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Part I: Natives and Newcomers, North Carolina before 1770



Map created circa 1682 depicting the coastal region from Jamestown, Virginia southward along the North Carolina coast. Image courtesy of The North Carolina Collection at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

^[7]Natives and Newcomers describes the people of North Carolina's various American Indian tribes and the dramatic changes that occurred when Europeans and enslaved Africans entered their land.

Even before Raleigh's "lost colony," Europeans had explored the coast and the mountains. The first permanent newcomers were English migrants from Virginia, followed after 1715 by planters and enslaved people from South Carolina.

In the next half-century, thousands of German, Scotch-Irish, and Scottish settlers came by boat from Europe and by wagon from the North. Those who established farms in the piedmont had little in common with coastal planters or the backcountry elite of lawyers, judges, and merchants. By the late 1760s, western farmers organized as Regulators to protest unjust taxes, corrupt courts, and threats to private property—issues that would soon reappear as part of the patriotic rhetoric of the American Revolution.

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