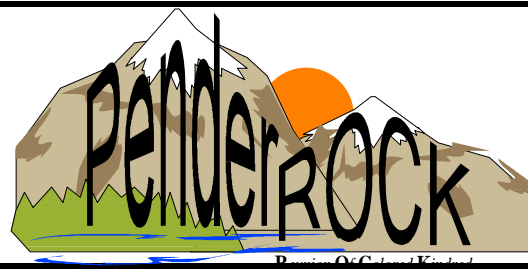


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PenderROCK 2005 in NJ

In 2004 you voted to have the 2005 reunion in New Jersey and to return to NC in 2006.

1997	Washington DC		2001	Atlanta, GA
1998	Detroit, MI		2002	Wilmington, NC
1999	Baltimore, MD		2003	cruise
2000	Wilmington, NC		2004	Wilmington, NC
2005	New Brunswick, NJ		2006	Raleigh, NC

Northern reunions are more expensive than southern prices, and our costs this year reflect that.

The Hospitality Night will be hosted by Cousin Bertha Williams and the NJ relatives. It will be in the Hyatt Regency. Stop by to unwind, meet new people, have a snack, get your wristband for entrance to events, get directions for the rest of the weekend.

The Hyatt and the hosts will provide lists of optional activities for Saturday. These will be pay-as-you-go.

Saturday night is the grand event -- the banquet. Many people loved the slideshow last year that highlighted photos of ancestors. We will repeat the show this year.

Worship together on Sunday at the hotel.

The Family Day Picnic will be at the home of Cousin Phyllis Hilliard. 'Thanks' to Phyllis for making her home available. This year the picnic is on SUNDAY, so that you can fully enjoy the two wonderful meals – banquet & picnic.

Activities

Friday 6-10 PM **August 12, 2005**
Meet Your Family @ Hyatt Regency
New Brunswick, NJ

Finger foods will be served. Good opportunity to pigeon-hole the family historian to share or request family info!

Saturday 7-11 PM **August 13, 2005**
Banquet @ Hyatt Regency

A banquet in the Grand Ballroom of the Hyatt New Brunswick. [Menu on page 2]
There are Saturday daytime activities in the area.

Sunday 10:00 AM **August 14, 2005**
Worship @ Hyatt Regency

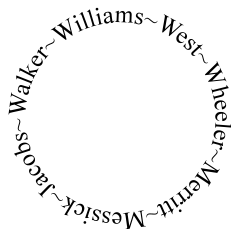
Sunday 12:00 PM **August 13, 2005**
Picnic & Family Day Perrineville, NJ
Cousin Phyllis Hilliard is hosting the picnic at her home. [Menu on page two]

18 and over	\$65.00
6 to 17	\$35.00
Babies – 5 years old	\$00.00

Checks to "PenderROCK"
Mail to PenderROCK Treasurer Shirley P. Jacobs
by July 25, 2005
6403 Maple Drive
Bloomfield Hill, MI 48301

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Lodging

Hyatt Regency

2 Albany Street
New Brunswick, N.J. 08901
732 / 873 . 1234

<http://www.newbrunswick.hyatt.com>

\$95/night – single or double occupancy

\$120/night – triple occupancy

\$145/night – quadruple occupancy

Twenty rooms are blocked. Say "PenderROCK" when you reserve.

These rates are in effect until July 24 or until all rooms are booked.

If you have photos of family before year 1950, please scan and send as JPEG or GIF file to penderrock@aol.com. Be sure to tell us who is in the photos, and we will include your relative in the slideshow.

Banquet Menu

Tossed Green Salad
Chicken Gumbo
Honey-baked Ham
Fried Chicken
Cajun Catfish
Potato Salad
Corn on the cob
Collards
Sweet Potatoes
Cornbread
Bread Pudding & Ice Cream

photo
slideshow

family
history

entertainment

family
business
meeting

What happened to

Love Grove School Project?

In 2004 you voted to turn the scholarship funds into a new separate tax-exempt organization whose mission is to procure and renovate the pre-1900 schoolhouse that our ancestors attended.

Status: We are slowly working our way through the paperwork to establish the non-profit tax-exempt organization to hold the funds. New Hope Baptist Church agreed to let the school sit on their property. They prefer the uncleared lot next door to the church. We need to do a title search in Pender County Register of Deeds office to ensure that this is New Hope's land.

To date all of the scholarship money and subsequent donations are still in the PenderROCK account. \$0.00 has been spent.

Picnic Menu

Fried catfish or whiting
Fried Chicken
Hot Dogs
Potato Salad
Caesar Salad
Pasta Salad
Cornbread
Soft Drinks
Dessert

swimming

basketball

horseshoes

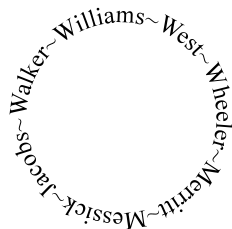
volleyball

bike riding

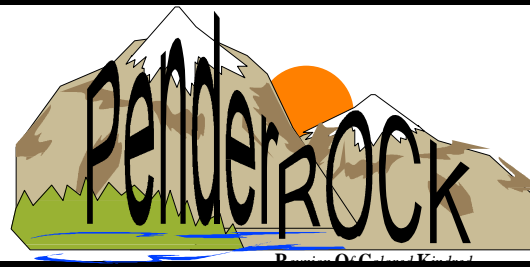
PenderROCK People Always Integral to the County & Nation

DID YOU KNOW Rachel Towns is Vice-President of the Pender County Democratic Women's Club? Rachel is the daughter of Lethia Jacobs Towns. www.pcdemocraticwomensclub.com

DID YOU KNOW Ron Jacobs, Jr. is in charge of all of the Army's networks – voice and data – that allow Army personnel to communicate with each other from office to tank to plane to field, etc



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PenderROCK History books will be available at \$25.00. We will print about ten, and take orders if we need more.

Wheeler Messick **Merritt** West
WALKER **Jacobs** **Williams**

PenderROCK consists mainly of the surnames listed above. We took the name 'PenderROCK' in 1997, after we had merged so many family reunions that the name became too long to say.

Pender is the county where we originated.well not exactly! Wests, Merritts, and Williams are originally from Sampson County. Our immediate ancestors migrated to Pender in 1870s/1880s.

Our West/Merritt/Williams/Mainor kin in Sampson have approached us about the possibility of combined reunions. But the name 'Pender' ROCK excludes them – unless they know the history of the two county's people. And most don't. *You don't!*

At the 2005 reunion, we will discuss possible names for a combined reunion.

The name needs to have meaning for both Pender and Sampson people.
The name can't be so general that ANYbody could think it is their reunion.
The name needs to include 'PenderROCK' because we have a lot of goodwill and reputation associated with that name that we don't want to lose.
The name needs to be easy to say and remember.

The board will bring suggestions to the 2005 meeting for the general body's vote.

Treasurer's Report

As of May 1, 2005

BALANCE FROM Sept 2004 Reunion	3797.73
RECEIPTS Since REUNION	720.00
Dues	45.00
Love Grove School Donation	65.00
T-shirts	160.00
Books	450.00
DISBURSEMENTS Since Reunion	456.63
Book printing/mailing (chk #535)	456.63
TREASURER BALANCE, May 1, 2005	4061.10
Bank Statement, Apr 30, 2005	4061.10

Note: Balance of \$4061.10 includes \$1424.40 for Love Grove School Project.

This leaves a reunion operating balance of \$2604.88.

PenderROCK Officers

Bill Tyree	President
Lottie Walker Caffee	Vice-President
Shirley Jacobs	Treasurer
Tyrone Goodwyn	Corresponding Secretary
TBD	Recording Secretary
Lucy Walker	(acting) Chaplain

