

Black Gold – African American Gold Miners in North Carolina Black History Month Tour

The origins and impact of slavery in Cabarrus County, North Carolina, and the benefits of slave labor to Reed Gold Mine will be examined during Black History Month. Reed Gold Mine State Historic Site will offer "Black Gold – African American Gold Miners in North Carolina" tours Saturdays in February at 1 p.m. and examine the area's social and economic environment during John Reed's lifetime. Join us Feb. 8, 15, or 29.

When John Reed arrived in Cabarrus County in 1782 as a Hessian army deserter, he found himself at home in a community with a familiar language and culture. Owning enslaved workers in colonial and antebellum North Carolina was a societal norm, and through their labor economic ventures like farming and gold mining boomed.

The "Black Gold" tour allows Reed Gold Mine to share a forgotten part of North Carolina history, connect with the origins of Reed Gold Mine and reveal how piedmont North Carolina was transformed through the years of backbreaking labor of enslaved men, women and children.

In telling the slavery story of eastern Cabarrus County through the 19th century, Reed Gold Mine will share its importance in the greater North Carolina narrative. "Black Gold" provides the opportunity to connect with people and fill an educational need extending beyond one month on the calendar. The story of the discovery of gold is important at Reed Gold Mine, but it is not the only story to be told. "Black Gold: North Carolina Slavery and Reed Gold Mine" is \$2 per person age eight and older; children ages seven and under can tour for free. Tours begin at 1 p.m. each Saturday in the visitor center.

For additional information, please call (704) 721-4653 or email reed@ncdcr.gov. Reed Gold Mine is in southeastern Cabarrus County 12 miles southeast of Concord, 25 miles east of Charlotte, and 18 miles west of Albemarle. It is part of the Division of State Historic Sites within the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. More information available at historicsites.nc.gov/all-sites/reed-gold-mine.

Thank you

THE FAMILY OF ELDER CARL EDWARD INGRAM

The Ingram, Smith and Richardson Family would like to thank each and everyone for your prayers, love, acts of kindness, encouraging words and thoughtful gestures during this difficult time of the passing of Elder Carl Edward Ingram, Pastor of the Morning Star Redeemed Church of God.

He was a loving Husband, a wonderful Godfather, Son-in-law, Brother, Uncle, Pastor, a Family Man of God and Friend who will truly be missed.

Your presence, calls, flowers, donations, food, cards and overall support meant so much to our family and church family, and was greatly appreciated.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers. We sincerely Thank You.

Lovingly Submitted,

Wife & First Lady Effie M. Ingram
Morning Star Redeemed Church of God



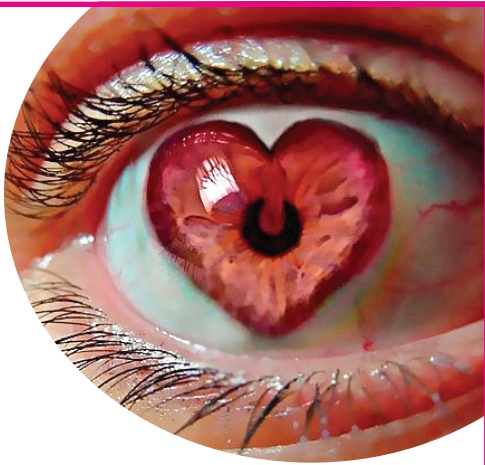
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Remembering..... By Ed McBride



A. Paul Kitchin For Congress

After a number of years of service, A. Paul Kitchin retired from the Federal Bureau of Investigation - this was about the end of World War II. He was married to Dora Little of Wadesboro - so they came back "home" here to retire.

Mr. H.P. Taylor, Sr. had his law offices on the second floor of the Fox and Lyon building. (Practicing since 1914) Paul joined Mr. Taylor's practice - making it Taylor & Kitchin, attorneys at law. All of this before Pat Taylor, Jr. had finished law school - but when he graduated in 1948, he likewise came back home to join the firm - then making it now - Taylor, Kitchin and Taylor.

There is so much to remember about Dr. Bob Lyon's building, among others on the second floor was Dr. J.F. Williamson, Dentist (some of my 2 fillings still exist). On the third floor for years were the studios of WADE Radio. Other occupants of interest - Mr. Jim Graves Barber shop in the lower level (with several barbers), Fred Hart's Store (he was the young man who was blind) on the sidewalk

near the stair entrance and the list goes on and on and....!!!

Back to the story about the above picture - some time later (about 1956), Paul Kitchin ran for congress in the 8th District against Mr. C.B. Dean - and won. You will note the sign above and the young, trim campaign manager John J. Crawford in front of campaign headquarters on East Wade Street. (I had painted the glass in 1956). In "those days" - Marsh-Jones Hardware, Anson Telephone office - with "real-live operators," Lee Huntley Grocery, Railway Express, Anson Real Estate and Insurance, The Messenger and Intelligencer, Dr. Jim Covington, the bus station (now the City Hall), Carolina Power and Light, Blalock Tire and Appliance, Arthur Murray (5¢ hotdogs, 10¢ hamburgers), J. Paul Teal (farm Supplies, cotton buyer, etc.), B.C. Moore and Sons- were some - not all on this one block!

Thanks for sharing our memories. Thank you Pat for all you have done and continue to do to make this a better place to live!

National Burn Awareness Week Raises Awareness and Prevents Burn Injuries

February 2-8 is National Burn Awareness Week

In recognition of 2020 National Burn Awareness Week, which runs Feb. 2-8, Insurance Commissioner and State Fire Marshal Mike Causey reminds residents of the causes of burn injuries and the resources of burn care available.

National Burn Awareness Week is an opportunity for fire, health, and medical professionals to review some simple safety steps people can take to prevent burn injuries at home, at work, and outdoors. This year's theme from the American Burn Association is Contact Burns – Hot Surfaces Damage Skin.

Touching a hot object causes what medical professionals call a contact burn. Touching heating and cooking equipment, other hot household items (like clothes irons), and walking barefoot on hot pavement are the leading causes of contact burns to young children. Most "fire-related injuries" are burns. In fact, approximately every 60 seconds, someone in the U.S. sustains a burn injury serious enough to require treatment, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

"We've all suffered minor burns before from hot coffee or a candle or something. You know it can be incredibly painful. But imagine suffering a second, third, or fourth degree burn," said State Fire Marshal Mike Causey. "These types of injuries are so severe, it can leave you with physical and emotional trauma. Our goal during National Burn Awareness Week is to bring awareness to the different causes of burn injuries and provide resources to help keep our residents safe."

According to the American Burn Association, burn injuries continue to be one of the leading causes of accidental death and injury in the United States with approximately 486,000 people receiving treatment of burn injuries annually. Almost one-third of all burn injuries occur in children under the age of 15.

To prevent burns from fires and scalding, State Fire Marshal Causey offers these important safety tips:

Be "alarmed" Install and maintain smoke alarms in your home—on every floor and near all rooms that family members sleep in. Test your smoke alarms once a month to make sure they are working properly. Use long life batteries when possible.

Have an escape plan Create and practice a family fire escape plan and involve kids in the planning. Make sure everyone knows at least two ways out of every room and identify a central meeting place outside.

Cook with care Use safe cooking practices, such as never leaving food on the stove unattended. Also, supervise or restrict children's use of stoves, ovens and microwaves.

Check water heater temperature Set your water heater's thermostat to 120 degrees Fahrenheit or lower. Infants and small children may not be able to get away from water that may be too hot. Maintaining a constant thermostat setting can help control the water temperature throughout your home. Test the water at the tap if possible.

For more information and safety tips, visit the fire and burn prevention section of the Safe Kids North Carolina website (at ncdoi.com) or contact Safe Kids North Carolina Director Shannon Bullock at Shannon.Bullock@ncdoi.gov.

2020 4-H Online Re-Enrollment

It's time to re-enroll your child in Anson County 4-H for 2020. Visit [4Honline \(nc.edu\)](http://4Honline.nc.edu) to access your family profile. All 4-H members and volunteers must renew their membership at the beginning of each year in order to maintain active status in this organization.

If you have any questions contact the local office at 704.694.2915 or email Sam Cole at srcole3@ncsu.edu.

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