

Biography of an important person of the past

POCAHONTAS

(1595-1617)

Pocahontas as a young girl helped the people living at the Jamestown colony (now Virginia).

Pocahontas was a native American princess.

John Smith, an

English adventurer, was captured by her people.

He later said that Pocahontas asked her father not to kill him.



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We know that Smith was let go: Pocahontas and Smith became friends.

A few years later Sir Samuel Argall took Pocahontas prisoner.

Argall wanted to exchange Pocahontas with some English prisoners and some weapons. While being held by the English, however, Pocahontas converted to Christianity. She even took a new name (Rebecca). Rebecca married John Rolfe in 1614 and they had a son, Thomas, a year later. In 1616, Pocahontas and her family travelled to England. Pocahontas died on 21st of March 1617, in Gravesend, England.

