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Berry Site work of Moore, colleagues to be featured on UNC-TV Feb. 1

by: Ben Anderson

Ongoing research by Warren Wilson College professor David Moore and fellow archaeologists at the Berry Site near Morganton will be featured in a program titled, "The First Lost Colony," an episode of "Exploring North Carolina" that will air statewide on UNC-TV Feb. 1 at 9:30 p.m. The program will be rebroadcast Feb. 3 at 6 p.m.

Two decades before Sir Walter Raleigh established the famous "Lost Colony" on Roanoke Island, Spanish conquistador and captain Juan Pardo built Fort San Juan in the Appalachian foothills. Today, aided by a National Science Foundation grant, Moore and colleagues Robin Beck and Christopher Rodning are exploring a 12-acre site along Upper Creek where an ancestral Catawba Indian town was located before Fort San Juan was built in 1567. The garrison, with its 20-year predating of the "Lost Colony," was the earliest European settlement in the interior of what is now the United States.

Under the auspices of the Upper Catawba Archaeology Project, the archaeologists are researching the long-forgotten episode of Fort San Juan's founding and subsequent fiery destruction in the spring of 1568. The 2007 Warren Wilson College Archaeology Field School, directed by Moore and in partnership with Western Piedmont Community College, focused excavations on a one-acre area where 16th-century Spanish artifacts and the remains of five burned buildings have been located.

Go here to read a description of the "Exploring North Carolina" segment on the work that Moore and others are doing to uncover more answers about the short-lived, but highly significant, Fort San Juan.

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