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The Tuscarora tribe erected a stronghold called "Fort Neoheroka" during their war of 1711 to 1715 near present-day Snowhill North Carolina. In March of 1713 it was besieged by a colonial army from South Carolina who were under the command of Colonel James Moore primarily comprised of other Indian tribes, the Yamasee, Apalachee, Catawba, Cherokee and others. It lasted for more than three weeks and hundreds of men, women and children were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the fort. Afterwards about 400 were removed to South Carolina where they were sold into slavery. This was an utter defeat because it drove the rest of the Tuscaroras into the North to live among the Iroquois. Thus, the defeat of the Tuscaroras helped to open up North Carolina territory for settlement for Europeans.