

Walter A. Plecker and the Patawomecks

The PITV currently claims it was necessary to hide their Indian ancestry from Walter A. Plecker, Virginia's Registrar of Vital Statistics. According to former "chief" Robert Green, this period of hiding spanned from 1924 (Plecker's Racial Integrity Act) to 1967 after the decision in the case of "Loving v. Virginia" that made interracial marriage legal in Virginia. According to him, had the group not done this, they would have been required to send their children to schools for Black students. Based upon the lineages presented below, this was not true.

In 1943, Walter Plecker sent the attached list to Virginia hospitals, doctors, and county court clerks who at that time shared the responsibility for recording births, marriages, and deaths. Plecker was obsessed with Indian or mixed-race families who might successfully pass themselves off as White. He hired a professional genealogist and, with the help of a staff, spent nearly twenty years researching these families in order to compile the attached list. The family surnames were listed county by county and city by city. You will note that neither Stafford nor King George Counties are included on Plecker's list. Also absent are the eighteen or so surnames now claimed by the PITV as Indian names. Walter Plecker had no interest in the Stafford-King George area because over a century of public records, to which he had ready access, showed no Indians residing there.

SURNAMEN, BY COUNTIES AND CITIES, OF MIXED NEGROID VIRGINIA
FAMILIES STRIVING TO PASS AS "INDIAN" OR WHITE.

Albemarle: Moon, Powell, Kidd, Pumphrey.

Amherst: Adcock (Adcox), Beverly (this family is now trying to evade the
(Migrants to situation by adopting the name of Burch or Birch, which was the
Alleghany and name of the white mother of the present adult generation), Branham,
Campbell) Duff, Floyd, Hamilton, Hartless, Hicks, Johns, Lawless, Nuckles
(Knuckles), Painter, Ramsey, Redcross, Roberts, Southards
(Suthards, Southerds, Southers), Sorrells, Terry, Tyree, Willis,
Clark, Cash, Wood.

Bedford: McVey, Maxey, Branham, Burley. (See Amherst County)

Rockbridge: Cash, Clark, Coleman, Duff, Floyd, Hartless, Hicks, Mason, Mayse
(Migrants to (Mays), Painters, Pultz, Ramsey, Southerds (Southers, Southards,
Augusta) Suthards), Sorrells, Terry, Tyree, Wood, Johns.

Charles City: Collins, Dennis, Bradby, Howell, Langston, Stewart, Wynn, Adkins.

King William: Collins, Dennis, Bradby, Howell, Langston, Stewart, Wynn,
Custalow (Custaloe), Dungee, Holmes, Miles, Page, Allmond, Adams,
Hawkes, Spurlock, Doggett.

New Kent: Collins, Bradby, Stewart, Wynn, Adkins, Langston.

Henrico and
Richmond City: See Charles City, New Kent, and King William.

Caroline: Byrd, Fortune, Nelson. (See Essex)

Essex and
King and Queen: Nelson, Fortune, Byrd, Cooper, Tate, Hammond, Brooks, Boughton,
Prince, Mitchell, Robinson.

Elizabeth City
& Newport News: Stewart (descendants of Charles City families).

Halifax: Epps (Eppes), Stewart (Stuart), Coleman, Johnson, Martin, Talley,
Sheppard (Shepard), Young.

Norfolk County
& Portsmouth: Sawyer, Bass, Weaver, Locklear (Locklair), King, Bright, Porter,
Ingram.

Westmoreland: Sorrells, Worlds (or Worrell), Atwells, Gutridge, Oliff.

Greene: Shifflett, Shiflet.

Prince William: Tyson, Segar. (See Fauquier)

Fauquier: Hoffman (Huffman), Riley, Colvin, Phillips. (See Prince William)

Lancaster: Dorsey (Dawson).

Washington: Beverly, Barlow, Thomas, Hughes, Lethcoe, Worley.

Roanoke County: Beverly. (See Washington)

Lee and Smyth: Collins, Gibson (Gipson), Moore, Goins, Ramsey, Delph, Bunch,
Freeman, Mise, Barlow, Bolden (Bolin), Mullins, Hawkins. - Chiefly
Tennessee "Melungeons."

Scott: Dingus. (See Lee County)

Russell: Keith, Castell, Stillwell, Meade, Proffitt. (See Lee & Tazewell)

Tazewell: Hammed, Duncan. (See Russell)

Wise: See Lee, Smyth, Scott, and Russell Counties.