

jessie little doe baird

Born 18 November 1963

Residing at time of birth on Lovell's Lane in Mashpee, MA and born at Toby Hospital in Wareham, MA

jessie is from the Bear Clan Tumpum/Pocknett/Attaquin/Mingo family lines and is a citizen of both the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and the United States of America

Immediate family includes Husband Jason Baird who is Aquinnah Wampanoag and Pipe Carrier and one son age 30 and four daughters ages 8, 21, 22, 27. She has three grandchildren, ages 2, 5, and 10

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

1988-present Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council, Inc.

Note: Volunteer and paid positions often overlap due to the nature of tribal citizenship and are here given together:

1992 LIHEAP (Fuel Assistance) Coordinator

1992 Office Secretary 1992/93

1992/93 JTPA Mentor and Assistant

1993-2000 Wampanoag Nation Council Delegate

1993-Present Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project

1993-1998 Mashpee Wampanoag Parish Committee

1994-1997 Mittark Newsletter Committee

1995-1997 MWITC Board of Directors Member

1999-2001 King Philip's Ball Committee

2009-2010 Mashpee Wampanoag Genealogy/Enrollment Department Director

2012-Present Mashpee Wampanoag Enrollment Committee Member

1993-1996 **Community Action Committee of Cape Cod & Islands**

This position involved working directly with families that were homeless and at risk for homelessness and developing a service plan and implementation with the family in order to establish safe, affordable, permanent housing. First as a Family Aid and then as a Case Manager, the position provided an opportunity to assist families with plans for parenting, budgeting, employment, sobriety, and life skills in order to prevent homelessness in the future.

1993-1996 **Mashpee Wampanoag TURTLE Project**

Founded by jessie little doe as a whole family evening hours endeavor, this project's mission was to provide a comfortable and traditional environment for tribal children in which Wôpanâak instruction is passed to the children by their parents, Elders, and traditional community leaders. Children enjoy traditional games, music, ceremony, craft, and life skills. Delivered in tandem with these themes are language and the social structure of the community. One key component of the project in Mashpee was that the parents donated instructional hours and attended each session with the children. The project curriculum was later taken to the Aquinnah tribal community as well, in the form of a Summer program funded by the Aquinnah Wampanoag Education Department.

1997-1998 **Aquinnah Wampanoag Summer TURTLE** project and Education Department

This Summer program for Wampanoag youth was an extension of the TURTLE project founded for the Mashpee community.

2006-2008 **Pequot Language Reclamation Project Researcher/Instructor**

2010-Present **Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project Director**

Nuwôpanâôt8âm is a Master/Apprentice fluency project funded by the Administration for Native Americans. This project has three apprentice speakers in training. The goal of the project is to increase the fluency of the apprentices by two levels up the ACTFL speaking scale by September 2012.

EDUCATION

1996-2000 Master of Science in Linguistics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, MA. This program focused heavily on the topics of grammar in a less familiar language. A major focus of course study was the Algonquian Family of languages; to which Wôpanâôt8âôk (Wampanoag language) belongs. Another major feature of this course study was the examination of standardized orthographic systems and the production of one for Wôpanâôt8âôk. The idealized orthography is designed to agree, as conservatively as possible, with the primary corpus of written documents for this language from the 17th and 18th centuries. Beside a survey of the extent data and production of an idealized orthography was the impetus of the Wampanoag Dictionary.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND MEMBERSHIPS

1996 Community Fellow Department of Urban Studies MIT
1999 Mashpee Wampanoag Cultural Preservation Oosameeqan Award
2008 National Association for the Advancement of People of Color Community Service Award
2009 Human Rights Commission Cornerstone Award
2010 National Science Foundation/National Endowment for the Humanities Documenting Endangered Languages Fellow
2010 John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation MacArthur Genius Fellow
2011 American Indian Film Institute Eagle Spirit Award
2012 American Antiquarian Society Member
2012 Massachusetts House of Representatives Community Service Award
2012 Honorary Degree From the Cape Cod Community College
2012 Massachusetts Historic Society Bay State Legacy Award

PUBLICATIONS both public and community

An Introduction to Wôpanâak Grammar, MIT Press, 2000

in The Green Book of Language Revitalization in Practice
Diversity in Local Language Maintenance: A Reason for Optimism, Editors Hinton and Hale Academic Press, 2001

1621: A New Look at Thanksgiving, National Geographic

Utôh Wah Nusum, *How would i say?*, Hicks and Baird
Wamee Kuweetayumun Mutâahkeeut, *We All Live Together In The World*
Nutapôtââm ôtuseeôtîâeemeesuk, *i Can Say My Alphabet*
Nuweekôtam, *i Like*
Neeôkutuk, *Opposites*
Utah Unâqat, *What's The Weather Like?*
Nutus8ees Raylen
Akeetamutôh Napâchee Pâvaqumât, *Let's Count To Ten!*
Wamee Papômee Mâmunaput, *All About The Spider*
Wôpanâôtââok Total Physical Response

TRANSLATIONS

8hshah Chupwut8napwuq, *His Daddy Kisses Him*
M8ôpumuw8ee Mashq, M8ôpumus8ee Mashq, *Brown Bear, Brown Bear Who Do You See?*

OTHER PUBLICATIONS: the following publications are continually undergoing revision as new information is gathered:

Wampanoag Beginner Workbook
Wampanoag Noun Possession Workbook
The Animate Intransitive Verb Workbook, Baird and Richards
The Transitive Inanimate/ Inanimate Intransitive/ T-Subordinative Workbook,
Baird and Richards
The Transitive Animate Workbook, Baird and Richards
The Transitive Animate Plus Secondary Object Workbook
The Conjunct Verb Workbook, Baird and Richards

IN PROGRESS

The Wampanoag Dictionary and Descriptive Grammar, Hale, Baird, Roderick, and Richards

PEQUOT LANGUAGE COMMUNITY PUBLICATIONS

Nupeeqâtôtooá, *I Speak Pequot*
A Pequot Begginer Speaker
A Pequot Noun Possession Book
A Pequot Verb Level One Book
A Pequot Advanced Verb Book
Nutusooees Ayaquhs
Pequot TPR curriculum
Pequot Wordlist for Dictionary Preparation
Pequot Pre-school language games curriculum
Pequot Basketball Terminology

INTERESTS

Cultural instruction, Wampanoag history, Colonial history, Sisters of the Light-a Wampanoag/Quaker women's acting collaboration. This group performs monologues of prominent women in Quaker and Wampanoag histories.
Gardening, cooking, traditional dance, Storytelling, and regalia crafting are also interests.