

The Families of New Bern & Craven County

Those Near and Far, From the Early Times to the Present

May 25, 2010

Citizens of New Bern and Craven County

City of New Bern: Mayor & Board of Aldermen; City Staff: Manager, Attorney, Clerk, Executive Assistant

CC: City Dept. Directors: Engineering, Finance, Parks & Recreation, Planning, Public Works;

County of Craven: Chairman and Board of Commissioners, County Manager, County Clerk

Re: A Park and Monument Honoring All of the People of New Bern & Craven County

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the members of *The Families of New Bern & Craven County* group, come before you with a proposal and a resolution for a park and monument to honor, remember and celebrate all of the people of New Bern, Craven County and Eastern North Carolina and to commemorate the 300th Anniversaries of New Bern and of Craven County. The park and monument will be funded through private citizen donations.

We feel and believe that there should be a lasting memorial to all those who have a connection to our area whether through family or friendship from the early times to the present. We acknowledge their manifold struggles and sacrifices while recognizing their many cultural and historical contributions to New Bern and Craven County. Therefore, we honor, remember and celebrate the ancestors and the descendants of the following groups of people:

the Native Americans (Slave and Free),
the Early Settlers (English, French Huguenots, Scots and Irish),
the 1710 German Palatines and Swiss Settlers,
the Later Settlers (Jewish, Lebanese and other Nationalities),
the Native Africans and the African Americans (Slave and Free),
the Recent Settlers (Latin Americans, Asian Americans and other Nationalities).

Our group seeks to be inclusive of all people as we have a shared history. We have and are reaching out to those in our local area, Eastern North Carolina, the State of North Carolina, around the United States of America and abroad who have a connection to New Bern and Craven County.

Our meetings are open to the public and we welcome and encourage everyone to attend, participate and share their ideas and talents. Our next meeting is Saturday, June 5th at 2pm at the New Bern-Craven County Public Library.

We respectfully submit our proposal and resolution to you and trust that you will endorse our endeavor and join us in honoring, remembering and celebrating all of the people of New Bern and Craven County. We welcome your questions, suggestions and ideas.

Best Regards,

The members of *The Families of New Bern & Craven County* group:

Pearl Williams Beauchamp, Ella Jones Bengel, Hope Brinkley Brewer, Lewis C. Carlton, Jr.,

Eloise Stilley Collins, Davetta Hill Cuthrell, Peggy Kornegay Fowler, Charles Daniels Freeman,

David A. French, Sue Ipock Frye, Helen Margaret Duffy Gaskins, Sandy Scott Girton, Claudia Parker Hughes,

Jeanne French Jenkins, Dennis E. Jones, Cheryl Arthur Kite, Averette Fonville Lackey, Janet J. Latham, John F. Leys,

Charles K. McCotter, Jr., Nelson Bell McDaniel, Julia Guion Mitchell, Florence Fulford Moore, JoAnn Ernul Murphy,

Jennifer Ipock Nance, Gail Reynolds, Robert Reynolds, Anna Owens Sebastian, Gail Council Swain, Paul Switzer,

Joshua C. Waller, James E. White, III, Ila Grey McIlwean White, Marianne Duffy Williams,

Carmena Barnes Zimmerman and Others Throughout the State and Country.

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A Park and Monument Honoring All of the People of New Bern and Craven County

1. Purposes

- To honor, remember and celebrate all of the people that have a connection to New Bern and Craven County from the early times to the present.
- To commemorate the 300th Anniversary of the Founding of New Bern (1710-2010).
- To commemorate the 300th Anniversary of the Founding of Craven County (1712-2012).
- To educate the public about the groups of the area.

2. Location

- The City of New Bern owned property between Christ Church and City Hall in downtown New Bern. It is located in the southwest corner of 300 Pollock Street which is noted in Craven County Deed Book 514, Page 438.

3. Design

- To be determined pending park and monument design. The design of the monument and park will focus on the history of the groups who settled the area from the early times to the present.

4. Inscriptions

- Recognition of the following groups:
the Native Americans (Slave and Free),
the Early Settlers (English, French Huguenots, Scots and Irish),
the 1710 German Palatines and Swiss Settlers,
the Later Settlers (Jewish, Lebanese and other Nationalities),
the Native Africans and the African Americans (Slave and Free),
the Recent Settlers (Latin Americans, Asian Americans and other Nationalities).
- Recognition of the 300th Anniversaries of New Bern and of Craven County.

5. Price

- To be determined pending park and monument design.

6. Fundraising

- The park and monument funds will be raised via private donations.
- We would like for the City of New Bern to join us in this endeavor by establishing a park and monument account fund so that tax-deductible donations may be received and disbursed for the monument.
- All proceeds after expenses from the *Celebrating the Families of New Bern & Craven County* Luncheon on August 21, 2010 will go to the Monument Fund.
- The time-frame for the park and monument to be ready for dedication is before or during 2012.

**RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE
CITY OF NEW BERN**

A Park and Monument to Honor, Remember and Celebrate
All of the People of New Bern and Craven County
From the Early Times to the Present
and to Commemorate
the 300th Anniversary of the Founding of New Bern (1710 - 2010)
and
the 300th Anniversary of the Founding of Craven County (1712 - 2012)

Whereas, New Bern in the Province of North Carolina was founded in 1710 and will celebrate the 300th Anniversary of its founding in 2010 as a City in the State of North Carolina; and

Whereas, Craven County in the Province of North Carolina was founded in 1712 and will celebrate the 300th Anniversary of its founding in 2012 as a County in the State of North Carolina; and

Whereas, the people of New Bern, Craven County and Eastern North Carolina are joined together by family, friendship and history; and

Whereas, *The Families of New Bern & Craven County* group seek to honor all of the people with a connection to the area from the early times to the present including:
the Native Americans (Slave and Free),
the Early Settlers (English, French Huguenots, Scots and Irish),
the 1710 German Palatines and Swiss Settlers,
the Later Settlers (Jewish, Lebanese and other Nationalities),
the Native Africans and the African Americans (Slave and Free),
the Recent Settlers (Latin Americans, Asian Americans and other Nationalities); and

Whereas, *The Families of New Bern & Craven County* group seek to commemorate the 300th Anniversaries of the founding of both New Bern & Craven County aforementioned; and

Whereas, *The Families of New Bern & Craven County* group seek approval for the City of New Bern owned property between Christ Church and City Hall (which is the southwest corner of 300 Pollock Street which is noted in Craven County Deed Book 514, Page 438) to be designed into a park to include a monument design that will focus on the history of the area and that will honor, remember and celebrate the Families of New Bern, Craven County and Eastern North Carolina from the early times to the present; and

Whereas, *The Families of New Bern & Craven County* group seek approval that the park will be officially designated and known as *Heritage Park*; and

Whereas, *The Families of New Bern & Craven County* group will present the park and monument design once determined to the City of New Bern Board of Aldermen and the Historical Preservation Commission for their review and approval; and

Whereas, *The Families of New Bern & Craven County* group requests the City of New Bern to establish a park and monument account fund so that tax-deductible donations may be received and disbursed for the park and monument; and

Whereas, *The Families of New Bern & Craven County* group agrees to conduct a campaign to raise the necessary funds so that a gift of the park and monument can be presented to the people of New Bern, Craven County and Eastern North Carolina; and

Whereas, *The Families of New Bern & Craven County* group anticipates that funds will be raised for the park and monument so that a dedication may occur before or during 2012; and

Whereas, *The Families of New Bern & Craven County* group agrees to adhere to all City of New Bern, County of Craven and State of North Carolina procedures and regulations concerning the park and monument; and

Whereas, the City of New Bern and the Board of Aldermen endorse *The Families of New Bern & Craven County* group in their endeavor to realize a park and monument to promote the history of the area and to honor, remember and celebrate all of the people of New Bern and Craven County from the early times to the present; and

Whereas, the City of New Bern Department of Recreation and Parks will be responsible for the long term maintenance of the park and monument; and

Now, Therefore, be it further resolved, by virtue of this Resolution before all those present that the City of New Bern and the Board of Aldermen approve the foregoing items.

Adopted this 25th day of May 2010 at New Bern, Craven County, North Carolina

Lee Wilson Bettis, Jr. Mayor

ATTEST

Veronica E. Mattocks, City Clerk