MOHAWK NATION OF GRAND RIVER

Dawn of Day

The Crown face to face: the day the Prince of Wales was made a chief, and the visits before and since.

Victoria Park, 20 October 1919; the line of royal visits; why the Nation deals with the King directly



Victoria Park, Brantford, 20 October 1919: under the canopy, the chief at the table signing the council roll, the Prince of Wales standing in his light suit; Percy Wood's Brant Memorial right behind them; the crowd in the park. From Book VI.

THE DAY, AND THE LINE OF DAYS

- **1860.** Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, is received, and signs the Queen Anne Bible.
- **1869.** Prince Arthur is made a chief, Kavakoudge, of the Turtle clan: by the Nation's account a fifty-first string in the circle.
- **1901–1914.** The Duke and Duchess of York sign; Edward VII makes the chapel Royal; Princess Patricia signs.
- **20 October 1919.** Edward, Prince of Wales, made a chief in Victoria Park: Dayonhemseia, Dawn of Day, of the Turtle clan.
- **The roll.** He signs the council roll; only his great-uncle Connaught had before him.
- **The gift.** Catharine Silver, the eldest of Six Nations, gives him a pin of silver coins.
- **The tree.** He plants a tree at the foot of Brant's tomb; its plaque is on the tomb's fence.
- **1951–2010.** Elizabeth signs the Bible as Princess, then as Queen in 1959, 1984 and 2010.

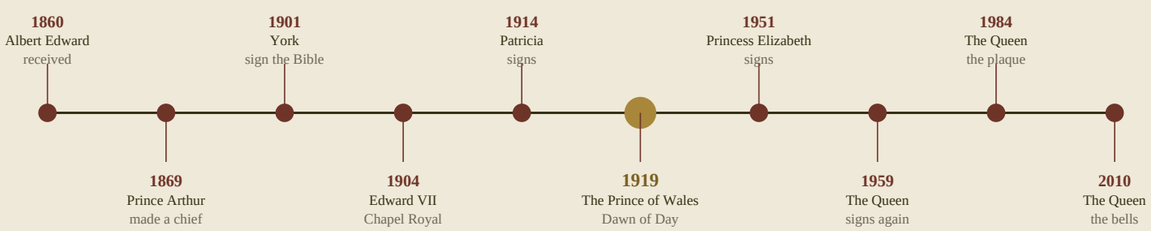
AT A GLANCE

Where	Victoria Park, Brantford
When	20 October 1919
His name	Dayonhemseia, Dawn of Day
His clan	Turtle
He signed	the council roll
The gift	a pin of silver coins
The tree	at the foot of Brant's tomb
Behind them	Brant's memorial, 1886

THE NATION'S READING

Face to face. The Crown's own family has come to the Grand again and again, and two of its princes were made chiefs. The Nation reads this as the reason it deals with the King directly, as one to one, not through any band or council in between.

THE ROYAL VISITS, 1860 TO 2010



Each mark a visit the record holds; 1919, in gold, is this poster's day.

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SECRETARIAT

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