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## Descriptive Summary

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**Language**

English

**Abstract**

This collection forms part of the Robert Alonzo Brock Collection at The Huntington Library, San Marino, California.

**Collector**

Robert Alonzo Brock

**Physical Characteristics**

Miscellaneous reel 4626

**Location**

Library of Virginia

**Repository**

The Library of Virginia

## Administrative Information

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### Related Material

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For more information and a listing of lost records localities see [Lost Records research note](#).

## Location of Originals

Originals are located at the Henry E. Huntington Library, San Marino, California.

## Historical Information

Gloucester County was formed from York County in 1651.

After the Gloucester County courthouse was destroyed by fire in 1765 and rebuilt in 1766, the General Assembly in 1769 ordered the creation of a town on sixty acres of land owned by John Fox that adjoined the new courthouse. The town was to be named Botetourt Towne for Lord Botetourt, the governor of Virginia. Botetourt Towne was not a popular name and was changed to Gloucester Court House, now Gloucester.

All records were destroyed by an 1820 fire, and most of the records created after 1820 were destroyed by fire in Richmond on 3 April 1865, where they had been moved for safekeeping during the Civil War.

## Scope and Content

Land Records, 1774, of Gloucester County Circuit Court found in this collection consist of a plan of part of the town of Botetourt, later renamed Gloucester Court House, done at the request of John Fox. The plan includes a plat showing the locations of the new courthouse and prisons, the old courthouse, and the old and new ordinaries.

## Index Terms

### Corporate Names:

Gloucester County (Va.) Circuit Court.

**Subjects:**

Public records--Virginia--Gloucester County.

**Geographical Names:**

Gloucester County (Va.)--History--18th century.

**Genre and Form Terms:**

Plans (drawings)--Virginia--Gloucester County.

Plats--Virginia--Gloucester County.

**Added Entry - Personal Name:**

Brock, R. A. (Robert Alonzo), 1839-1914, collector.

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