

ALONG the ROBESON TRAIL

by Dr. Stan Knick, Director
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A Native American friend recently asked about traditional marriages among the Cheraw. I told him about the most common sources of information on the Cheraw: Arnett's *The Saura and the Keyauwee* (Saura being another of the many spellings of Cheraw seen in historical accounts), and Gregg's *History of the Old Cheraws*.

There are of course numerous other references to the Cheraw or their homelands in one form or another (Sara, Sauro, Charraws, Chawraw, Sarw, etc...), including: the Lumbee Federal Recognition Petition; the South Carolina *Gazette*; the Colonial Record of South Carolina; the writings of John Lederer (as found in Hawks' *History of North Carolina*); McPherson's *Indians of North Carolina*; and Byrd's *History of the Dividing Line*. But there's not much about Cheraw marriages.

The one Colonial period writer who apparently spent the most time among the kinsmen of the Cheraw (other Eastern Siouan-speaking nations such as the Keyauwee, Occaneechi, Santee, Wateree, Congaree and Saponi) was John Lawson. Lawson traveled among these and other Native Americans of North and South Carolina from 1700 until 1711.

This was a time when most of the epidemic damage had already been done to the Indians of eastern North Carolina, resulting in at least an 80 percent decrease in population. It was a time when Native American cultures were changing rapidly in the face of population loss, mergers with other Indian cultures, and increasing contact with European culture. But it was also a time at which it was possible for Lawson to record some of the remaining aspects of traditional

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The Coach's Corner

by Dr. Ken Johnson

The Bills are Back?

My guess is they are not back! The emotional high they reached against Kansas City in Sunday's win over the Chiefs is not again reachable. They "peaked" in one game too many. The 49'ers "peaked" last week against the Giants and they could not perform against Dallas in Sunday's loss. Joe Montana could not perform at the same peak he displayed in the three Super Bowls he played in with the 49'ers and won. He probably should quit while he is still healthy after suffering a concussion in Sunday's game against Buffalo. His "back-up" Roger Craig looked better. Old football players never die they just fumble away. He was great as long as he was young, probably one of the greatest. This principle-retire when you are ahead has been hard for so many champions. Just to give up that talent is almost to hard to do for most of them.

If the Bills manage to win Sunday's Super Bowl against a superior Dallas team and quarterback Troy Aikman, it will be the upset of the Century. The odds makers give Dallas a 20 point advantage, to win. As much as I would like Buffalo to win, I believe their peak was spent against Kansas City. The phenomenon of regression is just too much to overcome.

I said last week the 49'ers spent their wad against the Giants and that Bills would gun sling the Chiefs. It happened. What's up, comes down and what goes down comes up. That's the way the Dixie Doodle goes. Ahem.

Christ's sacrifice was in no sense intended to appease an angry deity. Rather it was God offering himself "God so loved ...that he gave"; and the sharing in this sublime transaction of all three Persons of the blessed Trinity is revealed in the beautiful words: "Christ ...through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God" (Hebrews 9:14).

Moreover, Christ's sacrifice was altogether voluntary. "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28).

"No man taketh it from me," He said concerning His life, "but I lay it down of myself" (John 10:18).

"Our Savior Jesus Christ," said Paul, "gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity" (Titus 2:13, 14). "He offered up himself" (Hebrews 7:27). He, "gave himself a ransom for all" (1 Timothy 2:6). "He gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father" (Galatians 1:4).

Here indeed was perfect love, made manifest by an act of utter self-surrender and submission, the willing

yielding up of life that others might live.

What the Incarnation cost God the Father we shall never know. How much it meant for God the Son to die for the human race must also remain a mystery. Even the angels do not understand it, and it will be the theme of endless discussion and wonderment through all eternity (1 Peter 1:11, 12).

Nevertheless the results are clear.

God "hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Corinthians 5:21).

"Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us" (Galatians 3:13 RSV). Have you ever wondered what the curse of the law is? What was it that God paid this tremendous price for?

The curse of the law is not the keeping of it, but rather the result of it. The curse from which Christ redeemed us is the curse of death. This is the second death eternal separation from our loving God. What a wonder that God would go to such lengths to keep us from suffering eternal separation from Him. Oh wondrous, glorious love! Thank You God!

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