

# **Oral interviews with Chief Jacob Thomas**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Extent</b>	4.0 Reel(s)
<b>Extent</b>	4 sound tape reels (3 hr., 2 min.) : analog, 7 1/2 ips, half track, stereo : 7 in.
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	Interview with Chief Jacob Thomas, condolee Cayuga elder of the Sandpiper Clan, conducted by Jon W. Parmenter at his home in Oshweken, Ontario. Includes extensive discussion of the formation of the Iroquois League, oral tradition on the Iroquois condolence ceremony, processes of consensual decision-making, and the structure and workings of the Iroquois Confederacy, as well as discussion of his personal life experiences, and his involvement in contemporary political issues.

## Administrative Information

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## Provenance

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### Acquisition Information

Donated by Jon W. Parmenter in 1998. This material was recorded with the assistance of a Phillips Fund grant.

## Related Materials

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### Related Material

Project report and other related manuscript material can be found in the [Phillips Fund Collection](#) (Mss.497.3.Am4).

## Indexing Terms

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### Genre(s)

- Sound recordings

### Subject(s)

- Iroquois Indians--History
- Iroquois Indians--Politics and government
- Iroquois Indians--Rites and ceremonies
- Iroquois Indians--Social life and customs
- Six Nations