

Society and Community



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Community organizations, societies and events are highly valued by African Americans and cover a wide range of interests and purposes. In Onslow County, Masonic organizations such as The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Lodges of Mount Horeb #73, Omega Lodge #292, Ecclesiastes Lodge # 818 and the Eastern Star Freedom Chapter #633, belong to a centuries old tradition of monotheistic belief and charitable works. Educational achievements are reflected in the membership of the Tau Omega Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, a sorority originally founded in 1908 for black female college graduates. The NAACP and the Sickle Cell Association also have active chapters.



Groundbreaking at the Dreadnaught Community Center in Richlands



The Smith/Marshall family reunion was held July 3-4, 2010

REUNIONS

Family reunions solidify and preserve family traditions and values. Yearly gatherings bring together family members of all ages and relationships. Visiting and sharing family stories and old photographs can provide a window to the past for the younger generation.



*Lewis J. Saunders and Hannah Cox
Wedding picture, 1919. The Sanders/Saunders family recently celebrated their 41st reunion.*



*Gertrude Shepard Humphrey
Probably a wedding portrait, taken about 1914.
The Humphrey family held their first reunion in 1978.*