

Please accept the following submission:

Response comments on the Submissions Regarding Hannah Mannell

**RE: Tribunal Hearing for Subject Ancestor:
HANNAH MANNELL**

Submitted by: the family of Edna Yutronkie

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March 27, 2023

Algonquin Tribunal
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Dear Panel Members,

RE: Tribunal Hearing for Subject Ancestor: HANNAH MANNELL

We are ancestors of Hannah Mannell and would like to comment on the documents presented to the tribunal regarding Hannah Mannell.

Thank you for accepting this response letter to the tribunal questioning of Hannah Mannell's ancestors.

We are at a rare time in First Nation history in Canada. Truth and reconciliation is supposed to be a time of healing for Indigenous peoples. Trying to strip our heritage, silence our voices and discredit our ancestors and their journey only further hurts the community and the people in it.

We now stand at an impasse where one group of Algonquins are attempting to prove that another group are not truly Algonquin. In our family, we are now at a place where we have been told that we must become a part of a tribunal to prove our Algonquin ancestry. This was already done in 2013. Justice Chadwick reviewed the evidence and ruled that Hannah Mannell was Algonquin.

Documents one through four of the tribunal submissions show that our family does have irrefutable proof that our family is First Nation. Our ancestor Hannah Mannell came from the James Bay region, where there were both Cree and Algonquin traditionally living. We do not have an accurate territorial map of the time when Hannah Mannell was born, so the enrolment officer's report is using maps dated about 30 years after Hannah was born. Hannah Mannell lived as an Algonquin, both there, and for 31 years as an Algonquin at Golden Lake. For generations, most of our family continues to make this area our home base.

We, like many other First Nation peoples, in this country, do not claim to be full-blooded First Nation people. Our ancestors intermarried with colonials who came to this country. We do not argue that fact. We take our culture, our traditions, and our teachings from several different cultures. Included in these are the teachings and cultural beliefs of the Algonquin people. Our family strives to practice the seven grandfather teachings and above all, believes that people should practice honesty.

The way that First Nations people pass on their history is through stories through the family line. We know that our grandfather Henry Jeffrey identified as Algonquin, not as Cree, or Ojibway, but as Algonquin. Now we are being asked for paper documentation.

Our ancestor was a woman, which meant that due to the Indian Act, she lost her ability to maintain "status." As much as we could, we have kept our traditions and culture alive this long. We have embraced First Nation Traditions and Beliefs. We have a band, The Bonnechere Algonquins, that we belong to, and we uphold the Elder tradition.

We wonder how our Algonquin ancestors would have felt about one group of Algonquins trying to prove that another does not belong.

It is incredibly discouraging that as a people, and as we continue our healing journey, our learning, and striving to embrace by our traditional ways, we are faced with people telling us that we should not be afforded this basic right as Indigenous peoples. We carry the stories, strength, and resilience of our Algonquin ancestor Hannah Mannell. We proudly identify as Algonquin. It is our greatest hope that we will be able to continue to do so.

Stripping our family of our Algonquin ancestry contributes to what successive governments have done to our people for hundreds of years and continue to do as a means of diminishing indigenous success, culture, and connection to our first mother, the land.

We are deeply saddened that we need to go through this tribunal again. Instead of trying to prove that we do not belong, should we not be uniting all the tribes of the Algonquins of Ontario?

Respectfully,

The family of Edna Yutronkie, daughter of Henry Jeffrey.
Cindy Dickson, Bonnie Mackey, Charles Yutronkie, Craig Yutronkie, Thomas Yutronkie and Brooke Mackey.

Please accept the following submission: our comments on Document 1
Enrolment Officer's Report regarding Hannah Mannell and Appendices

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As concerned members of the Hannah Mannell Family we are commenting on Document 1

Report Regarding Ancestor Hannah Mannell by Joan Holmes.

1. On page 6 of this document the map being referred to is dated 1823. Hannah Mannell was born 1795 and conceived in 1794. This is a 29 year difference. It is unknown whether this territorial map is accurate at the time of her birth. It is possible that this map does not accurately represent Algonquin, Cree and Ojibway territories at 1795 and prior. Using this map is making the assumption that in this time period indigenous people stayed in one place and did not move around.
2. We believe that in the 1700s and 1800s the indigenous people were not keeping paper journals but now as descendants we are being asked to provide documentation. Thus, we are relying on the records of the HBC. Even John Mannell did not write about his indigenous wife, Hannah's mother, since it was frowned upon for the British to marry an indigenous woman. We believe this is a valid assumption to make since no written documentation exists.
3. In closing: This matter was already brought forward and decided upon by Justice Chadwick in 2013. His ruling should be upheld.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Family of Edna Yutronkie (daughter of Henry Jeffrey)

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Please accept the following submission: our comments on Document 6
submission by V Coburn

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As concerned members of the Hannah Mannell Family we are replying to Document 6, letter dated February 22, 2023 by Veldon Coburn, with attachments.

We are bringing the following concerns to your attention:

1. Due to the Disclaimer presented as Document 6, by Veldon Coburn, we request that this submission not be considered as part of the above noted Tribunal Hearing, for the following reasons:
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- 1 Analysis of the May 2nd, 2013 Hearing Decision on the Origins of Hannah Mannell, Root Ancestor, Pembroke, Ontario, 2021-06-21, Page 33

In conclusion, we respectfully request that Veldon Coburn's opinion not be considered in this matter.

Respectfully,

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Please accept the following submission: our comments on Document 7 submission by Chief W. Jocko on behalf of her community

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As concerned members of the Hannah Mannell Family we are replying to Document 7 letter from Wendy Jocko, Chief, dated March 7, 2023 in reference to the Tribunal Haring referenced above.

We are bringing the following concerns to your attention:

1. Document was submitted late and therefore should not be considered for this reason.
2. It does not contain any relevant new information but is merely an opinion piece.
3. In reviewing Darryl Leroux's background, it is our feeling that he may have a bias whether unconscious or explicit and as such his opinion should not be considered.

In conclusion, we respectfully request that Darryl Leroux's opinion not be considered in this matter.

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