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Date	Lower Norfolk County	Norfolk County	Princess Anne County	Norfolk town/city	Portsmouth town/city	Virginia Beach town/city
1607	first landing of Jamestown colonist at Cape Henry <sup>1</sup>					
1635	Adam Thoroughgood patent <sup>2</sup>					
1636	New Norfolk County established <sup>3</sup>					
1637	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower and Upper Norfolk County established<sup>4</sup></li> <li>• first Lower Norfolk County court<sup>5</sup></li> </ul>					
1639	first Lynnhaven Parish Church at Church Point <sup>6</sup>					
1640	• Adam Thoroughgood					

<sup>1</sup> Kathleen M. Eighmey, *The Beach, A History of Virginia Beach, Virginia* (Virginia Beach, Virginia: Virginia Beach Department of Public Libraries, 1976), p. 2.

<sup>2</sup> George Holbert Tucker, *Norfolk Highlights 1584-1881* (Norfolk, Virginia: The Norfolk Historical Society, 1972), p. 7.

<sup>3</sup> Eighmey, *The Beach*, p. 7.

<sup>4</sup> Eighmey, *The Beach*, p. 7.

<sup>5</sup> Tucker, *Norfolk Highlights 1584-1881*, p. 7.

<sup>6</sup> Eighmey, *The Beach*, pp. 33-34

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	died • Lynnhaven Parish established • first parish church at Sewells Point <sup>7</sup>					
1642	Southern Shore Chapel established					
1650	John Stratton house constructed					
1658	Quakers expelled					
1661	Lower Norfolk court house at Broad Creek					
1666	Eastern Branch Chapel established <sup>8</sup>					
1671	Weblin house constructed					
1676	Bacon's rebellion					
1680	Thoroughgood house			Norfolk town established <sup>9</sup>		

<sup>7</sup> Tucker, *Norfolk Highlights 1584-1881*, p. 6.

<sup>8</sup> Eighmey, *The Beach*, p. 36.

<sup>9</sup> Tucker, *Norfolk Highlights 1584-1881*, p. 7.

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	constructed					
1689	Court house at Eastern Shore of Lynnhaven					
1690	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• first Eastern Shore Chapel established</li> <li>• Adam Keeling house (Ye Dudlies) constructed</li> </ul>					
1691	Lower Norfolk County extinct	Norfolk County established <sup>10</sup>	Princess Anne County established <sup>11</sup>			
1691			first Pungo Chapel			
1692			second Lynnhaven Parish church at Old Donation <sup>12</sup>			
1695			Court house at Old Donation			
1700				first Norfolk church <sup>13</sup>		

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<sup>12</sup> Eighmey, *The Beach*, p. 34.

<sup>13</sup> Tucker, *Norfolk Highlights 1584-1881*, p. 32.

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1706			Grace Sherwood trial			
1713			Carroway house constructed			
1714			Wolfsnare Plantation constructed			
1725			Lynnhaven house constructed			
1726			second Eastern Shore Chapel			
1728		Virginia-North Carolina line surveyed	Virginia-North Carolina line surveyed	William Byrd II visited <sup>14</sup>		
1728		Norfolk Academy established				
1730		Norfolk/Princess Anne County slaves plotted to rebel				
1732			Francis Land house constructed			
1735			courthouse at Ferry Plantation			
1736		Richard Murray house constructed	third Lynnhaven Parish Church at	Norfolk town incorporated <sup>15</sup>		

<sup>14</sup> Tucker, *Norfolk Highlights 1584-1881*, pp. 5-6.

<sup>15</sup> Tucker, *Norfolk Highlights 1584-1881*, p. 17.

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			Old Donation			
1738				smallpox epidemic		
1739			second Pungo Chapel	second Norfolk church <sup>16</sup>		
1740			Newtown established			
1750–1770			Fairfield constructed			
1751			courthouse at Newtown			
1752					Portsmouth established	
1751–1753				smallpox epidemic		
1754			third Eastern Shore Chapel	Gov. Dinwiddie presented mace <sup>17</sup>		
1756				Benjamin Franklin visited <sup>18</sup>		
1759			Upper Wolfsnare constructed			
1760			William Woodhouse house (PA Hunt Club) constructed			

<sup>16</sup> Tucker, *Norfolk Highlights 1584-1881*, p. 32.

<sup>17</sup> Tucker, *Norfolk Highlights 1584-1881*, p. 19.

<sup>18</sup> Tucker, *Norfolk Highlights 1584-1881*, p. 106.

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1760			Poplar Hall constructed			
1762			Pungo Baptist church established at Oak Grove	first school established <sup>19</sup>		
1763				George Washington visited <sup>20</sup>		
1764			Pembroke Manor constructed			
1766				Sons of Liberty established		
1770			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pleasant Hall constructed</li> <li>• Broad Bay Manor constructed</li> </ul>	<i>Norfolk Intelligencer</i> newspaper established		
1773			third Pungo Chapel <sup>21</sup>			
1775			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee of Safety established</li> <li>• skirmish with British at Kemps Landing</li> </ul>			

<sup>19</sup> Tucker, *Norfolk Highlights 1584-1881*, p. 109.

<sup>20</sup> Tucker, *Norfolk Highlights 1584-1881*, p. 106.

<sup>21</sup> Eighmey, *The Beach*, p. 37.

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1776				Lord Dunmore shelled Norfolk <sup>22</sup>		
1778			fifth court house at Kemps Landing			
1780					British captured Portsmouth	
1786				Norfolk Academy established <sup>23</sup>		
1787		first Dismal Swamp canal		Moses Myers arrived		
1789			Charity Methodist Church established <sup>24</sup>	Thomas Jefferson visited <sup>25</sup>		
1791		Thomas Murray house constructed				
1791			Nimmo Methodist Church established			
1792			first Cape Henry lighthouse constructed			
1793				refugees from Santo Domingo arrive <sup>26</sup>		

<sup>22</sup> Tucker, *Norfolk Highlights 1584-1881*, p. 45.

<sup>23</sup> Tucker, *Norfolk Highlights 1584-1881*, p. 109.

<sup>24</sup> Eighmey, *The Beach*, p. 40.

<sup>25</sup> Tucker, *Norfolk Highlights 1584-1881*, p. 106.

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Date	Lower Norfolk County	Norfolk County	Princess Anne County	Norfolk town/city	Portsmouth town/city	Virginia Beach town/city	
1795				smallpox epidemic			
1798			Red Mill Farm constructed				
1799				Bank of the United States branch established			
1800–1801				Yellow fever epidemic			
1803				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thomas Moore visited<sup>27</sup></li> <li>• Bank of Virginia established</li> </ul>			
1804			Francis Land house constructed				
1807		Chesapeake-Leopard affair					
1810			James-Bell house constructed				
1814			British attacked Craney Island				
					Norfolk Athenaeum established <sup>28</sup>		
1818					James Monroe visited <sup>29</sup>		

<sup>26</sup> Tucker, *Norfolk Highlights 1584-1881*, p. 46.

<sup>27</sup> Tucker, *Norfolk Highlights 1584-1881*, p. 106.

<sup>28</sup> Tucker, *Norfolk Highlights 1584-1881*, p. 115.



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1820			Ferry Farm house constructed				
1824			court house moved to Princess Anne	Marquis de Lafayette visited			
				Cedar Grove Cemetery established at Norfolk			
1828		Reopening of Dismal Swamp canal					
1830			Hickman (Morrisette) house constructed	John Randolph visited <sup>30</sup>			
1831			Kempsville Academy established				
1832			"Old Comfort" house constructed				
1836					Portsmouth town incorporated		
1837				Prince Louis Napoleon visited <sup>31</sup>			
1843			Emmanuel				

<sup>29</sup> Tucker, *Norfolk Highlights 1584-1881*, p. 106.

<sup>30</sup> Tucker, *Norfolk Highlights 1584-1881*, p. 106.

<sup>31</sup> Tucker, *Norfolk Highlights 1584-1881*, p. 107.

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			Church established at Kempsville			
1844				Henry Clay visited <sup>32</sup>		
1845				Norfolk city incorporated		
1847				<i>Southern Argus</i> newspaper established		
1849				Edgar Allan Poe visited <sup>33</sup>		
1850				General Winfield Scott visited <sup>34</sup>		
1853				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. Margaret Douglas' school for free blacks established<sup>35</sup></li> <li>• Elmwood / West Point Cemetery established</li> </ul>		
1854			Ocean View opened as private resort	St. John's Baptist Church established		

<sup>32</sup> Tucker, *Norfolk Highlights 1584-1881*, p. 107.

<sup>33</sup> Tucker, *Norfolk Highlights 1584-1881*, p. 107.

<sup>34</sup> Tucker, *Norfolk Highlights 1584-1881*, p. 107.

<sup>35</sup> Tucker, *Norfolk Highlights 1584-1881*, p. 121.

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1855				First free school districts		
1856				DePaul Hospital established		
1857				Hebrew Cemetery established		
1858				First public school <sup>36</sup>	Portsmouth city incorporated	
1860			Blackwater Baptist Church established	Stephen A. Douglas visited <sup>37</sup>		
1862				Union occupation		
1866				race riots		
1867				American Missionary Society's school for blacks <sup>38</sup>		
1870				Robert E. Lee visited <sup>39</sup>		
1872				first public library		
1873			water works opened at Moore's Bridges			
1875				Gen. George E.		

<sup>36</sup> Tucker, *Norfolk Highlights 1584-1881*, p. 110.

<sup>37</sup> Tucker, *Norfolk Highlights 1584-1881*, p. 107.

<sup>38</sup> Tucker, *Norfolk Highlights 1584-1881*, p. 121.

<sup>39</sup> Tucker, *Norfolk Highlights 1584-1881*, p. 110.

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				Pickett died at Norfolk <sup>40</sup>		
1877			Masonic Lodge established at Princess Anne	Russian Imperial Grand Dukes Alexis and Constantine visited <sup>41</sup>		
1879				telephone service established		
1881			second Cape Henry lighthouse constructed			
1882						Seaside Hotel and Land Company purchased beach front at Va. Beach
1883					Norfolk Mission College established <sup>42</sup>	
1887					WCTU chapter established	
1889						Chapel-by-the-Sea (Catholic) established
1891						<i>Dictator</i> wrecked at Virginia Beach
1895						DeWitt Cottage

<sup>40</sup> Tucker, *Norfolk Highlights 1584-1881*, p. 116.

<sup>41</sup> Tucker, *Norfolk Highlights 1584-1881*, p. 118.

<sup>42</sup> Tucker, *Norfolk Highlights 1584-1881*, p. 121.

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						constructed at Virginia Beach
1897				long distance telephone service established		
1898				Monticello Hotel constructed		
1903						Coast Guard Station constructed
1906				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tidewater Automobile Association established</li> <li>• Forest Lawn Cemetery established</li> </ul>		Virginia Beach incorporated
1906				Berkley annexed		
1907			Jamestown Exposition			
1911				Magnolia/Calvary Cemetery established		
1916				Princess Anne County Club incorporated		
1918				influenza epidemic		
1921			B'nai B'rith			

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				chapter established			
1927						Cavalier Hotel constructed	
1928						Association of Research and Enlightenment established	
1942				Dam Neck established			
1945				Little Creek established			
1952				Oceana Naval Air Station established			
1954				fourth Eastern Shore Chapel established <sup>43</sup>	Tanner's Creek district annexed <sup>44</sup>		First Boardwalk Art Show
1963			Norfolk County and South Norfolk merged to form Chesapeake <sup>45</sup>	Virginia Beach and Princess Anne County merged to form city of Virginia Beach <sup>46</sup>			
1971					Riverside Cemetery established		

<sup>43</sup> Eighmey, *The Beach*, p. 34.

<sup>44</sup> Thomas C. Parramore, Peter C. Stewart, Tommy L. Bogger, *Norfolk: The First Four Centuries* (Charlottesville, Virginia: University Press of Virginia, 1995), p. 358.

<sup>45</sup> *Ibid*, p. 358

<sup>46</sup> *Ibid*, p. 358

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