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## Descriptive Summary

### Barcode numbers

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### Collector

Newport News (Va.) Circuit Court

### Physical Characteristics

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### Location

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**Repository**

The Library of Virginia

## Administrative Information

**Access Restrictions**

There are no restrictions

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## Historical Information

Newport News was located in Warwick County, which is now extinct. The origin of the name is uncertain but the phrase "Newport News" appeared in documents as early as 1619 and probably commemorated Christopher Newport, who made five voyages to Virginia between 1607 and 1619. Newport News was a small settlement until late in the nineteenth century, when it became the eastern terminus of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. It was established in 1880 and incorporated as a city by act of the General Assembly in 1896 without ever having been incorporated as a town. Newport News was enlarged by consolidation with the city of Warwick in 1858.

## Scope and Content

Newport News Marriage Licenses, 1900-1912 include the following information: name of husband, name of wife, date license recorded in circuit court, date of marriage, place of marriage, full names of husband and wife, race, ages of husband and wife, condition of groom and bride at time of marriage (single, widowed, or divorced), place of birth (husband and wife), place of residence (husband and wife), names of parents (husband and wife), and occupation of husband. The marriage licenses also include marriage certificates signed by ministers who officiated the marriage. Information found in certificates includes name of minister, name of religious denomination, date certificate returned to courthouse, and signature of minister. The back of the license includes the page number and line number the marriage was recorded in the marriage register.

## Index Terms

**Corporate Names:**

Newport News (Va.) Circuit Court

**Subjects:**

African Americans -- Marriage -- Virginia -- Newport News

Christian sects -- Virginia -- Newport News

Clergy -- Virginia -- Newport News

Marriage -- Virginia -- Newport News

**Geographical Names:**

Newport News (Va.) -- History

**Genre and Form Terms:**

Local government records -- Virginia -- Newport News

Marriage certificates -- Virginia -- Newport News

Marriage licenses -- Virginia -- Newport News

## **Arrangement**

Arrangement is chronological by date of marriage, then alphabetical by surname.

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