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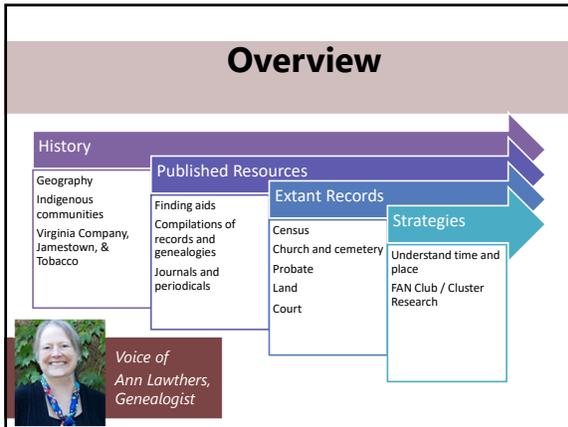
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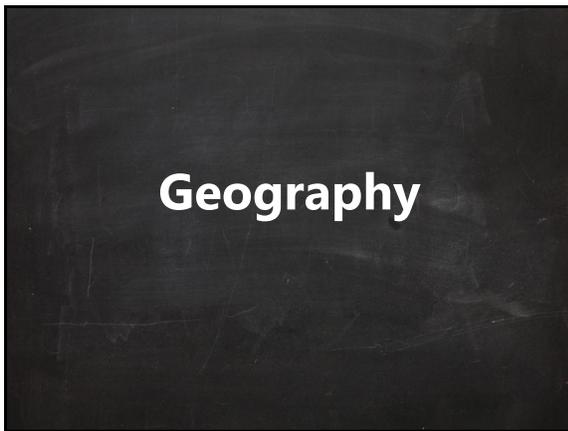
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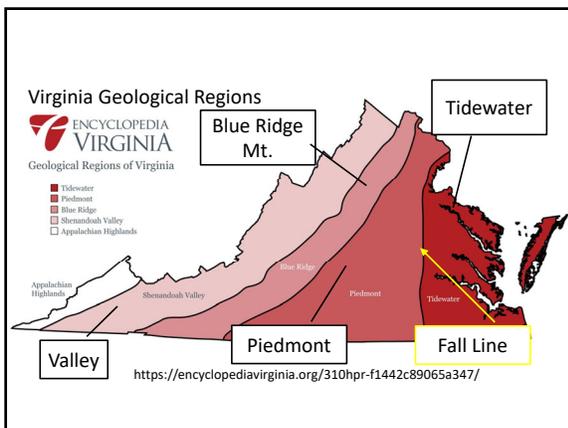
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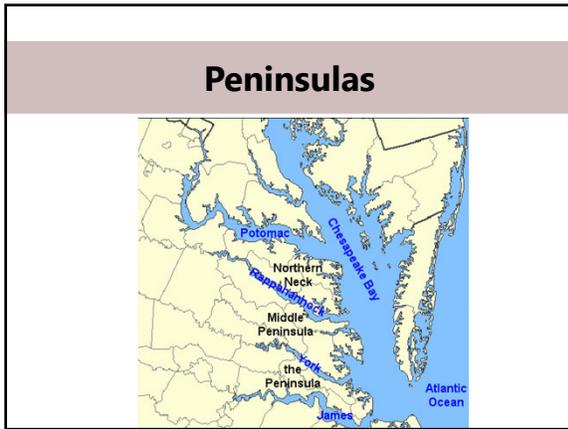
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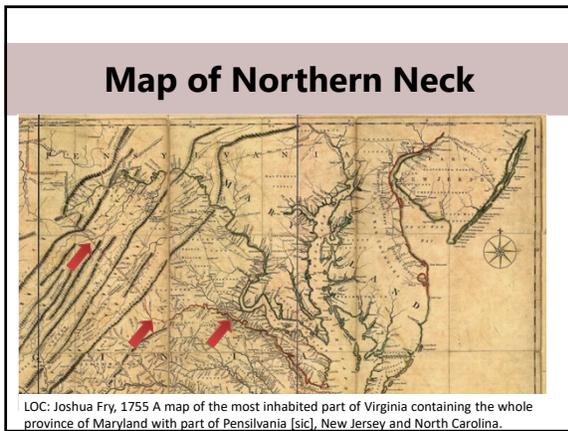
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LOC: Joshua Fry, 1755 A map of the most inhabited part of Virginia containing the whole province of Maryland with part of Pensilvania [sic], New Jersey and North Carolina.

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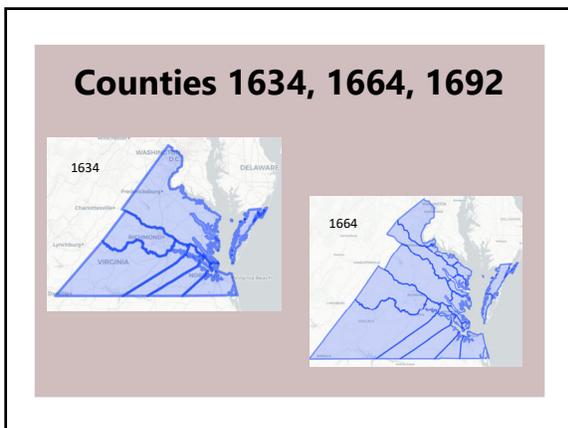
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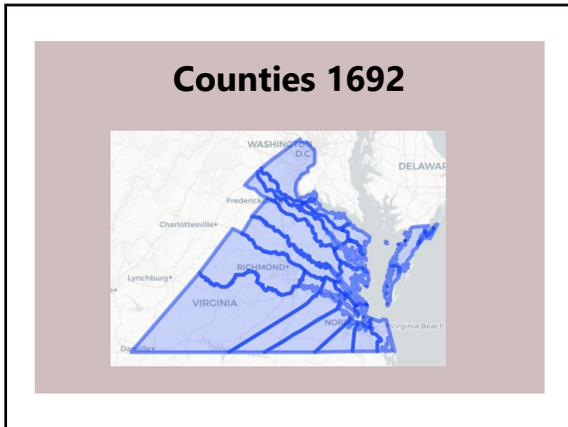
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**Indigenous People and Language Groups**

- Algonquin (green on map)
  - Abenaki
  - Massachusetts
  - Powhatan
- Iroquois (yellow on map)
  - Iroquois in New York
  - Cherokee in south
- Catawban (pink on map)
  - Catawba
  - Santee
- Muskegeon (brown on map)
  - Creek
  - Choctaw
  - Chickasaw

Charles Paulin, Atlas of Historical Geography 1932

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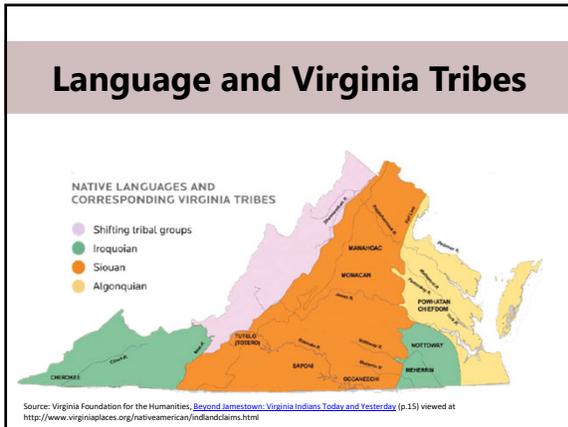
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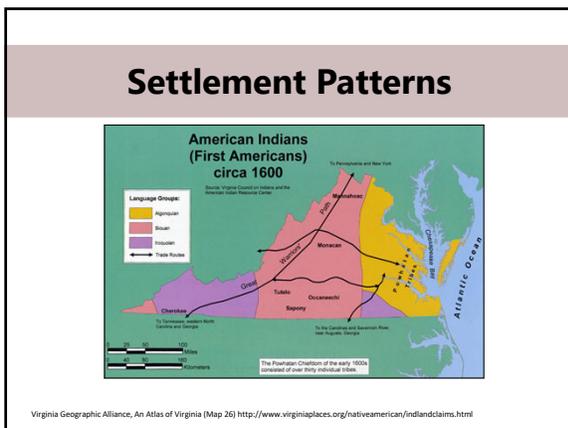
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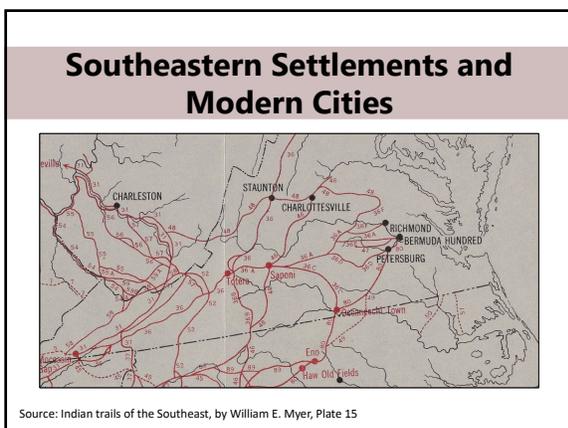
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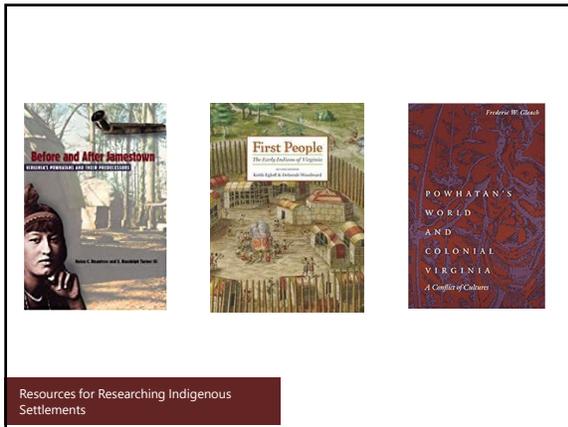
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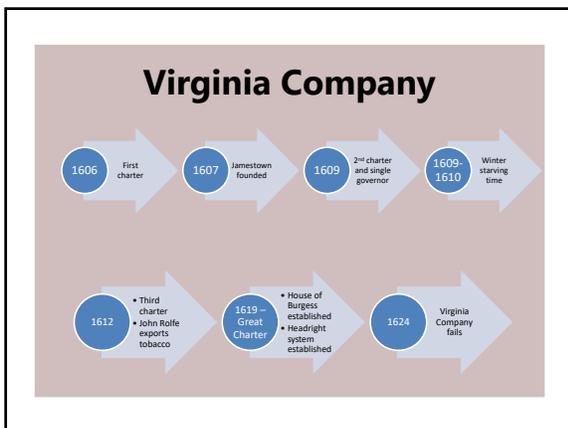
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### Early Jamestown

- Goal: Identify profitable raw materials such as gold and silver in Virginia to repay the investors back in England.
- Set up as a profit-oriented trading station
  - Site selected for defensive reasons
  - Lacked plans to grow own food
    - Did not develop wells
  - Gentlemen leaders, artisans, craftsmen, and a few laborers
    - Original settlers unaccustomed to manual labor
    - Experimented with producing a variety of goods

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### Virginia Company

The timeline shows the following events:

- 1606: First charter
- 1607: Jamestown founded
- 1609: 2<sup>nd</sup> charter and single governor
- 1609-1610: Winter starving time
- 1612: Third charter, John Rolfe exports tobacco (highlighted with a red arrow)
- 1619: Great Charter, House of Burgesses established, Headright system established
- 1624: Virginia Company fails

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### John Rolfe's Tobacco

- Planted West Indian seeds to grow a milder tobacco - *Nicotiana tabacum*
- 1612 first trial export to England
- 20,000 pounds by 1617
- 40,000 pounds by 1618




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**Tobacco and Need for Workers**

- Tobacco
  - Labor intensive crop
    - Inspect for insects
    - Pinch back top of plant to prevent flowering
    - Sorting/drying leaves an art
  - Depletes soil of nutrients quickly
- Workers
  - Indentured servants provided labor for 4 – 7 years and then free
  - Some contracts specified land; most did not
  - First Africans landed in 1619 on a Dutch ship

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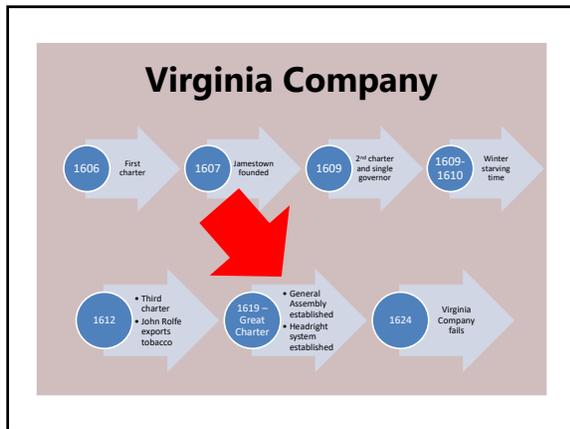
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**Charter of 1619**

- House of Burgesses
  - Introduce English common law
  - Elected burgesses
- Headright system
  - Supply new colonists
  - Improve access to land.

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### General Assembly

- Established 30 July 1619 by Governor George Yeardley at Jamestown
  - Two burgesses (representatives from each of the colony's eleven settlements)
  - Established procedures based on parliamentary law
  - Named Church of England as established church
  - Issued regulations and laws on land, tobacco, trade with indigenous populations, settled disputes
- Met at Jamestown until 1700 when meetings moved to Williamsburg
- 1643 – split by Gov Berkeley into a House of Burgesses (elected) and Governor's Council (appointed)

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### Headright System

John Padey, Anth. Moore, John Peace, Tho. Hadway, Joseph Lucas, Rich. Keyes, Mary Guiny, Tho. Reekes, Wm. Mills, Tho. Shore. Renewed 16 Mar. 1662.

WM. HAY, gent., 250 acs. Yorke Co., 1 Sept. 1638, p. 186, (275). Wly. on land of John Hayward & the southern bounds running by a splash of water which parts the Co. of Yorke & the Co. of Denby. Trans. of 5 pers: Thomas Stephens, Wm. Roberts, Edward Braybrooke, Charles Perry, Richard Willson. Renewed 29 Oct. 1662.

- Initiated by 1619 Charter
- Grant of land, usually 50 acres
  - For transport of self or another person to Virginia
- Purpose of system
  - Provide a steady supply of workers to the colony

Nugent, Cavaliers and Pioneers, accessed at Ancestry.com

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### Turning Point - 1622

- March 22, 1622 – Powhatan Confederacy attacks colonists
- Intended to stop the expansion of settlers into native territory
- One quarter of Virginia colony killed (347)
  - Names recorded
- Watershed moment and hastened the failure of the Virginia Company in 1624

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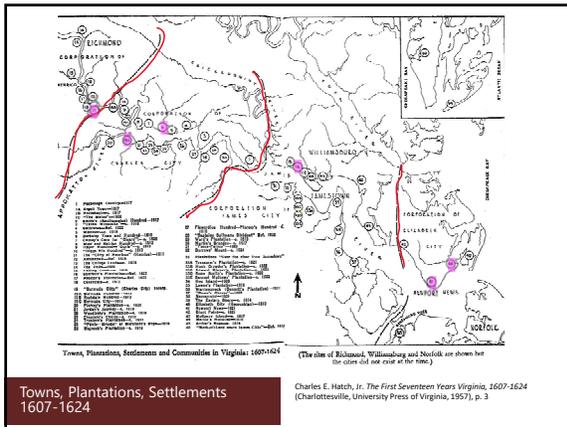
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### 1634 Local Government Emerges

Shire Name	County Name
Accomac	Northampton & Accomack
Charles City	Charles City
Charles River	York
Elizabeth City	Extinct – consolidated with City of Hampton
Henrico	Henrico
James City	James City
Warwick River	Extinct – consolidated with City of Newport News
Warrosquoake Shire	Isle of Wight

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### Virginia Counties by 1700

County	Est	County	Est
Accomack	1633	Northumberland	1648
Charles City	1634	Gloucester	1651
Elizabeth City	1634	Lancaster	1651
Henrico	1634	Surrey	1652
Isle of Wight	1634	Westmoreland	1653
James City	1634	New Kent	1654
Northampton	1634	Stafford	1664
Nansemond	1637	Middlesex	1674
Upper Norfolk	1637	King and Queen	1691
York	1643	Princess Anne	1691
Lower Norfolk	1647	Essex	1692
		Richmond	1692

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### Colonial Virginia Government

- General Assembly (1619) split in 1634
  - House of Burgesses
  - Governor’s Council
  - Citizens elected member to House of Burgesses
- Shires → Counties (1634)
  - County courts
  - Kept land, tax, and probate records
- Anglican parishes
  - Responsible for registering births, marriage and deaths
  - Levied taxes
  - Responsible for poor, roads and other civil functions

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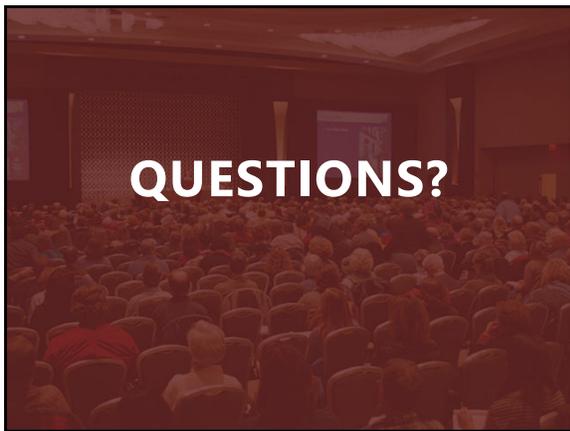
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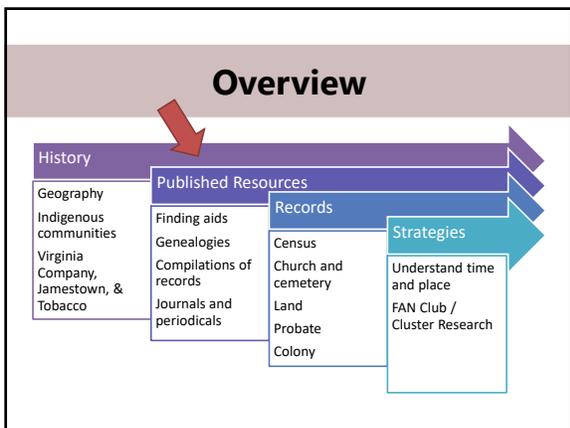
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**Virginia Historical Index**  
**(aka – Swem Index)**

- Indexed pre-1930 articles in five publications and two sets of governmental records
- V=Virginia Magazine of History and Biography
- W=William and Mary Quarterly
- T=Tyler's Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine
- R=Virginia's Historical Register and Literary Advertiser
- N=Lower Norfolk County Virginia Antiquary
- H=Hening's Statutes at Large
- C=Calendar of Virginia State papers

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Virginia Historical Index  
by Tom Tolson

Method of Citation

Abbreviations

IT52-57 = Volume 1 Tyler's Quarterly Pages 52-57

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### Coldham's Lists of Immigrants

- Extensive documentation of (mostly poor) immigrants to Virginia
- *The Complete Book of Emigrants, 1607-1660*
- *The Complete Book of Emigrants, 1661-1699*
- *The Bristol Registers of Servants Sent to Foreign Plantations, 1654-1686*
- *The Complete Book of Emigrants in Bondage, 1614-1775*

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3 August. Captain Thomas Chadscke of the Somers Islands deposes that six years ago John Snell left there for Virginia where he is supposed to have died. A letter written by Richard Leake of the Somers Islands at the direction of Frances Jones, Snell's mother, has confirmed the death. (LMC).

9 August. Commission to Sir William Berkeley to be Governor of Virginia. The Church of England religion will be observed and every church will provide for its own minister. All persons above the age of 16 are to bear arms. Wills are to be produced. Everyone will build a house in proportion to his land and a Government House is to be built in a more convenient place than James Town. Fifty acres of land are to be granted to every person transported to Virginia since midsummer 1625. (CSPC).

LMC. *Lord Mayor's Court Depositions*, by Peter Wilson Coldham. Washington: National Genealogical Society, 1980 (Special Publication No. 44).

CSPC. *Calendars of State Papers, American and Colonial Series, 1574-1660*, ed. W. Noel Sainsbury. Longman & Green, 1860.

Using Coldham's books

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# Genealogies

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### Why use published genealogies?

- Very helpful for 17<sup>th</sup> century research
- May detail genealogy of your ancestors or affiliated families
- May help link together and differentiate families
- Usually provide biographical details
- ★ Citations lead to other resources and record sets

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### Key Virginia Compiled Genealogies

- Dorman's *Adventurers of Purse and Person*
- Dorman's *Genealogies of Virginia Families*
- *William and Mary College Quarterly Historical Magazine*
- *Tyler's Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine*
- *Virginia Immigrants and Adventurers 1607-1635*

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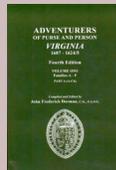
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### Adventurers of Purse and Person

- Sponsored by the Order of First Families of Virginia, 1607-1620; Commemorating 400th anniversary of Jamestown
  - Adventurers of *purse* who visited 1607-1624/5 and left descendants or whose grandchildren came
  - Adventurers of *person* (immigrants to Virginia) 1607-1624/5 who left descendants




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## Colonial Records Project

- Established by Library of Virginia to find records related to Virginia in Britain, France, and Ireland
- Correspondence between British officials and colonial officers, customs records, business records, claims of British merchants concerning Virginia stores, log books, ships' cargo lists
- See Library of Virginia - <https://lva-virginia.libguides.com/vcrp>

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The screenshot shows the Library of Virginia search interface. The search bar contains the word 'Rice'. Below the search bar, there are options to 'Sign in to request items' and 'Sign in'. The results are displayed in a list format. On the left side, there are filters for 'New Records' (Last 3 Months, Last Month, Last Week) and 'Collections' (Books and Journals, Digital Collections). A red arrow points to the 'New From Last Month' filter.

Results page

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This screenshot shows the same search results page as slide 50, but with several filters applied. The 'Virginia Colonial Records Project' filter is checked. The 'Publication Date' filter is set to '1700'. A red arrow points to the 'APPLY FILTERS' button at the bottom of the filter section.

Filtering results

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## Rice Family of Henrico County

Active filters: Virginia Colonial Records Proj...  
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Refine your results  
Sort By: Relevance

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African, Richard (11), SR 08784, p. 2 (1)  
African, R. (1), SR 08576, p. 1 (1)

High Court of Admiralty, Instance and Prize Courts: Examinations  
Public Record Office Class H.C.A. 1346, Virginia Colonial Records Project  
209 1652, February 1652/3  
Available Online

ARCHIVAL MATERIAL  
Port Book, Port of London, Surveyor General of Tonnage and  
Prize: Overseas imports by destination.  
Public Record Office Class E 19078/5, Virginia Colonial Records Project  
1633-1634  
Available Online

ARCHIVAL MATERIAL  
Quarter Sessions Records, Plantation Indentures 1682/83-1684 Box 1.  
Original numbers 3-600. Indentures for service in Virginia.  
(General London Record Office, Middlesex Section) Middlesex County Record Office Class P.L.342,  
Virginia Colonial Records Project  
1683-1684  
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## Middlesex England Record

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SURVEY REPORT No. 2151  
page 4

375/p.i.143 James Elliott, 22, of Middlesex, to Christopher Deane. 4 years. Barnaby. 22 October 1683. Worm.

376/p.i.144 William Moore, 16, to James Emerson. 4 years. 22 October 1683. Worm.

377/p.i.145 Robert Steele, 21, of Middlesex, tailor, to Francis Lee. 4 years. Date of Term. 23 October 1683.

378/p.i.146 Joseph Priestley, 24, of Middlesex, accountant, to William Haveland. 4 years. Date of Term. 25 October 1683.

379/p.i.147 John Rowles, 22, of Middlesex, to Christopher Deane. 4 years. Barnaby. 25 October 1683.

380/p.i.148 Edward Hise(?), 21, of Middlesex, to Christopher Deane. 4 years. Barnaby. 25 October 1683.

381/p.i.149 Joseph Betts, 22, of Middlesex, to John Smith. 4 years. Virginia Parks(?). 26 October 1683.

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## Overview

History

Geography  
Indigenous communities  
Virginia Company, Jamestown, & Tobacco

Published Resources  
Finding aids  
Genealogies  
Compilations of records  
Journals and periodicals

Records  
Census  
Church and cemetery  
Land  
Probate  
Court  
Tax

Strategies  
Understand time and place  
FAN Club / Cluster Research

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### Early Virginia Records

- Census: Scattered Virginia Company records
- Church records: birth, baptism, marriage, death, burial, gravestone
- Land records: grants and deeds
- Probate records: will, inventory, guardianship
- Court:
  - County Courts
  - Virginia Company
  - House of Burgesses

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### Record Challenges

- Loss – fire, water, mold, war
- Jurisdictional changes – check your maps!
  - Newbury Library - *Atlas of Historical County Boundaries*
  - MapofUS.org
- Know when records began in your ancestor's area

Earliest Virginia Records			
Census Records	Church Records	Land Records	Court Records
1619	1646	1619	1608

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### 1634 Virginia

<https://digital.newberry.org/ahcb/map/map.html#VA>

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### Newberry Atlas for Boundary Changes

**LOWER NORFOLK (extinct)**

1637 LOWER NORFOLK (extinct) created from NEW NORFOLK; NEW NORFOLK County eliminated. (Robinson, 59, 70, 85)

1640 Boundaries between LOWER NORFOLK (extinct) and UPPER NORFOLK (later NANSEMOND, extinct) redefined [no change]. (Hening, 1:228, 247; Robinson, 197-198)

16 May 1691 LOWER NORFOLK lost to creation of NORFOLK (extinct) and PRINCESS ANNE (extinct); LOWER NORFOLK County eliminated. (Hening, 3:95-96; Robinson, 63, 65)

**NEW KENT**

1654 NEW KENT created from YORK. (Hening, 1:387n., 388; Robinson, 62)

12 May 1691 NEW KENT lost to creation of KING AND QUEEN. (Hening, 3:94-95; Robinson, 57)

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### Isle of Wight County, Virginia

**ISLE OF WIGHT**

1634 WARROSQUYOAKE (now ISLE OF WIGHT) created as one of the original eight shires (counties). (Hening, 1:224; Tyler, 197-198)

1637 WARROSQUYOAKE renamed ISLE OF WIGHT. (Robinson, 82)

1640 ISLE OF WIGHT boundaries redefined [no change]. (Hening, 1:228, 247; Robinson, 197-198)

1647 Boundary between ISLE OF WIGHT and NANSEMOND (extinct) clarified [no change]. (Robinson, 198)

1656 ISLE OF WIGHT gained from NANSEMOND (extinct). (Hening, 1:423)

06 Aug 1701 Southern boundary of ISLE OF WIGHT clarified [no change]. (Winfree, 2-3)

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### Record Loss in Early Counties

County	Est	Record Loss	County	Est	Record Loss
Accomack	1633	No fires, but water and pest	Nansemond	1637 1734, 1779 and 1866	1787 Fire destroyed most
Charles City	1634	1861-1865	New Kent	1654	colonial records
Elizabeth City	1634	1812, 1861-1865	Upper and Lower Norfolk	1647	Extinct Counties
Essex	1692	None known	Northampton	1634	None known
Gloucester	1651	Fires 1820 and 1865	Northumberland	1648	Some records lost in fire 1710
Henrico	1634	missing	Princess Anne	1691	Courthouse in Virginia Beach
Isle of Wight	1634	Loose papers prior to 1783	Richmond	1692	Many lost records for "unknown reasons"
James City	1634	1865 fire	Stafford	1664	1861-1865
King and Queen	1691	1828, 1833, 1864 fires	Surrey	1652	1806
Lancaster	1651	None known	Westmoreland	1653	papers burned in Rev War
Middlesex	1674	Loose papers lost in 1865	York	1643	War

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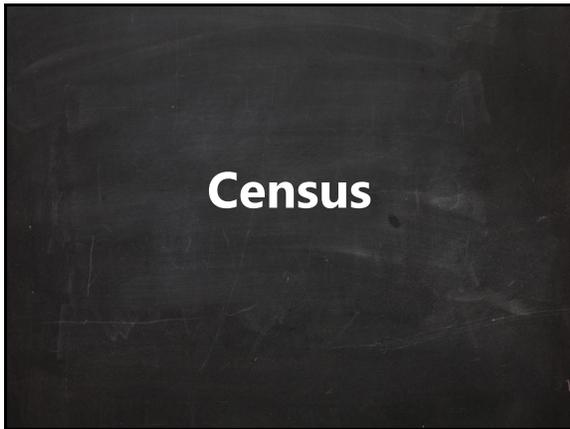
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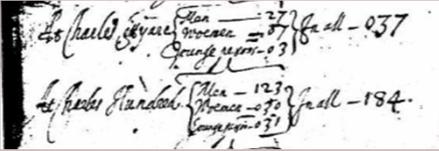
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### Census of 1619

- By location, counts but no names
- Published in Virginia Genealogical Society Quarterly, Vol 33 (3)



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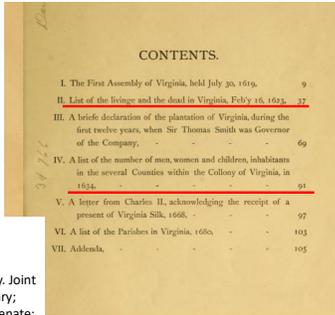
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Virginia. General Assembly. Senate;  
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Colonial Records – Archive.org

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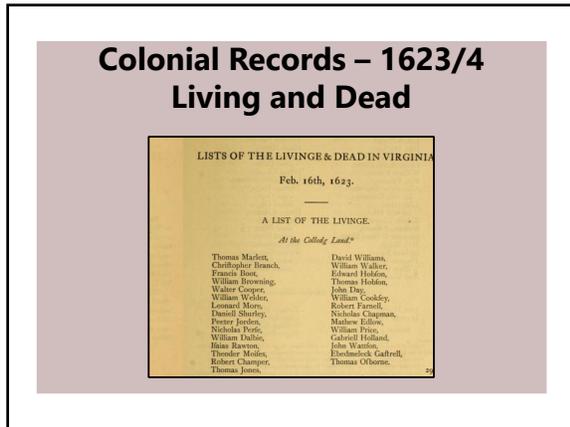
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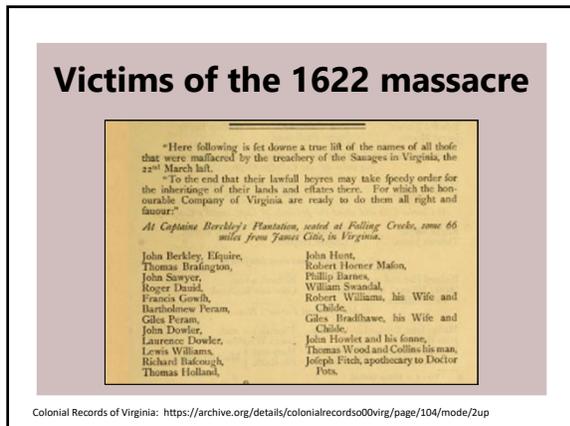
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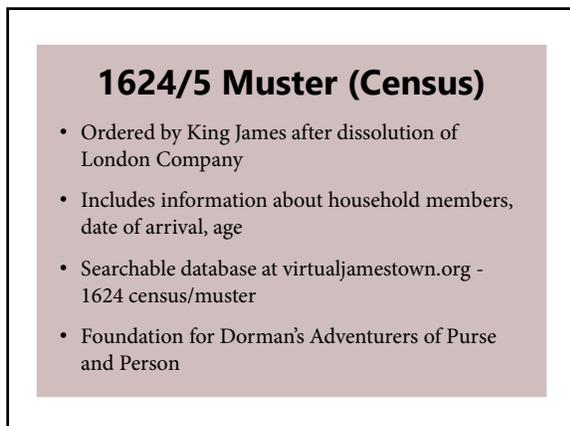
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### 17<sup>th</sup> Century Church Records

- Registers
  - As the official religion of Virginia, Anglican Churches were required to keep track of births, marriages and deaths
  - Most colonial registers were lost when the Anglican Church was no longer the church of state
- Vestry Books
  - A scattered group of vestry books and parish registers (~ 30 pre-1675)

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### Anglican Vestries

- Responsible for:
  - Poll taxes to support church activities
  - Maintaining church property (real estate and religious items)
  - Charity to poor
  - Uphold social morals
- Many functions similar to New England town

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The Churchwardens are hereby Impowered to Collect of Every Tythable in this parish 43 pounds of tobo per poll, and upon their refusall of payment to make distrejse for y<sup>e</sup> same, and pay Each parish Creditor his due Tax authority

[2] Upon y<sup>e</sup>: request of Tho: Hide to y<sup>e</sup>: vestry, they have bound unto him a Bastard child borne of Thomas wisdoms serv<sup>t</sup>. woman, named Edward Grabige untill he come to y<sup>e</sup>: age of twenty and one yeares, and he y<sup>e</sup>: said Hide to be allowed five hundred lb: tobo and caske for keeping of y<sup>e</sup>: said child next yeare, without any further charge to y<sup>e</sup>: parish Indenturing indigent children

Road Maintenance Ordered that Daniel dickinson be Surveyor of y<sup>e</sup>: highways for y<sup>e</sup>: Lower parte of y<sup>e</sup>: parish.  
 Ordered that John Swabbson be Surveyor of y<sup>e</sup>: highways for y<sup>e</sup>: middle parte of y<sup>e</sup>: parish  
 Ordered that m<sup>r</sup>. Rob<sup>t</sup>. Carter and Fran: Smithing be Surveyors of y<sup>e</sup>: highways for y<sup>e</sup>: upper parte of y<sup>e</sup>: parish  
 Ordered by this pit vestry that m<sup>r</sup>. Ralph Greene Sen<sup>r</sup> be Churchwarden for y<sup>e</sup>: Lower parte of y<sup>e</sup>: parish, and to continue in y<sup>e</sup>: said office durezza y<sup>e</sup>: terme of two yeares next Ensueing accordinge to a former order of this vestry.

Petsworth Parish, Gloucester, VA, 1677

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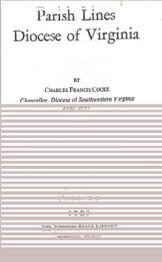
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## Finding the Colonial Parish

- Cocke Parish Lines series
  - Diocese of Virginia
  - Diocese of Southern Virginia
  - Diocese of Southwestern Virginia



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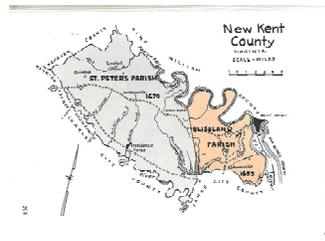
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**Parish Lines – New Kent County**

**ST. PETER'S PARISH, 1676.**  
(New Kent County, 1676.)

St. Peter's Parish was formed from Old Kent Parish by the following order:

All lands lying west of James City, April 20th 1676, amounting to 1,000 acres, were assigned to St. Peter's Parish, a Division by settlement made of

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH, 1676.

St. Andrew's Parish was formed from Old Kent Parish by the following order:

All lands lying east of James City, April 20th 1676, amounting to 1,000 acres, were assigned to St. Andrew's Parish, a Division by settlement made of

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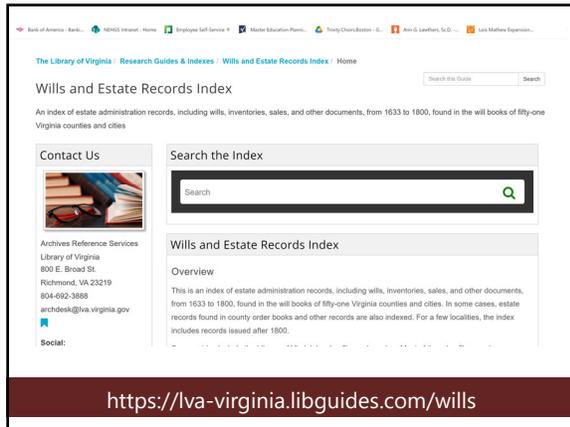
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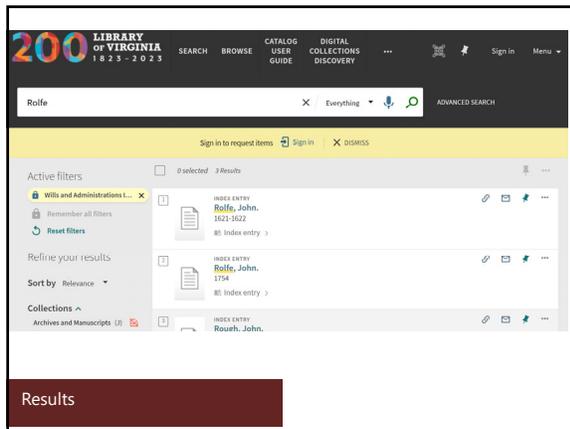
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## Why Use Land Records

- Puts the ancestor(s) in a certain place in time
- May detail family relationships directly or via context clues
- May expand circle of friends, neighbors, etc.
- May shed light on ancestor's economic status, standing in community, and movements

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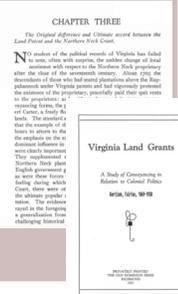
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## Virginia Land Grants

- Background info on records at Land Office
- 3 chapters:
  - The Land Patent Books
    - kept by Virginia government
  - The Northern Neck Grant Books
    - kept by proprietors
  - Original Differences & Ultimate Accord
- Purpose to study:
  - Local resistance
  - Ultimate acceptance



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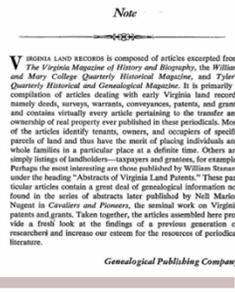
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## Virginia Land Records

- From
  - Virginia Magazine of History and Biography
  - William and Mary College Quarterly
  - Tyler's Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine
- Online at Ancestry.com



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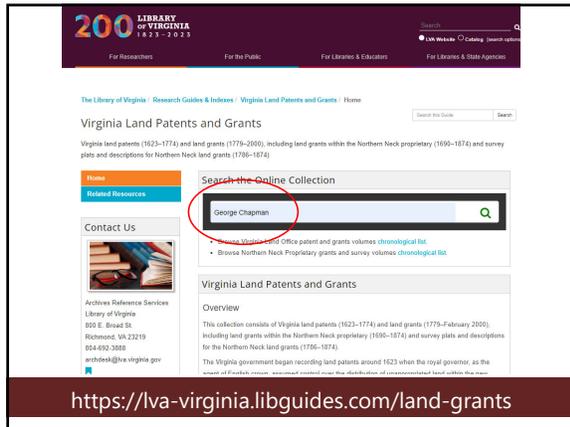
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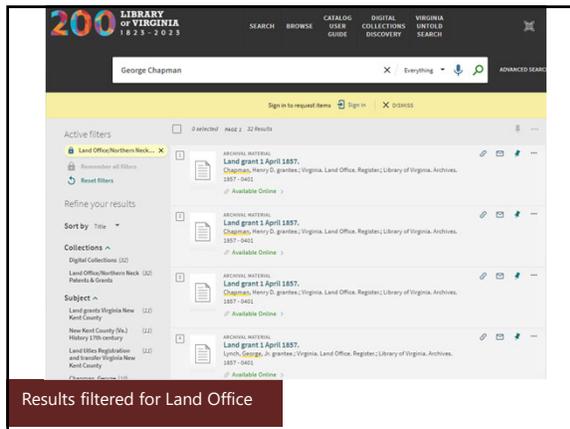
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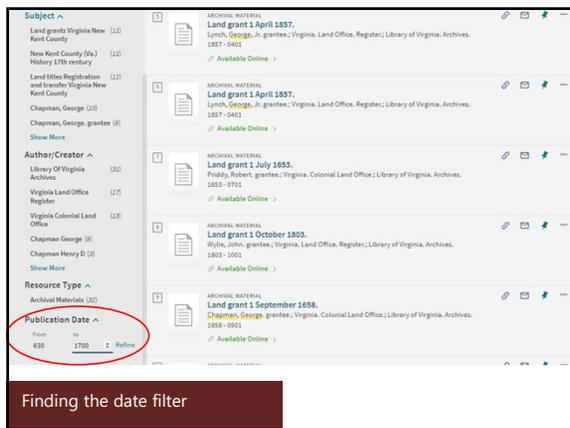




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**Use the Library of Virginia**

- “Genealogical Records at the Library of Virginia”
- Research Guides and Indexes
- Land records – online
- Wills and Estate Records Index
- Lost Record Localities Collection
- Colonial records project
- Historic Virginia Documents

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1607-1680	<p>Adventurers of Purse and Person, F229 J9 2004</p> <p><a href="#">Colonial Records Project</a></p> <p><a href="#">Wills and Estate Records Index (Torrence) F225 T85 1972</a></p> <p>Land Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Searchable Online Database</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Cavaliers and Pioneers, F225 N842 1992</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Virginia Northern Neck Land Grants, F232 N86 G72 1987</a></li> </ul> <p>Records of the Virginia Company, F229 V86 1993</p> <p><a href="#">Virginia Historical Index (Swem)</a></p>
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**LIBRARY  
OF VIRGINIA**

GENEALOGICAL RECORDS AT THE  
LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA

The Library of Virginia was created by the General Assembly in 1823 to organize, care for, and manage the state's growing collection of books and official records. Today the Library houses a vast collection of materials on Virginia government, history, and culture. In addition to managing and preserving its printed, manuscript, map, and photograph collections, the Library supplies research and reference assistance to state officials, provides consulting services to state and local government agencies and to Virginia's public libraries, administers numerous federal, state, and local grant programs, publishes books on Virginia history, and offers the public a wide array of educational programs. An experienced staff is available to provide advice and assistance in using the rich and varied resources in the collections. For more on the Library's history and holdings, see *The Common Wealth: Treasures from the Collections of the Library of Virginia*, edited by Sandra Gioia Treadway and Edward D. C. Campbell, Jr. (1997).

**Manuscript Sources**

As the repository of the commonwealth's historically valuable records, the Archives houses a wealth of materials containing genealogical source material. Among these holdings are records of the colonial and state governments; copies of extant county court records such as wills, deeds, orders, and marriage bonds; church records; personal papers; business records; organization records; cemetery records; Bible records; and genealogical notes and charts. There is no comprehensive index to these holdings, but researchers may consult the online Archives & Manuscripts catalog, as well as a variety of published archival guides. Researchers may also consult a series of research notes compiled by the Archives staff.

**Tax Records**

While there are some extant colonial tithable records, the collection generally begins in 1782 and is composed of personal property and land tax lists arranged by county/jury, which are on microfilm up to 1900 for land and up to 1920 for personal property. These include counties now in West Virginia. They are unindexed and contain the names and/or numbers of taxable persons. An in-house guide to tithable records is available. Historical records for the late 1780's were published in *North Carolina, Virginia and Florida: A Tax Record - The 1787 Poll-tax*.

Genealogical Records at LVA

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**Research Guides & Indexes**  
Resources created by Library of Virginia librarians and archivists

BY SUBJECT
VIEW ALL

**African American Resources**

**Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIA) Resources**

**Biographical and Genealogical Resources**

**Births, Deaths, Marriages (Vital Records)**

**Business Records**

**Collections in Library Catalog**

**County and City Research (Virginia, West Virginia, and Kentucky)**

**General Reference**

**Journals and Magazines**

**Land Patents and Grants**

**Legal Resources**

**Maps and Architecture**

**Military Service: Civil War**

**Military Service: Other Records**

**Military Service: Revolutionary War**

**Native American Resources**

**Newspapers**

**Photographs and Images**

**Slavery**

**Tax Records**

**Virginia Government Records**

**Virginia History and Culture**

**Women's History**

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Categories of Research Guides

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## Common Challenges

- Record loss due to mold, water and fire
- Connecting an arrival record (e.g. headright mention) to a person with the same name, in the same place 100 years later

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## Record Loss Strategies

- Challenge: John Peace appears in headright land record to George Chapman, New Kent County
- New Kent County has extensive record loss
- What to do?
  - Try Library of Virginia



**Lost Records Localities Digital Collection**  
 This collection consists of images for a wide variety of court records found as part of chancery and other locality records-processing projects. The images are of surviving records from localities where most records are no longer extant. The original record is scanned and the images are filed together in an artificial online collection—the Lost Records Localities Digital Collection. Please check periodically as this is an ongoing project.

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### Record Loss Strategies

**New Kent County** (57)  
New Kent County was created in 1654. [More...](#)

**Nottoway County** (63)  
Nottoway County was created by an act of 1788.

**Prince George County** (93)  
Prince George County was created by an act of 17...

**Collection Information**

Collection: **New Kent County**

Records were destroyed when John Posey set fire to the courthouse on 15 July 1787. Many records were lost when the courthouse was partially destroyed by fire during Civil War hostilities in 1862. Additional records were burned in Richmond on 2 April 1865, where they had been moved for safekeeping during the Civil War.

[Close](#)

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**Digital Lost Records Collection New Kent County**

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24 Harrison, C. L.: Plat		9905				
25 Harrison, C. L.: Plat		9906				
26 Hatton, William & wife Frances to Isaac Perkins: Deed		9909				
27 Jordan, Samuel: Will		9910				
28 Land Tax Books (1670-83)		9912				
29 Lewis, Sarah: Free Negro Registration		9901_120596				
30 Littlepage, Frances vs. Stephen Crum: Judgment		9913				
31 Mason, Gideon: Will		9916				
32 Mason, Sarah: Will		9920				
33 Maximo, William: Will		9918				
34 Meredith, Samuel: Will		9920				
35 Parrish, Charles: Will		9920				
36 Perkins, Robert and Pleasant Bradley: Survey		9917				
37 Perkins, Robert to Pleasant Bradley: Deed		9915				
38 Posey, John Price: Estate Accounts		9908				
39 Proffitt, William vs. Adm. of Charles Mason: Judgment		9919				
40 Ransdell, Thomas vs. William Smith: Judgment		9914				

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### Connecting Ancestors

- You may not find one “smoking-gun” record; you may need to build a case with multiple records
- Essential Strategy: Research the ancestors associates and neighbors (Cluster Research or FAN Club Research)
- Some records may be less reliable than others; seek originals if you can
- May need to have, and exhaust, several working theories

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### And keep in mind . . .

- Terms of kinship may have different meanings in 17<sup>th</sup>-century:
  - Nephew and nieces may be referred to as “cousins”
  - Sometimes “brother” or “sister” can be indications of brothers and sisters within a faith
  - “Father” and “Mother” could refer to in-laws
- Use of “Jr” and “Sr” typically mean younger versus older and don’t necessarily mean kinship

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### Summary

- Educate yourself about the history of the time period, especially government and religious jurisdictions – that is where the records are
- Don’t reinvent the wheel - look at published sources in combination with originals
- Record loss of 17<sup>th</sup> century Virginia records doesn’t spell doom – try cluster research to circle around your ancestor

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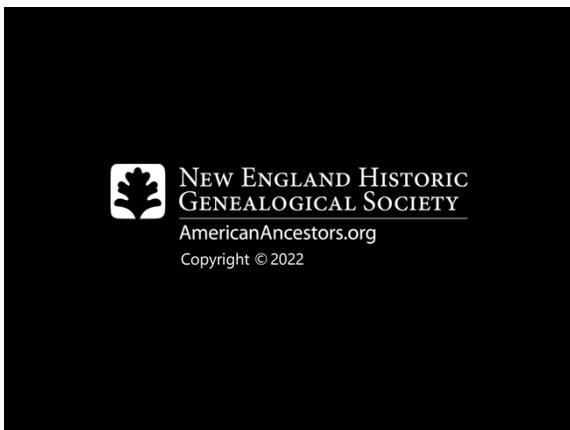
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