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<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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