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1775 Williamsburg Directory

OCCUPATION OF HOUSEHOLD HEADS

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INFORMATION ABOUT SLAVE OWNERSHIP

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The directory includes those individuals who appeared to have been a Williamsburg resident at some time during the year 1775 and were independent householders. The list does not include known apprentices or indentured servants, or older teenage children unless they appear to be acting as independent adults. College students are also not listed nor are members of the military that were garrisoned in and around Williamsburg in the summer and fall of 1775. Common abbreviations are: FDM [First Date Mentioned/Known in Williamsburg]; LDM [Last Dated Mentioned/Known in Williamsburg]; CoS [Committee of Safety]; FAA [Free African Americans].

PROFESSIONALS

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	OCCUPATION	MARITAL STATUS/SPOUSE 1775	OFFICES HELD	SLAVE OWNER
Brown	John	Clerk, Secretary's Office	Anne, nee Geddy		NO
Baker	John	Dentist	None Known		NO
Carter	James I	Doctor	Hester	Common Council	YES
Carter	William I	Doctor	Mary, nee Wray (married Dec. 2, 1775)		YES
Desequeyra	John	Doctor	None Known		YES
Finnie	William	Doctor	1 st Elizabeth nee Buckner, 2 nd by 30 August 1776, Elizabeth Chamberlain	Officer, Wmsbg Independent Comp., July 1775	YES
Galt	John Minson	Doctor	Judith, nee Craig	CoS 1774/75, 1775/76	YES
McClurg	James	Doctor	Unmarried		YES
Middleton	Alexander	Doctor	Unmarried		NO
Pasteur	William	Doctor	Elizabeth	JP-YC; Alderman; Mayor 12/75-11/76; CoS 1774/75, 1775/76	YES
Pitt (Left Wmsbg 8/1775)	George	Doctor	Widower (Sarah, d. 6 Nov. 1772)	Keeper, Public Magazine until 4/75	YES
Powell	Thomas	Doctor	Elizabeth		NO
Desabbe	Joseph	Doctor/Fencing Master	None Known		NO
Blair	John	Lawyer	Jane [Jean] nee Balfour	Alderman, CoS 1775/76	YES

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	OCCUPATION	MARITAL STATUS/SPOUSE 1775	OFFICES HELD	SLAVE OWNER
Everard	Thomas	Lawyer	Diana, nee Robinson (LDM May 1758)	Clerk, YC Ct., BP Vestry, Alderman, CoS 1774/75 1775/76	YES
Hubbard	James	Lawyer	Frances, nee Morton	CoS 1774/76, 1775/76	YES
Innes	James	Lawyer	Unmarried	Capt., Wmsbg Independent Comp., 1775	YES
Nicholas	Robert C.	Lawyer	Anne, nee Cary	JP-JCC; BP Vestry; Alderman; CoS 1774/75, 1775/76	YES
Prentis	Joseph I	Lawyer	Unmarried	CoS 1775/76	YES
Randolph (Out of Wmsbg, 6/1775-11/1775)	Edmund	Lawyer	Unmarried		YES
Randolph (Left Wmsbg 9/1775)	John II	Lawyer	Ariana, nee Jennings	JP-JCC; Alderman	YES
Randolph (d. 10/75)	Peyton	Lawyer	Elizabeth, nee Harrison	JP-YC; BP Vestry; City Recorder; CoS 1774/75	YES
Tazwell	John	Lawyer	Sarah, nee Bolling	CoS 1774/75, 1775/76	NO
Waller	Benjamin	Lawyer	Martha	BP Vestry; CoS 1774/75	YES
Waller	Benjamin Carter	Lawyer	Unmarried	Lt., Wmsbg Militia, Sept. 1775	NO
Wythe	George	Lawyer	1 st Anne, d. 1748, 2 nd Elizabeth, nee Tailiaferro	BP Vestry; CoS 1774/75, 1775/76	YES

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	OCCUPATION	MARITAL STATUS/SPOUSE 1775	OFFICES HELD	SLAVE OWNER
Bracken	John I	Minister, Burton P.	Unmarried		NO
Camm	John	Minister, W&M	Elizabeth, nee Hansford		YES
Dixon	John II	Minister, W&M	Widower, Lucy d. 10/1769		NO
Jones	Emmanuel	Minister, Brafterton	Mary, nee Macon		YES
Madison (Left Wmsbg 5/1775)	James	Minister (ordained Sept. 20, 1775), W&M	Unmarried		NO
Bland	William I	Minister, James City Parish	Married a Mrs. Willis of Warwick Co., June 1773		NO
Gwatkin (Left Wmsbg 6/1775)	Thomas	Minister, W&M	Unmarried		NO
Henley (Left Wmsbg 5/1775)	Samuel	Minister, W&M	Unmarried		NO
Rose	William	Teacher	Mary (LDM 1766)		NO
Yates	William II	Teacher & Usher W&M	Unmarried		NO
Wallace	Samuel	Teacher, Whaley Free School	Probably married		NO
Burton	Robert	Teacher, Writing Master	None Known		NO
Davenport	Matthew	Teacher, Writing Master	Frances	Dept. Co. Clerk, YC; Clerk, Wmsbg Hustings Ct., Clerk, Wmsbg CoS	YES

ARTISANS

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	OCCUPATION	MARITAL STATUS/SPOUSE 1775	OFFICES HELD	SLAVE OWNER
Pierce (In Wmsbg after 8/75)	William II	Artist	Unmarried		YES
Highland	Robert	Auctioneer	1 st Mary, nee Timson?, 2 nd by 1778, Frances		YES
Moyer	Peter	Baker	Rebecca		YES
Scovemont	Nich	Baker	None Known		YES
Lockley	John	Bar Tender	None Known		NO
Lafong	George I	Barber	Margaret		YES
Lenox	Walter	Barber	Elizabeth (LDM 1768)		YES
Nichols	James	Barber	Elizabeth, nee Wyatt		YES
Wiley	Alexander	Barber/Hair Dresser	None Known		NO
Charlton	Edward	Barber/Wig Maker	Jane, nee Hunter	CoS 1775/76	YES
Anderson	James	Blacksmith	Hannah nee Tyler	CoS 1775/76	YES
Bond	Robert	Blacksmith	Anne (LDM 1768)		YES
Draper	John	Blacksmith	None Known		YES
Martin	John	Blacksmith	Unmarried		NO
Cummings	Edward	Bookbinder	None Known		YES
Harwood	Humphrey	Bricklayer	Sarah	Officer, Wmsbg Independent Comp., July 1775; CoS 1775/76	YES
Phillips	William	Bricklayer	Elizabeth		YES
Spurr	Samuel II	Bricklayer	Anne, widow of Nath. Hay (LDM 1760)		YES

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	OCCUPATION	MARITAL STATUS/SPOUSE 1775	OFFICES HELD	SLAVE OWNER
Jaram (In Wmsbg after 6/1775)	Francis	Builder	None Known		YES
Saunders	John III	Builder	Married a daughter of Matthew Pierce		YES
Booker	Richard	Cabinet Maker	Mary (FDM 1779)		YES
Bucktrout	Benjamin	Cabinet Maker	Mary (LDM 1769)		YES
Crump	John	Cabinet Maker	None Known		NO
Dickenson	Edmund	Cabinet Maker	Unmarried		YES
Scott (d. 12/1775)	Peter	Cabinet Maker	None Known	Common Council	YES
Allen	John	Carpenter	Frances?		NO
Atherton	James	Carpenter	Lucy		NO
Brown	John	Carpenter	Anne		YES
Gwyn	John	Carpenter	None Known		NO
Hatton	Matthew Watts	Carpenter	Mary, nee Wager (LDM 1762)		YES
Kendall	Joshua	Carpenter	None Known		NO
Lamb	John	Carpenter	Frances (FDM 1779)		NO
Middleton	David	Carpenter	None Known		NO
Moody	Philip IV	Carpenter	Judith (FDM 1782)		YES
Powell	Benjamin	Carpenter	Annabell	Common Council; CoS 1774/75, 1775/76	YES
Taylor	James	Carpenter	Elizabeth (LDM 1759)		NO
Deane	Elkanah	Chair Maker	Elizabeth		NO
Deane	Jones Allan	Chair Maker	None Known		NO
Holiday	William	Chair Maker	None Known		NO
Puryear	Obadiah	Chair Maker	None Known		NO

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	OCCUPATION	MARITAL STATUS/SPOUSE 1775	OFFICES HELD	SLAVE OWNER
Sheppard	John	Chair Maker	None Known		YES
Taliaferro	Charles	Chair Maker	None Known		YES
Howard	John	Coach Painter	None Known		NO
Waterford	Adam (FAA)	Cooper	Unknown		NO
Hallam	Sarah	Dancing Master	Unmarried		YES
Waddell	William	Engraver	None Known		NO
Wall	Thomas	Entertainer	Married, wife's first name not known		NO
Connelly	John I	Hatter	Mourning (LDM 1768)		NO
Jones	Nanny (FAA)	Laundress	Unknown		NO
Brodie	Margaret	Milliner	Unmarried		YES
Carlos	Elizabeth	Milliner	Unmarried		YES
Charlton	Jane [Hunter]	Milliner	Edward Charlton		YES
Hunter	Margaret	Milliner	Unmarried		YES
Rathell	Katherine	Milliner	None Known		YES
Dixon	John	Printer	Rosanna Royle, nee Hunter	JP-YC; Mayor 12/74-11/75; CoS 1774/75; Colonel, Wmsbg Militia, Sept. 1775	YES
Hunter	Williams	Printer	Unmarried		YES
Pinkney	John	Printer	None Known		NO
Purdie	Alexander	Printer	1 st Mary, d. by 1772, 2 nd Peachy, nee Davenport		YES
Sheppard	John I	Saddle/Harness Maker	Elizabeth		YES

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Roberts	Edward	Saddle/Harness Maker	None Known		NO
Craig	Alexander	Saddler	Mary, nee Maupin	Common Council, CoS 1775/76	YES
Gilbert	Robert	Shoemaker	Sarah (FDM 1786)		YES
Rawlinson	John (FAA)	Shoemaker	Elizabeth Garrett		YES
Sclater	John	Shoemaker	None Known		NO
Skinner	Thomas	Shoemaker	Elizabeth, nee Ryan		YES
Craig	James I	Silversmith	Anne, nee Stevenson (LDM 1766)		YES
Galt	James	Silversmith	Mary, nee English		YES
Geddy	James II	Silversmith	Elizabeth, nee Waddill	Common Council, CoS 1775/76	YES
Pasteur	Blovet	Silversmith	Mary (LDM 1762)		YES
Rowsay	John	Silversmith	None Known	City Sergeant	NO
Rowsay	William	Silversmith	Frances, nee Tabb		YES
Singleton	Anthony	Silversmith	None Known		NO
Allen	Adam	Stocking Maker	None Known		NO
Craig	Thomas I	Tailor	Anne, nee Pasteur		NO
Davenport	Ambrose	Tailor	Mary (FDM 1782)		YES
Didup	Archibald	Tailor	None Known		NO
Durfey	Severinus	Tailor	Mary (LDM 1748)		YES
Nicholson	Robert	Tailor	Mary	CoS 1774/75, 1775/76	YES
Nicholson	William	Tailor	Unmarried		YES
Prosser	Jonathan	Tailor	Mary (LDM 1767)		NO
Pearson	William	Tanner	1 st Elizabeth, d. by 1762, 2 nd Mary		YES

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	OCCUPATION	MARITAL STATUS/SPOUSE 1775	OFFICES HELD	SLAVE OWNER
			Magdalene		
Kidd	Joseph	Upholsterer	None Known	Ensign, Wmsbg Militia, Sept. 1775	NO
Coke	Robey	Wheelwright	Betsey, nee Skinner		YES
Cosby	William	Wheelwright	None Known		YES
Lindsay	John	Wheelwright	None Known		NO

COMMERCIAL

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	OCCUPATION	MARITAL STATUS/SPOUSE 1775	OFFICES HELD	SLAVE OWNER
Baxter	Daniel	Merchant	Single or Widower		YES
Bickerton	William Francis	Merchant	Unmarried		NO
Bruce	Jacob	Merchant	Rachel		NO
Carter	John II	Merchant	Jane , nee Mitchell (LDM 1766)	Common Council, CoS 1774/75, 1775/76	YES
Cocke	James I	Merchant	Elizabeth	Alderman, CoS 1774/75	YES
Dawson	William	Merchant	None Known		NO
Dixon	Beverly	Merchant	Unmarried		YES
Dixon	Haldenby	Merchant	None Known	JP-JCC?, Common Council	YES
Ferguson	John	Merchant	Elizabeth	CoS 1775/76	YES

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Goodson	William	Merchant	Mary	CoS 1775/76	YES
Greenhow	John	Merchant	1 st Judith (LDM 1761), 2 nd Elizabeth, nee Tyler (FDM 1781)		YES
Holt	John	Merchant	None Known		YES
Holt	William	Merchant	Mary, nee Edloe?	JP-JCC	YES
Hornsby	William	Merchant	None Known		YES
Hornsby	Joseph	Merchant	Mildred, nee Walker	JP-YC; CoS 1775/76; Major, Wmsbg Militia, Sept. 1775	YES
Hubbard	James	Merchant	None Known		NO
Jackson	George	Merchant	Anne, nee Pate		YES
Jackson	Robert	Merchant	Elizabeth (FDM 1781)		YES
Lewis	John	Merchant	Elizabeth Armistead, nee Allan		YES
Maitland	William	Merchant	Unmarried		NO
Lewis	William James	Merchant	None Known		NO
Miller (Left Wmsbg 6/1775)	Robert	Merchant	Unmarried or Widower		NO
Norton	John Hatley	Merchant	Sarah, nee Nicholas	JP-YC; Capt., Wmsbg Militia, Sept. 1775	YES
Pierce	William	Merchant	None Known		NO
Pitt	William	Merchant	Eleanor (FDM 1782)		YES
Prentis	Daniel	Merchant	Elizabeth, nee Godwin		YES
Prentis (d. 11/1775)	John	Merchant	Elizabeth, nee Pierce		YES

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Prentis	Robert	Merchant	None Known	Clerk to Richard Corbin, Receiver General, 1775	YES
Reid	George	Merchant	Eve (FDM 1785)	Ensign, Wmsbg Militia, Sept 1775	YES
Russell	William	Merchant	Elizabeth, nee Farrow	Lt. Wmsbg Militia, Sept. 1775	YES
Turner (d. 6/1775)	John	Merchant	None Known		NO
Turner	William	Merchant	None Known		NO
Cary	Bernard	Merchant/Linen Draper	Unmarried		NO

**SERVICE:
TAVERNS**

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	OCCUPATION	MARITAL STATUS/SPOUSE 1775	OFFICES HELD	SLAVE OWNER
Anderson	Robert	Ordinary Keeper	Anne	Capt., Va. Minute Company, Sept. 1775	YES
Campbell	Christiana	Ordinary Keeper	Widow (Ebenezer d. by 08/1752)		YES
Carter	John Hathaway	Ordinary Keeper	Anne (LDM 1759)		NO
Crawley	Joseph	Ordinary Keeper	Frances (FDM 1782)		YES
Formicola	Serafina	Ordinary Keeper	Matilda (FDM 1777)		YES
Moody	Matthew I	Ordinary Keeper	1 st Anne, d. by 1767,		YES

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			2 nd Jane (LDM 1767)		
Page	William	Ordinary Keeper	Elizabeth		NO
Southall	James B.	Ordinary Keeper	Frances	CoS 1774/75, 1775/76; Capt. Wmsbg Militia, Sept. 1775	YES
Vobe	Jane	Ordinary Keeper	Widow (? Thomas, d. by 1750)		YES
Charlton	Richard	Ordinary Keeper/Wig Maker	Sarah, nee Satterwhite		YES
Hubbard	Cuthbert	Ordinary Keeper/wigmaker	None Known		NO

**SERVICE:
OTHER**

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	OCCUPATION	MARITAL STATUS/SPOUSE 1775	OFFICES HELD	SLAVE OWNER
Orr	Katherine	Boardinghouse Keeper	Widow (Hugh, d. 6 Jan. 1764)		YES
Ferguson/ [Farquharson]	John	Gardener	A Mrs. Farquharson died Sept. 1787		YES
Wilson	James	Gardener	None Known		NO
Digges	Maria	House Keeper, College	Unmarried		NO
Hay	Grissel	Lodging Housekeeper	Widow (Peter, d. 26		YES

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			Nov. 1766)		
Jordan	James	Lodging House keeper	None Known		NO
Cumbo	Edith (FAA)	Maid?	Unknown		NO
Pelham	Peter I	Musician	Anne	Keeper, Public Goal	YES
Cooley	Mary	Nurse	Widow		NO
Gillett	Fnu-F	Nurse	Unknown		NO
Corbin, Jr. (Left Wmsbg 8/1775)	Richard	Secretary to Receiver General	Unmarried		YES
Minzies (Left Wmsbg 6/1775)	James	Secretary to Lord Dunmore	Unmarried		NO
Smith	Mary	Servant/housekeeper, W&M	Unknown		NO

MISCELLANEOUS

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	OCCUPATION	MARITAL STATUS/SPOUSE 1775	OFFICES HELD	SLAVE OWNER
Laughton	Henry	Bookkeeper	Unmarried		NO
Grymes	John Randolph	Gentleman	Unmarried		NO
Nicholas	George	Gentleman	Unmarried	Officer, Wmsbg Independent Comp. July 1775; Capt., 2 nd Company, 2 nd Va., Sept. 1775, Comptroller, Customs	YES

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				Office, summer 1775	
Selden	Miles	Gentleman	Elizabeth, nee Armistead		YES
Russell	William	JCC Jailer, 1771	None Known		YES
Dunmore	John M.	Royal Governor	Charlotte		YES

UNKNOWN/WIDOW

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	OCCUPATION	MARITAL STATUS/SPOUSE 1775	OFFICES HELD	SLAVE OWNER
Balsam	Elizabeth	Unknown	Widow, d. by Feb. 1775		YES
Blair	Anne	Unknown	Unmarried		YES
Cooper	Joseph (FAA)	Unknown	Widower? (Lydia LDM 12/1773)		NO
Dawson	Elizabeth	Unknown	Widow (1 st Wm Bassett, d. by 1744; 2 nd , Wm Dawson, d. 20 July 1752)		YES
Dawson	Priscilla	Unknown	Widow (Thomas, d. by 11/1760) d. by March 23, 1775		YES
Deane	Elizabeth	Unknown	Widow (Elkannah d. 10/75)		NO
Digges	Elizabeth	Unknown	Unmarried		NO
Digges	Susannah	Unknown	Unmarried		NO

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Dixon	Charlotta	Unknown	Widow (Nicholas, d. by Feb. 1770)		YES
Godfrey	Elizabeth	Unknown	Unmarried, has a son William Godfrey by Matthew Moody		NO
Hardcastle	Josuha	Unknown	None Known		NO
Hay	Elizabeth	Unknown	Widow (Anthony, d. by Dec. 1770)		YES
Johnson	John	Unknown	None Known		NO
McCarty	Michael	Unknown	None Known		YES
Miller	John Frederick	Unknown	None Known	Keeper Public Magazine, June 1775	NO
Morse	Henry	Unknown	None Known		NO
Powell	Lucy	Unknown	Widow (1 st Benj. Moss, d. by 9/1737; 2 nd Seymore Powell, d. by 7/1765)		YES
Prentis	Elizabeth	Unknown	Widow (John d. 11/75)		YES
Randolph	Betty	Unknown	Widow (Peyton d. !0/75)		YES
Ratliff	Gideon	Unknown	None Known		NO
Reynolds	Elizabeth	Unknown	Unmarried, had son William Hunter, Jr.		YES
Robinson	Editha	Unknown	Widow (Thomas, d. by 8/1765)		YES
Singleton	Mary	Unknown	Widow (Richard Hunt, d. by 3/1774)		NO
Stith	Mary	Unknown	Unmarried		YES
Tuell	Mary	Unknown	Widow (Matthew, d. by		NO

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	OCCUPATION	MARITAL STATUS/SPOUSE 1775	OFFICES HELD	SLAVE OWNER
			12/1774)		
Wallace	Betty (FAA)	Unknown	Unmarried, has children		NO
Waters	Sarah	Unknown	Widow (William, d. 30 May 1767)		YES
Whitaker	Rachel	Unknown	Widow (Simon, d. by 11/1766)		YES
Wray	James II	Unknown	Widower (Frances, d. 11 Aug. 1774)		YES