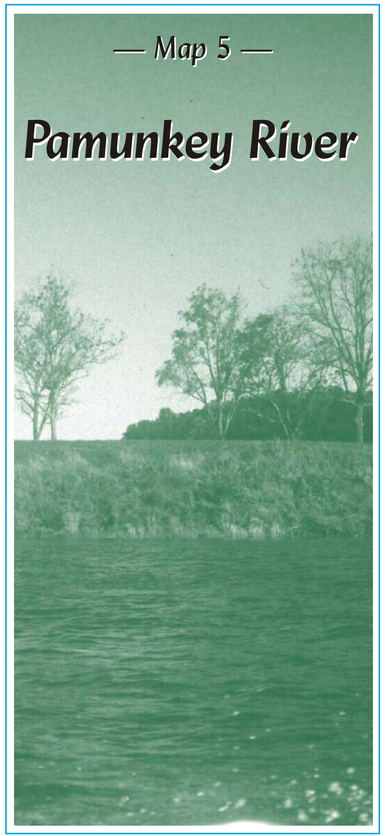

38. PAMPATIKE - Pampatike was patented on April 20, 1685 by Captain Francis Page, after having originally been sold by the Queen of the Pamunkeys to a gentleman named Boothe. After 1730, as a part of the holdings of Mann Page I of Rosewell in Gloucester County, it was sold to John Carter of Corotoman, heir to "King" Carter. By 1744, it had become an outlying parcel to Shirley Plantation on the James River. A sort of hunting lodge was built there in the late 18th century and later expanded to accommodate Thomas Nelson Carter and his bride, Juliet M. Gaines in 1828. The house burned in 1906 and a second house was built around the remaining chimney. Mr. Carter owned Goodwin's Island, now known as The Island, and converted it to farmland. The island was once a burial place for the local Indians.

39. NEW CASTLE - New Castle was a major tobacco port prior to the Revolution. So prosperous it was that Scottish merchants established their own warehouses here. History claims the town missed becoming the capitol of Virginia by two votes. Towards the end of the Revolution the town began to fade and was finally burned by Cornwallis on his way to Yorktown. By the mid-19th century it had disappeared and the last house was dismantled and moved to Old Church in Hanover County. The ferry was maintained because it was on a main overland shipping route to Richmond from the Middle Peninsula. During the Civil War, the area saw a great deal of union cavalry movement and the ferry was burned several times. New Castle had a short-lived revival in 1912 when the Richmond and Rappahannock River Railway began. "Pamunkey Station" was built here and a railroad bridge spanned the river. It was to extend all the way to Urbanna. However, World War I and the following economic hardships ended the rail line.

34. RETREAT - Just below Chericoke in New Kent County lies Retreat. It was built in the late 18th century and commands a sweeping view of the river. Judging from the remains of the piers, it must have been a busy shipping point for local farmers and timber men.

35. CHERICOKE - Carter Braxton built "Chericoke" after leaving "Elsing Green." This house burned while he was in Philadelphia serving in the Continental Congress. During the Revolution, he and his family lived in West Point. Upon assuming his position on Virginia's Executive Council he moved to Richmond. Corbin Braxton, one of Carter's surviving sons, purchased the interest in "Chericoke" from his siblings in the late 1830's, and built the home which exists there today.

36. GRIMES LANDING - Near Grimes Landing are two fine examples of silviculture activity. Lying on both sides of the river are the remains of grading stations where the lumber being delivered down river was graded and bound into rafts which were either towed by steamship or floated on the tide to their destination.

37. PIPING TREE FERRY - This ferry commanded a very important route between Richmond and the Middle Peninsula over which agricultural goods were shipped to Richmond. Established in the early 1700's, records suggest that Dr. Fensall Gregory was the only one to derive any income from it; he collected $771 in tolls in 1857. Today the location of the ferry is very difficult to find. The name Piping Tree comes from folklore which speaks of council meetings between the early settlers and the local Indians here. After the pipe of peace was smoked it was stored in a hollow of a tree. Whenever the Indians detected a breach of promise, they reminded the settlers of the "pipe in tree."

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Pamunkey River Bridge
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Montague Landing
Lacey Landing
Polkwest Creek
Broad Creek
602/604 Public Landing 4 Road Miles/ 8 River Miles
Retreat 34
Hanover County
Black Creek
NORTHBURY Hampton Roads (Tidal Difference) +5:58
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