

# The Lost Colony timeline

## July 1587

- 22 - 117 English colonists, bound for the Chesapeake, are abandoned at Roanoke instead.
- 29 - George Howe Sr. killed.
- 30 - Governor White and others sail to Croatoan to “renew the old love between us and them” (the English and the surrounding tribes). They ask for peace talks in ten day’s time.

## August 1587

- 9 - In the early morning of the tenth day, The English ambush the Roanoke camp...but find the Croatoan there instead.
- 13 - Manteo baptized and named Lord of Roanoke (the Queen’s representative).
- 18 - Virginia Dare (Governor White’s granddaughter) born.
- 20 - Baby Harvie born.
- 22 - Colonists beg White to return to England and share their dire situation. White refuses at first, worried it will look like he’s abandoned them. When he finally agrees, he makes the colonists promise to leave word if they leave, carving the name of their new location on a tree and leaving a cross with the carving if they are under duress.
- 27 - White leaves with Ferdinando, the pilot who abandoned the colonists in the first place.

## August 1590

- 18 - After years of trying, Governor White is finally able to return to Roanoke. He finds the community abandoned and the buildings gone. CROATOAN is carved on a palisade pole, CRO on a tree at the beach. Neither includes a cross. The only sign of recent life is a footprint. White returns to his ship, planning to sail to Croatoan...but his ship is carried out to sea by a hurricane. He has no choice but to return to England.