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General Description of the entire collection of Brant Family Papers

Originals, 1774-1889. 10 inches. Photocopies, 1786, 1793, 1799, 7 pages.

The loyalty of the Six Nations Confederacy to the British cause during the American Revolution and the subsequent move from New York state to the Grand River tract have been attributed chiefly to the efforts of Joseph Brant (1743-1807) and his sister Mary ('Molly') Brant (1736-1796). Joseph Brant was a chief of the Mohawk nation and one of the principal chiefs of the Confederacy. Molly Brant had influence both through her position as a Mohawk matron and through Sir John William Johnson, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, by whom she had nine children. The descendants of Joseph and Molly Brant retained pre-eminent positions in the Council of the Confederacy. Some of Joseph Brant's papers were preserved by his daughter Elizabeth, wife of William Johnson Kerr, who was himself a grandson of Molly Brant. Their son William John Simcoe Kerr (b. 1839) preserved the papers and added to them chiefly through negotiations concerned with the 'Brant Farm' and other land.

Joseph Brant papers, 1783-1807. Originals, 10 pages and photocopies, 7 pages (Volume 1).  
Autograph of Joseph Brant, Thayendanegea, n.d.; letter of Frederick Haldimand to Brant, 1793, concerning the pension granted Molly Brant. Acquired in 1957. Originals, 4 pages.

Letter of William Claus to Joseph Brant, 1797, concerning land sales of/Six Nations; letter of Brant to William Halton, 1807, concerning smallpox inoculation. Originals, 6 pages.

Letters of Alexander McKee, 1786, and Joseph Chew, 1793, to Joseph Brant concerning councils, and a contemporary copy of a letter from Brant to Sir John Johnson, 1799, concerning conditions in the Indian Department and treatment of the comte de Puisaye. Presented in 1942 by Mr. W.P. Wilton of Hamilton, Ontario. Photostats, 7 pages.

Kerr Collection, 1774-1889. Originals, 10 inches (Volumes 1-5).

Papers of Joseph Brant and his descendants, accumulated and preserved by the Kerr family. The papers are arranged chronologically in series:

Correspondence, 1791-1885, of Joseph Brant, Sir John Johnson, Thomas Talbot, William Johnson Kerr, William L. Stone, John Clark, William John Simcoe Kerr and others. pp. 1-213 (Volume 1).

Estate records, 1774-1884, including letters patent, maps and plans of grants; deeds of gift, leases and mortgages; will, powers of attorney and related records, chiefly concerned with the estates of Joseph and Catherine Brant, John Brant, Elizabeth Brant Kerr and Mary Margaret Clark. Of note are a copy of Sir William Johnson's will, 1774, and several petitions, copies of speeches and powers of attorney relating to lands of the Six Nations. pp. 214-576 (Volumes 2-4).

Photographs, prints and clippings, 1799-1889, including photographs of councillors and council house of the Six Nations, minutes of the General Council of 1870, and a copy of St. Mathew's Gospel in Mohawk and English 1831. pp. 577-645 (Volume 5).

Miscellaneous papers and accounts, 1807-1882. pp. 646-877 (Volume 5).

Presented in 1970 by Mrs. T.A. Hornibrook of Calgary, Alberta.

NOTE: The finding aid which follows is a descriptive list of that portion of the Brant Papers known as the Kerr Collection.

## Introduction to the finding aid

## Kerr Collection

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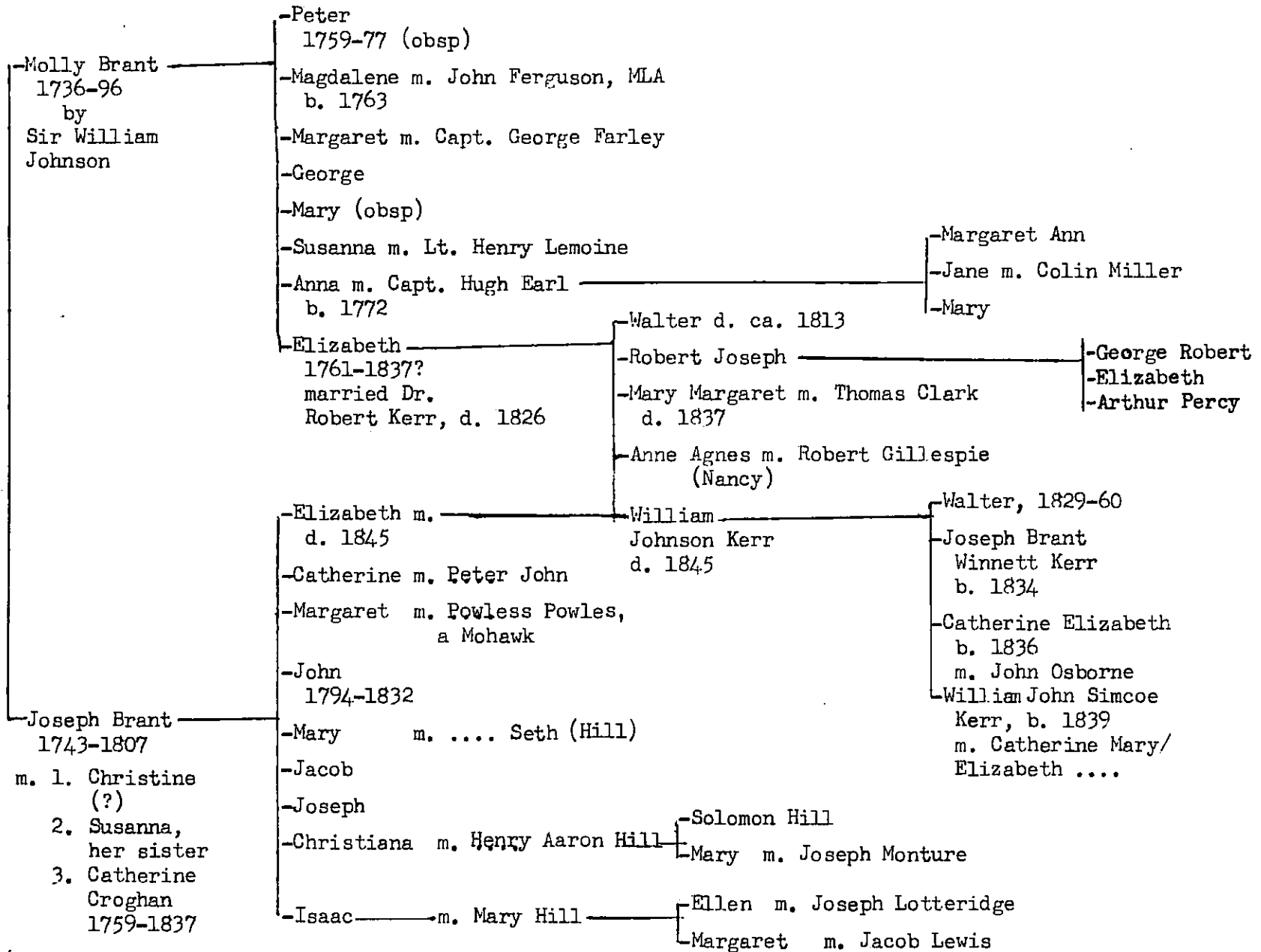
The personal papers and records of Joseph Brant are few and scattered. A portion of them was preserved by his daughter Elizabeth, wife of William Johnson Kerr (a grandson of Joseph's sister Mary), and were used by William L. Stone in his Life of Joseph Brant-Thayendanegea. These papers passed from her to her son William John Simcoe Kerr and from him to neighbors, Elizabeth and Arthur McKeown. The collection was presented to the Public Archives by descendants of the McKeown family.

W.L. Stone describes the collection as 'consisting of his own speeches, delivered on many and various occasions, and a great number of letters addressed to him; together with copies of his own letters in reply, which he had preserved with equal industry and care.' But Stone found them 'less connected than had been hoped; and by hundreds of references and allusions contained therein, it is obvious that large numbers of letters, journals and speeches had been lost...'. It is obvious that further losses occurred in the ensuing century; but additions were made in the form of papers of the Kerr family.

Following the matrilineal descent pattern of the Confederacy, the principal chieftainship held by Joseph Brant (Thayendanegea), was assigned by his widow Catherine Brant to her youngest son, John Brant (Ahyouwaighs). John Brant died of cholera in 1832 and Catherine Brant put forward the name of her grandson Walter Kerr (1829-60) eldest child of Elizabeth and William Johnson Kerr (Thakawarentte), (John Brant had been Superintendent of the Six Nations from 1827 until his death in 1832).

During Walter Kerr's minority a regency was arranged; following his death, Catherine John, then the only surviving daughter of Joseph and Catherine Brant nominated her nephew William John Simcoe Kerr for the position of Tehkarihoken, about 1866.

The bulk of this collection consists of papers of Elizabeth Brant and her descendants. There are a number of letters to and from Sir John Johnson, Superintendent of Indian Affairs -- and a relative in that his father, Sir William Johnson, was the father of Mary Brant's family, from which the Kerrs descended--as well as Col. Thomas Talbot, and William L. Stone. The papers of William John Simcoe Kerr are given unity by the central concern with the inheritance of that tract of land in Nelson Township referred to as the 'Brant farm'.



(Isaac and  
Christiana  
are the  
children of  
the first  
marriage;  
there was no issue of the second)

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 Teoghwengaraghkewn  
 Tehennagarine  
 Aghstawenserontha  
 Shogoharowane  
 Shagoyadiyoghstha  
 Oghonwanoron  
 Atoghserongegh  
 Thayendadirhon  
 Gonghsaniyonte  
 Ayamate  
 Thahosonnenghtorigh  
 [Oghsita]  
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signatures of:

John Smoke Johnson	Sharenyohwanen
Saderkarihwade	Kanokase
John Carpenter	Sonesonwane
Deyragwende	Owagistore
Skanawadyhis	John Skyler
Yononweredouh	John General
Kaweneserondouh	[Ahdewenineh]

Joseph Lewis [Dekarioken]	Peter Burnings
[Ayonwatha]	Saherese
Kanongwenyah	David Hill
Kanonkeridawi	Cornelius Anderson
Jinondawerouh	Dayokawehe
Ojakede	Peter Smith
Jacob Hill	

Signatories

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Signatures of:

Christian Owrnogon  
Esther Dekaghintaghwa  
Catherine Gonwaghtintyatha  
Sarah Aonghwintsiyo  
Catherine Gonweaghningon  
Catherine Otyanoghon  
Catherine Teyotwanragh

Henry Dekarighogra  
Jacob Lewis, Ayonghwatha  
Daniel Oghnawera  
Peter Dewatogharanegea  
Aaron Hill, Degheanonsongotha  
Joseph Brant  
Henry Aaron Hill  
Joseph Dewaseragegh  
Joseph Ohnaongoghton  
Paulus Shagoyatiyostha  
Seth Kaneahawgowagh  
Young Brant, Agowanogtha  
Nicholas Tayoronyoghta  
Adam Thaweyageanat  
Abraham Onwaskanekan

14 Feb. 1798	President Peter Russell to Joseph Brant	Grant of 3450 acres in Flamborough East township, Lincoln County (seal missing)	557-558
4 Sept. 1800	Lt. Gov. Peter Hunter to Hugh Earl	Grant of 1200 acres in Whitby township, York County (wax seal intact)	559-560
10 June 1801	Lt. Gov. Peter Hunter to John Ferguson	Grant of a lot in the city of Kingston (wax seal broken)	561-562
1 Dec. 1802	Lt. Gov. Peter Hunter to Hugh Earl	Grant of a lot in the city of Kingston (wax seal broken)	563-564
31 Jan. 1803	Lt. Gov. Peter Hunter to Hugh Earl	Grant of a lot in the city of Kingston (wax seal broken)	565-566
7 Nov. 1803	Lt. Gov. Peter Hunter to Hugh Earl	Grant of a water lot in the city of Kingston (wax seal broken)	567-568
10 May 1803	Chiefs of the Mississagas to Catherine Brant:	Grant of land to Catherine, wife of Joseph Brant (approximately 1800 acres)	569-570

signatures of:  
Shenedemoyer  
Messessageque  
Quinebena  
Chechack  
Wabenosea  
Pesheke

Wabaconine  
Pautaquen

3 June 1808	Lt. Gov. Francis Gore to Patrick McCew	Grant of 300 acres in Scott township, York County, (wax seal intact)	571-572
Mohawk Village 3 Oct. 1818	Chiefs of the Mohawk or Six Nations to Mary Earl, Jane Earl and Margaret Anne Earl	Deed of gift of land in the Mohawk tract, Hastings County to the children of Hugh Earl (grandchildren of Mary Brant) approximately 100 acres	573-574

signatures of:  
Anthony Smeart  
Joseph Smarth

Joseph Brant  
John Cott  
Peter Brant

9 Oct. 1820 Lt. Gov. Sir Peregrine Maitland Grant of 1200 acres in Nelson township to  
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