

SEEDBED OF AMERICA: EASTERN SHORE HISTORY & RECORDS – RESOURCES

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HISTORICAL MAPS: beginning your ancestor's venture to America

1. John White. [Map of that Part of America Now Called Virginia](#). c. 1591.
2. John Smith. [Map of Virginia](#) 1612 and of 1618.
3. John Farrer. [A Map of Virginia described to ye Hills](#). 1667.
4. John Ogilby. [Map of Md and part of Virginia](#). 1635 and 1671.
5. F. Lamb. [Map of Virginia and Maryland](#). 1676.
6. Augustine Herman. [Map of Virginia and Maryland](#). 1670.
7. John Senex. The Three Lower Counties of Pennsylvania. 1732.
8. A Map of Parts of Pennsylvania and Maryland with the Counties. 1740.
9. Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon. A Map of that part of America.
10. Samuel Lewis. [Map of the States of Maryland and Delaware](#). 1795.
11. John Lyon and Mike Hitch. [Map of Somerset County and Worcester County](#). Recent.

LIBRARIES & ARCHIVES

Library of Virginia www.lva.virginia.gov (State archives & library; extensive online resources)

Maryland Archives <https://msa.maryland.gov> (State archives; online resources)

Delaware Archives <https://archives.delaware.gov> (State archives; online resources)

Edward H. Nabb Research Center, Salisbury University, MD

<https://www.salisbury.edu/libraries/nabb/> (MD & DE, extensive genealogical resources, some online)

Eastern Shore Public Library, Virginia <https://espl.org/> (VA & MD including online resources)

Snow Hill Public Library <https://worcesterlibrary.org> (Worcester Co, MD resources, including online resources)

Laurel, DE Public Library

<https://laurel.lib.de.us/resources/genealogy-historical-research/>
(Sussex Co, MD resources)

Delaware Public Libraries – listing of county libraries (check for genealogical collections and online resource held by local public libraries)

<https://librarytechnology.org/libraries/public.pl?State=Delaware>

Maryland Public Libraries - county libraries (check for genealogical collections and online resources held by individual public libraries)

<https://msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/01glance/html/libloc.html>

Virginia Public Libraries – county and city libraries (check for genealogical collections and online resources held by individual public libraries)

<https://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/libraries.asp>

VA RESOURCES – a sample

ADVENTURERS OF PURSE & PERSON, VA 1607-1624/5 (3 Vols), John Frederick Dorman
CAVALIERS & PIONEERS: A CALENDAR OF VIRGINIA LAND GRANTS, 1623-1800,
(8 Vols), Nell M. Nugent

VA LAND PATENTS & GRANTS, Library of VA (LVA)

On-line Database: patents 1623-1774; grants 1779-2000; Norther Neck 1690-1874

<https://lva-virginia.libguides.com/c.php?g=1048946&p=7612410>

THE FORMATION OF A SOCIETY ON VIRGINIA'S EASTER SHORE, 1615-1655, James R. Perry

ACCOMAC

Accomack County Orders, Wills, Deeds, 1663-

Accomack County Inventories, 1828-1865

Accomack County Orphans Accounts, 1741-1850

NORTHAMPTON

Northampton County Orders, Wills, Deeds 1632-1802

Northampton County Inventories 1737-1882

Northampton County Orphans Accounts, 1731-1850

Northampton County Administrative Bonds, 1632-

See Edward H. Nabb Research Center Handout – many of these items can be found at other libraries

MARYLAND RESOURCES – a sample

OLD SOMERSET ON THE EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND: A STUDY IN THE FOUNDATIONS AND FOUNDERS, Clayton Torrence

HISTORIC SALISBURY MARYLAND: INCLUDING HISTORICAL SKETCHES OF THE OF THE EASTERN SHORE, Charles J. Truitt

SETTLERS OF MARYLAND: 1679-1700; 1701-1730; 1731-1750; 1751-1765; 1766-1783, Peter Wilson Coldham

EARLY SETTLERS OF MARYLAND: AN INDEX TO NAMES OF IMMIGRANTS COMPILED FROM RECORDS OF LAND PATENTS, 1633-1680, IN THE HALL OF RECORDS, ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND, Gust Skordas

KING'S PASSENGERS TO MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA (4 Volumes), Peter Wilson Coldham
COLONIAL FAMILIES OF THE EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND, (23 Volumes), various

authors (F. Edward Wright, Henry C. Peden; Robert W. Barnes, etc.) [good resource for getting started]

See Edward H. Nabb Center Collection for additional resources, many of which can be found at other libraries

DELAWARE RESOURCES – a sample

COLONIAL FAMILIES OF DELAWARE: Volume 1-6, F. EDWARD WRIGHT; Volume 7-11, Ralph and Catherine Beverly [good resource for getting started]

THE HISTORY OF DELAWARE: 1609-1888 (2 Volumes), John Thomas Scharf

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