

Whites Murdered Blacks In Growing Florida Town

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omic assets taken from us," said Arnett Doctor, whose mother survived the violence. "It's only right, just and proper that we should be compensated for it." The Legislature will hold hearings in early February on a claim bill to pay \$7 million to 11 survivors and 45 direct descendants and erect a memorial at the site in Levy County near Cedar Key.

Today, only a green road sign marks where the community once existed.

"I think Rosewood is just like any other issue in government today," said Rep. Al Lawson, D-Tallahassee, one of the sponsors of the compensation measure. "Whether you're black, white, yellow, or what, people's rights should not be violated. It's a human rights issue. It's a property rights issue." If approved, it would be the first time a state compensated victims of racial violence in the United States, researchers said.

"I think it might set a precedent," said Maxine Jones, an associate professor at Florida State University who led an investigation into the incident last year. "It could open a Pandora's box." For nearly 50 years, the story of Rosewood's demise was buried in Florida's past.

A few hundred residents, mostly blacks, lived in the community and

most owned their homes. Most of the men worked in the turpentine business or at a nearby saw mill.

The Rosewood massacre happened when racial violence was common throughout the nation and lynchings were regular occurrences. Some 250 or more blacks were lynched in Florida between 1882 and 1930, according to records released in the state investigation.

Over the past 10 years, Rosewood has slowly, haltingly gained attention from the news media, historians, and state government. In the past year, Rosewood has drawn increasing media attention and a film re-creation of the massacre is being produced in Tallahassee. (It is scheduled to air at 8 p.m., Feb. 17 on Florida Public TV.) Last year, Florida House Speaker Bobby "Bo" Johnson, D-Milton, ordered an investigation into Rosewood to provide a comprehensive report for the Legislature to consider when it debates the compensation bill.

The report, completed by Jones and researchers from the University of Florida and Florida A&M University in December, tried to determine what took place by interviewing survivors and descendants and reviewing records and reports from that time.

Researchers concluded the sheriff

in Levy County and then-Gov. Cary Hardee failed to respond to the escalating violence until Rosewood was destroyed and residents were forced from their homes and property.

The report leaves unanswered numerous stories about the violence, including one about a mass grave some survivors said they heard about.

The destruction started Monday, Jan. 1, 1923, when a white married woman named Fannie Taylor claimed she was assaulted by a black man. Many in the community believed the woman quarreled with her white lover who beat her and lied to protect herself.

That same day, a posse went to the house of a black man they believed helped the attacker escape. When he did not give the answers posse members wanted, he was "tortured and his body was riddled with bullets and then hanged from a tree," the report said.

By Tuesday night, a mob estimated at 400 to 500 searched the area for the black man they believed responsible for the attack.

Violence escalated two days later when a group of drunken whites approached a house with about 15 to 25 blacks inside.

"They just started shooting through the blinds ... grandma, she knew she had gotten hit, when she got hit, so she lied down across the bed and she made her way on upstairs where we were at," Arnett Goins, a survivor who was about 7 or 8 years old at the time, told researchers.

When two white men tried to enter, they were shot and killed. A gun battle left two blacks inside the house dead while others escaped during a lull in the shooting.

Minnie Lee Langley, who is 10 years old at the time, told researchers she was in the house and fled with the others into a swamp. Eventually, she and others escaped on a train to Gainesville.

"They burned up everything cause you can see the smoke from the fire right across the railroad track," Langley said. "They burned us out. They took everything my mama and them ever had." The mob proceeded to burn houses and other buildings in the settlement and killed three other blacks in the ensuing violence.

The report said the government's response to Rosewood reflected the attitude of white government officials who "were willing to tolerate such behavior by white citizens," Sheriff Robert Elias Walker oversaw the posse but failed to alert Gov. Hardee when violence got out of control. Hardee, who went hunting while Rosewood burned, appointed a special prosecutor to conduct a grand jury probe a month after the massacre.

The grand jury said it could not find enough evidence to indict anyone.

"The failure of elected white officials to take forceful actions to protect the safety and property of local black residents was part of a pattern in the state and throughout the region," the state's report said. "Rosewood was a tragedy of American democracy and the American legal system."

GET YOUR \$\$ WORTH

Tips on Credit Cards
By Susan Duff

* If your credit history is non-existent, or a bit spotty, it doesn't mean you can't get a credit card. A secured credit card (one that's backed by a savings account) is a good way to establish a good credit record. If you want to get information on the total costs of secured credit cards, you can get a free peeker-sized "rate finder" by calling toll-free 1-800-235-7285.

* Make a point of protecting yourself against fraudulent use of your card. You can prevent unauthorized use of your card number by destroying all voided or canceled receipts and by keeping all your carbons.

* Avoid lending your card to anyone; your friends may not be as careful with it as you are. Also, don't give out your card number to someone you don't know. Unfortunately, it's quite simple to use a credit card number to order merchandise on the telephone — although new safeguards are making it harder.

* Most operators at catalog companies are honest (many are bonded) and can be trusted with your credit card number when you call to order something. But, do make a point of taking down your order number. It may help you trace the source of unauthorized use of your account number at a later date.

* If you keep your receipts, it enables you to verify your charges as they appear on your monthly statement. Open your bill as soon as you receive it, so errors can be reported (in writing as well as by phone call) immediately.

* Keep an eye on your card when you use it in a store; be sure the card returned to you is your own; make routine checks of your wallet or card

Mrs. Heron Files For Re-Election to Board of County Commissioners

Mrs. Becky Heron filed Friday, January 14, for re-election to the Durham Board of County Commissioners.

"Education will continue to be a top priority for me," Mrs. Heron's filing statement said. "It is time now to focus on making sure all our children have first-class educational opportunities. None of our children are second-class, and I will work to see that their schools don't bear that rap either. I intend to see that your tax dollars are effectively used in the classroom, not in bloated administration."

"These are hard times for a lot of our people. They are really concerned about County taxes. We have to pay for voter approved bond indebtedness (for schools, etc.) which will further increase the taxes we all pay. Now is the time to review very carefully the cost of county government. I promised you two years ago that we should move forward with management audits of each department. As of today audits have been completed in the Sheriff's Department, Animal Control, Social Services, Health Department, Mental Health, and Human Resources Transportation. An audit of the Planning Department is in progress. As these audits are implemented, we should see efficiencies in these departments; reducing fat and waste without reducing services that the state requires and people demand."

"I look at what something costs and weight that cost against other needs. The record shows that I am not afraid to ask the hard questions."

"Durham County citizens know that they can reach me and they come to me regularly with their concerns. The truth is, being able to help where I can with these real people problems is what keeps me running; making a difference for real people is the fun of the job."

"Furthermore, the citizens know that I am independent and not obligated to any person or groups. To make sure of that independence, I do NOT accept contributions from political action committees, and I limit contributions from individuals to \$100."

"In my time on the Commission, I have learned one hard lesson — governing is not easy. If you are going to do this job right, you must do your homework."

"I have done my homework in the past and I ask the voters to consider my record and let me serve them for another two years. Together we can make county government work for all of us. I will continue to be your 'Voice in County Government.'"

Mrs. Heron is proud of her record which includes having helped:

- Open County government to public participation.
- Encourage wise development that shows a real concern for protecting our natural and valuable resources.
- Expansion of water and sewer services into areas with failing wells and septic tanks.
- Develop a coordinated transportation program for the elderly and handicapped.
- Protect established neighborhoods from being run over and downgraded.
- Work to establish open spaces in the county.
- Turn the County Animal Shelter over to private managements, resulting in much improved care of the animals as well as response for the citizens.
- Combine and improve the 911 emergency communication system.
- Developed City/County Zoning Ordinance.

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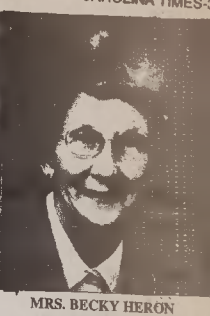
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- She is currently working to help:
- Develop a combined City-County comprehensive land-use plan.
 - Encourage expansion of cable television throughout the county.
 - Expand services for abandoned and abused children.
 - Clean up and correct errors in property values.
 - Represent citizens on numerous boards and commissions on the local, state and national levels.



MRS. BECKY HERON

Dr. Eric Rivera Gains Endodontics Diplomate

Eric M. Rivera is joining exclusive company, and company rarely seen by an African American. The assistant professor of Endodontics at the University of Iowa recently gained certification as a Diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics. He successfully completed the oral examination conducted by the American Board of Endodontics in November.

Rivera is the son of Mrs. (Faye) Rivera and A.M. Rivera, Jr., a long-time journalist and recently retired director of North Carolina Central University's Department of Public Relations. Both are graduates of NCCU.

Rivera graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1981, received his D.D.S. degree at the UNC School of Dentistry in 1985 and his master of science degree from UNC in 1989. He immediately joined the College of Dentistry at Iowa in 1989.

At Iowa, his teaching responsibilities include, director of the Endodontic Sophomore Laboratory, teaching in the un-



DR. RIVERA

dergraduate clinical and didactic program, and assisting in the graduate education program.

As an active clinician, Rivera is involved in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of patients in the specialty of endodontics at the dental college and the hospital dental clinic.

Rivera's research activities include characteristics of dentin, collagen and other clinical areas related to the field of endodontics and pulp biology.

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City of Durham Weekly Calendar

WEEKLY CALENDAR: JANUARY 24, 1994 — JANUARY 28, 1994

The DURHAM CITY COUNCIL holds its regular meetings on the FIRST and THIRD MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, located on the first floor of City Hall. These meetings are open to the public. City Government meetings scheduled during the next week include the following:

MONDAY, January 24, 1994
7:00 p.m. SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SUBJECT: SOLID WASTE AND ANY OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL. (Committee Room/2nd Floor)

4:00 p.m. SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION (Theatre Room/1st Floor)

TUESDAY, January 25, 1994
8:30 a.m. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (Committee Room/2nd Floor)

4:00 p.m. DURHAM CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU EXECUTIVE BOARD (101 E. Morgan Street)

4:00 p.m. 2020 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TRANSPORTATION ISSUES GROUP (Theatre Room/2nd Floor)

6:00 p.m. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION (Theatre Room/1st Floor)

6:30 p.m. TEEN PROGRAMS AND YOUNG VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION (Council Chamber/1st Floor)

WEDNESDAY, January 26, 1994
9:00 a.m. TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (Committee Room/2nd Floor)

4:00 p.m. 2020 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND USE GROUP (Committee Room/2nd Floor)

7:00 p.m. DURHAM PLANNING COMMISSION (Committee Room/2nd Floor)

THURSDAY, January 27, 1994
3:00 p.m. FINANCE COMMITTEE (Committee Room/2nd Floor)

4:00 p.m. DURHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY (330 E. Main Street)

5:00 p.m. 2020 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT AND BICYCLES GROUP (Briefing Room/1st Floor)

5:30 p.m. 2020 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMUNITY FACILITIES GROUP (Theatre Room/1st Floor)

FRIDAY, January 28, 1994
8:30 a.m. DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (Committee Room/2nd Floor)

All Meetings are held in City Hall, 101 City Hall Plaza, unless otherwise indicated. Additional meetings may be scheduled after this list is submitted for publication. Free parking is available during the Council Meeting in the Chapel Hill Street Parking Garage, located across Mangum Street from City Hall.

Any citizen wishing to be heard on agenda matters, please call the City Clerk's Office at 560-4166 to place your name on the speakers' list.

Interpreters for the Deaf and the Hearing Impaired are available by giving a 48-hour notice. If needed, please telephone 560-4180 or T.D.D. No. 560-4649.

CITY LIFE PROGRAM will be on Cable Channel 23 every Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Foreclosure Sale

65 Unit Apartment Complex

Durham, North Carolina

Property: Crestview Apartments
2809 Crest Street

Subsidy: Section 8 rental subsidy provided.

Time and date of sale: March 8, 1994, 11:00 a.m. local time

To submit a bid: Bids may be submitted in writing or made orally at the foreclosure sale. Interested parties must obtain a bid kit before they can bid.

Sale will be held at: Durham County Courthouse
201 E. Main Street
Durham, NC

To obtain a bid kit call: Scott Neely or Vee Ann Stone
Greensboro, NC HUD Office
Tel. (919) 547-4112

Note: This advertisement is placed by HUD and does not constitute the legal notice of foreclosure sale. HUD intends to submit a bid for \$1759,656.



NOTICE TO BIDDERS

DURHAM COUNTY HOSPITAL CORPORATION IS PREPARING SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE PC PHASE OF THE PCIS (PATIENT CENTERED INFORMATION SYSTEM) IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING A COPY OF THE SPECIFICATIONS, PLEASE MAIL PROOF THAT YOU MEET THE REQUIREMENTS LISTED BELOW TO: ATTENTION: JOHN P. HITE, JR., BUYER, DURHAM COUNTY HOSPITAL CORPORATION, 1843 NORTH ROXBORO STREET, DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA 27704. ALL INFORMATION MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 2:00 PM ON JANUARY 28, 1994.

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