

Project: *First Folio! The Book That Gave Us Shakespeare*  
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Working Title: Shakespeare Folio  
Section: "North Carolina Connections" timeline label text  
Stage: revised document for team consideration  
Version: 5a, with comments and suggestions from exhibit team members AND Doris;  
ALSO now includes Shakespeare dates in the timeline run.  
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TOTAL Word Count, this version: ~1100–1200 (including dates and art suggestions)

[possible title ideas ???]

North Carolina Connections to Shakespeare's Time  
How Does North Carolina Connect to Shakespeare's Time?  
How Does North Carolina History Connect to Shakespeare's Time?  
Connecting Our History to Shakespeare's Time . . .  
Connecting Our History to the Bard  
Shakespearean Times in the New World  
We Were *Not* Shakespeare's England!  
We Were Not Even Carolana, Yet!

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**A.D. 700–ca. 1550**

North American Indians of the Mississippian culture have slowly established large, regional, relatively permanent towns, some in the area that will become North Carolina.

[Photos/Graphics: 1\) photo of Town Creek Indian Mound/QR Code leading to video-we have permission from Town Creek to use <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mcCJpK01QBc&feature=youtu.be> // 2\)graphic/map of early tribes in NC](#)

**A.D. 1492**

After 36 days of sailing, Italian explorer Christopher Columbus sets foot on an island in the present-day Bahamas that he believes is part of the Indies, the lands of south and southeast Asia. In describing his landing, he refers to the native inhabitants he finds as “Indians.”

**1502**

Following several trips across the Atlantic Ocean, mariner Amerigo Vespucci concludes that the land Christopher Columbus claims to have found was, indeed, not part of the eastern coast of Asia but a “new world.”

**1507**

A new map of the world is published, and it shows a landmass named “America” for the first time.

**1526**

Spanish explorer Lucas Vásquez de Ayllón is thought to have sailed into the Cape Fear River. With his expedition of six ships are 500 men, women, and children—and the first Africans to see what will become North Carolina. When some of the Africans are forced to help build a fort, they escape into “Indian” communities.

**1540**

An expedition led by Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto spends several weeks among different groups of native inhabitants in western parts of what will become North Carolina.

[Photos/Graphics: map of NC with routes of Hernando de Soto and Pardo](#)

1564

William Shakespeare is baptized in Stratford-upon-Avon, England.

**1566–1568**

Spanish explorer Juan Pardo leads two land expeditions through the mountain wilderness of what we now know as western North Carolina. Along the way, he communicates with native Indian communities that include the Catawba, Wateree, and Saxapahaw.

[Photos/Graphics: map of NC with routes of Hernando de Soto and Pardo](#)

1582

William Shakespeare marries at the age of 18.

### 1584

Sir Walter Raleigh, an English adventurer and writer (who will never see the New World himself), and some close associates sponsor an expedition in search of sites for potential settlement in the New World. After landing their ships at Roanoke Island, the explorers meet Secotan chief Wingina and his people. Two area natives, Manteo and Wanchese, return to England with the explorers and are used to promote future expeditions to North America.

[Photos/Graphics: Portrait of Manteo](#), [portrait of Sir Walter Raleigh](#)

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### 1585

Sir Walter Raleigh organizes a second voyage to Roanoke Island. Artist John White joins this expedition after he is commissioned to draw the inhabitants of the New World and their surroundings. Over a 13-month period, White will produce a series of more than 70 watercolors that feature indigenous people, plants, and animals.

[Photos/Graphics: 1\) Detail of John White drawing—corn fields](#)

### 1586

During a march into the mainland, Ralph Lane makes an alliance with the Chowanoke, who hope to use the English against their enemies, the Tuscarora. Meanwhile, Chief Wingina warns inland tribes about the English and develops a plot to get rid of them. As problems rise between the two cultures, Sir Francis Drake arrives at Roanoke Island.

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### 1587

A new expedition, also funded by Sir Walter Raleigh, results in a group—with women and children—that is expected to build a permanent self-sustaining settlement. Raleigh names his friend and artist John White to lead the group, which decides to settle at Roanoke Island. White sails back to England to acquire supplies, leaving behind his own new granddaughter, the first English child born in the New World: Virginia Dare.

### 1588–1590

Despite his best efforts, a number of factors prevent John White from returning to the New World settlement.

[Photos/Graphics: John White image of village.](#)

### 1590

John White is finally able to return to Roanoke Island on his granddaughter's third birthday, but he finds the colony deserted, with little evidence of what has happened to the 90 men, 17

women, and 11 children he'd left behind. This attempt at settlement becomes known as "the Lost Colony."

[Photos/Graphics: John White map of NC coast](#)

1592

Shakespeare—a London playwright with, possibly, several plays produced—has started earning a living as an actor.

1599

Shakespeare and some business partners build their own theatre on the south bank of the Thames. It will be known as the Globe.

[Photos/Graphics: a portion of the 1616 Visscher map of London showing "The Globe" in the lower right...the south bank of the Thames...](#)

1606

King James I empowers the Virginia Company of London to explore the colony of Virginia—an area that will eventually make up the future coasts of Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina, as well as parts of New Jersey and South Carolina—and establish a settlement.

1607–1608

Efforts of the Virginia Company of London lead to voyages that result in the establishment of James Fort in the colony of Virginia. Settlement around James Fort will evolve into "James Cittie," the first permanent English settlement in the New World, and later into variations of Jamestown and then Jamestown.

1609

Shakespeare's sonnets are first published as a quarto.

1609

The *Sea Venture*, flagship of the Virginia Company of London, sets sail with supplies for the settlement at James Fort. When the ship is caught in a violent storm, its captain beaches the sinking ship on a reef near Bermuda. Accounts of the 150 crew members and passengers—who build two new ships over the next year from salvaged timber and sail on to James Fort—are said to have inspired William Shakespeare in the writing of his final play, *The Tempest*.

1616

Shakespeare dies. Though many scholars do not believe he died on his birthday, April 23, church records do show he was interred at Trinity Church on April 25.

1619

More than 20 Africans arrive in the colony of Virginia, at Jamestown. The captured prisoners, who had been en route to Mexico, are traded into indentured servitude in exchange for food that can feed the ship's crew.

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**1592–1599**

Shakespeare—a London playwright—has started earning a living as an actor. By the end of this decade, he and some business partners will open the Globe Theatre.

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**1623**

The *First Folio* of Shakespeare's works is published. It preserves a written record of 18 plays that have never been printed and groups his plays for the first time into histories, comedies, and tragedies. The *First Folio* also includes the Droeshout portrait, which is, generally considered an authentic image.

**1629**

King Charles I grants the Carolana Land Grant to Sir Robert Heath. The grant will never be acted upon, but it signifies that the Colony of Virginia can be divided for settlement.

**1632**

The *Second Folio*, full of small corrections, is published.

**1650**

While news of the Lost Colony at Roanoke has slowed exploration of Carolana, settlers from the Virginia colony do begin to slowly venture south, into Indian lands around the Roanoke—present-day Albemarle—Sound and along the area's rivers.

**1655**

Nathaniel Batts becomes the first known person of European descent to set up a permanent home in Carolana. It is located along the Salmon River at the western end of the Roanoke Sound.

[Photos/Graphics](#): the Nicholas Comberford map of 1657, which show Batts house in the southern part of Virginia

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