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Newest historical marker dedicated in Burke County

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It has been 20 years since Burke County has received the honor. The last two markers in the county were cast in 1989 for Broughton Hospital and The North Carolina School for the Deaf.

There are currently 1,538 historical markers in North Carolina, with at least one in each county.

The Berry family was on hand to do the honors of unveiling the marker. The Berry's own the land believed to be the native town of Joara and the Spanish settlement of Fort San Juan.

"Our family is honored to be a part of this 21st century exploration. We will remain faithful stewards of Fort San Juan," said Pat Berry.

The marker will be erected near the intersection of N.C. 181 and Bost Road on Monday.

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