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Historical Name Changes of UNCP

1887   Croatan Normal School
1911   Indian Normal School
1913   Cherokee Indian Normal School of Robeson County
1941   Pembroke State College for Indians
1949   Pembroke State College
1969   Pembroke State University
1996   University of North Carolina at Pembroke
The Jacob Rhodes Papers and the Ralzmon W. and Augustus W. Fuller Papers contain correspondence and business records of the Jacob Rhodes family, covering a span of more than 200 years. Jacob Rhodes was one of the founders of Robeson County and the City of Lumberton. He was a prominent merchant and at one time he was the largest landowner in Robeson County. The papers of Ralzmon W. Fuller and his son, Augustus W., cover parts of the 18th and 19th centuries and consist of deeds, receipts, and other business papers relating to the Fuller family and their business interests in Lumberton.
This Joseph Mitchell Collection includes personal books, correspondence, and background information collected by Dr. Raymond J. Rundus. Dr. Rundus’ longtime interest in Mr. Mitchell prompted him to write two books: *Joseph Mitchell: Pilgrim in Manhattan* and *Joseph Mitchell: A Reader’s and Writer’s Guide*. Mr. Mitchell was born in Fairmont in 1908 where he lived until his relocation to New York in 1928. He spent 58 years as a writer for The New Yorker while maintaining family ties in the Robeson County area.
This collection is a compilation of newspaper clippings, books, and journal articles written by and about the Lumbee Indians of Robeson County including the story of Henry Berry Lowry and his wife, Rhoda. The Lumbee Tribe is the largest group of Indians east of the Mississippi River. The Lumbee live primarily in Robeson, Scotland and Hoke counties; however, for economic reasons many relocated over the years to larger cities such as Charlotte, Greensboro and Raleigh, North Carolina and Detroit, Michigan and Baltimore, Maryland. Pembroke is recognized as the home of the Lumbee. In 1885 the State of North Carolina recognized the Lumbee as the Croatan Indians of Robeson County. At the same time it allowed for the establishment of a separate school system for Indian children. In 1887 the state established the Croatan Indian Normal School which is known today as The University of North Carolina at Pembroke.
Overview of the Lumbee River Fund Collection

This collection supports the study and preservation of Lumbee Indian history, culture, religion, education, and political life. These materials reflect efforts to preserve the past and improve the future lives of Indian people through interdisciplinary research and education at the University, community, state and regional levels. This is a collection of photographs, videos, and audio tapes collected from various sources in an attempt to provide the researcher with a diverse perspective about the history of the Lumbee Indian people.