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## Descriptive Summary

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### Collector

Hanover County (Va.) Circuit Court

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### Location

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## Repository

The Library of Virginia

# Administrative Information

## Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

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There are no restrictions.

## Acquisition Information

These items came to the Library of Virginia in 2004 in a transfer.

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# Adjunct Descriptive Data

## Related Material

For additional information concerning the replevin of these items see Larry I. Vass Case records, 1781-1973, found at the Library of Virginia.

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

See the [Lost Records Localities Digital Collection](#) available at Virginia Memory.

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

# Historical Information

Hanover County was named for George I, who at the time of his accession to the English throne was elector of Hanover in Germany. The county was formed from New Kent County in 1720.

These records were replevined by the Library of Virginia following the trial entitled Commonwealth of Virginia vs. Larry I. Vass heard in Henrico County Circuit Court in November 1972.

Most county court records, particularly deeds, wills, and marriage records, were destroyed by fire in Richmond on 3 April 1865, where they had been moved for safekeeping during the Civil War. The circuit court records were not moved to Richmond and were relatively unscathed. Consequently, there is a strong run of common law papers and chancery papers after 1831 that were generated by the circuit superior court of law and chancery and its successor, the circuit court.

# Scope and Content

Hanover County (Va.) Court Records, 1834-1888. The collection contains 13 documents removed from Hanover County court records, as follows: a deposition from the chancery cause Burton vs. Liggon's Administrator, 1834; a subpoena from the chancery cause Bethell vs. Blakeley's Administrator, 1835; a summary of proceedings from the chancery cause Mary Burch vs. Administrator of Peter Burch, 1838; a decree from the chancery cause William Hancock vs. James M. Breedlove, etc., 1845; a letter from an unknown series from William S. Richardson to C. William Dabney, 1846; a letter and affidavit from the court case Barrett and others vs. Peers and others, 1846; a receipt and envelope with the surnames Crenshaw and Stanley, 1872; a postcard with the surname Leake, 1878; a postcard with the surnames Bosher and Pollard, 1883; a postcard with the surnames Jones and Redd, 1884; an envelope from the case Richardson vs. Burnett and Talley, 1886; and an envelope with the surname Leake, 1888.

# Index Terms

## Corporate Names:

Hanover County (Va.) Circuit Court.

## **Subjects:**

Equity--Virginia--Hanover County.

Replevin--Virginia.

## **Geographical Names:**

Hanover County (Va.)--History--19th century.

## **Genre and Form Terms:**

Affidavits--Virginia--Hanover County.

Chancery causes--Virginia--Hanover County.

Depositions--Virginia--Hanover County.

Envelopes--Virginia--Hanover County.

Judicial records--Virginia--Hanover County.

Letters (correspondence)--Virginia--Hanover County.

Local government records--Virginia--Hanover County.

Postcards--Virginia--Hanover County.

Receipts--Virginia--Hanover County.

Subpoenas--Virginia--Hanover County.