

“Written in Stone”

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From the President – Turner Sutton

Christmas open house exceeded our expectations. It could not have been better. The mansion and King



Bazemore houses were decorated beautifully, the weather was almost perfect and we had the largest crowd we’ve ever had.

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the open house, especially Dr. Phyllis Broughton and the Reverend Joe Cooper, who co-chaired the event.

We closed on December 11th and will reopen on weekends only on March 10th. We’ll continue this schedule until April 8th when we will be open 5 days a week. In the past, January or February was among the busiest months at Hope because the biannual ball was held then. The theme of the first ball, the Governor Stone Mardi Gras Ball, was held on February 23rd, 1968. The first balls were held in the National Guard Armory. In 1990 the ball was moved to the fall, October 6th, and it was the first to be held under a large white tent on the grounds of the mansion.

Though the date of the ball or similar events has changed, there are many activities that still occur during the winter months. This year, the 25th African American celebration is scheduled for February 10th and the Ives Lecture on February 24th.

When we reopen, visitors will see the recently painted King Bazemore House and the fence that runs behind the mansion. We were able to paint the King Bazemore house thanks to the bequest from Mrs. June Ficklen and the fence was painted using money in our Dogwood Fund. The Dogwood Fund was established by one of our docents, Julia Credle and her husband Carroll, for landscaping and beautification of the grounds at Hope. This leaves only the dairy at the mansion to paint and we are hopeful that it can be painted this summer. The newly painted fence really sets the mansion off. The buildings look better than they have in at least 10 years and I hope each of you will take time to come and see them if you haven’t recently.

In December, we were pleased that one of our docents, Kayla Shelton nee Dunlow, chose Hope for her wedding. The weather was too cold to have the wedding on the lawn of the mansion, but the Heritage Center was decorated beautifully for the wedding. Congratulations to Kayla and her husband Walker.

Also, another docent, Jennifer Sass and her husband, Jamie had a baby girl in August named Mckayla. Mckayla, along with Mom and Dad, attended her first event at Hope in October, our harvest festival.

Unfortunately, we didn’t escape damage from the zero temperatures in January. Though there was some damage to the water pipes in the wall near the restroom in the Heritage Center, the most significant damage was to the water pump at the Cox house. In spite of having a heater in the pump house, the pump and pipes froze and had to be replaced.

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We were saddened to learn that Jenny Jenkins, Hal Daniels and John Stallings passed away last year. Jenny was a Life Director, served as chair of the 1976 Hope Ball and was involved in many activities and programs at Hope. Hal was a member of the Friends of Hope Committee, served on the Site Development Committee, and was a staunch supporter of Hope and its programs. John Stallings was a Life Director and for many years served as chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee. When he was chairman, he could be seen walking the grounds almost weekly.

In January, David Serxner, our Volunteer for Programming and Education resigned. Over the past 7 years David has made numerous contributions to our programming. Notably, under his leadership, our Living History Day program, is now recognized state-wide, and has attracted school groups from as far away as Charlotte. He has been one of our biggest advocates and promoted Hope every time that he had the opportunity. David worked long days and nights to make Hope better and we will miss the energy that he brought to Hope.

**25th Anniversary
African American Celebration**

**"Bertie African Americans in North Carolina
State Reconstruction Politics"
Roanoke Chowan Heritage Center
Hope House Road
Windsor North Carolina**

info@hopeplantation.org

**Saturday, February 10, 2018
9:30 am – 1:00 pm**

Registration is \$15 and includes lunch.

To register or for more information

call [252-794-3140](tel:252-794-3140) or mail info@hopeplantation.org

9:30 am – 10:00 am

REGISTRATION/CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

10:00 am – 11:00 am

GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTIONS

**Dr. Turner Bond Sutton, President,
Historic Hope Foundation
Dr. Benjamin F. Speller, Jr., Vice President,
Historic Hope Foundation**

***"Republicans from Reconstruction
to Redemption"***

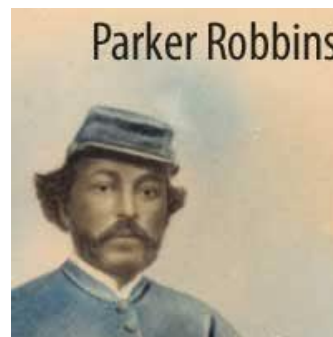


Earl iJames, Curator, North Carolina Museum of History, is the Keynote Speaker for this two-session symposium. iJames is a board member of the North Carolina

Freedom Monument Commission, North Carolina Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee, and Preservation North Carolina. iJames will present the story of the largest single group of African American legislators to be elected in the North Carolina until well after the beginning of the modern civil rights movement. He will discuss how these men came to Raleigh, and of their legacy, reveals much about post-Civil War politics in North Carolina, and about the gradually diminishing role played within the Republican Party by the state's African American voters in the late nineteenth century.

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

***"Bertie County Natives Who Served in the
North Carolina Legislature: 1868-1889"***



While the first session's focus is on North Carolina Legislators, this discussion will focus on Bertie County natives who served in the North Carolina legislature from 1868 through 1889. These natives include:

GEORGE A. MEBANE was born of slave parents. He served in the state Senate on two occasions, 1876-1877. **PARKER DAVID ROBBINS** (1834-1917) was born in Bertie County on July 5, 1834. He served in the State Constitutional Convention in the fall of 1867 and

the State House of Representatives in April 1868. **AUGUSTUS ROBBINS** (1842-1928) was born in Bertie County on March 1, 1842. He was elected to the General Assembly in 1879. **LIMAS ROULHAC** was born December 24, 1851 in Bertie County. He was elected as a representative in 1885. **TURNER R. SPELLER** (1853-1930) was born March 17, 1853 in Bertie County. Speller served three terms as a representative in the General Assembly, in 1883, 1887, and 1889. Relatives and others are encouraged to attend and provide information on these African American natives of Bertie County who were early participants in North Carolina politics.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

SPECIAL FEATURE -- LUNCH BUFFET \$15

Now an annual part of this event, a lunch buffet is prepared and offered as a fundraiser for educational program operations at Hope by members of the Board of Directors. The menu may include a variety of soups, sandwiches, salads, and other treats.

Windsor's 250th Anniversary Celebration



The Town of Windsor was chartered on January 8th, 1768. The town will celebrate its 250th anniversary on November 10th, 11th and 12th. On

Saturday there will be an old homes tour, which will include Hope, followed by carriage rides and museum exhibits in downtown Windsor. On Sunday, a concert is planned for the afternoon. On Monday morning, the museums will be open again. A parade will start at 3 PM and end at the Roanoke Cashie River Center. The parade will be followed by music and fireworks at the River Center. Follow updates on the festivities on Windsor's Facebook page.

Visitors



In 2017 we had visitors from 36 states: Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. We also had visitors from 9 foreign countries: New Zealand, Netherlands, Sweden, Holland, Germany, Canada, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and Slovakia.

2018 Elizabeth Stevenson Ives Lecture presents "Hope" Chests

*A closer look at blanket chests of the
Roanoke River Basin*

Saturday, February 24, 2018

Historic Hope Plantation

Roanoke Chowan Heritage center

132 Hope House Rd, Windsor NC 27983



The 2018 Ives Lecture will focus on blanket chests of the Roanoke River Basin. This year's speaker, Historic Hope

foundation's volunteer Curator Andrew Ownbey, will be examining locally made pieces dating from the first quarter of the 18th century up through first quarter 19th century from the Hope collection and other private collections. Attendees will be able to see first-hand more than a dozen examples identified cabinet makers working in the region, early chests with local histories, and learn more about the styles and construction features of these important and useful pieces of furniture. After the lecture and lunch, we invite attendees out to the Hope Mansion and King-



Bazemore houses for a further look at the Historic Hope collection with Andrew as your guide. Registration is \$40 per person which includes lunch.

Please RSVP by phone 252-794-3140 or by email to Joe Cooper (revjcooper@aol.com). We look forward to seeing you and thank you for supporting the Historic Hope Foundation. **Lecture Schedule is as follows:**

- 10:00 am Registration and coffee at the Roanoke Chowan Heritage center at Hope Plantation
- 10:30- 12:30 Andrew Ownbey's Presentation
- 12:30-1:15 Lunch
- 1:15- Q&A session then walk through the Hope Mansion and King-Bazemore Houses



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