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Biographical Sketch/Administrative History
Six Nations of the Grand River: The Six Nations of the Grand River is a First Nations reserve located along the banks of the Grand River and is made up of the six Haudenosaunee Nations - the Mohawk, Cayuga, Onondaga, Oneida, Seneca and Tuscarora. John Brant (ca. 1794 - 1832), the son of Joseph Brant, was resident superintendent of the Six Nations of the Grand River from 1828 until his death in 1832. Major James Winnett was appointed to the position in 1834.

Scope and Content
Fonds consists of a letter book kept by John Brant during his time serving as resident superintendent of the Six Nations of the Grand River. In it, he recorded outgoing correspondence as well as proceedings of general councils of the Six Nations. James Winnett recorded council proceedings in the letter book following Brant's death for the years 1833 and 1834. The letter book contains an index.
Also included are four loose letters that were found in the letter book dating to after the death of Brant. Letters touch on subjects such as the survey of drowned lands, navigation of the Grand River, Six Nations Chiefs waiting on the Governor General and the settlement of claims in Brantford.

Custodial History
The letterbook and letters were purchased from London Public Libraries and Museum Board in October 1979.

General Notes
Physical material has been repatriated to the Six Nations of the Grand River. Digitized files are available at https://verne.lib.uwo.ca/s/wl-digitized-collections/item-set/5746. Also on microfilm M743.
Series Descriptions


AFC 406-F3 [Letter to James Winnett re: navigation of Grand River]. -- October 2, 1837. -- 1 item of textual records. -- Box Number https://verne.lib.uwo.ca/s/wl-digitized-collections/item/5751
