

Virginia's Capital Moves



Factors related to the capital moving from Jamestown (1) to Williamsburg (2):

- ♦ Drinking water was contaminated by seepage of salt water.
- ♦ Dirty living conditions caused diseases.
- ♦ Williamsburg was situated at a higher elevation than Jamestown.
- ♦ Fire destroyed wooden buildings at Jamestown.

Factors related to the capital moving from Williamsburg (2) to Richmond (3):

- ♦ The population was moving westward.
- ♦ Richmond was a more central location.
- ♦ Richmond's location was better for trade.
- ♦ Moving to Richmond increased the distance from attack.