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Robert Alonzo Brock

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Repository

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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.

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Location of Originals

Originals are located at the Henry E. Huntington Library, San Marino, California.

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

Accomack County (Va.) Recommendation, 1784, to the governor of Virginia for John Burton to be appointed coroner in Accomack County.

Access Terms

Corporate Name

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Accomack County (Va.) Circuit Court.

Subject Terms

Public records--Virginia--Accomack County.

Geographic Terms

Accomack County (Va.)--History--18th century.

Record Type

Letters of recommendation--Virginia--Accomack County.

Occupation Terms

Coroners--Virginia--Accomack County.

Added Entry - Personal Name

Brock, R. A. (Robert Alonzo), 1839-1914, collector.