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Historical Information

The Superior Courts of Chancery were created in 1802 to handle chancery matters initially handled by the High Court of Chancery. The state was divided into three chancery districts and cases from the counties composing the district were tried in a fixed location within each district. The records were kept in that location. Five additional districts were created before the court was supplanted by local Circuit Superior Courts of Law and Chancery in 1831. This court was sometimes called District Court of Chancery.

Richmond City Superior Court of Chancery included: Albemarle, Amelia, Amherst, Bedford, Brunswick, Buckingham, Campbell, Caroline, Charlotte, Chesterfield, Cumberland, Culpeper, Dinwiddie, Fauquier, Fairfax, Fluvanna, Franklin, Goochland, Greensville, Halifax, Hanover, Henrico, Henry, King George, King William, Loudoun, Louisa, Lunenburg, Madison, Mecklenburg, Nottoway, Orange, Patrick, Pittsylvania, Powhatan, Prince Edward, Prince William, Prince George, Spotsylvania, and Stafford Counties.

Scope and Content

Records, 1806-1850, of the Superior Court of Chancery for the Richmond District consist of clerks' papers (1822-1829) and documents related to chancery causes (1806, 1808, 1820, 1824-1828, 1842, 1850.)

The chancery papers found in this collection include the bill in the suit of Thomas Gilliat and William K. Markender versus William Halyard and others (1806); a commissioner's report in the suit of Allen versus William Murray and Company (1806); the bill in the suit of Robert W. Irby and wife versus Devisees of Tarpley White and others (1820); the bill of John Walker versus Richard Buckner, Jr., and others (1824); the bill in the suit of Benjamin Mann versus the Administrator of John Mann (1825); a copy of the bill in the suit of the Administratrix of Henry Bell versus William H. Perkins and others (1825); the bill and subpoena in the suit of Mary Harrison versus William H. Perkins and others (1825); copy of a notice in the suit of John Spotswood Moore versus John Harris and others (1808); a copy of an answer in the suit of Sarah T. Nicholson and others versus James Fox and others (1826); a copy of the bill in the suit of Ambrose Brooks and wife versus John Gentry and others (1826 ca.); a copy of two decrees in the suit of the Administrator of Alexander McCauley versus the Executor William B. Christian and others (1827); a copy of a decree in the suit of Littleberry Carrington and wife versus the Administrators of John G. Woolfolk and others (1827); a subpoena in the suit of Thomas Carver versus William W. Thilman and others (1827); a copy of depositions and accounts in the suit of Colonel Parke Street versus William Street and others (1828); a copy of the bill in the suit of Samuel Overton versus Mordecai Marks and others (1828); demurrers in the suit of Remmington and Company

versus Joseph R. Anderson and others (1842); copy of decree in the combined suits of Edward Hill and wife versus the Executor James Govan and others; the Executor of Edward Govan versus the Executor James Govan, Sr., and others; and the Executor Archibald Govan versus the Executor of James Govan and others (1850.)

Access Terms

Corporate Name

Virginia. Superior Court of Chancery (Richmond District.)

Subject Terms

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