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/
- Familysearch.org

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY IN VIRGINIA

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

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

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.
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

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