

Along the Robeson Trail

by Dr. Stan Knick, Director, UNCP Native American Resource Center

One of the best sources of information about early relations between Native Americans and Europeans can be found in the colonial records of the individual colonies. While these documents must be read within their historical context, often making it necessary to interpret some words into more modern meanings, there is still a wealth of information to be gleaned.

For example, the colonial records of South Carolina include a reproduction of the "Journal of the Commissioners of the Indian Trade, 1710 to 1718." In this document we learn that trade from Charles Town (now Charleston) extended so far west as to include Indian Nations along the Mississippi River. The colonial traders were often unscrupulous in their dealings with the Indians, and Indian complaints of bad treatment caused the colony to set up a Board of Commissioners to oversee trade relations.

In this early period the Indians mostly offered the colonists two kinds of items in trade: animal skins, and Indian slaves captured from other tribes. One of the main responsibilities taken up by the Board of Commissioners was to try to

prevent Indian Nations from attacking each other solely for the purpose of taking slaves to be traded. This effort was necessary because some colonial traders encouraged the tribes with whom they regularly dealt to seize more and more Indian slaves from other tribes.

One such instance appears in the case of Alexander Long and Eleazer Wiggan. It seems that Long had a disagreement with some Yuchi Indians (spelled Euchee in early writings) sometime around 1711-1712. It was apparently a dispute about trade debts, and in the process Long lost part of his hair to one of the Yuchi warriors. Long swore to take revenge on the Yuchi.

By 1714, Long and his partner Wiggan were trading mainly with the Cherokee (spelled Charikee in these early documents). They soon convinced the Cherokee to attack the Yuchi solely to capture some slaves to be traded in Charles Town. A Yuchi woman and several children were taken.

Soon afterwards, the matter came before the Board of Commissioners, who met on 5 May 1714 to decide what should be done. After hearing testimony from both sides, the

Commissioners ordered that the slaves be returned to the Yuchi town from which they were taken, and that Long's and Wiggan's license to conduct private trade with the Indians be revoked.

This doesn't mean, however, that the Commissioners were opposed to trading in Indian slaves, only that these particular slaves had been seized in an inappropriate manner. The Commissioners decided to stop colonial traders from "instigating sneak attacks of one friendly tribe upon another to obtain slaves," and also to stop them from purchasing any Indian slaves "unless such slaves were captured in war...and held for the space of three days." In the minds of the Commissioners, these Yuchi folk had been taken for the wrong reason, and then sold too quickly.

In the next segment, find out what happened to Eleazer Wiggan after he lost his license to trade with Native Americans. For more information, visit the Native American Resource Center in historic Old Main Building, on the campus of The University of North Carolina at Pembroke (our Internet address is www.uncp.edu/nativemuseum).

Pembroke Kiwanis Report

by Dr. Ken Johnson

Legislator Ronnie Sutton presented the 1999 "Floyd, Dennis, Irene Flood Report" in lieu of a legislature report. He was presented by President Todd Jones. 40 inches of rain. 44,000 homes flooded. 6,000 homes destroyed. 40,000 not insured. 18,000 registered for help.

On October 27th 12 senators went to Washington get help. Sutton said, forty of us toured the areas. 45 to 50 people were killed. 30,000 hogs were lost, 900 cattle drowned, 48,000 shelters, 11,000 trailers destroyed, 30,000 registered for help. \$92,000,000 the cost. Needed in one billion, eight hundred eight million emergency fund. Hundreds of roads closed. 2,900 water treatment plants damaged. It took seven years to get on the

transportation committee. Sutton said. Cost of road repair is \$62,000,000. \$100,000,000 to remove debris. The state will not charge people for removing debris. Rocky Mount, every house had water above the windows, even the expensive homes.

The state put in travel trailers, hundreds of them so close together. Leveled property and put in sewer lines and water lines. Most are from Princeville. Ground is too soft, water is too high. Record books are wet. Unbelievable. Water was 13 feet deep, trailers swept away. 320 homes, 400 trailer were off their blocks. The governor said no more trailers, they have got to go. State is trying to replace records. Funeral homes damaged or wiped out. Some

caskets had to be opened to identify bodies. Some farmers just had to leave tractors and not remove them. Some believed they were safe but they were not safe. 300,000

applications were passed out. 6,000 returned. Emergency requests must be filed. People are eligible for loans up to \$600,000 at 3.5% interest. So many people are not responding. The Government will convene after Thanksgiving to see what more has to be done. A one cent sales tax is being considered.

Our fund raiser spaghetti dinner is set for December 3rd and pancake breakfast is December 4th at the Elementary school.

Invocation-Albert Hunt; Song Leader-Ed Teets; Jade Restaurant-meeting place.

Is Your Child Safe?

The following questions represent an awareness of child safety that can reduce the chances of injury to your child. If you can answer YES to the questions below, you have done a good job of making your children safer.

By Ginger Sampson
Child Safety Checklist.....

Choking: Have you made sure small children have no toys or parts of toys that could cause choking?

Drowning: When you are around the water, do you supervise children, even those who know how to swim?

Bleeding: DO you store knives, scissors, and other sharp items out of children's reach?

Burns and Smoke Injuries: DO you have at least one smoke detector on each floor of your home?

Poisoning: Do you keep medicines and cleaning materials locked up and out of children's reach?

Road Injuries: DO small children ride in approved child safety seats?

DO older children always use safety belts?

Falls: Are staircases and balconies equipped with railings and gates?

More Safety Tips: The kitchen can be the most dangerous room in the house.

Always supervise young children in the kitchen.

Keep sharp objects out of children's reach.

Always turn the handles of pots and pans on the stove inward so that children can't reach them.

Be careful not to leave cups or other containers of hot fluids where children can reach them.

Keep the temperature of hot water below 120°F (49°C) by turning down the temperature of your hot water heater.

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Patricia Brayboy, Executive Director

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