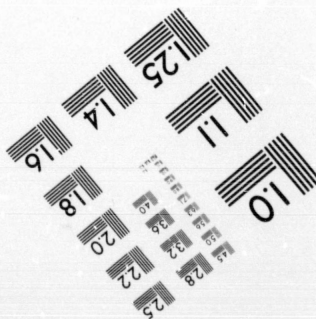
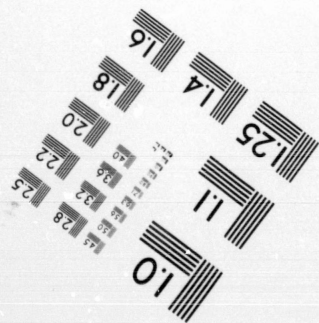
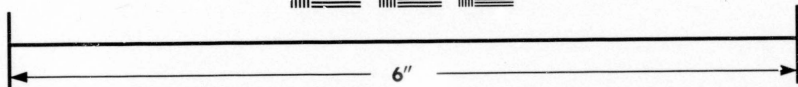
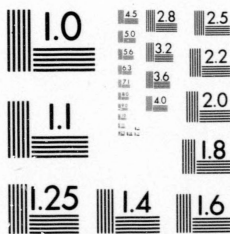


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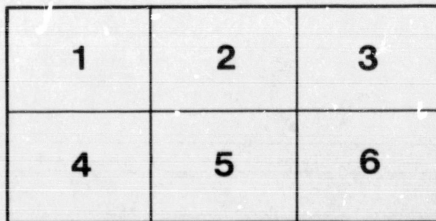
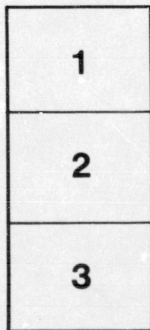
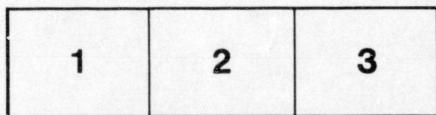
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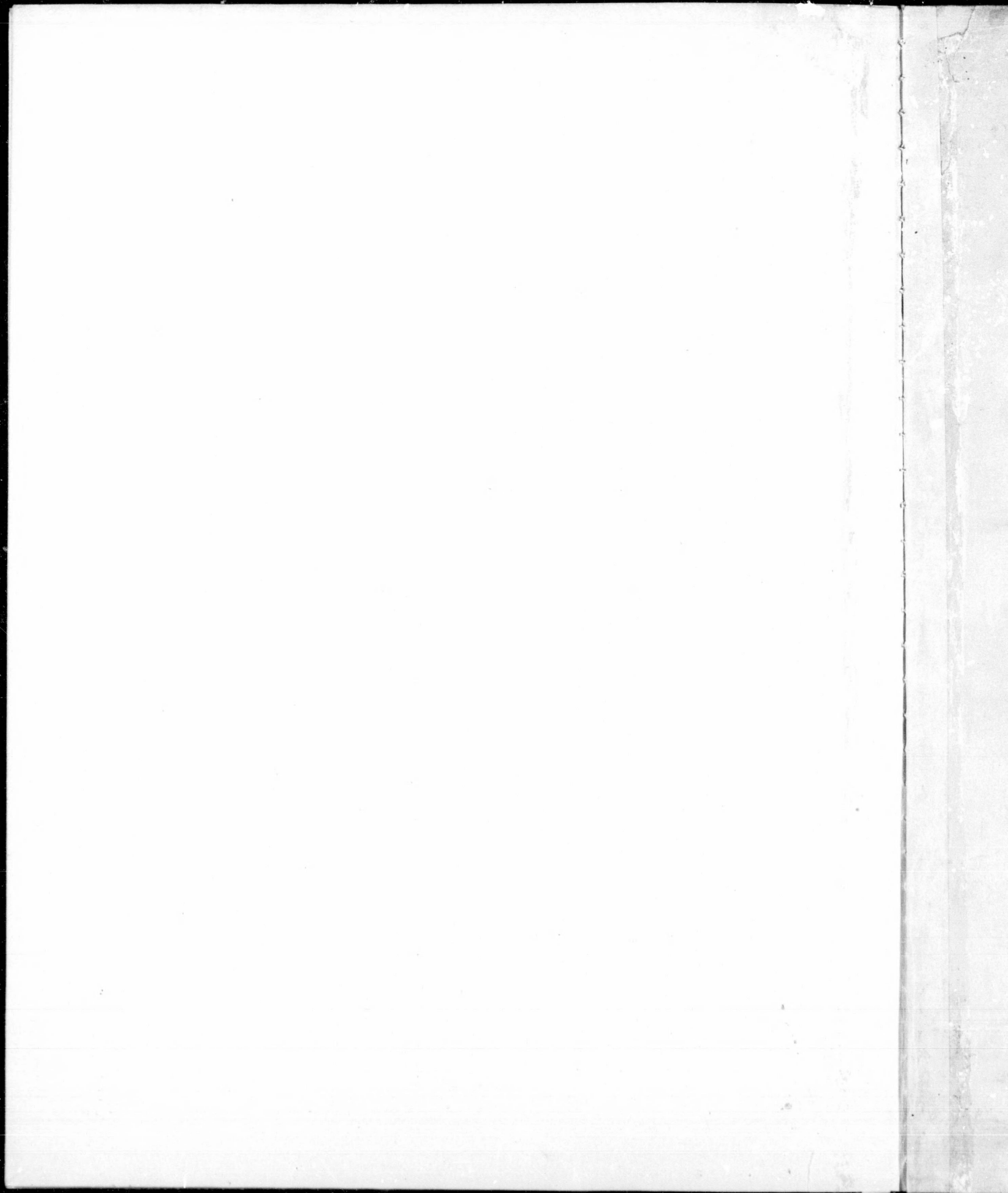
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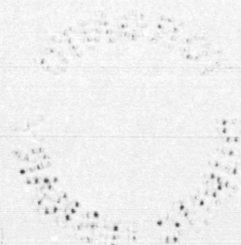
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I N the year 1710 five Indian Chiefs or Sachems were taken to England, where they attracted much attention, and were presented to Queen Anne. Three of these were Mohawks, one of whom was chief of the Canajoharie clan or division of that tribe, to which the famous Brant belonged.

One of these chiefs, said to be the last mentioned, was the father of

Nickus Brant or Aroghyadagha, also known by the name of Tehowaghwengaraghkwin, a sachem of the Wolf (Okwaho) family or totem. Two of the children of this chief attained considerable celebrity. viz. :

Joseph, of whom below.

Mary, or Molly, as she has usually been called (d 1805), who became the second wife of Sir William Johnson, Baronet (d 1774), who was a gentleman of large estates in the then Province of New York (which were confiscated by the American Government, and his son, Sir John Johnson, dispossessed, in the Revolutionary War) He exercised great influence among the Indians, and was a successful military leader, being consequently a prominent figure in the contest for supremacy between the English and French in North America. Molly is described by an authoress to whom she was well known, as possessing "an uncommonly agreeable person and good understanding." Of this marriage there was issue (besides probably others), William, d. unm., and daughters married as follows: to Capt. Farley, 60th Regt. ; to Lieut. Lemoine, 24th Regt. ; to John Ferguson of the Indian Department; to Capt. Earle, naval officer; and to Robert Kerr, M.D., of Niagara, said to be a relative of the Duke of Roxburgh, who had issue, three sons, all officers in the war of 1812, viz. :

1.—William-Johnson (Kerr) b. 1787, m. Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Brant, named below. He was Captain in the war of 1812; commanded the Indians at the Beaver Dams, when a small force under Fitzgibbon secured the surrender

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of a considerable body of Americans;* was subsequently Lieut.-Col.; organized a body of Indians to serve in 1837-8; and was sometime a member of the Legislative Assembly.

2.—Walter (Kerr), was wounded and taken prisoner in 1812, but escaped, and subsequently died of his wounds.

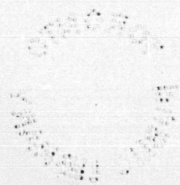
3.—Robert (Kerr).

And two daus., one m. to Colonel Clarke, of Niagara Falls, and the other to — Gillespie, of Montreal.

(Capt). JOSEPH BRANT of Thayendinegea, b. 1742, d. Nov. 1807, a Chief of the Six Nations and a Captain in the army; was distinguished as a brave and skilful warrior and as a statesman of great natural ability. At thirteen years of age he was present at the battle of Lake George, when the English, under Sir William Johnson, defeated the French. In 1764 he was engaged in a war against the great Chief Pontiac, who had raised a strong confederacy of Indian tribes to endeavour to dispossess the English of territories acquired by them from the French. Soon after this the American Revolutionary War broke out, in which Capt. Brant was a faithful and energetic adherent of the Crown, rendering, time and again, important services, and being also noted for his constant efforts to restrain his followers and to prevent the excesses which usually occurred in Indian warfare. It is true that this latter phase of his character has been denied by some writers, apparently on the authority of Campbell's "Gertrude of Wyoming," but it is now generally admitted, and Campbell himself declared, that the Brant pictured by him was a character of fiction to whom the name was unjustly applied. Some historians have indeed declared the story of the so-called "Massacre" of Wyoming to be almost wholly untrue, or at least grossly misstated; and at the most what did take place was a reprisal, according to the manner of warfare of the place and time, for atrocities committed upon the Royalists by the Revolutionary party. After the American States became independent, Capt. Brant, with the greater part of the Mohawks, and a number of the other five tribes, withdrew to Canada, where grants of land were made to the Six Nations on the Bay of Quinte, and subsequently on the Grand River, on both of which their descendants still continue. Capt. Brant himself was

* Lieut. Fitzgibbon's command consisted of 16 horse, and 46 foot, with the Indians, variously stated at from 250 to 450, the former figure being given by Kerr, and therefore likely to be correct. The Americans, after having lost a number killed and wounded, surrendered 544, which included 80 cavalry, with two guns.

Mary-Margaret, m. to
Col. Hon. Thomas Clark
i. s. p.
Anna-Agnes, m. to
Robt. Kerr



granted an estate of considerable extent at Burlington, where he built a house long known as Brant House, and lived with his family in the European manner, devoting the remainder of his life to furthering the welfare of his people, and their advance in civilization. A wooden church, erected about 1785 through his efforts, is still standing near Brantford, in which city* a handsome bronze statue has been erected to his memory. He m. 1stly, Margaret, dau. of an Oneida Chief; 2ndly, in 1772 or 1773, Susanna, a half sister of his first wife, who d.s.p.; and 3rdly, Catharine, b. 1759, d. 24th Nov. 1837, of the family of Tehkarihoken or Hereditary Chief of the Turtle (Anowara) totem or clan of the Mohawk tribe; and had issue, viz : Of the first marriage :

1.—Isaac, d. 1795, who had issue, viz.: 1*a*—Isaac, fought bravely in the war of 1812, d.s.p.; 1*a*.—Mary or Margaret; 2*a*.—Ellen or Elenor, m. to Joseph Lottridge, and had issue, Isaac; Mary, m. 1stly to—Hess, 2ndly to Rev. A. Sickles; Catharine; Esther, m. to—Claus.

1.—Christina; m. to Henry Aaron Hill, and had issue (besides two other sons and another dau.) Solomon, m. Catherine, and had issue, Joseph, m. Elizabeth Hill; Mary, d. Dec. 1873, m. 1stly to Joseph Monture, 2ndly to John Johnson or Bunnell,† and 3rdly to Joseph Sawyer, a Chief of the Missisaugas, and had issue, viz.: 1*b*.—Isaac (Monture); 2*b*.—Peter (Monture), who had a son Peter, who had two sons, John and Henry; 3*b*.—Jacob (Monture); 1*b*.—Catherine (Monture); 1*b*.—Christian‡ (Bunnell). b. 1844; 2*b*.—Elizabeth (Bunnell), who was m. to Elijah Johnson, and had issue, Ansley, William, Catharine.

And of the 3rd marriage :

2.—Joseph, b. 1783, d. 1830; m. Margaret, dau. of Captain John, and had issue, one dau., Catharine (still living in 1894), m. to John W. Hill, son of William Hill, and has had issue, viz.:

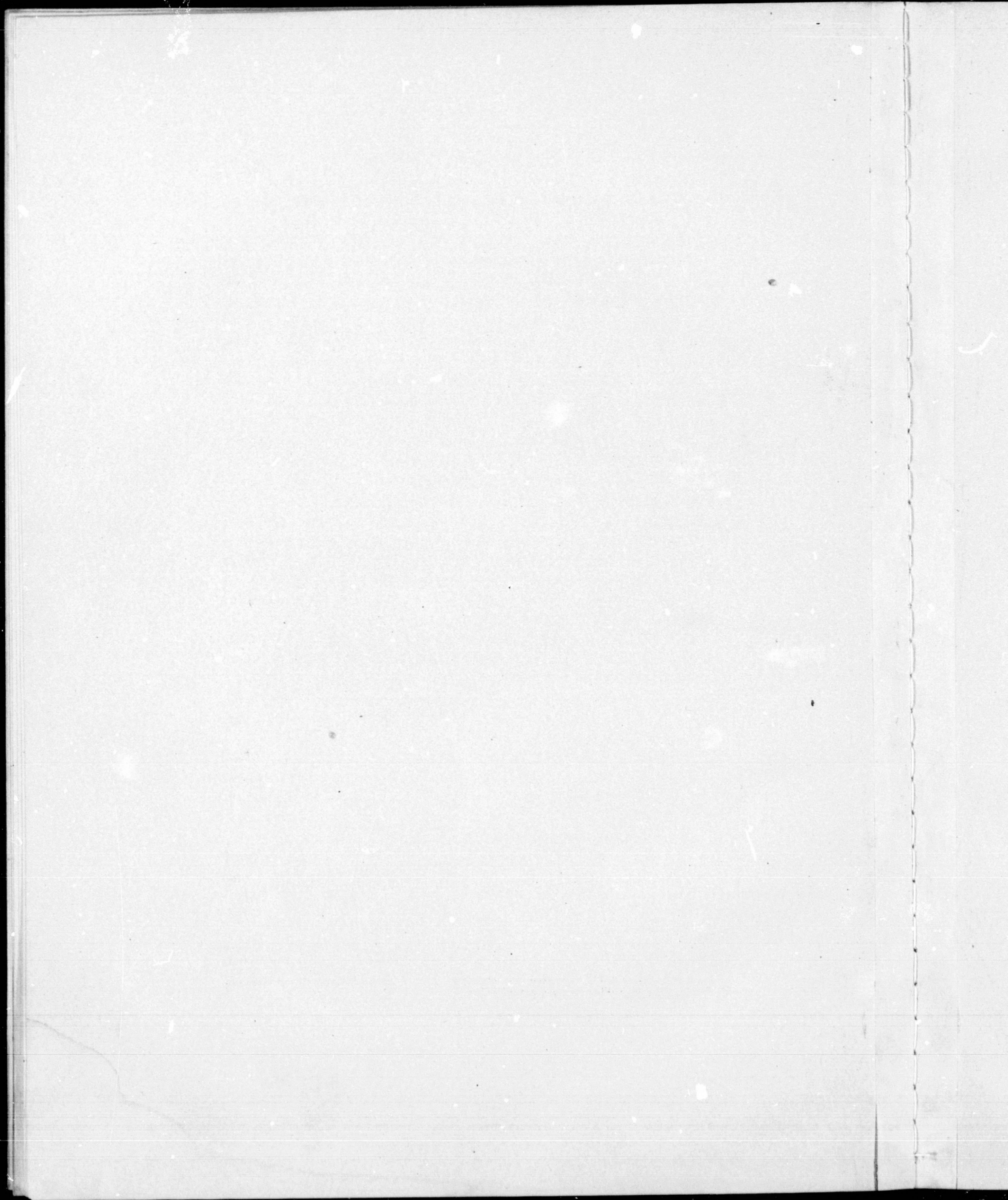
1*b*.—William, m. but s.p.

2*b*.—Joseph, m. Nancy Brant. and has issue, one son, William.

* Which bears his name, as does also the surrounding County of Brant. His Indian name is borne by the Township of Tyendinaga, on the Bay of Quinte.

† Known by both surnames, and so styled in the register of this marriage. This genealogy contains several examples of surnames in the course of adoption. Since settling in Canada the Six Nations have generally acquired surnames, having previously seldom used any. The name Johnson is of frequent occurrence, and has perhaps been adopted out of respect for Sir William Johnson. The most common method of acquiring surnames by Indians at the present time is to take as such the name (Indian) of the first one who becomes prominent, or who adopts a settled mode of life.

‡ This name frequently occurs in the Registers of the Mohawk Church, and seems to be regarded as identical with Christina and Christiana.



- 1*b*.—Ann, married to Alexander Loft, and has issue, Simcoe, Emma.
- 2*b*.—Elizabeth, unm.
- 3*b*.—Ellen, m. to Oronhyatekha, M.D., of Toronto, a Mohawk of the Wolf (Okwaho) totem, Supreme Chief Ranger of the Independent Order of Foresters, a body which has attained a very large membership and influence in Ontario and elsewhere, and has had issue: 1*c*.—Acland, M.D., Lieut. 34th Ontario Batt. Act. Mil., at present of London, Eng.; 2*c*.—Shorihowaneh, drowned at London, Ont., by the sinking of the Victoria, an excursion steamer, 24th May 1881, when many lives were lost; 3*c*.—Albert-Edward, d. inf.; 4*c*.—John-Alexander, d. inf.; 1*c*.—Catherine-Evangeline, Karakwineh; 2*c*.—Kajijunhawehe, d. inf.; this family use the name Oronhyatekha as a surname.
- 4*b*.—Lydia, unm.
- 5*b*.—Susan, m. to John Loft, and has issue, Clara, Harriet, Ethel.
- 6*b*.—Mary, *d.*, m. to Nelson Maricle, and had issue, Mary, Ellinor, Margaret.
- 7*b*.—Sarah, m. to Isaac Green, and has issue, one dau., Gertrude.
- 3.—Jacob, d. 1846, who had issue, viz.:
- 1*a*.—Jacob, m. Mary Jones, and had a dau. m. to Herkimer.
- 2*a*.—John, m. 1stly, a Chippewa, and 2ndly, a white woman, had issue, viz.: of the first marriage, John-R; Henry; Joseph; Jacob; and of the second marriage, Robert, m. Lydia Lewis (see below); Sidney; Margaret, m. to William Crane; all of whom have issue.
- 3*a*.—Squire. 4*a*.—Peter.
- 1*a*.—Christina, m. to John Jones,* and had issue: 1*b*.—Henry, d. leaving issue: 1*b*.—Elizabeth, m. and had issue; 2*b*.—Anna, m. to Isaac Foster, and has issue; 3*b*.—Ella, unm.
- 2*a*.—Charlotte, m. to Peter Smith, and had issue, viz.:
- 1*b*.—Peter, m. Charlotte Loft, and has had issue, several sons and daus.; 2*b*.—Alexander, has had issue, one son; 1*b*.—Elizabeth, m. to Robert Dee, M.D. (wh.),

* Son of Augustus Jones (white), Surveyor, who came to Canada in Gov. Simcoe's time from the State of New York, and who m. Tuhbenahneeguay, dau. of Wahbanosay, a Missisauga Chief, and had issue, viz.: John (above named), or Tyenteneget (apparently so named after Joseph Brant, by whom the name is said to have been conferred); Rev. Peter, or Kahkewaquonaby, a Wesleyan Missionary; and three other sons and five daughters.



and has had issue, two daus. viz., Kate, m. to *Chika*
Van Boskirk (wh.), and has issue; and Fanny, unm.;
2*b*.—Mary, m. to Frank Dee (wh.), and has had issue,
Robert, d. young; and Elizabeth; 3*b*.—Charlotte, unm.

4.—(Capt.) JOHN BRANT, or Ahyonwaeghs, b. 27th Sept. 1794,
d. 1832, unm. Was Tehkarihoken or Hereditary Chief of the Six
Nations by descent from and nomination of his mother, and a
Captain in the army. Of him it is recorded that he was "amiable
and manly in his feelings and character, and becoming well acquainted
with English literature, his manners were early developed as those
of an accomplished gentleman." In the war of 1812, youthful as he
was, he took the field with his warriors and was "engaged in many
of the actions on the Niagara frontier, in all of which his bearing
was chivalrous and his conduct brave." In 1827 he was appointed
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for Propagation of the Gospel in New England, and in recognition
of his services received a handsome testimonial, a cup of gold and
silver. In 1832 he was returned Member of the Provincial Parliam-
ent for Co. Haldimand, but was unseated on a technicality, and
died shortly after.

2.—*Margaret*, m. to Powless Powless* and had issue, viz. :

1*a*.—Joseph, m. Mary Hill, and had issue, George, m. Elizabeth
Martin, a sister of Dr. Oronhyatekha, above named, and
had a son, George, who m. Caroline Martin, and had issue
thirteen children, of whom eight d. young.

2*a*.—George, m. Susannah Davis.

1*a*.—*Susannah*, m. to Isaac Lewis, and had issue, viz. :

1*b*.—JOSEPH (LEWIS), d. 1866, Chief 1857 to 1866, m. and
had issue, two children.

2*b*.—Jacob, who had issue: Joseph, who had issue; Lydia,
m. to Robert Brant (above named); Christina, m. to
Edward Martin, and has issue: Susanna, m. to Law-
rence Davis, and has issue.

3*b*.—DAVID (LEWIS), Chief 1875 to 1877, m. and had issue.

4*b*.—Abram, m. Lydia Hill,† and had issue: Abram and
James.

5*b*.—ELIAS (LEWIS), Chief since 1877, m. Lydia Hill,† and
has issue: Isaac; Lawrence; Alexander; Susan.

* This name is also written Powles, Powlis, Powlas and Paulus.

† Not related to each other.



- 1*b*.—Margaret, *d*.
- 2*b*.—Elizabeth-Ann, m. 1stly, to — Burning and had a son Eli; 2ndly, to Powles Hill, and has two sons, Nelson and Abram.
- 2*a*.—Rachael. 3*a*.—Ellen.
- 3.—Catharine, *d*. 31st Jan. 1867, m. to Peter John, son of Captain John, and had issue, viz.:
- 1*a*.—WILLIAM (JOHN), Chief 1832 to 1857; who m. Mary Powless, and had issue. William, *d*.; Peter, *d*.; Joseph, *d*.; Elizabeth; Catharine, *d*. (drowned).
- 2*a*.—Isaac. 3*a*.—Peter, unm.
- 4.—Mary, m. to Seth Hill, and had issue, viz. : Moses; Seth; Elenor; all *d*. young; Sarah, m. 21st Oct. 1838, to Joseph Lottridge, and had issue, Elizabeth, b. 1844, m. to William Thomas, and had issue two children, who *d*. young.
- 5.—Elizabeth, b. 1796, *d*. April 1845, who was one of the distinguished members of the family. She was a woman of dignified presence, combined with an attractive person and charming manners. On important occasions she was accustomed to wear an Indian costume suitable to her position, and appear so attired at Government House balls and on similar occasions. She was m. in 1828 to Col William-Johnson Kerr, of Brant House (above named), who *d*. April, 1845, she herself dying on the day after his death, and had issue, viz.:
- 1*a*.—Walter, *d*. July 1860, aged 30, s p., m. Mary Gray (wh.), who survived him, and was m. 2ndly, to James Weymss (wh.), *d*., who was some time Police Magistrate of Brantford.
- 2*a*.—Joseph, *d*. unm.
- 3*a*.—WILLIAM-JOHN-SIMCOE (KERR), b. 1840, *d*. 1875, s.p., Chief from 1866 to 1875, Barrister-at-Law 1862, m. 28th July 1870, Catharine-M —, dau. of John-W. Hunter (wh.) M.D., of Hamilton, and Olivia his wife.
- 1*a*.—Catharine, m. to John Osborne (wh.), Merchant in Hamilton, afterwards of Winnipeg, and had issue, viz.:
- 1*b*.—William-John-Kerr, of Winnipeg.
- 1*b*.—Jean-Earle-Millar, m. to Don Kerby^(wh), of Winnipeg, and has issue: Edwin-Osborne; William-Forbes; John-Brant; Kate, *d*. young.



2b.—Jessie-Murray, m. to Joseph-Edward Young (wh.), of Prince Albert N.W.T., son of James Young (d. 1888), and his wife Hester, dau. of Thomas Phillips, in Holy Orders, D.D., who came to Canada in 1825, and was Master in Upper Canada College, and afterwards Rector of Weston and Etobicoke.

LINE OF TEHKARIHOKEN, OR HEREDITARY CHIEF.



This line, so far as the Brant family is concerned, is traced from Catharine, third wife (and widow) of Capt. Joseph Brant, who herself inherited the right of nomination,* and this she exercised in favor of her son,

Capt John Brant, Ahyonwaegs, who d. 1832, when she nominated her grandson,

William John, the position being held by Henry Brant, as *locum tenens*, until 1852; Chief John d. 1857.

The right of nomination was then held by Margaret Powles, who named her grandson,

Joseph Lewis, who d. 1866.

On the death of the latter the eldest woman of the family was Catharine John, who named her sister's son,

William-John-Simcoe Kerr, who was Chief until 1875, when the nominator was Sarah Lottridge, who named

David Lewis, brother of the above named Joseph Lewis, and on his death, in 1877, she again exercised the right, and named his brother,

Elias Lewis, the present Chief.

*By Indian custom, descent is traced from the mother, the children being of the family or totem of their mother and not of their father. On a hereditary chieftainship becoming vacant, the senior woman of the family of the last chief has the right of nomination of the successor, naming by preference her own son or grandson, or failing any such, then the son or grandson of her sister or other near relative.

