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17th Century Courts Commemoration to feature Chief Justice

Now hear this! The place for history buffs to be on October 12, 13, and 14, is Perquimans County. After Sir Walter Raleigh's first colonies became "lost" on Roanoke Island, 1584-87, nothing much happened in "northern" Carolina, as it was then called, until a new colony began. And that began in Perquimans when some settlers drifted down from the Jamestown settlement in Virginia.

Being thoroughly familiar with English law, these people set up

a courts system patterned after the mother country, and the business of the government of North Carolina began here.

A portion of this important early history will be re-created by the Perquimans County Four Hundredth Anniversary Committee at the Newbold-White House on October 12. The Perquimans County Restoration Association will take part in the day's activities.

Joseph Branch, the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme court, will be the

featured speaker, and will pay tribute to the 17th century courts which sat at the Newbold-White site periodically from 1689 to 1704. Chief Justice Branch will be assisted by Chief Judge Naomi Morris, North Carolina Court of Appeals, (Retired), the Honorable Lindsay C. Warren, Jr. Chairman of America's Four Hundredth Anniversary Committee, the Honorable Charles D. Evans, First District Representative in the North Carolina General Assembly, and Mrs. E. M. Todd, President of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames XVIIIth Century. Mr. Warren will open an exhibition of early Carolina crafts and foods which has been assembled by Edna Wolverton, Juanita Bailey, Paige Underwood, and Charlie Skinner.

Joseph Branch was born in Halifax county, in the town of Enfield. He received his law degree from Wake Forest College in 1938. He has since received the degree of Doctor of Laws from Campbell University and Wake Forest University. He was appointed to the Supreme Court by Governor Dan K. Moore, in 1966, and was named Chief Justice by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. on August 1, 1979. Following this program, there will be a subscription luncheon at Angler's Cove honoring Chief Justice Branch. The Judiciary of the state has been invited for this look into the beginnings of North Carolina's courts system.

Missing Mill Park will be the scene of a Perquimans fabulous fish fry at six o'clock that day, October 12. Music of the Four Hundredth Anniversary period will be performed by the East Carolina Chamber Singers and Collegium, with harpsichord and viol. These Chamber Singers have just been named official Four Hundredth Anniversary representatives for a tour of Europe next summer.

Early on, the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), played an important part in the state's beginnings. George Fox and William Edmundson, visited here in 1672 and attracted many followers. As a result, religious activities were organized in North Carolina. John Archdale, a Quaker, became governor (1696-97) and brought stability to the colony following the Culpeper Rebellion. On October 13, a Pilgrimage will begin at the Perquimans Court House to 38 places important to Quaker and early Perquimans history. A few of these will be open to those who wish to view the interiors. These are (1) the William Jones House, known as Riverside, which has been in the Francis Winslow family for about one hundred years, and is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Perry, Jr.; (2) Cove Grove, a National Register property, built and still owned by the Skinners, will be shown by Mrs. Frank Skinner; (3) the Thomas D. White House near Belvidere, is on land

occupied by the Whites since 1720. The original land grant and other old records will be shown; (4) the Col. Francis Toms House, 215 West Market Street, now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Morris Kornegay will be open. It was built by a lineal descendant of the Francis Toms who in Hertford was important to Quaker history; and (5) the Church of the Holy Trinity, (Episcopal) (ca 1849-50), may also be viewed. Luncheon will be served at Piney Woods Meeting House by the ladies of the church, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The tour and luncheon are \$3.00.

The Pilgrimage ends on Sunday, October 14, at the Newbold-White House with a morning worship service conducted by Dr. D. Elton Trueblood, an international author, lecturer and preacher. Dr. Trueblood traces his Perquimans' ancestry to some of the country's most prominent pre-Revolutionary leaders. Music will be by the Up River and Piney Woods choirs, from

the two remaining Friends Meetings in the county. Dr. Trueblood has written a special hymn for this occasion. Following the service there will be an old-fashioned "dinner on the grounds." Everyone is invited to come to this service, bringing a picnic lunch and chairs for seating.



JOSEPH BRANCH

Death claims Capt. Tim Brinn

Rufus Timothy Brinn, Sr., Retired United States Navy Captain, died Saturday in Bremerhaven, West Germany, while visiting a son.

Brinn, 65, of North Front Street, Hertford, was a native of Perquimans County, owner of Brinn Family Farms, and a member of the Hertford United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Alice Cahoon Brinn; three daughters, U.S. Army Capt. Harriett Brinn of Alexandria, Va., Beverly Brinn and Mary Martha Brinn, both of Raleigh; two sons, U.S. Army Capt. Rufus Timothy Brinn, Jr. of Bremerhaven and U.S. Army Capt. Claudius Ray Brinn of San Antonio, Texas; a sister, Mrs. Jesse Parker Perry of Hertford; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements will be announced later by Swindell Funeral Home. Memorial donations can be made to the Hertford United Methodist Church, the Perquimans County Volunteer Rescue Squad, the

Perquimans County Library and the Perquimans County High School Band.



RUFUS TIMOTHY BRINN

Perquimans Commissioners hire new county manager

By JANE WILLIAMS
Perquimans County's Board of Commissioners voted Monday to hire Randy Keaton of Camden as the county's first County Manager.

Keaton was among several qualified applicants that were interviewed in September for the position of the County Manager, and upon his acceptance of the position on Tuesday morning stated that he would begin his new duties around the end of October.

Keaton, 24, is a resident of

Camden where he currently serves as Register of Deeds, Clerk to the Camden County Board of Commissioners, and county budget officer.

He attended North Carolina State University, and is a 1982 graduate of Old Dominion University where he obtained a B.A. in history.

Keaton's job duties as the county's first manager will include various activities. Primarily his responsibility will be to coordinate between the county commissioners and

various county department heads.



RANDY KEATON

Upon announcing his acceptance of the position Keaton said, "I am very excited about being chosen as the first county manager for Perquimans County, and I look forward to working with the county commissioners. I was impressed during my interview with their goals and expectations for the county, and I trust that I can fulfill those expectations to benefit Perquimans County in the years ahead. I believe that Perquimans County has a great potential for the future and am very glad to be a part of this new venture."

County Commissioner Chairman Joe Nowell stated that he was "happy to have Randy here with us. We've needed to have somebody here in this capacity for years and I'm certainly glad to see it finally happen."

In other major action taken this week the Commissioners voted to inform Peters and White Construction Co., contractor for Phase II of the county's water system, that they believe that the company is liable for liquidated damages and will consider charging those damages at the October 15th meeting of the Board.

After a lengthy discussion with Wayne Floyd and Gil Allgood of Rivers and Associates, engineers for the county water system, the Board concluded that a certified letter to Peters and White stating their intentions was possibly the only way to hasten the completion of the plant located in Winfall.

Floyd told the Commissioners that it was feasible that the remaining plant work could be completed in four days and that it should have been finished several months ago.

The original contract called for

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Festival of Skills to offer wide variety of crafts

By PAIGE UNDERWOOD
Time has arrived with the cool, crisp days of fall for the Fourth Annual Festival of Skills — Saturday, October 6,

at the Perquimans High School Gym in Hertford. Doors will open at 10:00 a.m. with sounds, aromas, sights, and wonderful people to greet

you until 7:00 p.m.

This year, door prizes will be given on the hour from a drawing of a lucky ticket. Just think how exciting it will

be to hear your name called as winner of a wood craft, lamp shade, pillow or some other lovely item.

Craftsmen have been preparing for months to have their booths stocked with gift items and appealing accessories.

They'll be new crafts and new faces along with the familiar crafts and craftsmen. Newest craftsmen added to the array of twenty-nine booths are Edward L. Godbey featuring toys, bathroom fixtures and kitchen items. Also, Elvis Perry, noted hearth broom craftsman.

After seeing a display of Claude Long's crafts of Channel 9 — WNCT T. V., we are in for a real treat. The folk art animals of pigs and ducks looked appealing as did the small lamps, towel racks and other wood items. Nancy Hobb's machine embroidery made a great appearance on WVEC T. V. and Emily Harrell may have a few pieces of the rare Armenian needle lace which was a sell out and popular booth at the Albemarle Craftsman's Fair. If you haven't seen Emily's lace, be sure to look her up at the Festival of Skills!

Selection and sales of crafts will benefit many groups as proceeds will be used for projects in organizations such as: Snug Harbor Community Church, Memory Lane Senior Citizens Club, Ladies Auxiliary Hunter's Fork Pentecostal Holiness Church, Snug Harbor Civic League and Burgess Extension Homemakers. Also, the Extension Homemakers will use grate receipts for equipping a modern food laboratory and kitchen for educational programs for

Perquimans County.

The following individuals will take part in the Festival of Skills and the Newbold White House Celebration — Heritage Day on Friday, October 12: Leslie and Penny Williams from Windsor, Va. who paint beautiful scenes on switch plate covers, Christmas balls and other media; Deborah Norwood with Soft Sculpture dolls, doll houses and toys; Nancy Townsend who makes handcrafted lollipops and original crocheted Christmas Ornaments; Dick Mann with baskets, benches, spice cabinets, etc.; Nancy Hobbs, Joyce Hobbs, Elvis Perry, Emily Harrell, and Snug Harbor Community Church.

Rain or shine the Perquimans High School Gym behind the school will provide the perfect location with plenty of parking.

Vegetable beef soup, chili, hot dogs, and sweets will offer a selection for lunching or munching along with coffee and soft drinks. It's worth attending the festival just to sit down with a friend and enjoy the delicious food provided by Perquimans County Extension Homemakers.

You will be amazed at the skills and talents of local people as well as those from Greenville, Goldsboro, Windsor, Va. and other areas. They have a lot to share, so consider it an opportunity for you to benefit greatly as you will be inspired and delighted to see and buy the variety of handmade items. There are many other participants who could not be named in this article. Come and meet them all on October 6.



Alvis Jordan, (top left photo) of the Snug Harbor Women's Club, was among the numerous craftsmen who displayed their wares during last year's Festival of Skills held at Perquimans County High School. (Below) Lessie Benton, of Belvidere, displayed her fabric crafts last year and caught the attention of Paige Underwood, local Home Extension Agent. (Perquimans Weekly file photos.)

