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Descriptive Summary

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Language

English

Collector

King George County (Va.) Circuit Court

Physical Characteristics

3.6 cu. ft. (8 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 King George County (Va.)

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Related Material

King George County (Va.) will books and indices 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

King George County was named in honor of George I of England and was formed from Richmond County in 1720. Part of Westmoreland County was added in 1777.

Individuals dying with a written will died testate. After the death of an 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 proved, the executor was bonded to carry out his or her duties to settle the estate. The court then ordered the will to be recorded

Most loose records prior to 1830 are missing. Volumes that record deeds, court orders, and wills exist.

Scope and Content

King George County (Va.) Wills, 1832-1960, 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 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 will was written; and the date 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:

King George County (Va.) Circuit Court

Subjects:

African Americans--History

Estates (Law)--Virginia--King George County

Land subdivision--Virginia--King George County

Slaveholders--Virginia--King George County

Slaves--Virginia--King George County

Geographical Names:

King George County--History

Genre and Form Terms:

Local government records--Virginia--King George County

Wills--Virginia--King George County

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