

# **Prince William County People 1701–1865**

**A Name Index to A Database of Landowners, Soldiers, Voters,  
Tithables, Petitioners, Laborers, Free Blacks, and Slaves of  
Prince William County, Virginia**

**(Also includes a list of abbreviations, contractions, and definition of  
terms commonly found in these records.)**

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## Introduction

This database contains more than 25,000 name entries, (not unique individuals) in more than 21,000 records, assembled from a variety of official documents. Multiple entries for the same name can refer to two or more discrete individuals or to a single individual with multiple entries. The user of this information is responsible for determining the specific identity of any individual entry. Multiple page references for an individual in a single document indicate that the individual's name is located in multiple places within that document.

For ease in locating particular individuals, an alphabetical index is provided, which shows the individual's name, the year of the record and the original source document and page number. For example, an index entry reading: *19936 Alexander, William; 1784 – PP 1* means that in the Prince William County Personal Property Tax record for 1784, on page 1 you will find information about William Alexander and that the data is contained in Record Number 19936.

The names are shown in the index as they are spelled in the original documents. Therefore, some names may have errors in spelling or may be spelled using an alternative spelling (e.g. Payton vs Peyton). Researchers are advised to check all possible phonetic spellings in this index to insure completeness of your research. To locate additional information about a particular entry, view the record numbered entry in the Report file.

The Report file contains supplemental information from the original source document (e.g. age, suffix, title, honorific, remarks, location, marital status, relationships, etc.), which may help with your identification of the individual. Date of birth information has been calculated for records where the source document provides reasonable rationale for such calculations. Additionally, the Report file contains information about persons who are associated with the Primary Person entry and may be helpful in establishing positive identification and/or family history.

The transcriber and/or the indexer has inserted [bracketed data] in both the Index and the Report files for clarification or possible correction of the original data.

### Organization of Data:

Presently this database has three indexes that can be accessed by the researcher.

- Index of All Persons in the database including source information for each entry.
- Index of Slaves by slave name.
- Index of Slaves by slave owners name.

Additionally, there is one complete report file that provides the detailed information about people contained in each of the indexed records. The SOURCES used to construct this database are described below.

### Source Code & Year(s):

**BT** = Brent Town Survey: 1737

**CR** = Court Records: 1752-1763, 1766-1769, 1804-1806, 1812-1814, 1833-1865

**CS** = Committee of Safety: 1774

**LL** = Landholder List: 1746, 1762  
**LP** = Legislative Petitions: 1776, 1778, 1779, 1780, 1781, 1782, 1783, 1785, 1786, 1787, 1788, 1789, 1790, 1791, 1792, 1793, 1794, 1795, 1796, 1797, 1798, 1799  
**LT** = Land Tax: 1782  
**MR** = Colonial Muster Roll: Stafford 1701  
**PP** = Personal Property Tax: 1782, 1783, 1784, 1785, 1787, 1800  
**RR** = Rent Roll: Stafford 1723, 1729. Prince William 1735/36, 1738/39, 1751/52, 1753, 1754, 1758, 1760, 1761/62, 1767 A & B, 1773, 1777, 1779  
**SC** = Short Census: 1779  
**TL** = Tithable List: 1747, 1765 (3 lists)  
**TP** = Taxpayer List: 1751-1755  
**TT** = Tobacco Tenders, Stafford: 1724  
**VP** = Voter Poll List: 1741, 1761

### Source Data:

Except as specified below, the source number in the index and the report refers to the page of the original document (or the transcription) wherein the named individual is found. All of these source documents (or copies thereof) are available for use by researchers at RELIC. The above listed sources, highlighted in yellow, are also located on-line in the RELIC Digital Library. Additionally, some of the sources are available in other repositories or through various on-line archives (such as the Library of Congress, etc).

### Source Citations, Exceptions & Notes:

Although this is primarily an index of Prince William County people, portions of present Prince William County were part of Stafford County prior to 1731. Therefore, the 1701 Muster Roll, the 1723 & 1729 Rent Rolls, and the 1724 Tobacco Tender list, all from Stafford County, are included in this index to provide continuity with PWC people prior to the establishment of PWC.

### Documents indexed:

MR 1701 (Colonial Muster Roll) Source numbers shown refer to page numbers in: Eric G. Grundset, "Virginia Enters the Eighteenth Century," *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*, Volume 50, Number 1. (February 2012)

RR 1723 (Rent Roll, Stafford County) Source numbers refer to transcript page numbers of original from *Stafford County manuscripts in the Huntington Library, San Marino CA*; Library of Virginia, Misc. Microfilm, Brock Collection, Accession 41008, Misc. Reel 4623, BR 297, Item (1)

TT 1724 (Tobacco Tender list, Stafford County) Source numbers refer to transcript page numbers of original from "Virginia Colonial Papers, Folder 52" *Library of Virginia*, 1 microfilm reel, Miscellaneous Reel 612. (Richmond VA) This document consists of two parts: the area of the county south of Potomack Creek to the lower end of Overwaton Parish, (pp. 1-6) and the area of Stafford County between Aquia and Quantico, (pp. 7-10). The document names white males and slaves over age 10. Previous abstracts omitted the slave names.

RR 1729 (Rent Roll, Stafford County) Source numbers refer to pages in: Vogt, John and T. William Kethley, Jr., Comps. *Stafford County, Virginia Tithables, Quit Rents, Personal Property Taxes and related lists and petitions, 1723-1790*, Athens: Iberian Pub Co., (1990)

RR 1735 – 1736: (Rent Roll) The source number refers to the column number of the original document: “Rent Roll, P<sup>ce</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Cot<sup>y</sup> Hamilton Parish.” Transcribed by Donald L. Wilson, published in *Newsletter of the Prince William County Genealogical Society*, (Feb 1987).

BT 1737: (Brent Town Survey) Individual tenants are indexed by the name of the Water Course along which their land was located: **T** = Town Run; **W** = White Oak Branch; **C** = Cedar Run; **S** = Slaty Run; **K** = Kettle Run; and **B** = Broad Run. “The Brent Town Survey of 1737,” by Donald L. Wilson, (RELIC, Bull Run Regional Library), created from hand-colored map of the survey, *University of Virginia Library, Manuscripts Division* (ac. No. 5200) Charlottesville, VA

RR 1738 – 1739: (Rent Roll) Individuals are indexed by the page numbers of the transcription. Pages 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, & 11 of the original document were damaged, resulting in approximately 91 entries missing a name or portion thereof. Transcribers have made an effort to reconstruct the missing names by comparing surviving data with comparable information in other Rent Rolls. The reconstructed names are shown in [brackets]. “Rent Roll from Michaelmass 1738 to Michaelmass 1739” *Prince William County, Virginia, manuscripts in the Huntington Library*, 1 microfilm reel (366 frames); RELIC Microfilm 975.527 Pri.

VP 1741: (Voter Poll) Individuals are indexed by the initial of the candidate for whom they voted: **F** = Wm Fairfax, **C** = Col Jno Colville, **B** = Maj Blackburn, **P** = Val Peyton, and **H** = Thos Harrison. “Poll for the Election of Burgesses for the County of Prince William in 1741” as found in: *Gleanings of Virginia History*, Wm. F. Boogher, pp. 116-120.

LL 1746: (PWC and FFX Landholder List of Persons living elsewhere.) Individuals indexed by their residence location. **KG** = King George; **L** = Lancaster; **N** = Northumberland; **R** = Richmond; **S** = Stafford; **Wc** = Westmoreland, Cople Parish; **Ww** = Westmoreland, Washington Parish. “Sundry Persons holding Lands *et al*”; *Prince William County, Virginia, manuscripts in the Huntington Library*, 1 microfilm reel (366 frames); RELIC Microfilm 975.527 Pri.

TL 1747: (Tithable List, Western Dettingen Parish) The source numbers refer to the column number in the original document wherein the named individual is found. Transcribed by Donald L. Wilson, RELIC Library, from microfilm copy of original from Virginia State Library produced Nov 1947.

TP 1751-1755: (Taxpayer List, Hamilton Parish) Original document has been lost. The source numbers refer to the page of *Newsletter of the Prince William County Genealogical Society*, December 1991, where the original data was last published. Originally published: “List of Taxpayers, Elk Run and Vicinity, 1751.” *Bulletin of the Fauquier Historical Society*, June 1923, pp. 239-242.

RR 1751-1752: (Rent Roll) Individuals are indexed by the part and page numbers of the transcription. “A Rental for Prince William County from Michalmas 1751 to Ditto 1752”; *Prince William County, Virginia, manuscripts in the Huntington Library*, 1 microfilm reel (366 frames); RELIC Microfilm 975.527 Pri.

CR 1752-1763 through 1833-1865 (Court Records) Individuals are indexed by the page number of the compiled transcription. “*Slave & Free Negro Records from Prince William County Court Minute & Order Books: 1752-1763; 1766-1769; 1804-1806; 1812-1814; 1833-1865.*” Joan W. Peters, Albemarle Research, Broad Run, VA. RELIC call number: 975.527 PET.

RR 1753: (Rent Roll) Individuals are indexed by the page numbers of the original document. This document, transcribed by Louis A. Daniels, was published in the *Newsletter of the Prince William County Genealogical Society*, December 1992 – August 1993. “A Rental for Prince William County for the Year 1753”; *Prince William County, Virginia, manuscripts in the Huntington Library*, 1 microfilm reel (366 frames); RELIC Microfilm 975.527 Pri.

RR 1754: (Rent Roll) Individuals are indexed by the page numbers of the original document. “A Rental for Prince William County for the Year 1754”; *Prince William County, Virginia, manuscripts in the Huntington Library*, 1 microfilm reel (366 frames); RELIC Microfilm 975.527 Pri.

RR 1758: (Rent Roll) Individuals are indexed by the page numbers of the original document. “Memorandum of persons names yt paid their Quit rents In 1758”; *Prince William County, Virginia, manuscripts in the Huntington Library*, 1 microfilm reel (366 frames); RELIC Microfilm 975.527 Pri.

RR 1760: (Rent Roll) Individuals are indexed by the page numbers of the original document. “A Rentall for the County of Prince William for the Year 1760”; *Prince William County, Virginia, manuscripts in the Huntington Library*, 1 microfilm reel (366 frames); RELIC Microfilm 975.527 Pri.

VP 1761: (Voter Poll) Individuals are indexed by the initial of the candidate for whom they voted: **B** = Col John Baylis; **C** = Mr. Landon Carter Junr; **CA** = Capt Wm Carr; **E** = Mr. Wm Ellzey; **L** = Col Henry Lee; **M** = Mr. Thomas Machen; **P** = Col Henry Peyton; **T** = Majr Foushee Tebbs. Original data abstracted from the Prince William County Deed Book, 1761-1764 by Ruth & Sam Sparacio, 1989; RELIC 975.527 Spa.

LL 1762: (Landholders List) Individuals are indexed by the page numbers of the transcription, “A True List of the Landholders in Prince William 1762”; Source: “Virginia Proprietors Office. List of Landholders 1762” *Prince William County, Virginia, manuscripts in the Huntington Library*, 1 microfilm reel (366 frames); RELIC Microfilm 975.527 Pri.

RR 1761-1762: (Rent Roll) Individuals are indexed by the pages of the original document. “A Rentall for the County of Prince William for the Year 1761 by Maj<sup>r</sup> Foushee Tebbs”; *Prince William County, Virginia, manuscripts in the Huntington Library*, 1 microfilm reel (366 frames); RELIC Microfilm 975.527 Pri.

TL 1765: (Tithable Lists) This index includes three separate lists. Source numbers refer to the compiler of each list (**P**=Payton, **R**=Reno, and **T**=Tebbs) and the column number of the original document. Peyton’s and Tebb’s lists identify every Tithable, including slaves; Reno’s list does not. (Reno only identifies the landowners.) Additionally, in most cases, landowners are identified with acreage. “Prince

William Tithables, 1765"; RG 35, *Lost Local Ties*, Library of Virginia, BC 1147493, Box 17. A somewhat deficient abstract of this list was published in *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*, May-August 1992.

RR 1767 A & B: (Rent Roll) These two lists are indexed by the page number of the original document, indicating List A and/or List B. "A Rentall for the County of Prince William for 1767; *Prince William County, Virginia, manuscripts in the Huntington Library, San Marino, California*. 1 microfilm reel available at The Library of Virginia. Misc. Microfilm, Brock Collection, Accession 41008, Misc. Reel 4623, BR 294 Items (8a) & (8b).

RR 1773: (Rent Roll) This list is indexed by page number of the original document. "A Rentall for the County of Prince William for 1773; *Prince William County, Virginia, manuscripts in the Huntington Library, San Marino, California*. 1 microfilm reel available at The Library of Virginia. Misc. Microfilm, Brock Collection, Accession 41008, Misc. Reel 4623, BR 294 Item (9). Also published in *Northern Virginia Genealogy*, vol. 3, no. 1 (1998), pp. 24-28.

CS 1774: (Committee of Safety) The page number refers to the page of the "*Virginia Gazette (Pickney Edition)*" Jan 12, 1775, p. 3, Williamsburg Va. [Wherein the information was first published.]

RR 1777: (Rent Roll) This list is indexed by the page number of the original document. "A Rentall for the County of Prince William for the Year 1777; *Prince William County, Virginia, manuscripts in the Huntington Library*, 1 microfilm reel (366 frames); RELIC Microfilm 975.527 Pri.

RR 1779: (Rent Roll) Page numbers shown refer to page numbers in *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*, Volume 33, Number 3. August 1994, wherein the original data was published. (Available at RELIC and *Ancestry.com*) Also published as Dennis Hudgins, "Prince William County Rentals, 1779," *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*, vol. 32, no. 3 (August 1994), pp. 192-200.

SC 1779: (Short Census) PWC people (list of citizens who turned in bank notes to the continental loan office) abstracted from "A Short Census of Virginia -1779" by William H. Dumont, *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, Vol. 46, No 4 (December 1958), pp. 163-211. Abstracted information republished in *Prince William Reliquary*, Vol. 4, No 1 (January 2005), p. 24.

PP 1782: (Personal Property Tax) Page numbers refer to the pages in Joan Peter's 1996 transcription of the original document, as updated and revised by the RELIC staff. Numbering system includes 6 lists produced by 5 compilers: **1B**=Alexander Brown's list vs.1; **1T**=John Tyler's list; **E** = James Ewell Jr's list; **2B** = Alexander Brown's list vs.2; **2T** = William Tebb's list and **H** = Burr Harrison's list. (Note: Alexander Brown's version 2 list is an abbreviated summary of his version 1 list, containing only property owners names, with minor differences in name spelling and contains only three names which are not included in version 1.)

LT 1782: (Land Tax) Source number correspond to the page number of Charlotte Cain's 2007 transcription of the original document, updated and revised by Beverly Veness of the RELIC staff in June 2014. "Land Tax in Prince William 1782"; *Prince William County, Virginia, Land Tax Books 1782-1810A*, RELIC Microfilm 975.527 Pri/L-1. Microfilm from The Library of Virginia. (Note: This record also has a "Part B" that does not add any additional information; hence, it is not included in this index.)

PP 1783, 1784, 1785: (Personal Property Tax) Page numbers refer to the pages of the original manuscript deposited in the Library of Virginia. (Microfilm JR. 3551, Virginia State Library, Richmond: Prince William County Personal Property Tax Lists, 1782-1790. Available at RELIC: 975.527 Pri /PP-1

PP 1787: (Personal Property Tax) Page numbers refer to the pages of The 1787 Census of Virginia, Compiled by Netti Schreiner-Yantis and Florene Speakman Love, Vol 2, pages 888-907. Genealogical Books in Print, Springfield, Virginia. RELIC Ready Ref 929.3755 Yan Vol 2. [The letter A or B following the page number refers to the Tax District in which the individual resided.]

PP 1800: (Personal Property Tax) Page numbers refer to the transcript published in *The Virginia Genealogist*, John Frederick Dorman, ed; Vol. 50, No 2 (Apr-Jun 2006) pp. 95-103, and Vol. 50, No. 3 (Jul-Sep 2006) pp. 190-200. (Available at RELIC and *Ancestry.com*)

LP Legislative Petitions are grouped together by the year of the petitions. Individuals are indexed by the letter corresponding to the petitions listed for the date shown below. Source numbers refer to the volume and page number in *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*. Jean Pickett Hall, "Legislative Petitions from Virginia Counties with Significant Record Losses." (Available at RELIC and *Ancestry.com* )

1776:

- A. May 19<sup>th</sup> (Petitions of Baptists of Prince William County) [MVG 35: 102]
- B. Oct 12<sup>th</sup> (Petitions of Baptists at Occoquan) [MVG 30: 176]
- C. Oct 17<sup>th</sup> (Petition of Militia) [MVG 30: 176-177]
- D. Nov 2, (Freeholders and others Petition about rents) [MVG 30: 177-178]
- E. Nov 5, (Blackburne petition for arms, supplies, & training) [MVG 30: 176]
- F. Nov 18 (H. Fields petitions for restitution of uncollectible rents) [MVG 30: 178]

1777: May 30, 1777 (Thomas Collis petitions for war restitutions) [MVG 30: 178]

1778:

- A. Nov 14, (Electors petition to change wages of Gen Assembly) [MVG 30:178-179]
- B. Nov 21, (James Scott petitions Gen Assembly for land) [MVG 30: 179]

1779:

- A. May 21, (William Grayson petitions the Gen Assembly to enclose his lots for pasture) [MVG 30:179-180]
- B. Oct 14, (Inhabitants of Prince William County petition to move the county court from Dumfries to the center of the county) [MVG 30:180-182]
- C. Oct 14, (Relief of penalties and taxes for citizens omitted in the oath of fidelity to the state.) [MVG 30:182]

1780:

- A. May 10, (Warehouse inspectors petition for salary increase due to depreciation of paper money.) [MVG 30:182]
- B. May 16, (PWC inhabitants petition House of Del to leave the court house at Dumfries.) [MVG 30: 182-184] 3 petitions
- C. May 25, (PWC inhabitants petition to inquire into the conduct of Meriwether Smith.) [MVG 30: 184-185]

1781:

- A. June 7, (Petition by Mann Page for Legislature to grant a hearing on behalf of John Tayloe's slave Billy, condemned to die for treason by PWC Court.) [MVG 30: 185]
- B. Dec 14, (Petition by John McMillian for compensation for the loss of horses stolen while used by PWC militia during the war.) [MVG 30: 185]

1782: May 27, (Petition by Freeholders and inhabitants of PWC to establish Circuit Courts in Virginia, *et al.*) [MVG 30: 186-187]

1783: June 18, (Petition by Elizabeth Whiting to sell part of Beverly Whiting's land in PWC. No other names are listed in this source. [MVG 30: 187]

1785:

- A. December 9, (Petition to determine and fund the most convenient and direct road from the upper line of Fauquier County to Dumfries.) [MVG 30: 187]
- B. December 9, (Petition by PWC Freeholders to repeal House of Delegates foreign vessel restriction act of May 1784 for economic reasons.) [MVG 30: 187-188]
- C. December 9, (Same as B. above.) [MVG 30: 188]

1786:

- A. November 21, (Petition to augment the number of trustees of the Town of Dumfries with persons living in the town.) [MVG 30: 188]
- B. December 6, (PWC Freeholders again petition to repeal the 1784 act restricting foreign vessels to certain ports.) [MVG 30: 188-189]

1787:

- A. October 27, (Petition to establish a town on Cuthbert Bullitt's land at the confluence of Quantico Creek and the Potomac River.) [MVG 30: 189]
- B. November 19, (Inhabitants of the town of Dumfries petition to establish ordinances in the Town of Dumfries for the regulation and enforcement of good order and economic life.) [MVG 30: 189-191]

1788:

- A. November 1, (PWC Freeholders petitioned to establish an additional tobacco inspection station and storage facilities in or near Dumfries.) [MVG 30: 324-326.] Two petitions.
- B. November 3, (PWC Freeholders petitioned to establish an additional tobacco inspection station and storage facilities in or near Dumfries.) [MVG 30: 326-329.] Two petitions.
- C. November 7, (Willoughby Tebbs petitions House of Delegates to establish a town on land he owns at the mouth of Quantico Creek.) [MVG 30: 329]
- D. November 21, (Merchants and Freeholders of Dumfries and PWC petition to establish a tobacco inspection warehouse on lands of Cuthbert Bullitt near the town of Newport.) [MVG 30: 329-331.] Three petitions.

1789:

- A. November 12, (Ann Dantignae petitioned the General Assembly requesting a divorce from her husband John Dantignae.) [MVG 30: 331-332]
- B. November 16, (Augustine Seaton petitioned the General Assembly for reimbursement of money he paid for the purchase of horses for public use.) [MVG 30: 333]

1790:

- A. November 6, (John McMillian petitioned the House of Delegates for relief of damages from judgement against him for his work as sheriff of PWC.) [MVG 30:332]
- B. (List of PWC residents who are in arrears in taxes prior to the year 1790.) List was filed with PWC Court on September 5, 1791. Copy of list included with the Legislative Petition listed above. Microfilm of original list: "Virginia General Assembly, Legislative Petitions;" Prince William county 1776-1819. Library of Virginia, Reel 164, Acc # 36121. [MVG 30: 332-335]
- C. November 6, (Ja Ewell, late sheriff of PWC, petitioned House of Delegates to remit uncollected interest and damages due on taxes in 1786 and 1787 due to unfavorable farming conditions.) Petition also includes certification by 14 citizens attesting to acquaintance and concurrence with Ja Ewell. [MVG 30: 335]

1791:

- A. October 26, (John Crittendon & Luke Cannon petitioned for reimbursement of a legal judgement related to military service in the Revolutionary War.) [MVG 30: 335]
- B. November 12, (John McMillian petitions for remission of interest and damages on delinquent taxes that he was responsible for collecting.) [MVG 30: 336]

1792:

- A. October 4, (John Crittendon and Luke Cannon again petitioned for reimbursement of a legal judgement related to military service in the Revolutionary War.) [MVG 30: 336]
- B. October 6, (Some PWC freeholders and inhabitants petitioned the General Assembly to review procedures for collecting debts.) [MVG 30: 336]

1793:

- A: October 24, (Alexander Brown petitioned the General Assembly for relief as appropriate from damages against him for taxes he was unable to collect as PWC high sheriff.) [MVG 30: 336]
- B: November 4, (Jesse Ewell petitions the General Assembly to reduce the number of tobacco inspections to one per warehouse.) [MVG 30: 336]

1794: November 26, (William Jacob petitioned the General Assembly for reimbursement of a valuable gun which was taken from him for use by the militia during the war. [MVG 30: 336-337]

1795:

- A: November 11, (PWC Citizens petitioned the General Assembly for a bond issuance to clean up Quantico Creek shipping channel and to back the bond with a toll on all produce being so shipped.) [MVG 30: 337-338]

- B: November 14, (Jacob Egborn petitioned the House of Delegates for a divorce from his wife Delilah. A certificate signed by inhabitants of Dumfries is included in support of Mr. Egborn.) [MVG 30: 338]
- C: November 21, (Some citizens of PWC petitioned the General Assembly to augment the capital of the Bank of Alexandria with \$350,000.) [MVG 30: 339]
- D: November 23, (Nathaniel Ellicott and Isaac Mcpherson petitioned the House of Delegates for permission and money to build a toll bridge over the Occoquan River near Occoquan Mills.) [Petition signatures include citizens of Prince William, Fairfax, and Loudon Counties. MVG 30: 339-340]

1796:

- A: November 11, ( William Linton and William Carter petitioned the legislature for compensation for additional work they performed inspecting tobacco in the state warehouses.) [MVG 30: 340-341]
- B: November 12, (Thomas Harrison petitioned the General Assembly to authorize his commission of two and one half percent on taxes he collected.) [MVG 30: 341]
- C: November 19, ( Inhabitants of Dumfries and proprietors of Quantico Creek Company petitioned the House of Delegates for approval to collect tolls on commerce on Quantico Creek to be used to improve the navigation of said creek by constructing a canal. [MVG 30: 341-342]

1797:

- A: December 7, (Various citizens of PWC petitioned the Legislature to establish the town of Buckland on lands belonging to John Love on the Broad Run near Love's Mill.) MVG 30: 342-344] Two petitions.
- B: December 9, ( William Linton and William Carter again petition the Legislature to approve compensation for them for extra work they performed following the closure of the Dumfries Inspection Warehouse in 1794.) [MVG 30: 344]

1798: December 10, (William Skinker petitions the House of Representatives to establish a town on his property where two major roads intersect.) Two lists: trustees and petitioners. [MVG 30: 344-345]

1799:

- A: December 16, (The owners of two contiguous mills on the River Occoquan petition the General Assembly to grant them a flour inspector at a salary of 2 cents per barrel.) [MVG 30: 345]
- B: December 16, (Sundry freeholders and farmers petition the General Assembly to extend the charter of the Bank of Alexandria for a term of twenty years.) [MVG 30: 346]
- C: December 17, (Freeholders and other inhabitants of PWC petitioned the House of Delegates to sell Dittengen Parish Glebe, invest the proceeds, and use income from same to educate poor children.) [MVG 30: 346-348]

### Abbreviations, Contractions, and Terms:

A variety of abbreviations, contractions, and terms were used by the various record compilers throughout the source documents. The purpose of this finding aid is to assist the researcher by describing/defining these terms in 21<sup>st</sup> Century English. In some instances, a particular term may have more than one use and corresponding meaning, in which case the index compiler has attempted to include all variations that applied at the time of the source document.

<b>A</b>	
Absol <sup>m</sup>	Absolum
Ab <sup>r</sup>	Abner
Abr <sup>m</sup>	Abraham
Acs	acres of land
aka	also known as
Alex <sup>r</sup> , Alexand <sup>r</sup>	Alexander
Ant <sup>o</sup> , Ant <sup>y</sup>	Anthony
Archd.	Archibald
Arr <sup>s</sup>	arrears; behind in payment
<b>B</b>	
Ball <sup>ncc</sup> ; Bal <sup>ce</sup>	Balance
Benjn., Benj., Benj <sup>a</sup> , Ben:	Benjamin
Bo <sup>t</sup>	bought
<b>C</b>	
Call'd	called; named
Cap <sup>t</sup>	Captain (military rank)
Carr <sup>d</sup>	Carried (carr <sup>d</sup> over)
CC, C <sup>l</sup>	County Clerk, Clerk of the Court
Charg <sup>d</sup>	Charged; assessed to
Child <sup>n</sup>	Children
Chris <sup>r</sup>	Christopher
Cha <sup>s</sup> ; Ch <sup>s</sup>	Charles
C <sup>sh</sup>	cash
Col <sup>o</sup> , Colo, Col <sup>l</sup> , Coll:	Colonel (senior military rank)
Cold.	colored
com <sup>n</sup>	commission (payment based on value)
Comp <sup>a</sup> of foot	company of soldiers (infantry)
Corp <sup>l</sup>	Corporal (enlisted military rank)
Corron <sup>tt</sup>	Coronet: Junior officer, now 2d Lieutenant.
Co <sup>t</sup> .	court
C <sup>o</sup> y; C <sup>ty</sup> , Co.ty	county
Court of Oyer & Terminer	Court for trial of felonies
Cudb <sup>t</sup>	Cudbert

<b>D</b>	
Dan <sup>l</sup> , Dan <sup>l</sup> , Dan:	Daniel
Decd, dec <sup>d</sup> , d <sup>d</sup>	deceased
Do, D <sup>o</sup>	Ditto, (repeating the immediately preceding information.)
D <sup>r</sup> , Do <sup>r</sup>	Medical Doctor
Dragoon	Mounted infantry; cavalry soldiers
Drumor	Drummer
Du	due
<b>E</b>	
Edw, Edw <sup>d</sup>	Edward
Elder	Eldest of more than one person with the same name
Ensign	Junior officer military rank
Eph; Ephr	Ephraim
Esq <sup>r</sup>	Esquire, lawyer
Est <sup>e</sup> ; Est	estate
E <sup>x</sup> , Ex <sup>rs</sup> , ex <sup>ers</sup> Exor	executor of an estate
ex <sup>d</sup>	examined
&c	et cetera
<b>F</b>	
Fauq <sup>r</sup>	Fauquier County
Foot, of	Infantry unit
Forma pauperis	in the form of a pauper
Fra, Fra <sup>s</sup>	Francis
Fred <sup>k</sup>	Frederick (County)
From whom	from whom owner obtained the land
<b>G</b>	
Gab <sup>l</sup>	Gabriel
Gaol	Prison facility
Gen <sup>l</sup>	General (military rank)
Gent.	Gentleman; Farm owner; Justice of the Peace; gigman
Geo, Geo <sup>e</sup> , G <sup>o</sup>	George
Gigman	Man who owns a light two-wheeled one horse carriage
<b>H</b>	
Hen, H <sup>y</sup>	Henry
Hon <sup>ble</sup> ; Hon <sup>le</sup>	Honorable
Horse, of	Mounted soldiers
Hows	Howson
Hrs, h <sup>rs</sup>	heirs of the deceased owner

<b>I</b>	
Idem	the same; previously cited, mentioned or referred to.
Igns	Ignatius
Inq <sup>r</sup>	Inquiry
<b>J</b>	
Jas, Ja <sup>s</sup>	James
Jhn, Jno	John
Jon <sup>o</sup> , Jon <sup>a</sup>	Jonathan
Jos, Jo <sup>s</sup>	Joseph
Jun <sup>r</sup> , ju <sup>r</sup> , Jnr	Junior (see also younger)
<b>K</b>	
KGC , K.G.	King George County
<b>L</b>	
Lanc <sup>r</sup>	Lancaster County
L <sup>d</sup>	land
Lenr <sup>d</sup>	Leonard
Lieu <sup>tt</sup> , L <sup>tt</sup>	Lieutenant, (Officer military rank)
<b>M</b>	
Maj <sup>r</sup> ; Maj <sup>or</sup>	Major (military rank)
Manumission, deed of	Act of freeing a slave.
Marg <sup>t</sup>	Margaret
Merch <sup>t</sup> ; March <sup>t</sup>	merchant
Mich <sup>al</sup>	Michael
Michalmas; Michaelmass	Michaelmas, 29 September, the day of St.Michael
Money: £	Pound = 20 shillings (approximately)
S,s	Shilling = 12 pence (approximately)
D,d	Pence
M <sup>r</sup>	Mister, honorific for gentleman
M <sup>rs</sup>	Mistress, honorific for married gentlewoman
M <sup>w</sup>	Matthew
<b>N</b>	
Nat <sup>a</sup> Nath <sup>al</sup>	Nathanial
nee	maiden name
Nehem <sup>h</sup>	Nehemiah
New:	Newman
Next Friend	Court appointed to act on behalf of another person.
Northumb <sup>d</sup> , North.d	Northumberland County
N, N <sup>o</sup> , N <sup>s</sup> , Neg <sup>o</sup> , Neg <sup>s</sup>	Negro(es)

## O

ordinary license  
Orp<sup>s</sup>, orp<sup>hs</sup>  
Over<sup>sr</sup>, Ov<sup>r</sup>, Over<sup>r</sup>, overseer  
Over

Oyer & Terminer

Licensed to sell alcoholic drinks from their property  
orphans  
One who supervises the work of others.  
Current owner claims more land than the proprietor has recorded.  
Designation of Court to “Hear and Decide”

## P

~~P~~ ; per ; of  
p<sup>d</sup>  
Patroller, patrol<sup>r</sup>

Patt, pat  
P<sup>o</sup>hick  
P<sup>r</sup> C<sup>t</sup> ; p<sup>r</sup> Cen<sup>t</sup>  
Prud:  
PWC; PW<sup>m</sup>

according to---  
paid  
Person authorized to patrol for security and escaped slaves.  
Patent; Grant of land made by the Sovereign.  
Pohick  
per cent  
Prudence  
Prince William County

## Q

Qt<sup>r</sup>, q<sup>r</sup> quarter,

Q<sup>t</sup> master  
Que  
Quitrent

One who owns tenant farmer/ slave quarters.  
Quartermaster (provides supplies to the military)  
indicates a question or query  
Effectively a land tax precluding the occupier from having to perform other services for the owner.

## R

Rach<sup>l</sup>  
Raw:  
Rec<sup>d</sup>  
Rec<sup>t</sup> ; R<sup>t</sup>  
Reg<sup>l</sup>; Reg<sup>d</sup>  
Rem  
Rent<sup>l</sup>  
Rev<sup>d</sup>  
Rich<sup>d</sup>, R<sup>d</sup>  
Richm.d  
Rob<sup>t</sup>, R<sup>t</sup>

Rachael  
Rawleigh, Rawley  
received  
receipt  
Reginald  
removed; owner left the county  
rental  
Reverend  
Richard  
Richmond County  
Robert

## S

Sam<sup>l</sup>, Sam<sup>ll</sup>  
Sar<sup>t</sup>, Sarjant  
Scarl<sup>t</sup>  
Sp

Samuel  
Sergeant (senior enlisted military rank)  
Scarlett (male name)  
Spencer

S <sup>r</sup>	Senior (see also elder)
Ster <sup>s</sup>	sterling
<b>T</b>	
Tim <sup>y</sup>	Timothy
Tobacco Tender by Colonial Statute)	A laboring person tending tobacco plants ( limit defined
Tobo; tob <sup>o</sup>	Tobacco, often a form of payment for land rent or tax
Tho <sup>s</sup>	Thomas
<b>U</b>	
<b>V</b>	
Val <sup>n</sup>	Valentine
<b>WXYZ</b>	
Want'g possessed)	lacking (owner no longer claims lands he has
W.d. , Westm <sup>d</sup> , West.d	Westmoreland County
Whence	see "from whom" above.
Widd <sup>o</sup> wid <sup>o</sup>	widow
W <sup>m</sup> , Will <sup>m</sup>	William
Xtopher	Christopher
y <sup>e</sup>	the
yt	that
younger	youngest of three or more persons with the same name
yrs	years