

## Notes on the short story, “Fish Wheel” by Timothy Stathis

“Fish Wheel” is based upon actual experience wherein I had the opportunity to spend 10 days in the Alaskan Wilderness with Alaska Athabascan Elders, village community members, and about a dozen and a half educators. The people named are real people and the specific stories told within the short story are actual as I heard them. The characters of the youth involved are fictionalized, though when Dorothy speaks to the main character youth in the climax concerning the graves of the ancestors, were her actual words spoken to the whole group of camp dwellers around the campfire one night.

Peter John was a very real person, was the Traditional Chief of all the Athabascan Tribes, and lived to be 102 years old.

One photo of the camp of Peter John, Evelyn, and Neil is below. A full display of photos from the camp may be available at a future date. A produced documentary video of the camp is also available and will be attempted to be made available through the Family History Web Site.

  
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