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Related Material

Additional Elizabeth City County court records can be found on microfilm at the Library of Virginia. Consult "[A Guide to Virginia County and City Records on Microfilm](#)" found on the Library of Virginia web site.

See 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

Elizabeth City County (extinct) was named for Elizabeth, daughter of James I, and was one of the eight shires established in 1634. It became extinct in 1952, when it was incorporated into the city of Hampton, which was the county seat.

Hampton takes its name from Hampton Creek, earlier called Southampton River in honor of the earl of Southampton, an important figure in the Virginia Company of London. An Indian village stood on the site in 1607, when John Smith visited the area. The English established a village there in 1610 and a trading post in 1630. Hampton was established by an act of assembly in 1680 and was designated as a port in 1708. It was first incorporated as a town in 1849, then incorporated again in 1852, but the act of incorporation was repealed in 1860. The General Assembly again incorporated the town of Hampton in 1887, and it became a city by court order in 1908. It was greatly enlarged in 1952 by a merger with Elizabeth City County and the town of Phoebus; the county and town thereby became extinct.

The General Assembly passed "an Act to give aid to the citizens of Virginia wounded and maimed during the late war while serving as soldiers or mariners" 1884 Feb. 25.

Records were burned or destroyed during the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. Additional records were burned in Richmond on 3 April 1865, where they had been moved for safekeeping during the Civil War. A few pre-Civil War volumes such as deed books, will books, and order books exist.

Scope and Content

Elizabeth City County (Va.) Military and Pension Records, 1881-1886, consisting of lists of members of the Peninsula Guard, Company D, 4th Regiment, Virginia Volunteers, 1881 May 7 and 1881 Apr. 29 (includes designation of officer rank); a list of persons discharged from the Guard, 1881 Sept. 9; and three applications for military disability, 1884.

Applications for disability contain names of persons applying for compensation, current residence and sometimes birthplace, circumstances surrounding military service and injury, a record of previous compensation received, including whether the individual received an artificial limb, and a medical report from a physician describing the nature of the injury and the resulting disability.

Index Terms

Corporate Names:

Confederate States of America--Army of Northern Virginia--13th Virginia Cavalry Regiment--Company H.
Confederate States of America--Army of Northern Virginia--9th Virginia Infantry Regiment--Company D.
Confederate States of America--Virginia Artillery Battalion.
Confederate States of America--Army--Officers.
Hampton (Va.) Circuit Court.

Subjects:

Military pensions--Virginia--Elizabeth City County.

Geographical Names:

Elizabeth City County (Va.)--History--19th century.

Genre and Form Terms:

Local government records--Virginia--Elizabeth City County.
Medical records--Virginia--Elizabeth City County.
Military records--Virginia--Elizabeth City County.

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Elizabeth City County (Va.) Circuit Court.