

## BOOK REVIEWS

Hearne, Betsy: Seven Brave Women. Illustrated by Bethanne Anderson

A children's book written by a child about her predecessors going back to her great-great-great-grandmother.

Hurdle-Toomey, Hannah: More Than a Slave: The biography of Rev. A. J. Hurdle

Written by the former pastor of First Christian Community Church (DOC) during the construction of their building about her father. Rev. Hurdle died when Hannah was 3 years old; she was the youngest of his 25 children. Rev. Hurdle experienced institutionalized racism when he applied for his pension from the church and had to wait 2 years for approval. Among Rev. Hurdle's accomplishments was the establishment of a college in Texas.

Mullane, Deidre: editor: Crossing the Danger Water, Three Hundred Years of African-American Writing

This is a chronological anthology of a variety of types of writing from pre-Columbus to 1992 with an emphasis on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. There is a short introduction to each section. Keona Katrice Ervin donated this book to the library and it contains her underlines and handwritten notes.

Perdue, Theda and Michael D. Green; The Cherokee Nation and the Trail of Tears.

10% of Eastern Indians were Cherokee. The history of the Cherokee is an example of the history of all Indians. The book starts with a mythical history and continues through the Civil War with actual history with one paragraph on the later 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Titles of the chapters are: The Land and the People, "Civilizing the Cherokees, Indian Removal Policy, Resisting Removal, The Treaty of New Echota, The Trail of Tears, and Rebuilding the West. The following is the last paragraph of the epilogue:

The Cherokees intend to be around for a long time. Today there are 240,000 citizens of the Cherokee Nation and 10,000 members of the United Keetoowah Band in Oklahoma and 13,500 enrolled members of the Eastern Band in North Carolina. Thousands of other Americans have Cherokee Ancestry. The Trail of Tears is their story but it is also an American story. And if it is a story we are not proud of, we should make sure that its lesson is well learned: Racism, greed, and political partisanship can subvert even the noblest American ideals.

Rappaport, Doreen: No More: Stories and Songs of Slave Resistance. Illustrated by Shane W. Evans

Colorful, easily read. Contains a timeline of important dates from 1619-1872.

Woodson, Jacqueline: Show Way. Illustrated by Hudson Talbott.

Children's. Story of author's mothers and grandmothers. Story of quilt making.