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Collector

Arlington County (Va.) Circuit Court.

Physical Characteristics

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Location

State Records Center - Archives Annex, Library of Virginia

Repository

The Library of Virginia

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

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Related Material

Additional Arlington County Marriage Records can be found on microfilm at the Library of Virginia. Consult "[A Guide to Virginia County and City Records on Microfilm](#)"

Historical Information

Arlington County was originally named Alexandria County. The county was formed from a portion of Fairfax County that Virginia in 1789 ceded to the federal government for use as the site of a new national capital. In 1801, the area officially became part of the District of Columbia, although Congress named it Alexandria County. By an act of 9 July 1846, Congress returned the county to Virginia, and the General Assembly extended the commonwealth's jurisdiction over the region effective 20 March 1847. The county's name was changed by an act of assembly passed 16 March 1920 to Arlington, the name of the Custis family mansion (the home of Robert E. Lee), which is located in the county.

In 1853, the General Assembly passed a law requiring the systematic statewide recording of vital statistics. The marriage register, still compiled by the county clerk, from ministers' returns and other original marriage records, became more standardized and comprehensive.

The original marriage records, from which this volume was compiled, was created by the Alexandria County Court.

Scope and Content

Arlington County (Va.) Marriage Register, 1853-1879, records the date and place of marriage, the full names of both parties, the age and condition of both parties before marriage, their places of birth, their places of residence, the names of their parents, the occupation of the husband, the name of the minister performing the ceremony and any additional remarks (such as references to consent.) By 1860, the date of the marriage license is also listed. A consecutive numbering system was used for each entry on each page of the register. There are numerous references throughout the volume to both Free African American and African American marriages. Sometimes, the religious denomination of the parties was noted as well--especially in the 1850's when the county had a large influx of Irish immigrants.

Index Terms

Corporate Names:

Arlington County (Va.) Circuit Court.

Subjects:

African Americans--Employment--Virginia--Arlington County.
African Americans--Marriage--Virginia--Arlington County.
African Americans--Virginia--Arlington County.
Christian sects--Virginia--Arlington County.
Clergy--Virginia--Arlington County
Free African Americans--Marriage--Virginia--Arlington County.
Free African Americans--Virginia--Arlington County.
Irish--Marriage--Virginia--Arlington County.
Irish--Virginia--Arlington County.
Marriage--Virginia--Arlington County.
Occupations--Virginia--Arlington County.

Geographical Names:

Alexandria County (Va.)--History--19th century.
Arlington County (Va.)--History.

Genre and Form Terms:

Local government records--Virginia--Arlington County.
Marriage records--Virginia--Arlington County.
Marriage registers--Virginia--Arlington County.

Added Entry - Corporate Name:

Alexandria County (Va.) County Court.

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically by day, month and year.