# The Eighth Family History and Genealogy Fair "Connecting to Your Roanoke River Ancestral Roots in Bertie County"



# Roanoke Chowan Heritage Center 132 Hope House Road Windsor, North Carolina Saturday, July 14, 2018 FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



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

"The Sharrocks in Bertie County"



Joyce Sharrock Cole, Chairman, Sharrock Reunion Committee, will speak on the topic, "Through His Eyes: Discovering My Roots Through the Slave Masters Eyes." Her presentation will be followed by Cameron Butler who will speak about her Sharrock Plantation ancestors. The 1733 Edward Moseley Map of North Carolina will be on display to provide geographical context to the discussion. It gives a great number of the names of settlers who owned plantations near the Roanoke River and the Albemarle Sound.



#### "The Gibson Family in Bertie County"



**Gary Revels** 

Gary Revels will focus primarily on the Gibson family, who at one time lived on the Tuscarora Reservation in Bertie County and who later migrated to various locations within North Carolina. He is a member of the Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina and has spent many years researching the history of his Tuscarora ancestors. Drawing from ancestral knowledge that was passed down through the generations and recorded history, he possesses historical knowledge of Tuscarora Indians that is rarely acknowledged. His passion for ensuring an accurate dissemination of Tuscarora history is profoundly demonstrated as he seeks to preserve and present an irrefutable history that will correct misnomers. Revels is actively involved in the Tuscarora Nation as tribal genealogist and historian as they actively seek recognition for their tribe.

### LUNCH BUFFET 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM \$15.00 Please register for lunch by July 11<sup>th</sup>

# 1:00 PM - INTRODUCTION "The Sharrock Family of Cabinetmakers"



**Judge Thomas Newbern** will discuss the diagnostic features of furniture produced by members of the Sharrock family of skilled cabinet makers from Virginia and northeastern North Carolina. Particular attention will be given to pieces by the Sharrock artisans in Bertie County and Northampton County, especially **Thomas Sharrock** and his son, George.



## 2:30 PM - HOME TOUR "The Speight Sharrock House"

To register for lunch or for more information call <u>252-794-3140</u> or email <u>info@hopeplantation.org</u>