

John Rolfe of Virginia

James Tormey

THE Beckham
PUBLICATIONS GROUP, INC.
Silver Spring

PREFACE

It has been said that Captain John Smith saved the Virginia colony. A more accurate statement might be that he kept Virginia alive during the "starving time" of 1608-1609. It was John Rolfe, however, who saved Virginia. His development of Virginia tobacco gave the colony economic stability—eliminating the need for gold and other treasures that were never found. Rolfe's marriage to Pocahontas brought the Powhatan War to an end and ushered in a period of growth for the colony. While many books have been written about Pocahontas, none has viewed events through the eyes of Rolfe. He was, above all, a man who had come across the Atlantic to stay—a man with that incredibly optimistic and brave group of settlers who planted the seeds of a new nation in a land of great promise.