

# A Guide to the Elizabeth City County (Va.) Land Records, 1867-1948

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## Descriptive Summary

### Barcode numbers

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### Language

English

### Collector

Hampton (Va.) Circuit Court

### Physical Characteristics

0.25 cu. ft.

### Location

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**Repository**

The Library of Virginia

## Administrative Information

**Access Restrictions**

There are no restrictions.

**Use Restrictions**

There are no restrictions.

**Acquisition Information**

These items came to the Library of Virginia in shipments of court papers from Hampton.

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## Adjunct Descriptive Data

## Related Material

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

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 It was first incorporated as a town in 1849, then incorporated again in 1852, but the act of incorporation was repealed in 1860.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.

Lists of Conveyances are lists of property transfers compiled by the county clerk.

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.) Land Records, 1867-1948. The collection contains deeds, lists of conveyances, a marriage contract, 1871; an income mortgage taken by the Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News Co, 1902; and improvements mortgages taken by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, 1907 and 1909.

## Index Terms

**Corporate Names:**

Hampton (Va.) Circuit Court.

**Subjects:**

Banks and banking--Virginia--20th century.  
Railroad companies--Virginia.

## **Geographical Names:**

Elizabeth City County (Va.)--History.

## **Genre and Form Terms:**

Contracts--Virginia--Elizabeth City County.  
Deeds--Virginia--Elizabeth City County.  
Lists (document genres)--Virginia--Elizabeth City County.  
Local government records--Virginia--Elizabeth City County.  
Mortgage deeds--Virginia--Elizabeth City County.

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

Elizabeth City County (Va.) Circuit Court.