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History

So listen up now. I will start back quite a ways when George Washington was fighting his father, the government agent. A lot of people lived here called the "real people" [Iroquois]. I am 86 years old and I met up with this one who had a lot of relatives going back. I asked him why Washington had his last name and he told me there was this washerwoman who was hired help to the king. The washerwoman and the king had an illegitimate child and when he was small, they gave him the name of George Washington. He grew up that way.

So as he was growing up this young boy, maybe I'd say 18 years old and he himself was smarter than the king. He got to be 21 years old and it was unbearable when he would quarrel with his father. So then the king said, "You will go away. You'll go across the sea." Then the king said, "Now I will give you a gift, which one usually gives when one comes of age when one has something to give." Then he was naming off what he wanted – big ships with guns on them and some with cannons. So he gave him a crew of warriors, some tens of them. And then he left.

He landed here somewhere in a salty place near the ocean. Then George got out and a crowd of Iroquois were lying waiting for them to kill the strangers arriving. He was going nearby when he realized they were wanting to kill him. So he just waved his arms and pointed upward. So it happened that he just went forward and stood with their leaders. Then he started to beg them to give him a chance and they were waving the hands to talk so that somehow they would understand. They gave them a chance and they settled where there was the very best land and they lived there for many years, perhaps 10 to 20 years.

Then also the government agent added there a little to the north. Not many years after that it started that the government agent would abuse the Iroquois living there – different Iroquois. And then George found out about this. He didn't like anyone being abused. George said, "You will stop this that you are doing."

The agent said, "I will stop when there is a victory."

And so George said, "Thus it will happen. If you defeat me, then my laws will be the kind that you have. So we will fight." Then he asked the people of the standing stone [Oneidas] to help him.

And the Oneidas answered back, "We do not want to give you any help. This is ours here." So he fought. Now there was a man called Doxtator of good reputation as a marksman. His wife was Oneida. She hid and watched the fighting. Then she noticed that they broke his leg. They took him somewhere and she also saw George take off his belt with the great sword attached. He turned his gun upside down and pierced the ground. This meant that he gave up the fighting. Here this woman had scars hidden from then.