



Lindsey Howtopat 'Tanaqwin'

Maternal – Louise Billy 'Lasiut'

- Susan Walsey Billy -'Kamilt-pum 'Rock Creek'
Tom Billy 'interpreter, translator, & echo'/Canoe Maker
-Taq-push 'John Day River'



Paternal – Leslie Howtopat 'Xhypia'

- Mary Howopat 'Tan-mi'

Chumna'-pum 'Confluence of Yakima River with Columbia River all the way to Wanapum including with the Wallulas at Walla Walla River''

- Oldest of 8 siblings (4 brothers & 4 sisters with 2 oldest brothers passed which made me the oldest brother)
- Mother – Lasiut was appointed the subchief of the traditional food gatherers
- I was raised in the mountains since I was in the babyboard
- Where ever Lasiut traveled I went to gather all the different roots, berries, & medicine
- Also my aunts
- I was her #1 helper to gather the foods
- From spring to late fall we traveled to gather foods in my childhood all they way into adulthood and able to teach my own child



- After graduated high school in 1974 – did not want to go to college I only wanted to learn our traditional ways
- 1974 – 1990 Tanned many hides (16 years)
- Language, Washat, Wampt, Traditional Songs, & Names
- Also digging roots, gathering medicine & berries, hunting, & fishing
- Stood up to be the 'Interpreter, echo, and translator'
- Youngest Master Language Teacher in 2007 at Yakama Language Program
- Cultural Specialist for Yakama Nation

THE PLATEAU SEASONAL ROUND





- Some years we did not have time for fishing and preserving or material items for eels so



Eel fishing sites:

- Near North Bonneville we used to catch eels (no longer there) we fished for our paternal grandmother
- 15 Mile Creek
- Deschutes River at Shear's Bridge Falls
- Rock Creek (very young age I watched older brother catch with a trap weir -Ow'tush)
- Klickitat River

The end

