

The Voyages of the English Nation to America, Before the Year From Hakluyt's Collection of Voyages, () by Richard Hakluyt. Vol. 1 of 4.

A person named Hugo Hakelute, who may have been an ancestor or relative of Richard Hakluyt, was elected Member of Parliament for the borough of Yatton in or , [7] and between the 14th and 16th centuries five individuals surnamed "de Hackluit" or "Hackluit" were sheriffs of Herefordshire. A man named Walter Hakelut was knighted in the 34th year of Edward I and later killed at the Battle of Bannockburn , and in Thomas Hakelut was chancellor of the diocese of Hereford. He died in when his son was aged about five years, and his wife Margery [1] followed soon after. He took his Bachelor of Arts B. He was the first to show "both the old imperfectly composed and the new lately reformed mappes, globes, spheares, and other instruments of this art". Hakluyt was a member of the chapter. At the age of 30, being acquainted with "the chieftest captaines at sea, the greatest merchants, and the best mariners of our nation", [11] he was selected as chaplain and secretary to accompany Stafford, now English ambassador at the French court, to Paris in In accordance with the instructions of Secretary Francis Walsingham , he occupied himself chiefly in collecting information of the Spanish and French movements, and "making diligent inquirie of such things as might yield any light unto our westerne discoveries in America". The manuscript, lost for almost years, was published for the first time in These latter writings, together with a few letters, are the only extant material out of which a biography of him can be framed. In he published the first edition of his chief work, The Principall Navigations, Voiages and Discoveries of the English Nation, using eyewitness accounts as far as possible. In the preface to this he announced the intended publication of the first terrestrial globe made in England by Emery Molyneux. Between and appeared the final, reconstructed and greatly enlarged edition of The Principal Navigations, Voiages, Traffiques and Discoueries of the English Nation in three volumes. In the dedication of the second volume to his patron, Robert Cecil, 1st Earl of Salisbury , Hakluyt strongly urged the minister as to the expediency of colonizing Virginia. He held this position until his death, and resided in Wetheringsett through the s and frequently thereafter. His will refers to chambers occupied by him there up to the time of his death, and in another official document he is styled Doctor of Divinity D. When the colony was at last established in , he supplied this benefice with its chaplain, Robert Hunt. In he appears as the chief promoter of the petition to James I for letters patent to colonize Virginia, which were granted on 10 April This work was intended to encourage the young colony of Virginia; Scottish historian William Robertson wrote of Hakluyt, "England is more indebted for its American possessions than to any man of that age. In that year, Hakluyt was a consultant to the Company when it was renewing its charter. Instead, he stressed the importance of occupation, which was favourable to the English as they and not the Spanish had occupied Virginia. Grotius also argued that the seas should be freely navigable by all, which was useful since the England to Virginia route crossed seas which the Portuguese claimed. In Hakluyt became a charter member of the North-west Passage Company. Unfortunately, his wealth was squandered by his only son. These works were a fertile source of material for William Shakespeare [4] and other authors. Hakluyt also encouraged the production of geographical and historical writings by others. With Two Mappes Annexed Hereunto.

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See Article History Richard Hakluyt, born c. His major publication, *The principall Navigations, Voiages and Discoveries of the English nation*, provides almost everything known about the early English voyages to North America. His father died when Richard was five years old, leaving his family to the care of a cousin, another Richard Hakluyt, a lawyer who had many friends among prominent city merchants, geographers, and explorers of the day. Because of these connections, and his own expertise in overseas trade and economics, the man was well placed to assist young Richard in his life work. With the help of various scholarships, Hakluyt was educated at Westminster School and Christ Church, Oxford, entering in and taking his M. His interest in geography and travel had been aroused on a visit to the Middle Temple, one of the four English legal societies, while in his early teens. Some time before he took holy orders, and, though he never shirked his religious duties, he spent considerable time reading whatever accounts he could find about contemporary voyages and discoveries. Hakluyt also gave public lectures—he is regarded as the first professor of modern geography at Oxford—and was the first to display both the olde imperfectly composed, and the new lately reformed Mappes, Globes, Spheares, and other instruments of this Art for demonstration in the common schooles. He made a point also of becoming acquainted with the most important sea captains, merchants, and sailors of England. In this he also pleaded for the establishment of a lectureship in navigation. In Walsingham, then one of the most important secretaries of state, sent Hakluyt to Paris as chaplain to Sir Edward Stafford, the English ambassador there. He served in Paris also as a kind of intelligence officer, collecting information on the fur trade of Canada and on overseas enterprises from French and exiled Portuguese pilots. This was presented to Queen Elizabeth I, who rewarded Hakluyt with a prebend ecclesiastical post at Bristol cathedral but took no steps to help Raleigh. The *Discourse*, a secret report, was not printed until In Paris, Hakluyt also edited an edition of the *De Orbe Novo* of Pietro Martire so that his countrymen might have knowledge of the early successes and failures of the Spaniards in the New World. Hakluyt returned to London in The outbreak of war with Spain put an end to the effectiveness of overseas propaganda and the opportunity for further exploration so he began work on a project that he had had in mind for some time. About this time he married Duglesse Cavendish, a relative of Thomas Cavendish, the circumnavigator, and was appointed to the parish of Wetheringsett in Suffolk. Until after the death of his wife in, little is heard of any geographical work, but he then completed the greatly enlarged second edition of the *Voyages*, which appeared in three volumes between and Shortly before its completion, he was granted by the Queen the next vacant prebend at Westminster so that he might be at hand to advise on colonial affairs. He gave information to the newly formed East India Company and continued his interest in the North American colonizing project; he was one of the chief promoters of the petition to the crown for patents to colonize Virginia in and at one point contemplated a voyage to the colony. Nor did his belief in the possibility of Arctic passages to the East fade, for he was also a charter member of the Northwest Passage Company of But it is the *Voyages* that remain his memorial. This, the prose epic of the English nation, is more than a documentary history of exploration and adventure; with tales of daring it mingles historical, diplomatic, and economic papers to establish British right to sovereignty at sea and to a place in overseas settlement. Its overriding purpose was to stimulate, guide, and encourage an undertaking of incalculable national import. Hakluyt was not blind to the profits arising from foreign trade.

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