**Blackbeard**

* **A former privateer from Bristol, England, Blackbeard, or “Edward Teach” or “Edward Thatch,” was known for robbing other ships**
* **He supposedly took off from home when he was young and became a privateer during a war with Spain/France**
* **Queen Anne allowed privateers to rob enemy ships and return their valuable goods (or “booty”)**
* **After the war ended, Blackbeard took to robbing ships as a pirate; he even blockaded Charleston, SC once**
* **He made peace with the North Carolina governor (Charles Eden) and lived in Bath, Outer Banks, etc.**
* **He was caught at Ocracoke Island in 1718 and killed by Royal Navy Lt. Robert Maynard from Virginia**
* **His ship, *Queen Anne’s Revenge,* is being dug up (one step at a time) from the water near Beaufort Inlet**

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**Mr. Groves with an anchor from *Queen Anne’s Revenge***