



Editorial and Opinion Page

Along the Robeson Trail

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In last week's segment, we began looking at the English colony which was attempted by Philip Amadas and Arthur Barlowe among the Native Americans of what is now North Carolina in 1584. This colony would not last for long, and was prior to John White's better-known, but equally unsuccessful, "lost colony." Study of the Amadas and Barlowe colony is important for two main reasons.

First, it demonstrates that there were opportunities for European diseases such as smallpox and measles to be spread among Native Americans even before White's colony arrived. Thomas Harriot, who traveled with White, described epidemics which occurred among the Indians while he was there, but apparently he had no idea that Native people had already been experiencing epidemic decimation before he and White got there. Second, it provides us with an earlier view into the lives and culture of these Coastal Algonkian Indians. Every year earlier in the period of European conquest gives us a closer picture of Algonkian life before contact. When we left the story, Amadas and Barlowe had just made their first trade with a Native man, and had learned that the island by which their ships were anchored was known as *Wingandacoa*.

Barlowe recounts: "The next day there came unto us divers boats, and in one of them the king's brother, accompanied with forty or fifty men,

very handsome and goodly people, and in their behavior as mannerly and civil as any of Europe. His name was *Granganimeo*, and the king is called *Wingina*.... He left his boats altogether... a little from the ships by the shore, and came along to the place over against the ships, followed with forty men. When he came to the place his servants spread a long mat upon the ground, on which he sat down, and at the other end of the mat four others of his company did the like; the rest of his men stood round about him, somewhat afar off. When we came to shore with our weapons he never moved from his place, nor any of the other four, nor never mistrusted any harm to be offered from us, but, sitting still, he beckoned us to come and sit by him, which we performed, and, being set, he made all signs of joy and welcome, striking on his head and breast, and afterwards on ours, to show we were all one, smiling and making show the best he could of all love and familiarity. After he had made a long speech unto us, we presented him with divers things, which he received very joyfully and thankfully. None of the company durst speak one word all the time; only the four which were at the other end spake, one in the other's ear, very softly....

"A day or two after this we fell to trading with them, exchanging some things that we had for chamois, buff and deer skins. When we showed him all our packet of merchandise, of all

things that he saw; a bright tin dish most pleased him, which he presently took up and clapt it before his breast, and after made a hole in the brim thereof and hung it about his neck, making signs that it would defend him against his enemies' arrows; for those people maintain a deadly and terrible war with the people and king adjoining.... They offered us good exchange for our axes and hatchets, and our knives, and would have given anything for swords, but we would not depart with any....

"His wife was very well favored...and very bashful; she had on her back a long cloak of leather, with the fur side next to her body, and before her a piece of the same; about her forehead she had a band of white coral, and so had her husband.... in her ears she had bracelets of pearls, hanging down to her middle.... The rest of her women...had pendants of copper hanging in either ear.... His apparel was as his wives, only the women wear their hair long on both sides and the men but on one.... Their hair [was] black for the most part; and yet we saw children that had very fine auburn and chestnut coloured hair."

In the next segment of *Along the Robeson Trail*, find out more about the lives of these Native people contacted before White lost his colony. For more information, visit the Native American Resource Center in Old Main Building, on the campus of Pembroke State University.

Letters to the Editor

Reader reveals true facts about Rep. Frances M. Cummings

Letter to the Editor:
As I hold my pen to reveal "True Facts" of The Honorable Frances McArthur Cummings, our State Representative of Robeson, Hoke, and Scotland Counties--District 87, I am overwhelmed with "Joyful Sounds" from the "VOICE OF THE HOLY WIND OF CREATION."

Rep. Frances M. Cummings lived with her parents Joshua and Hettie Martin McArthur who were well-respected farmers. They cultivated about eighty (80) acres of their land with tobacco, corn, cotton, soybean, etc. To this day, the McArthur's farm lands are still producing Quality Produce.

As a child, Frances TOILED with her parents to PLANT, REAP, COOK AND SELL whatever was grown on the farm. Frances is the fourteenth (14th) child of the union. Her Blessed Parents made every effort to provide the necessary requirements for their fourteen (14) children to attend from kindergarten school to college. Many of Frances' sisters and brothers relocated to other areas.

Edith M. Sawyer, Frances' older sister, remained at Hilly Branch/Lumberton--their place of birth. Edith is a Retired Educator from the Robeson County Public Schools. Edith Sawyer's name will be remembered by students and colleagues who were privileged to be under her supervision.

State Rep. Frances M. Cummings is a perfect "SHINING STAR" which can lead Afro-American adults and children to travel with dignity upon the ROAD OF CRIME-FREE activities and self-independence by earning an HONEST LIVELIHOOD. The Scriptures says, "By The Sweat of Thy Brow, Thou Shall Eat Bread." My Advice: "Eat, drink, and bathe

with Herbs, if possible; For Healthier Physical bodies and Commune with the Holy Spirit by "Praying a Prayer" for Scripture Guidance and Strength."

Rep. Frances M. Cummings commenced her Ambitious Thoughts to earn an honest income by first being a classroom teacher at Southside High School in Rowland, NC; then, to Lumberton City Schools. Rep. Cummings attained the title as President for the North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE). During her reigning period, teachers received a salary increase of 14.9%.

State Rep. Frances M. Cummings was employed as the Associate Executive Director of the North Carolina Association of Educators. There is an old saying, "It's not how long you hold the plow, but how many fertile seeds you have sown in the 'Soil of Blessings' which bring forth GOOD FRUITS."

Presently, our State Representative Frances M. Cummings is a Member of the Education (chairing the Preschool, Elementary, Secondary Committee) and the Appropriations/Education Committees in the NC House of Representatives where, once again, Rep. Cummings was able to prevent the Teachers' Retirement Income benefits from being reduced by \$42 Million. She was also steadfast with her HEAVENLY VOICE on behalf of the State Employees' Income Benefits to be as they were agreed upon years ago. In addition, she was instrumental in gaining a salary formula increase for the retired teachers and state employees.

Rep. Cummings has always assisted educators, students, and people from all "Walks of Life" to be employed according to their education or skills for earning an income.

AGRICULTURE: Rep. Frances M. Cummings was a member of the 1993-94 House Agriculture Committee and was asked by Governor's Hunt's Team for her advice and proposal for the Southeastern Regional Agricultural Center, including Robeson, Hoke, and Scotland Counties.

Our State Representative Frances McArthur Cummings will "Create History" in the November 5, 1996 State General Elections. "Registered, Qualified" Voters know that State Rep. Frances M. Cummings expressed "Wisdom" has gained "Successes" in the NC House of Representatives.

IS THERE A CANDIDATE FOR ROBESON, HOKE, AND SCOTLAND COUNTIES DISTRICT 87 WHO CAN "DO BETTER" AND "BE MORE SUCCESSFUL" THAN STATE REP. FRANCES M. CUMMINGS FOR DISTRICT 87? WHO?

We need "Past Performance"; "Revealed Experiences"; "Knowledge"; and "Successes" of being "QUALIFIED" to Speak; to Revise and Write State Laws as a Stepping Stone for the "Future Years" for Robeson, Hoke, and Scotland Counties--District 87.

In 1992, Frances McArthur Cummings was "Elected" to be State Representative for District 87 for ALL people having the "Qualifications to be a WISE Legislator. Frances was "NEVER" AND "WILL NEVER" BE AS A "PUPPET" TO OTHER REPRESENTATIVES. State Representative Frances M. Cummings "HOLDS THE KEY" TO PROGRESSIVE PROSPERITY. AMEN.

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Indian Inmates seeking support

TO THE EDITOR:
Greetings to those who read "The Carolina Indian Voice" and to the Carolina Indian Tribes associated with this newspaper. I am Amos Boone, a full blooded Native American Indian (Dine/Hopi People) from northern Arizona. My friend Phillip Glander is also a full blooded Native American Indian (Dine People) from northern Arizona.

We are looking for outside support that could help ease the time for us incarcerated Native Brothers. By requesting reading materials on any subject. Paper-back books and magazines are requested and may be mailed from home. However, we are only permitted to receive hard-back books from publishing companies or book stores. If anyone wants to make our time more bearable, plus help us keep our ties to the outside communities by being a penpal, please feel free to write. Those from all walks of life and nationalities are more than welcome to write.

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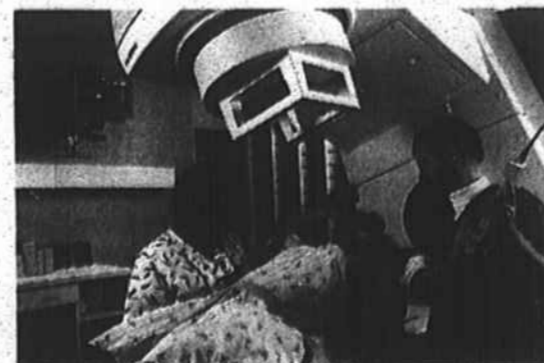
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Dr. Lee with patient

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