

# The Elected Councilmen of 1870

The first council election for the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte under the 1869 Federal legislation was held in October 1870. [LAC RG10 Vol. 2780 File 156,468-4 Reel C-11,277]

The first minutes we have of that Council are dated 10<sup>th</sup> December 1870 and the men listed as “Chiefs” present are: Chief Sampson Green, Chief Archibald Culbertson, Chief Wm. J. W. Hill, Chief John Loft, Chief Seth W. Hill, Chief Cornelius Maricle & Chief John Claus.

**Sampson Green “Annosothkah”** (Elected Council 1870-1888, 1891-1907)  
[LAC RG10 Vol. 3027 File 230,470]

He took his Mohawk name (meaning “to the end of the house”) from Captain Isaac Hill who was Sampson’s great-grandfather. He was a descendent of Christian Moore – the non-native woman who was abducted by the Mohawks and married Chief Anthony Smart.

Sampson was the son of Isaac & Rachel (Maracle) Green.

Sampson was born 6<sup>th</sup> March 1842 baptized 7<sup>th</sup> May 1842 [Church Record]

He died the 27<sup>th</sup> January 1923 of “myocarditis and influenza” [AO] and was buried the 29<sup>th</sup> January 1923 [Church Record]

He married Catherine Maracle- the daughter of Joseph J. & Margaret Rebecca (Brant) Maracle.

They had several children:

Sarah Ellen who married Cyrus Maracle

Lewis Albert who married Elizabeth Powles

Cedrick who died young

Clara Margaret who married Davis Claus

George Franklin who 1<sup>st</sup> married Susan Powles; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ruth Amelia “Minnie” Claus

Edward Alexander who died young

Gertrude who married Ambrose Jacobs

Gustavus Alexander who died young

Frank Aaron who married Lena Brant

**Chief Archibald Culbertson** (Elected Council 1870- 1887)

He was the son of John Culbertson and Sarah Bowen. He was born the 10<sup>th</sup> May 1830 baptized the 13<sup>th</sup> June 1830 [St. Thomas Church Record]. He died in 1892 but the burial records for that year have not survived.

He married Mary Ann Gracey, the daughter of Ferris and Mary Gracey in 1859 [AO]. They had several children:

Edward who married Mary Jane [nee Tomlinson?]

Jane Ann who died about age 34

Eliza who died about age 29

Mary Catherine who died about age 11

Herbert who died young

Archibald Culbertson was removed from Council for intemperance in 1887.

**Chief Wm. J.W. Hill** (Elected Council 1870 – 1873)

He was the son of John W. & Catherine (Brant) Hill, a descendent of both Captain John Deserontyon and Joseph Brant Thayendanegea. He was born the 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1832 and baptized the 13<sup>th</sup> January 1833 [Church Record] He died the 24<sup>th</sup> December 1910 of “enlarged liver; old age” [AO].

He married a widow, Eve (nee Maracle) Powlas about 1865. They had no children.

**Chief John Loft** (Elected Council 1870 – 1873)

He was the son of Catherine Hill and John Loft Senior. He was a descendent of Captain Isaac Hill. He was born about 1803 and died in 1878. He was buried the 20<sup>th</sup> February 1878 [Church Record].

He married a woman called Catherine and from documents regarding their son Edmund her maiden name might have been “Crowe”.

They had several children:

Alexander who 1<sup>st</sup> married Ellen Maracle; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Hill

Seth who married Magdaline Leween

Catherine who married John Claus

Margaret who married David C. Maracle

Edward who died young

Edmund who married Mary Green

Charles who died young

Elizabeth who died young

David who died young

**Chief Seth W. Hill** (Elected Council 1870 – 1873)

He was the son of William Isaac & Nancy (Crawford) Hill. He was a descendent of Captain Isaac Hill. He was born the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1810 [Draper] and baptized at St. George’s in Kingston the 4<sup>th</sup> February 1813 [St. George’s Church Record]. He died the 27<sup>th</sup> August 1884 and was buried the 29<sup>th</sup> August 1884 [Church Record].

He married Catherine Claus in April 1840.

The couple had several children:

William who married Mary Jane Loucks of Alnwick (Alderville)

David who died young

Hannah who married John Joe Hill

Nicholas who died about age 35

Esther who 1<sup>st</sup> married Robert Franklin; 2<sup>nd</sup> married John Crawford

Margaret (no further details yet known)

Isaac who died young

Catherine who married Jonah Brant

Jacob S. who married Magdalen Hill

John S. who 1<sup>st</sup> married Lydia Smart; 2<sup>nd</sup> Margaret Brant; 3<sup>rd</sup> Agnes Brant

Josiah (no further details yet known)

Isaiah (no further details yet known)

**Chief Cornelius Maracle** (Elected Council 1870 – 1873, 1877 – 1879, 1883 – 1885)

There were several men named Cornelius Maracle in the community in the 1870s. Perhaps the best candidate is the Cornelius Maracle who was the son of John & Elizabeth (Green) Maracle. He was born in September 1830 and baptized the 27<sup>th</sup> February 1831 [St. Thomas Church Record]. He died the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1920 due to “senile decay” [AO] and was buried the 30<sup>th</sup> May 1920 [Church Record].

He married Nancy Hill on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 1854 [Church Record]. She was the daughter of Joseph W. & Susan (Culbertson) Hill.

They had several children:

John C. aka “Kenwendeshon” who married Julia Hill Thompson

Andrew T. C. aka “Takaweranta” died at about age 90

Susan who died at about age 74

Margaret Anne who married Dow Claus

Catherine Liza who married Jacob Miller

Cyrus who married Sarah Ellen Green (daughter of Sampson Green)

Albert who died about age 85

Elizabeth who married George Silver

Lydia who married Joseph Hill

Ira who married Bertha Culbertson

Loretta who married Tom Longboat of Six Nations

**Chief John Claus** (Elected Council 1870 – 1876)

He was the son of Chief Powles & Margaret (Socco/ Karadodon) Claus. He was born the 8<sup>th</sup> December 1842 and baptized the 8<sup>th</sup> January 1843 [Church Record]. He died the 25<sup>th</sup> February 1898 due to “peritonitis from perforation” [AO]. He was buried the 27<sup>th</sup> February 1898 [Church Record].

He married Catherine Loft who was the daughter of John & Catherine (Crowe) Loft.

They had several children:

Andrew who died at about age 21 in a gravel pit accident

Levi who married Susan Maracle

Arthur who married Margaret Ellen Maracle

Ruth Amelia aka “Minnie” who married George Franklin Green

Margaret who died young

Marshall who died after 1940

and they adopted a daughter Alzina

**Chief Sampson Green (Elected Council 1870-1888, 1891-1907)**



This is the only picture we have of any of the Chiefs listed above. If you have pictures, please share with us!

# Introduction of Historical Council Minutes

The following are transcriptions of the first recorded elected council meetings of the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte. These minutes are from the meetings of the Chiefs in Council and from the general council meetings that involved the whole community. The meetings were irregular, and in some cases they are adjourned until the Chiefs are notified to return.

NOTE: The council minutes reprinted here have been modified (spelling corrected, format adjusted, put in chronological order) for the ease of reading.

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Mohawk Council

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**From transaction of Business**

**10<sup>th</sup> December 1870**

Chiefs Present Samson Green

Archd [Archibald] Culbertson

WmJW Hill

John Loft

Seth W Hill

Cornelius Maricle

& John Claus

It was moved by John Claus and Seconded by Seth W Hill that Archibald Culbertson be appointed Chairman for this meeting of Council Carried The Chiefs present requested W Frizzell to act as Secretary

Alexander Loft presented an account for 12 years services as Sexton amounting to twen[ty?] six Dollars which the Chi[efs?] admitted to be correct and ordered to be included in a requisition on the Secretary of State for payment

Moved by Cornelius Maricle and Seconded by Seth W Hill that Samson Green is the only person recognized by the Chiefs present as having authority to give orders payable out of Annuity funds for the next

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Moved by Samson Green and Seconded by Cornelius Maricle that there be one of the Chiefs appointed to take the Statute Labour money and that the Chiefs in Council divide the money to the different Road sections and let work by job to the lowest bidder to the amount of money allotted for each section and that Archibald Culbertson is hereby authorized and required to demand from Thomas Claus all papers and accounts relating to Statute Labour held by him and to pay over any funds received by him the said Thomas Claus from Mr. Bartlett for Statute Labour which remains unexpended in his hands

Carried

Signed

Archibald Culbertson  
Chairman

W Frizzell  
acting as secretary

**Mohawk Council House  
Tyendingaga December 17<sup>th</sup> 1870**

A General Council of the Band was held It was moved and seconded that WmJW Hill be appointed Chairman at this Council Carried – un [possibly an abbreviation for unanimously]

It was then moved and seconded that W Frizzell act as Secretary at this meeting of Council Carried – un[possibly an abbreviation for unanimously]

The Minutes of a meeting of the Chiefs held on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> Decr inst was read and approved of It was Resolved by a vote of the Council that the Chiefs would select certain person to investigate matters connected with the Lands Surrendered to the government by the Band in this Township and the Chiefs in Council are to select such persons as they think proper to make the investigation. It was moved and seconded that should the grant from the New England society be discontinued such sum as may be required for the support of a school on the reserve shall be allowed annually out of the fund[s?]..... [continued on page 4 of the minutes]

.....of the Band held in Trust by the government It was moved by Archibald Culbertson and seconded by Samson Green that a Petition be made and forwarded to the Secretary of State asking the Government to have the Law amended respecting Taxes collected from Indian Lands leased so that all taxes collected from such lands may be expended on Roads in Tracts where such lands are situated.

Carried

Moved by Samson Green and seconded by John Claus that this Council would represent to the Secretary of State that it is the wish of this Council that all rents of lands now Leased for the benefit of the Band that had been previously allotted to any member of the Band that such member should receive the rent and that certain young men who have no Lands should have the Rents of such lands as .... [continued on page 5]

.... the Chiefs may allot to them

Carried

signed WmJW Hill

W Frizzell

Chairman

acting as Secretary

**Tyendingaga Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 1870**

**At – A meeting of the Chiefs of the Mohawk Band of the Bay of Quinte at their Council Room**

It was moved by Archd Culbertson and seconded by Seth W Hill that John Loft be appointed chairman at this meeting, Carried

Chiefs present John Loft

Samson Green WJW Hill

Archibald Culbertson

Seth W Hill & John Claus

Moved by Samson Green and seconded by John Claus that Archd Culbertson WJW Hill and John Loft be and they are hereby appointed a committee to make Rules and regulations according to the 12<sup>th</sup> Section of the 32&33 Victoria Chapter 6

Carried

Moved by Archd Culbertson and seconded by WJW Hill that a requisition be made upon the Secretary of State for the following sums .... [continued on page 6]

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.... sums of money viz Three dollars for the Eastern schoolhouse for repairs. And twenty dollars to repair the Centre School House And sixty dollars to pay Seth W Hill the balance due him on building the Western Schoolhouse. And twenty dollars to pay the expenses of three Delegates to attend a synod for the Election of a Coadjutor Bishop at Kingston Carried

Moved by John Claus and seconded by Samson Green that a Requisition be sent to the Secretary of State asking him to order to be paid to Wm B Maricle twenty five Dollars for one years salary as Councillor and twelve dollars and 50 cts to Wm JW Hill for half years salary as Councillor. For motion John Claus Seth W Hill Samson Green & John Loft Carried

On application of John Baptiste for a Loan it was ordered to Lay over to another meeting of Council (or Chiefs) and that Mr Frizzell write to the Secretary of State and enquire whether there are any funds that might be loaned as asked for The meeting adjourned until notified to attend again

signed John Loft

W Frizzell                      Chairman  
Secretary

**23 January 1871**  
**At the 3d meeting of the Mohawk Chiefs in Council**

It was moved by Samson Green and Seconded by WmJW Hill that John Loft be appointed chairman for this meeting Carried

An application of Dr Newton offering to attend to all the members of the Mohawk Band of Tyendinaga and furnish his own medicine at 50 cents per person (per annum) it was moved by WJW Hill and seconded by Archd Culbertson that the consideration of ...[continued on page 8]

... of the Application be laid over until next meeting of the Chiefs in Council and for the purpose of consulting the Band      Carried

It was moved by Samson Green and seconded by Cornelius Maricle that the application of Dr Newton be allowed to stand in accordance with the motion of WJW Hill and that the Chiefs ascertain whether Dr Newton will accept three hundred Dollars per Annum and if he will the consent of the Band to hire him at that rate be obtained if possible.

Carried

Moved by Samson Green and Seconded by WmJW Hill that any person having business to bring before the Council of the Mohawks Chiefs shall bring it under their notice in writing

Carried

Moved by Archd Culbertson and seconded by Cornelius Maricle that the sum of ten Dollars be ...[continued on page 9]

now granted out of the funds of the band to Mrs Christeen Smart and that she be allowed the sum of ten dollars per quarter out of the funds of the Band during the term of her natural life Carried

Council adjourned until 30<sup>th</sup> of Jan 1871

Chiefs present Samson Green  
WJW Hill  
Archd Culbertson  
Cornelius Maracle  
& John Loft

Signed John Loft  
Chairman  
W Frizzell  
Secretary

**Tyendinaga January 31<sup>st</sup> 1871  
4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Chiefs in Council**

Chiefs present  
Samson Green  
John Loft  
WJW Hill  
Archd Culbertson  
Cornelius Maricle  
& Seth W Hill

Moved by Cornelius Maricle and Seconded by WJW Hill that John Loft be appointed Chairman  
Carried

the ...[continued on page 10]

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30<sup>th</sup> Jan

The propriety of obtaining medical attendance laid over from last meeting of Council was resumed.

Moved by Samson Green and seconded by WJW Hill that the further consideration of obtaining medical attendance for the Band be further laid over for the consideration of the Band in General Council  
Moved in amendment by Seth W Hill and seconded by Cornelius Maricle that the Rule as recommended by the Committee appointed to prepare rules for the Chiefs in Council stand as reported by them.  
amendment. Carried

Council adjourned until Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Feby 1871 at 1 oclock PM

Signed John Loft  
W Frizzell Secretary - Chairman

**Tyendinaga Feby 6<sup>th</sup> 1871  
At a meeting of the Chiefs of the Mohawk Band at their Council House**

It was moved by WJW Hill and Seconded  
by ...[continued on page 11]

... by Samson Green that John Loft be appointed Chairman

Carried

Chiefs present

Thomas Green Joseph Penn

Samson Green John Loft

Seth W Hill WJW Hill

Archd Culbertson & Cornelius Maricle

The Chiefs in Council passed the following Rules That every male member of the Band between the ages of sixteen years and sixty years shall work three days in each year on the Highways in the Mohawk Tract of the time and place of performance he is to have at least ~~three~~ two full days notice if residing on the Tract and all of which Statute Labour shall be performed before the first day of August in each year and in Default of such Statute Labour being performed within the prescribed time the Visiting Superintendent is to keep fifty cents per day out of the annuity money of each person failing to perform their Statute Labour as required and the Chiefs in Council shall ... [continued on page 12]

... Shall in each year appoint such number of Pathmasters as the extent of the Tract may require the money collected by the Visiting Superintendent for the non-performance of Statue Labour shall be laid out on the Highways under the direction of the Chiefs in Council in such places as they may deem it most necessary

Be further enacted by the authority aforesaid that Two Pounds be and they are hereby established in the Mohawk Reserve One of the said Pounds being on lot number sixteen ~~and~~ in Con A and one on lot 33 in the 2<sup>d</sup> concession and that David C Maricle be and he is hereby appointed Pound Keeper on lot 16 in Con A and David Smith be and he is hereby appointed Pound Keeper of the Pound on lot 33 in 2d Concession And the Pound Keepers aforesaid are to be governed in their acts as Pound Keepers by the laws of this section of ...[continued on page 13]

... of the Dominion and Receive the same fees and allowances as is thereby established

signed John Loft

W Frizzell  
Secretary

Chairman

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Febby 14<sup>th</sup>

**Chiefs met in Council**

Chiefs present Samson Green  
John Loft  
WJW Hill  
Archd Culbertson  
Cornelius Maricle  
& Seth W Hill

It was moved by Samson Green and seconded by John Loft that WJW Hill be appointed Chairman  
Carried

The application of Thomas Reyburn was handed in asking the Chiefs to repair a Barn or cause it to be repaired It was moved by Cornelius Maricle and seconded by John Loft that the application of Mr Reyburn be laid over until an answer be received from the Secretary of State to an application respecting rent about to be forwarded Carried

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Febby 14

The application of Alx [Alex] Loft, Sexton, was Handed in asking that a new stove be procured for the lower church Moved by Seth W Hill and seconded by Cornelius Maricle that Samson Green be and he is hereby authorized to give an order on RF Pegan for a stove the price of which is to be included in the first requisition for money forwarded by the Chiefs to the Secretary of State Carried

Moved by John Loft and seconded by Cornelius Maricle that Samson Green and Archibald Culbertson be and they are hereby appointed a committee of this Council to go with W Frizzell to Mr. McAnanys office and get a statement of the Mohawk Lands unsold in the Rear of this Township as well as a statement of the balances due on lands sold and not paid for Carried

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Febby 14<sup>th</sup>

Moved and seconded that Jacob Brant be allowed three Dollars and Seth Loft be allowed two dollars for dividing Shannonville Flour to be included in first requisition on Secretary of State and also pay for one stove and stove pipes \$6-84 cts to Mrs Catherine Hill Carried

Council adjourned until Councillors are notified to attend  
Signed WJW Hill Chairman

W Frizzell  
acting Secretary

Chiefs met in Council

Present           WJW Hill  
                      Samson Green  
                      Archd Culbertson  
                      Seth W Hill  
                      & John Claus

It was moved by Samson Green and seconded by Seth W Hill that WJW Hill be appointed Chairman  
Carried

It was moved by Samson Green and seconded by Seth W Hill that the children of the late James Smart be Recommended to receive half the rent of the farm Leased to Daniel Hazlip[?] the [?] of which is now paid to or Received by Catherine Smart their mother      Carried

The application of Chief WJW Hill to employ Dr Oronhyateka as a Physician for the Mohawk Band here the Chiefs agree to employ the Dr subject to the Rules now in the hands of the Secretary of State for the approval of the Governor ...[continued on page 18]

... General in Council On the application of Jacob Brant is was moved by Seth W Hill and seconded by John Claus that the Chiefs Recommend that no lease be made to John Lewis for the Broken front of the west half of number 18 Con A Tyendingaga                      Carried

A recommendation to the New England Society to have Samson Green appointed a Catechist to the Band here was unanimously approved of by the Council

On the application of John H Maricle for a decision of who shall hold the land and shanty of the late John Smart It was moved by Archd Culbertson and seconded by Samson Green that John H Maricle be allowed to hold and receive the Benefit of the land &c of the Late John Smart so long as ~~the~~ he maintains the orphan children of the aforesaid John Smart

Carried

signed

WJW Hill

W Frizzell  
Secretary

Chariman

**Chiefs met in Council**

Present Chiefs Samson Green  
                                  John Loft  
                                  Seth W Hill  
                                  W.J.W Hill  
                                  Archibald Culbertson  
                                  & John Claus

Moved by John Loft and seconded by Archd Culbertson that WJW Hill be appointed Chairman

Moved in amendment by Samson Green and seconded by Seth W Hill that John Loft be Chairman  
Carried

The Council ordered that a list of the Lands Leased for the Benefit of the Band that is owned by  
Individuals with the Amount each lot is rented for per annum

Moved by John Claus and seconded by Archibald Culbertson that fifteen Dollars per Annum be paid by  
Requisition on the Secretary of State out of our funds to WJW Hill for providing firewood (& fires[?]) and  
having the Western Church kept clean for for one year ending on Easter Monday Carried

Signed

W Frizzell  
Secretary

John Loft  
Chairman

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