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Descriptive Summary

Barcode numbers

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Language

English

Collector

Lancaster County (Va.) Circuit Court

Physical Characteristics

8.45 cu. ft. (19 boxes)

Location

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 transfers of court papers from Lancaster County.

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Related Material

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

Additional Lancaster County 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

Lancaster County was named for the English county. It was formed from Northumberland and York Counties in 1651.

Scope and Content

Lancaster County (Va.) Deeds, 1656-1914 (bulk 1833-1898) consist of deeds of bargain and sale, deeds of gift, mortgages, and deeds of trust. 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.

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.

Barcode numbers 0007777090 and 0007777091 consists of deeds and bills of sale related to transactions of enslaved people.

Index Terms

Corporate Names:

Lancaster County (Va.) Circuit Court

Subjects:

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

Geographical Names:

Lancaster County (Va.) -- History

Genre and Form Terms:

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

Arrangement

Chronological.