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1540-1609	Spanish exploration - Jesuit Ajacan Mission						
1584	Sir Walter Raieigh granted charter to discover "remote and heathen lands"						
1607	inglish settlement at Jamestown, Roanoke Island						
1619	inglican Church becomes the established church in the colony						
1624	London Virginia Company's charter revoked - became a royal colony						
1634	Local governmental Shire (county) system established						
1638	Nansemond tribe converted to Anglicanism						
1651	Many English Royalists flee to Virginia - Established influential families						
1662	Cromwell sends a more moderate Puritan to be governor of colony - local autonomy						
1662	Partus sequitur ventrem law established - solidified slavery						
1676	Bacon - Berkeley rebellion (burning of Jamestown)						
1689	Toleration Act of 1600 - freedom of worship for Protestants - applied to English colonies						

1706	Earliest marriage records being kept (few survive before 1730)
1710	Irish Presbyterians begin migrating down from Pennsylvania
1730s	First Great Awakening - Protestant religious upheaval
1748	First commercial coal mining near Richmond - becomes major boost to economy
1763	French & Indian War results in all land east of the Mississippi belonging to the colonies
1765	Stamp Act - a tax on all legal documents, magazines, playing cards, newspapers, etc.
1774	First Continental Congress - American colonists equal to British citizens
1776	Virginia declares independence from England
1776 - 1783	American War of Independence
1779	Part of Virginia ceded to Pennsylvania (extended the Mason-Dixon Line)
1780	State capitol moved from Jamestown to Richmond
1784	Northwest Territory ceded to U.S. (Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota)
1786	First Amendment rights eliminate threat of a state religion
1786	Beginning of the "Underground Railroad"

1788	Virginia admitted to the Union (10th state)
1790	Cumberland Gap opened to accommodate wagon traffic
1790	U.S. Census shows population to be close to 750,000 inhabitants (more than 2X New York)
1791	More Native Americans converted to Christianity
1792	Kentucky ceded as a separate state
1810	Census records 30,000 slaves have become free
1853 - 1896	The state required county officials to record births, marriages (bonds & banns), and deaths
1861 - 1865	Civil War
1863	West Virginia created out of 50 northwestern counties (Kanawha)
1865 - 1877	Reconstruction era - Freedmen's Bureau
1866	Cohabitation Law
1868	Beginning of post-war railroad boom (Chesapeake & Ohio)
1872	Freedmen's Bureau abandoned
1900	"Jim Crow" laws - racial segregation
1912	Statewide registration of vital statistics begins (14 June)













#### Virginias' Native Peoples

- In 1607, there may have been 13,000
   Algonquian-speaking Native Americans within the Coastal Plain territory claimed by Powhatan
- 15,000 Siouan-speaking Monacans/Manahoacs in the Piedmont
- · Colonists dealt badly with them

#### Virginias' Resources

- Foreign tobacco severely depleted the soil requiring more and more virgin land
- Native Americans were driven off their lands to make way
- · Promises were often violated

# Virginias' Natural Resources

- Coal
- Limestone
- Granite
- Sand & Gravel
- Natural gas
- Hydroelectric power

Virginias	' Cultivated	Resources
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- Tobacco
- Timber (lumber & pulp)
- Cotton
- **Peanuts**
- Apples
- Seafood

#### Virginias' Religions

- Anglican
- Episcopal
- Methodist
- **Baptist**
- Congregationalist
- Lutheran
- Presbyterian
- Catholic
- · German Brethren
- Moravians
- Hugeunots
- Quakers
- Jewish
- · Reformed everything

# Virginias' Genealogy Records

#### Church Records (pre-Revolution)

- The state church of Virginia was the Church of England (also called Anglican, and later Protestant Episcopal)
- Besides keeping parish registers, the church kept many records of a civil nature in their vestry books
- In many instances, parish registers containing baptism, marriage, and death records have not survived when vestry books have
- Colonial vestries largely ceased functioning in 1786, when local overseers of the poor took charge of some of the vestries' main responsibilities

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# Virginias' Genealogy Records

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THE KANAWHA COUNTY COURTHOUSE HAS NEVER BURNED!!

By Susan Scouras

In 1921 in downtown Charleston, West Virginia's State Capitol burned and was destroyed. No Department of Health Vital Registration records were lost!...

The Kanawha County Courthouse, a totally separate building located several blocks away in downtown Charleston, did not burn down in 1921 or at any other time.

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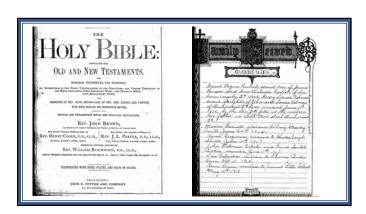




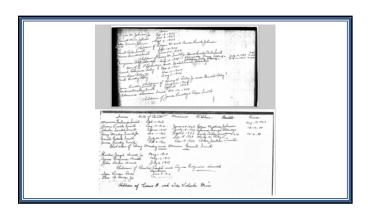


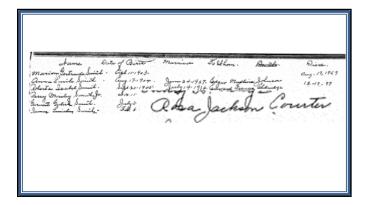
















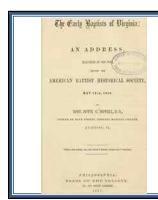




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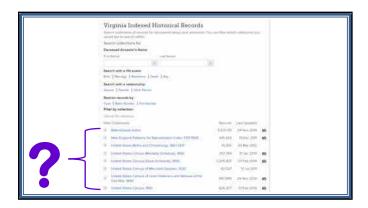
days after. At court they were arraigned as disturbers of the peace; on their trial, they were vehemently accused, by a certain lawyer, who said to the court, "May it please your worships, these men are great disturbers of the peace; they cannot meet a man upon the road, but they must ram a text of Scripture down his throat." Mr. Waller made his own and his brethren's defence so ingeniously that they were somewhat puzzled to know how to dispose of them. They offered to release them if they would promise to preach no more in the county for a year and a day. This they refused; and, therefore, were sent into close jail. As they were moving on, from the court-house to the prison, through the streets of Fredericksburg, they sung the hymn

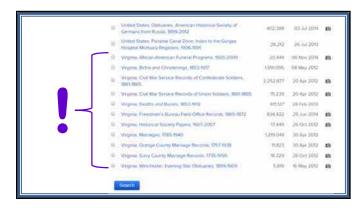
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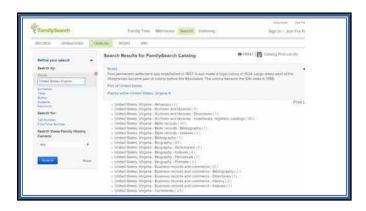


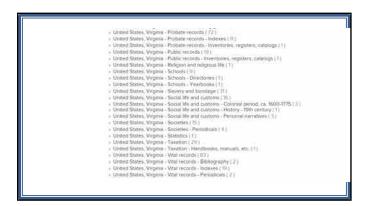
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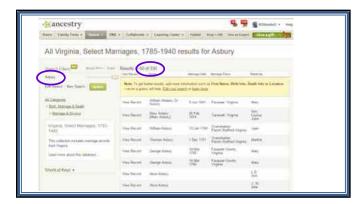














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The Virginia Office of Vital Records is not equipped to do genealogical research; any such research should be done in the Archives Division of The Library of Virginia as indicated above. Certified copies of records which are known to be on file by a review of the Archives Division microfilim may be obtained from the Office of Vital Records upon application and payment of the fee of \$12.00 is been of \$12.00 is sharped by the Office of Vital Records for a certified copy and/or search of the files whether or not a copy of the record is furnished. Applications for copies of records must include full names and dates and places (office or counties) of the events. In the Office of Vital Records, mamlage, divorce and death data becomes public information twenty five (25) years from the date of the event (Section 21.1-27s of the Code of Vitalina). The Virginia Office of Vital Records is not associated with any web site or addresses promoting genealogy.

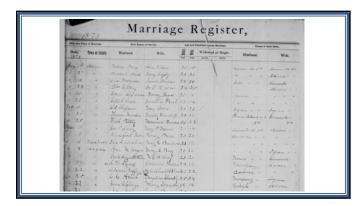


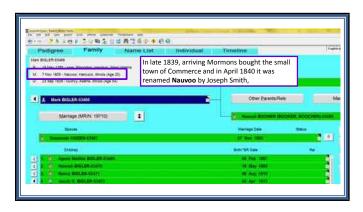


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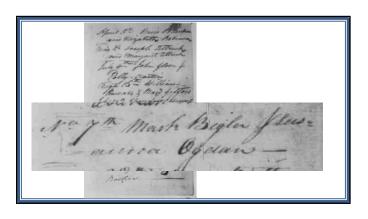
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