Dare, Ananias

fl. 1587

See also: Virginia Dare, daughter

Ananias Dare, was one of twelve "Assistants" in the government of the Citie of Ralegh in Virginia and a member of the "Lost Colony" of 1587 that arrived at Roanoke Island in July. He was described in 1586 as a tiler and bricklayer but the next year, in a document drawn up by Sir Walter Raleigh, he was referred to as a gentleman "late of London." His wife was Eleanor White, daughter of Governor John White of the 1587 colony, and Dare's name appears third in the list of colonists. Nothing further is recorded of the members of the colony after White sailed for England on 27 August. Dare was survived in England by a son, John Dare, to whom his property was awarded by court action in 1597. Robert Satchfeild in 1594 was named as Ananias Dare's next of kin while John Nokes in 1597 appears as a blood kinsman. The Dare family likely resided in the Parish of St. Bride's, Fleet Street, London, although the name also appears in records of other London parishes of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries as well as in Devon.

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