

Participating Institutions

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College of William & Mary
Colonial Williamsburg
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James Madison University
Library of Virginia
Longwood University
Old Dominion University
Roanoke College
Roanoke Public Libraries
Radford University
Randolph-Macon College
Thomas Balch Library
University of Mary Washington
University of Richmond
University of Virginia
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Historical Society
Virginia Military Institute
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Virginia State Law Library, Supreme Court of Virginia
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*Guides to Manuscript & Archival
Collections in Virginia*



"Virginia / Discovered and Discribed by Captayn John Smith, 1606" (Library of Virginia)

What is Virginia Heritage?

Virginia Heritage provides information about the vast array of manuscripts and archival materials housed in historical societies, libraries, museums, colleges and universities across the Commonwealth.

This consolidated database offers access to more than 11,000 finding aids, making it a great tool for discovering primary source materials documenting the history, culture, and people of Virginia and beyond. New material is added continuously so check back often.

Virginia Heritage at a Glance

- **Search on every page**
allows for searching by keyword or phrase across all collections or just the holdings of one institution
- **Comprehensive FAQ**
answers your questions about using Virginia Heritage and the history of the project
- **Virginia Heritage Blog**
highlights collections and events at Virginia archival repositories, discusses archival issues, and provides updates about changes and upcoming training opportunities
- **List of Participating Repositories**
with a map and links

FAQ

- **Who should use Virginia Heritage?**
The short answer? Anyone. Virginia Heritage is designed for easy access to finding aids, which will help anyone quickly and easily locate materials helpful to their studies. It is meant for researchers, genealogists, teachers, students, and history enthusiasts worldwide.
- **Is it only about Virginia?**
No, our members' collections cover subjects which expand well beyond the borders of the Old Dominion.
- **How do I access the collections?**
To view the materials, contact the institution which created the finding aid. Contact information is located at the top of each guide.
- **What is a finding aid?**
A finding aid, sometimes also called a "guide" or "descriptive inventory," is the key to locating primary source materials. It provides a comprehensive overview of a collection explaining its origin, organization, contents, dates, and other relevant information to help you use it.