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## Summary Information

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<b>Abstract</b>	This item contains the Dekanawidah myth, lists of chiefs of the League, ceremonial chants (including Condolence Council), constitution and its acceptance (pages 1-200). There is a version of the same in Mohawk, with interlinear translations, names of principal families, and incomplete "aboriginal dictionary." Marginal notes are by William N. Fenton.

## **Background note**

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Seth Newhouse (also known as Da-yo-de-ka-ne Oshweken) was a Mohawk Indian, Six Nation Indian reserve, Grand river, Ontario, Canada.

## Administrative Information

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## Other Descriptive Information

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