

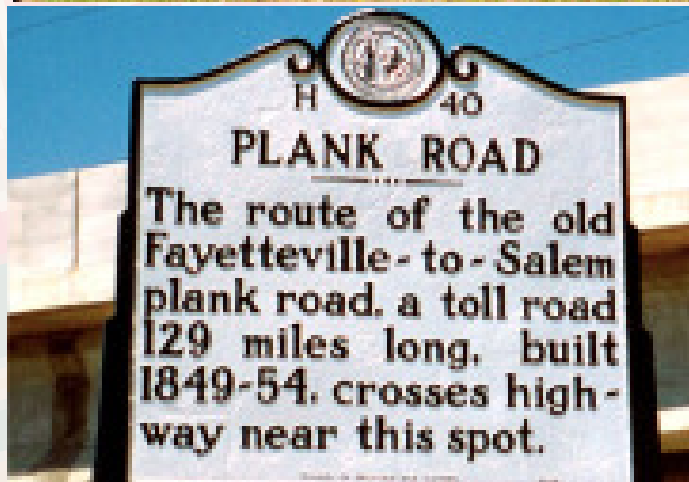


# SANDHILLS SANKOFA NEWS

*The Official Newsletter of Sandhills Family Heritage Association*

# SANDHILLS JUNETEENTH OBSERVANCE

## Black Ancestors' Footprints in the Sandhills



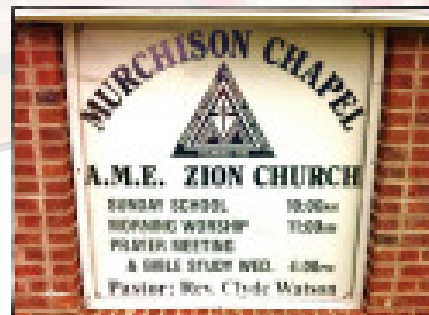




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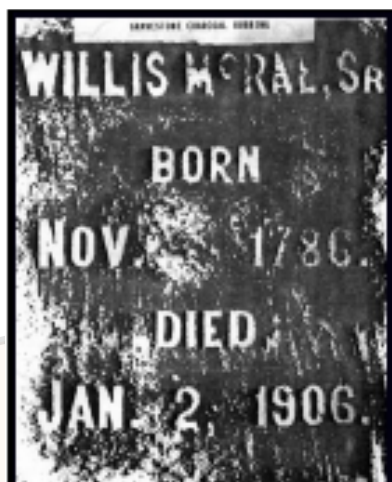
## Murchison Town—McRae Town—McGregor Town

*FROM SLAVERY ON PLANTATIONS TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT*

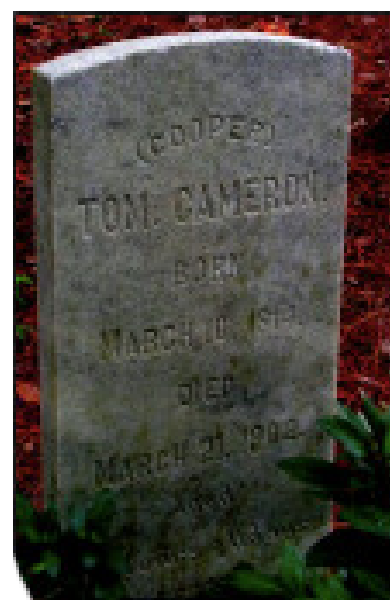


**Elizabeth McGregor**  
1851—1941  
Laurinburg Plantation  
17 year old Runaway  
reunited with her  
family in McGregor  
Town in Spout  
Springs, NC  
Lizzie's Spring was  
source of water for  
community members.

**Rev. Jack Murchison**  
1795—1922  
Murchison Plantation  
A Brush Arbor Legacy  
and  
Founder of Murchison  
Chapel AME Zion  
Church



**Willis McRae, Sr.**  
1786—1906  
Turpentine Plantation  
First major Black  
landowner in Harnett  
County, NC purchased 658  
acres of forest land in 1882.



(Cooper)  
**Tom Cameron**  
1814—1902  
Cameron Hill Plantation  
Wood Shop Owner A  
skilled cooper who made  
wooden barrels, churns,  
buckets and wooden  
products for the local  
market.





## Ned McGregor and Jack Redding Former Slaves and Founders of Spout Springs Presbyterian Church



The oldest of twelve children, Ned's father's name was Steven. He worked on a plantation near Laurinburg, North Carolina. No mother's name is mentioned. It is believed that at an early age Ned McGregor migrated to Harnett County trying to get away from slavery and never went back to the place where he originated. After he escaped from the plantation he was able to avoid being captured as a result of aid received from the freed blacks and abolitionists in the Fayetteville area.

He was married to Liddie Brown and six children were born to this union. They earned their livelihood by farming and sharecropping. He also built tar kilns, engaged in dipping turpentine, hunting, fishing, doing anything he could for food resources.

In 1866 Ned McGregor and Jack Redding, two most dedicated and courageous forefathers, felt a great need for a place in the community for Black people to go and worship God. With great insight, sacrifice and fortitude they combined their spiritual zeal and physical strength and laid the foundation for a church, Spout Springs Presbyterian.

In 1869, the building was completed. Ned was elected as one of the first Elders. Ned was also one of the founders of Johnsonville A. M. E. Zion Church.

It has been said that if Ned came back as a ghost today, seeking the things of which he loved most, he would ask, "How are Spout Springs and Johnsonville Churches? Do they still live?" The answer would be, "The churches that you and Jack founded still live, and you still live in the hearts and minds of your people."

Ned is buried in the old section of Cameron Hill Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

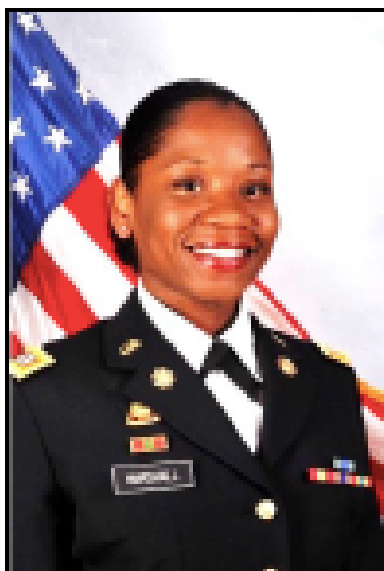
Written by: Mattie Harrington, Member

Rainbow Extension Homemakers Club





# IN HONOR OF NATIONAL WOMEN VETERANS DAY JUNE 12, 2023 THANK YOU SANDHILLS WOMEN VETERANS!



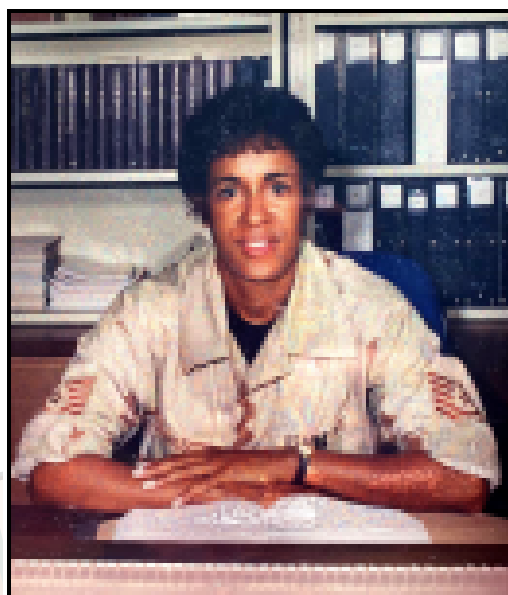
**Major  
Tasherra Nichols McDuffie  
Retired US Army**



**Lieutenant Colonel  
Pamela Brinkley Lucas  
Retired US Army**



**Major  
Joanna Robisch Clayton  
Retired US Army**



**Technical Sgt  
Edwina Clarkson  
Retired US Air Force**



**MSgt  
Tonya K. Brinkley  
Retired US Air Force**



**MSgt  
Lula Monroe Hill  
Retired US Air Force**

All photos were contributed by the women veterans



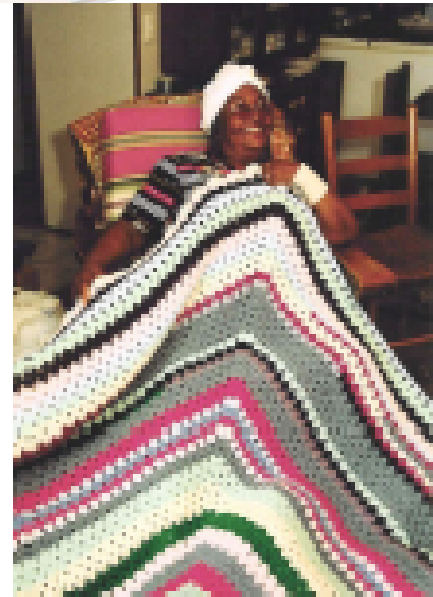


# IN MEMORY OF SANDHILLS SENIOR HANDCRAFTERS

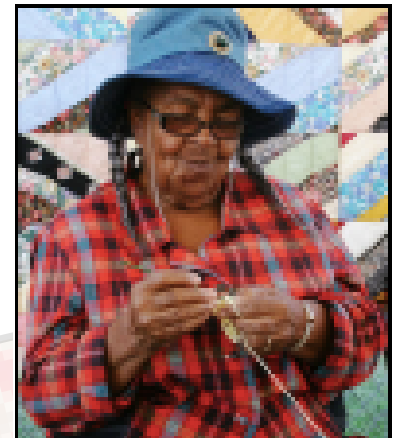
**Ms. Mavis Brower Fleming, Ms. Veda Prince,  
Ms. Louise Cameron Ferguson, Ms. Rutha Chamblee,  
and Ms. Marjorie Lucas Ray**

## Traditional Handcrafts

Quilting, Crocheting, Embroidery, Knitting, Lye Soap Making, and Ceramics



**Photos by  
Ammie  
McRae  
Jenkins**







# SFHA FOOD DISTRIBUTION

## Servant Heart Volunteers

### Thank You!



Left-Right—Liz Adams, Patricia Moore, Evelyn Tucker, Debbie Adkins, Laura Ware, Pamela Marks (SFHA Food Distribution Coordinator), and Schanae Wright

Sharon Rankin Johnson

Bureau of Supply Captain, Trinity AME Zion Church, Dunn, NC

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sandhills Family Heritage Association for playing such an integral part in me being able to adopt a family of four (mother and three children, ages 4, 2, 1 and 3 mos.) for Christmas. Because of you they received pampers, baby wipes, milk bottles, pacifiers, personal care items, clothing, toys, food, etc."

"The mother was elated and thankful. She shared with me that, "the smiles on her children's faces were priceless and that she couldn't possibly thank you enough."

"It was truly a blessing to be able to bless someone who was really in need and show them that while things may seem difficult God has not forgotten them and He will always make a way out of no way if we only trust and believe."

#### JUNE FOOD DISTRIBUTION STATISTICS

LOVE GROVE AME ZION CHURCH FOOD PANTRY & DIAPER BANK

FAMILIES  
SERVED



**64**

INDIVIDUALS  
SERVED



**178**

DRIVE-THRU

FAMILIES  
SERVED



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INDIVIDUALS  
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**178**





# THE HISTORIC SPRING LAKE CIVIC CENTER RENOVATION PROJECT

**UPDATE: Work has resumed and the finish is in sight!**  
**By Beverly Parks**

Something is happening at 230 Chapel Hill Road in Spring Lake, NC. Finally, we have reached the final phase of the renovation project for the Historic Spring Lake Civic Center. Constructed in 1945 by the African-American community in Spring Lake and Manchester, this beloved structure has been home to community events, family celebrations and Civil Rights Era desegregation and voting efforts. More than 75 years later, Sandhills Family Heritage Association and the community are on the final road to reopening the building as the Sandhills Heritage Center.

We have accomplished a lot over the past three years – new roof, interior demolition and completion of architectural designs. Thank you Rep. Marvin Lucas, Maurer Architecture, Crumpler Engineering, Creative Management Consulting Group, Cumberland County and Town of Spring Lake!

Now, Critical Path Solutions is on the job, starting with continued demolition and preparation for the full renovation of the property and grounds. As you drive by the building, know that there is excitement about the work and about the impending reopening and dedication of the civic center building.

Stay tuned and check the renovation page of our website for updates and photos as work continues. *Photos by Sandhills Family Heritage Association*



## Next Updates

**Learn about plans for the new Sandhills Heritage Center.**

**Look for the next issue of our Sandhills Sankofa News where we will describe the vision for this important community resource. History, Heritage, Community - continuing the dreams of those who built this structure and left it to SFHA and the community to Renovate, Restore, Reopen.**





# SANDHILLS FARMERS & HERITAGE MARKET OF SPRING LAKE



**Local Fresh Produce**



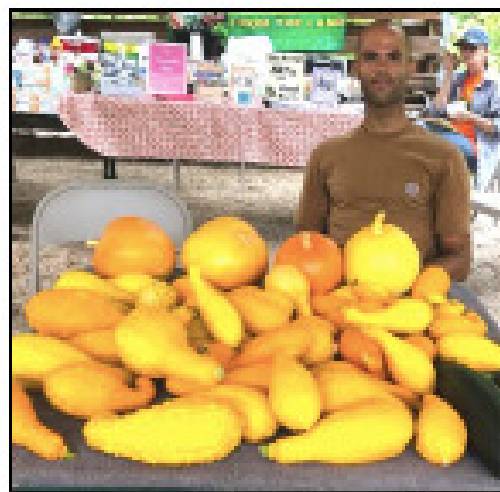
**Young Entrepreneurs and Kids Activities**



**Sankofa Table Talk**

Intergenerational Learning  
Storytelling, Local History and Cultural Heritage









# Sandhills Sankofa Youth

## 4-H OPPORTUNITY

### Farm to Kitchen

Wednesday - Friday, July 26 to July 28

from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Ages 8-13 Cost: \$30.00 Limit: 9



Nothing says summer like a slice of cold watermelon, a juicy peach or sitting with family sharing stories while shelling peas and butter beans. This camp will allow kids to visit local farms to see where food is grown and harvested. Plus, learn how to cook some of these delicious bounties for lunch.



Closed toe shoes required. Bring bottled water daily.

Registration deadline July 20

#### Contact information

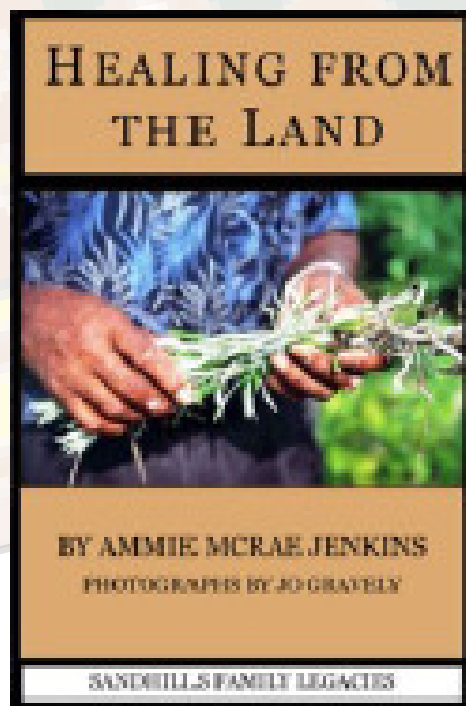
Youth must be enrolled in 4-H Online to participate in events. <https://v2.4honline.com/> if you have questions.

All Classes will be held in person at the Extension office location below un-less otherwise stated. Bring a bottle of water labeled with youth's name and apply sunscreen if classes are outside.

**\*\* All payments must be made in person or mailed to the Extension office, 301 E Mountain Dr. Fayetteville, NC 28306, with cash or check, before the registration deadline.**

**NO REFUNDS unless cancelled by Extension office \*\* Make checks payable to Cumberland County.**

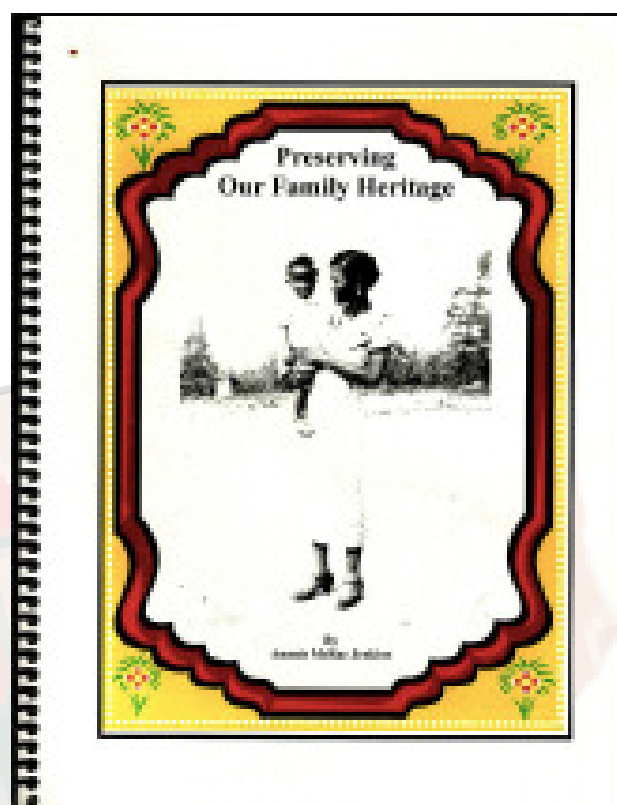
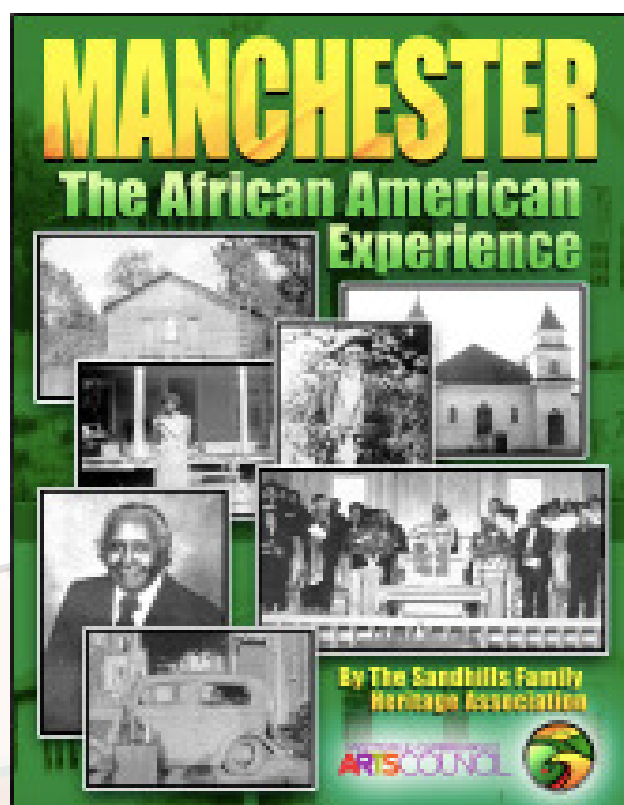




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