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Middle Peninsula African-American
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The Middle Peninsula African-American Genealogical and Historical Society of Virginia

(MPAAGHS) was formed in September of 2004. Its mission is to create and provide opportunities to encourage and enable African Americans to research, document, and publish their family histories and genealogies. All who are interested in African-American genealogy and history are invited to join. The organization's focus is the Middle Peninsula, Virginia counties of Essex, Middlesex, King and Queen, King William, Gloucester and Mathews, and the Northern Neck, Virginia counties of Westmoreland, Richmond, Northumberland, and Lancaster. However, anyone doing African-American genealogical research is encouraged to become involved and will surely find something to share.

The Middle Peninsula African-American Genealogical and Historical Society of Virginia (MPAAGHS) provides:

- the opportunity to interact with persons who are passionate about genealogy
- the opportunity to exchange practical tips and to share successes and roadblocks in researching family history
- speakers on topics that are of interest to the genealogist/family historian: preservation of photographs and documents, collecting oral history, genealogy software, DNA and genealogy, African-American/Native American research, planning family reunions, etc.
- the opportunity to actually connect with relatives; over the years MPAAGHS has facilitated the meeting of dozens of persons with relatives they had not previously known.

the opportunity to exchange family history files and documents, and to connect with other persons who are researching Middle Peninsula and/or Northern Neck families.

a surnames list upon which persons can list the family names they are researching for the purpose of exchanging information with other researchers.

field trips to sites of local and state interest.

a comprehensive website that includes articles on genealogy and family history; links to local, state, and national resources; a calendar of events; research tips; tidbits on local history, etc.

MPAAGHS meets virtually on the second Saturday of each month at 11:00 AM Eastern Time. Prior to the coronavirus pandemic, the group met at the Essex Public Library in Tappahannock, Virginia. Since the pandemic the group meets by Zoom. Email mpaaghs.va@gmail.com or call 804-758-5163 for current meeting information.



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