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Abstract

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Collector

Robert Alonzo Brock

Physical Characteristics

1 microfilm reel (191 images)

Location

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Repository

The Library of Virginia

Administrative Information

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The city of Richmond is one of Virginia's Lost Records Localities. Additional city of Richmond Court Records may be found in the Virginia Lost Records Localities Collection at the Library of Virginia. Search the [Lost Records Localities Database](#) found at the Library of Virginia web site.

Location of Originals

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

Historical Information

Richmond, located between Henrico and Chesterfield Counties, was named by William Byrd II, who envisioned the development of a city at the falls of the James River and with the help of William Mayo laid out the town in 1737. It was incorporated as a town in 1782 and as a city in 1842.

The initial town charter allowed male property owners to elect a council, known as the "Common Hall," twelve citizens who appointed the mayor from their membership.

Scope and Content

Richmond (Va.) Common Council Minutes, 1796-1807. The minutes document the proceedings of the monthly meetings of the Richmond town council from 1796 to 1807. The volume includes an index and a list of council members and standing committees.