

# The Burned City

**“When President [Franklin D.] Roosevelt visited Elizabeth City [North Carolina] on his way to see the Lost Colony, he asked Jerome Flora, then mayor of Elizabeth City, about the old homes.**

**“I thought,” he said, “that when I came to a town as old as this that I’d see rows of old colonial homes.”**

**“We had ‘em,” said the Mayor, “but you Yankees burned ‘em all up.”**

(A New Geography, Pasquotank County, Bill Sharpe, Sharpe Publishing Company, 1954, pp. 365-367)

