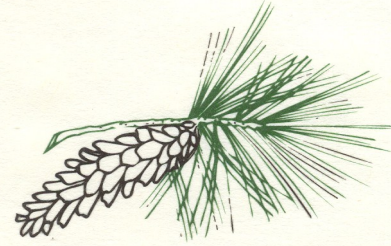
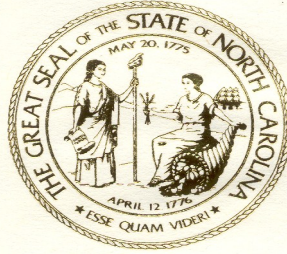
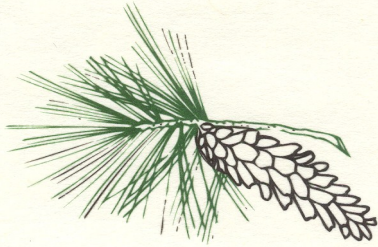


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Florence Arnold Armstrong, born May 16, 1946, is the daughter of William Parks and Florence Thorpe Arnold. Florence began her education at the Perry School (under the guidance of her life-long mentor, Catherine Perry Weston), completed her secondary education at W. A. Pattillo High School in 1963, and received a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education from Saint Augustine's College in 1967. She furthered her formal education by earning a master's degree from North Carolina Central University in 1976 and culminated her studies with the Doctorate of Education from Nova Southeastern University.

Following graduation from St. Augustine's College, Dr. Armstrong began her career as a teacher of music in Nash County. She has since held positions of Assistant Principal, Principal, Director of Federal Programs, and Director of Instructional Services in several North Carolina Public School Systems. While continuing to work, she officially retired in June 2001.

Dr. Armstrong's strong dedication to public service began at an early age when she joined the Tarboro Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) as a youth worker under the leadership of Sarah Beatrice Garrett Burnette. In addition to becoming a life member of the NAACP, she has worked with the Democratic Party at the county, state, and national levels. Also, she has served on the Edgecombe County Board of Education, the Edgecombe County Board of Commissioners, the Edgecombe County Arts Council, and the Edgecombe County Health Board. In this political work, she is following in the footsteps of her great grandfather Frank Thorpe, a Reconstruction Era politician in Edgecombe County.

She has somehow found the time to be actively involved in her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta, and by directing and accompanying the sorority's Violets Choir and its Heritage Choir.

Finally, Florence Armstrong is a lifetime member of the Saint Paul Baptist Church and is the Vice-Chair of the Perry-Weston Educational and Cultural Institute. Currently, she has organized and implemented the Edgecombe County African-American Democratic Caucus and serves as its chair. Today, she is a candidate for the North Carolina Senate, District 3.