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OF GRAND RIVER
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The Reader's Guide

How the National Books fit together, which to read for what, how to read, cite and check them, and the words they share.

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The Reader’s Guide

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SECTION 1

The Nation on one page

Who the Nation is, what it stands on, and what it claims — in brief.

The full account is Book I.

Its colour: **Cover tan**

THE NATION

Who	The Mohawk Nation of Grand River: the posterity of “some of the Mohawks” of Canajoharie, Tikondarago and Aughquaga, who adhered to the Crown before 1783 and lost their villages for it — with those received by the Nation’s law of adoption
What it stands on	Four Crown instruments: the Haldimand Pledge (1779), the Haldimand Proclamation (1784), Lord Dorchester’s Order in Council (1789), and the Simcoe Register Proclamation (1796)
The land	The Tract: six miles from each bank of the Grand River, mouth to source
Its relationship	Nation to Crown: the Mohawk and the King directly
What it claims	Strictly within its own order, over its acquired territory — not in contest with the Crown or the provinces; it does not challenge the King as sovereign within Canadian society
What it is not	A band under the Indian Act; registered under a province; speaking for any other community
How it works	Its Secretariat and offices, its independent Court, its Gazette, its Register and Ledger — all described in these books, and open to check

SECTION 2

The set

What the National Books are, and how they fit together.

For every reader: start here.

Its colour: **Cover tan**

THE SET

The National Books are the Mohawk Nation of Grand River's own account of how it works: its foundations, its offices and their work, its records, its courts, its money and its technology — written so that anyone can read how the Nation keeps what it promises, and check it for themselves.

The drawing below shows the whole set as it stands on its shelves, one shelf to each part of the Nation's work. Read each shelf left to right; a † marks a book that is confidential for now, and a ‡ a book issued only to named officers.



The set, by shelf. † Confidential for now. ‡ Restricted: issued only to named officers.

TIP Read Book I, The Nation and its Instruments, first. Every other book assumes it.

How to read the poster, on the next page — turn the book to read it. The set stands on its shelves as spines, each shelf named beneath, with † for a book confidential for now and ‡ for one issued only to named officers. The lower block says which book to read for who you are, how a book is cited and checked by its number and its fingerprint, and names the posters that go with the books. The poster is printed by Mohawk’s Printer, ISBN 978-1-0680559-8-0.

MOHAWK NATION OF GRAND RIVER

The National Books

Thirty-three books: how the Nation works, written so that anyone can read it, and check it for themselves.

The set by shelf, which book to read, how a book is cited and checked, and the posters that go with them · From Book 00 of the National Books, The Reader's Guide

THE SET, ON ITS SHELVES: READ EACH SHELF LEFT TO RIGHT

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FOUNDATIONS

I The Nation and its Instruments
II The Acquired Territory Doctrine †
III Lands and the Tract
IV Recognition and Relations
V Honours, Heraldry and Ceremony

GOVERNMENT

VI The Constitution of Offices
VII The Gazette and Law-Making
VIII Elections
IX Ethics
X The Bench Book

PEOPLE AND RECORDS

XI The Residents' Handbook
XII Passports and Credentials
XIII Records, Privacy and Access
XIV The Forms

THE OFFICES AT WORK

XV The Officers' Guide
XVI The Training Curriculum
XVII Rebuilding the Register ‡

MONEY AND BUSINESS

XVIII The Bank and the Treasury
XIX The Grand River Dollar
XX Business and the Shop
XXI Contracts

TRUST AND TECHNOLOGY

XXII The Verifier's Handbook
XXIII Signing, Keys and the Ledger †
XXIV The Edge Mark †
XXV Security Features †
XXVI The Developer and Auditor Book

VOICE AND LOOK

XXVII The Press of the Nation
XXVIII The Station
XXIX The Nation's Brand
XXX The Style Book
XXXI Mohawk's Printer

PARTNERS

XXXII The Partner's Handbook

THE FRONT DOOR

00 The Reader's Guide

WHICH BOOK TO READ, IF YOU ARE

A resident: XI The Residents' Handbook. *Then XIX The Grand River Dollar; XIII Records, Privacy and Access.*

An officer of the Nation: XV The Officers' Guide; VI The Constitution of Offices. *Then XIV The Forms; the book of your own office.*

A partner, a bank, a border or police officer: XXII The Verifier's Handbook. *Then XII Passports and Credentials; XXXII The Partner's Handbook.*

A Magistrate, or a party before the Court: X The Bench Book. *Then VII The Gazette and Law-Making.*

A financial institution or a supporter: XIX The Grand River Dollar. *Then XVIII The Bank and the Treasury.*

A journalist: I The Nation and its Instruments. *Then XXVII The Press; XIII Records, Privacy and Access.*

An expert, auditor or critic: I, then the book of your field. *Then each book's last section: how it compares, and the questions an expert would ask.*

A designer or printer: XXIX The Nation's Brand; XXX The Style Book. *Then XXXI Mohawk's Printer.*

Read Book I first. Every other book assumes it.

HOW A BOOK IS CITED AND CHECKED

Every book has one number. Its Mohawk Publication Number, in the Nation's own three blocks, on page 2 and on its page at the Register. The ISBN of a printed edition sits beside it.

Every edition has a fingerprint. Its SHA-256 hash, on page 2 and on the Nation's Ledger. A copy that differs is not the published edition.

To cite a book: its title, the edition, Mohawk Nation of Grand River Secretariat, the year, and its number.

Every book shares the same parts: a page 2 that names its edition, its number and its posters; worked examples; the standards it follows; how it compares with the world's leaders; and the questions an expert or a critic would ask, answered.

All of them are at mohawkuniversity.org/Register/national-books/, each with its number and its fingerprint, to read and to download.

THE POSTERS THAT GO WITH THE BOOKS

- **The Four Instruments** — with Books I and II · on the Poster Wall, with a web edition that moves
- **The Three Villages** — with Book III · on the Poster Wall, with a web edition that moves
- **Mark of Honour** — with Book V · on the Poster Wall, with a web edition that moves
- **The Line of Honour** — with Book V · on the Poster Wall, with a web edition that moves
- **How to Check a Document of the Nation** — with Book XXII · on the Poster Wall, with a web edition that moves
- **The Passport and the Credentials** — with Book XII · on the Poster Wall, with a web edition that moves
- **The Grand River Dollar** — with Book XIX · on the Poster Wall, with a web edition that moves

Start with Book I, The Nation and its Instruments. The Reader's Guide, Book 00, says which book to read for what, and how to read, cite and check them.

Sources: The Reader's Guide (Book 00) and the National Books page of the Register, mohawkuniversity.org/Register/national-books/, where each book carries its Mohawk Publication Number and its SHA-256 fingerprint; the Poster Wall, /posters/.

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SECTION 3

Which book to read

By who you are, and what you need.

Its colour: **Cover tan**

WHERE TO START

If you are	Read	Then
A resident	VII The Residents’ Handbook	XVI The Grand River Dollar; XIII Records, Privacy and Access
An officer of the Nation	II The Officers’ Guide; I The Constitution of Offices	III The Forms; the book of your own office
A partner, a bank, a border or police officer	VI The Verifier’s Handbook	X Passports and Credentials; XI Signing, Keys and the Ledger
A Magistrate, or a party before the Court	IX The Bench Book	VIII The Gazette and Law-Making
A financial institution or a supporter	XVI The Grand River Dollar	V The Bank and the Treasury
A journalist	XIX The Nation and its Instruments	XVIII The Press of the Nation; XIII Records, Privacy and Access
An expert, auditor or critic	XIX, then the book of your field	Each book’s last section: how it compares, and the questions an expert would ask
A designer, printer or partner using the emblem	XV The Nation’s Brand	—

SECTION 4

By question

What you want to do, and where to look.

Its colour: **Cover tan**

BY QUESTION

I want to	Read	Use
Check a Nation document	XXII, Section 2	/verify/ and /edge-scan/
Check a passport	XII; XXII	/verify/; the passport’s chip and Edge Mark
Report a lost or stolen passport	XII, Section 5; XI	My Register: report it the same day
Travel on the passport, or have it refused	XII, Section 6	The holder’s briefing; the Recognition Register
See what a National Card carries	XII, Section 7	The card’s layers, and a worked example
Join the Register, or prove my line	I, Sections 3 to 5; XI	My Register, from the Secretariat
Open an account, pay, or be paid	XIX; XI, Section 5	My Register; the café’s QR code
Check the Nation’s money is all there	XIX, Section 3	/reserves/ and /grand-river-dollar/
File in the Court, or be heard	X; XI, Section 7	My Register: the matter’s own page
Complain about an officer	XI, Section 8; XV	/complaint/
See or correct my records	XIII; XI, Section 3	A request to the Registry
Read the law	VII	/gazette/
Check a book is genuine	00, Section 4	/national-books/ and the Ledger
Use the emblem	XXIX	The Brand Guide’s artwork

SECTION 5

Where to check online

The Register’s public pages, and what each proves.

Its colour: **Cover tan**

ONLINE

Page	What it proves
/verify/	A document’s standing today, by its Record Code
/edge-scan/	A document’s signatures, read from its Edge Mark by your own phone
/ledger/	Every act of the Nation, in order, fingerprinted and anchored in Bitcoin
/gazette/	The Nation’s acts, as entered
/reserves/	That every Grand River dollar is backed: three totals, every day
/grand-river-dollar/	The dollar’s particulars, standards and proofs
/national-books/	Every book, its MPN and its fingerprint
/complaint/	A complaint about an officer, straight to the Inspection Division
/.well-known/stellar.toml	The Grand River dollar’s issuer on Stellar

SECTION 6

How to read a book

The parts every book shares, and the marks it uses.

Its colour: **Cover tan**

READING

In every book	What it is
The colophon	Its edition, its Mohawk Publication Number, how to cite it, how to check a copy
Sections	Each opens on a coloured page saying what it covers and for whom
How it works, and how we compare	The benchmarks, the standards, and the questions an expert or critic would ask — answered
Worked examples	Real figures, real screens and real records from the Register, marked SPECIMEN where they could be mistaken for the real thing

The marks

Mark	Means
Rule	What must be done, always
Why	The reason behind a rule
Watch for	A common mistake, or a risk
Tip	A better way
Proposed	Not yet adopted: waiting on the Nation’s Gazette
† to be verified	A fact still to be confirmed against the record before adoption

The Nation’s conventions

Convention	In the books
Record Codes	Every record has one identifier: FAMILY-YYMMDD-NNNNNN — never a second number of any kind
Names	In their parts: First name, Middle names, LAST NAME in capitals
Dates	Year, month, day, as ISO 8601; written out in full in the text
Plain language	Written to ISO 24495-1

SECTION 7

Citing and checking

How to cite a book, check a copy, and know which edition you hold.

Its colour: **Cover tan**

CITING

Cite a book by its title, its edition, the Secretariat as publisher, its year, and its Mohawk Publication Number — for example: *The Verifier’s Handbook*, First edition, October 2026, Mohawk Nation of Grand River Secretariat, 2026, MPN001-000001-000823.

Checking a copy

	Step
1	Work out the SHA-256 fingerprint of the file: sha256sum on Linux, shasum -a 256 on a Mac, Get-FileHash in Windows PowerShell
2	Compare it with the fingerprint on the book’s page on the National Books, and in the Catalogue
3	Compare it with the Nation’s Ledger, where the fingerprint was entered when the book was published
4	If it matches, the copy is exactly the one published; if not, it is not

Editions and corrections

A book is never changed silently. A correction is published as an erratum, or a new edition with its own fingerprint and entry on the Ledger; the catalogue keeps every edition.

What is public

Standing	Who may read it
Public	Anyone
Restricted	Named officers whose work needs it
Confidential	Named officers only, in numbered copies; listed with its MPN, never served

SECTION 8

The books and other publications

Every book, with its pages and standing; the other publications; and what is coming.

Each book’s MPN and fingerprint are in the Catalogue and on its page in the National Books.

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THE LIST

Book	Title	Pages	Standing
00	The Reader’s Guide	28	Public
I	The Nation and its Instruments	36	Public
II	The Acquired Territory Doctrine	60	Confidential
III	Lands and the Tract	26	Public
IV	Recognition and Relations	47	Public
V	Honours, Heraldry and Ceremony	50	Public
VI	The Constitution of Offices	31	Public
VII	The Gazette and Law-Making	24	Public
VIII	Elections and Petitions	21	Public
IX	Ethics and Conflicts of Interest	29	Public
X	The Bench Book	22	Public
XI	The Residents’ Handbook	28	Public
XII	Passports and Credentials	34	Public
XIII	Records, Privacy and Access	14	Public
XIV	The Forms	98	Public
XV	The Officers’ Guide	41	Public
XVI	The Training Curriculum	18	Public
XVII	Rebuilding the Register	18	Restricted
XVIII	The Bank and the Treasury	31	Public
XIX	The Grand River Dollar	30	Public
XX	The Business Registry and the Shop	22	Public
XXI	Contracts of the Nation	14	Public
XXII	The Verifier’s Handbook	24	Public
XXIII	Signing, Keys and the Ledger	17	Confidential
XXIV	The Edge Mark	16	Confidential
XXV	Security Features	21	Confidential
XXVI	The Developer and Auditor Book	18	Public
XXVII	The Press of the Nation	17	Public
XXVIII	The Station	21	Public
XXIX	The Nation’s Brand	18	Public
XXX	The Style Book	52	Public
XXXI	Mohawk’s Printer	22	Public
XXXII	The Partner’s Handbook	18	Public

Other publications

Publication	What it is
The Official Timeline, 1710 onward	The Crown’s instruments, the Nation’s acts and the history between them
The pocket cards	Twelve cards, one for each officer’s duty at a glance
The Catalogue of the Register’s Books	Every book, its MPN and its fingerprint
Security of the passport and the Register	The features anyone may check, and the standards behind them
Contracts of the Nation; Public Safety Standards	Shorter papers on each
The Tract map	Mohawk’s Printer, ISBN 978-1-0680559-2-8
Mark of Honour — the poster	The mark, by either sex: a family tree of the Loyalist posterity. Mohawk’s Printer, ISBN 978-1-0680559-3-5
The Line of Honour — the poster	Generation by generation, from you to the Loyalist founder. Mohawk’s Printer, ISBN 978-1-0680559-4-2
The Three Villages — the poster	The promise, the loss, the Grand River and the posterity of the three villages, and why it is mistaken for the Six Nations. Mohawk’s Printer, ISBN 978-1-0680559-5-9
The Four Instruments — the poster	The Pledge of 1779, the Proclamation of 1784, Dorchester’s Order of 1789 and Simcoe’s Register Proclamation of 1796, in their own words, with the Nation’s reading. Mohawk’s Printer, ISBN 978-1-0680559-6-6
How to Check a Document of the Nation — the poster	A document taken apart, the Record Code in its three blocks, the three ways to check, how far to go, and the red flags. Mohawk’s Printer, ISBN 978-1-0680559-7-3
The National Books — the poster	The set on its shelves, which book to read, how a book is cited and checked, and the posters that go with the books. Mohawk’s Printer, ISBN 978-1-0680559-8-0
The Passport and the Credentials — the poster	The data page at true size, the visa pages under ultraviolet light, the three cards at true size, what the officer sees and the five ways a border checks a passport. Mohawk’s Printer, ISBN 978-1-0680559-9-7
The Grand River Dollar — the poster	The three totals that must agree every day, the dollar that stays, the six protections, a business’s sale, how to pay, and the night’s seal. Mohawk’s Printer, ISBN 978-1-0680559-1-1
Acquired Territory, by Benjamin DOOLITTLE UE	The full argument of the doctrine; companion to Book II and to the application for mandamus

Forthcoming

Forthcoming	For
Elections and Petitions; Honours, Heraldry and Ceremony	The Nation’s life
The Station; the Business Registry and the Shop	The Nation’s life
The Training Curriculum; the Style Book; the Partner’s Handbook	Officers and partners
The Developer and Auditor book, with the data dictionary	Experts and auditors

SECTION 9

Asking, using, and keeping the books current

Whom to ask, how the books may be used, and how they are kept up to date.

The terms of use and the yearly review are proposed: for the Nation to adopt by its Gazette.

Its colour: **Cover tan**

KEEPING

To	Do this
Ask about a book	Write to the Secretariat; the Registrar General keeps the record of every edition
Report an error	Write to the Secretariat, naming the book, edition and page; a correction is published as an erratum or a new edition — never made silently
Ask for a restricted book	A partner writes to the Secretariat with the purpose; issued, if approved, as a numbered copy to a named person

Copyright and use

Copyright	© Mohawk Nation of Grand River Secretariat. Published by Mohawk’s Printer
Quoting	Short passages may be quoted with a full citation (Section 4)
Copying a whole book	Link to its page in the National Books, so readers receive the genuine edition; reprinting needs the Secretariat’s permission
The Tract map	Reproduce it only with its full notice, including the Grand River Conservation Authority’s licence notice
Specimens	Documents marked SPECIMEN are examples, never to be used as the real thing

Language and access

Language	Written in English, with Kanien’kéha terms written by speakers; Kanien’kéha editions are planned, made by speakers, never by machine
Access	Large-print and audio editions of the Residents’ Handbook are planned; every book is being made readable by screen readers (PDF/UA)

Keeping the set current

	Step
1	Each book is reviewed once a year by the office that owns it
2	A new edition is approved by the Secretary-General, with its changes listed
3	It is adopted by Gazette entry; its MPN and fingerprint go on the Ledger
4	The Catalogue lists every edition; the older one stays on record

SECTION 10

Words used throughout

A short glossary of the terms every book uses.

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GLOSSARY

Word	Meaning
The Register	The Nation's record of its people, land, offices, courts and money
The Gazette	The Nation's record of its own acts
The Ledger	The Nation's append-only record of every act, anchored daily in the Bitcoin blockchain
Record Code	The one identifier of every record: FAMILY-YYMMDD-NNNNNN
Fingerprint	A SHA-256 hash: a short code that changes completely if anything in the content changes
Edge Mark	The rail or ring of notches carrying a document's signatures on paper
MPN	Mohawk Publication Number: the Nation's own numbering of its publications
GR$	The Grand River dollar: one Canadian dollar, always
U.E.	The Mark of Honour of 1789, for those who adhered to the Unity of the Empire, and their descendants by either sex
The Tract	The lands six miles from each bank of the Grand River, mouth to source
The class	Some of the Mohawks of Canajoharie, Tikondarago and Aughquaga, and their posterity
Standing	Whether a document is in force, expired, suspended or revoked

How we compare

Benchmark	What they do	What the Nation does
The United States Government Manual	One guide to every part of a government	The Reader's Guide to every National Book
GOV.UK	Guidance organised by who the reader is and what they need	Section 2: which book, by who you are

Questions an expert or critic would ask

Why so many books?
Each answers one reader's questions in full. The Reader's Guide sends each reader to the few they need.

How do I know a book is current?
Its edition and fingerprint are in the catalogue; a newer edition replaces it there, and the old one stays on record.