

their service. This collection should prove of great value to the descendants is tracing ancestors and by historians as well. Besides these there are fifteen illustrations, the majority being full page ones. Among them are a view of the city of Amsterdam 1656, Nathan Hale Statue in City Hall Park, Junul Mansion, Grant Tomb and Fraunces Tavern.

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Publications of the North Carolina Historical Commission.
Christoph von Graffenried's Account of the Founding of New Bern. With an Historical Introduction and English Translation by VINCENT H. TODD, Ph. D., and JULIUS GOEBEL Ph. D., Raleigh, 1920, pp. 434.

This is a most valuable document for American history. It lets us into the midst of the German migration, beginning about 1689 and continuing till well after 1715, which filled up the back country of the New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Carolina and Georgia colonies. The descendants of these German immigrants form a substantial part of the American population today. Without them one cannot account for the American institutions, especially our social customs. The volume opens with an historical account of the European causes of the German migration, covering the first 100 pages. Graffenried was a Swiss, born in Bern, 1661. He received the A. M. degree at Cambridge in 1682, showing that he stood well with the Restoration. He became interested in America and like Penn, Baltimore and the Carolina grantees sought his fortune by promoting a colony in America. The *Account* here given is his own of the attempt and failure at New Bern. He wrote the *Account* in both French and German, the various editions differing somewhat. A French version from the library of Iverton, Switzerland, was translated for the North Carolina commission and published in *Colonial Records of North Carolina*, I, 905. Dr. Goebel has used other copies and has given us a corrected edition in French, German and in an English translation. A short vocabulary or glossary of antiquated or obsolete terms is given to aid in reading the original versions. In scholarship and mechanical workmanship the volume is up to the high standard of the North Carolina commission.