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## The Germanna Colonies of Virginia

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### Helpful Virginia Resources

**Library of Virginia**, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219, <https://www.lva.virginia.gov/>

- Northern Neck Proprietary Land Grants available online, <https://lva-virginia.libguides.com/land-grants>
- Virginia Land Office Patents and Grants available online, <https://lva-virginia.libguides.com/land-grants>
- Chancery Records available online, <https://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/chancery/>
- Legislative Petitions available online, <https://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions>
- Hebron Lutheran Church Register available on microfilm. Published transcriptions/translations by George Smith and John Blankenbaker available in print. A new version with document images to be forthcoming in late 2023 or early 2024.
- Microfilm copies of county records.
- Family and local histories, etc.

### County Records

Because each county was formed at varying dates, it is often necessary to know the parent county. We recommend the Newberry Library *Atlas of Historical County Boundaries*, <https://digital.newberry.org/ahcb/>. In our research, Spotsylvania County has the most records pertaining to strict identification of the First and Second Germanna Colonists. Records held by the other four counties of the Germanna Cultural Landscape and their parent counties complete our understanding of the growing families and the other Germans who joined them. Copies of some of these records may also be found at the Family History Library or on *FamilySearch*.

- Spotsylvania County Clerk's Office, 9107 Judicial Center Lane, Spotsylvania, VA 22553
- Orange County Clerk's Office, 110 N Madison Rd #300, Orange, VA 22960
- Fauquier County Clerk's Office, 29 Ashby St, Warrenton, VA 20186
- Culpeper County Clerk's Office, 302 N Main St, Culpeper, VA 22701
- Madison County Clerk's Office, 1 Main St, Madison, VA 22727
- Essex County Clerk's Office, 305 Prince Street, Tappahannock, VA 22560

**Family History Library (FHL)**, 35 N West Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84150

**FamilySearch**, <https://www.familysearch.org>

Copies of some of the records used may be found on microfilm or digitized at the FHL and online through the FHL website *FamilySearch*.

## **Germanna Surnames Among Known Kentucky Settlers 1700s-1880s**

Amburgey	Crisler	Rector
Aylor	Deer	Rouse
Bach/Back	Delph	Snyder
Barlow	Fishback	Southern
Becker/Baker	Fisher	Spillman
Beemon	Gaar/Garr	Stansifer
Blankenbaker	Hitt	Tanner
Broyles	Holt	Utterback
Button	Holtzclaw	Utz
Carpenter	House	Wayland
Chelf/Jelf	Hoffman/Huffman	Wayman
Clore/Glore	Kemper	Weaver
Cook	Künzle	Wilhoit/Wilhite
Coons	Leathers	Yager
Crigler	Martin	Yowell/Yewell
Crim	Nay	Zimmerman

### **Learn more about specific Germanna – Kentucky connections:**

- Hopeful Lutheran Church, Florence, KY - <https://www.hopefulchurch.org>
- Dinsmore Homestead / Farm Museum in Boone County, Cathi's 3xgreat-grandfather Israel Clore sold this land to the Dinsmore family - <https://www.dinsmorefarm.org/>
- Captain Thomas Paul Leathers, one of the most legendary river men of all time and participant in the "Great Mississippi Steamboat Race," was born in Campbell (now Kenton) County in 1816.
- Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill in Mercer County - <https://shakervillageky.org/>
- Video featuring Kitty Durham, a Wilhite descendant who works at the Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill that Cathi met - <https://opb.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/shaker-village-singer-video/kentucky-studies/>
- Simeon D. Chelf, born in Mercer County, was a survivor of the Sultana steamboat disaster - Chester D. Berry, compiler, "Simeon D. Chelf," in *Loss of the Sultana and Reminiscences of Survivors* (Lansing, MI: Marius D. Thorp, 1892); *Google Books*, (<https://books.google.com/>: accessed 12 August 2023), 84-91.