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President Washington invited Brant to Philadelphia in 1792.

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CHIEF JOSEPH BRANT

CHIEF THAYENDANEGBA JOINED BATTLE AT 13.

By...TOM KUSTALUK

Among the great figures to stalk through the history of Brant County was the renowned Mohawk Chieftain, Thayendanegea or Joseph Brant as most people know him.

Brant was born on the banks of the Ohio River while his parents were on a hunting expedition in 1742. Their home was in Mohawk Valley in New York State and it was there that Joseph Brant was brought up. Shortly after his birth, his father died and his mother married a man named Barned. The name was later changed to Brant.

Brant, at the age of 13, was befriended by Sir William Johnson, who had taken as his life partner Brant's sister Molly, following the death of his wife. Johnson commanded the forces sent to fight the French at Lake George in 1775 and it was here that Brant received his baptism of fire when he was 13 years old. The lad was not too sure of himself and history records that fear made Brant take hold of a sapling to steady himself when the battle began. Eventually, setting control of his nerves, the young warrior was able to present ample evidence of his ancestry. Thereafter, wherever Johnson went to fight the French, he was accompanied by the young warrior.

MARRIED CHIEF'S DAUGHTER

Brant married his first wife, the daughter of an Oneida Chief in 1763. She died of tuberculosis nine years later leaving two small children, a boy and a girl. He again married, this time to the half-sister of his first wife, Col. Guy Johnson, who succeeded his uncle Sir William Johnson as superintendent of Indian Affairs in 1774, made Brant his Secretary. He was also made principal War Chief of the Iroquois Confederacy.

During the next two years, the smouldering fires of discontent began to flare here and there until the colonists were in open revolt against the mother country. The rebels did their best to induce the Indians to fight on their sides, however, Brant and his loyal redmen refused to take up arms against the "White Father Over Water, King George 111".



Joseph Brant

BRANT VISITS ENGLAND

The year before the rebellious Americans made their Declaration of Independence, Brant went to England to confer with the British Government. A painting of Brant by the British artist, George Romney, now hangs in the National Gallery in Ottawa.

While returning to New York in May, 1776 aboard the "Harriot", the ship attacked by a rebel privateer of superior force near the Carolinas. Brant and a companion who attended him picked off the rebel officers with a brass rifle presented to Brant by a Lord Townsend. The privateer sheered off and the 'Harriot' arrived safely in port.

HARRIED SETTLERS

During the revolution, Brant and his Indians harried the settlers, burning their farms. He was commended by many British officers for his activities and in 1780 was granted a commission as Captain of the Northern Confederate Indians.

Brant's second wife died childless and he married a third time. His third wife was the daughter of the head chief of the Turtle Tribe. They had two sons, Joseph and Jacob.

In 1779, General Haldiman promised Brant land for the Six Nations at the Bay of Quinte. Learning of the location chosen by the Mohawks, the Senecas living in the Genesee Valley expressed disappointment that their brethren would be so far away when their aid may be required.

CHANGED GRANT LOCATION

General Haldiman was approached again and acceded to Brant's request for lands on the Grand River including what is now the Six Nations Reserve. A few years before his death, Brant built a large two story home on a tract of land at the head of Lake Ontario. The land was a grant from the crown and was directly north of the beach which divides the lake from Burlington Bay.

Brant died on November 24th; 1807, at the age of 65. His remains were interred at Wellington Square (Burlington) but were removed to the churchyard at the Mohawk Chapel in November 1860. Brant's tomb also contains the remains of his son, Capt. John Brant who died in 1832. The tombstone was mutilated by souvenir hunters and it became necessary in 1880 to repair it and renew the inscription tablet. A high iron picket fence was built to enclose the site. A memorial to Brant was built in Victoria Park, Brantford, Ontario in 1886 at a cost to the Dominion and the Provincial Governments of \$20,000.00.

BORDER PROBLEM

When Brant became a County in 1852, Brantford Township became part of Wentworth County. Its irregular borders surrounded the City, creating some special problems which did not become truly painful until some 100 years later. Some historians lay the blame for the Township's irregular shape directly at the door of the County's prime hero, Capt. Joseph Brant, otherwise known as Thayendanegea. Brant, they say, handled the sale of Township land with no particular regard for the resulting shape of the Township.

Of course, at the time he was concerned only with getting as much land cleared and settled as soon as possible. It was with this in mind that he suggested to two friends, John Smith and John Thomas, then living in New York State, that they come to Canada.

SETTLERS INTERESTED

The idea fell on fertile ground and by 1785 Smith and Thomas had arrived. They built a two-storey frame house on a 200 acre lot fronting on what later became Cainsville. About the same time, Anthony Westbrook and his sons John and Alexander came here from the same state. John (later Major) and Alexander were no strangers to this part of the nation. Sometime earlier they had been captured by the Indians, who were allies of the British. According to reports, their captors treated them well and they found they liked the country. Finally, they were freed in an exchange of prisoners with the Americans. Other notables among the Township's earliest settlers was one John File, a Veteran of the American Revolution in which he fought for the British.

THE BIG TOWNSHIP RACE

For about 150 years, it looked as though Mount Pleasant might win the race with Brantford to become the area's major centre. The village was settled in 1799 by a group of 16 settlers of the Ellis and Sturgis families. The group had set out in 1778 and finally got to the Township the following Spring in 1799.

NAME OF BRANTFORD WAS SELECTED IN 1827

Brantford's name dates back 140 years. It was in 1827 that the small village on the Grand River, with a mere handful of inhabitants, acquired that name. The six Nations Indians who came to this locality after the American Revolutionary War,

found the shallowest part of the river a convenient crossing point and it became known as Brant's fort, because Joseph and his braves made frequent use of it. The name that was adopted by the small community was soon simplified to the form Brantford. The spot known as Brant's ford is between the present C.N.R. and T.H.& B. railway bridges just downstream from Lorne Bridge and the city dam. In the early days of Brantford a small frame hotel stood at the west Brantford end of the ford and alongside it was an old well, rounded with stones. Traders who came to this area from the west, crossed the river at this point before the days of the first bridge and if the river was high, they stayed at the hotel until the level had receded. Joseph Brant was frequently a guest at the hotel for the same reason.

In 1967, the City of Brantford issued a Centennial Medallion commemorating Joseph Brant.

The obverse has the Coat of Arms of the City of Brantford with the legend "Birthplace of the Telephone - Agriculture Industry".



The reverse shows the Joseph Brant Memorial with the legend "Canada's Centennial 1867-1967 Brant County" with the Centennial Logo.



Association News:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1981 - 1983

In accordance with our By-Laws, article 7, section 4, 5 and 6, we quote, " In an election year, the President shall make a call for nominations of elected officers six months prior to the opening of the Annual General Meeting, in the official publication and at the same time shall appoint an election committee, consisting of a chairman and two members. Members of the committee shall not be seeking the office of President, First Vice-President, or Second Vice-President."

This year's Election Committee is made up of Chairman, Henry Burke and members, Wm. English and Bruce Raszmann.

Also we quote, "All nominations shall be made in writing, signed by a member in good standing or by an officer of a member club that is in good standing and sent to the Chairman of the Election Committee. All nominations must be accompanied by a written acceptance from the nominee or a declaration signed by the nominators stating that the nominee shall stand for office if elected. Failure to do this nomination shall be invalid and the nominee shall be so advised.

Also we quote, "Nominations shall close four months prior to the opening of the Annual General Meeting.

The mailing address is Nomination Chairman,
Henry Burke
P.O. Box 33,
Waterloo, Ontario,
N2J 3Z6

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Second Vice-President,		2
Treasurer,		3
Secretary,		4
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Above O.N.A. Executive Offices opened for Nominations

O.N.A. CONVENTION DRAW

CLUB REBATES

<u>CLUB NO.</u>		<u>BOOKS SOLD</u>	<u>REBATE</u>
1	Waterloo Coin Club	28	\$56.00
4	Cambridge Coin Club	3	6.00
5	London Numismatic Soc.	5	10.00
7	Sarnia Numismatic Soc.	3	6.00
13	St. Catharines Coin Club	5	10.00
15	Brantford Numismatic Soc.	0	-
17	Huronian Numismatic Assoc.	3	6.00
19	City of Ottawa Coin Club	27	54.00
20	Stratford Coin Club	66	132.00
21	Champlian Coin Club	1	2.00
35	Oshawa & District Coin Club	10	20.00
39	Thistletown Coin Club	3	6.00
48	Niagara Falls Coin Club	4	8.00
55	Nickel Belt Coin Club	5	10.00
59	Ingersoll Coin Club	34	68.00
62	Hamilton Coin Club	3	6.00
66	Richmond Hill Coin Club	2	4.00
68	Welland & District Coin Club	1	2.00
69	Timmins Coin Club	0	-
73	Canadian Numismatic Assoc.	2	4.00
74	North York Coin Club	12	24.00
76	Windsor Coin Club	1	2.00
78	St. Thomas Numismatic Assoc.	1	2.00
79	Toronto Coin Club	9	18.00
81	Lakeshore Coin Club	1	2.00
82	S.O.B. Numismatist	0	-
83	Canadian Assoc. of Wooden Money	5	10.00
84	Kent Coin Club	0	-
85	Canadian Large Cent Club	2	4.00
86	Woodstock Coin Club	1	2.00
87	Peterborough Coin Club	3	6.00
88	Scarborough Coin Club	11	22.00
	Ontario Numismatic Association	23	46.00
	Mississauga Coin Club	1	2.00
	TOTAL	275	\$550.00

To Whom It May Concern

We the Executive of the O.N.A. we thank you for your support.

Ken Wilmot
Draw Chairman

Bruce. R. Watt
O.N.A. President

AUCTION TENDERS INVITED

TO ALL INTERESTED AUCTIONEERS,
 professional and amateur, the executive of the O.N.A. are inviting you to tender for the 1981 Convention Auction, which is to be held in the early spring of 1981, in Niagara Falls, Ontario, at the General Brock Hotel. The Niagara Falls Coin Club will host this three day Convention.

For information or submit tenders to....

Mel Fiske
 7795 Beaverdams Rd;
 Niagara Falls,
 Ontario.

Please Note ... Highest Bidder not necessary be accepted. Auction will be awarded to best information presented to the committee.

The deadline date for bids is December 1st;
 1980.

We have a member of the O.N.A. Executive who is a very light sleeper. He wakes up at the crack sound of ice, and says " I drink to that ". I wonder who it is ?

Foreign currency values

Foreign Exchange banknote and traveller's cheque selling rates supplied by DEAK Canada LTD. All currencies are quoted in relation to the Canadian dollar.

Australia	Dollar	1.3900		T/C	.2500
	T/C	1.3850	Japan	Yen	.00535
Austria	Schilling	.0975		T/C	.00530
Bahamas	R Dollar	1.15	Mexico	Peso	.0545
Barbados	Dollar	.61	Spain	R T/C	.0184
Belgium	Franc	.0435		T/C	.0182
Bermuda	Dollar	1.15	Switzerland	Franc	.7495
France	Franc	.2975		T/C	.7460
	T/C	.2950	United Kingdom	Pound	2.8075
Germany	Mark	.6895		T/C	2.8050
	T/C	.6870	United States	Dollar	1.1640
Hong Kong	Dollar	.2500		T/C	1.1630

R indicates some restriction regarding importation of local banknotes.
 P indicates importation of local currency is prohibited.

Economist fed up with

'worthless' dollar

prints his own money – and it's all legal



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‘I have decided to prove that you can have honest currency’

Economics lecturer Lloyd Darland holds up his \$20 bill and the gold coin that backs it up.

ECONOMICS lecturer Lloyd Darland is so fed up with the "worthless" dollar that he has started to print his own money – \$20 bills called the Darland Dollars.

He even sign his name on them, just as if he were G. William Miller, the Secretary of the Treasury. And it's all perfectly legal, even though the Secret Service was called in.

For every \$20 bill Darland issues, there is a \$20 gold piece - one of the U.S. double eagles - in the bank to back it up. " My money is as good as gold" he jokes.

In fact, because of the rocketing price of gold, and the premium that collectors have put on the double eagles, each one of his \$20 bills is really worth about \$1,000 in U.S. Treasury greenbacks.

And that's the price people pay if they want one of his special "bluebacks".

His currency, sometimes called the G (for gold) note is a little larger than a U.S. Treasury dollar. They are made for him by a company in Philadelphia, P.A., which prints money for a number of foreign countries.

Recently, Darland, who teaches at Harford County Community College near his home in Aberdeen, Md. was investigated by the Secret Service, which is assigned to protect the country's currency.

" I informed the local police I was starting to print my own money, and I guess they got in touch with the Secret Service", he said. " At first they said that I was breaking the law and that I had to stop issuing the bills.

" But when it came down to it, they couldn't find any law that I was breaking, and so they decided to just leave me alone."

A spokesman for the Secret Service said, " We are aware of what Darland is doing. He is within the law just so long as he really does have a \$20 gold piece in the bank to back up each of the notes that he issues, and just so long as he hands over that gold piece whenever someone with one of his \$20 notes wants to claim it."

The lecturer pointed out that each one of his bills is clearly marked "redeemable in gold coin by bearer on demand."

" Im fed up with the way this country has handled its paper currency," he said. " Every politician will tell you that you cannot have honest currency. Well, I am out to prove that you can."

By " honest currency," Darland means dollar bills that are backed by something other than paper.

" A Federal Reserve note should be a certificate good for what it says it is. But if you take a Reserve note to the Treasury and ask them what it's worth in something other than paper, they'll just laugh at you." he said.

"I have decided to show by example that you can have honest currency.

"Of course, one problem is that one of my notes is equal to \$20 in gold or about \$1,000 Federal Reserve notes and that is not a very good thing to buy lunch with.

"So what is happening at this stage is that lots of people are buying my dollars for defensive purposes. That is, people buy them as a form of savings or investment.

"If they should want to change their \$20 bill for the gold piece, they just come to me and I go to the bank and get it out for them."

The lecturer would not reveal how many bills he has printed or sold, but said: "It's peanuts compared with what the government prints."

He believes that it is the printing of so much money by the government that has caused inflation.

Membership

NEW MEMBERS

The applications for membership to the Ontario Numismatic Association, which appeared in the June 1980 has been accepted. The following applications have been received and if no written objections are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the September issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

- #1154 Wm. J. Linttell, 465 Somerset St; Pembroke, Ontario.
- #1155 Ross King, P.O. Box 571, Chesley. Ontario.
- #1156 Ian Rich, 910 - 82 Millside Dr; Milton, Ont; L9T 4A1
- #1157 E.G. Lightfoot, R.R.#13, Haugen Road, Thunder Bay,
Ontario, P7B 5E4

Bruce H. Raszmann
Membership Chairman

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS

C78 ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

The June 9th; meeting was held at the Central United Church, Wellington St; St. Thomas, Ont. Ray Else showed and told about Trade Tokens which was very interesting to the members that attended.

Plans for the July 14th Picnic was announced.
A light lunch was served at the close of the meeting.

C15 BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The June 22nd; meeting was held at the Woodman Community Centre, 491 Grey St; Brantford, at 8:00 P.M.

The theme for the night was " NOSTALGIA NITE ". There was a 50 lot Auction held at the close of the business meeting. Approx. 30 members and guest attended the meeting.

C21 CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB

The June 5th; meeting was held at the St. David's Anglican Church, Orillia, Ont. There were approx 20 members attended. A small seminar with instruction on " setting up " displays was given.

Kentucky Fried Chicken was served at the closed of the very interesting evening.

C81 LAKESHORE COIN CLUB

The May General meeting was held as a " Curio " night. Members were asked to bring anything remotely associated with Numismatics, e.g. savings banks, key chains, lucite blocks, sword money, scales etc. They also had a slide presentation. To close the season they held a dinner, May 31 at the Topaz restaurant. During the Coin Week activities the Lakeshore Club held a very successful Coin Exhibition in the Pointe Claire Public Library. They displayed coins in these areas, Ancient, Foreign, Merchant Tokens, 17th & 18th Century English Tokens, Maltese Coins and various coins of Canada.

Wishing you a perfect



SHOW AND BOURSE

SEPTEMBER 6, 1980
Barrie Ontario....

Huronian Numismatic Association
Annual Show
Bayfield Mall, Barrie, Ont.

For information.... P.O. Box 226
Barrie, Ont.
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SEPTEMBER 27, 1980
Toronto, Ontario....

Toronto Coin Club's
Fall Show

British Columbia, Alberta, and Quebec Rooms
Royal York Hotel,
Toronto, Ontario.

OCTOBER 4, 1980
Hamilton, Ontario....

Hamilton Coin Club's
Annual Fall Show.

Centre Mall, Barton & Kenilworth Streets,
Hamilton, Ontario.

For information...Lou Henderson
1861 Main St;E;
Hamilton, Ont.

OCTOBER 16-19, 1980
Toronto, Ontario....

Fall Torex
International Centre
6900 Airport Road, Mississauga, Ont.

For information...Al Bliman
Box 3145
Station D,
Willowdale, Ont:

OCTOBER 19, 1980

Tillsonburge, Ontario....

Tillsonburge Coin Club's

Annual Coin Show

Tillsonburge Community Centre,

For information....Doug Mitchener

1 Mytle Street

Tillsonburge, Ont.

OCTOBER 25, 1980

Richmond Hill, Ontario....

Richmond Hill Coin Club's

Annual Coin Show

Hillcrest Mall

9350 Yonge St; Richmond Hill

Ontario.

OCTOBER 26, 1980

Stratford, Ontario.....

Stratford Coin Club's

4th; Annual Coin and Stamp
Show.

st. Patrick & Church Streets

Stratford, Ontario

For information

Stratford Coin Club

Box 262

Stratford, Ontario.

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Oshawa, Ontario.....

Oshawa & District Coin Club's

Annual Coin Show

Midtown Mall, Oshawa, Ont.

For information....

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