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Documenting the American South. ^[2]The Pasquotank Indians, also known as the Paspatank, were last identified in the early eighteenth century on the Pasquotank River ^[3] north of Albemarle Sound ^[4]. 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 ^[5], but in the early eighteenth century Englishman John Lawson ^[6] described them as a tiny tribe numbering 10 warriors, suggesting a total population of less than 50.

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