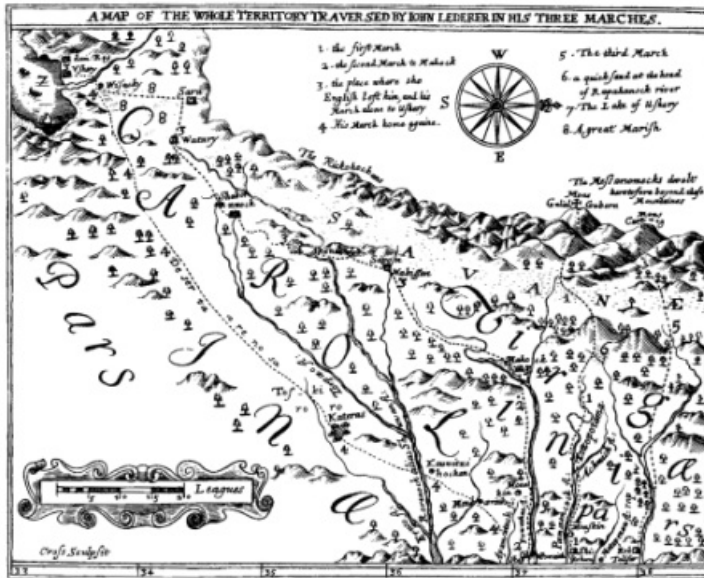


## Lederer Expedition

See also: Johann (or John) Lederer [2]



[3]John Lederer [2]'s expedition of 20 May 1670 to 18

Leaving from the falls of the James River, Lederer returned to the Appomattox River in Virginia nearly 60 days later, claiming to have traveled hundreds of miles and seen fantastic sights, including strange native customs, a large inland sea, and a vast desert. Although his account was discredited in his own day, scholars have been divided over Lederer's credibility and the interpretation of his confusing record. A recent study based on geographic analysis has established a plausible route for Lederer through the North Carolina Piedmont. His description and map, though containing faulty information, provided the first topographic glimpse of the interior and appeared on the earliest maps of the Proprietary province of Carolina. Shortly after returning to Virginia, Lederer left for Maryland and later went to Connecticut. He returned to Germany in 1675.

William P. Cumming, ed., *The Discoveries of John Lederer* (1958).

The Discoveries of John Lederer, UNC: <http://rla.unc.edu/Archives/accounts/Lederer/LedererText.html> [3]

"A map of the whole territory traversed by John Lederer in his three marches." Image courtesy of Research Laboratories of Archaeology, UNC. Available from <http://rla.unc.edu/Archives/accounts/Lederer/LedererText.html> [3] (accessed May 24, 2012).

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