

Certificate of William Caldwell, made the 20th day of May, 1869.

States.—I, William Caldwell, do hereby certify to the best of my knowledge, to wit:—That I believe myself to be about eighty seven years of age. Was born at what is now Detroit. Was in former years well acquainted with many Indians and attended some of their Councils. As far back as I could remember, it was a prevailing belief, and also every body considered it as an indisputable fact, that the Wyandotts were aliens to that part of the country in which lies the Huron Reserve; and that they were not the original owners thereof. It was a well known fact that the Pottawatomies, Chippewas and Ottawas were the rightful proprietors of the said Huron Reserve. I always understood that the Wyandotts came from Lower Canada, went towards Lake Superior, and subsequently came down, and being allowed by the said Pottawatomies, Chippewas and Ottawas, they settled on and now reside on the said Huron Reserve.

(Signed),

WM. CALDWELL.

Signed in my presence, at the Township of Malden, in the County of Essex, the 20th day of May, A. D. 1869.

(Signed),

THOMAS HAWKINS, J. P.

Affidavit of Francis Meloche, made the 21st day of May, 1869, and sworn before James Kevill, at the Town of Amherstburgh.

States.—That he believes himself to be about eighty eight years of age, and has lived in the vicinity of Amherstburgh upwards of sixty years, and has been well acquainted with many Indians of the Chippeway, Pottawatomy and Ottawa Indian Nations; and during the period of sixty years he always understood that the above mentioned Indian Nations were the rightful and original proprietors of the Anderdon or Huron Reserve. That the following was at an earlier date considered and regarded as an indisputable fact, viz:—That the Wyandotts were driven from the North by some tribe of Indians, came down and found protection from the said Chippeway, Pottawatomy and Ottawa Nations, and also were permitted to settle on the said Anderdon Reserve, where they now reside. That he speaks and understands the Chippeway dialect, and has been intimately acquainted with some of the Principal Chiefs of the said Chippeway, Pottawatomy and Ottawa Nations, and in his intercourse with them, he always heard them complain of the unlawful claim of the Wyandotts to the said Anderdon or Huron Reserve.