

Tuscarora War (1711-1713)

- The Tuscarora Indians, who historically lived along the Neuse River (including Wayne, Lenoir, Greene, and Craven counties), dominated this area
- Protective of their land and trade, they started growing angry toward English settlers
- Fed up, the Tuscarora attacked settlers and in 1711 they captured John Lawson (explorer) and Baron (Christoph) Von Graffenried, New Bern's co-founder
- After a war council trial, Lawson was killed while Von Graffenried was released
- This started the Tuscarora War, between the Indians and the English; hundreds of Indians were killed, chased out, or enslaved
- This conflict, and fights against the Lords Proprietors, helped split the Carolina colony into North and South Carolina (Roughly 1712)
- Tuscarora descendants and others constructed a memorial at Fort Neoheroke, honoring their ancestors in battle (2013)

