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OBITUARY
Wellington Judge Dies in 83rd Year
 Judge of Wellington County for 18 years prior to his retirement in 1947, Judge Robert Lachlin McKinnon died in Guelph on Wednesday, November 10. He was 82. He had been in poor health for some time.
 Born in Erin Township he received his early education at Erasmus Township school and at the Guelph and Owen Sound Collegiate Institutes. He graduated from the University of Toronto with an arts degree in 1885.
 Mr. McKinnon entered Osgoode Hall, graduating in 1886. He began a law practice in Guelph. During the first 22 years of his practice, he became one of the county's most outstanding lawyers.
 He was named Judge of the county court for the County of Wellington and local judge of the high court of the Supreme Court of Ontario in 1928.
 He was awarded two King's Medals. In 1947, Judge McKinnon was succeeded by Judge R. Stewart Clark.
 He is survived by his wife, the former Annie Fleming of Owen Sound; two sons, who are both lawyers, John S. McKinnon of Toronto, and Charles L. McKinnon of Guelph, and two daughters, Mrs. Colin A. Crews and Mrs. George T. Wright of Burlington.
 Funeral service and interment were on Friday.

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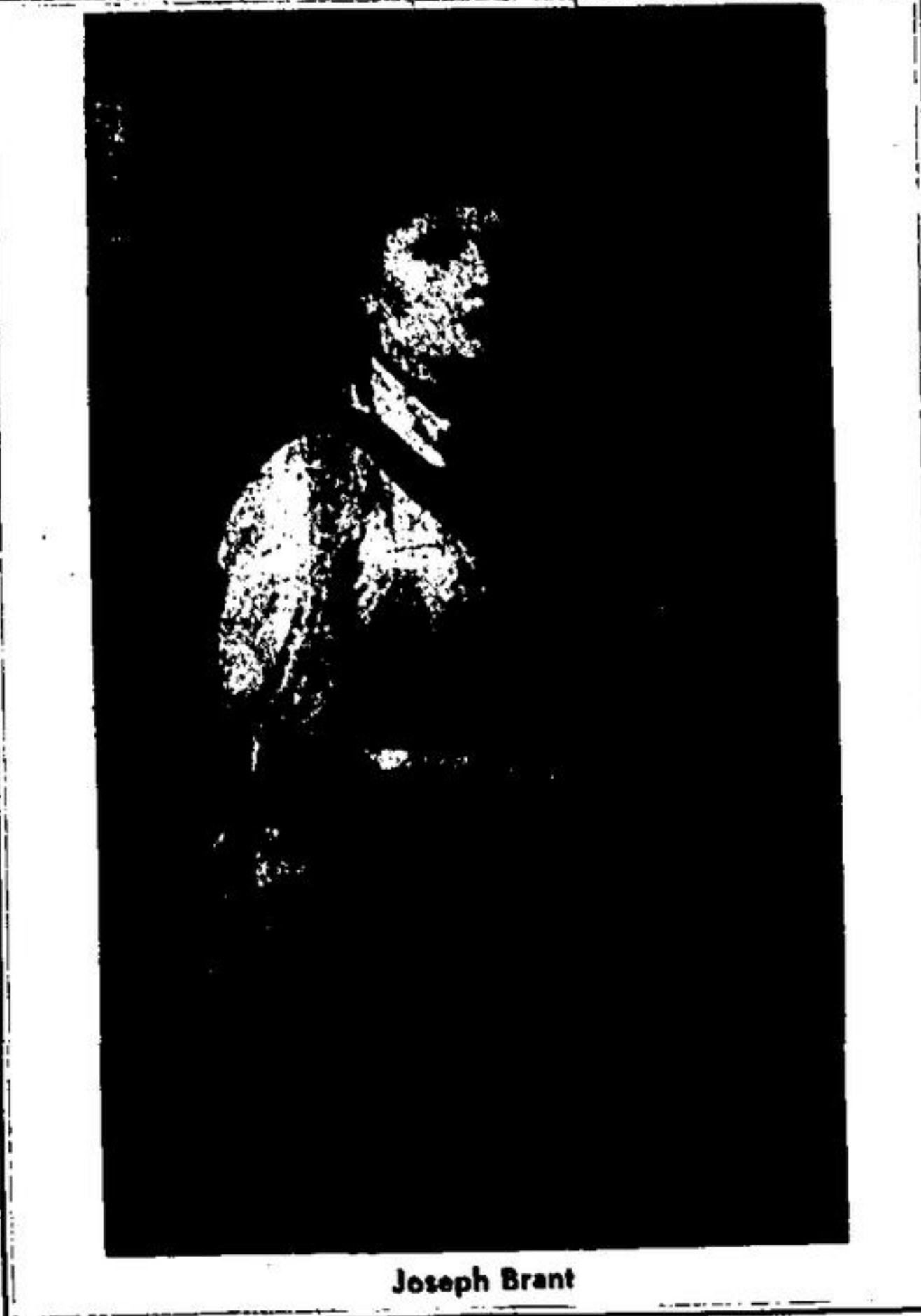
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Halton's Pages of the Past

Colorful Character in Canadian History, Capt. Joseph Brant Lived Part of His Life in Halton

BY GWEN CLARKE

In the annals of Halton history it would be hard to find a more colorful character than the great Mohawk chief, Captain Joseph Brant or "Thayendanege." Of course, his name has been linked more often with Brantford than with Halton as it was along the banks of the Grand River that the Indians were given huge grants of land which later became the Six Nations Reservation. At Brantford there is also the Mohawk Chapel and a monument to the memory of Captain Joseph Brant. What connection then, had Brant with Wellington Square-Burlington of today? History gives the answer towards the end of Brant's dramatic but also tragic life.
 Joseph Brant was born in the Mohawk Valley of western New York State during the American Revolution the sympathy of his people was with the British. At the age of 13 Joseph received his baptism of fire while fighting with his people in an engagement at Crown Point, under the command of Colonel William Johnson. From that day forward there was no turning back for the young Indian boy. He pledged his loyalty to the British Crown and kept that pledge to the day of his death.



Joseph Brant

Not Ruthless
 Early historians claim that Joseph Brant was ruthless and barbaric. This belief was a result of the terrible carnage which often resulted from battles in which his people were engaged which was largely through lack of discipline. Even the great Chief Thayendanege found it impossible to control the war-lust of his comrades after a triumphant battle. The scalping and slaughter of helpless victims was not the result of Brant's command, but in spite of his orders to the contrary. Many times he tried to prevent his people from exacting what, to them, were the rightful spoils of battle.
 Later, the documentary evidence

of those who knew him best, as a friend and as a warrior, showed Brant to be a man of gentle character, just, fearful in battle, but merciful to the vanquished. The great chief visited the Court of George III in attendance could hardly believe this well-educated man who carried himself with grace and ease, could be a full-blooded Indian. For Joseph Brant was both a realist and an idealist, and saw nothing incongruous in the fact that he kept his tomahawk on the same shelf as his copy of the New Testament.

Peace, and in response to Brant's request to Sir Frederick Halliday, at that time Governor of Canada, the Indians were given huge tracts of land on either side of the Grand River, equivalent to the land of the Six Nations taken over by British and ceded to the United States.
 In addition, in 1787, Captain Joseph Brant, for his own personal use, was given a grant of land in Halton County comprising some 2,256 acres. Here he established a settlement, which he called Wellington Square. And here he built a commodious two-storey house on a commanding site overlooking Burlington Beach. The house is said to have been modelled after the huge mansion of Sir William Johnson, whose third wife was Molly Brant, Joseph's sister.

The Brant House was built of red cedar brought from the Thousand Islands of the St. Lawrence. It was furnished in the style of an elaborate English baronial mansion. A retinue of negro servants looked after the comforts of the occupants and the many distinguished guests who visited at the Brant House.
 But yet Joseph's domestic life was anything but tranquil. He was three married. His first wife died leaving him one son, Isaac. There were no children of the second marriage but by his third wife, Catherine, Joseph had two sons and four daughters.

Isaac, the son of his first wife, was insanely jealous of the second family. In 1795 Isaac was staying at the Brant House and in a fit of drunken rage, he one day attacked his father, lunging at him with his dirk, with intent to kill. Joseph, in self defence, and to disable rather than harm his son, drew his own dirk and wounded him slightly. Isaac, knowing full well the risk involved by neglect, refused to have the slight festering wound attended to. Blood poisoning set in and he died.
Resignation Refused
 His father, filled with grief and bitter shame, attempted to give himself up to the police and to resign his captaincy in the army. But no charge was ever laid against him and his resignation as Captain was refused.

But sorrow and a sense of family disgrace shortened Brant's days. The great Chief died at Burlington Heights, November 24, 1807 at the age of 64. Indian Chiefs, officers of high military rank and men prominent in Government affairs stood in sorrow and respect around the open grave of the Warrior Chief. He was buried with full honors at Wellington Square. Here he rested for 43 years. Then a group of Mohawks came to his burial place, disinterred the coffin and carried it on their shoulders, through woods and forests for 30 miles, to the banks of the Grand River. After

an impressive public ceremony the coffin was lowered to its new grave beside the Mohawk Chapel. And so, at last, the spirit of Thayendanege rested with those of his own people. Some years later a tombstone, recumbent in design, was placed over the grave and an iron fence built around it.

Young Man Dies
 Following her husband's death his widow returned to her people, and, as was her privilege, she declared her younger son, John, Chief of the Six Nations. John showed every promise of being a worthy son of his illustrious father. But it was not to be. He died of cholera at the age of 30.

When Captain Brant's estate was being settled there was every evidence that he was not nearly as good a business man as he had been a warrior and chief. Apparently he was constantly in debt and there were records of many transactions in Nelson Township listed as being sold "to pay debts." Here are some of the sales that took place with names still familiar in the county today: "To Christina Hill, 50 acres John Brant, 514. Mrs. Elizabeth Kerr, 210 James Gings, 388 1/2, John Davis, 240 Ralph Morden, 161 1/2, Old Mr. Kerr, 210, Michael Groat, 1443 John Dawson, 106, Thomas Ghent, 265 1/2, Nicholas Kerns, 189, and Peter Desjardins, 125." Just a list of names—but every definite proof of Brant's close connection with the people of Halton—who have always been proud of their association with the great Mohawk Chief, Captain Joseph Brant.
 (Next feature: Campbellville)

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Flood Relief, Home Receive Donations

The Busy Bees met at Rockwood at the home of Mrs. Little, with a good attendance, opening the meeting with Mary Stewart Collect. The roll call was a first aid hint. Mrs. Dadds gave the thought for the day.

Mrs. Irwin Little prepared a splendid paper on Community Activities Mrs. A. Allan and Mrs. P. McLean gave readings for the program.

A donation was sent to the Flood relief and another to the Woodstock home for Mental Patients. The next meeting the roll call is a white gift to fill baskets for two families. A social period was enjoyed by all over the lunch prepared by the hostess and her helpers.

Report, Study Book On WMS Program

The Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church met at the home of Mrs. L. Agre on Wednesday last week with Mrs. Masch as guest speaker, talking on "India." The meeting opened with prayer. Reports followed, stewardship given by Mrs. A. Orr, Missionary Monthly by Mrs. P. Binne and baby band by Miss Henderson.

The meeting was then taken over by Mrs. Arnold and her group for a program which included scripture reading by Mrs. Arnold and a chapter of the study book on India by Mrs. Arnold. Mrs. P. Binne gave a report on the conference held in Milton with Mrs. Masch as guest speaker, talking on "India." The meeting closed with prayer. The ladies were invited to remain for a social cup of tea.

A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Agre for her home and other assistants. Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of the late Mrs. C. W. Mason, who so recently passed away.

120 Famous Judges Planned For Royal

More than 120 internationally-famous judges of horses, cattle, sheep, poultry and pet stock as well as grain, vegetables, dairy and other agricultural products, from Canada, the United States, England and Scotland are judging the thousands of entries in the 1954 Royal Agricultural Winter Fair held in the Coliseum Toronto.

With teams from the United States, Mexico, Spain, Germany and Canada competing and Lis Hartel, the world's greatest dressage rider giving a demonstration, the Horse Show is again one of the outstanding features of this year's Royal. But there is a variety of other interesting attractions. Among these is a photographic competition, a live milk show, square dancing and horse shoe pitching competitions, a flower show, the Eastern Agricultural Scholarship and an extensive display by the Dutch Government.
 Judges travelling the greatest distances to select prize-winning entries at this year's Royal include Lord Irwin, M.F.H. of Swaynford Paddocks, Six Mile Bottom, Newmarket, England, and R. H. Wetherston, Ford, Midlothian, Scotland. Lord Irwin judges hunters in the horse show as well as the light horse improvement division while Mr. Wetherston is one of a panel of three judges of Shorthorn cattle.

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