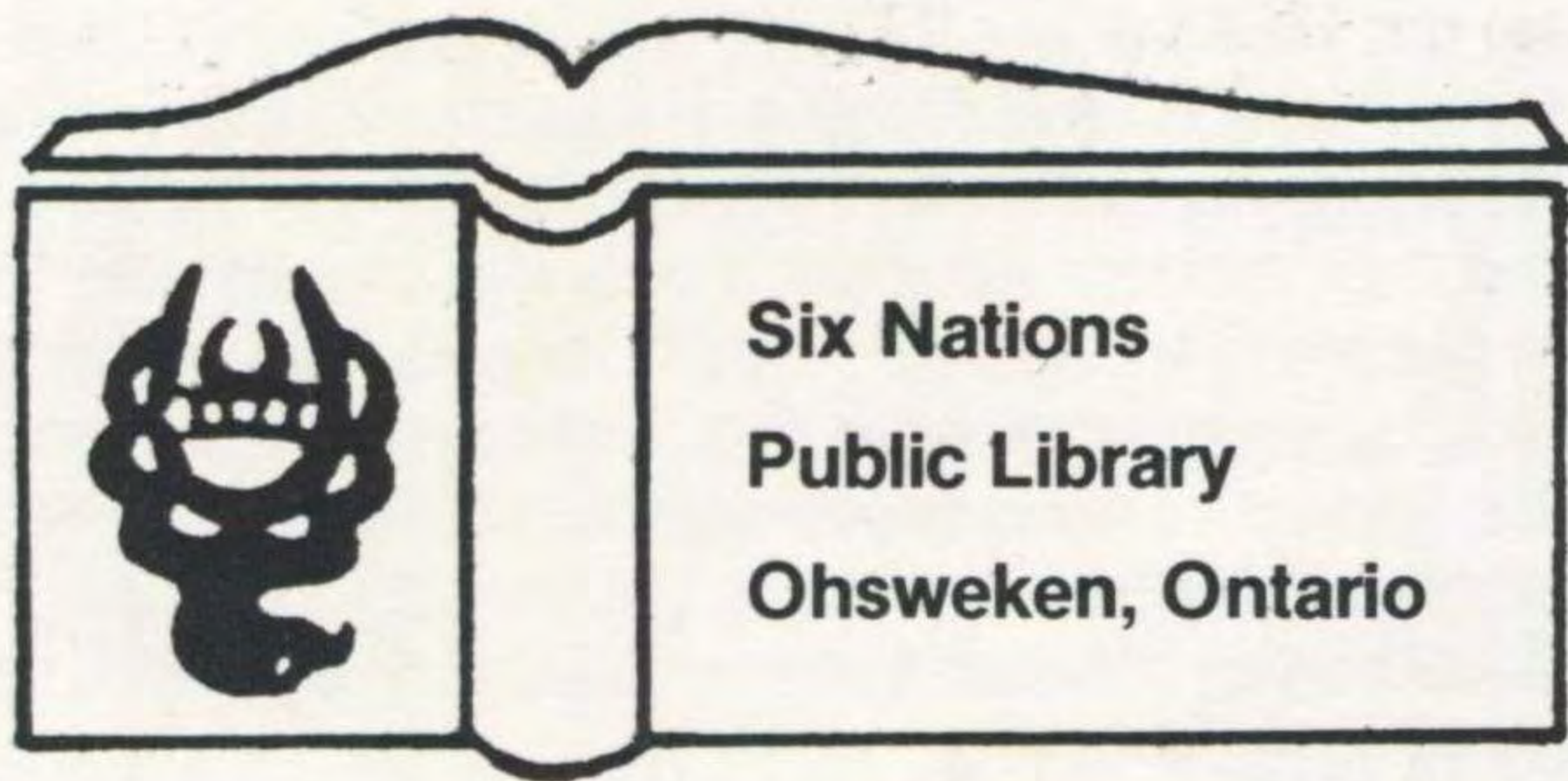


Official Opening

of the

Dr. Joseph C. Hill

Memorial Research Section





Dr. J. C. Hill
1915-1980

Dr. Joseph C. Hill was born June 16, 1915, on the Six Nations Indian Reserve. He attended public school on the reserve and in Hamilton, after completing high school at Hagersville, Ontario. He obtained a teacher's certificate at Hamilton Teacher's College. He started as a teacher and worked his way up to the position of principal at one of the schools on the reserve. In 1946, he was appointed District Superintendent for schools on the reserve. It was during this period that he was able to apply more extensively his philosophy of Indian education. He realized that modern education was the touchstone that would enable his people to participate fully in Canadian life. He also realized that the education process had to maintain and enhance Indian values and Indian culture, while at the same time extending the frontiers of his students' knowledge. He brought in concepts, stories and problems based on what was more culturally familiar to the Indian students.

When he took over the superintendency, there were only 14 students attending secondary schools, but in the most recent term, there were no less than 410 students.

In 1960, Mr. Hill was awarded the Centennial Award of the Ontario Education Association, and in 1967, was made an honorary Mohawk chief. He received an honorary Doctor of Laws Degree by the University of Western Ontario in 1970. His greatest achievement, however, came in 1973 when he was appointed a member of the "Order of Canada."

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