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# North Carolina: People, Places, & Progress

## Chapter 5: The Early Settlement of North Carolina

### Section 4: Life in the Backcountry

#### Focused Reading

**Instructions:** Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. Until 1730, almost every resident of \_\_\_\_\_, aside from the Native Americans, lived east of the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. By the 1750s, \_\_\_\_\_ towns, like Cross Creek (later to be named Fayetteville) on the \_\_\_\_\_ and Halifax on the \_\_\_\_\_, were being created to serve as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ centers.
3. Most of the \_\_\_\_\_ traveled from the northern colonies, particularly \_\_\_\_\_. The lower cost of \_\_\_\_\_ in North Carolina drew them south.
4. Many newcomers followed an \_\_\_\_\_ warpath down the great valley along the \_\_\_\_\_ River in Virginia. This 731-mile trail was gradually widened and became known as the \_\_\_\_\_ Road.
5. The first people to settle the backcountry were the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Because the unwelcoming \_\_\_\_\_ lived to the north, the \_\_\_\_\_ headed south and scattered themselves from one end of the \_\_\_\_\_ to the other.
7. Coming right after the Scots-Irish were the \_\_\_\_\_ from Pennsylvania. These people had come to \_\_\_\_\_ in 1690 to escape \_\_\_\_\_ in their homeland.
8. Mixed into the \_\_\_\_\_ by the 1760s were people who were \_\_\_\_\_ in their background. Many were \_\_\_\_\_, part of the religious movement started in England in the 1660s.

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9. Quite a few of the early \_\_\_\_\_ households brought along one or two \_\_\_\_\_ with them.
10. The most \_\_\_\_\_ people to come to the North Carolina backcountry were the \_\_\_\_\_, a close-knit German-speaking community who first arrived in 1752.
11. They continued to live in tightly \_\_\_\_\_ villages where they worked and worshipped with one another. Their official name, the \_\_\_\_\_, described their approach to living.
12. The last of the many ethnic groups to come to the \_\_\_\_\_ were the \_\_\_\_\_, who wedged themselves into the \_\_\_\_\_.
13. Finally, a few remnants of \_\_\_\_\_ groups could still be found in the backcountry of the 1760s.
14. The earliest settlers of the Carolina \_\_\_\_\_ found exactly what they wanted—\_\_\_\_\_. The area near the Great Wagon Road had long stretches of \_\_\_\_\_, meaning that there was more open \_\_\_\_\_ than there were \_\_\_\_\_.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ consisted of stripping the bark for about two or three feet around the tree. Over time, the severing of the \_\_\_\_\_ lines dried out the wood. When the dried \_\_\_\_\_ fell over, they were easily chopped for \_\_\_\_\_.
16. These open spaces provided the earliest \_\_\_\_\_ with two ways to make a living: grazing \_\_\_\_\_ and growing \_\_\_\_\_.
17. One of the first ways a settler could become \_\_\_\_\_ in the backcountry was to build a \_\_\_\_\_ (a place to grind grain into

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flour). A \_\_\_\_\_ took a \_\_\_\_\_ (a payment of a portion of the grain) each time the \_\_\_\_\_ was operated.

18. Everyone planted \_\_\_\_\_, which fed both person and beast.
19. Most \_\_\_\_\_ families lived in log houses that resembled the size and shape of their \_\_\_\_\_.
20. All families kept \_\_\_\_\_ not far from the door, where \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and flowers were grown inside a tall picket \_\_\_\_\_ that kept the animals out.
21. All \_\_\_\_\_ settlers brought their \_\_\_\_\_ with them. Almost all valued \_\_\_\_\_ expression, and most neighborhoods soon started to \_\_\_\_\_ their values.
22. The most active \_\_\_\_\_ community in the backcountry was \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ lived in a more organized and structured environment than anyone else, and \_\_\_\_\_ became the most \_\_\_\_\_ place in the backcountry.
23. The \_\_\_\_\_ did so well that many neighbors resented their \_\_\_\_\_ and religion.