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Jean-Baptiste Lainé site or Mantle site??

In 2002, at the time of excavation, it was common practice to name archaeological sites after the most recent landowner, in this case, the Mantle Family.



The Mantle siblings are pictured here with Grand Chief Konrad Sioui during the unveiling of a plaque honouring the Jean-Baptiste Lainé Site in 2017. (L-R) Norma (Mantle) Keith, Stan Mantle, Grand Chief Konrad Sioui, Shirley (Mantle) Pogue

It is now best practice that ancestral sites be named by the appropriate Indigenous community that historically inhabited the site. The “Mantle Site” name was officially changed in 2011 and reclaimed in honour of decorated Second World War Wendat Veteran, Jean-Baptiste Lainé (1918-2005).



Jean-Baptiste is pictured with his brothers. Joffre, Fernand, Robert, Jean-Baptiste (L-R).

Lainé returned to Canada from the United Kingdom in 1946 after having served four years with the Régiment de la Chaudière. He received the War Medal 1939-1945, the Voluntary Service Medal, and the Defense Medal.

An exhibition developed with artifacts on loan from the collection of the Canadian Museum of History.