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## Descriptive Summary

### Barcode number

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English

### Collector

Essex County (Va.) Circuit Court

### Physical Characteristics

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### 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 records came to the Library of Virginia in a shipment of court papers from Essex County.

## Preferred Citation

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# Adjunct Descriptive Data

## Related Material

Additional Essex County Tax and Fiscal Records can be found on microfilm at The Library of Virginia web site. Consult [A Guide to Virginia County and City Records on Microfilm](#)

# Historical Information

Essex County was named for the English county. It was formed from old Rappahannock County in 1692.

In seventeenth- and eighteenth-century Virginia, the term "tithable" referred to a person who paid (or for whom someone else paid) one of the taxes imposed by the General Assembly for the support of civil government in the colony. In colonial Virginia, a poll tax or capitation tax was assessed on free white males, African American slaves, and Native American servants (both male and female), all age sixteen or older. Owners and masters paid the taxes levied on their slaves and servants. For a more detailed history of tithables, consult the Library of Virginia's website for [Colonial Tithables](#)

# Scope and Content

Essex County (Va.) Lists of Tithables circa 1742, 1766, 1775, consists of manuscript of the list of tithable heads of household in the county.

# Index Terms

## Corporate Names:

Essex County (Va.) Circuit Court.

## Subjects:

African Americans -- History  
Slaveholders -- Virginia -- Essex County  
Slavery -- Virginia -- Essex County  
Slaves -- Virginia -- Essex County  
Taxation -- Virginia -- Essex County.

## Geographical Names:

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

## Genre and Form Terms:

Local government records -- Virginia -- Essex County.  
Tax and fiscal records -- Virginia -- Essex County.  
Tithable lists -- Virginia -- Essex County.

## Arrangement

Chronological.

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