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## 5 Generations Gather



The Oxendine family reunion was held November 27, 1990 at the Pembroke Jaycee Club House. Five generations were present. **Nora Bell Oxendine Baker**, her mother **Mariah Lowry Oxendine [Bobbie]**, her father **Anderson [Sonny] Oxendine**; daughters: **Myrtle Baker**, **Deborah Hammonds**, **Susan Locklear**, **Jeanie Smith**; her sons, **Delbert Baker**, **Willie Erbert Baker**, **Anderson Baker**, **Johnny Baker**, and **Randy Baker**. Mrs. **Nora Bell Oxendine Baker** was married to the late **Henry Baker**.  
The five generations included: **James Dustin Maynor**, his mother, **April Denise Maynor**; his grandmother,

**Gloria Jacobs Maynor**; his Great grandmother, **Myrtle Baker Jacobs**; his great great grandmother, **Nora Bell Oxendine Baker**.  
Sisters of Mrs. Baker were **Vertie Mae Jacobs**, **Erma Chavis**, the late **Allie Bertha Strickland**, **Sarah Bryant**, and the late **Othia Oxendine** who died at 8 years old. Her brothers are the late **Willard Oxendine**, **Vernon Oxendine** and **Hubert Oxendine**.

Shown left to right are Mrs. **Nora Bell Oxendine Baker**, **Myrtle Baker Jacobs**, **Gloria Jacobs Maynor**, **April Maynor** and **James Dustin Maynor**.

## NEWS FROM REX-RENNERT SCHOOL



On Tuesday, December 4, 1990, both students and parents were invited to an evening of problem solving activities and math challenges that would be fun for the entire family. All students in first-eighth grades and their families were invited to Rex Rennert School. Participants were acquainted with the types of math

activities used in the classroom. They were also given a booklet of ideas for math activities at home. Math Night coordinators were Ms. **Brenda Locklear** and Mrs. **Venus Jacobs**.  
Shown are **Alex Locklear** and his mother **Suzette Locklear** who are working on subtraction problems.



Jack Morgan watches as daughter Lyndsey concentrates on a math activity. His daughter, Jackie (left) also participated in math night.

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## "The Shroud" To Be Shown

The religious movie "The Shroud" will be shown on Friday, December 28, 1990 at 7:30 p.m. The showing will take place in a tent which is located off Highway 74 on the Harleyville Road (near the Church of God Campground) near Pembroke. The movie will be shown

free of charge. The public is cordially invited to attend. There will be free door prizes. \$5.00 worth of gas will be given to the ticket holder whose ticket is drawn. For more information call 521-8938, Rev. Julius Bryant.

## IN THE ARMED FORCES

Navy Seaman Recruit **Michael L. Oxendine**, son of **Jeniva J. and Earl Oxendine II** of Route 6, Lumberton, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During Oxendine's eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on the job training in one of the

Navy's 85 basic fields. His studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for three hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene. A 1990 graduate of South Robeson High School, Rowland, he joined the Navy in August 1990.

## O GREAT SPIRIT

whose voice I hear in the winds, and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear me! I am small and weak, I need your strength and wisdom.

LET ME WALK IN BEAUTY, and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset.

MAKE MY HANDS respect the things you have made and my ears sharp to hear your voice.

MAKE ME WISE so that I may understand the things you have taught my people.

LET ME LEARN the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock,

I SEEK STRENGTH, not to be greater than my brother, but to fight my greatest enemy - myself.

MAKE ME ALWAYS READY to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes.

So when Life fades, as the fading sunset, my spirit may come to you without shame.

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Have a Happy & Prosperous  
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The 'mobile homes' in which we all live

### Alta Nye Oxendine

I live in a "mobile home" today,  
and so, my friend, do YOU!  
Which kind were you given to live within,  
until your journey is through?

My "house" was white, with dark brown top,  
and windows grayish-blue.  
Though I yearned for years for a golden roof,  
and a surface without flaw,  
I thanked my God for pastel walls,  
and protection, from the law.

How horrible, I thought, to be one of those  
in a "house" of black or brown,  
To stay in a shack, by the railroad track,  
on the other side of town.

But, as I grew older, and traveled around,  
I saw "houses" of every hue.  
Cautiously curious, "stepping" inside,  
I made a discovery NEW!  
The person within, just the same as I,  
no matter what color the skin,  
wanted a chance to live a GOOD life,  
Not just to be born and to die!

Now I am married.  
And from my family of five  
I am learning lessons for LIFE!

My husband is one of those persons, you see,  
who live in "houses" of bronze.  
Creative and quick, he has versatile hands,  
and talents which differ from mine.

Our children three are like both of us,  
yet like neither him, nor me.  
The oldest, a son, is as keen as a Brave,  
and wears a permanent tan.  
Our blue-eyed daughter, with hair nearly blonde,  
could have come from a far-off  
Scandinavian land.  
The youngest, a boy, has dark "Eskimo" eyes,  
and a dimpled, mischievous grin.

"Which one do we love the most?" you ask.  
Well, that would be hard to say.  
For each one is precious to both of us,  
Each in his or her own special way!

Now, isn't this how God feels about us,  
His children, you and me?  
When He looks into your "house," and mine,  
What do His perceptive eyes see?  
Our abilities may be limited,  
our bodies in need of repair.  
Still, it's the person within who counts with Him,  
for our God is always fair.

Which one of us has the prettiest "house,"  
as far as God is concerned?  
Do shape, or color, or texture, to Him,  
make a difference which can be discerned?

NO!  
I believe that He can behold some beauty  
in each "house" every day,  
For the person within is precious to Him,  
Each one in his or her special way!