

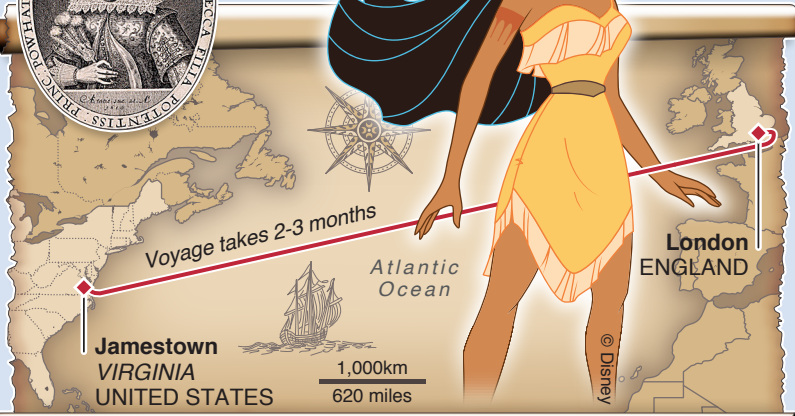
# Pocahontas buried in England 400 years ago

In March 1617, fabled Powhatan Native American woman Pocahontas died far from her home, while returning from a visit to England



**Left:** Only known image of **Pocahontas** taken from life (1616). Born **Matoaka**, also known as **Amonute**

Walt Disney Pictures' depiction of Pocahontas (1995)



Maps depict modern borders/state lines

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Capital of **Powhatan Indian** territory until abandonment around 1614. Rediscovered by archaeologists in 2003



**Jamestown:** First permanent English settlement in Americas, founded in 1607



*Situated on banks of James*

*River, Jamestown served as capital of **Colony of Virginia** for 83 years, from 1616-1699*

## POCAHONTAS LEGEND

■ **Born c1595:** Daughter of Powhatan Indian chief. Nicknamed "Pocahontas", meaning "playful one"

■ **1607:** Said to have prevented father from executing English colonist **John Smith**

■ **1613:** Captured by English during Anglo-Indian hostilities. Converts to Christianity and takes name **Rebecca**

■ **1614:** Marries English tobacco grower **John Rolfe**. One son, **Thomas**

■ **1616:** Rolfe's sail to **London**, where she is celebrated in English society as "civilised savage"

■ **1617:** Pocahontas dies on board ship soon after departure for Virginia



**Gravesend:** Pocahontas buried Mar 21, 1617, at **St George's Church**. Grave site unknown

*Churchyard statue*



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