

ONLINE RESOURCES

Although there are a plethora of genealogy websites for the internet researcher, some helpful ones include:

- <http://vagenweb.org/isleofwight/>
- For local cemetery information:
<http://www.iwchs.com/>
- For the Daily Press and Times-Herald obituaries from 1900:
<http://engagedpatrons.org/database/NNObits/index.cfm>
- <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vatgs/>
- <http://www.cyndislist.com/us/>
- Familysearch.org



ISLE of WIGHT

COUNTY IN VIRGINIA

For further information contact:
Isle of Wight County Historic Resources
HistoricIsleOfWight.com
(757) 357-0115



Smithfield & Isle of Wight
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(757) 357-5182, (800) 365-9339

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

in Smithfield & Isle of Wight, Virginia

Isle of Wight County's history dates to 1619 when colonists first settled the area south of the James River. Since then, thousands of families have settled here or passed through its shores. There are many resources available for those tracing their family tree back to Isle of Wight.



LOCAL RESOURCES



Randall Boothe Records Room

The **Isle of Wight County Clerk's office**, open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., is a good place to find primary documents such as deeds and wills.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

P.O. Box 110, 17000 Josiah Parker Circle,
Isle of Wight VA 23397, (757) 365-6233



The **Blackwater Regional Library, Smithfield Branch**, is another option for research. The local history room contains local census records, books, magazines, family histories and other items on microfiche. The library provides free online access to Ancestry.com and Heritage Quest.

Smithfield Library

255 James Street, Smithfield, VA 23430
(757) 357-2264 or (757) 365-6233

PUBLICATIONS

There are many publications available to aid in researching local family history. Those publications include:

- *Seventeenth Century Isle of Wight County, Virginia* by John Bennett Boddie
 - *Historical Notes on Isle of Wight County Virginia* by Helen Haverty King
 - *Isle of Wight County, Virginia Deeds* by William Lindsay Hopkins
 - *Marriages of Isle of Wight County, Virginia* by Blanche Adams Chapman
 - *Wills and Administrations of Isle of Wight County Virginia 1647-1800 Book 1-3* by Blanche Adams Chapman
 - *Adventures of Purse and Person*, a multi-volume Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants, a multi-volume set with various editors
 - *Documentary History of Jamestown Island Volume III: Biographies of Owners and Residents* by Martha McCartney
- This publication can be accessed at www.nps.gov/history/history/online_books/jame/documentary_history3.pdf

Many references can be found online at:

Books.google.com including:

- Virginia Magazine of History and Biography
- William and Mary Quarterly Historical Magazine
- Tyler's Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine
- Virginia Historical Register and Literary Advertiser
- Lower Norfolk County Virginia Antiquary

Copies of the colonial newspaper *The Virginia Gazette* can be found here:
<http://research.history.org/DigitalLibrary/BrowseVG.cfm>

RICHMOND RESOURCES



Reference



Virginia Historical Society

The **Library of Virginia** and the **Virginia Historical Society** in Richmond have resources to facilitate research including microfilm of genealogical historical documents on Isle of Wight County families by Segar Cofer Dashiell. They are also excellent resources for those doing African-American genealogy.