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New Film

Searching for Buxton

Communications Research Institute
William Penn University.

Description from the Producer:



The Communications Research Institute (CRI) at William Penn University has produced a half-hour television program entitled *Searching for Buxton*. The show is co-produced by Jacob Rosdail and Jason Madison. Jason, an African American young man, goes "searching for Buxton" starting with his grandmother and great aunt (now 95) who were born in Buxton and spent their early years there. The show includes data from the archaeological investigations at the Buxton townsite, archival and oral historical information, and interviews with Buxton descendants. The documentary deals not only with knowledge of the past but also the implications, both positive and negative, of race relations and personal identities today. The show has been airing on Iowa Public Television and other PBS stations. It can be accessed at: <http://www.criwmpennu.org> (follow the "Searching For Buxton" button on the left). For further information on Buxton's history, see *Exploring Buried Buxton: Archaeology of an Abandoned Iowa Coal Mining Town with a Large Black Population*, by David M. Gradwohl and Nancy M. Osborn, Iowa State University Press, Ames, 1984.