### **HIDEAWAY VALLEY** a handbook to Lumbee History

Not that he ever objected to anything I happened to write about him from time to time. "Do you think our people might possibly be alluding to the city of Roanoke, Virginia or some place like that, Mr. Lowry?" I once asked.

Mr. Lowry assured me that our people mean and have always meant the vicinity of

lways meant the vicinity of toanoke Island, in North Carolina when they pass on hat ancient tradition of ours.

# OANOKE IN VIRGINIA" HERE WE CAME FROM

"irtually all my life, I've rrd aged Robeson Indians wer when asked where we ne from that our ancestors ne originally from "Roa-(e in Virginia." Hamilton Willan heard the same ng about 1864, or even tier

What do our people mean that?" I once asked the late that?" I once asked the late rbert Lowry, then past 70. 2. Lowry, despite the loss of arm in a sawmill accident as oung man, served for more an 30 years as a law-forcement officer in Robe-a County. He was one of the nty's most-respected citi-as and was present at the hite-Black-Indian riot at iss Neck Pond in 1913. As a ishbor of his for quite a few

"Then why don't they say Roanoke Island, North Caro-lina?" I wanted to know. ighbor of his for quite a fe ars, 1 had many occasions erview him. This I often di Well, sonny," drawled Mr. careful and deliberate manner,

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BY LEW BARTON Knight of Mark Twain "Roanoke Island was still in Virginia when our people left there." cometimes without actually elling him that was what I was loing. That way, I figured, he would talk more freely and nore one ly

"Oh, I see, In other words, Roanoke Island is in the part of Virginia cut off to form North Carolina. Right?"

"That's right. Some of our old-timey Indians still think of it as being in Virginia. Like I say, it was still in Virginia when their ancestors left there."

The older Indians of Robeson told Hamilton McMillan when he began his investigation in 1864 that their ancestors came from "Ranoke in Virginia." McMillan tried to gin-point the area whence we came, inter-viewing numerous elderly In-dians on the subject and getting as many specifics about it as possible. McMillan wrote that our people applied wrote that our people applied this name to the section

around Pamlico Sound, in-cluding Tyrell, Dare, Carteret, Craven and Jones Counties, of ho Outer Banks area of North Carolina. It is in this general area that Roanoke Island is located. (For continuous read-ing, see ROANOKE ISLAND, this Handhook) g, see di is Handb

#### ROANOKE ISLAND

Ronnoke Island is located off the northeastern coast of Nor-the Carolina and was the site of the first two English colonies in North America (1585 and (1587). It was also the site of the Amadas-Barlowe English expedition of 1584 when the expedition of 1584 when the first while people of what was to evolve into the present United States of America first encountered the Hatteras (also called Croatan) Indians and were befriended by them. Roanoke Island is situated in Croatan Sound between Albe-marle and Pamlico Sounds.

This historic island is ap-proximately 12 miles long and has an average of 3 miles in length. It connects with the main-land by causeway and also by bridges. Its most prominent town is Manteo, named for the Croatan Indian

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leader who was knighted be-cause of his friendly services to the English. Manteo is the county seat of Dare County which was named for Virginia Dare, the most famous baby in American history.

Sir Walter Raleigh's exp ion, led by Amadas Barlowe, explored Roanoke Island in 1584. In 1585 Raleigh common to 1585 Raleigh sent 108 male colonists under Ralph Lane to the island. There they established the "Citie of Raleigh," or "the new Fort in Virginia" for which the present state capitol was named.

These Englishmen comprised the first English settlement on the continent. But after a soujourn of jüst 10 months in the New World, the discour-aged colonists hitch-hiked (more or less) a ride back to England with the visiting fleet of Sir Frances Drake. Only 15 men were left to hold pos-session of the fort. (See Lost Colony for continuous reading: Colony for continuous reading; see Roanoke, Virginia as well.)

ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, CITY OF

The City of Roanoke, Virginia

was the incorporated as such until 1884. It should not be confused with Roanoke Island, North Carolina, once in Vir-gina, nor with the Robeson Indian tradition as to 'Rea-noke in Virginia.'' The Algon-quian word Roan-ke means "money.'' The Robeson Indi-ans of Hamilton McMillan's day, almost illiterate because schools for them were not established until 1885, were still lot generally aware of the fact that Roanoke Island was no longer located in Virginia. Some of the oldest Indians still refer to the region as "Virginia" to the present day.

#### LOST COLONISTS

Raleigh sent out still another group of English settlers in 1587. This time, the colony included women and children as well as men, and numbered 117. These, added to the 15 men from Lane's colony, left to keep the fort, would have brought the number of English colonists now in America to 132. But the skeleton of one man was found. The other 14 were not found when the 1587 colony arrived. olony arrived

Captain John White was

appointeu Governor of the colony, soon after the colony arrived, and the Lumbee (also called Croaton) Indians con-tinue to refer to him as Governor John White's daugh-ter Eleanor, the wife of Annanias Dare, gave birth to Vurginia Dare, the first English child born in the New World, soon afterwards. Too, Manteo was knighted under authority of Queen Elizabeth 1 and created Sir Manteo, Lord of Roanoke and Dasamongue-peuk.

Soon after that, White re-turned to England for ad-ditional supplies. But the statack on England by the Spanish Armada and other conditions prevented his re-turn to Carolina, as that part of the country is now called, until 1591 1591

White found the fort aban-doned but according to a prearranged plan agreed upon by him and the colonists, found also the name of the place to which they had gone. One the gatepost were the abbreviated word  $\sim C R O -$ was also found. White interletters CR OAT OAN. The abbreviated word -- CR O-was also found. White inter-preted this as meaning that they had gone to Croatoan (or Croatan). Wrote White who was disappointed "by the spoil" of his goods: "Yet on the other hand 1 greatly joyed that 1 had safely found a certain token of their safe being at Croatoan which is the place where Manteo was born and the savages of the Island our friends." (For continuous reading, see CROATAN.)

#### CROATAN ISLAND

Croatan, as explained by White in his narrative, was "the place where Manteo was born and the savages (Indians) of the Island our friends." The original pronunciation of Cro-aloan was Croa - toan, or Croato-Wan. Spoken, it is and pronounced Croi-toan as some pronounced Croi-toan as some three-syllable word, but is not pronounced Croitoan as some nave mistakenly suggested. Naturally, the Indians had no spelling for the word, having no written language, and the colonists had no standardized spelling as we have today. They simply spelled Indian words the way they sounded to the particular hearer. Thus it is that we often find Indian words spelled several ways during the colonial period. The Indians did not spell at all, as a nule. having no written lan-guage. Added to this is the tendency of the English to Anglicize everything Indian and to abbreviate. The Fesult is a coffusion of spellings that sometimes mystify the resear cher.

Take the name Roanoke Take the hanne Rolatore, to example. The earliest Whites in the area, hearing the Indians pronounce it Row-an - o - ack, spelled it Roanoak. But the English soon changed that the rough usuage and the but the English soon changed that through usuage and the word evolved into what it is today, ie, Roanoke. But other Indian words must have com-pletely confounded the colon-ists, words such as the Algon-wide Depletely contounded the colon-ists, words such as the Algon-quian Dasamonquepeuk (Da-sam - mon - qwee - pe -uk). We must remember that Indian words, were as strange to the English as English words were to the Indians, at that time words were to the Ind that time.

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direction, for about 380 miles. After cutting through north-eastern North Carolina, it spills into Albemarie Sound. It is navigable only by small boats, for a distance of some 200 miles.

I've quelled their fears and dried their tears And helped them understand.

I've neped them understand. I've preached: Be proud! Be strong! Stand tall! I've sworn it could be done. And God has suffered me to see

Some mighty battles won. Yet this one victory for me I'd see before 1 go: It matters not what we are

to long as we are called, care not what we may be alled

## MY DAYS DOWN HERE

Roanoke River, also referred to by McMillan, flows through part of the present states of Virginia and North Carolina, generally in a southeasterly

### by Lew Barton

days down here are numbered now-Much more now than before. It won't be long 'till 1 move off To other mystic shores. My days down here draw to an ord

end. And what have I to show? I'd like to know before I go Just what my life portents Portents for all the days ahead Because of changes wrought. I'd like to know in some small

When they had lost controls. I've often held their hand.

So long as we are called .....Brothers! way, l've some few blessings brought. l've played the maverick, that's true, I've had my day here in the

But also walked by night, And of the greatest battles that's true, I've called a spade a spade. I've had my say and paid the

won without full light. ve walked alone at times, of

.price For each mistake I've made, I've lived, I've loved, I've won, I've lost. I've dared to be just me. I've seldom paused to count the cost course. But who has not done that? I've sometimes walked amids without a friendly pat. But I have bathed in human

warmth And closeness, too, it seems When I was farthest away From my elusive dreams. And so 1'll go without complaint When my last day arrives. I've been a sinner and a saint But slawar, much aliye.

The section parses to contribute of the cost of the cost of being right or free. Oh, yes, I've erred-I'm sure you know-But only dead men don't. I've done the things I had to do I've said, ''I'll try,'' not ''won't.'' My batting average? Not too

ut always much al bad! Though I've struck out at I've filled by lungs with God's

times. I've put my pen to paper when The pay was less than dimes I've touched some minds. I've reached some hearts. I may have touched some souls. I've moved some men to try again fresh air. I've exercised my will In freedom till I had my fill. Though days be dark or fair, I ask what more, then could I Has not my God been good! I'd not retrace my steps down

gain now if I could. L.B. Christmas Day 1980



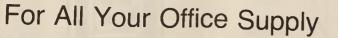
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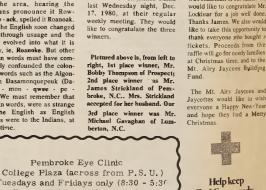
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