

# Virginia Heritage Renamed Archival Resources of the Virginias



For over twenty years, Virginia Heritage has served as a union database of finding aids for Virginia cultural heritage institutions. Members contributed thousands of finding aids, and membership has grown from the eleven initial contributors to fifty-two.

In 2020, Virginia Heritage expanded beyond its borders, inviting West Virginia institutions to join and share their finding aids. Adding a new state calls for a new name. Members voted on a new moniker earlier this year and chose Archival Resources of the Virginias (ARVAS). The name officially changed in June 2022, with the launch of our new web address and Twitter handle.

The name has changed, but the goal remains the same: to share information about the variety of manuscripts and archival materials in Virginia and West Virginia. It is free to use and membership is free to libraries, museums, colleges, universities, and other cultural institutions that have archival holdings that they wish to share.

Visit [arvasarchive.org](https://arvasarchive.org) to learn more or to search the finding aid database.