

BEFORE NORFOLK: 9500 B.C.

9500 B.C.: Earliest evidence of native people in Virginia.

The Chesapeake Indians ruled the area. Their town was called SKICOAK, the site of which is now Norfolk. The Scicoaks were gone by the time the English colonists reached the site of Norfolk, having been wiped out by Chief Powhatan.

One of Powhatan's advisors went to the Chief, telling him of a dream about the Powhatan Confederacy being destroyed by strangers from the east.

Powhatan misunderstood this to mean the Scicoaks and so he eliminated this peaceful people before they could turn against him.

Later, of course, strangers from the east, across the Atlantic, DID come, and so the soothsayer's dream was fulfilled.

1560s: Spanish arrive and settle briefly along the York River

1585: English settlers reach Roanoke Island.

1591: Roanoke Colony found with no survivors.