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A. W. Ferrin

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Enc. letter from M. F.
Tsippe rel. to Chief Tho.
Williams & Mrs. Pintup.
Also Wm Patterson a
Tuscarora Ind. - also
rel. to Pupils for Cashile
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United States Indian Service,

New York Agency,
Salamanca, Sept. 15, 1892

Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I enclose the letter from Mr. Trippe, mailed to me at Massena Springs, answering my inquiries as to Chief Thomas Williams and Mrs. Printup - also as to W. Patterson, the Tuscarora who saw you at Niagara Falls.

From what Mr. Trippe says to me personally, there appears to me no doubt that the relations between Williams and Mrs. Printup are not what they should be.

I have questioned Mr. Trippe as to requirements made in the matter of pupils for Carlisle etc. He says the question of paganism or Christian denomination is not

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raised at all. That they have
simply tried to conform to the
Carlisle rules that the pupils shall
be all right physically and
morally.

Very respectfully,

A. W. Ferris

U. S. Indian Agent.

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United States Indian Service,

Salamanca Agency,

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Dear Mr Ferrin

Thomas Williams, head chief of the Tuscaroras has the reputation of being a very bad man. Whether he has left his wife and is living with Mrs Puntay I cannot say, but that his life is bad and his example and influence an altogether demoralizing one can be no doubt.

How far the Tuscaroras Co-habit without the formality of even the Indian marriage rite I do not know best judge they observe the forms of Christian Marriage far more than any other tribe of the Six Nations. They are certainly doing better in ^{this} respect, as there is just a strong public sentiment on the reservation against such old customs, and this sentiment is growing on all the reservations.

Wm H. Patterson I believe this had to

United States Indian Service,

Agency,

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be a good man but he is very peculiar
He is like some of my prohibition friends
only happy when finding fault.

He was a member of my Church and a
deacon and when I heard that he had
gone to the Baptists I simply said "Let
us pray for the Baptists and their
pastor". He tells wonderful stories which
tap our faith in ^{their} infallibility of the story
teller. Of course they are all good stories much
like some of our S. S. literature and they teach
a good moral but alas I have broken ^{him} ^{up} for the good ^{them} ⁱⁿ

Holland D. Patterson or Frank Pitt Pleasant
a ^{Samuel} ~~Samuel~~ friend will tell you the truth
concerning matters at Tuscarora.

But if I wanted real information I should
write to Mr H Sage Lewiston N.Y.
He knows the Indians better than they
know themselves. He was for 12 years a teacher
on the reservation and has all his life lived
close to the people - Regards to Emil & Mrs Meyer
yours
M. F. Witte