



## Bertie African American Educational Leaders: From Reconstruction to the Desegregation Era

**Saturday, February 8, 2014, 11:30 am – 3:30 pm**  
**Free & open to the public**



In observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and its impact on education for African Americans, Historic Hope Foundation offers its annual celebration program with a focus on the theme, **“Bertie County African American Education Leaders: Then and Now.”** The program is designed to establish an understanding of the events and personalities of the past and how life has changed, how the present had come about, and what it is all about.

**11:30 am - 12:00 pm • Registration and Coffee**

**12:00 pm Introductions and Recognitions  
Stories and Reflections**

*This session offers presentations and discussions about some early African American educators who were significant contributors to Bertie County’s communities such as W.S. Etheridge, Rev. D. L. Simons, Dr. J. Jasper Freeman, and Dr. Rachel Lutten Boyce*

**1:30 pm Educators and Community Advocates: Turner Coggins and James Gilliam**

*This session offers presentations and discussions about two Bertie County natives who were educators and community advocates in the County during the 1964 Civil Rights era.*

**3:00 pm Closing Remarks from the Bertie County School Leaders**

**3:30 pm Refreshments Served in the John E. Tyler Room**



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### ROANOKE CHOWAN HERITAGE CENTER EXHIBITS

**Plantation at the Crossroads: a permanent exhibit focusing on areas such as Tuscarora civilization, plantation agriculture, and African American life.**

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