

**Enrolment Officer's Reply Submission in response to Responding
Submissions by Interested Parties:**

**Reply Report to Responding Submissions
Regarding Ancestor
Hannah Mannell
(RIN #18786)
Dated April 11, 2023**



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1. Introduction

The Tribunal received responding submissions from two parties in support of removing the ancestor Hannah Mannell (RIN #18786) from the Schedule of Algonquin Ancestors. The submissions are posted on the Tribunal's website as:

<https://www.tanakiwin.com/tribunal/hannah-mannell-3/>

They appear on the website as:

- Document 7 – Submission by Chief Wendy Jocko on behalf of her community. It was dated March 7, 2023.
- Document 14 – Responding Submission by Chief G. Sarazin on behalf of his community. It was dated March 24, 2023.

The submissions are responding to the Enrolment Officer's Report and Responding Submission from other parties which appear on the Tribunal website as:

- Document 1 – Enrolment Officer's Report Regarding Hannah Mannell. It was dated November 2022.
- Responding submissions posted as Documents 2 to 5.

This reply report addresses the content in the Respondents' submissions that are relevant to the Tribunal's inquiry, which is to determine whether Hannah Mannell (RIN #18786) is identified in a historic record or document dated on or before December 31, 1921, in such a way that it would be reasonable to conclude that she was considered to be an Algonquin or Nipissing, or a sibling of such a person. A "sibling of such a person" means a person with a common Algonquin parent.

The Respondents' submissions refer to some documents and facts that are contained in the Enrolment Officer's Report (posted as Document 1). As noted in the Enrolment Officer's Report, archival documents recording a family's life events have been assigned ALG document numbers; RIN numbers have been assigned to individuals discussed in the report to aid in identification. RIN numbers, ALG document numbers, and/or page numbers of existing reports will be referenced in this report for ease of discussion.

2. Document #7 – Responding Submission by Chief Wendy Jocko on behalf of her community

The Respondent Chief Wendy Jocko submitted a responding submission on behalf of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan in support of removing ancestor Hannah Mannell (RIN #18786) from the Schedule of Ancestors.

The Respondent stated that she agreed with the Enrolment Officers research findings about Hannah Mannell; which are described as follows:

- Hannah's father was an Englishman and HBC trader named John Mannell. We don't know the identity of her mother, other than the fact that she was an Indigenous woman.
- Hannah appears to have been conceived at Kenogamissi House, which is in Ojibway territory, southwest of Timmins, Ontario.
- Hannah, her husband Charles Thomas, and her nine children moved to Golden Lake by 1833, where Thomas set up an HBC trading post on the Bonnechere River.
- After the Thomas family's arrival, Jean Baptiste Otiskwekijik (a.k.a. Chief Makwa) communicated a complaint to the Secretary of Indian Affairs about Charles Thomas and his sons trespassing on his hunting grounds and requested that they and other White hunters not be permitted to do so.

The Respondent submits that Hannah Mannell is not an Algonquin Ancestor according to Article 1 of the Special Resolution of January 22, 2020.

The Enrolment Officer notes that neither her initial report (posted as Document 1) nor her responding reports (posted as Documents 10 and 12) drew conclusions as to the tribal affiliation of Hannah Mannell, rather they pointed out the possible places that her mother and mother's natal family used and occupied at the time Hannah's parents formed a union. The known details regarding Hannah Mannell were laid out for the consideration of the Tribunal.

What conclusions, if any, that may be drawn from the Enrolment Officer's Report or other evidence that is available to the Tribunal, are for the Tribunal to determine.

The Enrolment Officer has no further reply comments.

3. Document #14 – Responding Submission by Chief G. Sarazin on behalf of his community

The Respondent Chief Greg Sarazin submitted a responding submission on behalf of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan in support of removing ancestor Hannah Mannell (RIN #18786) from the Schedule of Ancestors.

The submission was in response to responding submissions (posted as Documents 2 to 5), which argued in favour of retaining Hannah Mannell on the Schedule of Algonquin Ancestors. The submission outlines several aspects of the responding submissions (posted as Documents 2 to 5) under sub-headings including the following:

3.1 Family Lore Versus Oral History

The Respondent analyses the submissions made in favour of keeping Hannah Mannell on the list of Algonquin Ancestors and discusses the Family Lore versus Oral History included in these submissions. The Respondent concludes that the submissions confuse family lore with

Indigenous oral history, specifically discussing the Thomas family's position at Golden Lake and their interactions with Chief Makwa.

The Enrolment Officer commented on these submissions in her responding report (posted as Documents 12 and 13). The Enrolment Officer has no further reply comments.

3.2 Misreading of Evidence or Documentation.

The Respondent states that no further historical documentation was presented in order to support the claim of the previous submissions that Frederick House was in Algonquin Territory.

The Enrolment Officer's initial report (posted as Document 1) and responding reports (posted as Documents 12 and 13) discuss historical territories around the time period of Hannah's birth. The Enrolment Officer has no further reply comments on this subject.

The Respondent states that their continued position is that Hannah Mannell is not an Algonquin Ancestor according to Article 1 of the Special Resolution of January 22, 2020.

What conclusions, if any, that may be drawn from the Enrolment Officer's Report or other evidence that is available to the Tribunal, are for the Tribunal to determine.