

Former Alderville chief recognized



Alderville First Nation Chief James Marsden holds a photograph of former Chief John Sunday who was recently recognized for fighting in the War of 1812.

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ALDERVILLE — During a special Ottawa ceremony at Governor General David Johnston's residence in Rideau Hall, a former Alderville First Nation chief was recognized posthumously for fighting in the War of 1812.

The presentation of a banner,

medal and certificate filled a void left when past Alderville Chief John Sunday was omitted from the 200th anniversary recognition events, current Alderville Chief James Marsden said in a recent interview.

"There were ceremonies all over Ontario in 2013 on the anniversary and somehow we were missed," Marsden said. "I appealed.

"We know our own history," he added.

Chief Sunday was in the Battle of Chrysler Farm east of Brockville, and he and other Mississauga warriors took part, Marsden continued.

Alderville historian Dave Mowat did the investigation and presented the evidence that led to Chief Sunday's recognition.

Chief Marsden noted that the

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"Defence of Canada Flags" is a rifle and tomahawk, crossed.

On the wall of past chiefs in the Alderville boardroom hangs a picture of Chief Sunday.

The ceremony honouring him took place earlier this month with representatives from Alderville in attendance.

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