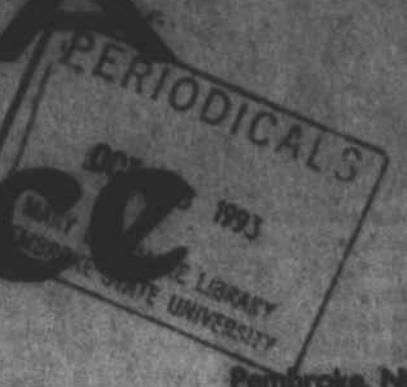


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Town Creek Festival To Kick Off Indian Heritage

Throughout November, North Carolina's Native Americans will join their brothers all across the United States to celebrate National Indian Heritage Month. Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. has proclaimed November as Indian Heritage Month in North Carolina.

North Carolina celebrations will include the kickoff festival at Town Creek Indian Mound State Historic Site near Mt. Gilead, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 6-7.

From 1:5 p.m. both days visitors can experience traditional Indian dancing, arts, crafts and demonstrations, as well as Native American foods and crafts. The site will be open each day from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The festival will take from 1-5 p.m.

Besides traditional inter-tribal dancing, several special groups will offer dance performances. Registered native American dancers are compete for \$1,000 prizes each day.

Other activities will include storytelling, a film festival and a demonstration of the ancient Indian game of stickball. Lucky visitors can win door prizes and buy tickets for a Pendleton Indian blanket raffle. For philatelists, a one-day stamp cancellation will be offered.

Masters of ceremonies for the two-day even include Jim Chavis of Richmond County on Saturday and Ray Littleturtle of Pembroke for Sunday. Sponsors are Friends of Town Creek Indian Mound, Lumbee Regional Development Association, N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs and United Tribes of North Carolina.

The participants will represent North Carolina's Indian population, which encompasses six tribes and more than 65,000 people, more than in any state east of the Mississippi River.

According to Town Creek site

manager Archie Smith, the Indian Heritage observance is an opportunity to show that today's Indian culture is as exciting and colorful as yesterday's.

Archaeologists have dated the site at Town Creek to about 1450 A.D. more than a century before the first English explorers landed on Roanoke Island. The site includes a log palisade and an earthen mound topped with a temple reconstruction. At the height of Creek culture, only temple priests lived within the palisade.

Today, thousands of tourists each year explore the buildings and learn what decades of archaeological excavation have revealed about the people who worshipped there.

The site also has a modern visitor center with interpretive exhibits and a 15 minute slide presentation.

The Town Creek festival will kick off the month long statewide observance in celebration and recognition of North Carolina's Native American heritage. Events scheduled across the state will include such activities as a senior citizens festival, various tribal pow wows and a wild game festival with demonstrations of hide tanning, trapping and tool making.

For details and schedule of the statewide observance, call Wanda Burns Ramsay, N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs in Raleigh at 919-735-5998.

Admission to the Town Creek kickoff is free. For details, call the site near Mt. Gilead at 919-439-6802.

Town Creek Indian Mound, an agency of the Department of Cultural Resources, is located in Montgomery County, 5 1/2 miles southeast of Mt. Gilead on SR 1542. Signs point the way south from NC 731 and north from NC 73.

Revival Services

Pastor Douglas Locklear and Congregation extend a special invitation to the public to attend homecoming services at Pembroke First Baptist Church Sunday, October 24, 1993. Sunday School will begin at 9:45 followed by Preaching at 11:00 a.m. with a noon day meal to be followed by an afternoon singing at 2:00 p.m.

A special invitation is extended to all former Pastors and members.

Birth

Herbert and Connie Lowry are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Altmann Mackensee Lowry, who was born on Saturday, August 28, 1993, at St. Eugene Community Hospital in Dillon, South Carolina. Altmann joins an older brother Jordan who is four years old.

Her maternal grandmother is Sarah Locklear of Pembroke and paternal grandparents are Herbert (Jimbo) and Gertrude Lowry also of Pembroke.

Rev. Elias Rogers Announces Candidacy for Seat on LREMC Board of Directors

The Rev. Elias Rogers announces his candidacy for a seat on the Board of directors of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation. He is seeking a seat in the at-large position. Rogers has previously served as a member of the board of directors of the local rural electric cooperative. He was the first Indian and the first minority to be elected to that board. His initial tenure was preceded by a highly publicized court battle in the late 1960s. Rogers was continuously elected for several years following. He is now seeking to be elected again to the board.

In making his announcement, Rogers released the following statement:

"I am very concerned about the rural electric cooperative. I have a great deal of knowledge relative to the program and I would like the opportunity to share my experience and expertise as a members of the

board of directors.

"There is not a great deal I feel I need to say about myself. Those who know me, are aware that I am capable and concerned. Even those who are not friends of mine will admit that I am more knowledgeable about the rural electric program than most anyone else. When I am convinced that I am right, I will fight for my beliefs. This characteristic has not made me popular with everyone, but it has earned a great deal of respect for me.

"I feel that I have been an asset to the LREMC Board of Directors in the past, and know that I can make a contribution now, if given the opportunity. I solicit the support and vote of all member consumers. And look forward to seeing you all at the LREMC annual meeting to be held at the PSU Performing Arts Center on Monday, October 28, 1993. Your vote and support will be greatly appreciated."



Rev. Elias Rogers

Say You Read It In Carolina Indian Voice

Decedents of The Late Elias and Delphia Locklear Meet

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Locklear recently held their reunion. The couple were married 103 years ago. He was born on June 15, 1874 and died on January 11, 1961, she was born in January, 1875 and died June 17, 1945. The couple were married and had 8 children.

They were Magaline Locklear Woods born April 7, 1895 she was married to Henry Woods born December 4, 1913 and died May 7, 1968 they had 3 children (Roberta Woods died at age 2, Rev. Monroe (Bill) Woods, and Henry Woods Jr. both deceased).

Rev. Isiah Locklear married to Mandy Locklear they had three children (George Locklear, deceased, Isaac Locklear, and Steve Locklear, deceased, later he married Bethina Locklear and they had 5 children, (Flora Jane Locklear, Jeanette, Pauline, Jervis, and Ezra (Boss) Locklear.

Richard Locklear married to Lina Bell Strickland they had 12 children (Carletter Locklear, Vency Scott, Clementine Woods, Dorothy Lowry, Betty Jane Walker, Lonie Mae Strickland, Richard Jr. Locklear, Daniel Locklear, Gennie Ree Britt, Allen Locklear, deceased and Joyce Locklear, (deceased) later married Rosie Jane Locklear and had 3 more children, (David Ronald Locklear, Hanford Locklear and Martha Faye Locklear).

Polly Edwards Oxendine married Leslie Edwards and had 5 children they are (Bertha Mae Edwards, Leslie Edwards Jr., Delphia Chavis, Thelma Bullard, Teddy Edwards, and later married Edward Oxendine and they had one child (Mary B Oxendine).

Nancy L. Locklear married to Mack Locklear and they had 4 children, they are (Halbert Locklear, Herbert Locklear, Laura Locklear, Crawley Locklear).

Ruthie Rogers married to (Son) Rogers they had 2 children they are (Elias Rogers, and Thomas Rogers).

Mary Bullard married to James L. Bullard they had 9 children they are (Ella Mae Hammonds, Steve Locklear, Myrna Scott, Reedy Locklear, Donald Bullard, Dottie Locklear, Elaine Strickland, Albertine Hunt, Chester Bullard).

Catherine Chavis married to William Chavis, they had 6 children (Pearl Oxendine, Vernon Chavis, Linda Oxendine, Annie Mae Chavis, Gloria Chavis, Debra Lowry). The beginning of the reunion was very touching for every one there. The opening comments were given by Mrs. Myra Locklear about the family history and she did a fantastic job Thank You

Myra!

Prayer was given offered by Rev. Isiah Locklear who will always bring tears of joy. The scripture was given by Rev. Donald Bullard who inherited his incredible talent for speaking from the best of the breed (Uncle Isiah).

First let me explain to you that this was not just another family reunion it was the best one yet. Just as I arrived Uncle Isiah was making his traditional speech which if you have ever heard him speak or preach you know just how great he is at it, and this particular time was no exception. It was very special to hear him talk of his childhood and remember things that had happened just as if it were yesterday, that's no small task for a 93-year-old let me tell you. I personally was very moved just to be one of the listeners in the crowd and as I looked around I could see that I was not the only one. It is an honor to have been born into a family with someone like Uncle Isiah and I for one am thankful it. He spoke of the love we share as a family and of how good-looking he thought everyone was which no one disputed I noticed! Later when I finally got a chance to get in a word with him, I told him that he was the reason that we all looked so good in the first place. He thanked me with a smile and a hug. I remember thinking that I wish he could hold on forever.

There were so many familiar faces there that I remember seeing so often as a child and remember playing with when we were small and our families would get together and now our children are doing what we were doing 35 years ago more some less. The faces have changed and time has gone by but the strong bond we share as Locklears will always be there. We are the heirs of Elias and Delphia Locklear and we are proud of the fact that they started a generation of people that will always unite and give thanks to them and the Lord for starting such a fine breed.

I don't think there's a Locklear alive that would argue that point. The reunion was bigger and better than I could image it to be but that just goes to show that when word gets out that we are getting together for good food and good company no one wants to miss out. I just know that I'm gonna miss something about the events of the day but believe me it's not intentional. I just have a bad memory and I didn't take any notes and I have not called mother to verify anything and she's gonna be mad, but it's almost 7:00 on Monday and I'm tired and whatever I forget please forgive me. I was so busy enjoying the good

company and hoping I would get to food before all the collards got gone (I was to late) that I forgot to take my notepad. But thank God I got lots of pictures and that should be sufficient. If you don't see yourself don't worry I won't have enough room in the paper to put all the pictures in but I will try to get the best ones, so you're probably in there somewhere.

I don't have a lot of space so I better make my special thanks now while I can. Aunt Clementine and Uncle Russell Woods you are remarkable people to go to all the trouble that you have and I want to say my hat's off to you. You did what I don't think to many people would do. You opened your hearts and home to us all and you deserve a medal. There were a lot of people (about 300) and I probably would have been panick-stricken had I looked out in my front yard and so all those people coming. But you guys took it with a grain of salt and I want to say thank you again from me and all the rest of The Locklears. Now before I close I want to say that I hope we can do the same thing same time next year but with the missing faces that could not show up for one reason or another. We missed you! I also want to say a special thank you to Aunt Gennie and Uncle Ralph Britt. You always make me feel like a five year old when I see you and the reason I say that is because as a child when mother would say Aunt Gennie and Uncle Ralph are coming home I would feel up with such joy and happiness because I knew there was gonna be a big family get together. I remember feeling so good inside from the time you came home until way after you had gone back to California. You still make me feel the same way inside as an adult because you have so much love for each and everyone of us and you bring that out in us with each and every visit. Thank you for being you.

I hope mother likes this article although I don't think so because she thinks I should have consulted with her about it first but again I am pressed for time. I just want her to know that she and Aunt Lonie Mae didn't have to stand and cook that chicken the whole time we would have offered to help but she just looked like she was having such a good time and it seemed natural to see her with a fork in her hand. I don't think the fried chicken would have tasted right had she not had a hand in cooking it.

Again I must remind you readers that I'm a new writer and if there's any errors don't blame me its the computers fault. If only it could read my mind!

PSHS Students Remembered

by Yvonne Barnes Dial

A dark cloud surrounded Purnell Swett High Monday for the funeral services for two well known students who died in an automobile accident, Friday, October 8.

Purnell Swett High School's gym almost reached its capacity as family, friends, relatives and supporters occupied seats and bleachers as the bodies of Branlon Woodell and Jeremiah Henry "Mia" Cummings lay in state.

Branlon Woodell, a junior, was born September 11, 1977 and is survived by his parents, Harrelton and Flora Woodell, one brother, Hilton Woodell, and one sister, Phebe Woodell. Jeremiah, also a junior, was born April 25, 1977. He is the son of Delora and McDuffie Cummings, town manager of Pembroke. He has two brothers, McDuffie Jr. and Patrick Hayes and two sisters, Lora Gail and Kresa Cummings.

Tommy Lowry and David Emanuel, teachers and coaches, Purnell Swett, spoke in honor of Jeremiah and Branlon sharing their words of praise, sports accomplishments of Jeremiah and Branlon and condolences to the families and the congregation. Lowry and Emanuel previously coached both young men in baseball.

Principal Bill Brewington, counselors, coaches, teachers and otehrs have united together to reach out to comfort and console students who were friends of Branlon and Jeremiah.

In recent years, the school has encountered several deaths of students which have made a significant impact on the Purnell Swett student body, staff and community.

Democratic Women To Meet

Democratic Women of Robeson County will hold a special meeting on Thursday, October 28, 1993 at 7:00 p.m. at the Robeson County Courthouse. The agenda will include making final arrangements for the upcoming fall dinner meeting which is scheduled for November 9th; election of the second and third vice presidents; and the formation of committees. Democratic women of Robeson County are urged to attend. For more information, call Lee Helen Thompson after 7 p.m. at 628-6642.



Shown left to right, Helen Ann Locklear, daughter of Carletter Locklear, granddaughter of Richard Locklear, great granddaughter of Elias Locklear; Rev. Isiah Locklear, son of Elias Locklear; Rev. Elias Rogers, son of Ruth Locklear Rogers, grandson of Elias Locklear.



Grandchildren and great grandchildren of Elias Locklear

