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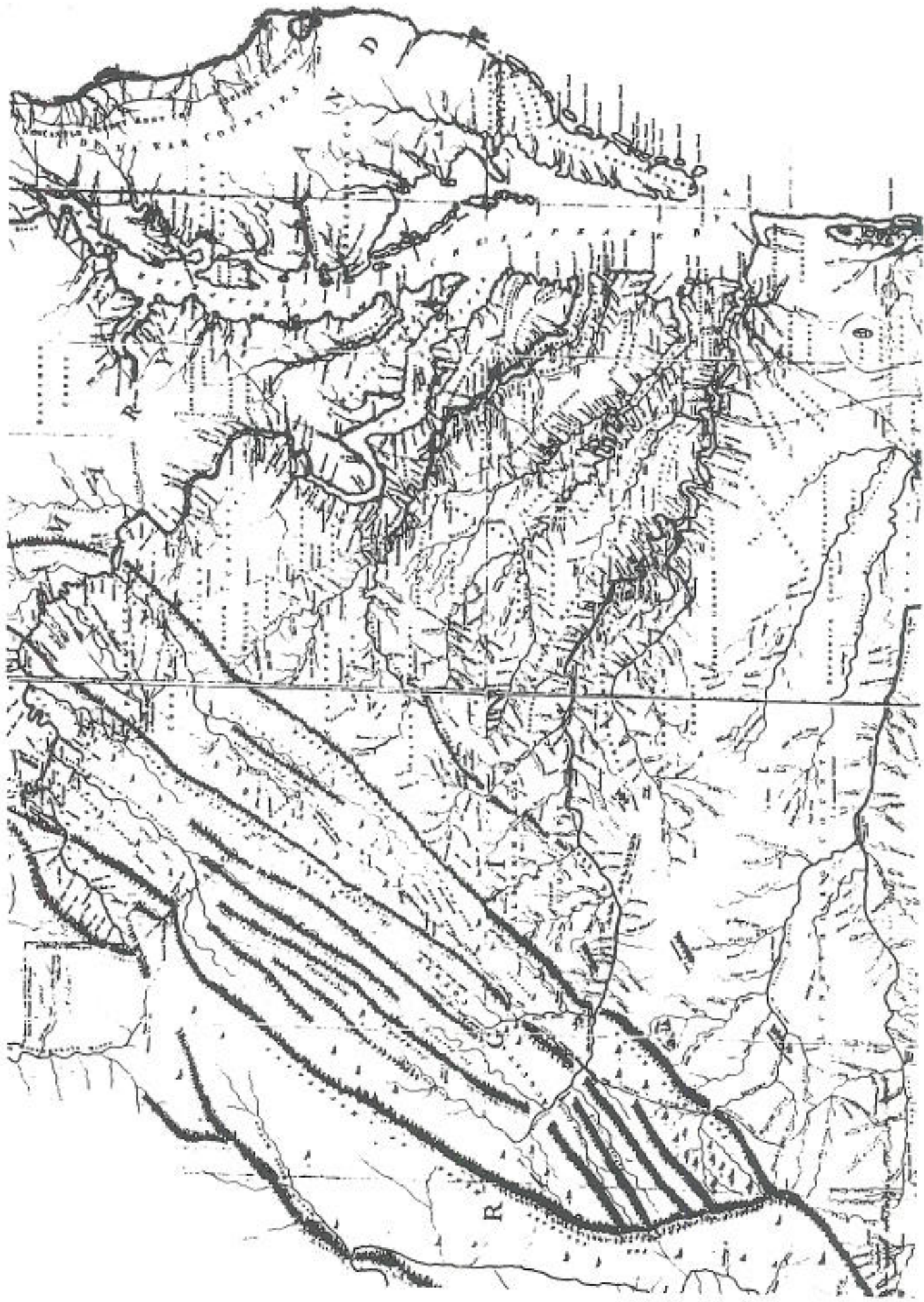
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The Inhabited Part of Virginia
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INTRODUCTION

This book, which is based on primary records (deeds, wills, tax lists, order books, etc.), is an alphabetical list of Virginia inhabitants, their county of residence, and the source of the information about them. There are 21,844 names, of which there are 4,295 unique surnames, and 12,526 distinct people listed (where a distinct person is defined as a unique name in a given location). Included are people from every county that existed in Virginia in 1720. Although this book has not found everyone who lived in Virginia in 1720, considering that there were roughly 84,000 people in Virginia in 1721¹, this book has found roughly the same proportion of individuals as a true census index. Realize that the number of people listed from burned record counties is limited (with Nansemond County being the worst, with only 41 individuals that could be found). Although Brunswick County existed in 1720, we were unable to find any records at all for Brunswick Co before 1732, so it appears that Brunswick County existed on paper only in the 1720s. On the other hand, there was so much data available for the year 1720, that we did not use all of it for this volume. Rather, what we did was to try to make sure that each existing county had a minimum of 400 records. Many had much more than the minimum. In general, we opted to use tax lists and court records whenever possible, because they seem to contain a better cross-section of the populace than other types of records. Also, tax lists and court records tend to be utilized very little by most genealogists, and therefore, our listings, we hope, will contain many previously unknown names. In the case of burned record counties, we were not fussy at all, and dredged up any primary evidence (that is, wills, deeds, court records, church records, etc) we could find, and also used years outside of 1720, although as close to 1720 as possible. Names are keyed to page numbers in the reference material (except, of course, in cases where there were no page numbers, in which case, court dates or individual tax lists were treated like page numbers).

Abbreviations and Usage:

Each entry contains name, residence, usually at the level of Virginia county, although sometimes a town or state or country is listed), reference number, and page within that book. Locations are in Virginia unless otherwise noted.

The county where the record was recorded was assumed to be the county of residence, unless stated otherwise in the reference material. If the residence not the same as where the record was recorded, the county is the residence and reference title indicates the place where record was recorded.

Most entries look like this:

Abbett

Roger, King George, 59:4

where the elements are:

Surname

First Name, County, book number:page

Thus, in this case, Roger Abbett is found in King George Co, on page 4 of book number 59. To decode the meaning of 'book number 59', look for number 59 in the **References** section, below.

atty = attorney

decd = deceased

d/o = daughter of

s/o = son of

(not found) = The Sheriff made return that this person is not found within his bailiwick.

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