Hampton, VA - Award-winning research historian Martha W. McCartney presents her recent discoveries about the Africans brought to Point Comfort August of 1619 in her talk “New Light on Virginia’s First Documented Africans,” as part of the Hampton History Museum’s Port Hampton Lecture Series on Monday, September 9, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Through newly examined documents preserved in the United Kingdom’s National Archives, more details are revealed about this pivotal event in American history. It is now known how many Africans were aboard the Treasurer and how many of them were put ashore in Virginia. Previously some scholars had argued that the Africans aboard the Treasurer did not come ashore in Virginia until February 1620. This interpretation had the ship sailing to Bermuda before anyone on board could disembark, then returning several months later with Africans (including Angelo) aboard. However, the documents themselves support the 1619 date.

McCartney will recount what is now known about these individuals, and how these revelations finally came to light.

About the Speaker
Martha W. McCartney historian and Jamestown Settlement consultant. She was
employed in the Virginia Research Center for Archaeology for many years as a historian
and program coordinator. Since 1986, she has worked as an independent scholar,
providing research support to Virginia’s archaeological community and state universities.
As a Colonial Williamsburg Foundation consultant, she was project historian for the
National Park Service’s Jamestown Archaeological Assessment. She is the author of
fourteen books, plus more than 200 published articles and reports, and has received six
historic preservation awards. Her book, *Jamestown Island: An American Legacy* was
chosen by the NPS as “best in the field” in the book/cultural history category. *Virginia
Immigrants and Adventurers, 1607-1635: A Biographical Dictionary* and *Jamestown
People to 1800* are two of her other works. She is particularly interested in ethnohistory.
She is a graduate of the College of William and Mary.

Museum members free, non-members $5.

The Hampton History Museum is located at 120 Old Hampton Lane in Downtown
Hampton. There is free parking in the garage across the street from the museum. For
more information call 757-727-1102, or visit [www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org](http://www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org).

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the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton
Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads
metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking
settlement, the site of the first landing of Africans in English North America, and is home
to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Center, Fort Monroe National
Monument, Hampton History Museum, harbor tours and cruises, Hampton University
Museum, The American Theatre, among others.

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