

VIRGINIA DARE

The life of Virginia Dare, the first child of English parentage born on this continent, began on August 18, 1587. Although so far as is known she has no influence on subsequent history, her name is honored in the United States, and recently there was erected in her memory a tablet at Sir Walter Raleigh Fort, on Roanoke Island, North Carolina. Numerous distinguished men, including Sir Esme Howard, the British ambassador, who was the chief speaker, attended and renewed the discussion about the famous "lost colony" of which she was a member. Virginia was named in honor of Queen Elizabeth, because she

was the first Christian born in Virginia, which then was a much vaster domain than it is now. Virginia's grandfather was John White, who had been chosen Governor of the colony on Roanoke Island, which had been established by Sir Walter Raleigh under letters patent of discovery dated in 1584. His first expedition, sent out from England, remained for only two months. The next year he sent out another expedition, but its stay also was short. The third colony, which was established in June, 1587, was better equipped than the others, and seemed destined to take root. A fort was built enclosing the homes of the settlers who began to till the soil. But when Sir Francis

Drake visited the island within less than a year, he found the colonists destitute. He left food supplies and promised to report their condition to England. But no word came, and White himself determined to go back and lay the situation before Sir Walter Raleigh. It was agreed before he left that should the colonists be obliged to move before his return, they would leave some sign to show where they had gone, and if in distress, this would be shown by a cross.

White returned to England, but was not able to get back to America until 1590. Then he found that the colony had vanished. On a tree was carved the word "Croatoan," the name of an adjoining

island, but there was no signal of distress, no indication that a tragedy had taken place. White searched in vain for the colony, included not only his granddaughter Virginia, but his daughter Eleanor, and her husband, Ananias Dare. In the end he returned to England, and from that day to this nobody knows what became of the little colony. One tradition says that it was destroyed by Indians. Another is the colonists reverted to savagery after they had come to believe themselves abandoned and became the progenitors of a gray-eyed, fair-haired Indian tribe which at the beginning of the eighteenth century lived along the Cape Hatteras coast. Sir Walter Raleigh's heart was in

this colony, and shortly before he was beheaded in the Tower in 1618 he said that he could see in his mind's eye a great nation growing up from his settlement. His first hope was that his colony would supply England with such stores of gold and treasure as Spain had extracted further south. Had he escaped the headman's axe, it is probable that he would have returned to America and thrown his great energy and ability into the task of laying the foundations of the nation he foresaw on Roanoke Island. As it was, nothing came of his colony except the romantic mystery of the first white child born of English parents on this continent. —Mail and Empire.

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