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ALGONQUIN

North South
Adirondacks Powhatan Conf.
Mahicans Pamlico
Montagnais Chowanoc
Abnakis Shawnee
Delawares Secotan
Ojibways

The language of the Tuscarora belongs to the northern Iroquoian group and has greatest resemblance to Mohawks and Oneida. It also has many terms common to all northern Iroquoian groups.

Comparison of Mohawk and Tuscarora Languages

Numbers 1 Mohawk	10 Tuscarora
1. Wus-Kot	1. Vatchee
2. Tack-ny	2. Nake-tee
3. Au-suh	3. au-sh
4. Kay-valy	4. Hun-tock
5. Wisk	5. Whisk
6. Yua-yak	6. O-yak
7. Gia-lock	7. Gia-nock
8. Sot-tai-gon	8. Nake-ruh
9. Tew-do	9. Ni-ruh
10. Oya-ly	10. Wols-huh

Among the Indians of Robeson County there are three surnames that have been traced to the Tuscaroras. These surnames are Lowry, Locklear and Cumbo (the Cumbo name having been married out). Locklear also attributes to a majority of the Indians in this county. Most Indian families in Robeson and adjoining counties can trace one of these surnames and maybe all in the family tree.

The Tuscaroras have a rich and beautiful history and culture. Most of it has been kept from them, through prejudice and persecution. Much of the plans of the Tuscarora Tribe of North Carolina is to see that the eyes of the people will be opened to the truth of who they are and where they came from by learning their history, culture and traditions.

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the Division of Indian Education for the N.C. Department of Public Instruction noted that North Carolina has 66,000 Indians, the largest body of Indians east of the Mississippi River. She explained the vast work of her division which consists of only herself and a part time secretary. "This division was created in December 1977 with a \$4,000 budget. Now we have a total budget of \$7,000 with which to operate," she said.

Helen Scheirbeck of Fairfax Va., director of the Native American Program for the Save the Children Foundation reviewed the education history of the N.C. Indians and urged that in the future "we need a higher level Indian office in the state educational system. We should be looking at the state's annual plan as it is being put together."

Mrs. Scheirbeck wanted to know: "Why don't we have a tuition bill for Indian students who are undergraduates?" She suggested that this symposium come up with a committee to implement that framework.

"Then we will have a plan by which to hold the state accountable," Mrs. Scheirbeck asserted.

John Wahnee of the Cherokee Agency in western North Carolina of the Bureau of Indian Affairs concluded the morning session by telling the audience: "Let us represent ALL Indian people in North Carolina. You can be the power. Let us be able to draft a document with which you can go to your state legislator and get appropriate action."

Wahnee praised the basic education plan proposed for this state "as a great plan, but one that can be improved by giving Indians consideration." He asked, "What is the policy of the President of the U.S. on education? Make sure you demand high standards and hold the federal government and state responsible for the education of Indian children."

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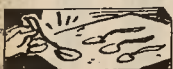
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