

Historical Markers Approved, Fall 2018

A-92

THAD EURE

1899-1993

N.C. Secretary of State, 1926-1989. Served alongside thirteen governors. Drafted Speaker Ban law, 1963. Born 2 ½ mi. S.

NC 158 at SR 1113 (White Oak Road) northwest of Gatesville / Gates

B-76 HYDE COUNTY

SCHOOL BOYCOTT

African Americans boycotted public schools for the 1968-1969 year, challenging desegregation plan to close black schools. In fall 1968 protests were held at courthouse here. Committee of 14 helped devise plan to reopen schools, with the formerly African American schools housing lower grades.

NC 45 at Hyde County courthouse in Swan Quarter / Hyde

B-77

EDMUND HARDING

1890-1970

Humorist, storyteller, & speaker of wide renown. Key to restoration of colonial Bath, 1955-70. He lived 100 yds. S.W.

West Main Street at South Washington Street in Washington / Beaufort

C-87

MICHAEL J. SMITH

1945-1986

Astronaut, Navy aviator. Pilot of ill-fated space shuttle *Challenger*, lost Jan. 28, 1986. Recipient, Space Medal of Honor. Lived ½ mile south.

180 Airport Road at Michael J. Smith Field in Beaufort / Carteret

E-125

SANITATION WORKERS' STRIKE

Led by African American workers and civil rights coalition, 1978, against sanitation dept., here. It reshaped the labor movement in N.C.

NC 97 (Atlantic Avenue) at Spruce Street in Rocky Mount / Edgecombe

D-121

Saints Peter and Paul Russian Orthodox Church

Saint Helena, est. in 1905 as an agricultural colony for Italians, was populated, 1923-1932, by immigrants from Russia & the Ukraine. In 1932, led by John Boruch, their priest, they built this house of worship in the traditional Byzantine style.

2648 Front Street at the church in St. Helena / Duplin

G-138

ALGONQUIN TENNIS CLUB

Est. in 1922 by African Americans. Hosted many American Tennis Assoc. tournaments. Durham Committee on Negro Affairs org. here, 1935.

1400 Fayetteville Street in Durham / Durham

E-126

LOUIS AUSTIN

1898-1971

African American editor. Published Durham-based *Carolina Times*, 1927-71. An advocate of social justice and civil rights. Was born in Enfield.

Railroad Street at Whitfield Street in Enfield / Halifax

H-125

LUNSFORD LANE

1803-1879

Enslaved. Bought freedom in 1835. An abolitionist, nationally known orator, and entrepreneur. Wrote his *Narrative* in 1842. Was born nearby.

150 East Edenton Street in Raleigh / Wake

J-122

POLIO HOSPITAL

During 1948 epidemic, integrated hospital built in 95 days. In 1963, it was makeshift jail for civil rights protesters. Operated 1/10 mi. N.

Wendover Avenue at Elwell Avenue in Greensboro/ Guilford