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Abstract Title: Shackleford Banks: Applying Archaeological and Geospatial Approaches to Maritime Settlement and Abandonment

Abstract Description: Shackleford Banks, North Carolina is a 14.5-kilometer barrier island that has not been permanently inhabited by humans in over a century. “Ca’e Bankers” lived, not necessarily in isolation, but in self-reliant communities that used their environment to their advantage. They were able to survive by using what the landscape provided them through oystering, clamming, whaling, porpoise hunting, crabbing, farming, and salvage activities. This paper presents historical and archaeological evidence to examine how economic and environmental change led to the establishment of non-Indigenous settlement on Shackleford Banks, how these communities developed, and what led to their decline and ultimate exodus from the area.