

# Flood Event of 8/17/1724 - 8/19/1724

## James

Site	Flood Stage	Date	Crest	Flow	Category	Basin	Stream	County of Gage	County of Forecast Point
Virginia	-99.99	8/18/1724	-9999.00	-9,999	Missing	James	James River	All	All

## Weather Summary

The "Great Gust" tropical system produced heavy rainfall in Southeastern Virginia. Violent floods occurred and several dam breaks were reported. (Schwartz) August 23, 1724 (Great Gust of 1724): Almost all tobacco and much of the corn crops were destroyed by a violent tropical storm, which struck Chesapeake Bay. "Violent floods of rain" and "prodigious gust of wind" were seen upon the James river. Some homes were wrecked and several vessels were driven ashore (Ludlum). One ship was wrecked while on the James river. It may have been followed by a second tropical cyclone on the 28th, as rains continued in Virginia for days. (Roth) Note: Roth has the hurricane several days later.

Source: Schwartz, Rick. (2007) "Hurricanes and the Middle Atlantic States "<http://www.midatlantichurricanes.com/index.html> - <http://www.hpc.ncep.noaa.gov/resear>

## Crest Statistics and Flood Information

First flood of 1 that occurred in Aug, 1724

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Number of Floods at MARFC Forecast Points - 1

Number of Floods Cresting in Minor Range - 0

Number of Floods Cresting in Moderate Range - 0

Number of Floods Cresting in Major Range - 0

Number of Floods Cresting in Missing Range - 1