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TABLES

TABLE 1

The Population of James City County and Williamsburg
1625-1980

	County			Town		
	White	Black	% Black	White	Black	% Black
1625	484	10	1.4	N/A	N/A	N/A
1653	1297	113	8.0	N/A	N/A	N/A
1674	1550	293	15.9	N/A	N/A	N/A
1699	1907	857	31.0	N/A	N/A	N/A
1724	1807	1603	47.0	N/A	N/A	N/A
1750	1644	2288	58.1	N/A	N/A	N/A
1773	1741	2864	62.2	N/A	N/A	N/A
1782	1460	2687	64.8	488	702	59.0
1790	1519	2551	64.9	662	682	50.7
1800	1374	2557	65.0	N/A	N/A	N/A
1810	1354	2740	66.9	N/A	N/A	N/A
1820	1551	3012	66.0	N/A	N/A	N/A
1830	1283	2555	66.6	N/A	N/A	N/A
1840	1325	2454	64.9	N/A	N/A	N/A
1850	1489	2531	63.0	415	462	52.7
1860	2167	3631	62.6	N/A	N/A	N/A
1870	1985	2440	55.1	893	499	35.8
1880	2227	3195	58.9	N/A	N/A	N/A
1890	2317	3326	58.9	N/A	N/A	N/A
1900	2712	3020	52.7	1336	678	33.2
1910	3301	3034	47.9	1817	897	33.0
1920	3417	2720	44.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
1930	1837	2042	52.6	2923	854	22.6
1940	2738	2169	44.2	3107	835	21.2
1950	3380	2937	46.4	5860	875	13.0
1960	7439	4091	35.5	5897	935	13.7
1970	11547	6226	34.9	7862	1156	12.8
1980	16035	6439	28.3	8624	1031	10.4

Notes:

It should be remembered that before 1782, only a tithable total survives. For the most appropriate multiplier (to arrive at total population) and for ways to calculate the proportion of blacks in the seventeenth century, see the work of Kelly and Morgan. At 1750, 1782, and 1790, we have precise racial breakdowns. I was able to extrapolate backwards and forwards from these figures for the whole eighteenth century.

During the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, the Federal Bureau of the Census considered Williamsburg part of the county. Between 1920 and 1930, Williamsburg was upgraded in status and became independent for census purposes. Before 1930, I have, therefore, followed the census bureau and included Williamsburg in the county, although I also have presented the Williamsburg racial breakdowns where they are available. After 1930, Williamsburg became independent of the county.

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the Census, 1800-1980.

TABLE 2
Free Blacks and Slaves in James City County
1790-1860

	<u>Free Blacks</u>	<u>Slaves</u>	<u>% Blacks Who Are Free</u>
1790	146	2405	5.7
1800	168	2389	6.6
1810	420	2320	15.3
1820	552	2460	18.3
1830	572	1983	22.4
1840	507	1947	20.7
1850	663	1868	26.2
1860	1045	2586	28.8

Sources:

U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1790-1860.

TABLE 3

Number of Schools in James City County and Williamsburg
1872-1940

	<u>County</u>		<u>Town</u>	
	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>
1872	6	5	2	1
1880	11	7 ¹		
1890	9	8	2	2
1900	13	9	3	2
1910	13	8	2	1
1920	4	6	2	1
1930	3	7	1	1
1940	3	4	1	3

Note:

Before 1920, the enumerators counted "schools;" after that date, they only counted "school buildings."

¹In 1880, there is no separate breakdown for Williamsburg.

Source:

State Board of Education, Annual Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction of the Commonwealth of Virginia (Richmond 1870-to date).

TABLE 4

Number of Teachers in James City County and Williamsburg
1872-1970

	County				Town			
	White		Black		White		Black	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
1872 ¹	8	4	2	-	-	2	1	-
1880 ¹	9	6	3	1	-	-	-	-
1890	2	7	5	3	1	1	2	-
1900	1	11	4	5	1	2	1	1
1910	1	12	4	4	1	3	-	2
1920	2(2)	15(5)	3	6	1(1)	9(3)	1	2
1930	2(1)	13(2)	1	13	2(1)	17(7)	-	8(3)
1940	2(2)	11(4)	1	4	5(5)	20(11)	6(5)	20(7)
1950	14(6)		6		35(20)		31(15)	
1960 ¹	72(32)		49(19)					
1970 ¹			230(86)					

Note:

¹ Figures include Williamsburg totals.

Figures in parentheses represent number of teachers wholly or partially at the secondary level.

Source:

Same as Table 3.

TABLE 5

Average Annual Salary of Schoolteachers in
James City County and Williamsburg
1890-1940

	County				Town			
	White		Black		White		Black	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
1890	324	317	298	296	509	360	324	-
1910	880	345	128	132	900	405	-	247
1930 ¹	-	772	400	400	-	1222	-	545
1930 ²	1000	1400	-	-	1300	1852	-	566
1930 ³	1000	928	400	400	1300	1540	-	533
1940 ¹	-	757	489	494	1450	1292	795	704
1940 ²	899	889	-	-	1690	1508	951	704
1940 ³	899	805	489	494	1666	1384	877	630

Notes:

- ¹ Elementary
- ² Secondary
- ³ Combined

Source:

Same as Table 3.

TABLE 6

Enrollment in James City County and Williamsburg
1872-1960

	White			Black		
	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>School Population</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>School Population</u>	<u>%</u>
1872	215	546	39	278	815	34
1880	289	618	47	322	1095	29
1890	339	641	53	546	1352	40
1900	446	800	56	487	1380	35
1910	449	711	63	331	991	33
1920	644	729	88	557	968	57
1930	821	802	102	722	791	91
1940	845	730	116	1004	755	133
1950	1153	908	127	1108	746	148
1960	1914	1915	100	1327	1288	103

Note:

Presumably, by 1930, children are being bussed into the county and town schools, because there are more enrollments than the combined county and town school population.

Source:

Same as Table 3.

TABLE 7

Percentage of Enrolled Children Who Attend School
James City County and Williamsburg
1872-1960

	<u>County</u>		<u>Town</u>	
	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>
1872	60	59	71	66
1880 ¹	73	65		
1890	77	64	84	76
1900	68	60	77	85
1910	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1920	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1930	87	87	92	84
1940	92	79	89	83
1950	93	86	93	93
1960 ¹	94	92		

Note:

¹ Combined totals.

Sources:

Same as Table 3

TABLE 8

Illiteracy in James City County and Williamsburg
1910-1920

	<u>1910</u>	<u>1920</u>
<u>County:</u>		
Blacks	40.3	25.6
Whites	3.9	0.8
<u>Town:</u>		
Blacks	41.1	N/A
Whites	4.7	N/A

Note:

Figures are percentages based on people 10 or more years.

Source:

U.S. Bureau of the Census.

TABLE 9

Nativity of Farmers and Tenants in James City County
1910-1920

	<u>1910</u>		<u>1920</u>	
	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>
Owner-operated	218	183	199	117
Tenant Farms	46	37	37	23
Managed Farms	6		10	
Total	270	220	246	140
Average Size of Farms (in acres)	-	-	190.8	24.6

Source:

U.S. Bureau of the Census.

TABLE 10

Employment of Blacks in James City County and Williamsburg
1940 and 1970

	Percentage							
	County				Town			
	1940		1970		1940		1970	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Professional	1.2	4.8	4.6	6.6	2.9	6.1	-	5.0
Farmers and Managers	7.7	-	1.1	-	-	-	-	-
Managers and Proprietors	0.3	2.2	4.4	-	1.8	0.4	3.9	-
Clerical	0.5	-	8.4	8.8	1.4	0.4	13.2	8.8
Craftsmen	2.9	-	16.3	0.8	6.2	-	9.7	1.1
Operators	9.9	4.8	15.0	4.9	8.0	7.9	21.9	6.1
Domestic Service	2.1	64.1	1.4	19.5	14.5	65.4	-	22.6
Service Workers	8.6	16.0	27.3	59.5	44.6	19.7	46.1	5.2
Farm Laborers	27.0	-	1.4	-	0.7	-	2.3	-
Other Laborers	39.4	-	20.4	-	19.2	-	7.4	-
Other	0.3	-	-	-	0.7	-	-	-
Number	584	231	1138	920	276	228	310	261

Source:

U.S. Bureau of the Census.

TABLE 11

Occupations of Employed People in
in James City County and Williamsburg
1980

	County				Town			
	White		Black		White		Black	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Managerial/ Professional	2379	32.4	267	9.6	1448	37.5	47	10.4
Technical/ Sales/Admin.	2060	28.1	388	14.0	1310	34.0	49	10.9
Service	952	13.0	1183	42.7	656	17.0	221	49.0
Farm/Forestry/ Fishing	190	2.6	121	4.4	61	1.6	27	6.0
Craft/Repair	883	12.0	194	7.0	123	3.2	26	5.8
Operators/ Laborers	886	11.8	619	22.3	260	6.7	81	18.0
Total	7330		2772		3858		451	

Source:

U.S. Bureau of the Census.

TABLE 12

Unemployment in James City County
1940-1980

	BLACKS									
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
Unemploy- ment Rate	9.8	13.6	5.6	2.8	5.7	3.4	3.5	7.8	8.6	8.0
Not in the Labor Force	24.1	61.2	29.6	64.7	34.9	52.7	35.4	51.1	31.1	38.8
	WHITES									
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
Unemploy- ment Rate	5.4	4.2	2.3	2.4	0.5	1.5	0.7	2.1	4.1	5.2
Not in the Labor Force	23.3	78.2	24.9	80.5	24.5	73.4	28.6	62.6	23.7	49.0

TABLE 13

Household Characteristics in James City County
1970-1980

	<u>Black</u>		<u>White</u>	
	<u>1970</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1980</u>
Persons Per Household	4.08	3.27	3.09	2.67
% of Households Contain- ing Relatives Other than Spouse and Children	10.8	9.9	2.6	2.8

Source:

U.S. Bureau of the Census.

TABLE 14

Types of Families in James City County and Williamsburg
1970-1980

	<u>1970</u>		<u>1980</u>	
	<u>%</u> <u>White</u>	<u>%</u> <u>Black</u>	<u>%</u> <u>White</u>	<u>%</u> <u>Black</u>
<u>Country:</u>				
Two-Parent Families	92.3	71.2	90.0	60.8
Female-headed Families	5.9	24.1	7.1	33.0
<u>Town:</u>				
Two-Parent Families	88.5	73.8	88.8	71.8
Female-headed Families	9.4	18.2	8.0	28.0

Source:

U.S. Bureau of the Census.

TABLE 15

Marital Status of James City County Residents
1960-1980

	<u>Blacks</u>			<u>Whites</u>		
	<u>1960</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1980</u>
<u>Male:</u>						
% Married	57.9	46.6	41.5	64.6	65.9	63.0
% Separated	3.1	5.9	5.7	2.0	1.6	2.5
% Widowed & Divorced	4.9	6.9	8.9	5.7	5.7	7.1
% Single	34.1	40.6	43.8	27.7	26.8	27.4
<u>Female:</u>						
% Married	60.1	45.8	38.8	62.9	64.6	61.3
% Separated	3.4	7.7	6.9	2.1	2.4	2.4
% Widowed & Divorced	12.5	16.7	19.5	13.1	14.3	16.3
% Single	23.9	29.7	34.7	21.9	18.7	19.9

Source:

U.S. Bureau of the Census.

TABLE 16

Family Income in James City County and Williamsburg
1970-1980

	<u>Average Family Income</u>	
	<u>1970</u>	<u>1980</u>
<u>County:</u>		
Blacks	\$6,182	\$16,467
Whites	?	\$27,233
<u>Town:</u>		
Blacks	\$4,039	\$17,032
Whites	?	\$30,372

Source:

U.S. Bureau of the Census.

TABLE 17

Poverty in James City County and Williamsburg
1980

	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>
<u>County:</u>		
Number of Families Below Poverty Level	176	282
% of Families Below Poverty Level	4.0	21.2
% of Poor Families that are Female-headed	16.5	53.9
<u>Town:</u>		
Number of Families Below Poverty Level	5	5
% of Families Below Poverty Level	0.4	2.8
% of Poor Families that are Female-headed	-	100.0

Source:

U.S. Bureau of the Census.

TABLE 18

Proportion of Black and White Residents of
James City County and Williamsburg
Who were Born in the State
1980

	<u>Blacks</u>	<u>Whites</u>
County	88.0	40.0
Town	80.0	35.1

Source:

U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Samaritan Odd Fellows Hall, home for the Nicholson Street School in early twentieth-century Williamsburg.

James City County Training School, Williamsburg.

Housing conditions for blacks in the Post-Civil War era.

Advertisement for Samuel Harris's Cheap Store, 1898.

Black children on the Porch of the Henderson House, early twentieth century.

A number of James City County blacks gained a living by hauling goods by ox-wagon.

Merchant Samuel J. Harris.

Harris's Cheap Store on Duke of Gloucester Street.

Dr. B. Bell Sr. at the Bell Hospital Nursery.

A James City County black family in the early twentieth century.

A central institution in black life - the Baptist church.