

acquainted with our aboriginal race, and who has seen Mr. Williams, can for a moment doubt his descent from that stock. His color, his features, and the conformation of his face, testify to his origin. They present the very appearance which everywhere marks the half-breed Indian."

John G. Shea, L. L. D., the distinguished antiquarian and historian, declared in the *American Historical Record*, in July, 1872: "Indianologists assure me that his ears were a sure mark of his Indian origin."

A writer in the New York *Christian Inquirer*, of Feb. 12, 1853, states of Eleazer Williams: "He is one-quarter Indian, as his physiognomy, it must be confessed, pretty plainly shows."

The Catlin portrait of Mr. Williams certainly gives him the full average Indian tinge of complexion.

Eunice Williams, the Deerfield captive of 1704, became assimilated with the Indians—married a young Indian chief, and one of their children, Mary, married a Frenchman and became the mother of Thomas Williams, the father of Eleazer; and Thomas married an Indian woman. In her affidavit, Mrs. Williams declares that "her son Eleazer very strongly resembles his father, Thomas Williams;" and Gen. Ellis refers to two visits Thomas Williams made to Oneida Castle while he was there; during which that "the remark was special, and made by many, how much Eleazer Williams favored his father."

In his conversations with Rev. Calvin Colton, in 1830, Mr. Williams is twice recorded in Mr. Colton's *Tour*, as declaring: "I am a Canadian by birth, you know." Prince de Joinville's secretary wrote that Williams stated to the prince in their interview in 1841, that "his mother was an Indian woman." While Eleazer Williams was corresponding with Dr. S. W. Williams, communicating facts for a genealogy of the Williams' family, he frequently spoke of his "grandfather" or "grandsire," in the sense of an ancestor—referring to the Rev. John Williams, the father of Eunice, the captive, from whom he lineally descended.

When rehearsing the story of his early life at Oneida, in 1820-21, as related by Gen. Ellis, he mentioned that Caughnawaga was, as he supposed, his birth-place, and Thomas Williams was his father;