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An Open Letter To The Lumbee People

LEGAL NOTICE
State of North Carolina
County of Robeson
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of
Robert Lee McGirt, Deceased
The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of Robert Lee McGirt, deceased, late of Robeson County, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 4th day of June, 1987, or be barred from their recovery.
All persons indebted to said estate are asked to please make immediate payment to the undersigned.
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LEGAL NOTICE
North Carolina
Robeson County
Graham McLean, Plaintiff,
-vs-
Maude McLean,
Defendant
Notice of Service of Process
by Publication

TO: MAUDE McLEAN
TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Robeson County. The nature of the relief sought is as follows:
1. To secure an absolute divorce on the grounds of one year's separation.
You are required to make defense to such pleadings no later than January 20, 1987; and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking recovery against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.
This the 3rd day of December, 1986.

NOTABLE & QUOTABLE
AN INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM ANSWERED
What Leading World Figures Say About Current Events
By Mikhail Gorbachev, General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union
One of the key problems of international politics is that the unilateral Soviet Moratorium on nuclear testing, which the Soviet Union strictly observed for more than one year expired on August 6, 1986. The arms race, nonetheless, is not abating but is gaining speed. The threat of its transfer into outer space has emerged.



Global problems cannot be resolved without pulling the efforts of all states and peoples together. The exploration of outer space and the ocean depths, ecology and epidemics, poverty and backwardness are the realities of the age which demand international attention, international responsibility and international cooperation.
The Soviet Union is extending its unilateral moratorium to make a significant contribution to the common striving to ensure that 1986 will be a Year of Peace.

CHAVIS & LOCKLEAR
by Kenneth E. Ransom
Attorney for Plaintiff
The Law Building
Post Office Box 877
Lumberton, North Carolina
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LEGAL NOTICE
North Carolina
Robeson County
Notice
The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Josephine Campbell, deceased, late of Robeson County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of June, 1987, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.
All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.
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Mr. Carl Davis
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TUSCARORA TRIBE OF N.C

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The Tuscarora Clans and the Clan System in Marriage

By Young Bear-Tribal Chief
The Iroquoian Tuscaroras had matrilineal societies (tracing ancestral descent through the female line). In this matrilineal society the female performed the basic duties for preservation of the social organization.

The Tuscarora society was similar to their northern Iroquoian relatives the Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, and Seneca. The basic group was the Ohwatira, or the small family group, in which one or more of these formed the clan. The clans were grouped into two moieties (two units) forming the tribe. Traditionally in North Carolina there were three tribes in confederation forming the Tuscarora Nation, the Kau-ta-Noh, Akawanteaka, and the Skauren. The clans in early historic North Carolina would consist of about 188, the moiety 750, and the tribe, 1,500.

There were seven or eight clans in the Tuscarora Tribe. They were the Bear, Wolf, Turtle, Beaver, Deer, Eel and Snipe. Tradition also tells of the white Bear Clan that was formed in North Carolina through the lineage of an English child.

The Bear, Wolf, and Turtle clans also appear among all the five northern Iroquoian nations. The descent of blood was traced through the line of the mother. The civil and military chieftanships were made hereditary in the Ohwatira of certain clans over which the women chiefs and elder women presided.

The chief's son never succeeded his father. The son of one of the chief's sisters was next in line, who was chosen by the family's head matron after consulting with the women of her group. When there was no son, the Tuscarora women chose a daughter. There is tradition of women rulers among the Tuscaroras in North Carolina.

Among the Tuscaroras, marriage within the clan, whether tribal or intertribal, was not permitted. The penalty for a man having carnal knowledge with his sister or close relative was burning with his ashes cast into the river as unworthy to remain on earth. Sometimes women would propose but usually the men would take their proposals to the matrons of the woman's family. The bride's family considered the proposal and set her worth. The prettier she was the greater the price.

There were no important marital rites, a simple exchange of food and presents made the matter legal. Separation was just as easy. The matrons of both families vowed to keep the marriage in tact, thus separation was rare.

Children took the name of their mother's clan and nation, the father's line being disregarded, but the father's clansmen were considered close kin. The woman never had to leave her longhouse, the husband came to live with her family upon marriage. If the man and woman separated the children stayed with the mother.

A clan consisted of a chief matron, usually the oldest woman, her sons and daughters, the children of her female descendants and their descendants through the female or clan-bearing side.

The clan functioned in adoption of captives, in law and in politics in the tribe.

In 1945 and also in the 1970's, a Tuscarora from New York State's Tuscarora Reservation came to Robeson County, North Carolina. His name was Mad Bear Anderson. He came in 1945 because his grandmother told him that their people, the Bear Clan Tuscaroras, were here. While he was here he stated that he came across a Locklear man that stayed across the river below Lumberton that still spoke the Tuscarora language fluently. Mad Bear also came back to Robeson County in the 1970's on several occasions during the militant Tuscarora Movement and after. He told the Robeson County Tuscaroras that they were his people and that most of them came from the Bear clan, the Bear clan having scattered and stayed behind after the War of 1711-1713 (known as the Tuscarora War). Mad Bear Anderson died in December of 1985, but he left some valuable information for the Robeson Tuscaroras.

There is a legend among the Tuscaroras "Tuscarora" and the "Gift of Medicine." In this legend it tells of a blessing that was bestowed upon the Bear clan. The old man had the power of prophesy and he foretold the eventual doom of the Tuscaroras at the hands of the white invaders (War of 1711). That the (whites) would claim the Great Island as their own (United States). That they would kill the husbands, brothers, and sons, and drive you away to the setting sun. He then blessed the Bear clan by saying "I place in the midst of your clan, the Bear, a majestic pine tree, which is ever green, and as the top reaches above all other trees, so will your clan be. Wherever the nation will be driven to (Robeson County, North Carolina and New York), your clan will multiply above all others (Robeson County), and be the ruler of the nation.

This article was written from: [1] Tuscaroras Vol. 1 [2] Mad Bear Anderson.

It has been a privilege to have served as your representative on the LRDA Board of Directors for the past three years. During that time I have seen the accomplishment of several of my goals. Most important has been the near completion of the federal acknowledgement project. When this program is completed and federal recognition has been gained, many new doors will be opened for the Indians of Robeson and surrounding counties. May I encourage those of you who have not enrolled in the Lumbee Tribe, to please do so immediately. This project is important to us as a group of people and will be very beneficial to our growth as a people.
May I congratulate Adolph Blue as my successor on the LRDA Board of Directors. It is my heartfelt desire that we will continue to move forward as a group.
If I may be of assistance in the future, I stand ready to help.
Again thank you for the opportunity to serve you.
Paul Brooks

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