

Searching for the Native American Bloodline in our family

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Research-search-search-and more searching!!!!

How I get involved doing genealogy! For my oldest daughter's birthday one year, I compiled a family book for her. Few weeks later she called and asked if I would do one for her husband, Bruce Herald, on his Mother's family. My daughter, LeiLoni (Lonnie) had the family bible, (which is another interesting story.) The bible was a good starting point.

His parents had lived in Pawnee City, Nebraska and to keep Bruce from asking questions as to why I spent so much time at the courthouse when I visited them in Pawnee City he was told that I was doing the history of the old home place for Bruce's grand uncle. That way I was able to research without giving away the surprise of the family book I was working on . He got the book I compiled on his Mother's early New England lineage for his birthday. I was able to get pictures of family graves when he took me to see some unusual markers. He knew I had a collection of unusual markers so I could take several pictures without his "Why" questions.

In June 2012, he asked me if I would do one for the Herald family. Again my daughter came to my rescue and with information from Bruce's sister Kathy. Since I cannot travel like I did while researching his mother's family, I depended on snail mail, email, my daughter and the Internet. Wow! What fun I had.

This time instead of New England I was searching in the South. The majority of the Heralds lived in Kentucky and Virginia. However, Bruce's father was born in Kansas and his grandfather was born in Nebraska. Easy places for searching as my daughter lived close to these two area and she could do the leg work for me.

In working with the data I was stacking up paper everywhere. I found that Bruce had Native American lineage. Sources will be listed at the end of this article as I did a lot of unexpected research trying to prove the Native American connection. It had been years and years since I had attempted to research their records.

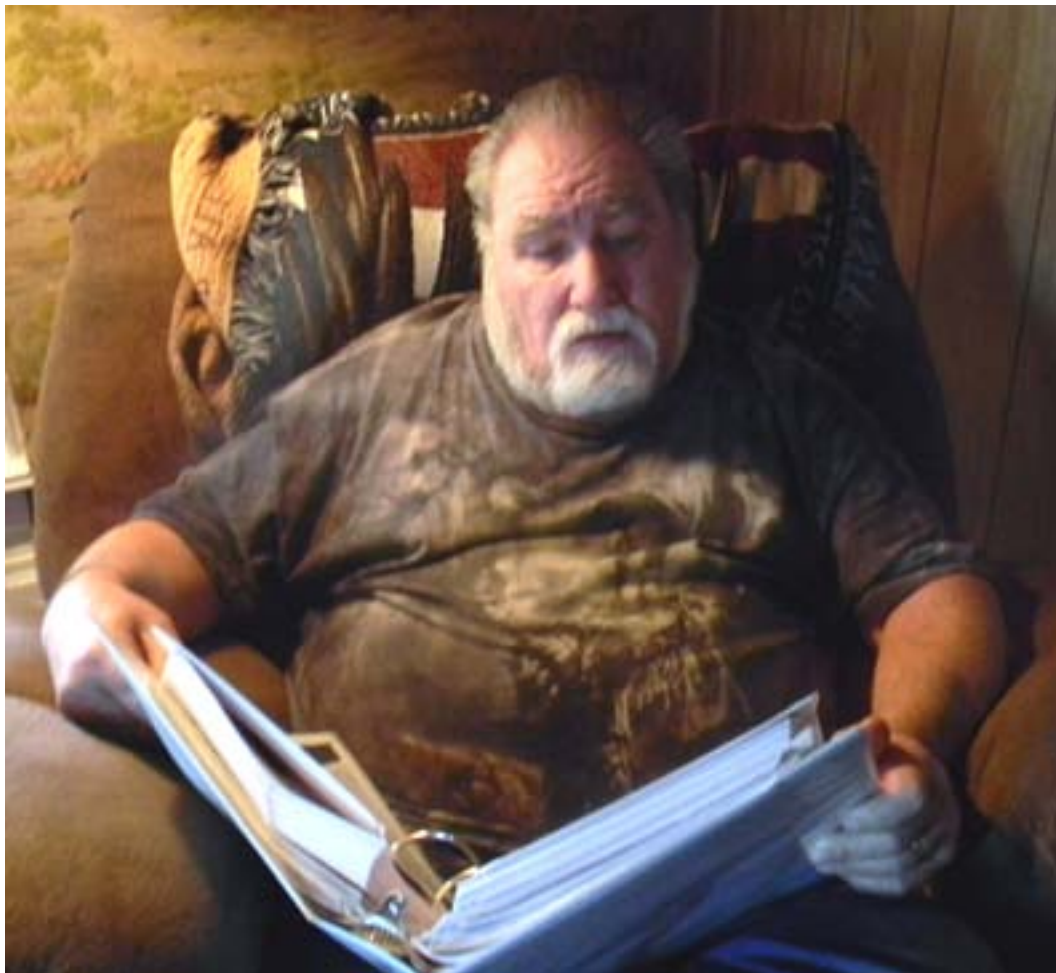
Bruce's fifth great grandfather was Chief Wahangnoche, a member of the Patawomeck tribe of Virginia. This tribe is also known as the Potomac tribe and part of the Powhatan group. In the research of this Chief I began to get very confused since some of the tribal names were changed. I tried researching on the name changes, also learned that they "inbreed" a lot (brother marrying sisters, cousin marrying cousins, nieces or nephews marrying aunt or uncle.)

I used Google, put the name of the tribe, and searched the beautiful informative website that appeared on the screen of my computer. On this site it gave the name and address of the tribal historian, William L. Deyo. I sent an email to him. He answered the next day and was very helpful in helping me straighten out names with American spouses so

that I would have the lineage correct. He had written several books on the different lines so I purchased a couple of them to include with Bruce's other surnames in the book which I compiled for his 2012 Christmas present. My daughter promised to take his picture when he opened it and to tell me what he says.

I have compiled many Family Histories in my 50 years of research for my family and also others with a myriad of different experiences with each one but this has been the most fun and very rewarding.

Christmas 2012 when the package was given to Bruce he said "What's this? Lonnie said I think it is the history of your Father's family, Bruce said Oh! OHH! OHHH!!!!



Bruce's line: Bruce Dwaine Herald s/o Kenneth Dewaine Herald s/o Harley David Herald s/o James Harvey Herald and Eliza Ellen Akers d/o Randolph Akers s/o William B. Akers and Lydia Elkins d/o Archibald Elkins s/o Richard Elkins, Jr s/o Richard Elkins Sr. and Elizabeth Bryanr d/o Dr. Richard Bryant s/o Dr Richard Thomas Bryant and Kezich Arroyah d/o Chief Wahanganoche and Mary Arroyah s/o Chief Japazaw loppasus Powhatan s/o Great Powhatan Nemattanon and Scent Flower of the Powhatan d/o Running Stream Powhatan and Morning Flower Powhatan.

Sources: The majority of the named sources I found by using Google

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LeiLoni Viginia Herald, Pawnee City, Nebraska

Lou Jean Rehn, C.G. Denver, CO

Laura Sandner Heckahorn, my "gofer", Denver, CO.

Virginia is home to 11 state-recognized Indian Tribes that are working to pass their rich culture to the next generation. Check title "A Proud Legacy" by Ben Swenson, written in: Virginia living, Richmond, VA. Vol 10 no 6 Oct 2012. There are about 5,000 members of the 11 Virginia tribes.