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George Washington Timeline

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

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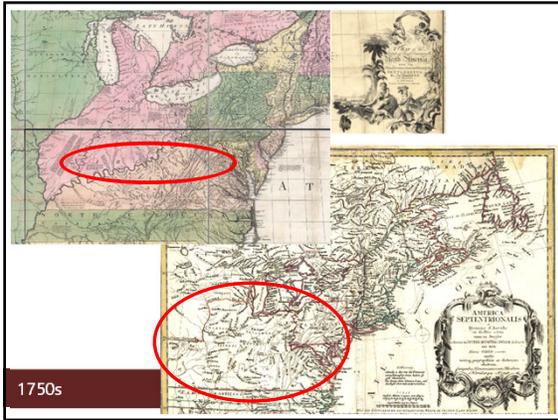
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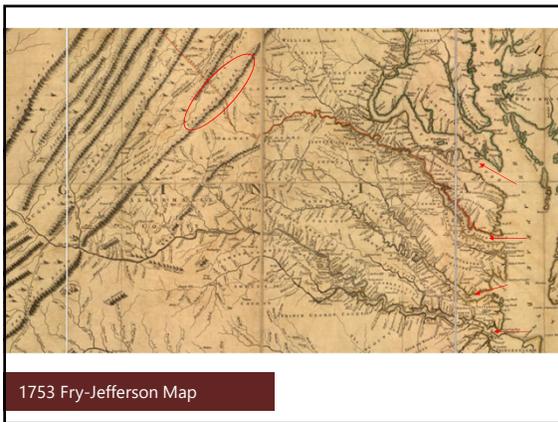


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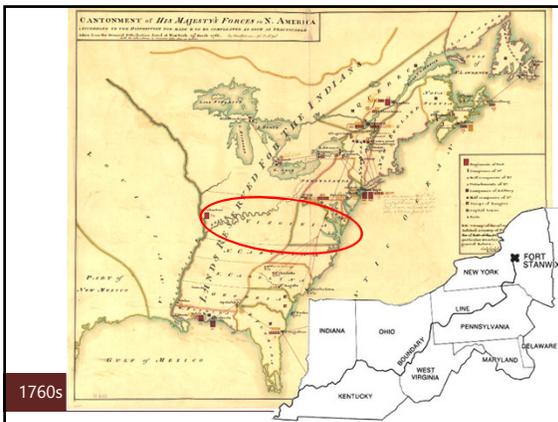
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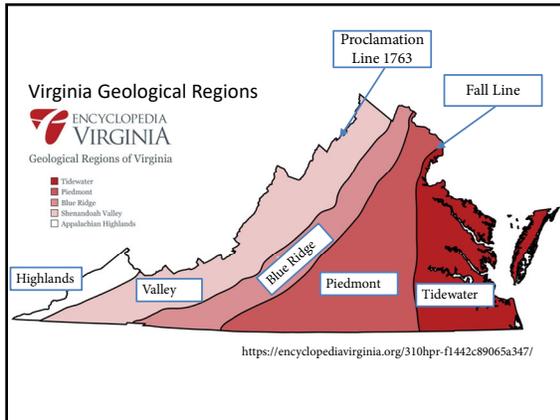
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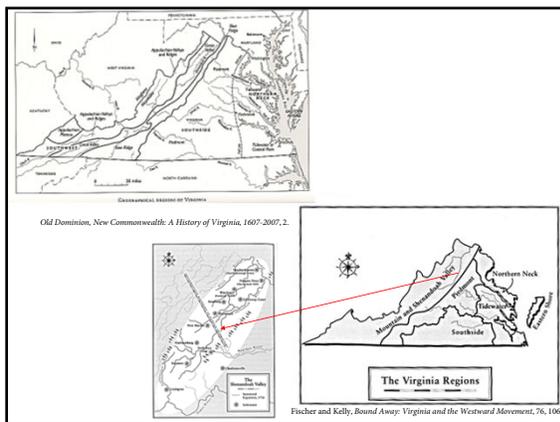
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18th-Century Expansion	
Regions:	Settlements:
Tidewater	Densely settled by 1732, mostly by gentry Africans became majority by 1755
Chesapeake Bay & Islands	Frontier was south of Norfolk by 1730s
Northern Neck	Separate grants began in 1690
Piedmont	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"

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

County	Year	Counties From Which Formed
Berkeley	1773	Marion, Lewis, Randolph
Burke	1773	Fayette
Charlotte	1787	Calhoun, Kanawha, Logan
Clay	1796	Calhoun, Kanawha, Nicholas
Clinton	1796	Kanawha
Cabell	1800	Clay
Chaplin	1800	Clay
Cherokee	1800	Berkeley, Nicholas
Douglas	1800	Berkeley, Kanawha, Tyler
Fayette	1800	Clayton, Kanawha, Logan, Nicholas
Giles	1800	Kanawha, Logan
Greenbrier	1771	Allegheny, Montgomery
Hampshire	1763	Allegheny, Frederick
Harbinger	1800	Boone
Harman	1800	Monongalia
Jackson	1800	Kanawha, Mason, Wood
Jackson	1800	Monongalia
Jefferson	1800	Clayton, Montgomery
Kanawha	1780	Clayton, Montgomery
Lincoln	1800	Clayton, Kanawha, Putnam
Logan	1800	Calhoun, Clay, Kanawha, Putnam
Marion	1800	Berkeley, Monongalia
Martin	1800	Clay
Mason	1800	Kanawha
Mingo	1800	Clay, Putnam
Monongalia	1800	Allegheny
Monroe	1800	West Augusta District
Morgan	1800	Boone
Myers	1800	Berkeley, Boone
Nichols	1800	Clayton, Kanawha, Randolph
Putnam	1800	West Augusta District
Roane	1800	Allegheny, Clay, Randolph
Summers	1800	Kanawha, Tyler, Wood
Taylor	1800	Boone, Putnam, Randolph
Tucker	1800	Clayton, Kanawha, Mason
Wayne	1800	Allegheny
Wood	1800	Berkeley, Boone, Wood
Wyoming	1800	Clayton, Kanawha, Mason
Yelp	1800	Clayton, Kanawha, Mason
Zachary	1800	Clayton, Kanawha, Mason
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Yelp	1800	Clayton, Kanawha, Mason
Zachary	1800	Clayton, Kanawha, Mason

Counties that were Virginia

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Virginia's 18th-Century Growth

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 ¹
1790	85	747,610	293,000 enslaved 13,000 free
1800	99 (77)	886,149	346,000 enslaved 20,000 free

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Virginia Counties

- Connects county formations to laws
- Arranges by:
 - Alphabetical
 - Chronological
 - Geographical
 - “Genealogical”
- Virginia State Library/ Library of Virginia

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Virginia Counties, 169 and 171.

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Why use . . .

<p>Land records?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>Published sources?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lists grantors, grantees, patentees (etc.) alphabetically or via indexing • Indexes <i>all</i> 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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Jurisdictional Levels

- Colony/state of Virginia
 - VA Land Patents and Grants & Surveys
 - Headrights
 - Bounty lands
- Regional
 - Northern Neck Land Grants & Surveys
- County
 - Deed books
 - Surveys

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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



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

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Virginia Northern Neck Land Grants, 1742-1775, Vol. II

Grant No.	Date	Description
G-254	1749	Peter Peters of Frederick Co. 232 A. Surv. Mr. James Gemm. Tract No. 18 in Plat on Wappocomo or Great S. Br. of Potomack R. 10 Aug. 1749
G-255	1749	James Ross of Frederick Co. 400 A. Surv. Mr. James Gemm. Tract No. 45 in Plat on Wappocomo or Great S. Br. of Potomack R. 11 Aug. 1749
G-262	1749	Oliver Cremer of Frederick Co. 385 A. Surv. Mr. James Gemm. Tract No. 35 in Plat on Wappocomo or Great S. Br. of Potomack R. 11 Aug. 1749
G-267	1749	Benjamin Foreman Jr. of Frederick Co. 400 A. Surv. Mr. James Gemm. Tract No. 28 in Plat on Wappocomo or Great S. Br. of Potomack R. 11 Aug. 1749
G-268	1749	Thomas Bronsey of Frederick Co. 416 A. Surv. Mr. James Gemm. Tract No. 40 in Plat on Wappocomo or Great S. Br. of Potomack R. 11 Aug. 1749 [Index - Bronsley]

Northern Neck grant

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Recorded Surveys Abstracted

- Abstracts of Virginia Land Office survey books
 - 9 books of surveys
 - 4 books of Northern Neck surveys
 - Covers 1786-1809
- By Clerk of Virginia State Land Office
- Online at FamilySearch.org

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Example page

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County deed books

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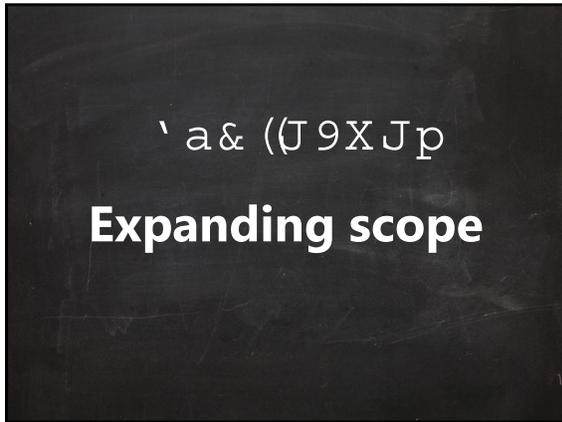
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Frederick > Hampshire County Deeds

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Strategies

Problem	Solution
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gaps in time • Lost in space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search surrounding counties/areas • Check for changing jurisdictions • Study migration routes/patterns • Cluster research

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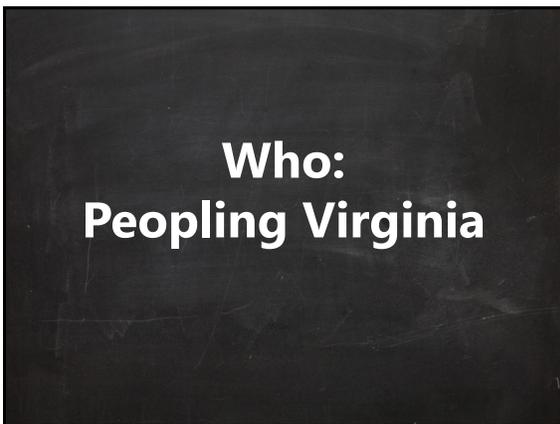
Overlapping timeline

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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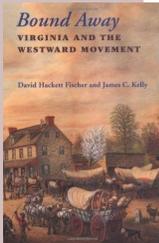
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Bound Away

- 6 chapters by topic
 - Migration to Virginia
 - Migration in Virginia
 - Migration beyond Virginia
 - Problems of Cause and Consequence
 - African-American Migration
 - The Cultural Legacy
- Originated from Virginia Historical Society exhibition



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Social Stratification

White men	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Landowning gentry 2. Rural middle class 3. Landless poor
White women	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Widowed 2. Unmarried 3. Married
Non-white	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Free persons 2. Indians 3. Enslaved

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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

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Society of Friends

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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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The Flight from Northern Britain

African Origins of Virginia Slaves

Place of Origin	% Reported to Virginia
Senegal/Gambia	22%
Sierra Leone	17%
Upper Guinea	14%
Lower Guinea	11%
West Africa	11%
Madagascar	8%

Coming from per *Bound Away*

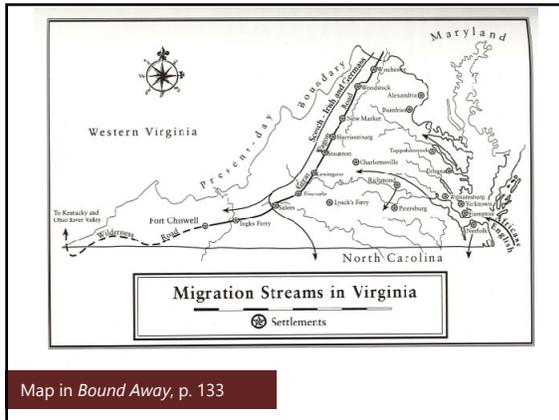
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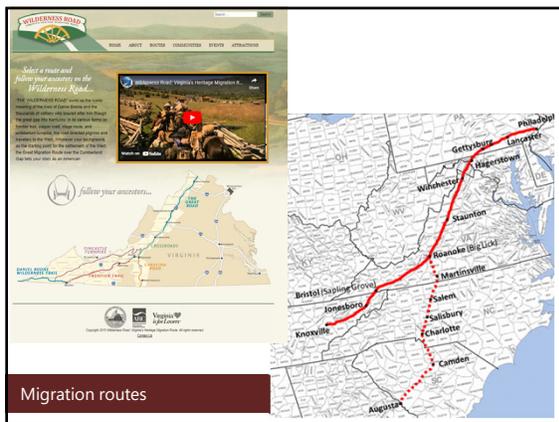
<p>British Convicts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation Act of 1718 • Resented by Virginians by 1751 • From England & Ireland • Over half to VA & MD • 20-50,000 	<p>Africans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slave Code of 1705 • Early mostly Ibo from Biafra; Later more from Angola • After 1740 more American-born • 90,000 1690-1770
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Map in *Bound Away*, p. 133

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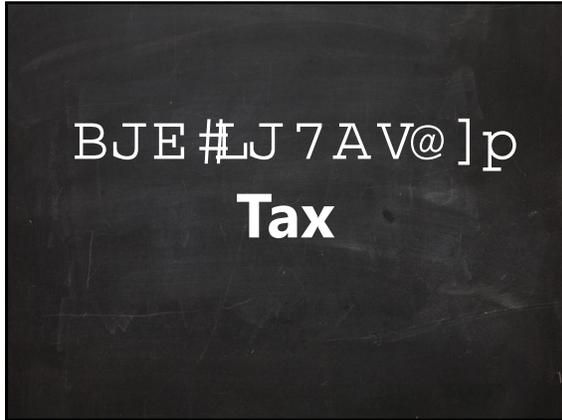


Migration routes

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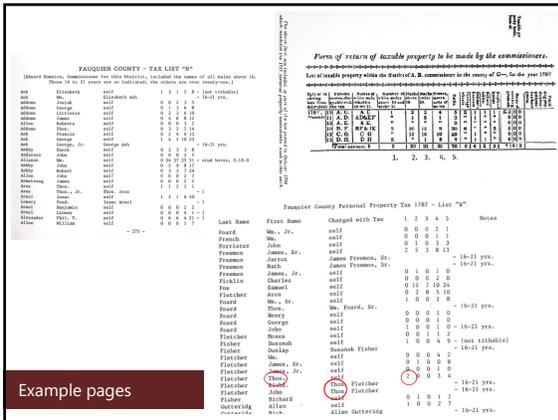
- Puts ancestor(s) at a certain time and place
- May shed light on ancestor's economic status, standing in community, and movements
- Typically tallies number of enslaved in each household and divides by ages
- Substitute for: census, land, probate
 - Survives where many other records do not
- Alphabetical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

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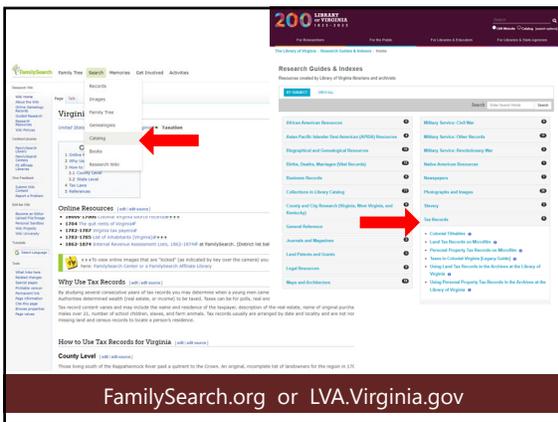
Tax Records

<p>Before 1782</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poll tax – levied based on number of tithables <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – assessed on persons over 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>Post 1782</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land taxes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Landowners – Quantity and value of land • Personal property taxes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – White Males <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 21 • 16-21 – Enslaved people <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under 16 • Over 16 – Female & Free Blacks (heads) – Livestock – More
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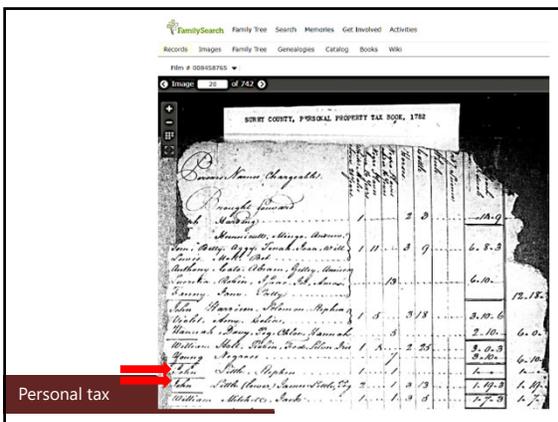
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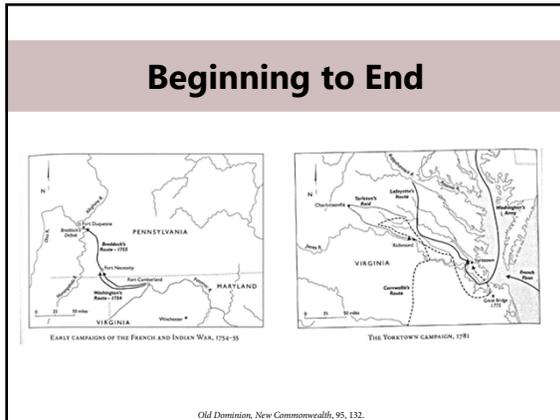


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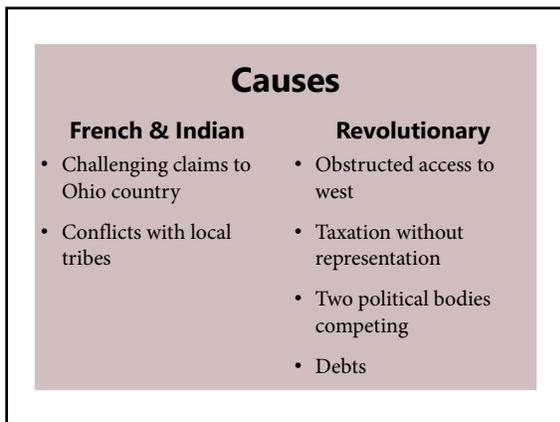


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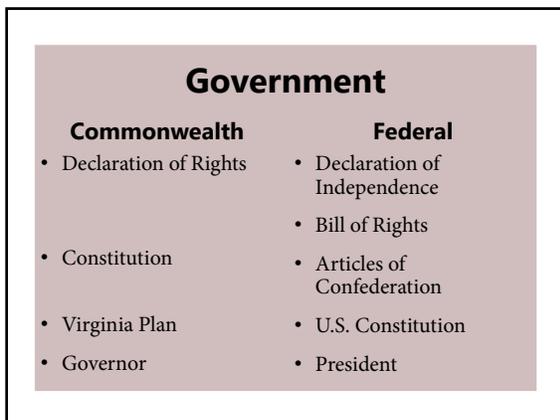




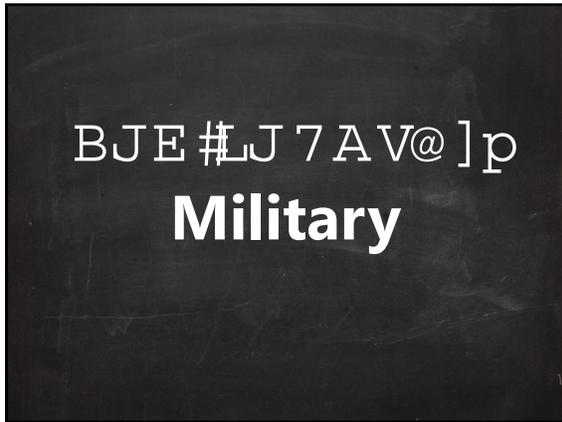
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Service

- 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

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Compensation

Bounty Land	Pension	Repayment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ohio - Kentucky • Federal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State kept by LVA • Federal kept by NARA • Half-pay kept by both 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Service Claims at LVA • indexed online

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Strategies

Problem	Solution
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not extant • Not digitized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substitutes • Repositories • Cluster research

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Record Loss in 18th-Century Counties

County	Est	Catastrophic Record Loss	County	Est	Considerable Record Loss
Buckingham	1761	Fire 1869	Albemarle	1744	Troops 1748-1781
Caroline	1728	Troops 1864	Botetourt	1769	Pre-1830 chancery, pre-1854 judgements water damage
Dinwiddie	1752	Troops 1865	Brunswick	1720	Pre-1781 loose records missing
Fairfax	1742	Civil War	Culpeper	1749	Pre-1840 loose records and gaps in minute books by troops
Hanover	1720	Fire 1865	King George	1720	Pre-1830 loose records missing
King William	1701	Fire 1885	Lee	1792	Troops 1863
Mathews	1790	Fire 1865	Mecklenburg	1764	Pre-1783 loose records missing
Nottoway	1788	Troops 1865	Rockingham	1778	Fire 1787; Fire damage 1864
Prince George	1702	Troops 1782, 1864	Russell	1786	Fire 1872
Prince William	1730	Troops 1863	Spotsylvania	1720	Pre-1839 loose papers missing
			Washington	1776	Fire 1864

Information from Library of Virginia

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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
- Combined and alphabetized
- Researched at Library of Virginia



VIRGINIA TITHABLES From Burned Record Counties

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

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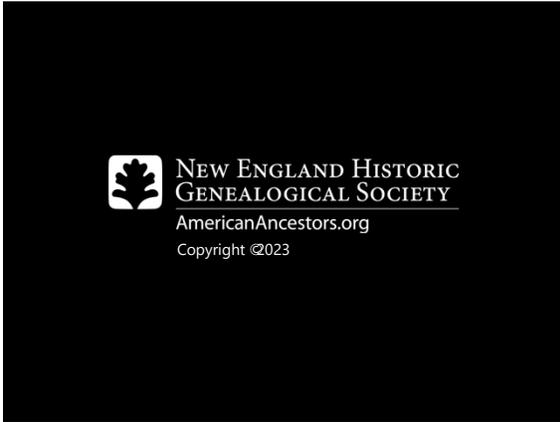
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