

ROOTS IN PRINCE WILLIAM

A GUIDE TO GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL RESEARCH IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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1731-1742



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Changes in Government Jurisdictions

- 1644-1648 Chicacoan plantation (York County)
- 1648-1651 Northumberland County

Rappahannock watershed:

- 1651-1656 Lancaster County
- 1656-1692 (Old) Rappahannock County
- 1692-1721 Richmond County
- 1721-1731 King George County

Potomac watershed:

- 1651-1653 Northumberland County
- 1653-1664 Westmoreland County
- 1664-1731 Stafford County

- 1731 Prince William County organized from Stafford and King George**
- 1742 Fairfax County cut off (with Loudoun, Arlington, Alexandria)
- 1759 Fauquier County cut off

Directory of Historical Agencies and Organizations

The following organizations have collections or information of value for our local history. Please include a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE) when requesting information, and try to keep your questions brief.

- [HD] Historic Dumfries / Weems-Botts Museum, 300 Duke St, Dumfries, VA 22026 (mailing address P.O. Box 26, Dumfries, VA 22026). www.historicdumfries.com
- [HPW] Historic Prince William, P.O. Box 1731, Prince William, VA 22195-1731. www.historicprincewilliam.org. Promotes the study of Prince William history. Has no library or museum.
- [LVA] Library of Virginia, 800 East Broad St., Richmond, VA 23219-8000. www.lva.virginia.gov. Online catalogs and databases.
- [MM] Manassas Historic Resources Board / Manassas Museum, 9101 Prince William St., Manassas, VA 20110-5615 (mailing address Manassas Museum, P.O. Box 560, Manassas, VA 20108). A museum for Prince William County and the piedmont region of northern Virginia. Has a research library open by appointment. www.manassasmuseum.org
- [MNBP] Manassas National Battlefield Park, 6511 Sudley Rd, Manassas, VA 20109 (mailing address 12521 Lee Hwy., Manassas, VA 20109-2005). Includes historic buildings, museum exhibits, guided tours. www.nps.gov/mana/
- [OHS] Occoquan Historical Society (formerly Historic Occoquan Inc.) / Mill House Museum, 413 Mill St, Occoquan, VA 22125. www.occoquanhistoricalsociety.org
- [PWCC] Clerk of the Circuit Court, Prince William County Court House, 9311 Lee Avenue, Manassas, VA 20110-5598. <http://www.pwcgov.org/ccourt>.
- [PWGS] Prince William County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 2019, Manassas, VA 20108-0812. Publishes *Kindred Spirits* (formerly *Newsletter of the PWCGS*). <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vapwgs>
- [PWHC] Prince William County Historical Commission, 1 County Complex Court, Prince William, VA 22192. Advisory body on matters of historic preservation. <http://www.pwcgov.org>, click on "Government", then "Planning". Their catalog/order form is at <http://www.pwcgov.org/docLibrary/PDF/001340.pdf>
- [PWHP] Prince William County Dept. of Public Works, Historic Preservation Division, 17674 Main Street, Dumfries, VA 22026. historicpreservation@pwcgov.org. Custodians of Prince William County's public-owned historic resources, including Ben Lomond, Brentsville Historic Centre, Bristoe Station Battlefield, Lucasville School, Manassas Courthouse, Rippon Lodge, and Williams' Ordinary. www.pwcgov.org/HistoricPreservation. The Prince William Historic Preservation Foundation, a support group, is at www.pwhpf.org.
- [RELIC] Ruth E. Lloyd Information Center, Prince William Public Library System (PWPLS), 8051 Ashton Ave., Manassas, VA 20109-2892. <http://www.pwcgov.org/library/relic>. The primary repository for local historical and genealogical information.
- [VDHR] Virginia Department of Historic Resources, 2801 Kensington Avenue, Richmond, VA 23221. www.dhr.virginia.gov. A repository for archaeology, architectural history and historic preservation.
- [VGS] Virginia Genealogical Society, 5001 West Broad Street, Suite 115, Richmond, VA 23230-3023. <http://www.vgs.org> Publishes *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*.
- [VHS] Virginia Historical Society, 428 North Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23220. www.vahistorical.org. Online catalogs of manuscripts, portraits and photographs.

Guides to Prince William County Records

- Dorman, John F. "Guide to the Counties of Virginia: Prince William County," *Virginia Genealogist*, v.21 (1977), pp.54-56. Includes list of early post offices.
- Harrison, Fairfax. "The Manuscript Source Records," in *Landmarks of Old Prince William* (1924), pp. 677-696. A few of the records reported missing have since been returned. [PWHC]
- Turner, Ronald R. "Report of Committee Appointed to Examine County Clerks Office June 7th, 1870 Ordered to be Filed," *Prince William Reliquary*, July 2005, p. 56. A list of what court records survived the Civil War.
- Virginia State Library. *A Preliminary Guide to Pre-1904 County Records in the Archives Branch* (1994). Prince William County is on pp. 231-233.
- Library of Virginia. *Guide to County and City Records on Microfilm*. Available at <http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/local/index.htm>

African American Records

See also records in all other categories.

- 1724 Tobacco tenders lists for Overwharton Parish (Stafford County). [LVA] Copy in RELIC. Includes slave names.
- 1747 Tithables list for Dettingen Parish west of Cedar Run. *Newsletter of PWGS*, Feb. 1985. Includes slave names.
- 1765 Tithables list [and rent roll] for PWC. *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*, May-Aug. 1992. Includes slave names.
- 1782 Tax list. Peters, Joan W. *Prince William County, Va., Tax Lists: 1782 [personal property] tax lists* (author, 1996). Includes slave names.
- 1865-66 Tax lists. Cain, Charlotte. "Colored Inhabitants of Prince William County 1865 and 1866" in *Prince William Reliquary* (Jan. 2006).
- Heinegg, Paul. *Free African Americans of North Carolina and Virginia* (Clearfield, 2005). Includes some Prince William County families.
- Peters, Joan W. *Prince William County Census, Free Negro Families: 1810, 1840-1860* (author, 1996).
- Peters, Joan W. *Slave & Free Negro Records from the Prince William County Court Minute & Order Books: 1752-1763, 1766-1769, 1804-1806, 1812-1814, 1833-1865* (author, 1996).
- Scheel, Eugene M. *African American Heritage [Map], Prince William County* (PWHC, 2000). Also online at <http://www.pwcgov.org/library/digitalLibrary/index.htm>.
- Turner, Ronald R. *Miscellaneous Prince William County Court Records Pertaining to Slavery, 1808-1860*. Online at <http://www.pwcvirginia.com/pwcbookscontact.htm>.
- Turner, Ronald R. *Prince William County, Virginia, African American Marriages, 1854-1934* (author, 2002). Online at <http://www.pwcvirginia.com/pwcbookspublishedworks.htm>.
- U. S. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands. *Records ... Virginia, 1865-1870* [microfilm]. Partial index: Lawson, Jacqueline A. *An Index of African Americans Identified in Selected Records of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands* (1995).
- Veness, Beverly R. "Freedman Bank Records: an Index to Prince William County Records" in *Prince William Reliquary* (Jan. 2003). Online at <http://www.pwcgov.org/library/relic/reliquary.htm>.

Archaeological Reports

RELIC maintains copies of archaeological reports prepared for Prince William County. [PWHC and VDHR]
To locate particular titles, search the PWPLS catalog at <http://librarycatalog.pwcgov.org>. Use subject keywords ARCHAEOLOGY and PRINCE WILLIAM, plus any particular name or keyword that might appear in the record.

Bibles

- Some copies of family bibles have been given to RELIC. Copies are placed in family file folders. Some have been published. See also LVA for their online copy of bible entries. <http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/bible.htm>
- Harrison Family Bible, *Prince William Reliquary* (July 2004).
- Robertson-Kidwell Bible, *Prince William Reliquary* (Jan. 2007), 10.
- Vetter Bible, *Prince William Reliquary* (Oct. 2007), 82.
- Weedon Bible, *Prince William Reliquary* (Jan. 2002), 21.

Business Records

- Binning, Margaret B. "British Mercantile Claims, 1775-1803: claims relating to Prince William County customers and/or residents" in *Prince William Reliquary* (July-Oct. 2003). Also online at <http://www.pwcgov.org/library/digitalLibrary/index.htm>. Index to data extracted from "British Mercantile Claims, 1775-1803," in *Virginia Genealogist*, v. 8-24.
- John Glassford and Company. *Records, 1743-1886 (bulk 1760-1820)*. Had several Virginia stores, including one at Dumfries. Originals at Library of Congress. Microfilm of Virginia records at RELIC.
- Hamrick, Charles and Virginia. *Colonial Supermarket: Daniel Payne's Ledger for his Store at Dumfries, 1758-1764* (New Papyrus, 2007). A verbatim transcript and index.
- Mack, Ann H. *Account Book of Daniel Payne, a Merchant at Dumfries, Va., 1759-1762* (author, 1988).
- Smith, Huie and Alexander [Company] *Dumfries Daybook 1791-1794*. Microfilm at RELIC.
- Turner, Ronald R. *Manassas Businesses, 1870-1970*. (author, 2002).
<http://www.pwcvirginia.com/pwcvabookspublishedworks.htm>
- Turner, Ronald R. *Prince William County, Virginia, Business Licenses, 1806-1899* (author, 1998).
<http://www.pwcvirginia.com/pwcvabookspublishedworks.htm>
- Turner, Ronald R. *Prince William County, Virginia, Business Licenses, 1900-1928* (author, 1999).
<http://www.pwcvirginia.com/pwcvabookspublishedworks.htm> An online version titled *1900-1970*.
- Turner, Ronald R. *Prince William County, Virginia, Businesses, 1805-1955* (author, 1999).
<http://www.pwcvirginia.com/pwcvabookspublishedworks.htm>
- Turner, Ronald R. *Prince William County, Virginia, Public Sales and Auctions, 1905-1945* (author, 2001). Ads for estate sales.
- Prince William County Chamber of Commerce. *Business Link* (and other titles), 1981-1997.
- Prince William County – Greater Manassas Chamber of Commerce. *Pacesetter* (and *News*), 1979-1993.
- Prince William Regional Chamber of Commerce. *The Region's Chamber*, 1998- .
- Contacts Influential, Northern Virginia* (1983-84, 1990/91). Directories of businesses indexed by company name, SIC, address, key personnel, phone numbers.
- Leadsources: the Business List Source: Northern Virginia* (1989). Same format as *Contacts Influential*.

Cemetery Records

PWHC, PWGS and RELIC are collecting data on Prince William County cemeteries.

General works:

- Turner, Ronald R. *Prince William County, Virginia, Burial Index 1800-2001* (author, 2001).
<http://www.pwcvirginia.com/pwcvabookspublishedworks.htm>
- Turner, Ronald R. *Prince William County Historical Commission Cemetery Documentation Project, 2001*. Unpublished typescript. Identifies and locates over 500 cemeteries. Includes some transcripts not found in his *Burial Index*.
<http://www.pwcvirginia.com/Cemeteries1.htm> Copy in RELIC with added documentation.
- Cemeteries Found in and about Prince William Forest Park* (1973), unpublished typescript.
- Conner, E.R. III. *100 Old Cemeteries of Prince William County* (author, 1981, out of print).
- Freedom Hill Chapter, D.A.R. *Prince William County, Virginia, Cemeteries* (1966), unpublished typescript.
- Freedom Hill Chapter, D.A.R. *Prince William County, Virginia, Church and Cemetery Records* (1967-69), unpublished typescript.
- Genealogical Records of Elizabeth McIntosh Hammil Chapter, D.A.R.* (1973), unpublished typescript.
- Miscellaneous Genealogical Records, Prince William County, Virginia*. Unpublished typescript from various chapters of NSDAR (1953-1973). Includes Cedar Run Cemetery and Dumfries Public Cemetery.
- Veness, Beverly R. "Cedar Run Relocation Burials," in *Prince William Reliquary* (Oct. 2005). Information on graves moved from 70 small cemeteries on Quantico Marine Corps Base.
- Virginia Historical Inventory* (1935-39), 29 microfilm reels. Reel 22 includes Prince William County cemeteries and historic sites. [LVA, RELIC] Also available at www.virginiamemory.com/collections/online_photo_collections, Virginia Historical Inventory.

Particular cemeteries:

- Eckley, Nakia and Christina Turner. *Rose Hill Cemetery, Located in the City of Manassas, Virginia* (1996).

Johnson, Alice W. *Clover Hill Farm Cemetery: Grace United Methodist Church, 10201 Hendley Road, Manassas, Virginia* (1996).

Prince William County Genealogical Society. *Manassas City Cemetery a.k.a. West End Cemetery and Citizen Cemetery, 1866-1990: Confederate Cemetery, 1861, Prince William County, Va.* (1990). [PWGS]

Prince William County Genealogical Society. *St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Haymarket, Va.* (1996). [PWGS]

Smith, Claudia. *Dumfries Public Cemetery ... also known as Quantico Church Cemetery ...* (2006). Unpublished list of burials, prepared by the daughter of the cemetery's overseer, Samuel Bauckman. Includes selected obituaries. Copy in RELIC. Oldest public cemetery in Prince William County.

Funeral home records:

Baker Funeral Home Records, 1931-1969. (RELIC, 2010). <http://www.pwcgov.org/library/digitalLibrary/index.htm>, click on Deaths. Database of persons buried by the earliest Manassas undertaker (founded 1894). Extracted by PWGS (1983-85). Compiled and indexed by Margaret B. Binning, Morgan Breeden and Beverly Veness.

Censuses and Substitutes

Census population schedules, covering the entire United States, 1790-1930, are available through online subscriptions to Ancestry Library Edition and HeritageQuest Online. Each has features, including indexes, not available in the other. Ancestry is accessible at branch libraries. HeritageQuest is accessible at branch libraries and remotely with a valid Prince William Public Library card. FamilySearch (www.familysearch.org) now has indexes and/or images of U.S. census schedules, 1850-1930, free access.

RELIC has microfilm of all surviving Virginia population and supplementary schedules (free and slave) through 1930. The 1790 and 1800 censuses are lost; the 1890 census was destroyed except for a list of Union veterans. RELIC has indexes for each available census, in book, microfiche, microfilm, and CD-ROM format.

Also on microfilm are the census descriptions of geographic subdivisions and enumeration districts for Virginia, 1830-1920. Records of the 1820 census of manufactures for Virginia; mortality, agricultural and industrial schedules for 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880; social statistics for 1850, 1860, 1870; and defective, dependent and delinquent classes for 1880 are also available.

Following are lists that can be used as **substitute censuses for Prince William County**:

Rent rolls or land tax lists give information about land owners.

Tithables lists or personal property tax lists record every head of household.

Colonial lists marked * have been compiled by RELIC staff into a notebook.

1723 Rent roll for Stafford County, in: King, George. *Register of Overwharton Parish, 1723-1758* (author, 1961); also contains Tobacco Tenders list (names tithables and males over age 10), 1724 for the region south of Quantico Creek. Also published in Vogt and Kethley, *Stafford County, Virginia, Tithables, 1723-1790* (Iberian, 1990).

1735-1777 Rent rolls contained in *Prince William County, Virginia, Manuscripts in the Huntington Library* [microfilm]. Indexed in *Early Virginia*, v. 1, by Ronald Jackson (AIS, 1980). Following years are included: n.d. [1735/6, Hamilton Parish], 1738/9 [Hamilton Parish], 1751/2, 1753, 1754, 1758 (incomplete), 1760, 1762, 1767, 1773, 1777.

1735/6 Rent roll of Hamilton Parish published in *Newsletter of PWGS*, Feb. 1987.*

1737 Residents of Brent Town tract (western Prince William County) named in *Newsletter of PWGS*, Dec. 1983.*

1738/9 Rent roll of Hamilton Parish at Huntington Library (from a photocopy).*

1740 *Virginia in 1740: a Reconstructed Census* (1992) includes PWC names from will book C and 1747 tithables list.

1741 List of PWC voters in: Boogher, William. *Gleanings of Virginia History* (1903), p.116-125. Alphabetized in *Newsletter of PWGS*, Dec. 1984-Jan. 1985.*

1746 Non-resident landowners list on Huntington Library microfilm.*

1747 Tithables list for Dettingen Parish west of Cedar Run. *Newsletter of PWGS*, Feb. 1985.* Includes slave names.

1751 Tax list for Hamilton Parish (now Fauquier County), published in *Newsletter of PWGS*, Dec. 1991.*

1751/2 Rent roll on Huntington Library microfilm.*

1753 Rent roll on Huntington Library microfilm; published in *Kindred Spirits (Newsletter of PWGS)*, Dec. 1992-July 1993.*

1754 Rent roll on Huntington Library microfilm.*

1758 Incomplete rent roll on Huntington Library microfilm.*

1760 Rent roll at Huntington Library (from a photocopy).*

- 1760 *Virginia in 1760: a reconstructed census* (1996) includes names from PWC order book 1759-61.
- 1761 Poll list for PWC in deed book P, pp.68-73. Indexed by RELIC staff.*
- 1761 Rent roll at Huntington Library (from a photocopy).*
- 1762 Rent roll on Huntington Library microfilm.*
- 1765 Tithables list [and rent roll] for PWC. *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*, May-Aug. 1992.* Includes slave names. Original at LVA, photocopy at RELIC.
- 1767 Rent roll on Huntington Library microfilm (2 lists).*
- 1773 Rent roll on Huntington Library microfilm.*
- 1777 Rent roll on Huntington Library microfilm.*
- 1779 "Prince William County Rentals" [rent roll], by Dennis Hudgins. *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*, Aug. 1994.* [LVA]
- 1779 Dumont, William H. "Short Census of Virginia – 1779." Prince William County names abstracted from NGSQ, v. 46 no. 4:163-211. Published in *Prince William Reliquary* (Jan. 2005).
- 1782-1900 **Land tax lists** available on microfilm from Library of Virginia, Richmond. [LVA] Not taken for Va. in 1808, not taken for PWC in 1862-64. www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/landTax.asp
- 1782-1807, 1809-1861, 1865-1892 Annual land tax lists (microfilm, RELIC).
- 1782-1807, 1809-1816. *Prince William County Land Tax Lists* (Binns Genealogy, 2008). CDR-000459, 000465. (CDROM, RELIC). www.binnsgenealogy.com/
- 1782-1921 **Personal property tax lists** available on microfilm from Library of Virginia, Richmond. [LVA] Not taken for Va. in 1808, not taken for PWC in 1862-64. www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/pptax.htm
- 1782-1807, 1809-1861, 1865-1870 Annual personal property tax lists (microfilm, RELIC).
- 1782-1807, 1809-1810 *Prince William County Personal Property Tax Lists* (Binns Genealogy, 2007). CDR-000434. (CDROM, RELIC)
- 1782 Peters, Joan W. *Prince William County, Va., Tax Lists: 1782 [personal property] tax lists* (author, 1996). Transcript and index, includes slave names.
- 1782 Fothergill, Augusta B. *Virginia Tax Payers, 1782-87* (1940, repr. GPC, 1999). Index to names, no. of polls and slaves from 1782 personal property tax list.
- 1783 *Prince William: the Story of Its People and Its Places* (1941, expanded ed. 1988). Names from 1783 personal property tax list, p. 203-207.
- 1787 Schreiner-Yantis, Netti. *The Personal Property Tax Lists for the Year 1787 for Prince William County, Virginia* (1987). Also included in her *The 1787 Census of Virginia* (1987), p. 888-907.
- 1800 "1800 Personal Property Tax List, Prince William County." *Northern Virginia Genealogy*, v. 4, no. 2-3 (Spring-Summer 1999).
- 1815 Ward, Roger G. *1815 Directory of Virginia Landowners (and Gazetteer)*, v. 4, Northern Region (Iberian, 1999). Includes Prince William County, p. 143-152. An abstract of the 1815 land tax list: name, location.
- 1828 "Voters list – Nov. 1828, Prince William County" by Wynne Saffer. *Northern Virginia Genealogy*, v. 4, no. 4 (Fall 1999). From Deed Book 11, p. 364.
- 1852 Prince William County in 1852 from Elliott & Nye's Virginia Business Directory published in *Prince William Reliquary* (Oct. 2004).
- 1861 Turner, Ron. *Prince William County Land Tax, 1861*. <http://www.pwcvirginia.com/pwcvabookscontact.htm> A spreadsheet of properties with buildings.
- 1865 Turner, Ron. *Prince William County Tax on Building Value, 1865*. <http://www.pwcvirginia.com/pwcvabookscontact.htm>. Shows buildings destroyed during the war.
- 1865+ Annual land tax books available at Prince William County Court House archives, Manassas. [PWCC]
- 1865-1883 "Delinquent Taxes, Prince William County, 1865-1883, by Ronald R. Turner, in *Prince William Reliquary* (Oct. 2007- Jan. 2008). Names, land descriptions, and sums due. Persons who defaulted during that period.
- 1920-1925 "List of persons who have paid poll taxes," by Ronald R. Turner, *Prince William County Virginia Clerk's Loose Papers*, v. 5, selected transcripts 1900-1938 (author, 2004), p. 167-204. Alphabetic by district, sex, and color.
- 1923 "List of Women in Prince William County, Virginia, who have paid six months prior to November 6, 1923, the state poll taxes required by the constitution of the State of Virginia" by Ronald R. Turner. *Prince William Reliquary* (Oct. 2004) List of the first women who voted in a federal election in the county.
- 1939 Land tax, Brentsville District. <http://www.pwcvirginia.com/pwcvabookscontact.htm>
- 1944-1950 Published poll tax lists, copies in RELIC. Composite lists for each magisterial district published in *Prince William Reliquary* (Apr. 2002-Oct. 2003).

The following databases track ownership and value of town lots.

Brentsville

Turner, Ron. *Brentsville Town Lots, 1824-1922*. <http://www.pwcvirginia.com/pwcvabookscontact.htm>

Buckland.

Turner, Ron. *Buckland Town Lots, 1824-1892*. <http://www.pwcvirginia.com/pwcvabookscontact.htm>

Haymarket

Turner, Ron. *Haymarket Town Lots, 1824-1892, 1913, 1927*. <http://www.pwcvirginia.com/pwcvabookscontact.htm>

Manassas

Turner, Ron. *Manassas Town Lots, 1873-1892, 1906, 1913, 1917, 1947*.

<http://www.pwcvirginia.com/pwcvabookscontact.htm>

See also **Telephone Directories / City Directories**.

Published census abstracts:

- 1810 *1810 census, Prince William County, Virginia* (comp. by Mrs. Owen Crickard, n.d.).
- 1810 Turner, Ron. *Prince William County, Virginia, 1810 census, alphabetically arranged* (author, 1996).
- 1820 Turner, Ron. *Prince William County, Virginia, 1820 census, alphabetically arranged* (author, 1999).
- 1830 Turner, Ron. *Prince William County, Virginia, 1830 census, alphabetically arranged* (author, 1998).
- 1840 Turner, Ron. *Prince William County, Virginia, 1840: an annotated census* (author, 1994).
- 1850 Turner, Ron. *Prince William County, Virginia, 1850: an annotated census* (author, 1993).
- 1850 *1850 U.S. census, Prince William County, Virginia* (John F. Schunk, ed., 1988). Photocopy of schedules.
- 1850 Veness, Beverly R. "1850 Federal slave schedule Prince William County, Va." in *Prince William Reliquary* (Oct. 2004 & Jan. 2005).
- 1850 Veness, Beverly R. "1850 Prince William Co. agricultural census index," in *Prince William reliquary* (Jan. 2002).
- 1860 Turner, David Anderson. *Prince William County, Virginia: the 1860 census, annotated* (author, 1993).
- 1860 Veness, Beverly R. "1860 Federal slave schedule Prince William County, Va." in *Prince William Reliquary* (Apr. & July 2004).
- 1860 Veness, Beverly R. "1860 Prince William Co. Agricultural Census Index," in *Prince William Reliquary* (Apr. 2002).
- 1870 Turner, Ron. *Prince William County, Virginia, 1870 an Annotated Census* (author, 1993).
- 1870 Veness, Beverly R. "1870 Prince William Co. Agricultural Census Index," in *Prince William Reliquary* (July 2002).
- 1880 Turner, Ron. *Prince William County, Virginia, 1880* (author, 1996).
- 1880 Veness, Beverly R. "1880 Prince William Co. Agricultural Census Index," in *Prince William Reliquary* (Oct. 2003 -Jan. 2004).
- 1890 Thrasher, Joel J. *Prince William County, Virginia, Records of 1890* (author, 1998). A substitute for the lost 1890 census. Indexes vital records, court records and tax lists.
- 1900 Turner, Ron. *Prince William County, Virginia, 1900 census, alphabetically arranged* (author, 1995).
- 1910 Turner, Ron. *Prince William County, Virginia, 1910 census, alphabetically arranged* (author, 1998).
- 1920 Turner, Ron. *Prince William County, Virginia, 1920 census, alphabetically arranged* (author, 1997).
- 1930 Turner, Ron. *Prince William County, Virginia, 1930 census, alphabetically arranged* (author, 2002).

Church Records

Episcopal (Church of England). Until 1785 all Virginians were required to support and attend the Church of England.

Hamilton Parish was established in 1730 from **Overwharton Parish** (Stafford County) and **Hanover Parish** (King George County). It covered the whole area that became Prince William County in 1731. **Truro Parish**, north of Occoquan River, was cut off in 1732 (the area that became Fairfax County in 1742). **Dettingen Parish**, the eastern region, was cut off in 1745. After 1759, when Fauquier County was created, only a small portion of Hamilton Parish remained in western Prince William. In 1769, the northern part of Hamilton Parish was cut off to make **Leeds Parish**. Of these parishes, only Overwharton has a colonial register of births, marriages and deaths (1723-1758). The few entries with dates back to 1723 (births only) appear to have been recorded after 1738, when Prince William's territory was no longer part of the parish.

Pohick Church. *Minutes of the Vestry, Truro Parish Virginia, 1732-1785* (1974). Truro Parish was within Prince William County until 1742. It is now within Fairfax County. No register survives.

Records of Dettingen Parish, Prince William. County, Virginia: Vestry Book 1745-1782, Minutes of Overseers of the Poor 1788-1802, Indentures 1749-1782 (1976). Business records of the parish. [HD]

Library of Virginia has the Dumfries Church register 1815-1824 (Dettingen Parish). Its marriages were published in *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*, v.24 (Feb. 1986); membership and baptisms in *Virginia Genealogist*, v.30 (Apr.-June 1986).

Naisawald, L. VanLoan. *Trinity Episcopal Church 1872-1972, Dettingen Parish, 1744-1972* (1972).

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Haymarket, Virginia: 150th Anniversary, August 1984.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Haymarket, Virginia, Parish Records 1837-1995 (1996). [PWGS] Includes the cemetery.

Thomas, Wendy C. *Three Episcopal Churches in Prince William County, Virginia* (1986). St. James in Brentsville, St. Paul's in Haymarket, and Trinity in Manassas: an historical and architectural study.

Wohlhueter, Bob. *Dettingen Parish, Prince William County, Virginia: a Look at the Lives of the Vestrymen and Ministers, 1745-1785* (author, 2006).

Baptist. Library of Virginia has records of the four earliest Prince William churches (Broad Run, Chappawamsic, Frying Pan and Occoquan).

Broad Run Church, 1762-1873 (served Fauquier and western Prince William) RELIC has microfilm. Records 1762-1783 published in *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*, v. 26 (Nov. 1988).

Chappawamsic Church, 1766-1919 (served southern Prince William and northern Stafford). Records 1766-1844 published in *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*, v. 27 (Feb.-Aug. 1989).

Frying Pan Church, 1791-1879 (served northern Prince William, along with eastern Loudoun, western Fairfax). RELIC has microfilm.

Occoquan Church, 1794-1843 (served eastern Prince William). Membership lists published in *Northern Virginia genealogy*, v. 2 (Apr. 1997). RELIC has digital images of minutes, 1794-1843, 1875-1886, 1892-1940.

Hunter, Darlene L. *Occoquan Baptist Church Meeting Minutes ... 1794-1843* (RELIC, 2009). Full transcript and index.

Cardwell, Cora Lee. *Following the Dream: the History of Manassas Baptist Church 1884-1984* (1983).

First Baptist Church (Manassas). *To God Be the Glory! The Dedication of the Lord's Sanctuary.* (1990).

New Hope Baptist Church: 101st Anniversary Celebration, 1888-1989 (1989).

Olive Branch Baptist Church (Haymarket). *A Beacon for the Wanderer, a Refuge for the Troubled, a Hope for Posterity* (2004). History from 1869.

Woolfenden, Raymond W. Sr. *Kopp, Virginia* (2002?). Includes records of Belle Haven Missionary Baptist Church, 1885-1945.

Brethren.

Beahm, J. Robert. *History of the Nokesville Church of the Brethren, 1883 to 1950* (1990).

History of Manassas Church of the Brethren, 1895-1995 (1995).

Catholic.

Johnston, Helen, Sister *The fruit of His works; a history of the Benedictine Sisters of St. Benedict's Convent, Bristow, Prince William County, Virginia* (1954). Includes campus of Linton Hall School.

Koman, Rita G. *United Together: All Saints, All People of God; Celebrating 125 Years, 1879-2004* (2004). A history of All Saints Church in Manassas.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church [Manassas]: Silver Jubilee, 1984-2009 (2009).

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Bethel Lutheran Church, 1889-1989 (1989).

Methodist.

"By Grace We Are Saved": the History and People of Grace United Methodist Church, Manassas, Virginia, 1867-1997 (1998).

Dumfries United Methodist Church (Va.). *A History of Methodism in Dumfries* (1981).

Johnson, Alice W. *Clover Hill Farm Cemetery: Grace United Methodist Church, 10201 Hendley Road, Manassas, Virginia* (1996).

Johnson, Elizabeth et al. *History in a Horseshoe Curve* (1982) describes the early church, especially the Sudley congregation (RELIC also has microfilm of Sudley records 1818-1948).

Payne, Dorothea I. *History of the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, Manassas, Virginia* [1964].

Picture Album: Sudley United Methodist Church (1985).

Stickel, Iris Robey. *Records from the Church Registry of the Sudley Circuit, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Catharpin, Prince William County, Virginia* (1990).

Taylor, James Woodrow. *Oral history transcript: transcript of interview with James Woodrow "Woody" Taylor: Bethel Methodist Church and its neighborhood in Occoquan District, Prince William County, Virginia* (1982).

Presbyterian.

Bushong, Gladys. *The Presbyterian Church, Manassas, Virginia* (1970?), unpublished typescript.

Gilliss, Charles J. *A History of the Greenwich Presbyterian Church, Prince William County, Virginia, 1810-1953* (1953?).

Woodworth, Robert. *A History of the Presbytery of Winchester* (1947), p. 207-210, describes the Prince William congregations. The earliest is Greenwich, 1798.

Civil War and Reconstruction

Also see below under **Military Records**, and RELIC's pathfinder *Chasing the Civil War*, online at

www.pwcgov.org/library/relic/PDF/ChasingTheCivilWar2008.pdf

Cain, Charlotte. "Civil War Graffiti and Art from Prince William Records," in *Prince William Reliquary* (April 2003). *Case papers of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia relating to the confiscation of property, 1863-65*. Microfilm at RELIC.

Hanson, Joseph M. *Bull Run Remembers: The History, Traditions and Landmarks of the Manassas (Bull Run) Campaign Before Washington, 1861-1862* (1953, repr. by PWHC).

Internal Revenue Assessment Lists for Virginia, 1862-1866. Microfilm at RELIC.

Records of the Assistant Commissioner for the State of Virginia, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865-1869. Microfilm at RELIC.

Records of the Superintendent of Education for the State of Virginia, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865-1870. Microfilm at RELIC.

Townsend, Jan. *The Civil War in Prince William County* (PWHC, 2011). Details of events and sites of the war. Edited and expanded by James Burgess. Online at www.pwcgov.org/CivilWarPub.

Turner, Ronald R. *Prince William County Virginia 1861-1864 Newspaper Transcripts* (author, 2006). News of Prince William from regional and national newspapers. www.pwcvirginia.com/pwcvabooks/publishedworks.htm

Wilson, Don. "Civil War Claims from Prince William County," in *Newsletter of PWGS*, v. 6 (Dec. 1987).

Genealogical Exchange File

RELIC maintains a public card file of ancestors that patrons and correspondents are researching. You are invited to contribute to the file. We are most interested in receiving information about families that lived in Prince William County. If you would like a report on other persons researching a particular family name, please send your request to RELIC. An electronic form for submitting data is available at www.pwcgov.org/library/relic/forms/genex.htm.

Historical Works

Here are a few basic titles important for an understanding of Prince William local history. They may have some usefulness for genealogical research. See also *Prince William Reliquary* www.pwcgov.org/library/relic/reliquary.htm.

Brown, George B. *A History of Prince William County* (HPW, 1994).

Bushong, Gladys. *Prince William County Courthouses: the Past, the Present, the Future* (1966).

Evans, D'Anne. *Prince William County, a Pictorial History* (1989). [MM]

Harrison, Fairfax. *Landmarks of old Prince William* (1924; reprinted by PWHC, 1987).

Koman, Rita G. *Manassas Mosaic: Creating a Community* (2009). [MM]

Prince William: a Past to Preserve (PWHC, 1998). Describes historic sites.

Prince William County Historic Sites, an Index, by Margaret B. Binning (RELIC, 2003). Online at www.pwcgov.org/library/digitalLibrary/index.htm, *Historic Sites Index*.

Ratcliffe, R. Jackson. *This Was Prince William* (1978). [MM]

Ritter, William C. *Post Offices and Post Masters of Prince William County, Virginia 1776-1971* (2002). Index online at www.pwcgov.org/library/digitalLibrary/index.htm, *Historic Records*.

Simmons, Catherine T. *Manassas, Virginia, 1873-1973: One Hundred Years of a Virginia Town* (MM, 1973).

Writers' Program. *Prince William: The Story of Its People and Its Places* (1941, 1988). [MM, out of print]

Virginia Historical Inventory (1935-39), 29 microfilm reels. Reel 22 includes Prince William County cemeteries and historic sites. [LVA] Available in RELIC. Also available online at www.virginiamemory.com/collections/online_photo_collections, *Virginia Historical Inventory*.
WPA records of Prince William County, Virginia (Miscellaneous), indexed by Darlene L. Hunter (RELIC, 2004). Unpublished, photocopies of original reports at PWHC.

RELIC also maintains an **Historic Sites File** containing reports submitted to VDHR, photos, newspaper clippings and miscellaneous notes. Is being scanned for online access <http://www.pwcgov.org/library/digitalLibrary/index.htm>.

Land Records

Many Prince William County land records filed in the Clerk's office prior to 1865 are lost. An index 1731-1827 (surnames M-W only) helps supply clues: the original is at the courthouse, a photocopy at RELIC. Rent rolls, land tax lists, and court minutes supply many details from lost deeds. For rent rolls and tax lists see under **Censuses and Substitutes**. For court minutes, see under **Probate Records and Court Minutes**. RELIC has microfilm of surviving Prince William County land records through 1918, as well as microfilm records of the parent county, Stafford. Deeds from 1918 are available online, by subscription, from PWCC. For a list of what records survived the Civil War see *Prince William Reliquary*, July 2005, p. 56 "Report of Committee appointed to examine County Clerks Office June 7th, 1870 ordered to be filed," transcribed by Ronald R. Turner.

Original land entries:

Images of Virginia and Northern Neck land grants are available at www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/opac/lonnabout.htm

[LVA] Indexes grantees and place names. Does not index names of headrights or adjoiners.

Nugent, Nell. *Cavaliers and Pioneers* (1934-1980). Volumes 1, 2 and supplement contain Prince William County land grants before 1694. Indexes grantees, adjoiners, headrights, and place names.

Northern Neck Land Grants and Surveys 1690-1859. Microfilm at RELIC. For indexes see Grey, Nugent and Images.

Grey, Gertrude. *Virginia Northern Neck Land Grants* [1694-1862], 4 v. (1987-93). Lacks geographic index.

Joyner, Peggy. *Abstract of Virginia's Northern Neck Warrants and Surveys*, 5 v. (author, 1985-95). Includes indexes to personal and geographic names.

Deeds and plats: Originals at PWCC. Abstracts by Johnson and Sparacio include extensive indexes.

General Index to Deeds, 1732-1799 and 1799-1887, reel 17 of PWC Court Records. Microfilm at RELIC.

Cain, Charlotte. *Index of Deeds, Prince William County, Va. 1731-1827*. (RELIC, 2002). Unpublished database taken from the incomplete 1827 manuscript index (surnames M-W), rearranged to show every name listed. Cites perhaps three quarters of the deeds of this period.

Johnson, June. *Prince William County Deed Books ... 1731-1740*, 2 volumes (author, 1982-84).

Sparacio, Ruth and Sam. *Deed Abstracts of Prince William County, 1740-1799*, 14 volumes (authors, 1989-93).

Sparacio, Ruth and Sam. *Land Causes of Prince William County, 1789-1793* (authors, 1992). Lawsuits filed at the District Court. Additional volumes remain to be abstracted.

Balderson, William M. Jr. "Dumfries District Court Land Causes 1793-1811," in *Prince William Reliquary* (July 2003 – ongoing project).

Jeffries, Janice. "An Index to Prince William County Surveyor's Plat Book [1789-1858]," in *Newsletter of PWGS*, v. 7 (May 1989).

Turner, Ronald R. *Prince William County Virginia Index to Plats, 1754-1956* (author, 2004).

Wilson, Donald L. "Prince William County's Missing Land Records," in *Newsletter of PWGS*, v. 4 (Oct.-Dec. 1985). Includes index to missing deeds from books A (1732-33), and C (1735-38).

Wilson, Donald L. "An index to lost deed book F, 1741-1743," in *Newsletter of PWGS*, v. 4 (June 1986).

Wilson, Donald L. "Prince William County land causes," in *Newsletter of PWGS*, v. 3 (Aug. 1984)-v. 5 (Apr. 1987). Abstracts from book 1789-1793 (pp. 1-158). Documents land titles in old Prince William area.

Mays, Judith A. "An index to lost deed book[s] G, H, K, N, O, S, 5, 6 (1743-45, 1746-48, 1751-60, 1771-74, 1813-18)]" in *Newsletter of PWGS*, v. 8 (May 1990) to v. 10 (May 1992). Note: An index to deed book Y (1791-96) was published in Feb. 1991. Book Y is not lost. These are taken from the incomplete 1827 index.

Binning, Margaret. "Homestead Deeds Index." *Prince William Reliquary* (Oct. 2002).

Other: See also **Maps**.

Wilson, Donald L. "Prince William County Fire Insurance Policies, 1796-1846," in *Newsletter of PWGS*, v. 4 (Feb. 1986)-v. 7 (Mar. 1989). Incomplete abstracts from originals at the Library of Virginia. Describes buildings to be insured by the Mutual Assurance Society.

Mutual Assurance Society Policies, 1796-1865, a statewide index and catalog, is available at Mary Washington University <http://departments.umw.edu/hipr/www/masfp3.htm>

Manuscripts

For a list of manuscripts pertinent to local research, see library catalog under subject: MANUSCRIPTS - VIRGINIA - PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY.

Maps

The following maps show significant detail for Prince William county or portions thereof.

- 1737 *The Platt of Brent Town*. Original survey by John Savage, at University of Virginia, ac. 5200. Photocopy in RELIC map case. Maps 30,000 acres between Cedar Run and Broad Run. Shows houses and owners. Described and reproduced in Patrick O'Neill, "Two Extraordinary Surveys: The 1737 Brent Town and 1824 Bristow Tract Maps," *Prince William Reliquary* (April 2007), p. 27-37.
- 1745 Dettingen Parish – Hamilton Parish boundary, surveyed by George Byrn. Photocopy in RELIC map case. From 1820 copy by William Cundiff at PWCC. No buildings shown.
- 1759 *Bertrand Ewell's Survey of the Fauquier-Prince William Boundary Line, April 14, 1759*. Photocopy in RELIC map case. Shows roads, houses, mills. From 1820 copy by William Cundiff at PWCC. <http://www.pwcgov.org/library/digitalLibrary/index.htm>, Maps.
- 1820 John Wood map of Prince William County. Original now at LVA, framed copy at Courthouse, photocopy at RELIC. Shows roads, villages, churches, mills. Digital copy of map and index at www.pwcgov.org/library/digitalLibrary/index.htm, Maps.
- 1824 Williams, A. P. *Map of Bristoe Tract*. Photocopy in RELIC map case; reproduced in *Prince William Reliquary* (Oct. 2004). Shows Brentsville and the area between Broad Run and Kettle Run. Original at PWCC. See also 1737 above.
- 1834 *Sperryville and Rappahannock Turnpike*. Original at LVA, available online at www.lva.lib.va.us, map no. 634, parts 1 and 2. Photocopy in RELIC map case. Traces the proposed route from Warrenton to Brentsville to Occoquan. Shows roads, buildings, owners. Road as planned was not built. Link and index at www.pwcgov.org/library/digitalLibrary/index.htm, Maps.
- ca.1861-62 [*Prince William, Fauquier and Stafford Counties, Virginia*] Topographic map by an unknown Civil War cartographer. [Library of Congress G3883.P7 186-.P7] Photocopy in RELIC map case. Shows homes, roads, public buildings for a large portion of Prince William.
- 1861-65 Numerous other Civil War-era maps of Manassas and Prince William County are online at www.loc.gov, click on American Memory, Maps, then Civil War.
- 1862 *Official Military Atlas of the Civil War*, plates VII and VIII. Identifies some homesites.
- 1887-1957 *USGS complete topo file, Virginia*. Microfilm at RELIC. Most current maps for the state are in RELIC map case. Maps updated about every 20 years.
- 1901 William Brown map of Prince William County. First to show all landowners' names. Copy at RELIC. Prince William County Mapping Office sells a photocopy. Indexed by: Turner, Ron. *Index, Map of Prince William County, Virginia, 1901* (1995). Link to color copy at Library of Congress at www.pwcgov.org/library/digitalLibrary/index.htm, Maps.
- 1904 *Maneuver Grounds, Prince William and Fairfax Counties, Va.* (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers). Shows area between Manassas and Bull Run Mountains in topographic detail. Photocopy in RELIC map case.
- 1933 *Commonwealth of Virginia Map of Prince William County Showing the Primary and Secondary Highway Systems*. Photocopy in RELIC map case. Shows schools, churches, counts rural mail stops. Map and index at www.pwcgov.org/library/digitalLibrary/index.htm, Maps.
- 1937 Aerial photos of Prince William County (U.S. Dept. of Agriculture). Bound sets at RELIC and PWCC. Now an image layer at <http://gismapper.pwcgov.org/CountyMapper/>, Layers, Aerial Photography.
- 1971-1981 Aerial photos and land ownership maps published by REDI real estate directory service. At RELIC.
- 1971-2001 Lusk/TRW/REDI/First American. *Realty Atlas, Prince William County, Virginia*. Associated print and microfiche identifies landowners. At RELIC. No aerial photo volumes since 1981.

PWC Internet includes current GIS maps and ownership information at <http://gismapper.pwcgov.org/CountyMapper>. The data for each parcel links to tax assessment information since 1996, and transfer data since the 1980s, which can also be accessed at <http://www04a.pwcgov.org/realestate/LandRover.asp>.

Detailed maps for **Manassas**:

- 1862 *Manassas Junction and Vicinity*, by U.S. Coast Survey. Framed print in RELIC. Shows buildings, camps, fortifications.
- 1895 Ratcliffe, R. J. "Manassas – 1895", in *This Was Manassas* (author, 1973, repr. 2000). A 1946 reconstruction of streets and buildings based on interviews with early residents. [MM]
- 1907, 1912, 1924, 1934 Sanborn fire insurance maps. RELIC has on microfilm as well as a photocopy for 1907, 1912 and 1924.

No map has yet been drawn which shows all original land grants in Prince William County. We have a volunteer who is plotting the land grants for us. It is a work in progress. Contact RELIC to see if the name or area you are interested in has been done. Maps showing historic sites include the following:

- Harrison, Fairfax. *Landmarks of Old Prince William* (1924). Accompanying color map of "Old Prince William" shows major landmarks and boundaries of counties and parishes. [PWHC]
- Scheel, Eugene M. *Prince William County* (1992). Detailed map showing historic buildings, cemeteries, roads, natural features. [HPW] Index, compiled by Beverly Veness, at www.pwcgov.org/library/digitalLibrary/index.htm, Maps.
- Scheel, Eugene M. *African-American Heritage Prince William County* (2000). Map, and index by Beverly Veness, at www.pwcgov.org/library/digitalLibrary/index.htm, Maps. [PWHC]

Military Records

All wars

- Reflections of Heroes* (Potomac News/Manassas Journal Messenger, 2004). Compilation of photos and memories of troops who served from Prince William County, from the Civil War to the present.
- Virginia Military Dead database. Online at www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/vmd.
- See many federal military records online at www.fold3.com (formerly Footnote.com).
- See many Military databases online at www.ancestry.com and Ancestry Library Edition (at PWPLS Libraries).

Colonial Wars

- Bockstruck, Lloyd D. *Virginia's Colonial Soldiers* (1988). Includes place name index.
- Clark, Murtie June. *Colonial Soldiers of the South, 1732-1774* (1983).

Revolutionary War. Of the many titles available, these are especially important for Prince William research:

- Dorman, John Frederick. *Virginia Revolutionary Pension Applications* (1958+, in progress). *Index, volumes 1-50* (1996), includes place name index.
- Gwathmey, John H. *Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution* (1938). Most comprehensive index to state and federal rosters.
- Orderly Book of Adjutant John Piper of the First Regiment of Prince William and Fairfax Militia* (1781). [microfilm in RELIC]
- Peters, Joan W. "A List of Recruits, 1781 [Prince William County]." Transcribed from LVA, Auditor of Public Accounts (RG 48), militia lists 1779-1782. Copy in RELIC. Published in *Prince William Reliquary* (July 2003).
- Peters, Joan W. "Prince William County in the Revolution: Identifying the Revolutionary Soldiers," in *Prince William Reliquary* (Oct. 2006), p. 81-88.
- Peters, Joan W. *Prince William County, Virginia Patriots and Pensioners, 1752-1856: Military Records from the Prince William County, Virginia Minute and Order Books and Other Source Records* (Heritage Books, 2009).
- Peters, Joan W. *The Third Virginia Regiment of Foot, 1776-1778* (Heritage Books, 2008), 2 v. Many members of this regiment were residents of PWC.
- Virginia bounty warrants, state pensions, and rejected claims. [LVA] Online at www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/opac/bountyabout.htm.

War of 1812

- Butler, Stuart Lee. *A Guide to Virginia Militia Units in the War of 1812* (1988).
- White, Virgil D. *Index to War of 1812 Pension Files* (1992).
- Virginia payrolls and militia rolls. Online at www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/rn19_sold.htm.

Mexican War

Virginia soldiers database. Online at www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/mexwar/index.asp.

Civil War: For civilian records see above under **Civil War and Reconstruction**. See also *Chasing the Civil War: a Pathfinder*, available at www.pwcgov.org/library/relic/PDF/ChasingTheCivilWar2008.pdf
Rosters of PWC troops in the Confederate Army in *Prince William: the Story of its People and its Places* (Bethlehem Club, 1941; expanded edition, 1988), appendix B.
Applications to the Manassas Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in Virginia, 1896-1928. (RELIC, 1998). Facsimiles and index.
Virginia disability applications and Confederate pension rolls. Online at www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/opac/conpenabout.htm.

World Wars, Korea and Vietnam

“Last Call for Roll of Honor,” in *Newsletter of PWGS*, v. 9 (May 1991). Names war dead from Prince William County.
Pass, Greg. *Scrapbook of Heroes: a Police Department’s Collective Family Tree in the Second World War* (author, 2011) County police remember relatives who served in World War II. Includes photos and souvenirs.
Turner, Ronald R. *Prince William County Virginia World War I Draft Registration* (author, 2000).
Turner, Ronald R. *Prince William County, Virginia, World War II Induction Records* (author, 2002).
U.S. World War I draft registrations are online at Ancestry Library Edition.
Virginia World War I History Commission questionnaires. Online at www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/opac/wwiqabout.htm.

Veterans

Turner, Ron. “Veterans in the 1930 Prince William County Census,” in *Prince William Reliquary* (July 2002).
Veness, Beverly R. Virginia Pensioners Paid 1908-09 [index to PWC residents], in *Prince William Reliquary* (July 2002).

Marine Corps (Quantico)

Blumenthal, Mark. *Quantico (Images of America series, 2003)*. A photo album of base history.
Fleming, Charles A. *Quantico: Crossroads of the Marine Corps* (1978). A history of the base.
Gernand, Bradley E. *Quantico: Semper Progredi, Always Forward* (2004). A new history of the base.

Naturalization Records

Naturalization records are filed in county, state and federal courts. There is no general index to naturalizations in the local courts. See microfilm reels 25-32a of Prince William County Court Records for minute and order books 1752-1870 (many gaps). Later records at PWCC. See also:

Cunard, Jan. “Prince William County Naturalizations, 1853-1869,” in *Prince William Reliquary* (Jan. 2008).
Naturalization Petitions of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (Alexandria), 1909-1920.
Microfilm. Index at www.alexandria.lib.va.us/lhsc_genealogy_resources/citizen/citizen.html (1909-1929).

Newspapers

Before the late 19th century, Prince William County residents depended on newspapers published in Alexandria, Fredericksburg, and Warrenton. RELIC has the following surviving newspapers, published in Prince William County, on microfilm:

Virginia Gazette and Agricultural Repository, Dumfries, Virginia, 1791-1793.
Republican Journal and Dumfries Advertiser, Dumfries, Virginia, 1795-1796.
Manassas Gazette, 1869-1896 (few issues extant).
Manassas Journal, 1895-1951 (few before 1906; gaps 1923-30, 1944-49).
Manassas Democrat, 1909-1921 (gaps).
Manassas Messenger, 1945-1951.
Journal Messenger, 1951-2008 (merger of *Manassas Journal* and *Manassas Messenger*). Since 1997 called *Manassas Journal Messenger*.

Potomac News, 1959-2008 (files before 1967 are missing).
News and Messenger, 2008+ (merger of *Potomac News* and *Journal Messenger*)
We also have runs of recent local newspapers such as *Bull Run Observer*, *Gainesville Times*, *Manassas Observer*, *Old Bridge Observer*.

Local Newspaper Index. Library's website has an index to local newspaper obituaries from 1970 and news articles from 1993 to present (a work in progress). See www.pwcgov.org/eservices/newspaperindex/

The following regional sources contain Prince William coverage:

Turner, Ronald R. *Prince William County Virginia ... Newspaper Transcripts, 1784-1860, 1861-1864, 1865-1875, 1876-1899* (author, 2000-2006). Transcripts of news stories and advertisements related to Prince William County, primarily from the *Alexandria Gazette*. Indexed by names and topics.

Virginia Gazette, Williamsburg, 1736-1780. [Microfilm at RELIC]

Indexed: Cappon, Lester J. *Virginia Gazette Index, 1736-1780*, 2 v. (1950).

Index and linked images now available at <http://research.history.org/DigitalLibrary/BrowseVG.cfm>

Headley, Robert K. *Genealogical abstracts of 18th century Virginia newspapers* (1987).

Alexandria Gazette, 1784-1909. [Microfilm at RELIC]

Indexed: 1785-88, 1854-55, 1860-63 at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/newsindex/>

Indexed: *Obituary Notices from the Alexandria Gazette, 1784-1915* (1987, revised 1997).

See also: *Obituary Index to the Alexandria Gazette, 1916-1946*, available at

www.alexandria.lib.va.us/lhsc_genealogy_resources/obits/obits.html

Fairfax Herald, 1886-1937. [Microfilm at RELIC]

Indexed: at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/newsindex/>. Index covers 1886-1973.

Washington Post, 1877+. Images and keyword indexing (1877-1994) available online at PWPLS branch libraries and remotely with PWPLS library card, at www.pwcgov.org/library/electronicresources/index.htm.

Warrenton newspapers, 1820-1904 (gaps). [Microfilm and book indexes at RELIC]

Genealogical index to Fauquier Times-Democrat (Warrenton), 1905-1956 (plus some years to 1983) at

www.fauquiercounty.gov/government/departments/library/index.cfm?action=FDIIndex

Fredericksburg newspapers, 1792-1889 (gaps). [Microfilm and book indexes at RELIC]

Indexes to Fredericksburg newspapers, 1787-1928 available at <http://resources.umwhisp.org/fredburg.htm>.

Periodicals

The following serials specialize in genealogical and/or historical materials for Prince William County.

Brentsville Friends (Friends of Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre, 1998-2006). Some issues (as *The Bell Ringer*) online at www.brentsville.org/pubs/pubs.htm

Brentsville Neighbors (2005+). Monthly newsletter of Brentsville history, published by Morgan Breeden.

Historic Dumfries, Virginia, Inc. (HD, 1995+). After 1999 called *Ye Olde Town Crier*, since 2007 called *Town Crier*.

Bimonthly. Current issue at www.historicdumfries.com/newsletter.html.

Historic Perspectives (PWHP, 2004+) Online archive at www.pwcgov.org/HistoricPreservation.

Historic Prince William (HPW, 1989+). Irregular since 2001.

The Mill Racer (Occoquan Historical Society, 2003+) Selected past issues online at

www.occoquanhistoricalsociety.org/Newsletter.html

Newsletter of the Prince William County Genealogical Society (PWGS, 1982+). Since 1992 called *Kindred Spirits*.

Northern Virginia Genealogy, Marty Hiatt, editor (1996-2004). Covers the territory of Old Prince William.

Prince William Reliquary (RELIC, 2002+). Electronic magazine, available at

www.pwcgov.org/library/relic/reliquary.htm

Photo Collection

RELIC maintains a photograph collection and indexes photos from its books. Some photos and postcards have been published in *Prince William Reliquary*. See www.pwcgov.org/library/digitalLibrary/index.htm, Photos and Images, for a comprehensive index.

Probate Records and Court Minutes

Will Books "A-B" (1731-34) and Will Books D-F (1744-78) are lost. Some will books are mutilated. Gaps include 1805-06, 1817, 1827-30, 1842-44, and 1847. RELIC has microfilm of the surviving will books through 1951. Also film of court minutes to ca. 1870, with indexes to ca. 1960. Originals and/or microfilm available at PWCC and LVA. For a list of microfilmed records available for interlibrary loan see

www.lva.lib.va.us/whatwehave/local/local_rec/county_city/prince_william.htm.

The following are published abstracts and finding aids:

Probate Matters

Indexes

Binning, Margaret B. *Prince William County, Virginia, Index to Probate Records, 1731-1951: from sources other than the General Index to Wills* (RELIC, 2004), online at www.pwcgov.org/library/digitalLibrary/index.htm, click on Deaths. A comprehensive index to published sources for the period 1731-1800, selective for other periods. *General Index to Wills, 1734-1951*, reel 24 of PWC court records [PWCC, microfilm at RELIC]. Arranged chronologically within each letter.

Index to List of Heirs, 1922-1961. [PWCC, microfilm at RELIC]

Peters, Joan W. *Prince William County, Virginia, General Index to Wills, 1734-1951* (Willow Bend, 2001). An alphabetic transcript of the courthouse index.

Pippenger, Wesley E. *Index to Virginia Estates, 1800-1865*, v. 1 (VGS, 2001) includes Prince William County. The most comprehensive published index for this period. Includes references to bonds, estates mentioned in court minutes.

Torrence, Clayton. *Virginia Wills and Administrations, 1632-1800, an Index* (1930; reprinted Genealogical Publishing Co., 1965). Indexes contents of PWC will books.

Wills and Bonds

County Court Note-Book (1921-1931) abstracts PWC executors' bonds 1753-86 and references to estates from court order books 1752-69 (reprinted by Genealogical Publishing Co., 1972).

Dorman, John F. *Prince William County, Virginia, Will Book C, 1734-1744* (author, 1956).

Hopkins, William L. *Some Wills From the Burned Counties of Virginia* (1995) includes PWC wills, p. 218-227.

Johnson, June W. *Prince William County, Virginia, Will Book G, 1778-1791 and Order Book 1769-1771 Selective Items* (1985). *Prince William County, Virginia, Will Book H, 1791-1803* (1986).

Johnson, June W. *Prince William County, Virginia, Bond Book 1753-1782* (author, 1982). Contains administrators' bonds.

Turner, Ron. *Prince William County Virginia Bond Book 1732-1847* (author, 2007). Transcript of surviving bonds of all kinds. <http://www.pwcvirginia.com/pwcvabookspublishedworks.htm>

Court Proceedings

"Chancery Records Index," <http://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery>. Scanned documents from Prince William chancery cases, 1804-1951 (bulk 1831-1921). Indexed by surnames mentioned in the cases. Chancery lawsuits contain important evidence for family relationships. [LVA]

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Sparacio, Ruth and Sam. *Order Book Abstracts of Prince William County, Virginia 1752-57, 1761-63, 1766-67* (authors, 1988-99). Selective orders only, 1753-57.

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School Records

The following are useful sources for school history.

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- Binning, Margaret B. *Manassas Industrial School Personnel, 1894-1938* (RELIC, 2008). Faculty, staff, students, and graduates of the first African American secondary school in northern Virginia. Online at <http://www.pwcgov.org/library/digitalLibrary/index.htm>, Historic Records.
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School Yearbooks:

RELIC collects yearbooks of local public schools. The following yearbooks have been received (some are photocopies of originals that have been loaned to us). We welcome donations and loans of local yearbooks not on this list.

High Schools

- Battlefield High School (Haymarket), 2005-current.
- Brentsville District High School (Nokesville), 1932-33, 1937-43, 1945, 1947-84, 1986-current.
- Forest Park Senior High School (Woodbridge), 2001-current.
- Freedom High School (Woodbridge), 2005-current.
- Gar-Field Senior High School (Woodbridge), 1954-55, 1967-69, 1980-current. [Succeeding Occoquan]
- Hylton Senior High School (Dale City), 1992-current.
- Manassas Park High School (Manassas Park), 1978-90, 1992-current.
- Occoquan High School (Occoquan), 1941, 1947-51, 1953. [Succeeded by Gar-Field]
- Osbourn High School (Manassas City), 1946, 1949, 1966-67, 1974-75, 1978, 1980-82, 1984-current.
- Osbourn Park Senior High School (Manassas), 1980, 1982-86, 1988-99, 2001-current.
- Potomac Senior High School (Woodbridge), 1980-82, 1984-current.
- Quantico High School (Quantico Marine Corps Base), 1976, 1979, 1981-current.
- Stonewall Jackson High School (Manassas), 1970, 1975-76, 1978-current.
- Woodbridge Senior High School (Woodbridge), 1976, 1980-current.

Middle and Elementary Schools (most in off-site storage, please call ahead to see them)

- Louise A. Benton Middle School (Manassas), 2002-current.
- Stuart M. Beville Middle School (Woodbridge), 1992-2005, 2007-current.

Brentsville District Middle School (Nokesville), 1999-2000.
 Bull Run Middle School (Manassas), 2003-current.
 Jennie Dean Middle School (Manassas City), 1986-1990. [Now an elementary school; succeeded by Grace E. Metz]
 Gainesville Middle School (Gainesville), 2008-current.
 Godwin Middle School (Woodbridge), 1985-89, 1991, 1994-2000, 2002-current.
 Graham Park Middle School (Triangle), 1980, 1986-90, 1992-98, 2000-current.
 Fred M. Lynn Middle School (Woodbridge), 1986-90, 1993-2001, 2003-current.
 Manassas Park Middle School (Manassas Park), 2005-current.
 Marsteller Middle School (Manassas), 1975/76-1977/78, 1983/84-current.
 Grace E. Metz Middle School (Manassas City); 1992-current. [Succeeding Jennie Dean]
 Parkside Middle School (Manassas), 1976, 1983/84-current.
 Philip Michael Pennington School (K-8, Manassas), 2005-current.
 Potomac Middle School (Dumfries), 2007-current.
 Rippon Middle School (Woodbridge), 1986, 1988, 1990-98, 2000-current.
 Saunders Middle School (Manassas), 1990-93, 1995-current.
 Sinclair Elementary School (Manassas), 1993/94.
 Stonewall Middle School (Manassas), 1974/75, 1978, 1982, 1985-current.
 Woodbridge Middle School (Woodbridge), 1989-91, 1994-current.

Telephone Directories/City Directories

RELIC has **telephone directories** for:

1903	Manassas and Dumfries Telephone Co., online at <i>Prince William Reliquary</i> (Oct. 2003).
1941	Manassas and Triangle, Va.
1951	Manassas, Va. and Environs.
1958-59	Prince William and Stafford Counties, Va.
1965-66	Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va.
1966-1971	Prince William County
1973	Prince William County
1975	Prince William County
1977-1978	Prince William County
1980-current	Prince William County

RELIC has **city directories** for:

1960-1983, 2001.	Manassas area. [discontinued]
1963-1980	Quantico, Dumfries, Triangle, Marumsc, Woodbridge & Occoquan areas

See also **Business Records**

Vendors

Some vendors of local publications (contact for current prices)

See also **Directory of Historical Agencies and Organizations**, above.

Antient Press, www.antientpress.com. Email: AntientPress@aol.com. (Publications of Ruth and Sam Sparacio)
 John Frederick Dorman, *The Virginia Genealogist*, Box 5860, Falmouth, VA 22403-5860.
 Genealogical Publishing Co., 1001 North Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897. www.genealogical.com.
 Heritage Books/Willow Bend Books, 65 East Main St., Westminster, MD 21157-5026. www.heritagebooks.com.
 Marty Hiatt, CG, 39475 Tollhouse Road, Lovettsville, VA 20180. martyhiatt@starpower.net.
 June W. Johnson, 4134 Minton Dr., Fairfax, VA 22032.
 Joan W. Peters, CG, 635 Skymeadow Drive, Coupeville, WA 98239-3108.
 Ronald R. Turner, 6352 Avington Place, Gainesville, VA 20155-1350. www.pwcvirginia.com. Many of his publications are posted on his website.

Vital Records

Virginia began keeping official marriage registers in 1780, birth and death registers in 1853. (Some Virginia counties have surviving marriage bonds or other evidence of marriages prior to 1780.) Many of Prince William's records were vandalized and lost during the Civil War. We have an eyewitness account from 1863 of the shambles in the Clerk's Office. There are no official marriages remaining for the period prior to 1854. **No official records of births or deaths were maintained during the period 1896-1912.**

County copy: Originals at office of Clerk of the Circuit Court (PWCC), Court House, Manassas:

Births and Deaths 1864-1870 (Prince William County court records, microfilm Reel 33, available at RELIC). No register maintained for later records but Clerk's archive record room has unbound register sheets for later births and deaths, which have been abstracted by Ron Turner (see below).

Marriages 1864- [book says "1859-"] (microfilm 1864-1936, includes Index 1864-1946, at RELIC).

State copy: Beginning in 1853, Virginia County Clerks were required to send annual lists of births, marriages and deaths to the State Auditor's Office. Originals for all counties are now maintained by the Division of Vital Records, formerly Bureau of Vital Statistics (BVS), with microfilm available at the Library of Virginia (LVA).

www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/BMDregisters/

Births 1853-1896 (BVS reels 32-33), Deaths 1853-1896 (BVS reel 24), Marriages 1854-1935 (BVS reel 41). Microfilm at RELIC.

Births and deaths since June 1912 are available from Virginia Dept. of Health, Division of Vital Records, P.O. Box 1000, Richmond, VA 23208-1000. Birth records are confidential for 100 years, death records for 50 years.

Statewide indexes:

U.S. Works Progress Administration of Virginia. *Old Birth Index* [1853-1896], and *Index to Marriage Records of Virginia* [1853-1940]. Microfilm at RELIC and LVA.

Death Index of Virginia (DIVA). Online index for Virginia deaths, 1853-1896, in progress. Sponsored by VGS and LVA and available at www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/opac/dripabout.htm#Counties. Prince William is among the 34 cities and counties included as of September 2011.

Index to Death Certificates, 1912-1961 [Va. Dept. of Health]. Microfilm at RELIC and LVA.

Indexes to Virginia Births and Christenings (1853-1917), Marriages (1785-1940), Deaths and Burials (1853-1912). www.familysearch.org/ Not comprehensive, but may have data not available elsewhere.

Compiled vital records:

Births:

Binning, Margaret B. *Index to Birth Records of Prince William County, Virginia, 1731- 1912* (RELIC, 2001-). Database compiled from many sources, ongoing. Does not include the official register. Online at www.pwccgov.org/library/digitalLibrary/index.htm, Vital Records.

Turner, Ronald R. *Prince William County, Virginia Birth Records, 1853-1896* (1994).

Turner, Ronald R. *Prince William County, Virginia Birth Records, 1912-1917* (1995). From register sheets in the PWCC's archive.

Deaths: (see also **Cemetery Records, Newspapers, Probate Records**)

Binning, Margaret B. *Index to Death Records of Prince William County, Virginia, 1731-1969 [Bulk before 1912]* (RELIC, 2001-). Database compiled from many sources, ongoing. Includes the official registers 1853-1896. www.pwccgov.org/library/digitalLibrary/index.htm, Vital Records.

Breeden, Morgan. *Manassas Journal Death Notices, 1911-1915* (RELIC, 2010-) Ongoing project. www.pwccgov.org/library/digitalLibrary/index.htm, Vital Records.

Byrd, Ethel Maddox. *Obituaries clipped at random, predominately of Prince William County, Virginia* (1973, unpublished typescript). Mostly for the period 1900-1930.

Lynn, Carolyn. "Loudoun County Death Records of Persons Born in Prince William County" in *Prince William Reliquary* (Jan. 2004). Deaths occurring in the period 1853-1896.

Turner, Ronald R. *Prince William County, Virginia Death Records 1853-1896* (1993).

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Turner, Ronald R. *Prince William County, Virginia Certificates of Death 1912-1917* (2004).

Turner, Ronald R. "Death Records from Prince William County Estate Files ca. 1913-1938" in *Prince William Reliquary* (April-Oct. 2005)

Veness, Beverly. *Index to Transportation Deaths for Prince William County Prior to 1912* (names of those people who died in Prince William County but are buried in a jurisdiction different from their place of death.) in *Prince William Reliquary* (Jan. 2002).

Library's website has an index to local newspaper obituaries 1970-present (work in progress). See

www.pwcgov.org/eservices/newspaperindex/

Marriages: (see also **Church Records, Newspapers**)

Binning, Margaret B. *Index to Marriage Records of Prince William County, Virginia, 1731-1930* (RELIC, 2001-).

Database compiled from many sources, not including the official register, ongoing. Online at

www.pwcgov.org/library/digitalLibrary/index.htm, Vital Records.

Como, Tish, ed. *Prince William County Virginia Marriages, 1938-1943*. Database compiled by Charlotte Cain (for 1938) and Barbara Rio (1939-43). Online at www.pwcgov.org/library/digitalLibrary/index.htm, Vital Records. Includes date, names, ages, residences, birthplaces.

Ossman, Starr. "Prince William County Marriage Records, 1854-1861," in *Newsletter of the Prince William County Genealogical Society* (June 1991 to Mar. 1992). Abstracts from the state copy.

Turner, Ronald R. *Prince William County, Virginia Marriages 1854-1938* (2002). From register pages in the Clerk's Office.

Turner, Ronald R. *Prince William County, Virginia Residents: Marriages from Sources Outside the County* (1993).

Marriage records of the following counties that mention Prince William residents or natives: Fauquier, Loudoun, Stafford, Culpeper, Fairfax, and cities of Alexandria and Washington, D.C. Dates are ca. 1850-1910.

Other suggested sources:

Ages and dates of birth, marriage, or death may be gotten from **Church records**, indentures (see Dettingen Parish vestry book), court minutes, voter registration lists (beginning ca. 1900), funeral home and **Cemetery records**.

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