Special Collections: Immigrants to Virginia

The first settlers to Jamestown were instigated at the instance of Captain John Smith. Apparently, this group of immigrants were vagrants brought in off the street of London and includes adults, boys and girls. Vagrancy is noted and what street or parish they were found in. In some cases the church-wardens brought them in for confinement. The vagrants include adults, boys and girls. The 1619 list includes notes from Capt. John Smith, such as "died" and the occupation. The first settlements into the Virginia colony were fraught with hardship. By 1619, it appears that over half of those sent were dead. The Indian massacre did not occur until 1620 or 1621, however, the Powhatan tribe was unfriendly and the settlers had to defend themselves against attacks. This meant that they could not leave the fort during such attacks and apparently died of hardship and starvation. To see these lists, you must become a member of VirginiaPioneers.net.

The Virginia Company of London 1606 to 1624

First Settlers to Jamestown in 1607 as noted by Captain John Smith.

Immigrants sent from London to Virginia in 1618.

Immigrants sent from London to Virginia in 1619.

Immigrants sent from London to Virginia in 1620.

Immigrants sent from London to Virginia in 1622.

List of Ships sent by the Virginia Company of London 1619 to 1620

1684 English Merchants residing in Virginia

Passinger List of ship Charming Molly to Essex County 1765

Immigrants to Middlesex County 1674 to 1702

Miscellaneous Immigrants from Virginia Executive Papers

Deaths of Members Listed in the Journal of the House of Burgesses 1702 to 1761

Sources: Minutes of the Court of Governors of Bridewell. Microfilm at Bethlem Royal Hospital, monks Orchard Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 3BX, England. Originals at King Edward's School, Witley, Surrey, England and Records of the Virginia Company of London, ed. Susan M. Kingsbury, published for the Library of Congress, 1906-1935; Journal of the Virginia House of Burgesses.