

NORTH CAROLINA

a state of firsts



The Wright brothers completed the first successful flight of a mechanically propelled airplane over the sands of Kitty Hawk on December 17, 1903.



Cabarrus County was the site of America's first documented gold find.

What was probably the first drawbridge built in the United States was built over the Northeast Cape Fear River near Wilmington in 1768.

The first English child born in America, Virginia Dare, was born in Roanoke in 1587.



The first known miniature golf course was in Fayetteville.

The first state art museum in the country is located in Raleigh.

The University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill was the first public university in the United States to open its doors.

Dr. Carl Alwin Schenck opened the first school of forestry in America, known as the Biltmore Forest School, in 1898, earning North Carolina the status of the birthplace of professional forestry.

Many people believe that North Carolina was the first state to declare independence from England with the Mecklenburg Declaration of 1775.

The first outdoor drama in America, The Lost Colony, is staged every year in Manteo.

Babe Ruth hit his first professional home run in Fayetteville on March 7, 1914.

The first Pepsi was created and served in New Bern in 1898.

