

# A Guide to the Accomack County (Va.) Will Books, 1673-1761

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## Descriptive Summary

### Barcode numbers

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### Language

English

### Collector

Accomack County (Va.) Circuit Court.

### Physical Characteristics

2 vol. (883 p.)

### Location

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**Repository**

The Library of Virginia

## Administrative Information

**Access Restrictions**

There are no restrictions.

**Use Restrictions**

Use microfilm copy, Accomack County (Va.) Reel 52.

**Acquisition Information**

This item came to the Library of Virginia in shipments of court papers from Accomack County.

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## Adjunct Descriptive Data

### Related Material

Additional Accomack County Records can be found on microfilm at The Library of Virginia. Consult [A Guide to Virginia County and City Records on Microfilm](#).

Accomack County is one of Virginia's Lost Records Localities. Additional Accomack County Records may be found in the Virginia Lost Records Localities Collection at the Library of Virginia. Search the [Lost Records Localities Digital Collection](#) available at Virginia Memory.

For more information and a listing of lost records localities see [Lost Records research note](#).

## Historical Information

Accomack County was named for the Accomac Indians, who lived on the Eastern Shore at the time of the first English settlement in Virginia. The word means "on-the-other-side-of-water place" or "across the water." It was one of the original eight shires, or counties, first enumerated in 1634 and spelled Accomac without the k. The county's name was changed to Northampton County in 1643. The present county was formed from Northampton about 1663. In October 1670, the General Assembly temporarily reunited Accomack and Northampton Counties as Northampton County. In November 1673, Accomack County was again separated from Northampton. In early records, the county's name was spelled many ways. In 1940 the General Assembly adopted the present spelling, Accomack. The county gained a small part of the southern end of Smith's Island from Somerset County, Maryland, in 1879, after the United States had approved boundary changes between Virginia and Maryland that had been agreed to in 1877. The county seat is Accomac.

A significant number of loose records from the 1700s suffered extreme water and pest damage. Volumes that record deeds, court orders, and wills exist.

## Scope and Content

Will books, 1673-1761, of Accomack County Court. They include the name of testator, list of heirs, and the year the will was proven in court. They also include probate records such as inventories and appraisements.

## Index Terms

**Corporate Names:**

Accomack County (Va.) Circuit Court.

**Geographical Names:**

Accomack County (Va.)--History.

## Genre and Form Terms:

Appraisals--Virginia--Accomack County.

Estate inventories--Virginia--Accomack County.

Local government records--Virginia--Accomack County.

Will books--Virginia--Accomack County.

Wills--Virginia--Accomack County.

## Arrangement

Chronological

## Contents List

### **Barcode number 1146298: Wills, 1673-1676**

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