

Virginia Research: Four Centuries of History and Genealogy

18th-Century Research: Expansion and Independence

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- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
 - Where: Expansion
 - Who: Peopling Virginia
 - What: Independence
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**

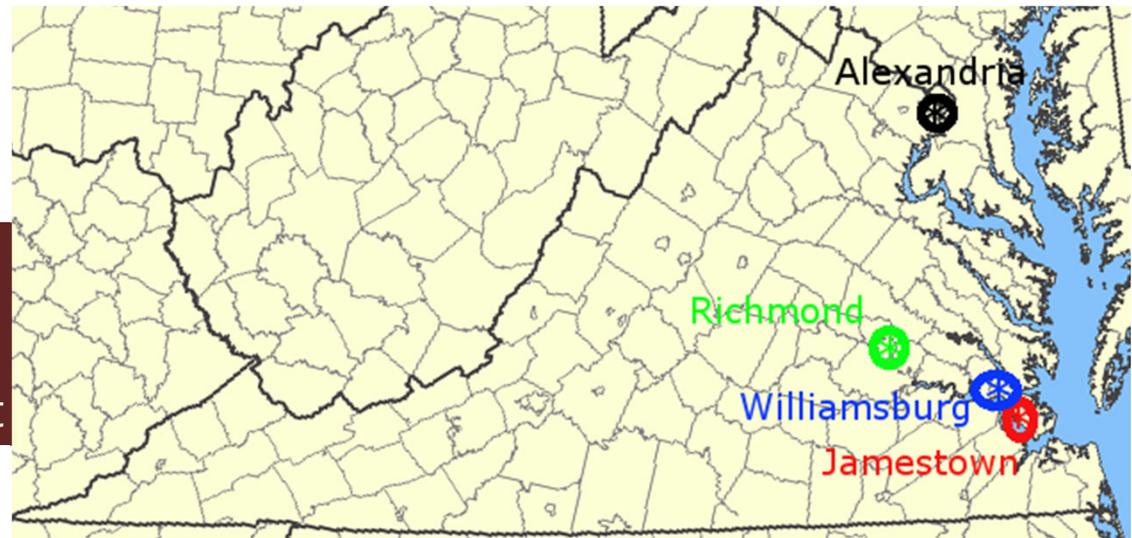
George Washington Timeline

	Washington begins his military career in the French and Indian War.		Great Britain surrenders.		Washington becomes the first U.S. president.		Federal troops suppress the Whiskey Rebellion.		Washington dies at Mount Vernon.
1732	1754	1775	1781	1787	1789	1793	1794	1797	1799
Washington is born in Westmoreland County, Va.		Washington leads the Continental Army into the American Revolution.		Washington heads the Constitutional Convention.		Washington issues the Proclamation of Neutrality.		Washington retires to Mount Vernon.	

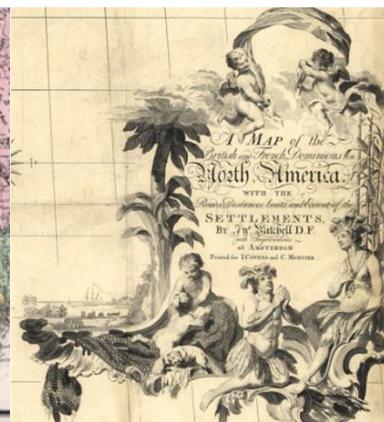
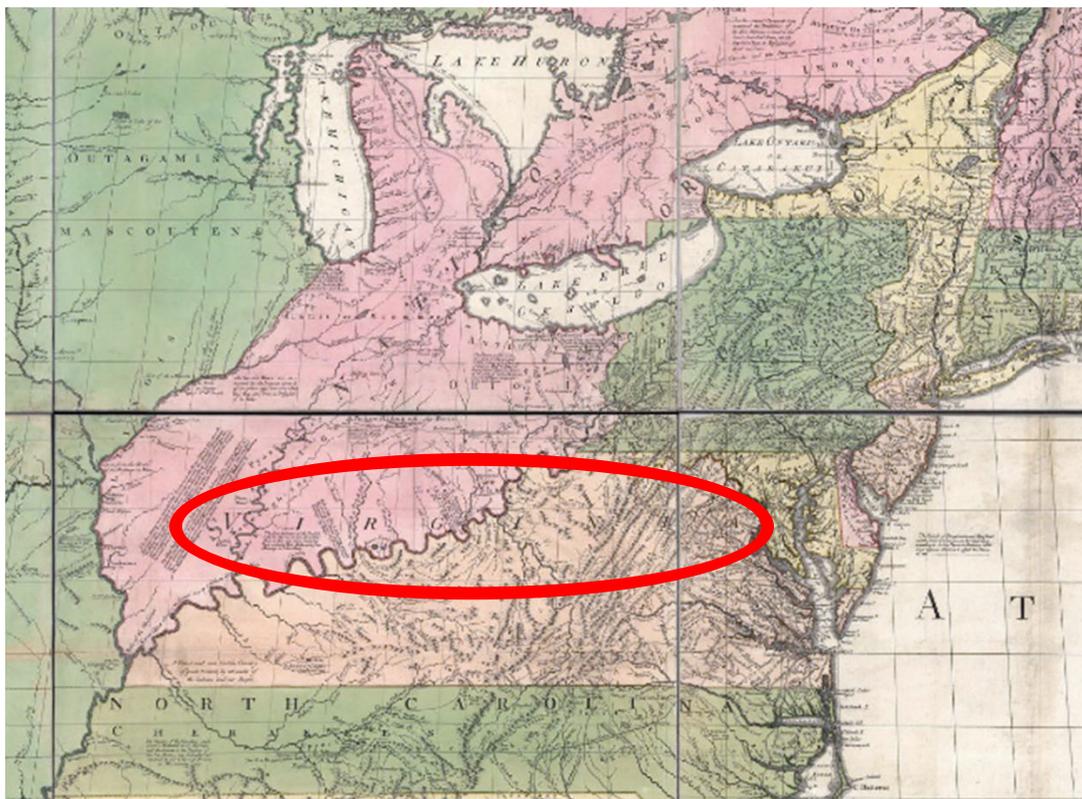
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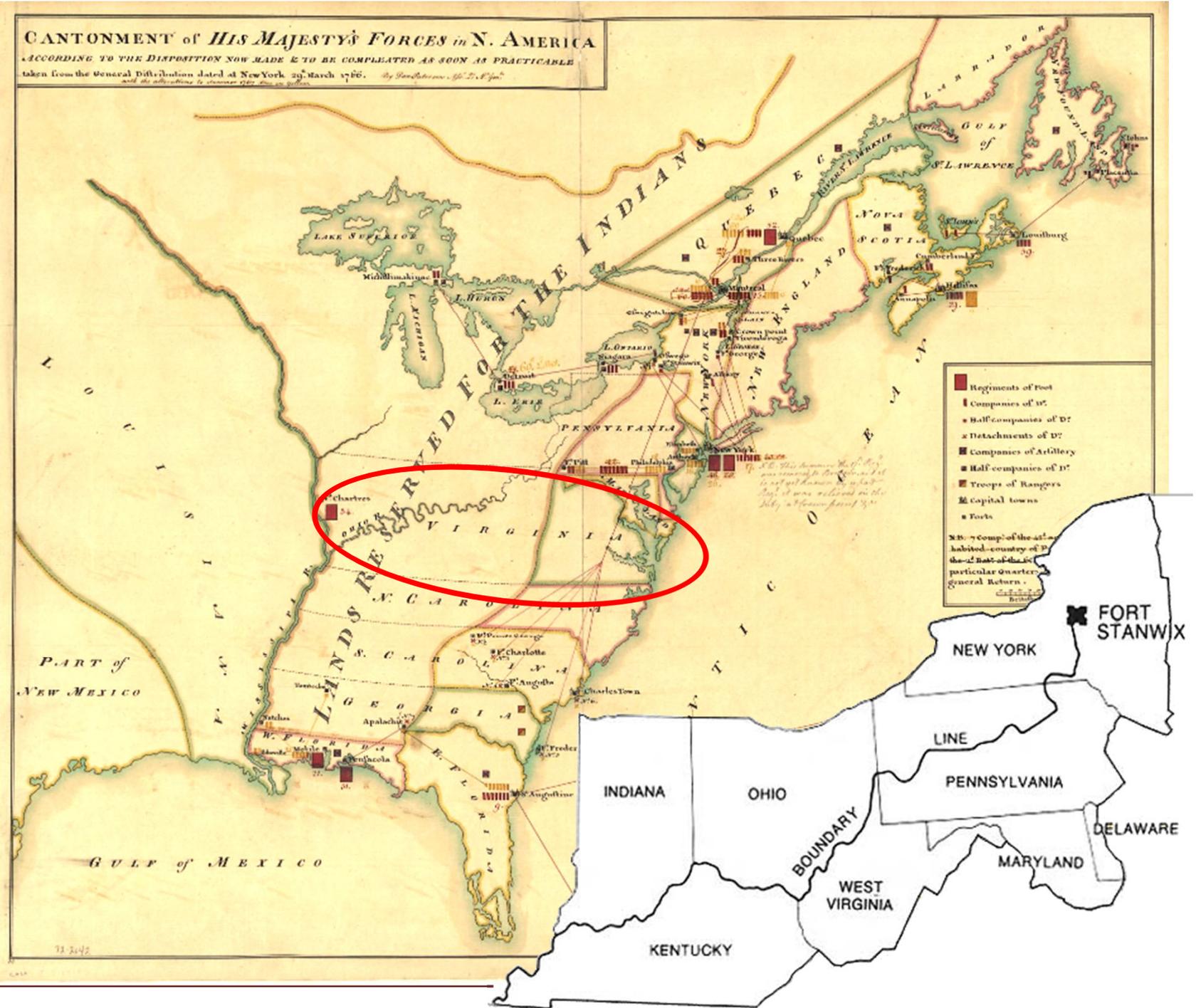
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1750s



1753 Fry-Jefferson Map



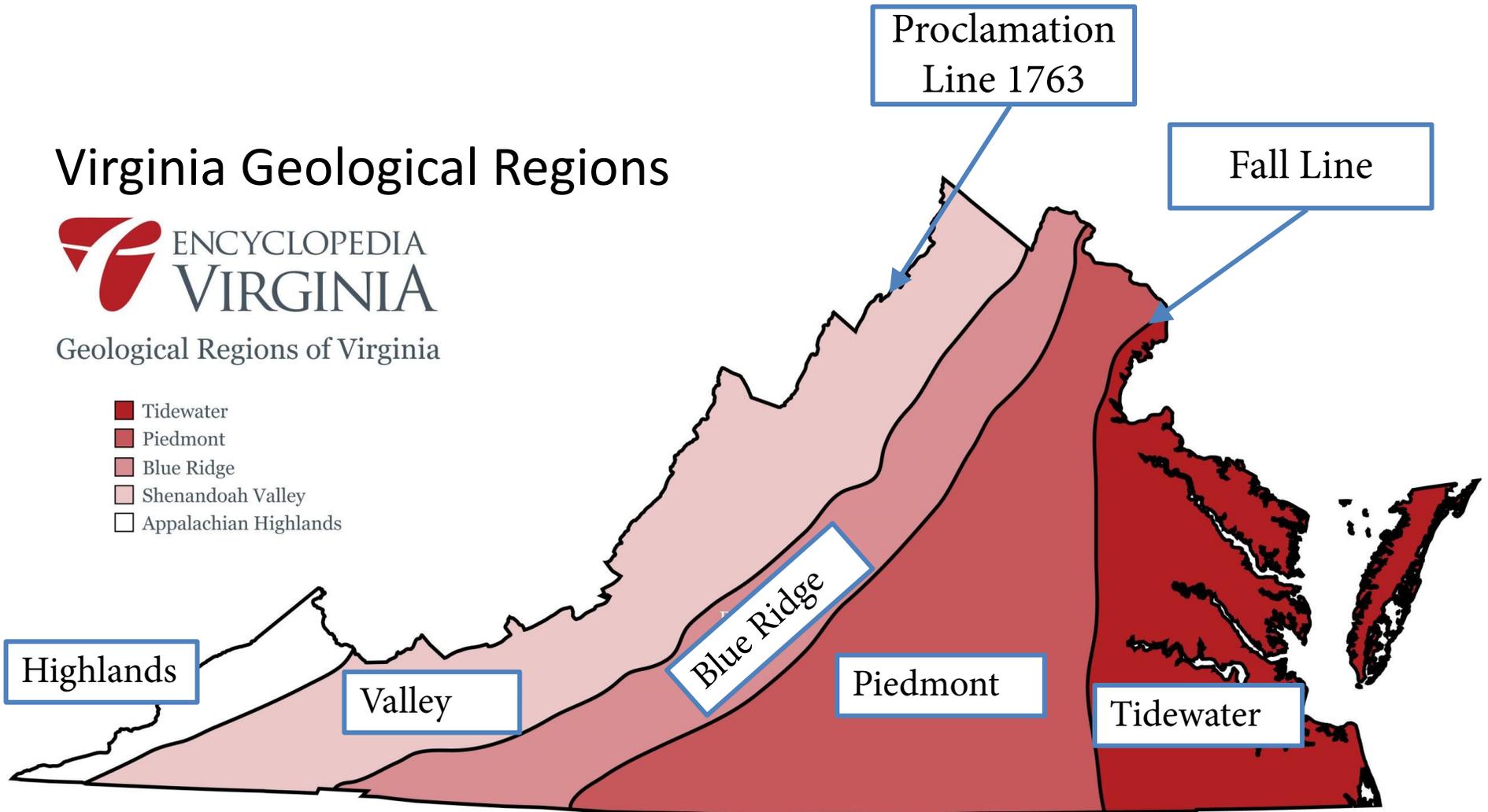
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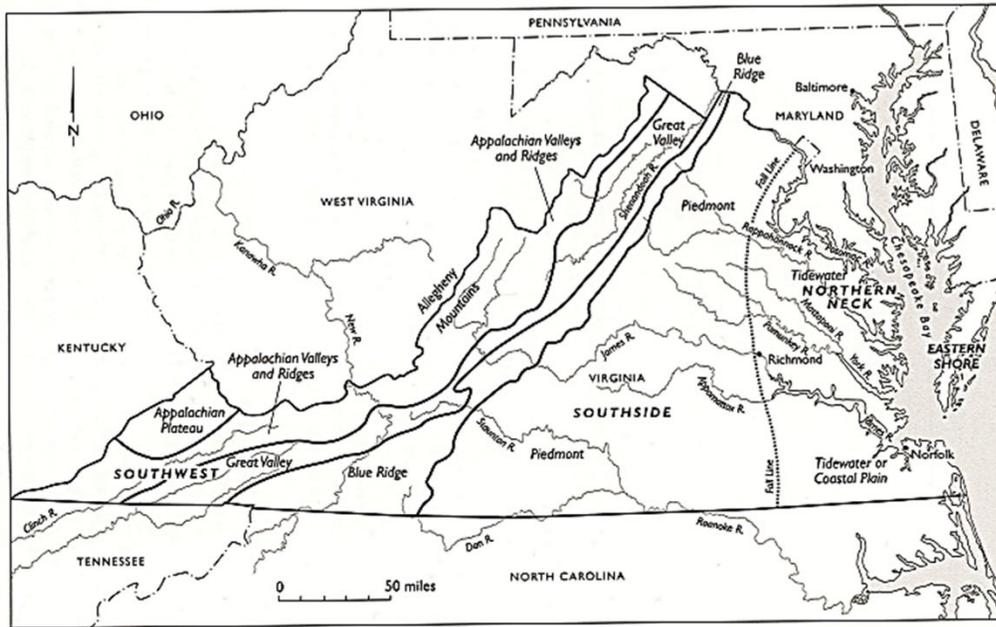


Geological Regions of Virginia

- Tidewater
- Piedmont
- Blue Ridge
- Shenandoah Valley
- Appalachian Highlands

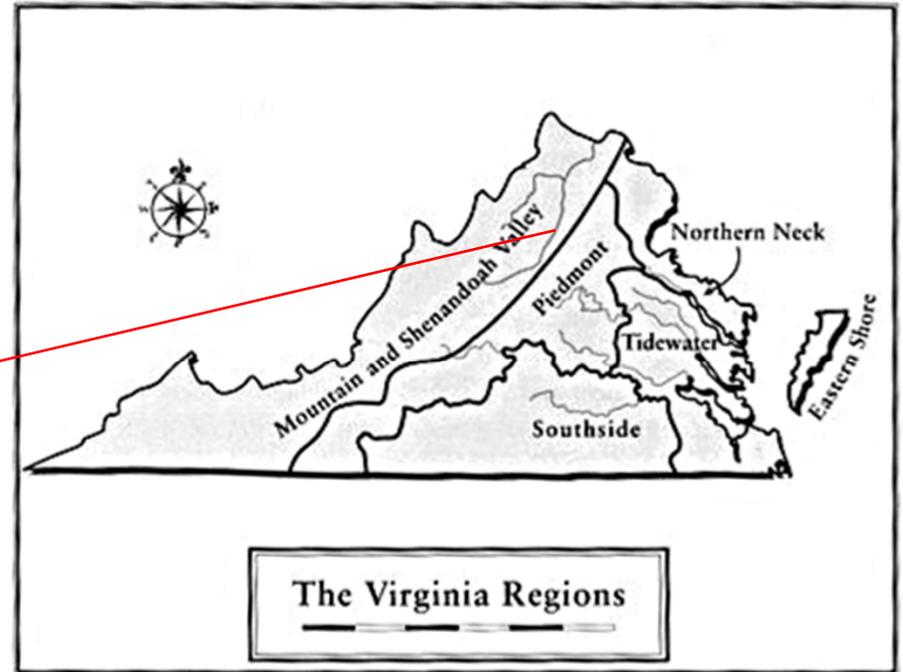
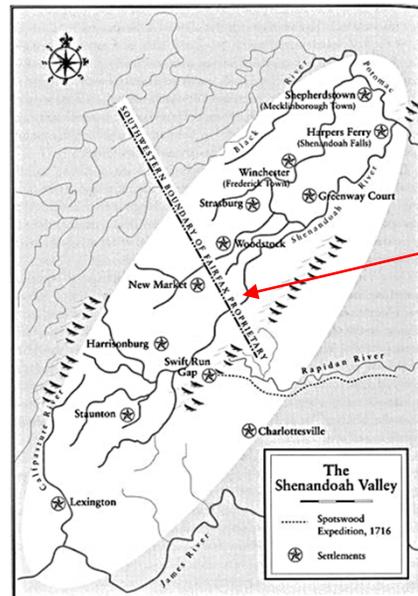


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GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS OF VIRGINIA

Old Dominion, New Commonwealth: A History of Virginia, 1607-2007, 2.



Fischer and Kelly, *Bound Away: Virginia and the Westward Movement*, 76, 106.

18th-Century Expansion

Regions:	Settlements:
Tidewater	Densely settled by 1732, mostly by gentry Africans became majority by 1755
Chesapeake Bay & Islands	Frontier was south of Norfolk by 1730s
Northern Neck	Separate grants began in 1690
Piedmont	Squatters in late 17th Century 1710s Germanna settlement Settlements reached Blue Ridge by 1727 25 counties developed 1728-1761 By Revolution mostly settled
Shenandoah Valley	1716 expedition; 1720s “backcountry” 1730s German and Scotch-Irish settlements By mid-century reached Roanoke
Southside	7 oldest counties formed 1702-1753 By mid-century had a stream of migration Remote until late 18th Century
Trans-Alleghany	First county formed in 1754 then more in 1770s



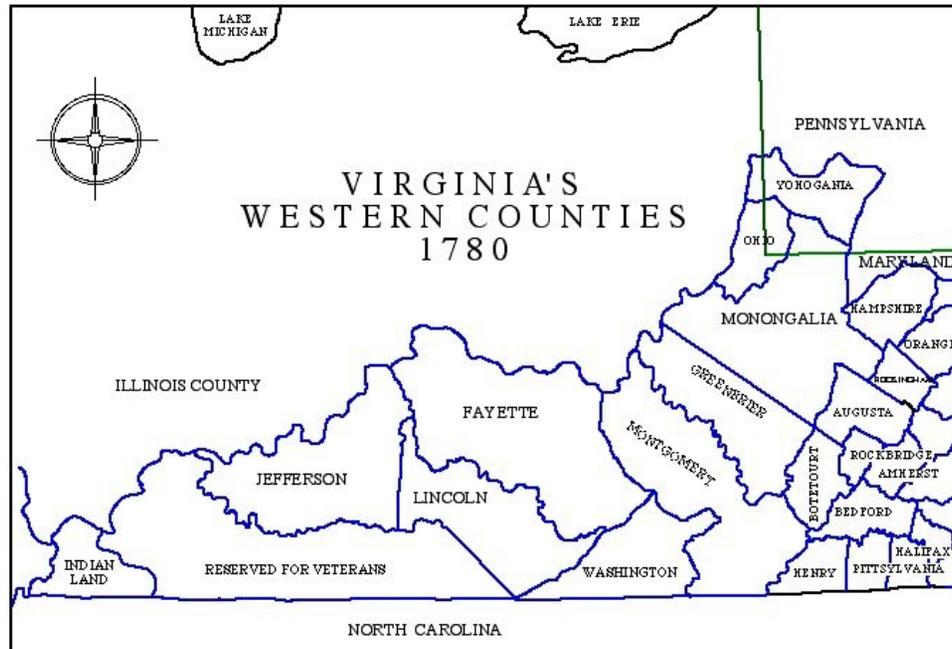
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"Mother of States"



FIGURE 14.—Historical diagram of Virginia territory

State:	Earliest settlement by Virginians:	Statehood:
West Virginia	1727	1863
Kentucky	1750	1792
Ohio	1740s	1803
Indiana	Late 1770s	1816
Illinois	Late 1770s	1818



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Counties that were Virginia

DATE OF FORMATION OF WEST VIRGINIA COUNTIES and COUNTIES FROM WHICH FORMED

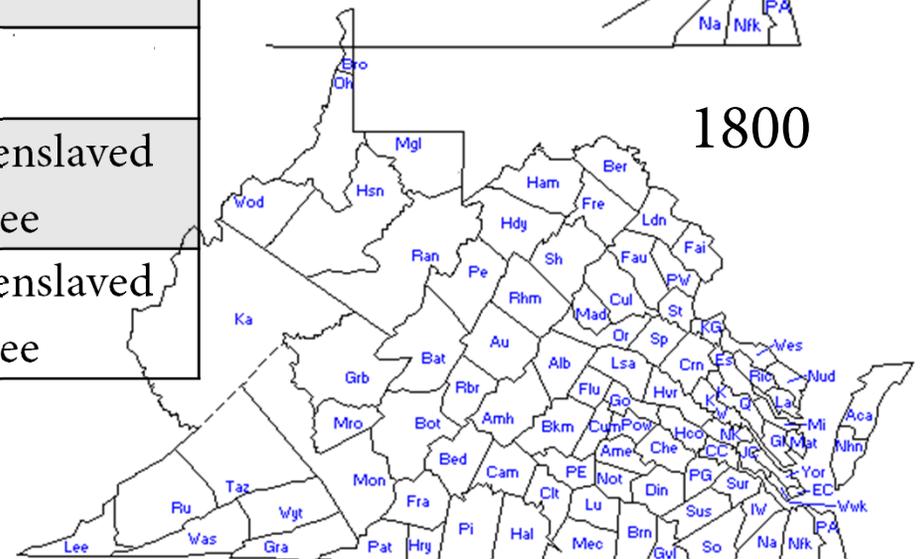
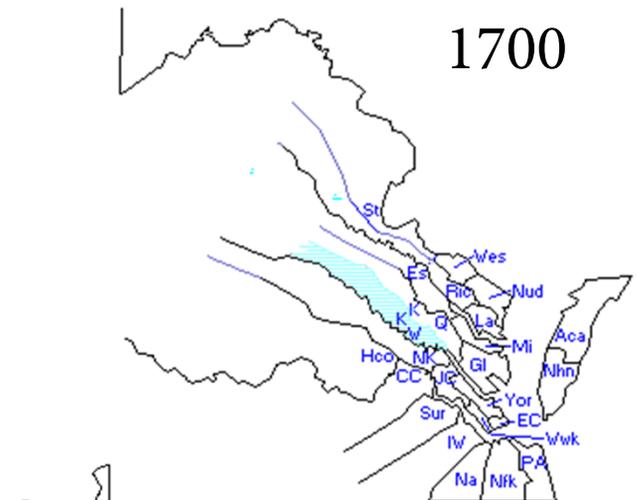
County	Date of Formation	Counties From Which Formed
Barbour	1843	Harrison, Lewis, Randolph
Berkeley	1772	<i>Frederick</i>
Boone	1847	Cabell, Kanawha, Logan
Braxton	1836	Kanawha, Lewis, Nicholas
Brooke	1796	Ohio
Cabell	1809	Kanawha
Calhoun	1856	Gilmer
Clay	1858	Braxton, Nicholas
Doddridge	1845	Harrison, Lewis, Ritchie, Tyler
Fayette	1831	Greenbrier, Kanawha, Logan, Nicholas
Gilmer	1845	Kanawha, Lewis
Grant	1866	Hardy
Greenbrier	1777	<i>Boteourt, Montgomery</i>
Hampshire	1753	<i>Augusta, Frederick</i>
Hancock	1848	Brooke
Hardy	1785	Hampshire
Harrison	1784	Monongalia
Jackson	1831	Kanawha, Mason, Wood
Jefferson	1801	Berkeley
Kanawha	1788	Greenbrier, <i>Montgomery</i>
Lewis	1816	Harrison
Lincoln	1867	Boone, Cabell, Kanawha, Putnam
Logan	1824	Cabell, Giles, Kanawha, <i>Tazewell</i>
Marion	1842	Harrison, Monongalia
Marshall	1835	Ohio
Mason	1804	Kanawha
Mercer	1837	<i>Giles, Tazewell</i>
Mineral	1866	Hampshire
Mingo	1895	Logan
Monongalia	1776	<i>West Augusta District</i>
Monroe	1799	Greenbrier
Morgan	1820	Berkeley, Hampshire
McDowell	1858	<i>Tazewell</i>
Nicholas	1818	Greenbrier, Kanawha, Randolph
Ohio	1776	<i>West Augusta District</i>
Pendleton	1787	<i>Augusta, Hardy, Rockingham</i>
Pleasants	1851	Ritchie, Tyler, Wood
Pocahontas	1821	<i>Beth, Pendleton, Randolph</i>
Preston	1818	Monongalia
Putnam	1848	Cabell, Kanawha, Mason
Raleigh	1850	Fayette
Randolph	1786	Harrison
Ritchie	1843	Harrison, Lewis, Wood
Roane	1856	Gilmer, Jackson, Kanawha
Summers	1871	Fayette, Greenbrier, Mercer, Monroe
Taylor	1844	Barbour, Harrison, Marion
Tucker	1856	Randolph
Tyler	1814	Ohio
Upshur	1851	Barbour, Lewis, Randolph
Wayne	1842	Cabell
Webster	1860	Braxton, Nicholas, Randolph
Wetzel	1846	Tylar
Wirt	1848	Jackson, Wood
Wood	1798	Harrison
Wyoming	1850	Logan

Italics denotes Virginia Counties.

Edgar B. Sims, *Sims Index to Land Grants in West Virginia*

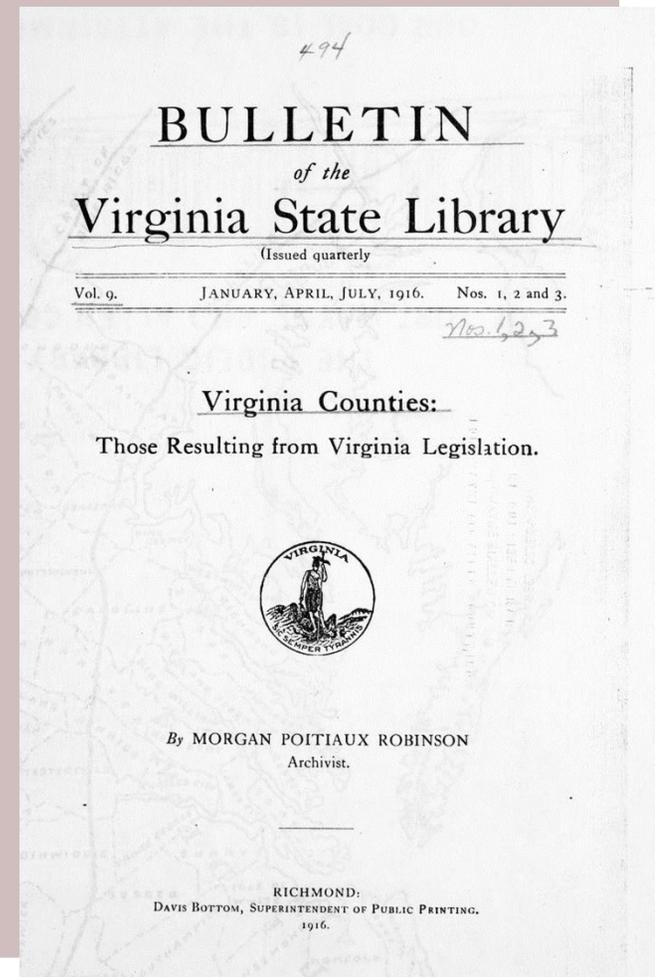
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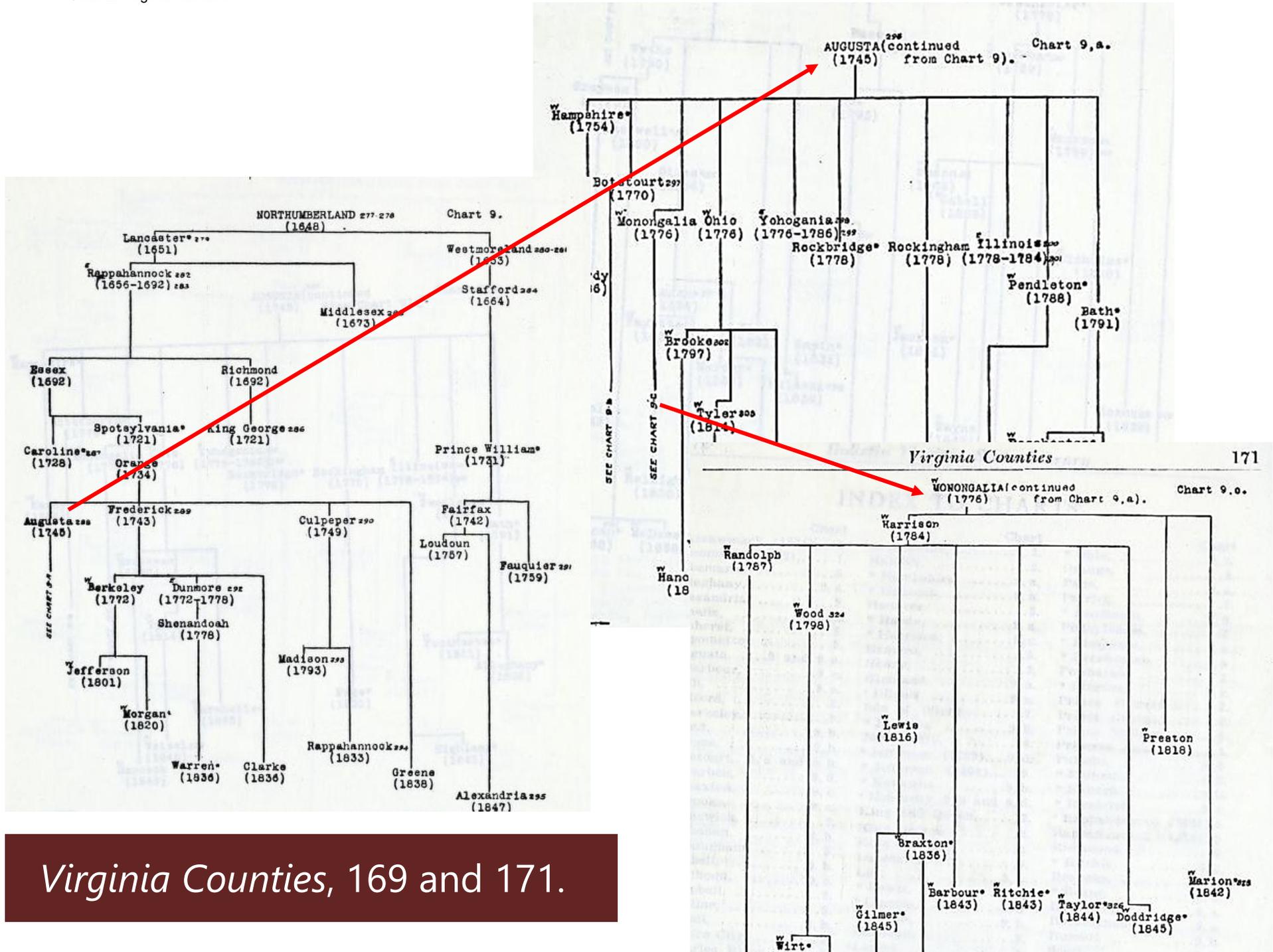
Year	Number of Counties	Total Population	Black Population
1700	23	58,560	16,390
1750	44	231,033	101,452
1770	58	447,016	187,605
1775	61	550,000	200,000
1790	85	747,610	293,000 enslaved 13,000 free
1800	99 (77)	886,149	346,000 enslaved 20,000 free



Virginia Counties

- Connects county formations to laws
- Arranges by:
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- Virginia State Library/
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Virginia Counties, 169 and 171.

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Virginia, United States Genealogy

United States → Virginia

Guide to **Virginia ancestry, family history, and genealogy** birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, and military records.

Virginia Information

Virginia became the tenth state admitted to the United States in June 25, 1788. Virginia was created from the Colony of Virginia and is located in the southeast region of the United States.^[1] There are 95 counties in Virginia.

Getting Started

Getting Started with Virginia Research

Links to articles on getting started with Virginia research.

- Guided Research
- Step-by-Step Virginia Research, 1880-Present
- How to Find Birth Records
- How to Find Marriage Records
- How to Find Death Records
- Research Strategies
- Eric G. Grundset *Genealogical Research in Virginia* National Genealogical Society Quarterly 82 (September 1994): 179- 206 FS Library 973 B2ng

Virginia Research Tools

Links to articles and websites that assist in Virginia research.

- Boundary Changes for Virginia Counties
- Virginia Archives and Libraries
- VAGenWeb
- Geographical Names Information System - U.S. gazetteer of places, cemeteries and post offices in Virginia.
- Cavaliers and pioneers; abstracts of Virginia land patents and grants, 1623-1800, by Nugent, Nell Marion; Virginia State Library; Virginia Genealogical Society. Online at: Internet Archive, Hathitrust, Ancestry (\$).

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Land

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

Published sources?

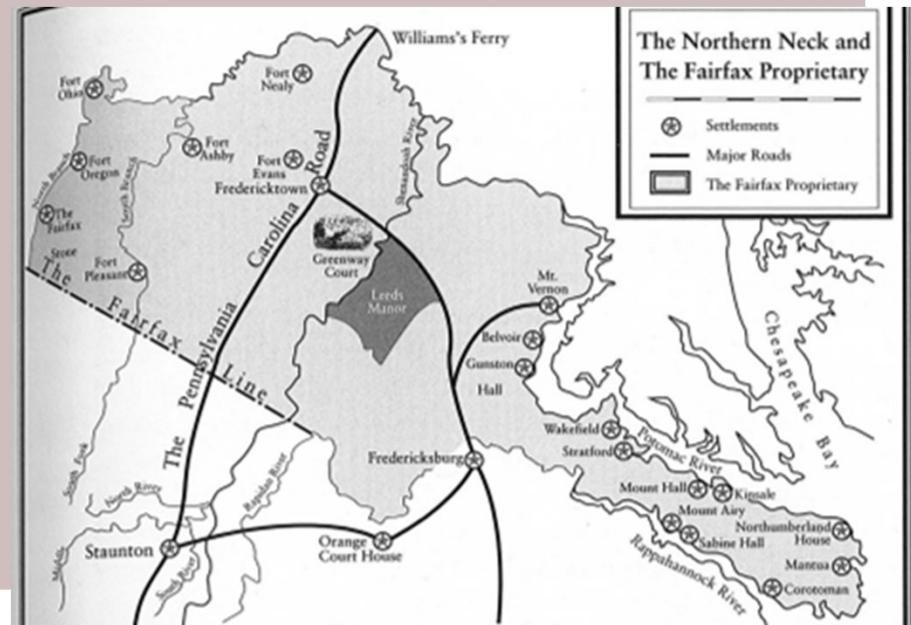
- Lists grantors, grantees, patentees (etc.) alphabetically or via indexing
- Indexes *all* names so that neighbors and other affiliates can also be identified
- Abstracts can quickly be compared, helping us draw conclusions
- Can use citations to see further details in original records

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Virginia Northern Neck Land Grants

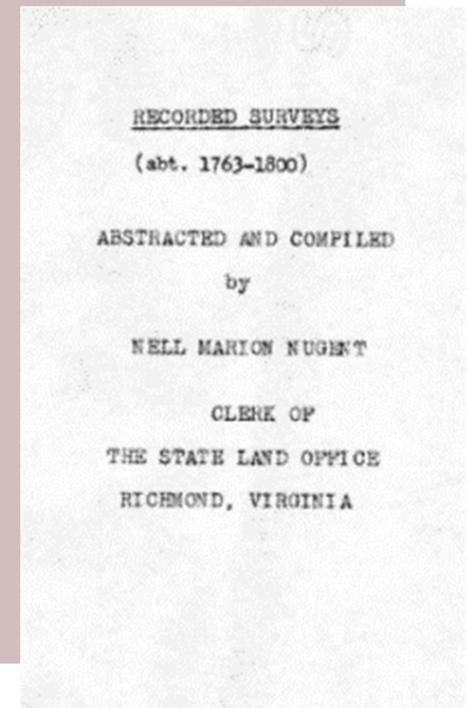
- Abstracts of original grant books of Northern Neck Land Proprietary, aka Fairfax Land Proprietary
- Originals at Land Office archives, Library of Virginia
- Separate volumes 1690
- Online at [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)



Fischer and Kelly, *Bound Away: Virginia and the Westward Movement*, 87.

Recorded Surveys Abstracted

- Abstracts of Virginia Land Office survey books
 - 9 books of surveys
 - 4 books of Northern Neck surveys
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- By Clerk of Virginia State Land Office
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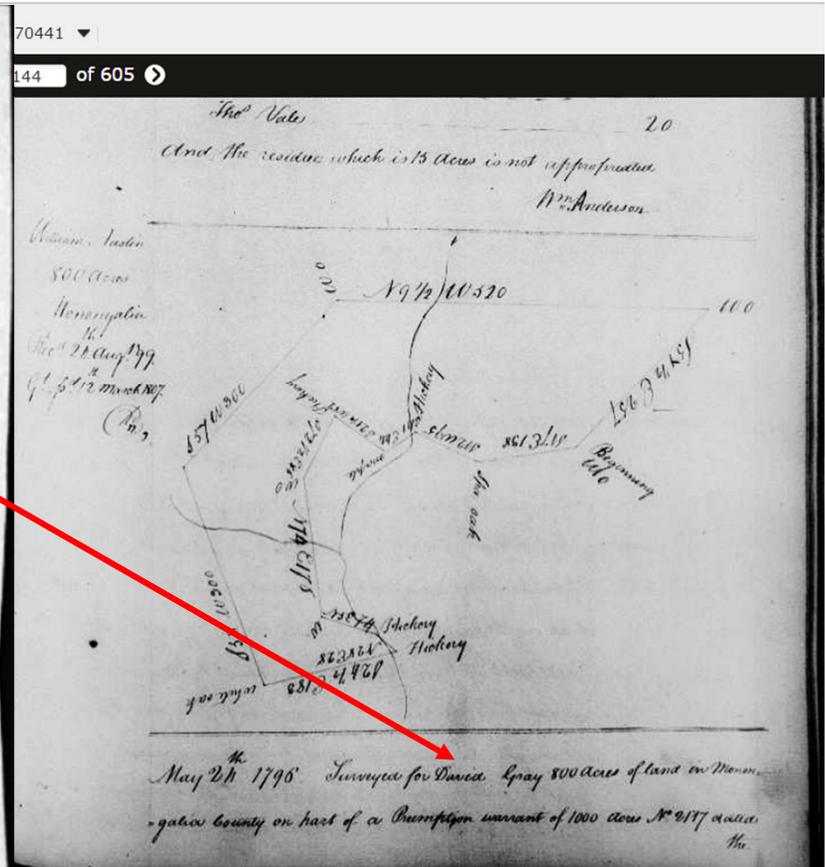
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S.B. #49, p. 34, Montgomery Co: 270 acs. surveyed for Garnett Peyton & John Howson Peyton, 15 Feb. 1805; Assigned by Garnett Peyton, John H. Peyton, Susansh S. Peyton & Agotha S. Peyton 16 Dec. 1805, to Test: James Craig & Nancy C. Craig
Henry Langdon & Richard Clifton.

S. B. #49, p. 32, Augusta Co: 16 Dec. 1803 inclusive survey made for George Moffit for 373 acs., including 90 acs. granted William Cuninghame 12 Feb. 1755, who conveyed to Charles Kilpatrick, 18-19 Nov. 1775, who by will dated 11 May 1757 devised to his son Alexander Kilpatrick; also 30 acs. granted said Alexander Kilpatrick 1 Aug. 1772, both of which tracts he conveyed to said George Moffitt 18-19 Nov. 1776; also 100 acs. granted said Moffitt 24th Aug. 1787 & 150 acs. granted him 19 Feb. 1798.

S. B. #49, p. 113, Monongalia Co: 800 acs. surveyed 24 May 1796 for David Gray; assigned to Thomas Laidley, of Morgan Town, by John Gray, Administrator of David Gray, and as Atty. in Fact of the other heirs, 12 Dec. 1798. Accompanying papers: Thomas Moon, of Berkeley County, states his wife Jane Moon, alias Gray, departed this life on the 17th of August 1804, leaving him as the only heir of said David Gray who has not relinquished all claim, &c. Assigned his interest to said Laidley, 27 Oct. 1806, Berkeley County. Tennessee, Washington Co., 3 April 1797: Know all men by these presents that we John Cowan & Christian Cowan, William Gray & Eleanor Gray, James Gray & Mary Gray, all of Washington Co. & State aforesaid, and Thomas Russell & Margaret Russell of Green County & State aforesaid, having reposed confidence in John Gray, of Berkeley Co., State of Virginia, Administrator to the estate of the late David Gray, do hereby jointly by these presents constitute, ordain and appoint the afforesaid John Gray our Lawful Attorney who we do hereby empower to sell and convey a tract or parcel of land situate in Berkeley County, Va., adjoining Rich Willis, Richard McSherry & George Washington, Esqr., containing 630 acres be the same more or less formerly part of the land belonging to the late General Charles Lee & devised by him to Eleazer Oswald of Philadelphia conveyed from him to John Drinker & from Drinker to the afforesaid David Gray, &c. Acknowledged before Jesse Payne & Henry Nelson, Justices of the Peace. James Sevier, Clerk of Washington Co., certifies to the abovenamed as Justices. John Adams, Chairman of the County Court of Washington, certifies James Sevier is acting clerk, &c.

Berkeley, March Court 1806: Ordered to be certified that John Gray, William Gray, James Gray, Christian Cowan, Margaret Russell & Jane Moon are the legal heirs of David Gray.



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Hightner to Release Peters

This Indenture Made the fourteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty Between Michael Hightner of Frederick parish in the County of Frederick of the one part and Peter Peters of the same Parish and County of the other part

Witnesseth that the said Michael Hightner for and in Consideration of the sum of Eleven pounds fourteen shillings current money of Virginia to him in hand paid at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents by the said Peter Peters the receipt whereof he the said Michael Hightner doth hereby acknowledge and thereof and of every part thereof doth release acquit and discharge the said Peter Peters

At a Court held for Hampshire County the 16th day of June 1790
This deed was who are to be given by the wife of
the above named Abraham Johnson the same being
Hampshire as the Law (Correctly) written by the Clerk
of the Court

right and titles of Power Judgments Executions titles Troubles (Claims and Encumbrances whatsoever made Done committed or suffered by the said Abram Johnson or Abigail his wife or any other person or persons, soever and lastly the said Abram Johnson Jun^r and Abigail his wife and their heirs all and singular the premises hereby granted with continuances unto the said William Reese his heirs and assigns against the said Abram Johnson and Abigail his wife and their heirs and every other Person and Persons whatsoever shall warrant forever Defend by these Presents in Witness whereof the said Abram Johnson Jun^r and Abigail his wife have hereunto set their hands and seals the Day (and year first above written) Signed Sealed and Delivered

In the Presence of
At a Court held for Hampshire County the 10th day of June 1790
This Deed of Bargain Sale from Abraham Johnson and Abigail his wife to William Reese, was Acknowledged by the said Abraham Johnson and Ordered to be Recorded.
Festr. And Wodrow B. Cur

This Indenture made the Eighth Day of January in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Between John Williams, eldest son and heir at Law of Richard Williams deceased of Hampshire County & State of Virginia of the one Part, and William Linton of said County & State of the other Part; Witnesseth, that for and in Consideration of the Sum of Eight Hundred & twenty Pounds current Money of Virginia, the said John Williams in hand paid by the said William Linton, at or before the said Delivery of these Presents, the Receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge, thereof doth release, acquit, and discharge the said William Linton, his Executors, Administrators by these Presents, Be the said John Williams hath granted, gained, sold, aliened, and confirmed, and by these Presents doth grant, bargain, sell, alien, and confirm, unto the said William Linton and his heirs, that Tract of Land situate lying and being on the South Branch of the said River & distinguished by the Lot Number "Thirty two" and is bounded as follows Beginning at several small Sycamores standing on the South Branch of the said River to Lot "31" and running along the line thereof S. 50 E. Three Hundred ninety poles to a heap of Stones and a Chesnut Oak on the side of a Mountain corner to Lot 30 & 31, thence N. 20. W. Two hundred and forty poles to a Black Walnut tree on the low ground, thence N. 31. E. Thirty four poles to a white wood tree on the South Branch thence up the Meanders thereof N. 56. W. Fifty eight poles, N. 77. W. Thirty poles, W. Thirty six poles, S. 77. W. ninety eight poles, S. 20. W. Forty one poles to the Beginning containing Two Hundred and thirty two Acres which was granted to Peter Williams from the proprietor of the northern Neck bearing date the 16th day of August 1741 and by the said Peter conveyed to Richard Williams by Deeds of Lease & Release bearing date the 23rd & 24th days of July 1772. as may appear, and the said Richard Williams conveyed the same descended to the said John Williams, his eldest son & heir at Law, and all

Buildings, Orchards, Ways, Waters, Water courses, Profits, Commodities, Hereditaments and Appurtenances whatsoever, to the said Premises hereby granted; or any part thereof being, or in any wise appertaining; and the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues, and Profits thereof, and also all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Use, Trust, Property, and Demand whatsoever of him the said John Williams of, in, (and to the said Premises, and all Deeds, Evidences, and Writings, touching, or in any wise concerning, the same: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the Lands hereby conveyed, and all and singular other the Premises hereby granted, and every Part and Parcel thereof, with their and every of their Appurtenances, unto the said William Linton, his Heirs and Assigns, forever, to the only proper Use and behoof of him the said William Linton (and of his Heirs and Assigns forever. And the said John Williams for himself his Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, doth covenant, promise, and grant, to and with the said William Linton his Heirs (and Assigns, by these Presents, that the said John Williams now at the Time of sealing and delivering of these Presents, is seized of good, sure, perfect, and indisputable Estate of Inheritance, in Fee Simple, of and in the Premises hereby granted, (and that he hath good Power, (and lawful and absolute Authority, to grant and convey the same to the said William Linton in Manner (and Form aforesaid, and that the said Premises now are, and so forever hereafter shall remain, (and be free and clear of and from all former and other Gifts, Grants, Bargains, Sales, Dower, Right, and Title of Power, Judgments, Executions, Titles, Troubles, Charges, and Encumbrances whatsoever, made, done, committed, or suffered, by the said John Williams or any other Person or Persons whatsoever. And Lastly, that the said John Williams and his Heirs, all (and singular the Premises hereby granted, with the Appurtenances, unto the said William Linton (and his Heirs and Assigns, against him the said John Williams and his Heirs, (and all and every other Person and Persons whatsoever, shall warrant (and forever defend by these Presents. In Witness whereof, the said John Williams hath hereunto set his Hand and Seal the Day (and Year first above written.

Scales and Delivered in the presence of
And Wodrow Peter Williams John Hausbrough
John Williams
At a Court held for Hampshire County the 10th Day of June 1790. This Deed of Bargain and Sale from John Williams to William Linton, was Acknowledged by the said John Williams and Ordered to be Recorded.
Festr. And Wodrow B. Cur

This Indenture made the seventh day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Ninety Between Philip Wiggins of Hampshire County (and State of Virginia, of the one part (and Archibald Wiggins of the County and State aforesaid of the other part, Witnesseth, that for (and in consideration of two hundred and sixty seven Pounds ten shillings current money of the State of Pennsylvania, to the said Philip Wiggins in hand paid by the said Archibald Wiggins, at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof he the said Philip Wiggins doth hereby acknowledge

of good and situate in the said County lying on the waters of Potomack

Frederick > Hampshire County Deeds

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Expanding scope

Strategies

Problem

- Gaps in time
- Lost in space

Solution

- Search surrounding counties/areas
- Check for changing jurisdictions
- Study migration routes/patterns
- Cluster research

Overlapping timeline

Year	County	State	Record
1772-1773	Bedford	PA	Taxes
1781, 1783	Washington	PA	Taxes
1782 1784	Monongalia	VA	Census Court
1786-1789 1790	Washington	PA	Land, Taxes Census
1798	Monongalia	VA	Land for church
1798 1800	Greene	PA	Tax Census

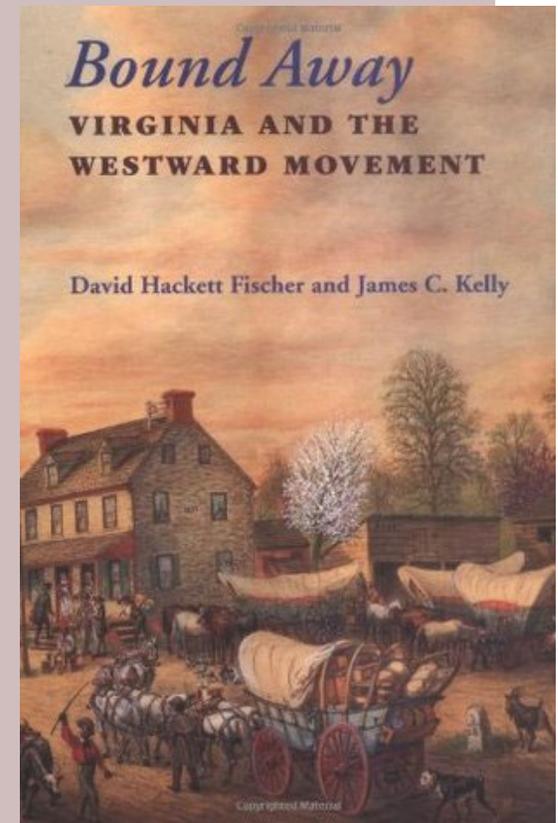


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- 6 chapters by topic
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- Originated from Virginia Historical Society exhibition



Social Stratification

White men

1. Landowning gentry
2. Rural middle class
3. Landless poor

White women

1. Widowed
2. Unmarried
3. Married

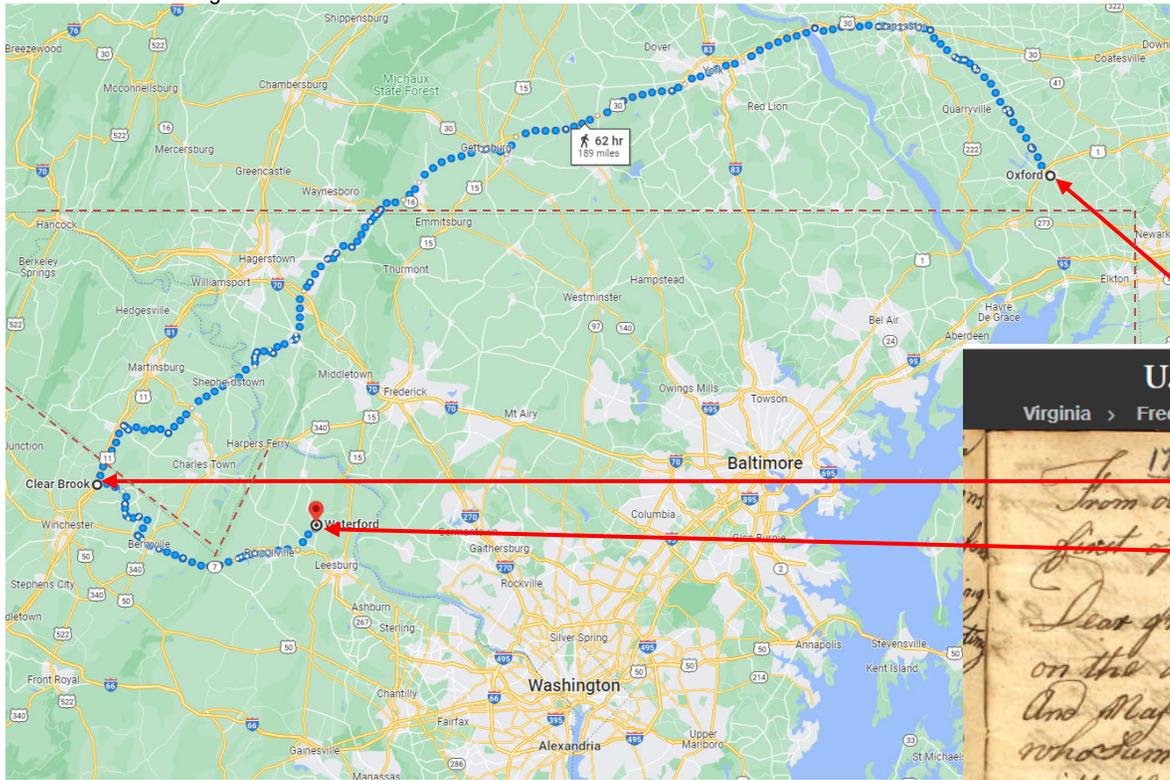
Non-white

1. Free persons
2. Indians
3. Enslaved

Religious Toleration

- Denominations (Protestant):
 - Anglican
 - Quaker (by 1650s)
 - Presbyterian (1699)
 - Reformed (1700)
 - Baptist (1714)
 - German Lutheran (1730)
- 1776 – Virginia Declaration of Rights
- 1786 – Virginia Statute for Establishing Religious Freedom

Class 2: Virginia Research



U.S., Quaker Meeting Records, 1681-1935

Virginia > Frederick > Hopewell Monthly Meeting > Minutes and Removals 1778-1805

1779

From our monthly meeting of Hopewell held the first of the fifth month 1779 to farewell monthly meeting

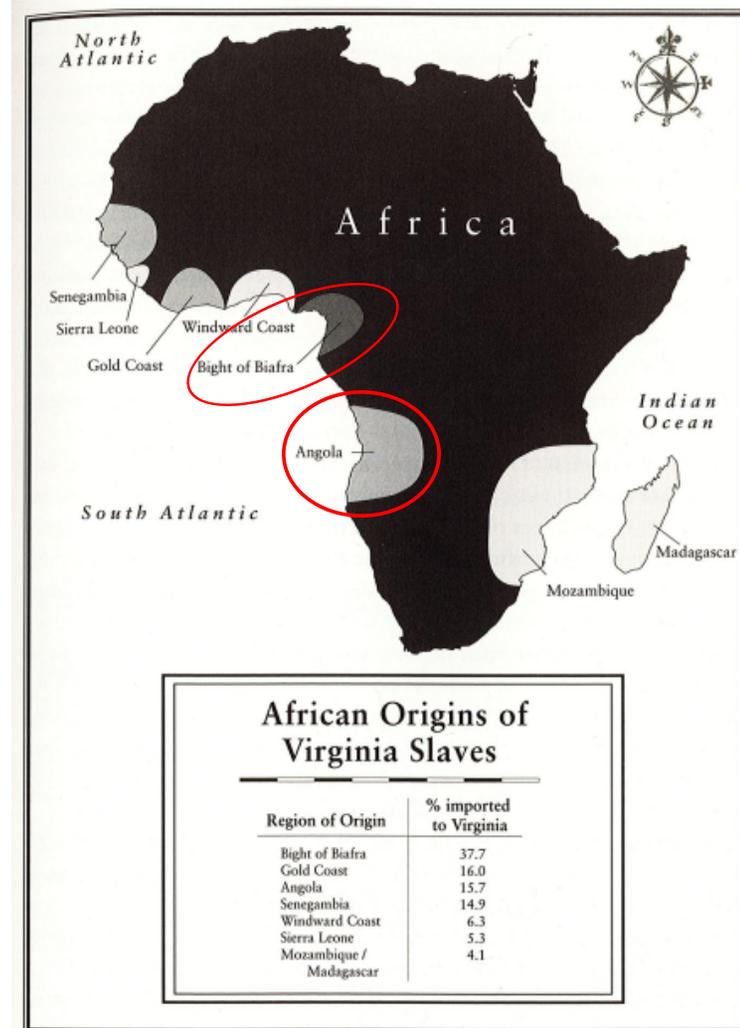
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By
Robert Flains
Clarke

Society of Friends

Immigration to Virginia

Arrivals:	Settled heavily within:
English	Tidewater & beyond
British borderers/borderlanders	Shenandoah Valley & Southside
Scotch-Irish	Shenandoah Valley & Southside
Scottish	Chesapeake Islands
German/Swiss	Piedmont (Spotsylvania County) & Shenandoah Valley
French Huguenot	Piedmont (Powhatan County)
African – especially Ibo (involuntary)	Tidewater & Piedmont



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Fischer and Kelly, *Bound Away: Virginia and the Westward Movement*, 61, 123.

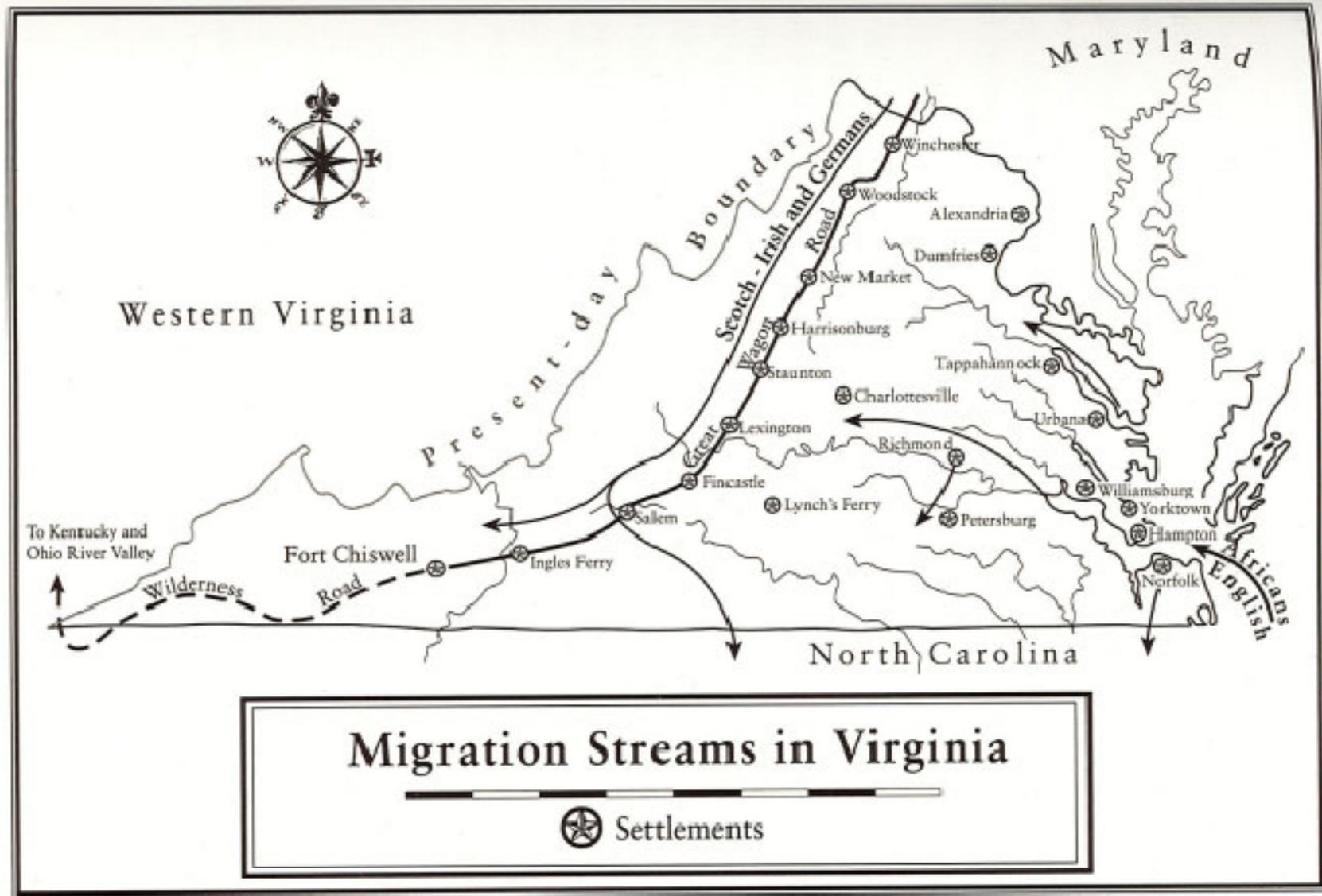
Involuntary Immigration

British Convicts

- Transportation Act of 1718
- Resented by Virginians by 1751
- From England & Ireland
- Over half to VA & MD
- 20-50,000

Africans

- Slave Code of 1705
- Early mostly Ibo from Biafra; Later more from Angola
- After 1740 more American-born
- 90,000 1690-1770



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VIRGINIA'S HERITAGE MIGRATION ROUTE

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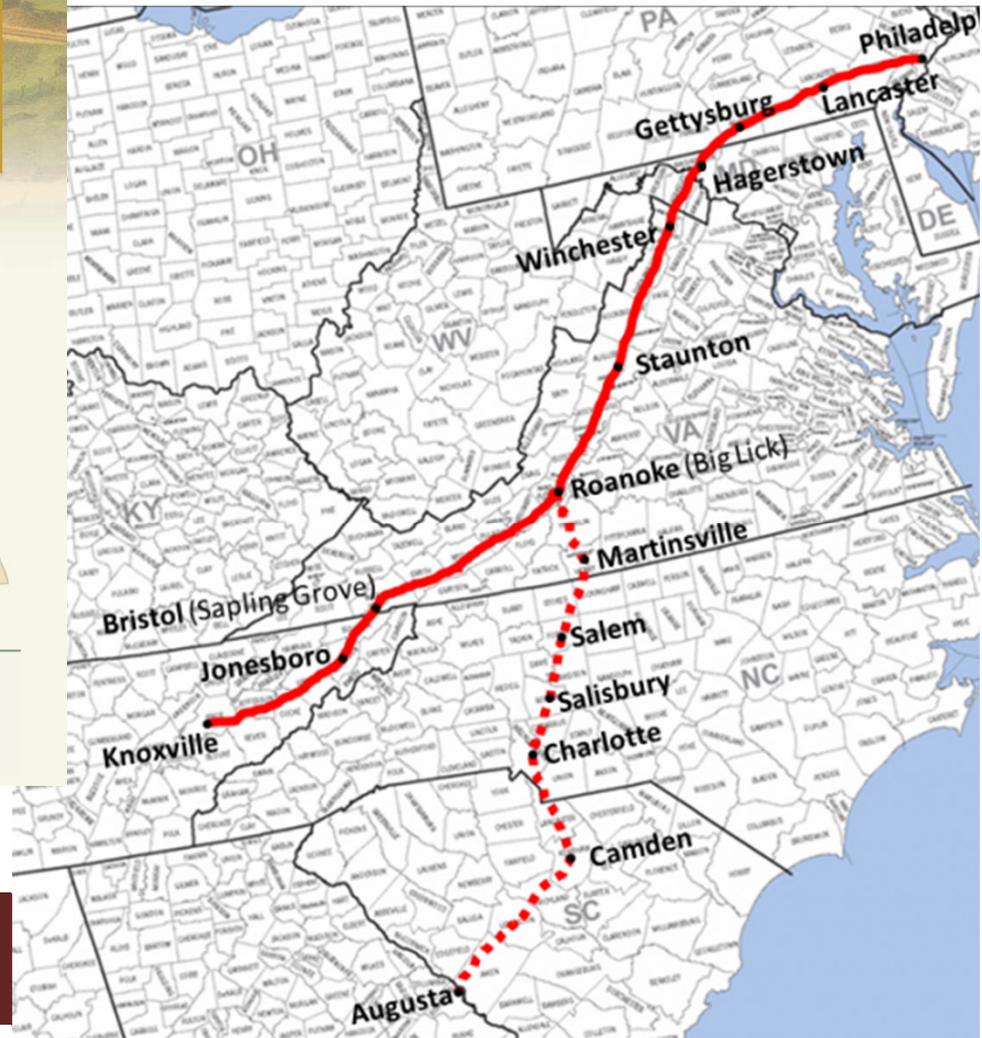
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Migration routes

Migration beyond Virginia

Departure Regions:	Settled heavily within:
Northern Neck	West Virginia
Piedmont	Georgia (Wilkes County)
Southside & Shenandoah Valley	Carolina backcountry
Shenandoah Valley	East Tennessee
Southside	Middle Tennessee (Cumberland Basin)
Piedmont & Shenandoah Valley	Kentucky
Northern Neck	Ohio country

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Tax

Why use tax records?

- Puts ancestor(s) at a certain time and place
- May shed light on ancestor's economic status, standing in community, and movements
- Typically tallies number of enslaved in each household and divides by ages
- Substitute for: census, land, probate
 - Survives where many other records do not
- Alphabetical and indexed lists allow for quicker research and comparison

Tax Records

Before 1782

- Poll tax – levied based on number of tithables
 - assessed on persons over 16
 - Free white males
 - Enslaved people
 - Indigenous servants
 - Female heads of households
- Parish levy – to support parish vestry's expenses
- Quitrent – obligation to Crown by landowners

Post 1782

- Land taxes
 - Landowners
 - Quantity and value of land
- Personal property taxes
 - White Males
 - Over 21
 - 16-21
 - Enslaved people
 - Under 16
 - Over 16
 - Female & Free Blacks (heads)
 - Livestock
 - More

Virginia Tax Records

- From
 - Virginia Magazine of History and Biography
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As these lists date, for the most part, from an early period in Virginia's history, their survival has been more a matter of chance than calculated policy. Those printed here, no doubt, represent only a fraction of the early tax records of Virginia, but as they constitute a large proportion of the surviving records, they claim an increased measure of importance. Their consolidation in this volume will not only assure their continued survival but will facilitate research in an otherwise hopelessly scattered body of source materials.

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The 1787 Census of Virginia

- Purpose= better substitute because using closest-surviving tax list to 1790
- For bicentennial of the Constitution
- Organized:
 - by county
 - then by tax district
 - then alphabetical by surname initial
- Vol. 3 = index

The 1787 Census of Virginia

An Accounting of the Name of Every White Male Tithable Over 21 Years; the Number of White Males between 16 & 21 Years; the Number of Slaves Over 16 & those Under 16 Years; together with a Listing of their Horses, Cattle & Carriages; and also the Names of all Persons to whom Ordinary Licenses and Physician's Licenses were Issued.

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FAUQUIER COUNTY - TAX LIST "B"

[Edward Hunston, Commissioner for this District, included the names of all males above 16. Those 16 to 21 years are so indicated; the others are over twenty-one.]

Ash	Elisabeth	self	1	3	1	5	8	- [not tithable]
Ash	Wm.	Elisabeth Ash						- 16-21 yrs.
Addoms	Josiah	self	0	0	2	3	5	
Addoms	George	self	0	1	3	6	8	
Addoms	Littleton	self	0	2	3	6	10	
Addoms	James	self	0	4	8	8	12	
Allen	Roberts	self	0	0	0	3	2	
Addoms	Thos.	self	0	3	5	5	14	
Ash	Francis	self	0	2	4	6	13	
Ash	George	self	1	4	5	10	23	
Ash	George, Jr.	George Ash						- 16-21 yrs.
Ashby	Enock	self	0	2	3	3	8	
Anderson	John	self	0	0	0	2	5	
Allason	Wm.	self	0	34	37	25	51	- stud horse, 0.18.0
Ashby	John	self	0	5	9	8	17	
Ashby	Robert	self	0	3	3	7	24	
Allen	John	self	0	0	0	2	7	
Armstrong	James	self	0	0	0	2	2	
Ares	Thos.	self	1	1	2	2	1	
Ares	Thos., Jr.	Thos. Ares						- 1
Arnol	Isaac	self	1	2	1	6	10	
Lowery	Fred.	Isaac Arnol						- 1
Arnol	Benjamin	self	0	0	0	2	2	
Arnol	Linney	self	0	0	0	4	1	- [
Alexander	Phil. T.	self	0	6	6	4	21	- [
Allen	William	self	0	0	0	1	7	

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The above form was included as part of the law passed in October, 1788 which mandated the 1787 personal property assessments used in this work.

Taxable property book, form of.

Form of return of taxable property to be made by the commissioners.

List of taxable property within the district of A. B. commissioner in the county of C—, for the year 1787

Date of receiving lists from individuals	Persons names, characterable with the tax	Names of white male tithables above 21.	Number of white males above 16 and under 21	Blacks above 16	Blacks under 16.	Horses, mares, colts & mules	Cattle	Carriage wheels	Ordinances	Billiard tables	Wm. of slaves	Base of cores of persons	Practising physicians	Practising lawyers
1787.	10 A. C.	A C	1	2	3	4	5	2	1	1	1	£.2	0	0
March 10	11 A. D.	AD&EF	"	1	2	1	3	"	1	"	"	0	0	0
	12 A. E.	A E.	"	"	"	"	0	"	"	"	"	0	0	0
	10 B. F.	BF & IK	2	10	15	9	30	6	"	"	2	5	0	0
	12 C. G.	C G	"	15	10	10	25	"	1	"	"	0	0	0
	13 D. H.	D H	3	"	1	2	7	"	1	1	"	0	0	0
Total amount.			9	6	28	31	26	70	8	4	2	3	7	10

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Fauquier County Personal Property Tax 1787 - List "B"

Last Name	First Name	Charged with Tax	1	2	3	4	5	Notes
Foard	Wm., Jr.	self	0	0	0	2	1	
French	Wm.	self	0	0	0	1	1	
Forrister	John	self	0	1	0	3	3	
Freemon	James, Sr.	self	2	5	3	8	13	
Freemon	Jarrot	James Freemon, Sr.						- 16-21 yrs.
Freemon	Nath	James Freemon, Sr.						- 16-21 yrs.
Freemon	James, Jr.	self	0	1	0	1	0	
Ficklin	Charles	self	0	0	0	2	0	
Fox	Samuel	self	0	12	7	10	24	
Fletcher	Aron	self	0	2	8	5	10	
Foard	Wm., Sr.	self	1	0	0	2	8	
Foard	Thos.	Wm. Foard, Sr.						- 16-21 yrs.
Foard	Henry	self	0	0	0	1	0	
Foard	George	self	0	0	0	1	0	
Foard	John	self	1	0	0	1	0	- 16-21 yrs.
Fletcher	Moses	self	0	0	1	1	2	
Fisher	Susanah	self	1	0	0	4	9	- [not tithable]
Fisher	Dunlap	Susanah Fisher						- 16-21 yrs.
Fletcher	Wm.	self	0	0	0	4	2	
Fletcher	James, Sr.	self	0	1	0	0	8	
Fletcher	James, Jr.	self	0	0	0	1	0	
Fletcher	Thos.	self	2	0	0	3	4	
Fletcher	Richd.	Thos. Fletcher						- 16-21 yrs.
Fletcher	John	Thos. Fletcher						- 16-21 yrs.
Fisher	Richard	self	0	1	0	1	2	
Gutteridg	Allen	self	1	0	0	2	7	
Gutteridg	Rich.	Allen Gutteridg						- 16-21 yrs.

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Persons Names Chargeable.

Brought forward

Persons Names Chargeable.	White Males	Free Negroes	White Females	White Males	White Females										
John Harding	1		2	3											
Henricutt, Mingo, Andrew															
Tom, Betty, Aggy, Senah, Joan, Will	1	11	3	9											
Lewis, Moll, Bet															
Anthony, Leato, Abram, Yelley, Annica															
Lucrilia, Robin, Isaac, Sol, Amos			13												
Fanny, Jane, Pally															12.18.
John Harrison, Solomon, Phepa	1	5	3	18											
Violet, Amy, Kellier															
Hannah, Davy, Peg, Chloe, Hannah			5												6.0.
William Holt, Robin, Fred, Silou Iris	1	1	2	25											
Young Negroes			7												6.10.
John Little, Stephen	1	1													
John Little (lower), James Little, Peg	2	1	3	13											1.19.
William Mitchell, Jack	1	1	3	8											1.7.

Personal tax

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SURRY COUNTY, LAND TAX BOOK, 1782

	Proprietors Names Brought forward	Acres	Price per acre	Land Tax	Assessment
" 7 1/2	Fredrick Lane	250	6/16	81.5	16.3
" 9	William Lane	150	5/16	37.10	7.6
" 6	Lucas Long	200	5/16	50	10
" 8	Hartwell Long	170	6/16	51	10.2 1/2
" 10	John Little (B. Water)	200	7/16	75	
		120	5/16	27	
				102	1.0.5
" 11	John Little	150	6/16	48.15	9.9
" 7 1/2	John Little (lower)	75	10/16	37.10	7.6
" 7 1/2	James Little	75	10/16	37.10	7.6
" 2 1/2	Mary Lane	100	5/16	25	5
" 2 1/2	Lane	100	5/16	25	5
" 2 1/2	Richard Lucas's Est	300	9/16	135	1.7
" 6	Elizabeth Howland	16	27/16	22	4.5
" 6	John Howling	232	5/16	52.4	10.6
" 6	John Mark	350	5/16	87.10	17.6
" 6	Mary & Ann Allington	50	5/16	13.15	2.9
" 6	John Allunto	100	6/16	30	6
" 6	Maria	300	6/16	90	18

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SURRY COUNTY, PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX BOOK, 1787

Date of receiving	Persons named chargeable with the taxes	Names of white males 21 and under 21	Number of white males above 21	Black males	Black females	White horses	White mules	White cattle	White sheep	White swine	White bees	White dogs	White cats	White chickens	White geese	White turkeys	White ducks	White geese	White turkeys	White ducks		
	Samuel Little	Samuel Little				1															12.0	
	21. Martha Little		Randal Little																			
	Peter			1		2	0														16.0	
	Mary Long					1															2.0	
	23. Hannah Long																					
	Charles			1		1	0														13.6	
	David Long	David Long																				
	Lucy			1																		
	Willy					3	2														1.16.6	
	24. John Little	John Little				1															12.0	

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SURRY COUNTY, LAND TAX BOOK, 1787

Name	Acres	Value	Tax
William Lane	150	5/11 44.7.6	13.4
Ditto	115	7/8 44.1.8	13.3
Hannah Long	200	5/11 59.3.4	17.9
Mary Long	170	7/11 60.4.2	18.1
Martha Little	200	8/10 88.6.8	1.1.6
Leise Little	150	7/8 57.10.0	17.3
John Lane	234 1/2	7/11 125.11.0	1.17.9
John Little (lower)	75	11/9 44.1.3	13.3
James Little	75	11/9 44.1.3	13.3

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Tracing those with fewer legal rights

Strategies

Problem

- Tracing women
- Identifying enslaved

Solution

- Follow white men
- Non-legal records
 - Newspapers
 - Church
 - Letters
 - Diaries
 - Population-based collections

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Virginia Gazette | Thursday, Mar 22, 1770 | Williamsburg, VA |

Thirteen Pounds Reward.

RUN away, on *Saturday* the 10th instant, from the subscribers, living in *Baltimore* town, *Maryland*, the following servants, viz. **JOHN CHAMBERS**, an *English* convict servant man, about 21 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, of a pale complexion, gray eyes, and bandy legs; had on and took with him sundry suits of clothes, nine ruffled shirts, a brown bush wig, a pair of single-channel boots, a blue cloth great coat, and 150 l. cash, which he robbed his masters house of on the night of his elopement.

MARGARET GRANT, a mulatto, about 20 years of age, 5 feet 1 or 2 inches high; had on and took with her sundry womens apparel, but has since disguised herself in a suit of mens blue cloth clothes, attending as waiting boy on the above *John Chambers*. She is an artful hussy, can read and write, has been in *Barbados*, *Antigua*, the *Grenades*, *Philadelphia*; and says she was born in *Carolina*. - Whoever apprehends the said servants, and secures them and the money, so that their masters may have them again, shall have the above reward, and reasonable charges, brought home, paid by

MARCH 14, 1770.

HENRY
MORDE

N. B. All masters of vessels are forbid to carry their neril.

Legislative Acts/Legal Proceedings

Virginia Gazette | Thursday, Jul 27, 1769 | Williamsburg, VA |

It is with the highest pleasure that we can inform our readers the ASSOCIATION meets with the greatest encouragement, in every county that we have yet heard from. In Dinwiddie alone, we hear upwards of 1000 persons have signed it. And that so rare and laudable an example of public spirit may have its due influence, we cannot refrain from publishing the names of the widow Ladies who have acceded to the association.

Mrs. LUCY RANDOLPH, Chatsworth.

Mrs. ANNE RANDOLPH, Wilton.

Mrs. MARY STARKE, Dinwiddie.

Mrs. CHRISTIAN BURWELL, Williamsburg.

Mrs. REBECCA WATSON, Richmond town.

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Virginia Gazette | Thursday, May 09, 1771 | Williamsburg, VA | Issue:1032 | Page:3

AS my Husband *Filmer Moore* has publickly said his Mother would sooner live in a hollow Tree than with me, and has removed me to my Father's House, with Promise to come and live with me until I could be better provided for (which I can prove by divers Witnesses) but since has falsified his Word, and has perfidiously absented, and kept himself from me these six Months, without any Provocation from me (so that he has doped from me, and not I from him) I do here declare that I intend to remain in the Situation he has placed me until he does come and account for the undeserved scandalous Treatment which I have received at his Hands. And as he has forbid all Persons from crediting or entertaining me, I can prove this to be only Spite and ill Will; for I have not run him in Debt one Farthing, nor removed from my Station wherein I was placed by him.

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ELIZABETH MOORE.

Virginia Gazette

In the Name of God Amen. I John Gault of Louisa County, & Governor of Virginia being in perfect health Mind & Memory but calling to mind the Certainty of Death, & Uncertainty of Life, have made, Ordained, & appointed this my last Will & Testament in Manner & Form Following saying all other Wills a side. Item I do my Wife & Desire that all my just Debts be first paid Item Also my Wife & Desire that my said wife have the use of all the Land I own on the South side the River about Creek during her natural life & also my said Wife one Negro Boy nam'd Daniel, & one Negro Girl nam'd Mary during her natural life, & I do give to my said Wife all the Right, Title, Interest & Claim I have to a Negro man nam'd Ned, which said Negro was sold at the time I married her to her & her heirs forever. I do to my Wife one French Bed & Trunk with all the Furniture during her natural life. I do give to my w^{ife} one Feather Bed and Trunk equal to my other Beds to her & her heirs forever. I do give I will unto my w^{ife} Three cows and calves, Two Steers about 2 Years Old 2 Swine & Hogs, 20 Cows & Lambs taken & her heirs forever. I do to my said Wife one third part of all my Household & Kitchen Furniture except my Feather Beds of which I have given her a part during her life

equally divided amongst her Sisters & Sisters or their Legal Representatives Item. It is my will & Desire that my beloved Wife have out of my Stock of the before my Estate be sold either of my s^{ons} Bonds as she shall choose which I give to her & her heirs forever. & at the Death my w^{ife} I do give & Devise the Estate I have but my Wife be sold at her death, be my Executors & Equally divide Amongst my before nam'd Children in Manner before divided to which of my said Children I give their Parts & herewith all my Estate, I do give I do my Wife & desire that my Son Tho^s Gault & David Gault, & my Son Henry Gault & Tho^s Johnson Jr. Act as Executors to this my last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 29th of July one thousand Seven hundred & Eighty.

signed, sealed & Delivered }
 In Presence of } John F G Gault
 Nathl Pinner } *his*
 } *mark*

LOUISA COUNTY, PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX BOOK, 1784

Name	1	2	3	4	5
Goodman John	1			3	5
Green Foster	1	2	2	1	2
Goodman William	1			1	7
Goodman John	1			1	2
Gibson Thomas	1			1	2
Gentry Martin	1			2	2
Gault Henry Capt. Ben Tom. Primes					
Pelton Nathl. Beck. Jarmy Betty					
Mell. Wm. Spangy. Kate & Tom.					
Frank John. Huboy. Mary. Nancy	1	10	18	8	20
Gault John. Daniel. Deik Daniel					
Frank Jarmy. Moses. Nan. Siddy.					
Hebe	2	7	4	18	

Via adult white males

This Indenture Testament made the day of April in the Fifteenth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third monarch of Great Britain France & Ireland Defender of the faith &c. and in the year of our Lord Christ, one thousand seven hundred seventy five. Between John Garth of the parish of Trinity and County of Louisa of the first part and Elizth Clark Widow of the Parish & County aforesaid of the second part 29, 1775 of the same County and parish of the third part. Witnesseth, that whereas is a marriage already agreed on by Gods Permission intended to be solemnized between the above named John Garth & Elizth Clark & thereupon it is agreed by and betwixt the said John and Elizabeth by these presents that all the Estate right title & Interest wh the said Elizth hath or may at the enrolling of this writing belong to any Lands Slaves Stocks household Furniture or any other Estate of any kind whatever be vested in the said Elizabeth Clark as soon as the said marriage shall take Effect in trust that is to say the use of the said John Garth during his natural life and afterwards to go secondly & if his marriage had never taken Effect either by Will in Writing of the said Elizabeth or otherwise as the said Elizth shall choose but he it remembered that nothing here contained is intended or meant that in case the said marriage should be solemnized and the said Elizabeth should survive the said John to have the said Elizabeth of fee simple dower in the said Johns Estate in case she should chuse dower rather than any provisions that may be made for her by the said Johns Will. In Witness whereof Parties to these presents have interchangeably set their hands and affixt thereunto the day & year above written

John F. G. Garth Esq
Elizabeth + Clark Esq

Signed sealed & delivered in presence of

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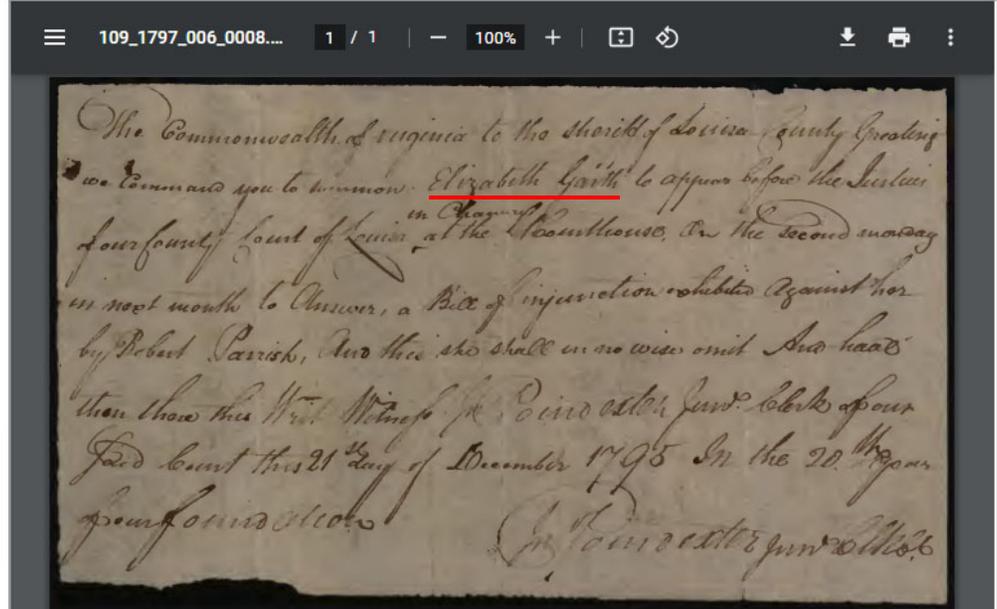
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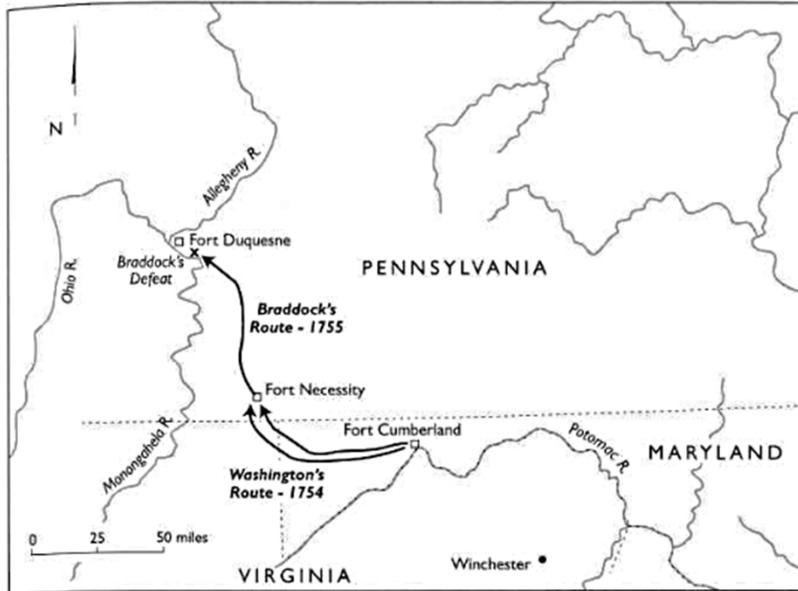


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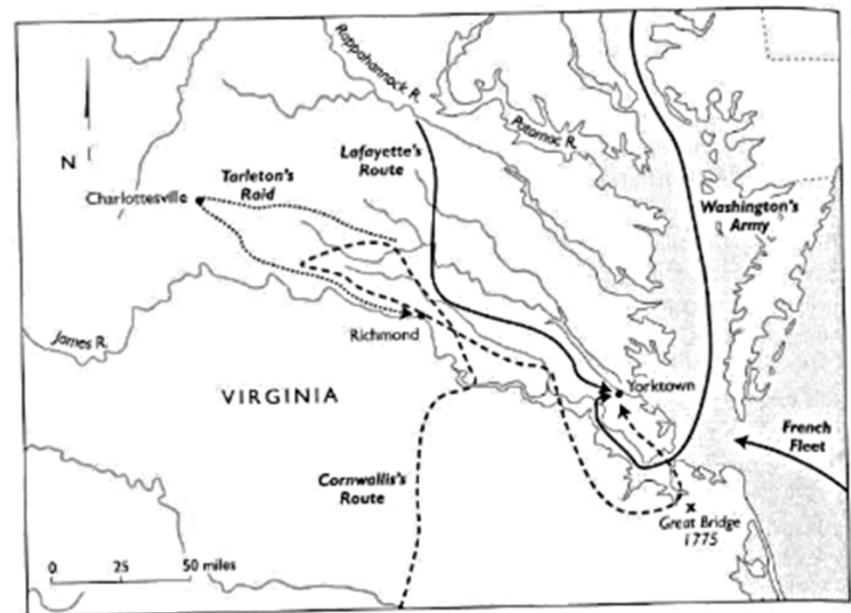
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What: Independence

Beginning to End



EARLY CAMPAIGNS OF THE FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR, 1754-55



THE YORKTOWN CAMPAIGN, 1781

Old Dominion, New Commonwealth, 95, 132.

Causes

French & Indian

- Challenging claims to Ohio country
- Conflicts with local tribes

Revolutionary

- Obstructed access to west
- Taxation without representation
- Two political bodies competing
- Debts

Government

Commonwealth

- Declaration of Rights
- Constitution
- Virginia Plan
- Governor

Federal

- Declaration of Independence
- Bill of Rights
- Articles of Confederation
- U.S. Constitution
- President

Suffrage

- Male
- 21 or older
- White
- Freeholder (1736)
 - 25 acres improved/100 acres unimproved
 - Town lot and house (of specified size)

Virginian Leaders

- **George Washington**
 - Commander in Chief
 - Presided over Constitutional Convention
 - 1st P.O.T.U.S.
- **Patrick Henry**
 - VA Resolves
 - VA Convention of 1776
 - “Give me liberty, or give me death” to raise troops and lead them
 - 1st Governor of VA
- **Richard Henry Lee**
 - Resolution on Independence
 - Continental Congresses (presiding once)
 - Helped draft Northwest Ordinance 1787
- **Thomas Jefferson**
 - Authored Declaration of Independence
 - 2nd Governor of VA
 - VA Statute for Establishing Religious Freedom 1786
 - 2nd V.P. of U.S.
 - 3rd P.O.T.U.S.
 - Founder of UVA
- **James Madison**
 - Virginia Plan
 - Architect of U.S. Constitution
 - 29 Federalist Papers
 - Drafted Bill of Rights
 - 4th P.O.T.U.S.

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- Jan. 1. Recd. from John Clarke of Bedford £55-15 in full discharge of his bond due the 14th. ult. to be forwarded to James Lyle.
6. Sent Price by Tom Shackelford 30/ for 12 turkeys.
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8. Wrote to TMR. to 51- the balance of Stras's money to Mussi of
 67 Philadelphia.²²
11. Gave Mr. Petit to bear exp. to Augusta for sheep 12/.
- July 11. Pd. small exp. 2.D.
 Drew on J. Barnes for 40.D. which being on my own acct. credit W. Short for it.
 Recd. from Dr. Wardlow³³ 40.D. for the draught.
12. Pd. TMRand. £9-5-3 for Reeves's order on James Brown to be charged to Brown.
 Pd. sm. xp. 1.D.
13. Pd. do. 1.D.
 TMRandolph has had 9. galls. whiskey for his harvest.
20. Bacon on hand. 103. hams 57. shoulders.
 Pd. sm. xp. 2.D. £
- 25- Sold J. Madison 56. lb VIII d nails 2- 7-11 1/2
 Cr. by sundries paid for me 1-11- 3
 balance due me 16- 8
- Recd. from Archb. Stuart by J. W. Eppes 80.D.
 Recd. from him also TMRandolph's order on me for 120.D. the latter to be debited to TMR. & both credited to Mr. Stuart in part payment for books.³⁴
- Pd. Squire for Mrs. **Sneed** 6/.
25. Sm. xp. 1/6.
26. Pd. a man sent by A. Stuart from Staunton with the body of our dear little Eleonor³⁵ 8.D.
 Id. B. **Sneed** for reading service over do. 2.D
- Aug. 1. Small exp. 16/6.
 4. Pd. John Faris in full for transportn. £7-2-2.
 5. Small exp. 6/.

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82. Benjamin **Snead** was a weaver and schoolteacher who lived about two miles east of Shadwell near the junction of the Three Notched Road and the road to Orange Courthouse. TJ's brother and younger sisters all had had up to a year of his instruction (AICDB, XII, 405; John Harvie account with PJ estate, CSMH).

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**TO THOMAS JEFFERSON FROM
 MARTHA JEFFERSON RANDOLPH, 12 MAY
 1798**

From Martha Jefferson Randolph

DEAREST FATHER Belmont May 12 1798

Nothing makes me feel your absence so sensibly as the beauty of the season; when every object in nature invites one into the fields, the close monotonous streets of a city which offers no charms of society with in doors to compensate for the dreariness of the scene with out, must be absolutely intolerable: particularly to you who have such interesting employment at home. Monticello shines with a transcendent luxury of vegetation above the rest of the neighbourhood as yet, we have been entirely supplied with vegetables from there having no sort of a garden here nor any prospect of one this year. I am glad to have it in my power to give you a more favorable account of things than Mr Randolph did in his last which was written immediately after a frost that blasted every appearance of vegetation, but John informs me altho the peaches cherries (except the kentish) and figs which had been uncovered were gone past recovery for *this* year, yet of strawberries, raspberries, currants &c &c there will be more than common—I dined at Monticello a fortnight ago and saw Maria's harpsichord which arrived safe except the lock and 1 or 2 pieces of the moulding which got torn off some way. it is a charming one I think tho certainly inferior to mine. you have probably not heard of the death of poor Aunt Fleming, that of Mrs. Archer (Polly Bolling that was) is still more recent it took place at her Father's house a few weeks since. we have been all well but Jefferson who had declined rapidly for some time from a disorder which had baffled every attention and change of diet, the only remedy we ventured to try; but Mr **Sneed** opening school and Jeffy being hurried out of bed every morning at sunrise and obliged after a breakfast of bread and milk to walk 2 miles to school: his spirits returned his complexion cleared up and I am in hopes that his disorder has left him entirely. he is much mended in appearance strength & spirits, which had been low to an alarming degree—Anne Just begins to read and little Ellen points at grand Papa's picture over the chimney when ever she is asked where he is. adieu my dearest Father blest as I am in my family you are still wanting to compleat my happiness. Monticello will be interesting indeed when with the prospect of it the loved idea of yourself and Dear Maria will be so intimately blended as they will in a few weeks I hope, once more adieu and believe me with every sentiment of affection yours



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Military

Service

- Virginia Militia = from 16 military districts
- Virginia State Line = 2 Regiments
- Continental Line = 11-15 Virginia Regiments
- Navy = at least 33 vessels
- Artillery
- Dragoons (Continental cavalry)
- Free Blacks

Compensation

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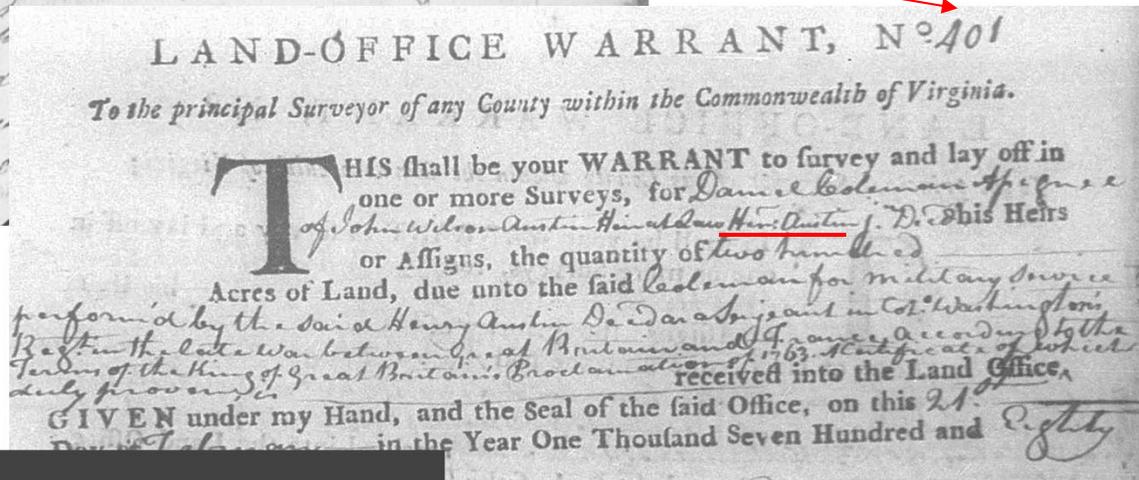
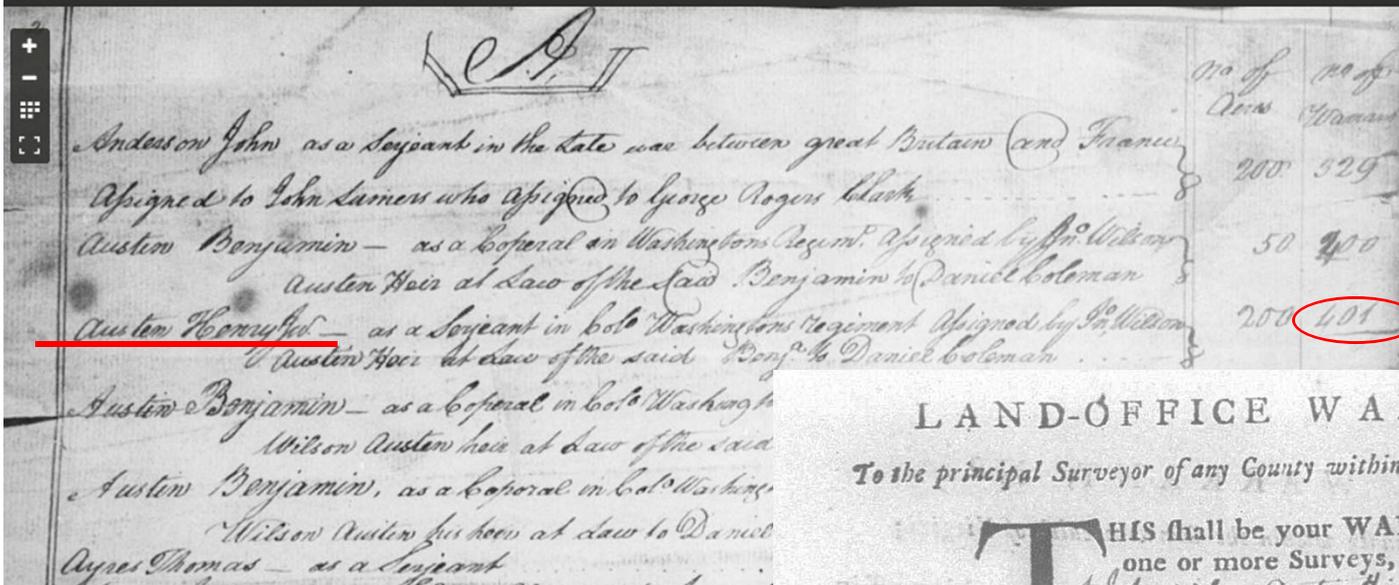
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Virginia's Colonial Soldiers

French and Indian War, 1754-1763

LIST OF MEN OUT OF THE BOROUGH OF NORFOLK ENLISTED 18 MAY 1756. Enlisting officer: Maj. Josiah Smith. List gave name, age, nativity, complexion, occupation, and height.

- William Dickerson, 26., Virginia, fair, carpenter, 5'10"
- Henry Austin, 20, Virginia, brown, carpenter, 5'11½"
- John Austin, 18 Virginia, fair, carpenter, 6'
- James Hill, 25, New England, brown, smith, 5'15"

Land bounty, French and Indian War

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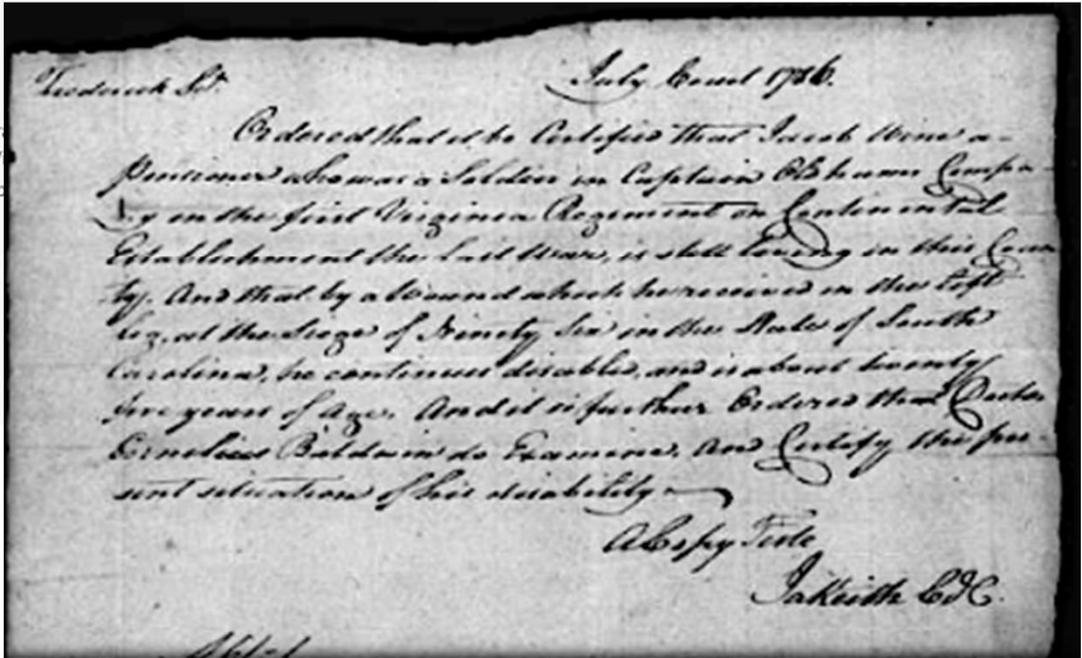
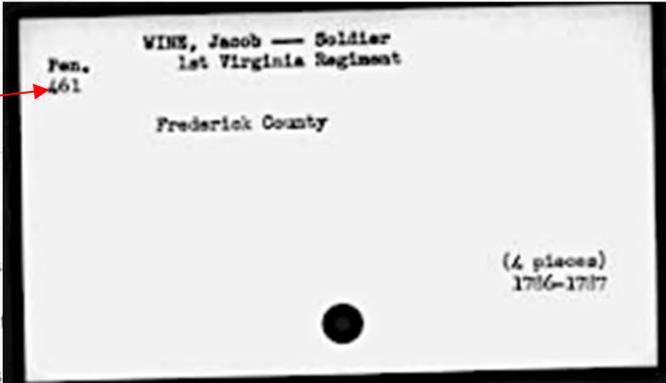
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 Frederick County.
 Service unit: 1st Virginia Regiment.



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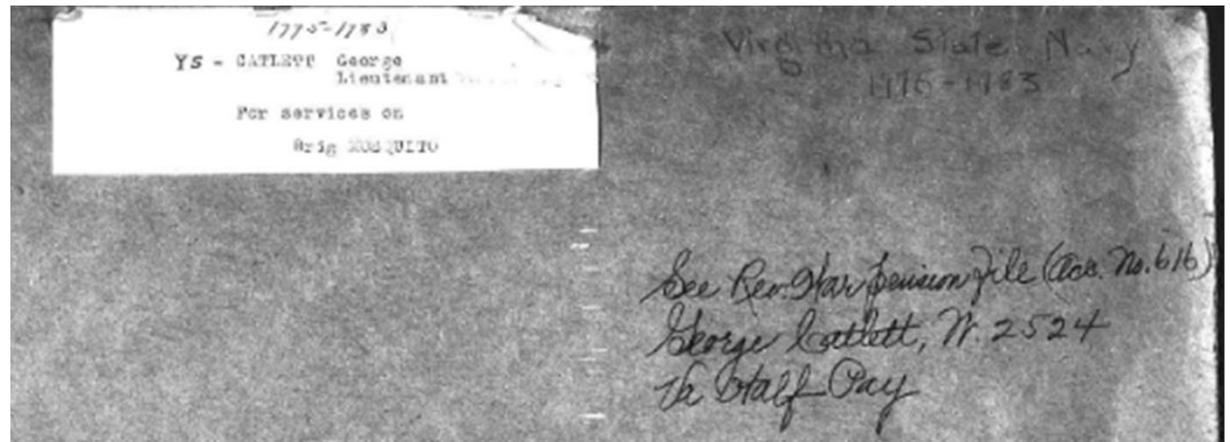
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Cannon, Luke **
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Catlett, George **
Chamberlain, George **
Chandler, Thomas **
Chapline, Abraham *
Cherry, William *
Clower, Daniel
Cole, Huldah (widow of Jacob)

Related Pension File (M804)

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Samuel Cary R13013
George Catlett W2524
George Chamberlaine R23
Thomas Chandler R24
Abraham Chapline R13134
William Cherry R13143
Daniel Clower S37865
Jacob Cole W18930



Half-pay: Virginia Pension Application Files, 1830-1875

The memorial of Lucy Catlett, widow and executrix, of George Catlett deceased respectfully states; that she was married to the said George Catlett in the year 1798 near the town of Port Royal, Caroline County, Virginia, when they continued to reside until the death of said George, in the year 1815— Memorialist states, that her said husband left only five children, viz. George T. William, Colin B. Thomsen & Anne G. Catlett, all of which now reside in Port Royal, except William who departed this life in and without issue or widow. She states that she has her own knowledge of the services of her husband nor is it possible that she could, as she was not living after the Revolution commenced, and was

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 To George Catlett, Lieut. of Marines - 24
 For his half pay from the 22^d April 1783 to the 15th of
 September 1814 - 31 years & 147 days @ \$182⁵⁰ p^a annum \$5731 -
 "Act to provide for the liquidating and paying
 certain claims of the State of Virginia (Sept 5 - July 1832) \$5731 -
 Treasury Department
 S. Auditor's Office
 14th April 1838

Pension Office
 April 10. 1838
 I certify that I have examined the claim of the
 Heir of the late George Catlett, dec^d. who was a Lieut. of
 Marines in the service of the State of Virginia during the
 revolutionary war; that he continued in the service until taken
 by the enemy at sea, and remained in captivity until some
 time in 1781 and after the reduction of the Virginia Navy,
 that he died on the 15th September 1814; that the case is
 embraced by the provisions of the act of July 5. 1832,
 entitled "an act to provide for the liquidating and paying
 certain claims of the State of Virginia"; that the
 claim should therefore be allowed at the rate of One
 hundred and eighty two dollars and fifty cents per
 annum, from the twenty second of April seventeen
 hundred and eighty three, when the war terminated,
 to the fifteenth of September eighteen hundred and
 fourteen, when he died; and that the amount is payable
 to the Hon. John Taliaferro, attorney of Lucy Catlett, Ad-
 ministratrix of said George Catlett, deceased.
 Approved
 J. L. Edwards,
 Commissioner of Pensions
 W. Cooper
 Acting Secretary of War

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Hitt, Peter.

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During its session begun in May 1780 the General Assembly passed an act authorizing the governor to impress supplies needed by the American army. The governor appointed commissioners of the provision law in each locality to carry out the terms of the act. The commissioner, when he impressed property, gave the owner a certificate describing what was taken. Between 1781 and 1783 county courts held special sessions at which certificates were presented and authenticated, and booklets listing authenticated certificates were compiled and sent to Richmond for settlement. Two commissioners appointed to settle the claims recorded those for which they authorized payment, and warrants were issued by the auditor of public accounts.

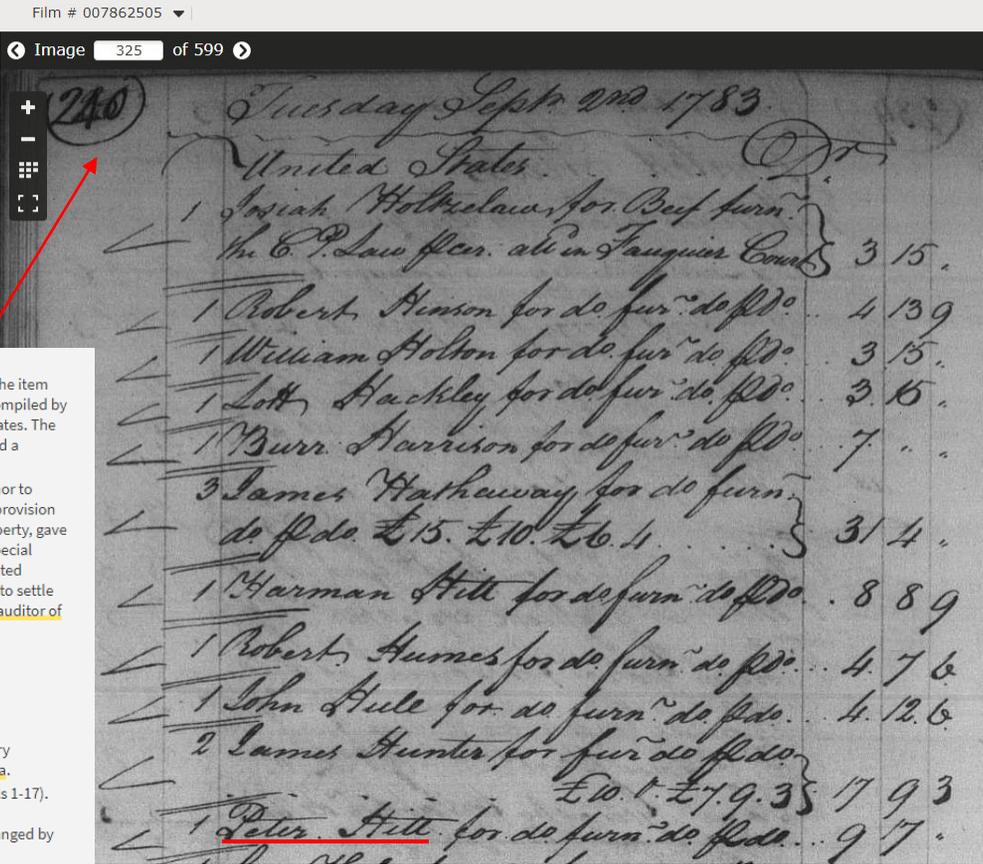
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Record Loss in 18th-Century Counties

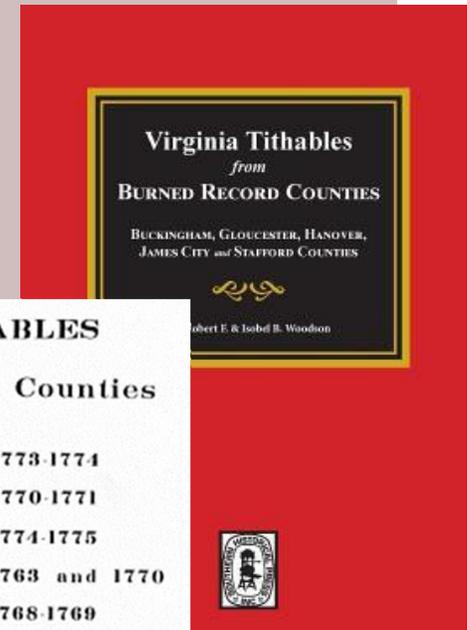
County	Est	Catastrophic Record Loss
Buckingham	1761	Fire 1869
Caroline	1728	Troops 1864
Dinwiddie	1752	Troops 1865
Fairfax	1742	Civil War
Hanover	1720	Fire 1865
King William	1701	Fire 1885
Mathews	1790	Fire 1865
Nottoway	1788	Troops 1865
Prince George	1702	Troops 1782, 1864
Prince William	1730	Troops 1863

County	Est	Considerable Record Loss
Albemarle	1744	Troops 1748-1781
Botetourt	1769	Pre-1830 chancery, pre-1854 judgements water damage
Brunswick	1720	Pre-1781 loose records missing
Culpeper	1749	Pre-1840 loose records and gaps in minute books by troops
King George	1720	Pre-1830 loose records missing
Lee	1792	Troops 1863
Mecklenburg	1764	Pre-1783 loose records missing
Rockingham	1778	Fire 1787; Fire damage 1864
Russell	1786	Fire 1872
Spotsylvania	1720	Pre-1839 loose papers missing
Washington	1776	Fire 1864

Information from Library of Virginia

Virginia Tithables from Burned Record Counties

- Counties covered:
 - Buckingham= 1773-1774
 - Gloucester= 1770-1771, 1774-1775
 - Hanover= 1763, 1770
 - James City= 1768-1769
 - Stafford= 1768, 1773



VIRGINIA TITHABLES
From Burned Record Counties

Buckingham	1773-1774
Gloucester	1770-1771
	1774-1775
Hanover	1763 and 1770
James City	1768-1769
Stafford	

- Combined and alphabetized
- Researched at Library of Virginia

VIRGINIA TITHABLES

Name	County	Year	Tithables	Acres
ABBOT, George	Buckingham	1773	1	
ABBOT, George	Buckingham	1774	1	
ABNEY, Mary	Hanover	1763		600
ACCOCK, COMPANY	Stafford	1768		2796
ACRE, Joshua	Hanover	1763		200
ADAMS, Christopher (Kingston Par.)	Gloucester	1774	4	
ADAMS, Christopher (Kingston Par.)	Gloucester	1775	4	
ADAMS, James	Hanover	1763		100
ADAMS, Peter	Hanover	1763		115
ADAMS, Richard	James City	1768		
ADAMS, Zachariah (Kingston Parish)	Gloucester	1774	3	
ADAMS, Zachariah (Kingston Parish)	Gloucester	1775	3	
ADCOCK, Anderson	Buckingham	1773	2	
ADCOCK, Anderson	Buckingham	1774	2	
ADCOCK, Edmund, see Stimson, John				
ADCOCK, George	Buckingham	1773	3	

Virginia in the American Revolution

- Source guide series
- 3 intro chapters:
 - Developing a Research Strategy
 - Major Research Centers
 - Geographical Factors Affecting Research
- 2 chapters on peoples
- Map section in back
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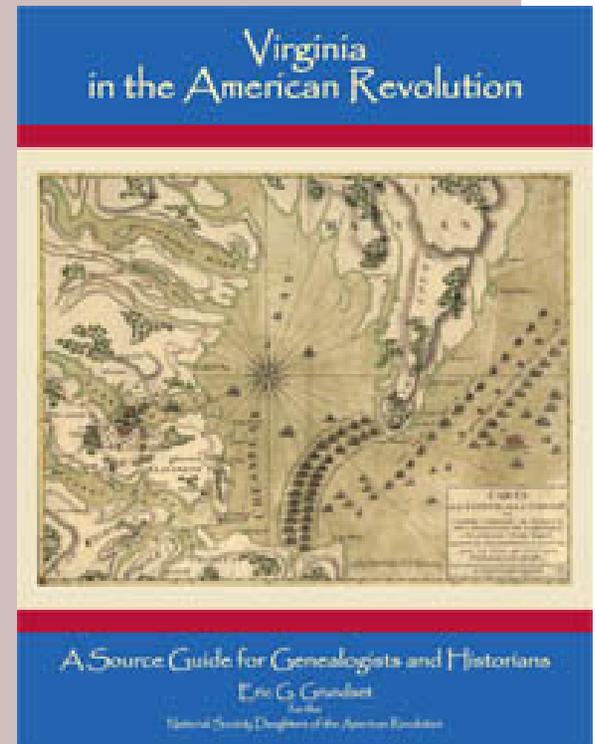


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