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Archaeologists have successfully extracted DNA from skeleton remains under an English church that could prove a skeleton found near Jamestown belongs to one of its founders , the Church of England announced Thursday. British and American researchers began work Monday to remove a small part of Elizabeth Gosnold Tilneys skeleton from beneath the floor of All Saints Church in the English village of Shelley , 60 miles northeast of London. She is the sister of Capt. Batholomew Gosnold , who oversaw the expedition that led to the 1607 founding of Jamestown , the first permanent English settlement. Scientists working with skeletal remains can only trace DNA through maternal relatives. An attempt to locate the remains of Gosnolds niece , Katherine Blackerby , were unsuccessful. Other evidence already suggests that a nearly intact skeleton found outside the site of the Jamestown Fort is Gosnolds , but a DNA match would be confirmation. Tilneys sample will be analyzed at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History in Washington , D.C. , and compared to a sample taken from the skeleton believed to be Gosnolds , the church said. Special permission for the excavations was required from the Church of England. 100Test 下载频道开通，各类考试题目直接下载。详细请访问 [www.100test.com](http://www.100test.com)