

Lake Loon Lineage Brief (2025) Living Line Archives

— Darius Simmons

The maternal line of the Living Line — through the Simmons, Smith, Cain, and Willis families — is historically linked to the Lake Loon and Cherry Brook region of K'jipuktuk (Halifax District).

This area served as a long-standing mixed-Indigenous settlement where Native families maintained land presence, kinship networks, and continuity long before the arrival of refugees from the War of 1812 and the Jamaican Maroon era.

Later census labels grouped everyone under broad racial terms, but the families rooted around Lake Loon carried a distinct identity tied to land, water routes, and settlement patterns. These lineages traveled through oral memory even as official records attempted to flatten distinctions.

For the Living Line, this corridor is the anchor: a continuous Native-linked presence that predates refugee-era arrivals and endures beyond administrative erasure.