





25th Anniversary African American Celebration

"Bertie African Americans in North Carolina State Reconstruction Politics"

	<p align="center"> 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 or email info@hopeplantation.org. </p>	
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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

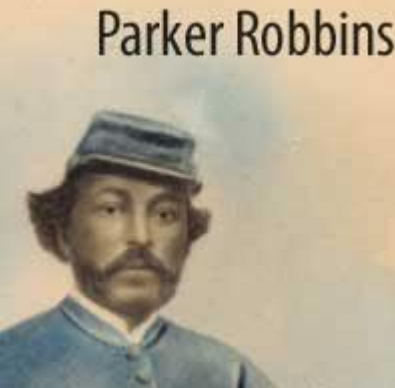
Dr. Benjamin F. Speller, Jr., Vice President, Historic Hope Foundation

"Republicans from Reconstruction to Redemption"

	<p> 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 North Carolina until well after the beginning of the modern civil rights movement. He will discuss how these men came to Raleigh, how 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. </p>
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11:00 am – 12:00 pm

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

	<p> 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 who 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. </p>
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12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

SPECIAL FEATURE

LUNCH BUFFET \$15.00

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