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## **North Carolina Archaeology Month Web Page Mapping the Past in North Carolina: Reconstructing Occaneechi Town on the Eno River**

<http://rla.unc.edu/archmonth/text/ncam98.html>

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The centerpiece of North Carolina Archaeology Month 1998 is a world wide web site illustrating what archaeologists have learned about the Occaneechi and other native residents along the Eno River in north-central North Carolina through surveys and excavations that began sixty years ago and were resumed in earnest fifteen years ago. Excavations of entire archaeological sites offer a unique window upon the spatial layout of past communities. Archaeologists do not always have the opportunity to conduct these kinds of contiguous excavations. Our web site focuses on archaeology at the Fredricks and Jenrette sites because archaeologists have had the opportunity to completely excavate these adjacent Native American sites, and this fieldwork drew to a close this past year. Archaeological maps of these sites, and their spatial relationships to other sites, are a valuable source of evidence about the cultural landscape of the Piedmont during

the seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries.

During the 1930s, two early members of what is now the North Carolina Archaeological Society—Douglas Rights and Joffre Coe—developed an interest in pinpointing the locations of settlements of Native American groups described by early explorers of the North Carolina and Virginia Piedmont. Colonial travelers such as John Lederer and John Lawson described Native American ways of life and the landscapes they found while traveling across the Piedmont in the seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries. Colonial cartographers such as Edward Moseley drew maps showing native towns along the coast and throughout the Piedmont during the eighteenth century. These clues led archaeologists to a bend in the Eno River near current downtown Hillsborough, where they found numerous artifacts on the ground surface while surveying fields along the Eno tended by local farmers. Given the match between

the geography of this part of the Eno River and the location of a native village on a map drawn by Moseley, they concluded that they had found the town where the Occaneechi lived at the dawn of the eighteenth century. They began excavating the Wall site, and they were very close to Occaneechi Town.

In the early 1980s, archaeologists at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill—Roy Dickens, Trawick Ward, Stephen Davis—began to reevaluate the conclusion that the site excavated decades before actually represented the Occaneechi Town known to English traders and settlers in the North Carolina and Virginia Piedmont. Hindsight was on their side. Almost fifty years of excavations at different sites had enabled archaeologists to better recognize what settlements dating to the late seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries should look like. Archaeological surveys and excavations began again along the



Eno River. The main purpose driving those renewed fieldwork efforts was to gather archaeological evidence that would enable scholars to understand more completely the effects of cultural contact among nonnative colonists and the native residents of Occaneechi Town. During some fifteen summers of fieldwork at the Fredricks and nearby archaeological sites that concluded

this past summer, they pinpointed the location of the historically known Occaneechi Town.

We have sent letters introducing the North Carolina Archaeology Month 1998 world wide web site to social studies teachers at all North Carolina middle schools in the hope that teachers will include archaeology in their classes about North Carolina history. We would like to thank the North Carolina

Archaeological Society, the North Carolina Archaeological Council, the North Carolina Office of State Archaeology, and the UNC Research Laboratories of Archaeology for their sponsorship and support of this project.

If you have any questions please contact Chris Rodning at (919) 962-6574 or Shane Petersen at (919) 383-1011.

## Future Events

1. Saturday, October 3, 1998  
11th Annual South Carolina Archaeological Festival  
U.S. Rt. 1 North  
Columbia, South Carolina
2. Friday, October 9  
Holiday Inn, Cherokee, NC  
5:30 pm NCAS board of directors meeting  
6:30 pm Reception hosted by:  
NC Archaeological Society  
NC Archaeological Council  
Saturday, October 10, Holiday Inn, Cherokee, NC  
9:30 am Annual meeting of the North Carolina Archaeological Society  
Election of two executive board members
  1. Nominations will be accepted at the meeting
  2. Ballots will be available for voting at the meeting
 10:30 am Tour of Museum of the Cherokee Indian  
12:00 pm Lunch at the TEE PEE Restaurant  
1:00-5:00 pm Tour of mounds and rock art sites
3. January 24 or 31, 1999  
NCAS Winter board of directors meeting
4. May 22 or 29, 1999  
NCAS Spring meeting in Raleigh  
Dee Nelms, Host
5. August 22 or 29, 1999  
NCAS Winter board of directors meeting
6. Mid October, 1999  
NCAS Annual meeting  
Hosted by Coastal Carolina Society  
down east: Wilmington or Edenton



# Treasures of the Longleaf Pines: Naval Stores

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This five year project, originally planned as a one year project, was finally completed with the publication of *Treasures of the Longleaf Pines: Naval Stores*. To the best of my knowledge, this is the first comprehensive documentation of this once vibrant industry. The original naval stores products produced in the colonies were tar and pitch. Later, many southern rural families owned pine woodland and were involved in the gum naval stores industry. In general, they leased their timber to a turpentine operator in the early 1900s. About 1940, many gum farmers were working their own timber. Longleaf and slash pine flourished throughout the Atlantic and Gulf coastal plains from North Carolina to eastern Texas.

This book should be of particular interest to historians, archaeologists, anthropologists, foresters, pine timber owners, librarians, educators, and families with some past involvement in the industry.

I believe you will enjoy the book, particularly the 111 photographs and 138 illustrations, also numerous

footnotes that reflect inputs from families directly involved in the industry. These latter contacts and discussions were without question the most enjoyable part of the research. These first-hand accounts from families who lived and worked as full-time turpentiners in a turpentine camp were essential ingredients for the book.

The total cost for Florida buyers is \$46 including sales tax and shipping and handling, and \$43.20 for non-Florida buyers (less sales tax).

Mail orders: check or credit card number with expiration date payable to Tarkel Publishing, PO Box 45, Shalimar, FL 32579.

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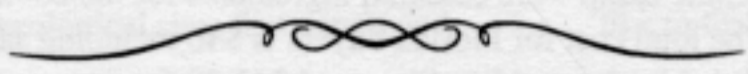


# 1998 Annual Fall Meeting

Be sure to send in your reservation for the bus tour by October 10<sup>th</sup> and your 1998 election of officers ballot, if you're not going to be at the meeting, by October 5<sup>th</sup>.

We will be taking nominations from the floor and you will get a chance to cast your vote at the members meeting, if you didn't send it in by mail.

We hope to see you all there.



## NCAS Newsletter Publication Schedule

All NCAS members are encouraged to submit articles and news items to Dee Nelms, Associate Editor, for inclusion in the *Newsletter*. Please use the following cut-off dates as guides for your submissions:

Spring Issue	February 28
Summer Issue	May 31
Fall Issue	August 31
Winter Issue	November 30

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