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Norfolk was established in August after a British Act ordered the establishment of a port town of 50 acres in each Virginia county. The "Towne of Lower Norfolk County" was bounded on the east, west and south by the Elizabeth River; and on the north by what is now City Hall Avenue.

Pre-colonial[edit] The first evidence of humans inhabiting Virginia is from 9, BC. However, the exact location of Skicoak has remained undetermined. When Jamestown settlers arrived at Cape Henry in present-day Virginia Beach almost 23 years later in April , they found no traces of Skicoak. Colonial period

â€” [edit] Mace of Norfolk, Virginia presented in In , the Governor for the Virginia Colony , Sir George Yeardley established four incorporations, termed "citties" sic for the developed portion of the colony. These citties were to form the basis for the government of the colony in the newly created House of Burgesses , with the southeastern portion of the Hampton Roads region falling under the Elizabeth Cittie sic incorporation. After his period of contracted servitude was finished, he earned his freedom and soon became a leading citizen of the fledgling colony. Meanwhile, after years of continuing struggles at Jamestown, the now bankrupt Virginia Company had its royal charter revoked by King James I in and Virginia became a crown colony. Also at this time, the King granted acres 2. The entire population of the Virginia colony was estimated to be 5, people at this time. Five years later, in , the King had the colony reorganized under a system of 8 shires , with much of the Hampton Roads region becoming part of Elizabeth City Shire. In , Thoroughgood was granted a large land holding along the Lynnhaven River for having persuaded people to settle in the colony. Thoroughgood is also credited with suggesting the name of Norfolk, in honor of his birthplace. Also during this reorganization, King James granted a further acres 0. This land would become the city of Norfolk in future. The modern city of Norfolk is located in Lower Norfolk. On the Eastern Branch Elizabeth River 5 miles 8. Rolleston Hall stood more than years, until it burned down in the late 19th century. This fort was constructed due to feared attack by the Dutch, but this threat did not materialize. Norfolk quickly grew in size, and by a charter for the establishment of the "Towne of Lower Norfolk County" had been issued by Parliament. Norfolk was one of only three cities in the Virginia Colony to receive a royal charter, the other two being Jamestown and Williamsburg. The town initially encompassed a land area northeast of the point of the confluence of the Eastern and Southern Branches of the Elizabeth River today the point is in downtown. Norfolk was incorporated in and re-chartered as a borough in The mace was a symbol of royal authority and is currently displayed in the Chrysler Museum of Art. By , Norfolk had developed into one of the most prosperous cities in Virginia. It was a major shipbuilding center and an important trans-shipment point for the export of goods such as tobacco , corn , cotton , and timber from Virginia and North Carolina, to the British Isles and beyond. In turn, goods from the West Indies such as rum and sugar , and finished manufactured products from England, were imported back through Norfolk and shipped to the rest of the lower colonies. Much of the West Indies and American colonial products that flowed through the harbor were by this time produced with the use of slave labor. In the early summer of , Lord Dunmore , the last Royal Governor of the Colony of Virginia , tried to reestablish control of the colony from Norfolk. At the end of November, Dunmore set up a stronghold in Norfolk, [5] demolishing some 30 houses in the course of its construction. British troops also went ashore to burn down all the waterfront buildings, and thus played right into the hands of their enemies. The rebels were quite happy to see a largely Loyalist city destroyed, happier still to be able to blame it on the British, and over the next two days they encouraged the spread of fires, while looting unburned houses. A further â€”in effect, all that remained standingâ€”were destroyed in February to prevent the British from using them as cover if they returned. At the turn of the 19th century, Fort Norfolk was constructed by the Federal government to guard the harbor. During the s the agricultural communities of South Hampton Roads experienced a prolonged recession, resulting in the emigration of families from the region to other areas of the South, especially the frontier areas being opened for settlement. From to , there was a drop in overall population of about 15, in Norfolk County , despite the fact that other urban areas experienced significant population growth. Like other Southern states, Virginia struggled with slavery, especially as it became less

important in the mixed agricultural economy that was replacing that of tobacco. One such emigrant was Joseph Jenkins Roberts , a native of Norfolk who would go on to become the first president of Liberia. With the concentration of population came more interest in education and culture. In an ambitious new school building was completed for Norfolk Academy, designed by Thomas U. Walter as a replica of the temple of Theseus in Athens. In , Norfolk was incorporated as a city. Transportation improvements contributed to growth. In the steam ferry Gosport began service, linking Norfolk and Portsmouth. On June 7, , the ship Benjamin Franklin detoured into Portsmouth for urgent repairs. The officer ordered that the ship be held at anchor in the harbor for 11 days. By July, the epidemic was in full outbreak and would eventually result in the deaths of over 3, people in the region, 2, of them in Norfolk. At its peak, the epidemic was claiming more than lives a day in Norfolk alone. In the Sisters of Charity founded St. American Civil War[edit] See also: Virginia in the American Civil War In early , Norfolk voters instructed their delegate to vote for ratification of the ordinance of secession. Soon thereafter, Virginia voted to secede from the Union. Richmond became the capital of the Confederacy , and the American Civil War began. When Virginia joined the Confederate States of America they demanded the surrender of all Federal property in their state, including the Norfolk Navy Yard then called the Gosport Shipyard. Falling for an elaborate Confederate ruse orchestrated by civilian railroad builder, and future Confederate general, William Mahone , the Union shipyard commander Charles Stewart McCauley ordered the burning of the shipyard and the evacuation of its personal to Fort Monroe across Hampton Roads. The capture of the shipyard allowed a tremendous amount of war material to fall into Confederate hands including the remains of the burned and scuttled naval frigate USS Merrimac. The Battle of Hampton Roads began on March 8. The battle would ultimately ended in a stalemate however, as neither navy was able to do significant damage to the other due to the heavy armor plating. Recognizing the value of Norfolk, he decided on a plan to capture the city and thus eliminate the base for the CSS Virginia. At this point, Lincoln directed the invasion to be on Willoughby Spit, away from the Confederate batteries, the next day. Within hours, the Union troops arrived at Norfolk. Mayor William Lamb surrendered the city without firing a shot. Many private and public buildings were confiscated for federal use, including nearby plantations. With the arrival of Union troops, thousands of slaves escaped to Norfolk and Fort Monroe to claim their freedom. Even before the arrival of northern missionaries, African Americans began to set up schools for children and adults both. Reconstruction to the Jamestown Exposition “ [edit] Logo for Jamestown Exposition in By , the end of Reconstruction was at hand in Norfolk. Union occupation troops withdrew and Virginia was readmitted to the Union. During this time, African-Americans throughout Hampton Roads were elected to state and local offices. Most significantly, in Virginia joined other Southern states in creating a new constitution that effectively disfranchised all African Americans through creating new blocks to voter registration that were selectively and subjectively applied against them. White supremacists achieved their goal: Despite this severe restriction, many African Americans created families, churches, schools, community organizations and stable lives for themselves. Many became landowners and farmed small plots in the Norfolk area. Commemorating the th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, the exposition brought many prominent people including President Theodore Roosevelt , congressmen, senators, and diplomats from 21 countries. Henry Huttleston Rogers and Mark Twain also attended the expo. Many naval ships from different countries were present for the celebration. Mahone hauled ever increasing volumes of passengers, primarily on the weekends. As attendance boomed, in both instances, the steam-powered services between downtown Norfolk and the beaches at Ocean View and Seatack were later replaced by electric-powered trolley cars. These in turn, were later replaced by highways and the automobile. Leading from Norfolk to Seatack, where the resort strip became known as Virginia Beach, in , the new hard-surfaced Virginia Beach Boulevard was a major factor in the growth of the Oceanfront town and adjacent portions of Princess Anne County. Ocean View gradually evolved into a streetcar suburb , and was annexed by Norfolk in Virginia Beach became an incorporated town in , and an independent city of the second class in , sharing courts and some constitutional officers with Princess Anne County.

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