

## **Pasquotank Indians** <sup>[1]</sup>

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"Indians Cooking Fish." From the John White drawings in Ashe's History of North Carolina. Courtesy of UNC's Documenting the American South.

<sup>[2]</sup>The Pasquotank Indians, also known as the Paspatank, were last identified in the early eighteenth century on the Pasquotank River <sup>[3]</sup> north of Albemarle Sound <sup>[4]</sup>. They were probably part of the Weapemeoc group. An Algonquian-speaking people, the Pasquotank farmed, hunted, fished, and lived in villages often surrounded by palisades made of logs. They were not mentioned in the documents of the Roanoke Colony <sup>[5]</sup>, but in the early eighteenth century Englishman John Lawson <sup>[6]</sup> described them as a tiny tribe numbering 10 warriors, suggesting a total population of less than 50.

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