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# *Visual Evidence and Historical Sources: Dr. Oronhyatekha*

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Kanyen'kehà:ka Physician · Scholar · 1841–1907

## Portrait of Dr. Oronhyatekha



### CAPTION

*This formal portrait shows Dr. Oronhyatekha in professional dress, reflecting his status as a respected physician and community leader. It demonstrates the dignity and authority he commanded in both Indigenous and non-Indigenous circles.*

**SOURCE:** Dictionary of Canadian Biography; Library and Archives Canada

*The Mohawk Institute, Brantford*



**CAPTION**

*The Mohawk Institute was one of Canada's earliest residential-style schools, located near Brantford, Ontario. Dr. Oronhyatekha received part of his early education here, navigating colonial systems while maintaining his Haudenosaunee identity.*

**SOURCE:** Six Nations of the Grand River Historical Archives; Library and Archives Canada

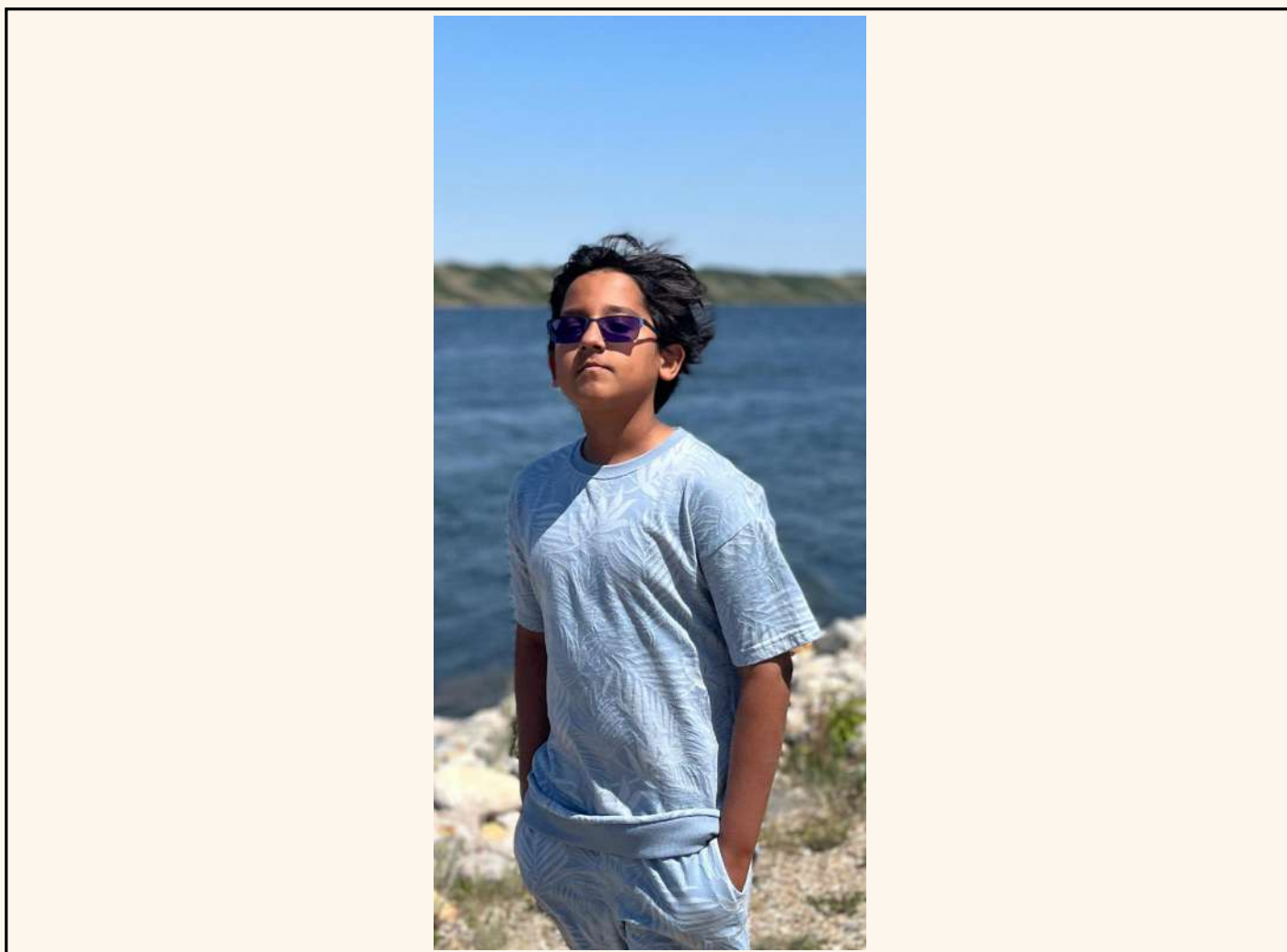
*The Temple Building, Toronto — 1895*



**CAPTION**

*Commissioned under Dr. Oronhyatekha's leadership of the Independent Order of Foresters, the Temple Building at King and Bay Streets in Toronto was one of the tallest structures in the British Empire upon completion. It stands as physical proof of his institutional impact.*

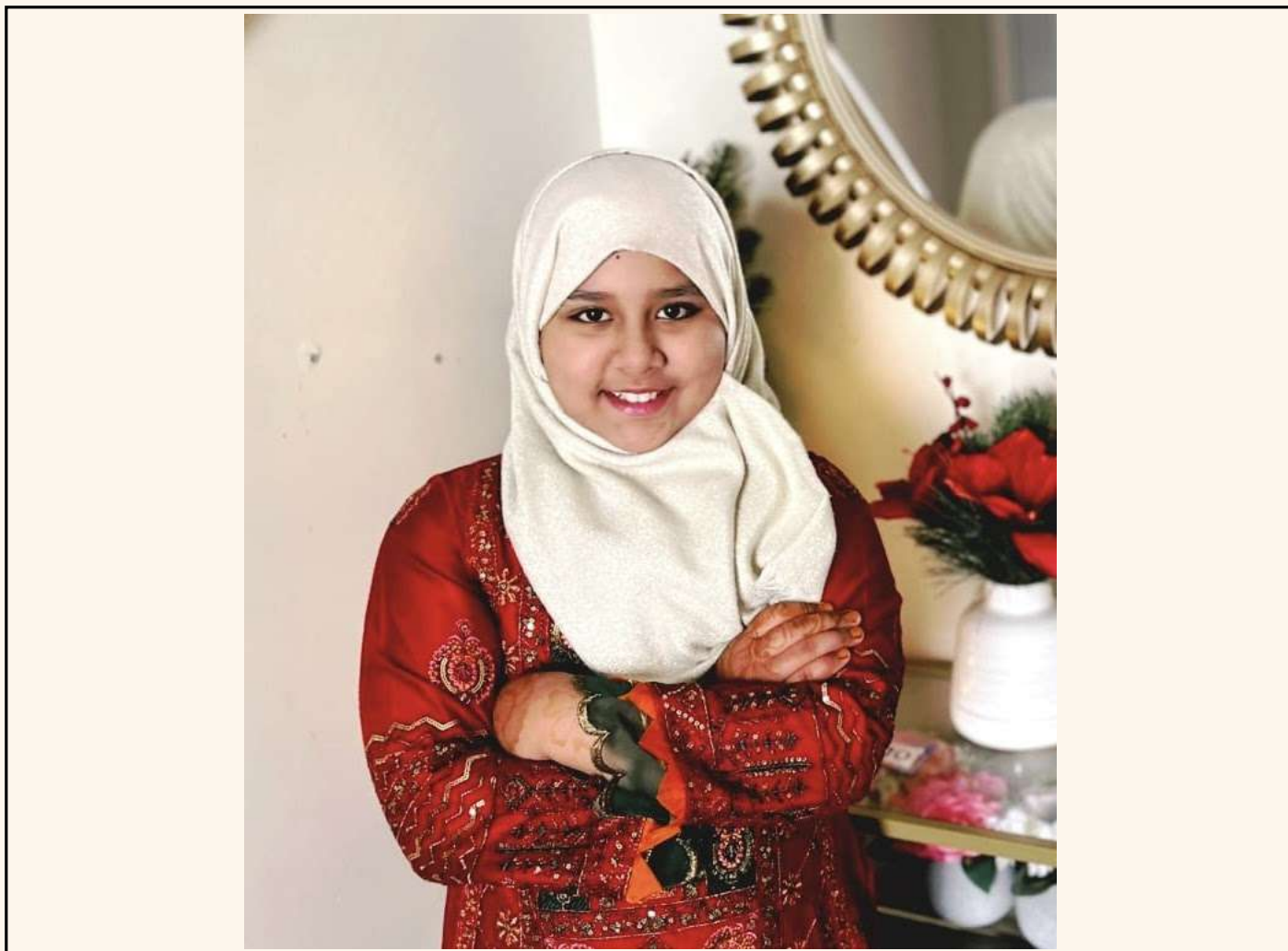
**SOURCE:** City of Toronto Archives; Independent Order of Foresters Historical Records



**CAPTION**

*Miraaj contributed research and web design to this Heritage Fair project, focusing on how Dr. Oronhyatekha's identity and actions created lasting institutional impact across Canada.*

**SOURCE:** Heritage Fair Project — Miraaj Mohammed & Rimsha Rafiulla, 2025



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*Rimsha led the content research and writing for this project, ensuring Dr. Oronhyatekha's story was presented accurately and meaningfully, with attention to both his identity and his impact.*

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