This guide brings together many resources for information and research from the holdings of the Library of Virginia, to museum exhibits throughout the commonwealth, and to sites on the World Wide Web. The principal part of this resource guide is a selected bibliography of published materials held at the Library of Virginia. Concluding the guide are sections devoted to the eight recognized Indian tribes of Virginia, to selected museums with Virginia Indian-related displays, and to some pertinent Internet sites and portals. A portal to other sites on Virginia history can be found through the Library of Virginia’s Web site <http://www.lva.lib.va.us/> selecting Index and then History Resources on the Internet, Virginia.

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THE LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA PUBLISHED MATERIALS

The bibliography is arranged by general works, then time periods, and Indian groups. Additional titles can be found by logging onto the Library of Virginia’s Web site <http://www.lva.lib.va.us/> and clicking on Search Our Catalogs. Performing a subject search using the term “Indians of North America–Virginia” reveals more than 150 titles. Searching can also be accomplished by using the names for individual tribes.

GENERAL


Pages 4–9 provide an overview of Indian history in the commonwealth.


Pages 61–74 provide information on Virginia’s tribes, giving meanings of tribal names, locations of villages, and a brief history.


The issue is devoted to Virginia Indians. Articles include: “The Invasion of Virginia: Indians, Colonialism, and the Conquest of Cant: A Review Essay on Anglo-Indian Relations in the Chesapeake” by J. Frederick Franz, pp. 133–156;


**PRE-CONTACT**


Hodges, Mary Ellen N. *A Brief Relation of Virginia Prehistory: A Summary of Current Ideas on the Cultural History of the Native Inhabitants of Virginia, ca. 10,000 B.C. to the Present*. Richmond: Department of Conservation and Historic Resources, Division of Historic Landmarks, 1981.


Johnson, Michael F. *American Indian Life in Fairfax County, 10,000 B.C. to A.D. 1650*. Falls Church, Va.: Heritage Resources Branch, Office of Comprehensive Planning, Fairfax County, Virginia, 1996.


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COLONIAL PERIOD 1600–1775

Overview


Douglas, Frederic Huntington. The Virginia Indian Tribes: 17th Century; Names, Locations and Population. Leaflet 57. [Denver]: Denver Art Museum, Department of Indian Art, 1933.

The leaflet features a concise listing of Virginia Indians; giving 1607 population figures for the Algonquian tribes/villages and where their remnants were living circa the 1930s.


The article includes a facsimile reproduction of Strachey’s vocabulary with a facing key and semantically classified lists of the words.


The 1677 treaty between Virginia and the Indians is also online at Bay Link <http://www.baylink.org/treaty/>, an educational Web site centered on the Chesapeake Bay estuary and maintained by WHRO, the public telecommunications center for Hampton Roads.


**Powhatan Chiefdom and Pocahontas**


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Stiles, Martha Bennett. “Hostage to the Indians.” Virginia Cavalcade 12 (summer 1962): 5–11. The article chronicles Thomas Savage’s roles as hostage to the Powhatan Indians and as mediator between them and the colonists.


Contemporary Accounts

The Library of Virginia’s Special Collections holds many of these titles in original or early editions.


Lederer relates his observations and experiences with the Indians on his three explorations into the interior of Virginia in 1670. The book also includes an essay, “The Indians of Lederer’s Discoveries,” by Douglas L. Rights and William P. Cumming.


Reproductions of John White’s watercolors documenting Indian life made during Sir Walter Raleigh’s colonization attempts of the Roanoke Island area are juxtaposed with Theodore de Bry’s engravings based on them. A selection of these engravings can be found at <http://www.csulb.edu/projects/ais/woodcuts/>, a Web site on American Indian History and Related Issues maintained by California State University, Long Beach.


The first two volumes include the three versions of Captain John Smith’s early history of Virginia: *A True Relation…, The Proceedings of the English Colonie in Virginia*, and *The Generall Historie of Virginia*.… Captain John Smith’s *A Map of Virginia* is included to which the editor has appended two schedules listing Indian villages and tribes peripheral to Powhatan’s domain. Oxford University’s Bodleian Library Map Room Web site <http://www.bodley.ox.ac.uk./guides/maps/virginia.gif> features a portion of the map.


Includes contemporary observations of Virginia Indians and as an appendix, “A Dictionarie of the Indian Language.”

**19TH AND 20TH CENTURIES**


The annual publication lists Virginia Indian resources, museums, sites, tribes, and dates of powwows, festivals, and events. Available in the Ethnic Heritage Packet from the Virginia Tourism Corporation.

Virginia Tourism Corporation
<http://www.virginia.org/>
901 E. Byrd Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219
(804) 786-4484; (800) 321-3244
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The information packet is also available on the Virginia Council on Indians Web site <http://indians.vipnet.org/>.


INDIAN GROUPS

Chickahominy Indians


Monacan Indians


Nansemond Indians

Nottoway Indians


Occoneechee Indians


Pamunkey Indians


Rappahannock Indians


THE LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA ARCHIVES AND MANUSCRIPTS

The Archives and Manuscripts Collections of the Library of Virginia have thousands of records relating to “Indian Virginians” from 1607 to the current controversy over water rights. Researchers will find the Colonial Papers; Virginia Colonial Records Project; Office of the Governor, Letters Received; legislative petitions; county court records; and personal papers collection useful sources of information. Overviews of these collections, compiled by Patricia Ferguson Watkinson, can be found in Research Notes Number 15, “Using Native American History Sources,” and “Resources on Native Americans at the Library of Virginia.” These can also be found online at the Library of Virginia’s Web site <http://www.lva.lib.va.us> by clicking on Services for the Public, then Archival and Information Services, and selecting Archival Research Guides, then either Archives Research Notes Series or Topical Bibliographies. A detailed analysis of these Indian-related materials can be found in a finding aid entitled “Resources on Native Americans at the Library of Virginia” in the Library of Virginia’s Archives Research Room where the archival sources are accessed.
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DIRECTORY OF THE EIGHT RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBES OF VIRGINIA

In 1983 the General Assembly of Virginia created the Commission on Indians, now known as the Virginia Council on Indians. The Code of Virginia 1950, § 9-138.2 in part states, “The Council shall gather information on and make studies and conduct research into the Indian tribes in this Commonwealth...”

Virginia Council on Indians
<http://indians.vipnet.org/>
P.O. Box 1475
Richmond, Virginia, 23218
(804) 786-7765

By joint resolutions the General Assembly recognizes the existence of eight Indian tribes within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Chickahominy Tribe (Acts of Assembly 1983, HJR 554)
8200 Lott Cary Road
Providence Forge, Virginia 23140

Eastern Chickahominy Tribe (Acts of Assembly 1983, HJR 54)
Chief: Marvin “Strong Oak” Bradby
12111 Indian Hill Lane
Providence Forge, Virginia 23140

Mattaponi Tribe (Acts of Assembly 1983, HJR 54)
<http://www.baylink.org/mattaponi/>
Chief: Webster “Little Eagle” Custalow

Mattaponi Indian Reservation,
1409 Mattaponi Reservation Circle
West Point, VA 23181

Mattaponi Indian Museum and Minnie Ha Ha Educational Trading Post
Route 30 at Route 626
King William County, VA 23181
(804) 769-2194
Exhibits include handcrafted traditional articles and seven-thousand-year-old artifacts.

Monacan Nation (Acts of Assembly 1989, HJR 390)
<http://www.monacannation.com/>
Chief: Kenneth Branham

Monacan Indian Tribe, Inc.
P.O. Box 1136
Madison Heights, VA 24572

Monacan Ancestral Museum
2009 Kenmore Road
Amherst, VA 24521
(804) 946-5391
Nansemond Tribe (Acts of Assembly 1985, HJR 205)
<http://www.nansemond.nativeland.com/>
Chief: Barry “Big Buck” Bass

Nansemond Indian Tribal Association
P.O. Box 2095
Portsmouth, VA 23702-2095

Pamunkey Tribe (Acts of Assembly 1983, HJR 54)
<http://www.baylink.org/pamunkey/>
Chief: William P. Miles

Pamunkey Tribal Government
Route 1, Box 2220
King William, VA 23086

Pamunkey Indian Museum
175 Lay Landing Road
King William, VA 23086
(804) 843-4792
Displays chronicle the Pamunkey people and their way of life from the Ice Age to the present.

Rappahannock Tribe (Acts of Assembly 1983, HJR 54)
Chief: G. Anne “Little Fawn” Richardson

United Rappahannock Tribe
HCR 1, Box 7
Indian Neck, VA 23148

Upper Mattaponi Tribe (Acts of Assembly 1983, HJR 54)
Chief: Kenneth Adams
13383 King William Road
King William, VA 23086

MUSEUMS, PARKS, SITES, AND EXHIBITS

Bedford City/County Museum
201 E. Main Street
Bedford, VA 24523
(540) 586-4520
Displays include Indian artifacts from the area.

Chesterfield County Museum
6805 W. Krause Road
Chesterfield, VA 23832
(804) 748-1026
Artifacts on exhibit are from the Appomattuck and Monacan Indians native to the area.
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Fredericksburg Area Museum and Cultural Center
<http://www.famcc.org/>
907 Princess Anne Street
Fredericksburg, VA 22401
(540) 371-3037
Artifacts found at village sites along the Rappahannock River provide a glimpse into the lives of the Powhatans. Collection includes over 500 projectile points and numerous stone tools.

Historic Crab Orchard Museum and Pioneer Park
<http://histcrab.netscope.net>
U.S. Routes 19 & 460 at Crab Orchard Road
Route 1, Box 194
Tazewell, VA 24651
(540) 988-6755
Museum houses and interprets Late Woodland period artifacts from the nearby Big Crab Orchard Historic and Archaeological Complex of sites that include a palisaded village, burial ground, campsite, and rockshelter.

Jamestown Settlement
<http://www.historyisfun.org/>
State Route 31 and Colonial Parkway
Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation
P.O. Box 1607
Williamsburg, Virginia 23187
(757) 253-4838
The complex includes a museum with a Powhatan Indian Gallery and an outdoor living history village.

Jeff Mathews Memorial Museum
606 W. Stuart Drive
Galax, VA 24333
(540) 236-7874
Collections include Woodland period Indian artifacts collected along the New River.

MacCallum More Museum and Gardens
603 Hudgins Street
P. O. Box 104
Chase City, VA 23924
(804) 372-0502
An extensive exhibit of Indian artifacts found in the Mecklenburg County area includes soapstone cooking vessels and an effigy pipe bowl.

Mariners’ Museum
<http://www.mariner.org/baylink/>
100 Museum Drive
Newport News, VA 23606
(757) 596-2222
On display in the Chesapeake Bay Gallery is a circa 1630 Indian dugout canoe. The Mariners’ Museum Web site <http://www.mariner.org/baylink/powhatan.html> gives information on dugout canoes, the Powhatan Indians, and the Algonquian language.
Occoneechee State Park
<http://www.state.va.us/~dcr/parks/occoneec.htm>
1192 Occoneechee Park Road
Clarksville, VA 23927
(804) 374-2210
In the visitor center an exhibit “The Occoneechee Story” features a dwelling and artifacts. The park hosts a Native American Heritage Festival and Powwow.

Virginia Historical Society
<http://www.vahistorical.org>
428 N. Boulevard
Richmond, VA 23220
(804) 358-4901
A gallery of the society’s permanent exhibit, “The Story of Virginia, an American Experience,” showcases copper, shell, bone, and stone artifacts of Virginia’s first people.

Virginia Marine Science Museum
<http://www.vmsm.com/>
717 General Booth Boulevard
Virginia Beach, VA 23451
(757) 425-FISH
Murals of and artifacts from the Paleo, Archaic, Woodland, and Contact periods show how the early residents of southeastern Virginia used the marine environment. The exhibit also features a diorama of an archeological excavation of a midden pit.

Virginia’s Explore Park
<http://www.explorepark.org>
Milepost 115 on the Blue Ridge Parkway
P. O. Box 8508
Roanoke, VA 24014
(540) 427-1800
In the “Travel to 1671” exhibit area, a reconstructed Tutelo village replicates Woodland culture and lifestyles.

Watermen’s Museum
309 Water Street
P. O. Box 519
Yorktown, VA 23690
(757) 887-2641
Displays include artifacts to show how the Indians utilized Virginia’s rivers and bays.

Wolf Creek Indian Village and Museum
<http://www.indianvillage.org>
U.S. Highway 52
Rt. 1, Box 1530
Bastian, VA 24314
(540) 688-3438
A replicated palisaded village and museum exhibits interpret the nearby excavations of a Woodland period settlement. The museum Web site features an archeological report and photographs of the excavations and artifacts.
ADDITIONAL INTERNET SITES

COLONIAL NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK - JAMESTOWN HISTORIC BRIEFS

Powhatan Indian Lifeways
<http://www.nps.gov/colo/Jthanout/Indianlife.html>

Chronology of Indian Activity

Pocahontas: Her Life and Legend
<http://www.nps.gov/colo/Jthanout/Pocahnts.html>

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FLOWERDEW HUNDRED
<http://www.flowerdew.org/Browse.html>

The Internet visitor can view Native Virginian artifacts recovered from sites at Flowerdew Hundred by browsing the Artifacts Collection and clicking on Native American pottery, stone tools, copper, or shell.

FROM ARCHAIC TO WOODLAND CULTURES: VIRGINIA'S EARLY NATIVE AMERICANS
<http://geog.gmu.edu/gess/classes/geog380/6_archai.html>

This site maintained by the Department of Geography and Earth Science, George Mason University, is a portal to Web sites about Virginia archeology and prehistory.

HISTORY OF NATIVE AMERICANS IN WEST VIRGINIA
<http://www.wvculture.org/history/indians.html>

The West Virginia Archives site includes information on early Indian cultures, mounds and mound builders, and clashes with European settlers.

NATIVE AMERICANS IN THE REGION OF THE BLUE RIDGE
<http://patc.net/history/native/>

The Potomac Appalachian Trail Club maintains this site which includes histories of tribes of the Blue Ridge mountain area, excerpts from the History of the Early Settlement and Indian Wars of West Virginia, and accounts of Franz Ludwig Michel's 1702 visit to Williamsburg and his impressions of the Indians.

POCAHONTAS
<http://www.apva.org/history/pocahont.html>

The Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities Web site section on the Jamestown Rediscovery archaeological project provides a portrait and biography of Pocahontas.

POCAHONTAS: SAVIOR OR SAVAGE?
<http://www.theweboftime.com/Issue-1/Poca/POCAHO~1.html>

In this article from the electronic journal The Web of Time, Ivor Noel Hume examines Pocahontas's intercession on the behalf of Captain John Smith and the event's portrayal through history.
THE REAL FIRST FAMILIES OF VIRGINIA
<http://www.virginiaplaces.org/6indians.html>
This site maintained by the Department of Geography and Earth Science, George Mason University is a portal to additional Web sites about Virginia’s Native Americans. Through a link one can examine population statistics and create tables of the Native American population in each Virginia locality.

VIRGINIA’S INDIANS, PAST & PRESENT
<http://falcon.jmu.edu/~ramseyil/vaindians.htm>
This section of the James Madison University Internet School Library Media Center is a portal to historical information, lesson plans, bibliographies, and links to tribal home pages.

VIRTUAL JAMESTOWN
Powhatan (d.1618)

Pocahontas (c. 1595–1617)

THE VOICE OF THE OCCANEECHI PEOPLE
<http://www.occaneechi-saponi.org/home.shtml>
The Web site of the Occoneechi Band of the Saponi Nation provides a history of the Saponi and related tribes that inhabited the adjoining piedmont areas of Virginia and North Carolina in pre-contact times. The site also highlights the tribe’s efforts to gain North Carolina and Federal recognition and features a reconstruction of an Occoneechi town on the Eno River.

URLs are current as of 10 July 2002.


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