

*New Kent Historical Society
Spring Meeting*

March 11, 2018

2:30 PM

1909 Courthouse, New Kent, VA

Short business meeting followed by...

Guest Speaker: Helen C. Rountree

Topic: When they say they're Indians, believe them.

New Kent County's Chickahominy Tribe, Eastern Division, recently earned federal recognition as an Indian tribe. They are a small, peaceful group of people who in many ways live a 21st century American life -- amid a general public that expects them to wear feathers and talk like the Lone Ranger's friend Tonto. What entitled them to the same kind of federal government Indian-status as other, more famous Indian tribes like the Cherokees, Sioux and Navajos? Dr. Rountree, who began visiting and researching eastern Virginia's Indian tribes in 1969 and who was involved in their federal recognition case from the beginning, will explain what aspects of their lives and history that -- belatedly -- earned them their new status.

Join us at 2:00 for refreshments and stay to learn about this special group of neighbors.