothy..." Note the two about's.

*Spice* → The following death certificates are from our 1779 register:

"Le même jour [14 mai 1779] a été enterrée Marie, femme de Tannhahorens, d'un âge avancée. Elle était de la Ste Famille. Point de service sur le corps."

"le 16 [mai 1779] a été enterré Jacques Tannhahorens, d'environ 90 ans, il était de la Ste Famille. Point de service sur le corps.

Silas was born in 1694 or 1695 and died at the age of 84 or 85.

Children:

Marie Josephe Kaniaronkwas: our registers go back to 1735 only. Her third husband died at St. Regis, Quebec and she probably did too.



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Thomas Aronhiowanen: "Le 10 [mars 1779] a été enterré Thomas Haronhiohwen, grand chef de village, il avait environ 40 ans. P[rières] S[ur] le corps."

Ignace Sonawenhese: "L'an mil cent dix, le vingt-quatrième jour d'aoüst, par moi prêtre soussigné, a été inhumé dans le cimetière de cette mission le corps d'Ignace Sonawenhe agée d'environ soixante et quinze ans, décédé d'hier, époux d'Anne Konwatiessata[.] étaient présens à l'inhumation Thomas Sonatsiohane fils du défunt, Pierre Orontatekha, jacques tareha, et Ignace Totisaseré[.] ne scavent signer."

"20 Martii [1742] Ego idem baptizari cum Ecclae ceremoniis puerum pridie natum ex patre Jacobo Tannahorens & ex matre Maria Tsionnakwannen conjugibus quem Ignatium nominavit Ignatius gannatohare [Sonawenhase]." So he was born on March 19.

Marie-Madeleine Tekanonnens: "Le vingt juin mil huit cent trente deux je soussigné Missionnaire a inhumé Marie Magdeleine Ohniron veuve de Joseph Onwanosenni, décédé hier du cholera, âgée d'environ quatre-vingt-dix ans. Presens Irénée Anatanonne et Joseph Kentarontie qui n'ont scu signer."

Marie-Madeleine certainly was not born in 1742 as her brother Ignatius was born that year. She was born, I believe, sometime between 1725 and 1748. (No register for these years.) I have examined all the ~~xxx~~ other registers from 1739 to 1755 inclusively.

Catherine Skawennioha: She was born about 1749, as you noted.

I trust this additional information will be of interest to you. With my very best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

le 8 février 1970

Révérend François Beaudin  
200 Sherbrooke Street  
W. Montréal 25  
P. Q., Canada

Cher Révérend Beaudin:

Monseigneur l'Evêque Federal du Diocèse à Salt Lake City m'a suggéré que vous pouvez peut-être m'aider dans ma recherche généalogique. Après j'avais expliqué à Monseigneur l'Evêque que mes correspondances avec les Sociétés historiques et les "Reservations" des peaux-rouges au Canada étaient sans résultats, Monseigneur l'Evêque Federal n'a trouvé votre adresse à Montréal pour que je puisse vous écrire directement. Parce que vous étiez un participant à la Conférence Mondiale des Registres à Salt Lake City l'été passé, vous pourrez concevoir mieux mon problème suivant:

Je voudrais trouver au moins deux générations perdues comme vous pouvez voir à la carte graphique ci-incluse. D'après une histoire familiale que j'ai vérifiée, ces deux générations étaient "perdues" parmi les peaux-rouges qui s'appellent les "Mohawk." Il y avait une incursion en 1704 à Massachusetts (pas le fameux "Deerfield Raid" en 1704) auquel SILAS RICE (dont le nom "Mohawk" était Tookanowras) et TIMOTHY RICE (dont le nom "Mohawk" était Oughtsorongoughton) et leurs cousins ASHUR RICE et ADONIJA RICE étaient enlevés par les peaux-rouges au Canada. ASHUR RICE s'est retourné à Massachusetts, mais les autres ont resté au Canada (aux environs de la Province de Québec). Ils ont choisi leurs femmes parmi les "Mohawk" et ils sont devenus chefs parmi les peaux-rouges. Je sais aussi qu'il y a des personnes nommées "Rice" à présent à la "Reservation" Cananagua.

A la bibliothèque à l'Université d'Utah on se trouve 73 tomes de JESUIT RELATIONS AND ALLIED DOCUMENTS. Cependant, il n'y a rien là-dedans d'une nature généalogique comme vous savez. Néanmoins, Monseigneur l'Evêque et moi sont d'accord qu'il doit être quelques registres des baptismes, etc. qui étaient gardé par ce peuple.

le 8 février 1970  
Révérend François Beaudin  
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Si les noms "Rice" déjà décrit au-dessus et leurs descendants sont dans ces registres, par bonheur, je serais très heureuse et aussi bien reconnaissante à Dieu. Si les noms n'existent pas dans ces registres, je saurais, au moins, les faits. Je suis préparé à payer pour les services d'une recherche généalogique qui peut m'aider à trouver ces branches de mes ancêtres.

Je vous remercie d'avance pour votre attention à cette lettre. Je vous envoie des amitiés de Salt Lake City et je vous prie d'agréer, cher Révérend, mes salutations distinguées.

Cherry S. Brown  
1221 5<sup>th</sup> Ave  
S.L.C., Utah 84103

DATE January 1936  
 NAME OF PERSON SUBMITTING CHART  
1221 Fifth Ave.  
 STREET ADDRESS  
Utah City, Utah 8403  
 CITY STATE

NO. 1 ON THIS CHART IS  
 THE SAME PERSON AS NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ON CHART NO. \_\_\_\_\_

*My 3rd Great Grand-Mother*  
*at least 2 missing Generations*  
 Silas Rice or  
 Timothy Rice ("Oughtsorone")  
 BORN 1695 and 1697 goughton  
 WHERE Middlesex Co. Mass.  
 WHEN MARRIED  
 DIED after 1790  
 WHERE Caughnawaga, Quebec, Can.  
 Cousin, Adonijah b.1696  
 Dorothy Rice (Kiwenakisutumesna)  
 BORN abt. 1770  
 WHERE  
 WHEN MARRIED 6 Aug 1791\*  
 DIED 1833  
 WHERE Nashwaak Valley, York Co. N.B. Can.  
 David or Alexander Brown  
 NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE  
 \* This could have been  
 solemnization of previous  
 marriage, civil or tribal

GIVE HERE NAME OF RECORD OR  
 BOOK WHERE THIS INFORMATION  
 WAS OBTAINED. REFER TO NAMES  
 BY NUMBER.

Vital Records of Middlesex Co. Mass. 974.44 D2G  
 Indian Wars of New England Vol. III, p.75  
 Pvt. correspondance - R.W. Manzer, Fredericton, N.B.  
 Mrs. Ira McCormick, Digby, N.S.

## PEDIGREE CHART

	8	Samuel Rice	16	Edmund Rice b. 1594 CHART NO. _____
		BORN 1634	17	ABOVE NAME CONTINUED ON CHART
		WHERE	Thomasine Hasmer	
		WHEN MARRIED	Marcia Hurd Brigham	
		DIED		ABOVE NAME CONTINUED ON CHART
		WHERE Elizabeth King		
	9		18	ABOVE NAME CONTINUED ON CHART
		BORN	19	ABOVE NAME CONTINUED ON CHART
		WHERE		
		DIED		
		WHERE		
	10		20	ABOVE NAME CONTINUED ON CHART
		BORN	21	ABOVE NAME CONTINUED ON CHART
		WHERE		
		WHEN MARRIED		
		DIED		
		WHERE		
	11		22	ABOVE NAME CONTINUED ON CHART
		BORN	23	ABOVE NAME CONTINUED ON CHART
		WHERE		
		DIED		
		WHERE		
	12		24	ABOVE NAME CONTINUED ON CHART
		BORN	25	ABOVE NAME CONTINUED ON CHART
		WHERE		
		WHEN MARRIED		
		DIED		
		WHERE		
	13		26	ABOVE NAME CONTINUED ON CHART
		BORN	27	ABOVE NAME CONTINUED ON CHART
		WHERE		
		DIED		
		WHERE		
	14		28	ABOVE NAME CONTINUED ON CHART
		BORN	29	ABOVE NAME CONTINUED ON CHART
		WHERE		
		WHEN MARRIED		
		DIED		
		WHERE		
	15		30	ABOVE NAME CONTINUED ON CHART
		BORN	31	ABOVE NAME CONTINUED ON CHART
		WHERE		
		DIED		
		WHERE		

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} Silas Rice = Jacques Tawnhahorens = Silas Rice, taken captive at the age of 9 by the Iroquois in 1704 at Marlboro.  
died 16 / 5 / 1779 aged 90.

Marie Tsiaokohawi al. Biornakawonnen, died 14 / 5 / 79, buried.

Children :

? Marie Joseph Kaniaronkwa & ~~24 / 4 / 1700~~

1737 Thomas Aorshiowanen &

1742 Ignace Sonawenheee al. Ohniron

? Marie - Madeleine Tekanonsnons al Ohniron

? Catherine Skawenniisha al Atienri.

} Timothy Rice = Jacques Oseronkohton, Silas' brother.  
taken captive at the same time. Head chief.  
died 25 / 9 / 1777, aged 86.

Catherine Oseenenhawer

Children

Pierre

1741

1737.

Cecile (illegitimate) child of

Nothing <sup>the</sup> intimacy of their

two children.

Catherine Oseenenhawer &  
Jacques Ahentaritha



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owes to: Henri Béchard, S.J.  
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Genealogical research  the Rice family

\$30.00



Kateri Tekakwitha's birthplace and early years at Auriesville, New York, among the people who were called at that time savages.



Kateri receiving Baptism at Fonda, New York on Easter Sunday 1667. Those present are touched by the modest joy radiating from her.



Kateri receiving First Holy Communion at Fonda, New York. The little Iroquois girl is so happy that she feels her heart is going to burst.



Kateri dies at Caughnawaga, Canada - April 17, 1680. Her face, which had always borne the marks left by small pox suddenly becomes extremely beautiful.

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Jérôme Rice's children

1. O Marie Joseph Kaniaronkwas  
Married to  
Ignace

Child:  
1742 = Marie

Married to  
Pierre Aterhiten

Children  
1754 = François-Xavier  
1757 = Charles.

Married to  
Pierre Thoronhiabéton = Cook Died at St. Regis, P.Q. ■  
9/3/1808, aged 97.

Children

1763 Marie Anne

1766 (at St. Regis') Françoise

1769 (at St. Regis') Jean-Baptist, al. Kononwate Kononwatase

Siles Rice's children

N. B. Today's Rice descend from T.A.

(2) Thomas Aronhiowanen Grand Chief. Died 10/3/1729 aged 40

Married to

Marguerite Tekakwitha al. Teeveson. Died 16/5/827 aged 90

Children

- + 1758 Cecile Amonwentsio, b. 7/3/1758 married to Matthias Tekonorenion from 3/9/1753
- 1760 Marie Madeleine b. 24/4/1760 (?).
- 1762 Louise Tekonuwakession
- + 1765 Marie Anne Konwatewentekon, b. 14/3/1765
- 1768 Catherine b. 27/5/1768. Died 12/8/1770 married to Th. Thorakwesken.
- 1771 Francois Xavier Tekawiliaien b. 10/2/1771
- + 1774 Pierre Tekabarenkonto b. 26/4/1774 married to Agnes Nickaa
- + 1776 Ignace Kanatasta . married to Konwatafonion b. 30/10/1776. Married to M. Karonhionoron.

N.B

In 1900 practically  
descendants from Thomas  
alone.  
700

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Sister Ria's children

(3) Ignace Sonawenhére al. Solminon, died 24/8/1810/25 yrs.

Married to

Anne Konwatiessata ~~al.~~, d. Kratoratow <sup>11/7/1829, 90 yrs.</sup> d. Kanonsatonkwas  
children

1766 Thomas Anotsiowane

1768 Marie Kakhasionkwas

1772 Ignace

1775 François Xaries

1778 Pierre Taetsiaronsere

1782 Joseph Kanonowihen

1785 Jean-Baptiste Totasaherhe

1789 Marguine Konwatiessata al. Kanonsatonkwas,  
al Kanesatokens

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Didas Ric's children

(5)

Catherine Skawenniioha al. Atienna, died ~~27~~ / 9 / 1804 aged 53

Married to Mathias ~~Karoshing~~ Karonhiarakon, al.

Atsienhaienton, died ~~11/1/65~~ 6 / 11 / 65, 22 years.

Aged

1766 - Marie Anne

Married to Jacques Tewlnnitashen (one of the Recchieb  
sons des Belles)

Died 25 / 1 / 1826, 80 years old

Children

- |       |                         |   |
|-------|-------------------------|---|
| 1768. | Marguerite Kaharonkewas | 1782. Cecile Kanonsakahention                   |
| 1770  | Joseph Tiawekathe       | 1788 Anne                                       |
| 1772  | Cecil                   | 1791 Marguerite Kanentsakewas<br>al. Tiakohawee |
| 1775  | Marie-Anne              | 1796 Marie Joseph Nikawemaa <sup>nn</sup>       |
| 1777  | Pierre Tsioherisen      |   |
| 1780  | Agnace Rotsinnhen       |   |
| 1787  | Marie Agnes             |   |

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Silas Rice's children

#) Marie Madeleine Tekanonness, ab. Ohnioront, died 20/6/1832  
aged app. 90

Married to

Joseph, Onwanosenne, ab. Akononton

1762 Pierre Tharonhiawakon

1765 Félicité

1767 Thomas Awennaniont

1771 Jean-Baptiste Kahionhitakhe, ab. Kahionhas,  
Louise als Asarekowa

1776 Anne Ateriwine, ab. Shawenwioha, ab. Kentewnitakhe

1780 Margaret

1791 Thérèse

1785 Louis Tairatia illeg. Father: J. Skenonton