NOTTOWAY LAND DEEDS AND CHIEF GEORGE SKIPPER

Skipper Signature on *Nottoway* Indian Land Deeds, 1749-1762 Transcriptions and Interpretation by Helen Vaughan Michael, Descendant



To tell the story of George Skipper is to tell the story of a Nottoway Indian Tribe. It is a story which begins with their names—names that link, but, unfortunately, do not completely reveal identities. The gossamer threads of who they were are woven together in Colonial America's genesis. For instance, "Nottoway" is the Anglicized name of the native Cheroenhaka, just as "Skipper" and "Bailey" are English designations that these two Native Americans signed on their deeds for the Circle and Square Tracts the colonists scammed from their tribe.

The following documents are dated, addressed, and biographical, with Skipper and Bailey Indian symbols and signatures. The transcriptions of the Nottoway Land Deeds, divined by Helen Michael, are not fully edited. Such as they are, they are for the use of Skipper and Bailey descendants of the Cheroenhaka and may be used for the benefit of the tribe in any way suitable to enrich the story of the Cheroenhaka people. A copy has been sent to the Cheroenhaka (*Nottoway*) Tribe, P. O. BOX 397, Courtland, VA 23857.

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