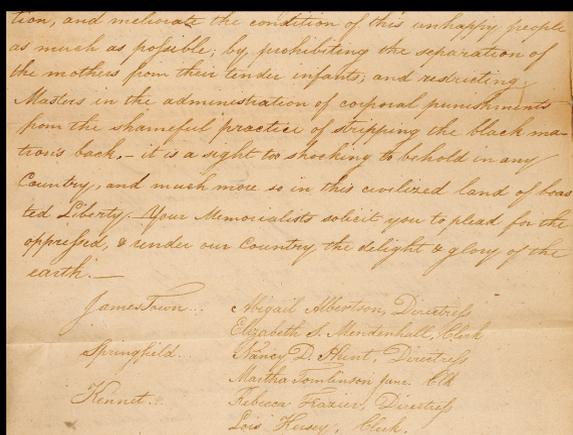


# When Are We US? A Gathering of Voices Protest

## NORTH CAROLINIANS HAVE GATHERED

over time to express their opinions and voice demands for reform through petitions and demonstrations. By exercising this constitutional right, guaranteed by the First Amendment, they have motivated change. Most marches, sit-ins, and boycotts raised awareness of issues peacefully.

Despite the humorous illustration, the 51 women of the "Edenton Tea Party" began a serious protest of new taxes by sending a petition in 1774 to the British monarchy. The petition announced the women's boycott of British-made goods, such as tea and cloth.



*Our fathers rolled their garments in blood and bathed their connexions in tears to obtain moral and religious rights; and must a considerable portion of our population be excluded from those benefits which their Glory achieved? And will our State continue to debase the African race?*

Female Benevolent Societies of Jamestown, Springfield, and Kennet Petition, 1827



**National March on Washington For Lesbian & Gay Rights**  
**October 11, 1987**  
*For Love And For Life, We're Not Going Back!*

**TAKE OUR BUSES!**  
 From- Durham, Raleigh, Chapel Hill  
**\$ 25 Round Trip, per seat**  
**Sunday, Oct. 11**  
 Lv 5:30am, Rtn 12am

## Source Notes

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- Three buses carried 140 protesters from points in the Triangle to Washington, D.C. to participate in the national march. The roundtrip excursion lasted from 5 a.m. until midnight. "National March on Washington for Lesbian & Gay Rights" flyer, 1987, Marnie Thompson papers, UNC Greensboro, Gateway Digital Collections.
- UNC housekeeper Elaine Massey protested the Confederate soldier statue in the center of campus on Martin Luther King Day 1999. Nearly 20 years later, another protest toppled the statue. John Kenyon Chapman photo collection, 05441, UNC special collections.