

and in his application, in 1824, for Masonic membership, he stated that he was, as he believed, born at Sault St. Louis, which is but another name for Caughnawaga or St. Regis, on the border of Canada, near Montreal.

Mr. Williams, when he first visited Green Bay, in 1821, called on his old acquaintance James J. Porlier, a native of Montreal, and who came to Wisconsin about the time, or before Williams' birth, but often visited Montreal in the procurement of goods for the Indian trade, the sale of his furs and peltries, and to place his children there for their education. During these visits Mr. Porlier frequently saw Thomas Williams and his family at St. Regis. After Mr. Williams left, Judge Porlier's young son, Louis, who was present at the interview, and judging that the visitor was of Indian descent, made inquiry of his father who the stranger was? "Why," replied Mr. Porlier, "you have often heard me speak of the St. Regis chief, Thomas Williams—*this is his son.*" Judge Porlier, who had known him from his very boyhood, never intimated any suspicion that Mr. Williams was other than a blood descendant of the St. Regis chieftain.

3. His hypocrisy and tergiversations. Dr. F. B. Hough, the well-known historian, who knew Mr. Williams well, says: "It is believed that no person intimately acquainted with Mr. Williams will deny, that he possessed an ingenious faculty for collating the plausible coincidences which make up the warp and woof of the narrative" of his dauphinship claim.

It is evident that much of the "warp and woof" of this story was the result of Mr. Williams' "ingenious faculty" of manufacturing statements to suit the occasion. In Dr. Hanson's work, it is stated, that part of the means for Williams' early education came from an unknown source. Rev. C. F. Robertson, Williams' literary executor, now bishop of Missouri, states in *Putnam's Magazine*, for July, 1868, that he found among the Williams' papers packages of original bills for his education, and appropriations to meet them by the benevolent societies of Massachusetts, who were educating him with a view to future missionary labors. Hanson quoted an Albany authority that a Mr. Bleeker, of that city, was the agent who supplied Thomas Williams with money