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Family honors grand patriarch

Peter Oliver, a free black man, was a prominent resident of Salem in the late 18th century

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

He's the patriarch of his ever-growing family, but even Henry Thomas Oliver did not know that his roots grew from the heart of Salem, the 200-year-old community that planted the seeds for the city we call Winston-Salem.

Moravians have been buried for centuries. "I was just amazed," 89-year-old Henry Oliver said, describing his reaction to learning of his heritage. "I had no idea for all these years." Henry Oliver, a resident of Clemmons, joined many other descendants of Peter Oliver, some of whom he just met for the first time last year, to celebrate the replacement of Peter Oliver's old, barely readable headstone with a new marble one.

Peter Oliver, born into slavery in Virginia but a freeman during his years in Salem, died in 1810. He is believed to be the last African-American Moravian to be buried alongside whites in God's Acre. The cemetery became segregated in 1820, as did the Moravian Church with the creation of St. Phillips Church in 1827, the oldest black church in the state.



George Jr. Jones shows his children, Noah and Leah, the new headstone for Peter Oliver's grave. The Joneses are descendants of Oliver, who is buried in God's Acre, a Moravian cemetery.

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A Woman's Touch



Local women continued a Labor Day tradition last weekend, partaking in an all-female build for Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County. Women from local companies such as RJR, GMAC and Sara Lee gave up their holiday to haul and hammer at a site in Neil's Place off University Parkway, where people of both genders were busily working on other homes as well. The all-female house should be completed by year's end, and a local family will move in soon after it is completed.

Woman celebrates 100 years of life



Odessa Hunter Carelock, (center) chats with (left to right) her granddaughter Trudy Starnes, her daughter Ada Starnes and her granddaughter Lisa Starnes Carter.

BY FELECIA P. McMILLAN COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

Odessa Hunter Carelock is the matriarch of five generations of the Carelock family, the mother of 12 children and the church mother of St. Paul AME Methodist Church in Lancaster County, S.C. Her grandson George Carelock II of Texas served as the guest speaker for this auspicious occasion.

ticolored stones, and her appearance is still very important to her. She must be ready to receive her gentlemen callers at anytime. She said, "I don't have to go out on a date now. He comes to see me. When he comes, I'll act so pretty you won't even know me." She said, "I don't allow other women in our presence when he is around. But even that doesn't matter because if another woman is around, he will still be looking at me. He wouldn't pay her any attention because I'm pretty."

See 100 on A4

Sunset will not kill state's payday loan industry, say many

Legislators could take up issue again this week and put stricter laws on controversial business

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

It was a minute after midnight on Saturday when the sun set on North Carolina's lucrative payday lending industry. But critics of the controversial business and even some legislators believe that the industry may still have legs, even though it no longer has the authority of the state commissioner of banking to operate.



"I am opposed to the industry. I believe it exploits poor people." -Pete Oldham

sunset. "That simply will not happen." Sunset is a symbolic term used by legislators to describe bills that have expired. That's exactly what happened to the 1997 legislation passed by the General Assembly that made way for payday lenders to set up shop in the state. There are more than 1,000 payday lenders (also known as cash advance operations) in the state. They've made hundreds of millions of dollars in the last four years by providing short-term loans of up to

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Friends, listeners coming to aid of embattled station

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The smooth, silky soul of WAAA 980 Triple A radio turned to dead air earlier this year after the station experienced financial trouble. But the beat may go on. Help is on the way for the popular and long-running rhythm and blues station. A fund-raiser has just been announced for Saturday in Rupert Bell Park. It is the latest in a number of grassroots movements currently afoot to help get the station back on the air.



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gives me a good feeling to know that the people WAAA has served for more than a half-century care about what happens to their station. The station went off the air early this summer after the owner of WAAA's building, William Haubrich, padlocked the station, saying that rent had not been paid in more than three years.

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