



# Patawomeck Tides

ANNUAL PATAWOMECK TRIBAL MEETING

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 18, 2015**

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Officers of the tribe are elected for 3 years.

Council members are elected for 3 years on staggered terms.

Elections are held at the Annual Meeting in October.

Sept. 05, 2015

CaMa Wingapo CeskCaMei, (Hello All friends)!

As KoHaTaYo (Summer) approaches end and TaKwiTok (Fall) is around the corner, and the start of another year of the Patawomeck Language Class which begins in October. I would like to invite all tribal members and tribal children to join in for the most enjoyable and informative hour of discussing and learning the language of our ancestors. The language class teachers are Gary Cooper and Johnny Mac Chinn. These two individuals have invested a lot of time and effort to prepare a great curriculum! I hope to see you there!

The Patawomeck Tribe continues to be involved in our community. Requests continue to come in for our participation to share the Patawomeck Tribal culture. I would like to encourage tribal members to participate in the language/educational/cultural exhibits. Keep in mind that regalia and present day dress are always welcome to all events.

I also urge all members to attend open meetings and bring your ideas to share. Make sure that your correct e-mail address is in the tribal data base, to receive periodical tribal e-mails for tribal happenings. Check with Minnie Lightner if you are not sure if your e-mail is in the tribal database. I encourage all members to keep a periodically check on the tribal website [www.patawomeckindiantribeofvirginia.org](http://www.patawomeckindiantribeofvirginia.org) for all events posted. Events such as The Wild Outdoor Event in March in Locust Grove, Earth Day at Old Mill Park in April, New Hope Methodist Church Fall Festival in September and Youth Day Events at Caledon State Park also in September, gives the tribe a great opportunity to share with the community. I hope to see you there.

The Patawomeck Tribe has secured the lease with Stafford County for the Patwomeck Band Memorial Park (Medicine Wheel). D.P. Newton has been appointed Chairman of this project. A committee will formed in the near future to start the planning for the necessary site upgrades and long range planning. The vision for our cultural center/museum remains alive. There will be more information about this important subject in the near future.

Special thanks to Chief Lightner and Minnie for their dedication and countless hours attending tribal affairs, in which entails many miles of traveling. Pass on thanks when you see them! Also a special thanks to

Donnie and Gail Shelton for doing a great job on the new member applications. We took in 255 New members this year.

Always remember, give thanks daily to our Creator and always pause, to reflect on your family as well other families going through trails of life.

Ahone (God) is WinKan (good)

KeNa(thanks)

Charles “ Bootsie” Bullock

WeRo’ ANses (Lesser Chief)

### 2015-16 Language Class



It is almost time for the language class to begin. I hope that everyone had a great summer and is ready for a new class year.

The first class of the 2015-16 class year is Oct. 25th the Sunday after the Annual Tribal Meeting. The last class will be May 22nd. We will meet on Sundays at 2:30 pm in the White Oak Firehouse. The class is open to all tribal members.

As last class session Garry Cooper will instruct the Adult Class and “Johnny Mac” Chinn will instruct the Youth Class.



All Students, including the new students, in the last class session created a 4-14 sentence monolog. They chose their own sentences to give their own message. At the final class they each stood up and said their message to the class in our language.

With interest and work you too can learn to speak our language. If interested contact

“Johnny Mac” Chinn at [coboyreb@outlook.com](mailto:coboyreb@outlook.com) or Garry Cooper at [gensv@cox.net](mailto:gensv@cox.net)



-Garry Cooper



## In Memory of all Those Loved Ones Who Have Made Their Journey Home

By Bonny Blakley Newton

I am sure that everyone who picks up this newsletter is missing someone dear to them who may have been in the Tribe. I would like to say to each of you whose heart has been wounded following the death of someone special that I am very sorry for your loss. My precious husband and I have lost our mothers and I would like to take this space to write a few words about each of them and mention a few who have made their heavenly journey in the recent months/years.

DP's Mama, "Polly" Elizabeth Sullivan Newton passed away in May 2014. She remained the spunky "captain of her own ship" (as DP often said about his mother) to the very end. Polly was born and bred a White Oak girl. She was very kind and honest and her will was strong. She was a very intelligent person whose memory of the past was very sharp. She was the wife of Patrick Daniel "Pat", who she adored and respected. When, in his late 20s, Pat served in WWII in the Philippines, leaving Polly and two little daughters to keep the home fires burning. She spoke of keeping the bills paid and the children and her home well-cared for. One story was how she used a grubbing hoe she dug up a massive amount of roots from the old trees in her new yard. She wanted to surprise her husband upon his return. Even after Pat passed in 1999 she continued making her own decisions and keeping my sweet husband on track until the last 2 wks of her life. In the hospital when I sat with her one night and 2AM she asked me to call DP. When I said that DP needed to get some sleep and tried to reassure her that he couldn't do any more than I was doing for she sweetly replied, "But DP has a way of making everything alright." She was right. He would often hold her hand all night and I could tell it calmed her. Later, when I told him what a wonderful son he had been all his life to his mother he said that he had not done anything for her that she had not already done for him in his lifetime. Polly had brought DP home from the hospital to house Pat built over 75 years ago on Paul's Hill and was there with him nearly every day of his 60 years. They were a well-oiled team. During our five years of dating DP people used to ask me if DP and I would ever get married and I would say, "If that ever happens I'll surely have big shoes to fill with Polly as his mother." Though I know it's been very hard for him to temporarily say "farewell" to both of his parents I think what will make the future walk without them peace-filled is the absence of all regret and Pat and Polly's powerful imprint of love and kindness upon his sweet heart. However, my DP, is also White Oak tough and he has the ability to accept those things he cannot change and always look up.

My mama, "Shiney" Elva Bullock Blakley, died in 2013. I was deeply touched when I received nearly 90 sympathy cards. Inside the 50 thank you notes I sent out I put a typed sheet that said, in part, "For those who were able to attend we appreciate that you would give of your valuable time to attend our Shiney's service. We could not have asked for a more perfect day in winter to have an estimated 300 people attend. When we saw all the sweet faces it was almost overwhelming and I thought how shocked and humbled our Shiney would be to know that so many people cared about her. I never knew my mother to be proud or haughty. I believe her motto was 'I am what I am. Take me or leave me.'" In Mama I came to see what I believe was the remnant of Native American thinking and ways of working. She watched nature's ways and she believed birds were signs of things to come. She didn't throw anything away and she could craft most anything with her hands. She was a pretty good carpenter, as well as, seamstress. Mama could sew clothes, quilts, ornaments, and my siblings and I often had the most clever and fun costumes! And her culinary skills were unmatched. We were the only kids in my neighborhood in King George that knew the taste of

ground hogs, frog legs, turtle ( can still see the huge thing being boiled in a giant metal tub outside, covered in leeches), muskrat and other hunks of meat-like consistency that's it's just as well that I never knew what they were. She even had a White Oaker's sense of humor for when I had an 8th grade teacher I really liked and wanted to give him a fun gift, it was Shiney's idea to wrap up a pig's tail after hog-killing time.

Needless to say my teacher turned as red as blood and I trembled in my seat as he started screaming

and demanding to know who had given him such a "detestable thing". When I relayed what happened in class Mama thought it was much funnier than I thought it had been. And, to her best quality, my mama was a woman of action and generosity. When 2 very poor children who lived at Hop Yard Farm got on our Bus #12 the little boy was barefooted one chilly fall day I went home and told Mama. The next day my brother and I each carried a grocery bag full of our clothes and shoes. I will never forget the beaming faces of those two children the next day when they got on the bus wearing our hand-me-downs. Like most of the White Oakers of her era she knew what it was to barely enough at times growing up. My mama modeled giving to me in ways that are forever etched upon my heart and I thank her for the good she taught me. Daddy may have taken the girl out of White Oak back in 1948 but neither he, nor life, ever took White Oak out of the girl. I asked my mama 2 weeks before she died what would she like to be doing right that minute and without hesitation she said, 'I'd like to be running.' After a stroke 7 years before her mobility was greatly affected, and her pain in those last months had become unbearable and she was ready to go Home. We will miss her for the rest of our lives but like Polly and my mama and many of our loved ones they have stepped onto a heavenly plain where there are no more tears, no pain, and no sorrow----and I know Shiney is walking (and running) with those who have gone on before.

There are so many others that are being deeply grieved for, as well. Even though several years have passed for some the spots they have left vacant are still impossible to fill. We have members of our Tribe who were such respected icons of our community that it is just hard to accept that they are not here to expound their wisdom or retell all those wonderful stories of their own childhoods and youthful days. People who never had the word "retirement" within their vocabularies. So many names that I cannot mention but a few that come to mind are Charlie and Hazel Bourne, shopkeepers and dear friends. When DP and I got married 10 years ago Charlie cried at our wedding. He said it was the most beautiful thing he'd ever seen, and, later he chuckled and said that he had to be at that wedding because he "wanted to see DP Newton kiss a girl". Another, irreplaceable presence in our area and beyond is the Reverend Charlie Chilton, who many of us considered our Tribal Pastor and who graciously said the blessing at our Annual dinners. There's Patty Darr Sullivan who went above and beyond the call of duty as she made multiple handmade items to help us with our raffles. When Patty walked into any place it was illuminated by her love for people and her generous spirit. There's Spencer "Boots/Liza" Jett who lived his adult life time in nursing homes, yet, Boots illuminated the love of Christ in such a way that you could go to see him down and always leave feeling lifted up high and he was as tied to White Oak as those who never left; there's Joe Bullock, father of our Assistant Chief, Bootise; and Marsha Newton, beloved daughter, sister and aunt to many; Lindberg "Lindy" Newton and his sister, Velma Newton Hicks, both children of Grace Pocahontas Newton and grandchildren of Luther; there was Tinka Newton who was proud to be a Patawomeck, as well as, Shirley Amidon, and, Brodie Lee Newton; Audrey Frank, and, Earl Donald Covington and my brother, Billy Blakley, who served on the Council in the early years and who was Native at heart and very gifted in the making of regalia for his son to dance in early Pow Wows. There are so many others like Peggy Bullock Sullivan and Kenny and Doris Schenemann; Thomas Bourne and Gola and Jim Bo Newton. There's

Dennis Newton and Luther Lee Newton and Sidney Wayne Harding. All of these are our cousins who share our Indian ancestry, as well as, Danny Hatch and Sheriff Ralph Williams and Ruby, the wife and mother of members Tunk and Charlie Jett. All of these dear ones are thought about and missed every single day. I know there are many many more tribal members that I have not mentioned. So, what I would like to do to pay honor to as many as we can is each year in the Annual Tribal Newsletter. So in order to pay proper tribute to some of those you love, or, those you remember the most, if you will send me a note with your memory of that person I will do my best to put these in print in upcoming newsletters. It doesn't matter if they just passed months ago or a hundred years ago, if they are linked by blood to our Indian ancestors I know everyone would like to

hear your stories/memories. And, remember, like our memories are recorded forever in our minds, these Newsletters become a permanent record in Tribal history. Just like I have paid honor to Miss Polly and my mother, Shiney, we would like to help you pay honor to those who are imprinted forever on your hearts.

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From the Patawomeck Heritage Foundation (PHF).....

The PHF encourages youth (and their families) to participate in activities that contribute to the understanding and perpetuation of the traditions and culture of the Patawomeck people and their ancestors. This includes those people who lived along the Potomac River, specifically the White Oak area, before contact with the Europeans and throughout the centuries. These activities may include participating with Tribal programs and studying our language. Individual events, research activities/reports, presentations through various artistic mediums, and a host of other creative activities are ways to contribute to the understanding of the Patawomeck people. The PHF encourages youth to record their early Patawomeck contributions in anticipation for applying for the scholarship as a high school senior or college student. The 2015 essay based scholarship was proudly awarded on the high school scholars' night to two Tribal college bound youth.

Stuart R. Reese, I, from Thomas A. Edison High School is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Reese and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. George Ballard all of Alexandria. Stuart has researched his Tribal heritage and seized many opportunities to share his findings about his Native American connection. He will study architecture at Pennsylvania State University and looks forward to sharing his talents by providing design ideas as the Patawomeck Tribe ventures into building a museum and educational center.

Steven Charles Jett, a "Stafford High School Indian," articulated his hunter and Potomac waterman experiences not only as sources of gathering food to be enjoyed and shared with others, but as an important cultural appreciation of our natural resources in similar ways of our ancient ancestors. Charles is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jet of Stafford. Additionally, Charles was the recipient of two other scholarships. He will study at Mary Washington College with plans to pursue a career in Criminal Justice.

Application information can be found at our area high school guidance departments, the PHF website or contacting PHF President, Wanda Atkins at wnatkins@hotmail.com.

The PHF Board of Directors look forward to meeting Tribal families at the Annual Meeting in October and sharing more information regarding the PHF's long range plans and commitment to working with the Patawomeck Indian Tribe of Virginia.

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#### COL. HENRY MEESE, MERCHANT, TRADER, AND SON-IN-LAW OF THE KING OF PATAWOMECK

A large number of the Patawomeck Tribal members descend from Col. Henry Meese and his wife, a daughter of Wahanganoche, King of Patawomeck, whose Christian name is believed to have been "Mary". This couple had very interesting family ties. Mary's father was the son of Chief Japasaw and his wife, who was a sister of Pocahontas, daughter of Powhatan. Mary's mother is strongly believed to have been a daughter of Col. Thomas Pettus and his first wife, Ka-Okee, daughter of Pocahontas and her first husband, Kocoum, younger brother of Japasaw. That would help to explain why Col. Thomas Pettus deeded his land that adjoined Chief Wahanganoche to Henry Meese, who would have been the husband of his granddaughter, Mary. Henry Meese was born in 1628 in Oxfordshire, England, to Robert Meese and Mercy Brend, daughter of Nicholas Brend, the first owner of the famous Globe Theatre, built on the land that he leased to William Shakespeare and others. The Brend family descended from English royalty. Henry Meese's paternal grandparents were John Meese and Margaret Cox, likely a relative of the Cox family of Stafford and Westmoreland Counties in Virginia.

Henry Meese sailed to Maryland from England in the 1650's, as a young man in his 20's. Being from a noble family, his name is often styled as "gentleman" in the records. Henry Meese, merchant, was one of the executors of the estate of Basil Little (also a merchant) in 1657/8 and was called a "merchant of London" in partnership with Nathaniel Utie in Maryland in 1658. By the early 1660's, he was in the area of Stafford County, Virginia, and had become the son-in-law of Wahanganoche, King of Patawomeck. The story was told by some of his descendants that he gave livestock to the Chief for the hand of the Chief's daughter in marriage. In 1662, Wahanganoche deeded land to Henry Meese. This time frame matches the age range of Henry's children, as stated in his will of 1681. After the formation of Stafford County from Westmoreland, Meese was its first representative in the House of Burgesses in 1666. He was appointed to the Virginia Council in 1679. He had married his second wife, Anne Pert, per marriage contract in England dated 16 April 1675, returned to England in 1681 and died there in 1682. His will provided for his children born in Virginia, namely Henry, John, Anne, and Frances Meese, all under 21 in 1681. Nothing is known of the son, Henry. It is believed by the compiler that the son, John, first married his cousin, Rebecca Pettus, daughter of Robert Pettus, believed to have been a son of Col. Thomas Pettus and his first wife, Ko-Okee, daughter of Pocahontas and Kocoum. John Meese married secondly to Mary (Grigsby) Newton, daughter of the immigrant, John Grigsby, who traditionally married another daughter of Wahanganoche. The Mees/Mays family of Stafford, descending from Robert Mays (b. 1735) and his wife, Elizabeth Bolling, have long carried a tradition of a descent from Pocahontas, which many believe must be through the Bolling family. However, since that Bolling family is not descended from Robert Bolling who married the

granddaughter of Pocahontas and John Rolfe, the compiler believes that the Pocahontas descent is through Robert Mays and that he was a grandson of John Meese and Rebecca Pettus. Henry Meese's daughter, Anne, married first to a Mr. Redman, by whom she had a son, William, and secondly to Dr. Richard Bryant, her first cousin, son of Keziah Arroyah, another daughter of Wahanganoche. The last named daughter of Henry Meese, Frances, has often been stated to have been the first wife of Rev. John Waugh and mother of his older children, but that is not possible, due to her age. She would have been close to the same age as those children. It is not known who Frances married, but we will hopefully one day determine that information and discover another large group of

descendants of Henry Meese. Some of the earlier families who descend from Henry Meese are: Bryant, Redman/Redmond, Jeffries, Elkins, Monteith, Rogers, Owens, Kenney, Newton, Dobson, Bowie, Hudson, Jones, and Bradshaw, but there are countless other families today.

William L. "Night Owl" Deyo

Patawomeck Tribal Historian

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## CHIEF'S CORNER

Well, Tribal family another year has passed and our Tribe is growing and moving forward. Since our last newsletter, we have obtained the lease to the Patawomeck Band Park/ Medicine Wheel, which we will be adding a new parking lot and new wider walking trails. Work will start on these projects in late fall.

We have applied for and received our 501(c)3 status, making us tax exempt, and making your contributions to the Tribe tax deductible.

As most of you know our Tribe has been given several thousand artifacts from the property of Eliot Fendig. Not all of these items were cataloged or boxed for display. We have been working with the State of Virginia Archaeologist to categorize and date these artifacts. Several pieces date back 10,000 years. These will all be on display at the Annual Meeting October 18, 2015.

We continue to help needy Tribal members with food, wood, and small home repairs. We have helped Tribal members with funeral arrangements and expenses. We will continue to help our Tribal members in any way we can. If you know of a Tribal member in need of help please, let myself or Bootsie Bullock know.

Our language class was very well received last year. Garry Cooper and John Chinn are doing a GREAT job. It included a children's class, and was really well liked by the children and they learned very quickly. Classes start for the year on October 25, 2015 at 2:30pm at White Oak Fire Dept.

As you know it takes money to operate our Tribe and do the things we do for our Tribal members. If you care to make a donation to the Tribe, remember ALL donations to the Tribe are tax deductible.

Our 2015 Tribal dues are due July 1, 2015. Dues are \$20.00 per person 18-65. These dues are voluntary. Mail checks payable to: Patawomeck Indian Tribe of Virginia Inc. Mail to: Dennis Harding 98 Belle Plains Road Fredericksburg, Va. 22405.

This year will again be a busy year for our Tribe. We will be putting in a parking area at the Patowomeck Band Park/Medicine Wheel. We will be doing some work on the inside of our trailer. We need to add some shelves, and new flooring, the back hatch needs repairing and the traiker needs painting. We need HELP to get all of these things done. If you are interested in helping please contact; John Lightner  
cowboy\_john1@msn.com Bootsie Bullock bullockconstructioninc@hotmail.com

We always need help with our Living History Villages, you do not have to be in regalia o help in the villages.

We also would like to restart our Youth group, we have more children involved now than ever. If you are interested in joining or helping, please let me know.

For over 2 years myself and Minnie have been working to get a FREE dental clinic set up for our Tribal members and their families. This looks like it WILL be happening in early spring of 2016. Everyone will be notified of time and date as it is set.

The last thing I want you to know about is the Tribal Council and I are in negotiation with Stafford County to obtain a substantial amount of land and a house to be used for a museum. If all goes well we plan to have a museum in the house, offices for meetings, language class and a gift shop to sell native items made by our members. We also plan to have a full Village set up outside, with walking trails and Native gardens. As things develop we will keep you informed.

Our Tribe is moving forward and can always use your HELP. Without you none of this is possible. If you have not been on our web site lately it has been up dated and we will continue to update as we go along.  
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Chief John Lightner



## HISTORY CAMP

This year for the first time our Tribe was invited to participate in a History Camp, put on by the local historical community. We spent our time at the Rising Sun Tavern. We gave the students a short history of the Patowomeck and then we had a medicine bag craft for them to work on. I think we had as much fun as the children.



FERRY FARM 2015



## STAFFORD COUNTY SHERIFF TO RETIRE

Charles Jett has served as Stafford County Sheriff since 2000. His career spans 37 years with Stafford County.

Charles joined the Stafford County Sheriffs Dept. at the age of 19. Serving in many positions from Field Operations to Criminal Investigations.

In 1991 he was promoted to Captain in charge of Field Operations, where he served until 1999, when he was elected sheriff. He and his wife Ann, have 2 sons, David and Steven.

Charles is a member of the Patawomeck Indian Tribe, his family dates back many generations to Stafford County and the White Oak area.

We would like to wish Charles well in his retirement and maybe he will now get to use that FREE fishing and hunting license, he gets as a member of the Tribe.

Patawomeck Tribal Council

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Caledon State Park Saturday Sept. 12, 2015 9-3

New Hope Methodist Church Fall Festival Saturday Sept. 26, 2015 9-3

Patawomeck Annual Meeting Sunday October 18, 2015 2pm.  
Bethel Baptist Church  
1193 White Oak Road Fredericksburg, Va. 22405

Bring a covered dish and drink to share and join us for food and fellowship. Elections and business meeting at 2:00pm.

Patawomeck Annual Craft Show Saturday Nov. 7, 2015 9-3  
1193 White Oak Road  
Frederickburg, Va. 22405

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Any one having a craft item to donate for the craft show raffle, or anyone needing more information please contact Kathy Harding - 540-371-1527



# 5<sup>th</sup> Annual PATAWOMECK TRIBAL Craft Show

Saturday, November 7, 2015

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Bethel Baptist Church

1193 White Oak Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22405

White Oak, Stafford County, VA

All handcrafted items by local artisans:

Native American Items

Jewelry

Knitted & Crocheted Items

Quilted & Sewn Items

Hot Food will be available for sale

Bake Sale, Raffles

For more information call Kathy Harding @ 371-1527

*Please bring 1 canned food for donation to the  
Fredericksburg Food Bank.*