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INDIAN PRINCESS TO RESIDE HERE

**MISS ELLA PETOSKEY WILL
RETURN TO THIS CITY IN
NEAR FUTURE.**

**Indian Play "Hiawatha" May Be
Revived With Return of Its
Leading Lady.**

Petoskey is about to come into its own.

The Princess Ella Petoskey, sole surviving granddaughter of the old Chief Pe-to-se-ga, after whom the city was named, will make this city her permanent home beginning next June 1.

This announcement was made this week by the princess herself while here to arrange details and visit relatives and friends, and during her stay she posed in native garb for the photographer.

Has Been in Grand Rapids.

The city of Grand Rapids has not known that it has been entertaining a real princess unawares, but Miss Petoskey's home is at 1224 Division avenue, S., in that city, and she has been a resident of the Furniture City continuously for the last three years. And, previous to that, she put in another three years there at odd times. She is an active worker in the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints and secretary of the Sunday school of the Grand Rapids congregation.

"Yes, I'm a Mormon, but I've never been married yet," said Miss Petoskey during her visit here when reminded that the old chief and his ten children all had been members of the Petoskey Presbyterian church and that her grandfather was among the first to join the Presbyterian mission when it was founded here.

Miss Petoskey is an actress, a vocalist of note, a poet and a lecturer. She graduated from Carlisle and later took a normal course in Dr. Edgcomb's private institution then known as the Benton Harbor college. Then she taught in the government Indian service in Pennsylvania, Nevada, North Dakota and Wisconsin.

May Revive Indian Play.

When the Indians of Northern Michigan staged their famous production, "Hiawatha," the princess carried the leading role of "Minnehaha," and won the plaudits of many thousands of summer tourists. The play was given at Wa-ya-ga-mug, and the "stage" was an island in Round lake. The spectators' grandstand was on the mainland. It is probable that the abandoned play will be revived with the return of its star.

The princess' father was Joseph Petoskey, who was the fifth of the old chief's ten children. Before Ella was born her father traded his Petoskey home for a farm in Friendship township seven miles north of Harbor Springs, and she was one of five children. Two of the five survive, the other being Cornelius Petoskey, a resident of Lansing, Mich., and a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity.

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**Petoskey News-Review
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**rites for Chief
Petoskey's Last Survivor**

Services for Princess Ella J. Petoskey, 92, who died Tuesday night at Emmet County Medical Care Facility, in Harbor Springs, will be Friday at 2 p.m. from the Gillian-Erwin Funeral Chapel, Rev. Rodney M. Ward, of the good Hart Baptist Church, will officiate and interment will be in Friendship Twp. Cemetery.

She was born July 27, 1890 at Seven Mile Point, in Friendship Twp. She graduated from the Carlisle High School, in Carlisle, Pa. Also the Carlisle Pennsylvania College. She received a teacher's certificate from Benton Harbor Normal School.

Miss Petoskey taught school for many years on several Indian reservations in the west. She was also employed by a printing company in Grand Rapids and had spent many summers working with the Indian Arts and Crafts in Friendship Twp.

Her father, Joseph Petoskey, was a son of Chief Ignatius Petoskey for whom Petoskey is named. She was the last direct descendent of the Chief.

Survivors include three half-sisters, Mrs. Cecelia Willis, of Harbor Springs, Mrs. Angeline Kaussof, of Harbor Springs and Mrs. Lucy Smith, of Shepard, Mich.; four nephews and three nieces.

Friends may call at the Gillian-Erwin Funeral Chapel.

**Petoskey News-Review
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Princess Petoskey

PRINCESS PETOSKEY DIES AT 92

Princess Ella Petoskey, 92, granddaughter of Chief Petoskey for whom the city of Petoskey was named, died last night at the Emmet County Medical Care Facility, in Harbor Springs.

Arrangements are being made by the Gillian-Erwin Funeral Chapel, in Harbor Springs and a complete obituary will be published later.

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Petoskey News-Review
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ELLA PETOSKEY HOME RANSACKED

Emmet County Sheriff's Department this morning reported the breaking and entering of the home of the late Ella Petoskey on Terpening Rd. north of Harbor Springs. Princess Ella, granddaughter of Ignatius Petoskey for whom the city was named, died last week.

Deputies are yet unable to determine what was taken from the residence and are awaiting an inventory.

According to the report, the home was entered through the front door. It was ransacked by the vandals.

It was reported Saturday morning to police and they are not sure when it occurred.

Post Card

August 19, no year

Mrs. A.G. Cook, Publisher, Petoskey, Mich.

Princess Ella Petoskey is a grand-daughter of Chief Petoskey and belongs to the Ottawa Tribe of Indians. She is a graduate of Carlisle College of Pennsylvania and is a charming speaker. Has traveled extensively in the south and west as teacher at the Indian Reservation.

