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b. 18 Aug. 1587

Virginia Dare, the first English child born in America, was the daughter of Ananias [5] and Eleanor White Dare [6] and granddaughter of Governor John White [7]. Born on Roanoke Island [8], she was christened on 24 August by the name given by Queen Elizabeth to the new country. A terra cotta memorial to her was installed in St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London, [9] after that church was restored following World War II [10].

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An 1859 statue of an imagined Virginia Dare, by Maria Louise Lander at the Elizabethan Gardens, Roanoke Island. Image from Flickr user one30outerspace.

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