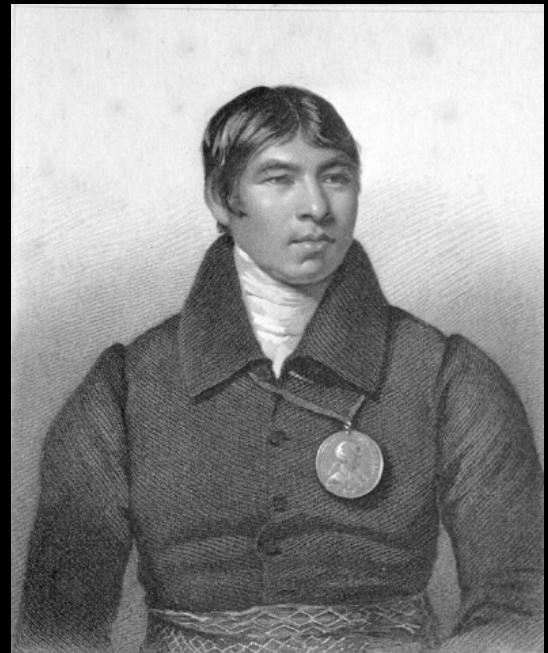


#2 - *Shahwundais and Grape Island*

Shahwundais (or John Sunday) was a Mississauga chief and veteran of the War of 1812 who converted to Methodism in 1826. Soon after, he founded the Grape Island Mission. He is said to have been very charismatic, and by 1828 there were over 200 people practicing Methodism on Grape Island. John Sunday travelled to England in 1837 to plead the cause of Indigenous missions, even meeting with Queen Victoria herself, but by this time the mission on Grape Island had already closed, and its members had relocated. Some went to Kingston, and others migrated to the Rice Lake area (now Alderville First Nation).



Grape Island
Photograph by Tim Cole.



Shahwundais
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