Dr. Ballard:

You may wish to consider inviting Dr. Timothy Tyson to give a brief presentation on the legacy of former Governor Charles Aycock to challenge some of the information given by Dr. Tucker at the last trustees meeting which dealt with the dorm renaming issue. Tucker seemingly gave a revisionist perspective to Aycock, a divisive white supremacist who fomented a toxic campaign that led to the overthrow of a democratically elected city government in Wilmington in 1898.

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Dr. Ballard:

I couldn't find anything specific to former Governor Aycock's brief tenure as school superintendent in Wayne County. I asked Professor Timothy Tyson, author of Blood Done Signed My Name. He sent the included enlightening response.

By the way, let me know when the next ECU Trustees meeting will be.

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On Thursday, January 22, 2015 8:28 PM, Facebook <notification+mwegmkkn@facebookmail.com> wrote:

Timothy B. Tyson  
7:58pm Jan 22

I have never come across anything like that. It would be unremarkable, since nearly all whites of Aycock's generation would have assumed black inferiority with respect to academic gifts. But I have never seen anything specific to this issue. To the question of how we see Aycock, it's not just that he believed in white supremacy. It's that he fomented it and helped overthrow the state government by fraud, by force and by slandering black people, and then disfranchised black voters. He was not just a white supremacist but a white supremacist revolutionary anti-democrat.