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Historian Presents New Discoveries about Virginia's First Africans at the Hampton History Museum on September 9, 7 pm

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.

Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with 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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