

Colonial Research at Jones Memorial Library

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Who, What, When, Where and Why

- Who is the ancestor you are searching for?
- What was his profession?
- What time frame did he live?
- Where did he live?
- Did he have a reason for being in that area?
(other family members, occupation, etc)



The Original Thirteen Colonies

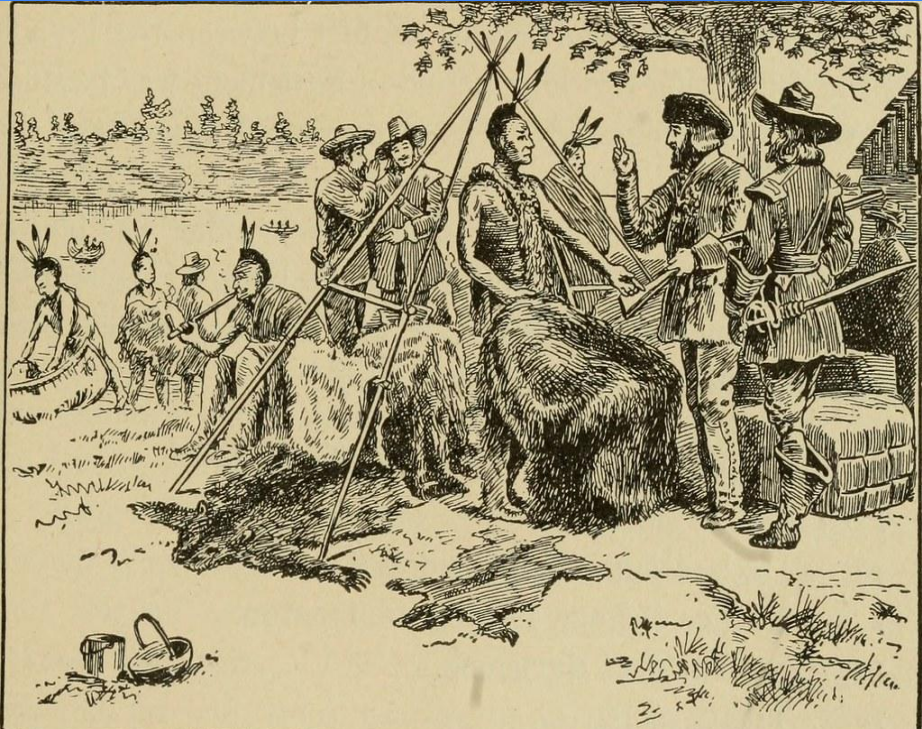


13 Colonies in Order

1. Virginia – 1607
2. New York – 1626
3. Massachusetts Bay – 1630
4. Maryland – 1633
5. Rhode Island – 1636
6. Connecticut – 1636
7. New Hampshire – 1638
8. Delaware – 1638
9. North Carolina – 1653
10. South Carolina – 1663
11. New Jersey – 1664
12. Pennsylvania – 1682
13. Georgia – 1732

The Colonial Period

American colonization started in 1607 and ended between the years of 1776 to 1783. The ending year of American colonization aligns with the Declaration of Independence by the United States of America in 1776 and the end of the Revolutionary War in 1783. The eastern portion of North America was primarily colonized.



JML Catalog Search by Keywords/Results

- Colonial Families
34 titles
- 17th Century
29 titles
- Mayflower
24 titles
- New England
98 titles
- Pennsylvania
160 titles
- New Jersey
33 titles
- Delaware
43 titles
- Colonial Government
23 titles



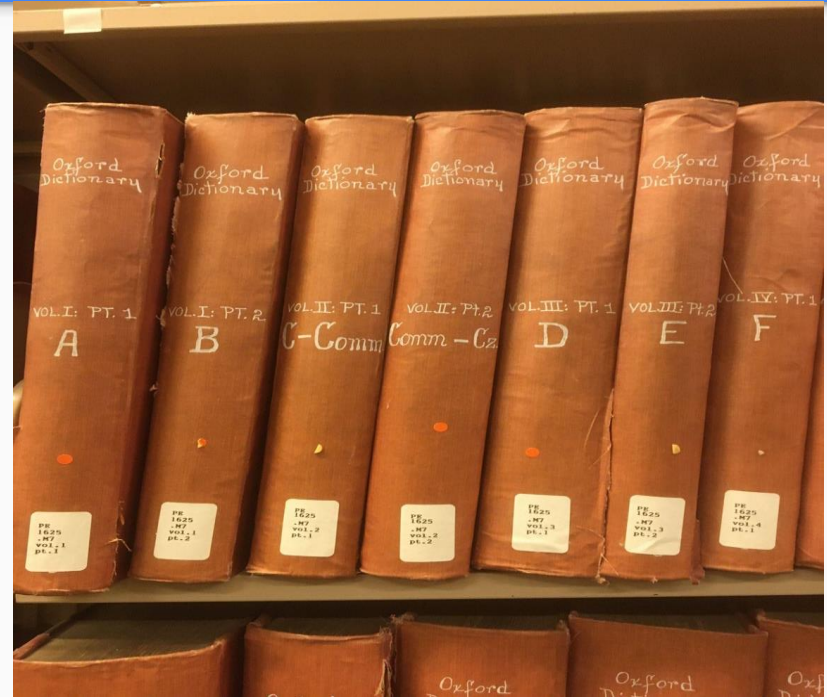
Burned County Sources

- Virginia tithables from burned record counties. F225 .W66 1970
- Some wills from the burned counties of Virginia and other wills not listed in Virginia wills and administrations, 1632-1800 / William Lindsay Hopkins. F225 .H67 1987
- Vital records of three burned counties : births, marriages, and deaths of King and Queen, King William, and New Kent counties, Virginia, 1680-1860 / Therese Fisher. F232 .K4 F57 1995
- Burned county data, 1809-1848 : as found in the Virginia contested election files / compiled by Benjamin B. Weisiger III. F225 .W42 1986
- Some marriages in the burned records counties of Virginia. F225 .V85
- Henrico County, Virginia, proceedings of the Commissioners respecting the records of Henrico Court destroyed by the enemy (annotated) / Cypalcorp. F232.H4 H46 2018



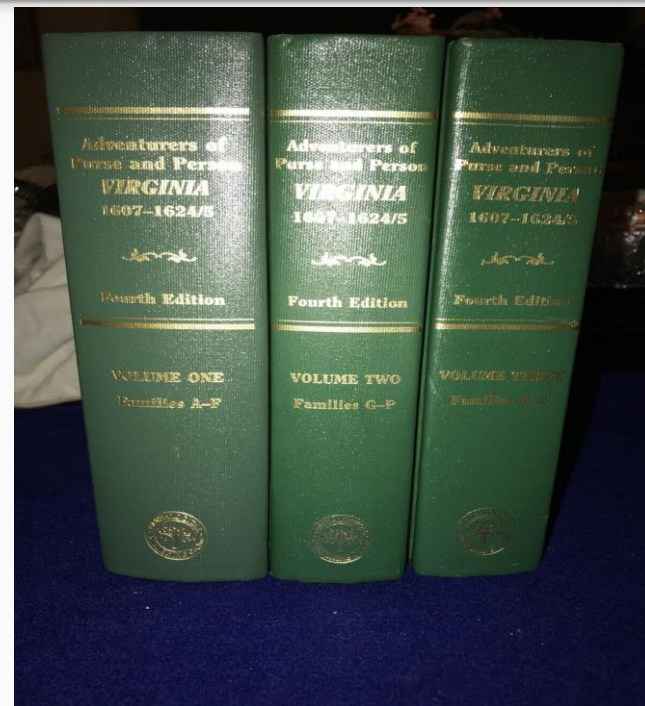
Oxford Dictionary - 1884

On February 1, 1884, editors published the first volume of what would become the *Oxford English Dictionary*. Since then, the OED has become one of the most respected and comprehensive dictionaries in the world. Our copy dates from 1888 and is a great source for looking up terms used before 1884 that are no longer in use.



Adventurers of Purse and Person 1607-1625

The fourth edition of the most celebrated compendium of family histories in the entire field of Virginia genealogy, was prepared under the auspices of the Order of First Families of Virginia, 1607-1624/5 in anticipation of the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, and edited by the foremost authority on Virginia genealogy, John Frederick Dorman. The purpose of the book is to establish descents--through the sixth generation--of the approximately 150 individuals who can be identified as (1) Adventurers of Purse (i.e. stockholders in the Virginia Company of London) who either came to Virginia in the period 1607-1625 and had descendants or who did not come to Virginia within that period but whose grandchildren were residents there; or (2) Adventurers of Person, 1607-1625 (i.e. immigrants to Virginia) who left descendants. With roots deeply embedded in the social fabric of the United States, over 7,800 descendants resident in Virginia (or subsequently in other states) are identified. Family accounts are supported by 10,000 footnote citations to manuscripts or published records. The index contains 19,000 name, place, and subject entries, many with multiple page citations. [F225 .A7 2004 - Three volumes]

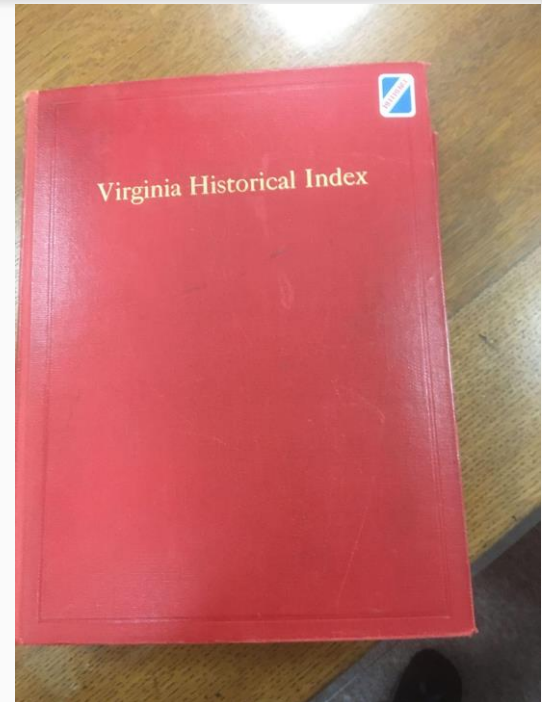


Virginia Historical Index

Published by the Virginia Historical Society in two volumes. Swem Index, as it is commonly known is a index of individuals mentioned in 8 titles known for their resources for genealogical information.

- C = Calendar of Virginia State Papers
- H = Henning's Statutes of Virginia
- N = Lower Norfolk County Virginia Antiquary
- R = Virginia Historical Register
- T = Tyler's Historical and Genealogical Quarterly
- V = Virginia Magazine History and Biography
- W(1) = William and Mary College Quarterly First Series
- W(2) = William and Mary College Quarterly Second

All entries in the index are referenced in the same way: volume number, abbreviation of publication title, and page number. Sample entries would read "Nicholas, Wilson Cary 11V295" or "Cape Henry 7T22."

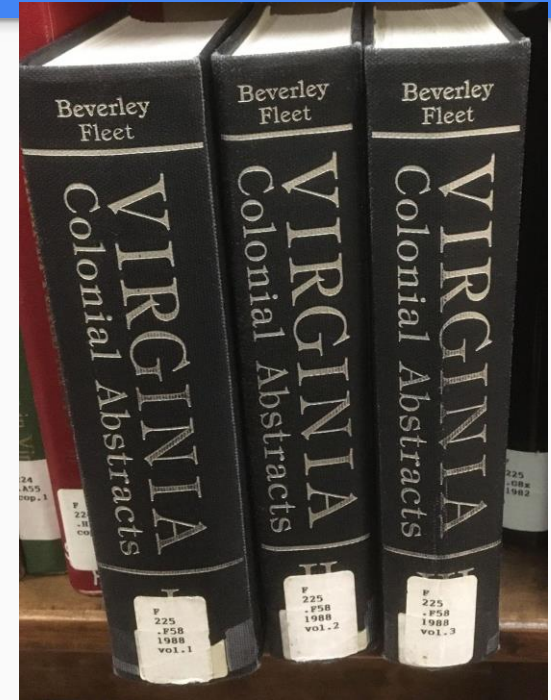


Virginia Colonial Records

Published between 1937 and 1949, the original thirty-four volumes of Virginia Colonial /abstracts brought together a wealth of data from the Tidewater region of Virginia: Includes vital records of:

- births,
- marriages,
- deaths,
- tax lists,
- court orders,
- militia lists,
- Wills,
- Deeds

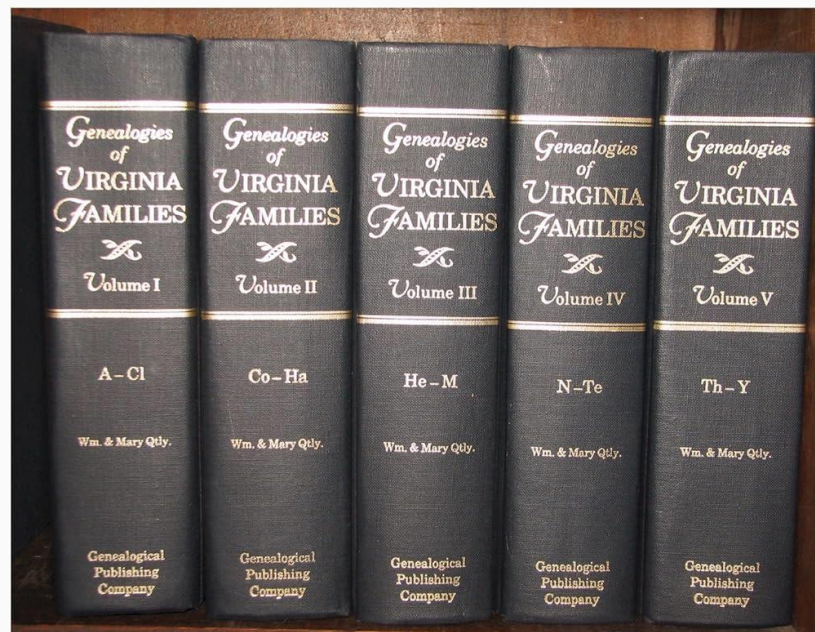
[F225 .F58 1988 - Three volumes]



Genealogies of Virginia Families Series

Articles originally published in three major genealogy quarterly magazines from first publication date to about 1943 were compiled in one volume.

- Genealogies of Virginia families : from the Virginia magazine of history and biography was published in 1981 compiling genealogies published in the magazine beginning in 1893. Those genealogies are compiled in one place in this 5 volume set. [F225 G46]
- Genealogies of Virginia families : from the William and Mary College quarterly historical magazine. This five-volume series contains every family history article published in the Quarterly from its beginning in 1892 until 1943, when genealogical contributions to the Quarterly ceased.[F225 .G468 - Five Volumes]
- Genealogies of Virginia families : from Tyler's quarterly historical and genealogical magazine The four-volume set has all of the family history articles, about 350, that appeared in the magazine from its inception in 1919 until its demise in 1952. [F225 G47 - Four Volumes]



Some Sources Found at Jones Memorial Library



Sources Discussed in this workshop:

- Adventurers of Purse and Persons, Virginia 1607-1625 by John Frederick Dorman F229 .J4 1964
- Virginia historical index. By Swem F221 .S93 1965
- Virginia Colonial Abstracts by Beverly Fleet F225 .F58
- Genealogies of Virginia families : from Tyler's quarterly
- Genealogies of Virginia families : from the Virginia magazine of history and biographical magazine F225 .G47
- Genealogies of Virginia families : from the William and Mary College quarterly historical magazine F225 .G468

Some Suggested Titles for Colonial Research

- Virginia Wills and Administrations, 1632-1800 by Clayton Torrence F225 .T85 1972
- Index to Virginia Estates 1800-1865 F225 .P46 2001- 5 volumes
- Cavaliers and Pioneers: A Calendar of Virginia Land Grants 1623-1800 by Nell M. Nugent F225 .N842 1934
- The Original List of Person of Quality by John Camden Hotten E187.5 .H795
- Virginia vital records : from the Virginia magazine of history and biography, the William and Mary College quarterly and Tyler's quarterly F225 .V93 1982
- Virginia marriage records : from the Virginia magazine of history and biography, the William and Mary College quarterly, and Tyler's quarterly F225 .V883 1982
- Virginia tax records : from the Virginia magazine of history and biography, the William and Mary College quarterly, and Tyler's quarterly F225 .V887 1983
- Virginia land records : from the Virginia magazine of history and biography, the William and Mary College quarterly, and Tyler's quarterly F225 .V875 1982
- Virginia will records : from the Virginia magazine of history and biography, the William and Mary College quarterly, and Tyler's quarterly F225 .V94 1982

Questions?



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