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Chapter 1 : Portsmouth, Virginia - Wikipedia

For anyone interested in the history of African Americans in Portsmouth, VA the book 'Black America Series PORTSMOUTH VIRGINIA' is the indispensable guide. Written by Cassandra Newby-Alexander Ph.D, and Mae Breckenridge-Haywood, it is very well documented and packed with great historic photos (many from the Portsmouth Public Library's Lee.

Related Resources About the Collection The photograph collection housed at the Portsmouth Public Library consists of 15., photographic prints as well as a large number of negatives and slides. Many of the photographs were taken by newspaper photographers such as Lee F. Rodgers of the Portsmouth Star and amateur historians such as John Cloyd Emmerson and James Arthur Murdaugh who took block-by-block photographs of the city between the s and the s. Portsmouth Olde Towne Photograph Collection The Olde Towne Photograph Collection consists of approximately photographs of homes, churches, streets, commercial structures, and other historic sites located in and near the historic downtown area of Portsmouth known as Olde Towne. The cataloging and digitization of this collection was funded by a grant from the Olde Towne Civic League Foundation. Rodgers Photograph Collection Lee F. Rodgers was a reporter for the Portsmouth Star during the s and s and wrote the "Colored Notes" column. The Rodgers collection consists of approximately 1, photographic prints originally displayed in nine 9 albums or binders. A number of the photographs were taken by Rodgers himself, and many were used to illustrate his column. Most of the photographs are undated but generally span the decades between the s and s. Portsmouth under Four Flags, Cross, Charles Brinson, Jr. Pictorial History Norfolk, Va. Emmerson, John Cloyd, Jr. The Emmersons and Portsmouth, Privately printed, Commission of Architectural Review, Mapp, Alf Johnson and Ramona H. A Pictorial History Norfolk, Va. Sketch Book of Portsmouth, Va. Wentz, Robert William, Jr.

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Chapter 2 : May - PortsVaEvents

The Real Portsmouth Va Neighborhoods. This article breaks down the story of Virginia's 10th largest city, Portsmouth, nicknamed Pistol City and shows the development of the current state of the streets of the Portsmouth VA, a city with an average income less than \$24,

Colonial years[edit] In the Governor of the Virginia Colony , Sir George Yeardley , incorporated four jurisdictions, termed citties, for the developed portion of the colony. These formed the basis for colonial representative government in the newly minted House of Burgesses. What would become Norfolk was put under the Elizabeth Cittie incorporation. In King Charles I reorganized the colony into a system of shires. When the South Hampton Roads portion of the shire was separated, Thoroughgood suggested the name of his birthplace for the newly formed New Norfolk County. Norfolk was incorporated in In , a tobacco inspection site was located here. It was an important port for exporting goods to the British Isles and beyond. After fleeing the colonial capital of Williamsburg , the Royal Governor of Virginia, John Murray, 4th Earl of Dunmore , tried to reestablish control of the colony from Norfolk. Dunmore secured small victories at Norfolk but was soon driven into exile by the Virginia militia, commanded by Colonel Woodford. His departure brought an end to more than years of British colonial rule in Virginia. The gunfire, combined with fires started by the British and spread by the Patriots, destroyed more than buildings, constituting nearly two-thirds of the city. The Patriot forces destroyed the remaining buildings for strategic reasons the following month. During the s, agrarian communities across the American South suffered a prolonged recession, which caused many families to migrate to other areas. Many moved west into the Piedmont , or further into Kentucky and Tennessee. Such migration also followed the exhaustion of soil due to tobacco cultivation in the Tidewater, where it had been the primary commodity crop for generations. Virginia made some attempts to phase out slavery , and manumissions increased in the two decades following the war. Thomas Jefferson Randolph gained passage of an resolution for gradual abolition in the state. However, by that time the increased demand from the settlement of the lower South states had created a large internal market for slavery. The invention of the cotton gin in the late-eighteenth century had made profitable the cultivation of short-staple cotton in the uplands, which was widely practiced. The American Colonization Society proposed to " repatriate " free blacks and freed slaves to Africa by establishing the new colony of Liberia and paying for transportation. But most African-Americans wanted to stay in their birthplace of the United States and achieve freedom and rights there. For a period, many emigrants to Liberia from Virginia and North Carolina embarked from the port of Norfolk. Joseph Jenkins Roberts , a free person of color native to Norfolk, emigrated via the American Colonization Society and later was elected as the first president of Liberia , establishing a powerful family. She had just sailed from the West Indies , where there had been an outbreak of yellow fever. The port health officer ordered the ship quarantined. After eleven days, a second inspection found no issues, so she was allowed to dock. A few days later, the first cases of yellow fever were discovered in Norfolk, and a machinist died from the disease on July 8. No one understood how the disease was transmitted. With both Norfolk and Portsmouth being infected, New York banned all traffic from those sites. Neighboring cities also banned residents from Norfolk. The epidemic spread through the city via mosquitoes and poor sanitation, affecting every family and causing widespread panic. The number of infected reached 5, in September, and by the second week, 1, had died in Norfolk and Portsmouth. As the weather cooled, the outbreak began to wane, leaving a final tally of about 3, dead. In early , Norfolk voters instructed their delegate to vote for secession. Virginia voted to secede from the Union. The battle ended in a stalemate, but changed the course of naval warfare; from then on, warships were fortified with metal. Wool and his forces. They held the city under martial law for the duration of the Civil War. Thousands of slaves from the region escaped to Union lines to gain freedom; they quickly set up schools in Norfolk to start learning how to read and write, years before the end of the war. Southern Democrats in Congress gained its location here. Commemorating the tricentennial

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anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, the exposition featured many prominent officials, including President Theodore Roosevelt , members of Congress , and diplomats from twenty-one countries. In , the city annexed the incorporated town of Berkley , making the city cross the Elizabeth River. A series of bridges and tunnels, constructed during fifteen years, linked Norfolk with the Peninsula , Portsmouth , and Virginia Beach. In , the Downtown Tunnel opened to connect Norfolk with the city of Portsmouth. The highways also stimulated the development of new housing suburbs, leading to the population spreading out. Board of Education that segregated public schools were unconstitutional , as the public system was supported by all taxpayers. It ordered integration , but Virginia pursued a policy of " massive resistance ". The Virginia General Assembly prohibited state funding for integrated public schools. In , United States district courts in Virginia ordered schools to open for the first time on a racially integrated basis. The Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals declared the state law to be in conflict with the state constitution and ordered all public schools to be funded, whether integrated or not. About ten days later, Almond capitulated and asked the General Assembly to rescind several "massive resistance" laws. The opening of malls and large shopping centers drew off retail business from Granby Street. While Granby Street underwent decline, Norfolk city leaders focused on the waterfront and its collection of decaying piers and warehouses. Many obsolete shipping and warehousing facilities were demolished. In , the city and The Rouse Company developed the Waterside festival marketplace to attract people back to the waterfront and catalyze further downtown redevelopment. Other facilities opened in the ensuing years, including the Harbor Park baseball stadium, home of the Norfolk Tides Triple-A minor league baseball team. In , the park was named the finest facility in minor league baseball by Baseball America. Norfolk is located in the upper right quadrant, and east is at the top. The city of Norfolk is recognized as the central business district, while the Virginia Beach oceanside resort district and Williamsburg are primarily centers of tourism. Virginia Beach is the most populated city within the MSA though it functions more as a suburb. The CSA is the 32nd largest in the nation with an estimated population in of 1., In addition to extensive riverfront property, Norfolk has miles of bayfront resort property and beaches in the Willoughby Spit and Ocean View communities. Being low-lying and largely surrounded by water, Norfolk is particularly vulnerable to rising sea levels. In addition, the land on which it is built is slowly subsiding. Some areas already flood regularly at high tide, and the city commissioned a study in to investigate how to address the issue in the future: When Norfolk was first settled, homes were made of wood and frame construction, similar to most medieval English-style homes. These homes had wide chimneys and thatch roofs. Some decades after the town was first laid out in , the Georgian architectural style , which was popular in the South at the time, was used. Brick was considered more substantial construction; patterns were made by brick laid and Flemish bond. This style evolved to include projecting center pavilions, Palladian windows, balustraded roof decks, and two-story porticoes. A home in the Ghent neighborhood Norfolk was burned down during the Revolutionary War. After the Revolution , Norfolk was rebuilt in the Federal style, based on Roman ideals. Federal-style homes kept Georgian symmetry, though they had more refined decorations to look like New World homes. Federal homes had features such as narrow sidelights with an embracing fanlight around the doorway, giant porticoes, gable or flat roofs, and projecting bays on exterior walls. Rooms were oval, elliptical or octagonal. Few of these federal rowhouses remain standing today. A majority of buildings were made of wood and had a simple construction. Many Federal-style row houses were modernized by placing a Greek-style porch at the front. Greek and Roman elements were integrated into public buildings such as the old City Hall, the old Norfolk Academy, and the Customs House. Greek-style homes gave way to Gothic Revival in the s, which emphasized pointed arches , steep gable roofs, towers and tracer-lead windows. The Freemason Baptist Church and St. Italianate elements emerged in the s including cupolas , verandas , ornamental brickwork , or corner quoins. Norfolk still had simple wooden structures among its more ornate buildings. Norfolk, Virginia skyline from across the Elizabeth River in High-rise buildings were first built in the late nineteenth century when structures such as the current Commodore Maury Hotel and the Royster Building were constructed to form the initial Norfolk skyline. Past styles were revived during the early years

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of the 20th century. Bungalows and apartment buildings became popular for those living in the city. As the Great Depression wore on, Art Deco emerged as a popular building style, as evidenced by the Post Office building downtown. Art Deco consisted of streamlined concrete faced appearance with smooth stone or metal, with terracotta, and trimming consisting of glass and colored tiles. List of neighborhoods in Norfolk Norfolk has a variety of historic neighborhoods. Some neighborhoods, such as Berkley, were formerly cities and towns. Today, neighborhoods such as Downtown, Ghent and Fairmount Park have transformed with the revitalization that the city has undergone. Climate[edit] Norfolk has a humid subtropical climate with moderate changes of seasons. Spring arrives in March with mild days and cool nights, and by late May, the temperature has warmed up considerably to herald warm summer days. Summers are consistently warm and humid, but the nearby Atlantic Ocean often exercises a slight cooling effect on daytime high temperatures, but a slight warming effect on nighttime low temperatures compared to areas farther inland. Temperatures over F. These usually brush Norfolk and only occasionally make landfalls in the area; the highest-risk period is mid-August to the end of September. Fall is marked by mild to warm days and cooler nights. On average, the coldest month of the year is January.

Chapter 3 : portsmouth va black history Archives - calendrierdelascience.com

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Chapter 4 : Portsmouth Virginia Calendar of Events | PortsVaEvents

Portsmouth, Virginia (Black America Series) African Americans in Portsmouth built a strong, insulated community because they were cognizant of the need to look inward.

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Portsmouth is an independent city in the Commonwealth of Virginia. As of the census, the population was 95, [3] It is part of the Hampton Roads metropolitan area.

Chapter 7 : The African American Historical Society of Portsmouth

Portsmouth Colored Community Library Museum Elm Ave. Portsmouth, VA The hours of the museum are Friday and Saturday, 12 to 5PM Other hours by appointment.

Chapter 8 : Emanuel A.M.E. Church Historical Marker

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Chapter 9 : African-Americans in Virginia - Virginia Is For Lovers

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A interview with Mae Breckenridge-Haywood, president of the African American Historical Society of Portsmouth. The society is raising funds to transform the former library for black residents.