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Descriptive Summary

Barcode numbers

1153879-1153881, 1161443

Language

English

Collector

Isle of Wight County (Va.) Circuit Court

Physical Characteristics

4 boxes

Location

Library of Virginia. Some records in this collection may be located at the State Record Center. Contact Archives Research Services for access information, directions and hours.

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 Isle of Wight County. Portions of the collection were transferred under the following accession numbers: 38003 and 40035.

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Related Material

Isle of Wight County (Va.) Will Books can be found on microfilm at The Library of Virginia. Consult ["A Guide to Virginia County and City Records on Microfilm."](#)>

Historical Information

Isle of Wight County probably was named for the Isle of Wight off the south coast of England. It was first known as Warrosquyoake and was one of the eight shires established in 1634. The present name was given in 1637. Part of Nansemond County was added in 1769.

Individuals dying with a written will died testate. After the death of the individual, his or her will was brought into court, where two of the subscribing witnesses swore that the document was genuine. After the will was proven, the executor was bonded to carry out his or her duties to settle the estate. The court then ordered the will to be recorded.

Scope and Content

Isle of Wight County (Va.) Wills, 1783-1945, record the deceased's plan for how his or her estate was to be divided among his or her heirs following his or her death. Information commonly recorded in wills include the name of the deceased, also referred to as the testator; names of heirs; a listing of real and personal property (including slaves) and how it was to be divided among the heirs; names of individuals who were to be the will's executors; the date the will was written; and the date the will was recorded at the court house. Additional record types may be found in this collection such as fiduciary records (inventories and accounts.)

Index Terms

Corporate Names:

Isle of Wight County (Va.) Circuit Court

Subjects:

African Americans--History

Estates (Law)--Virginia--Isle of Wight County

Land subdivision--Virginia--Isle of Wight County

Slaveholders--Virginia--Isle of Wight County

Slaves--Virginia--Isle of Wight County

Geographical Names:

Isle of Wight County--History

Genre and Form Terms:

Local government records--Virginia--Isle of Wight County

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