

# A Guide to the Princess Anne County (Va.) Wills, 1746-1965

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## Descriptive Summary

### Barcode Numbers

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### Language

English

### Collector

Virginia Beach (Va.) Circuit Court

### Physical Characteristics

28.8 cu. ft (64 boxes)

### Location

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**Repository**

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## Administrative Information

**Access Restrictions**

There are no restrictions.

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There are no restrictions.

**Acquisition Information**

These items came to the Library of Virginia in shipments of court papers from Princess Anne County.

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## Adjunct Descriptive Data

## Related Material

Princess Anne County Will Books can be found on microfilm at the Library of Virginia. Consult ["A Guide to Virginia County and City Records on Microfilm."](#)

## Historical Information

Princess Anne County (extinct) was named for Anne, daughter of James II, who became queen of England in 1702. The county was formed from Lower Norfolk County in 1691 and became extinct in 1963, after its consolidation with the city of Virginia Beach.

Virginia Beach was in Princess Anne County, which is now extinct. The ocean resort was incorporated as a town in 1906 and as a city by an act of the General Assembly on 14 February 1952. It was greatly enlarged on 1 January 1963 by consolidation with Princess Anne County, which thereby became extinct.

## Scope and Content

Princess Anne County (Va.) Wills, 1746-1965, record the deceased's plan for how his or her estate was to be divided among his or her heirs following his or her death. Information commonly recorded in wills include the name of the deceased, also referred as the testator; names of heirs; a listing of real and personal property (including slaves) and how it was to be divided among the heirs; names of individuals who were to be the will's executors; the date will was written; and the date will was recorded at the court house. Additional record types may be found in this collection such as fiduciary records (inventories and accounts.) Individuals dying with a written will died testate. After the death of an individual, his or her will was brought into court, where two of the subscribing witnesses swore that the document was genuine. After the will was proved, the executor was bonded to carry out his or her duties to settle the estate. The court then ordered the will to be recorded.

Wills for 1963 through 1965 were recorded in Virginia Beach (Va.) Circuit Court.

## Index Terms

**Corporate Names:**

Virginia Beach (Va.) Circuit Court

**Subjects:**

African Americans---History

Estates (Law)--Virginia--Princess Anne County

Land subdivision--Virginia--Princess Anne County

Slaveholders--Virginia--Princess Anne County

Slaves--Virginia--Princess Anne County

## **Geographical Names:**

Princess Anne County--History

Virginia Beach (Va.)--History

## **Genre and Form Terms:**

Local government records--Virginia--Princess Anne County

Wills--Virginia--Princess Anne County

## **Added Entry - Corporate Name:**

Princess Anne County (Va.) Circuit Court

## **Arrangement**

Chronological

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