

The Ninth Family History and Genealogy Fair
“Connecting to Your Ancestral Roots in Bertie County”

	<p align="center">Roanoke Chowan Heritage Center 132 Hope House Road Windsor, North Carolina Saturday, July 13, 2019 FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC</p>	
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The purpose of the program is to discuss the diverse origins of African American, Native American, and European families in Bertie County and the Roanoke Chowan area from the 16th century to their current genealogical connections.

9:00 AM - REGISTRATION

9:30 AM - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

9:45 AM – 10:45 AM

“THE SAMUEL D. OUTLAW BLACKSMITH SHOP MEMORIAL MUSEUM: A RARE INTACT BLACKSMITH SHOP IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ONANCOCK”



Gerald Boyd will present the story about Mr. Samuel D. Outlaw who was born and raised in Bertie County North Carolina. In 1920 he enrolled in a 4-year program in blacksmithing and wheelwrighting at Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, a HBCU, in Hampton, Virginia. He graduated in 1927, moved to Onancock on Virginia's Eastern Shore, purchased a home on Boundary Avenue and soon after built this 20' x 50' industrial plant to serve farmers, watermen, neighbors and friends from 1927 until 1994. Mr. Boyd holds a Master of Divinity and an Honorary Doctor of Divinity, both in Transpersonal Psychology. He is seeking information on Mr. Outlaw’s family. The audience is encouraged to share information with Mr. Boyd to include in the interpretation of Mr. Outlaw’s life in the Museum.

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

“AN AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILY IN BERTIE COUNTY: FROM INDENTURE, SLAVERY, FREEDOM AND RECONSTRUCTION”



August 2019 will mark 400 years since the first arrival of Africans to Colonial America. Genealogist **Andre Kearns** descends from the Biggs and Cumbo families of Virginia and Northeastern North Carolina. Andre will share his approach to genealogy and how he has applied it to uncover his own family history tracing back to the first Africans in America. Andre Kearns is a genealogist, public speaker, commentator and writer. He regularly shares his research findings at his website www.cumbofamily.com. He also blogs on race, culture, history and genealogy at <https://medium.com/@andrekearns>.

LUNCH BUFFET 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM \$15.00

Please register for lunch by July 11th

1:15 PM – 2:15 PM

BERTIE BACK IN THE DAY: FAMILY HISTORY FORUM

Forums participants can ask for advice or offer helpful tips to other researchers and individuals interested in demographic and geographical information. Organized family groups are encouraged to participate. Please contact Benjamin F. Speller, Email: spellerben@embarqmail.com or call 252-482-4079.

To register for lunch or for more information
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