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Molly Brant (c. 1736–1796) was a Mohawk woman who played a pivotal role in the American Revolution. As the sister of the influential Mohawk war chief Joseph Brant, she was a skilled diplomat and negotiator who helped to maintain alliances between the British and Iroquois Confederacy. Brant's story is a fascinating exploration of the complex relationships between Native Americans, British colonists, and the emerging United States.

Early Life and Education

Molly Brant was born into the Mohawk tribe in Canajoharie, New York. Her father was a prominent Mohawk chief, and her mother was a daughter of a Dutch trader. Brant received a traditional Mohawk education, which included learning about her people's history, culture, and religion. She also learned to speak English and Dutch.

Marriage to Sir William Johnson

In 1759, Brant married Sir William Johnson, a wealthy British Indian agent. Johnson was a powerful figure in the colony of New York, and his marriage to Brant gave her access to British society and politics. Brant used her position to advocate for the rights of her people and to negotiate on their behalf.

The American Revolution

When the American Revolution broke out in 1775, Brant and her husband sided with the British. They believed that the British would protect the interests of the Iroquois Confederacy, while the Americans would seek to destroy their way of life. Brant played a key role in securing the support of the Iroquois for the British cause. She traveled throughout the Mohawk Valley, rallying warriors to the British side and providing intelligence to British commanders.

Diplomatic Missions

In addition to her military role, Brant also served as a diplomat for the British. She traveled to London in 1776 to meet with King George III and other British officials. She successfully negotiated a treaty that guaranteed the rights of the Iroquois Confederacy. Brant also traveled to France in 1778 to try to persuade the French to join the British side in the war.

Legacy

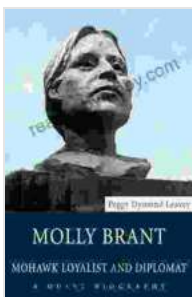
Molly Brant's legacy is complex and multifaceted. She was a skilled diplomat and negotiator who helped to maintain alliances between the British and Iroquois Confederacy. She was also a strong advocate for the rights of her people. However, she has also been criticized for her support of the British during the American Revolution.

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Molly Brant: Mohawk Loyalist and Diplomat is the 36th installment in the Quest Biography series. This series tells the stories of remarkable people who have made significant contributions to history. Molly Brant's story is a

fascinating example of the challenges and opportunities faced by Native Americans during the tumultuous period of the American Revolution.

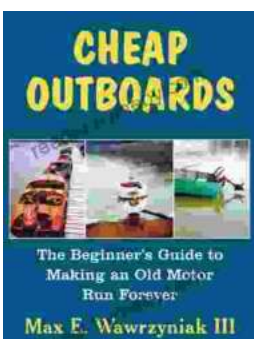
Molly Brant was a remarkable woman who played a pivotal role in the American Revolution. Her story is a testament to the strength and resilience of the Mohawk people. Molly Brant: Mohawk Loyalist and Diplomat is a valuable resource for anyone interested in learning more about this fascinating figure.



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