

The First Legislative Session And The First Court Held Near Elizabeth City

Pasquotank County Was A Center of Civilization and Refinement in The Early Days of North Carolina—Bits of Historic Interest in the Albemarle Territory.

Pasquotank County was a center of civilization and refinement early in the history of Eastern North Carolina. It was in this county early in 1665 that the Grand Assembly of Albemarle, the first legislative body in North Carolina, was organized. The Assembly was comprised by prominent settlers called together by the governor, Drummond, who had been appointed by the lords proprietors to set up a government in the territory of Albemarle, comprised by Pasquotank, Chowan, Currituck and Perquimans Counties. The initial meeting of the assembly was at a point on Little river a few miles from the site of the present town of Elizabeth City. It is said that until recent years the old oak under which these first so long met was still standing through many generations. The daughters of the Revolution have erected a tablet upon this spot. Drummond's administration was during the reign of King Charles the Second of England.

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was the first legislative session held in North Carolina conducted on Pasquotank soil, but the first court to be constituted in the colony sat out of doors on the banks of Flatty Creek. The names of the judiciary, clerk and attendants, the plaintiffs, defendants, and witnesses have been lost and there is no record whatever of the ancient tribunal. Tradition is responsible for the claim, but the tradition has been handed down persistently through more than two centuries and is probably based on fact.

The famous Culpepper rebel

Britain in the American colonies, was originated in historic old Pasquotank. The planters along the river became angry at the attempt of the governor's deputy to levy what they considered unjust taxation upon a trader who was held in high regard by them because of his honesty and cleverness. The deputy and his followers were overpowered by the irate settlers, and he was confined for several weeks in a farmhouse, still standing. He was afterwards removed to a log prison erected some distance away, and there kept until a popular

rebellion set up by the revolt

ers had gotten down to smooth working. John Culpepper was named governor by the rebels. He was one of the leaders of the conspiracy which was so boldly and successfully carried out—and from him the rebellion took its name.

The Quakers came to the section early in the eighteenth century and waxed prosperous until the church of England, having sent missionaries to the Albemarle, took the lead in the religious life of the colony.

Among the prominent early settlers were a son of an Archbishop of Canterbury, Henry Abbott by name; William Relfe;

William Reed, John Battle, Robert Peete, and a host of others who with them played important parts in the upbuilding of the infant colony. Their descendants are numbered by the hundreds in North Eastern North Carolina to-day. Pasquotank county presented to the councils of state in the early years some of the brightest minds of America.

In Perquimans county adjoining Pasquotank, the first permanent settlement was made in North Carolina. The coast country of the state is the richest in history of any section in the United States. On Ocracoke

Island, with which Elizabeth City does considerable trade by boat, the first white men to set foot on the mainland of North America landed, to find the place not quite to their liking for a site for habitation. They passed on into the sounds, and established the lost colony of Roanoke Island. Not so many miles distant from Elizabeth City, across into Virginia,

is the site of Jamestown, the earliest permanent settlement on the continent, now a ghost of a community with no living inhabitant and only a few scattered

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