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## Descriptive Summary

### Barcode numbers

1145489-1145502, 1145505

### Language

English

### Collector

Greene County (Va.) Circuit Court

### Physical Characteristics

15 boxes

### Location

State Records Center - Archives Annex, Library of Virginia

## Repository

The Library of Virginia

# Administrative Information

## Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

## Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

## Acquisition Information

These items came to the Library of Virginia in shipments of court papers from Greene County.

## Preferred Citation

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# Adjunct Descriptive Data

## Related Material

Deed Books and Indices to Deeds for Greene County can be found on microfilm at the Library of Virginia. Consult [A Guide to Virginia County and City Records on Microfilm](#)

Additional Greene County Land Records can be found on microfilm at The Library of Virginia web site. Consult [A Guide to Virginia County and City Records on Microfilm](#)

## Historical Information

Greene County was named for Nathanael Greene, American commander of the Army of the South in the Revolutionary War. It was formed from Orange County in 1838.

## Scope and Content

Greene County (Va.) Deeds, 1756-1979 (bulk 1901-1979) consist of deeds of bargain and sale, deeds of gift, mortgages, deeds of trust, and deeds of emancipation. On presentation to the court, deeds were proved and recorded. If the deed was not witnessed, the grantor acknowledged the deed in open court. A few of the deeds include plats. Except for a few years early in the eighteenth century, slaves in Virginia were considered personal property and consequently were not usually sold by deed. However, they were often transferred in deeds of gift or were the property listed in mortgages and deeds of trust.

Deeds of bargain and sale are the most commonly recorded deed in which one individual sells property, usually land, but occasionally personal property, to another individual. Such deeds show the names of the grantor and grantee, the residence of both parties, a description of what is being sold, the consideration (or price), the location of the tract of land, the tract's boundaries, and any limitations on the property being sold. The deed was signed by the grantor, and possibly his wife or anyone else having a claim to the property, and by at least two witnesses. Appended to the deed may be a memorandum of livery of seisin, stating that the property has changed hands and that peaceful possession has taken place.

Deeds of gift are often found transferring property, either real or personal, from one individual to another "for love and affection." The degree of kinship, if any, between the grantor and grantee is sometimes stated.

Mortgages and deeds of trust were deeds where one party is indebted to another and transfers or mortgages property to a third party to secure the debt.

The collection may include additional record types that were recorded in deed books such as officials' bonds, fiduciary records, marriage records, road and bridge records, and bills of sale of property including slaves.

## Index Terms

### Corporate Names:

Greene County (Va.) Circuit Court

## **Subjects:**

African Americans -- History  
Land subdivision -- Virginia -- Greene County  
Slaveholders -- Virginia -- Greene County  
Slavery -- Virginia -- Greene County  
Slaves -- Virginia -- Greene County

## **Geographical Names:**

Greene County (Va.) -- History

## **Genre and Form Terms:**

Deeds -- Virginia -- Greene County  
Land records -- Virginia -- Greene County  
Local government records -- Virginia -- Greene County  
Mortgage deeds -- Virginia -- Greene County

## **Arrangement**

Chronological