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Historical Information

The Smith, Huie, and Alexander Company operated out of Dumfries, the oldest town in Prince William County, and a regional center for the shipment, storage, and inspection of tobacco.

Prince William County was named for William Augustus, duke of Cumberland and third son of George II. It was formed from Stafford and King George counties in 1730.

Many pre-Civil War records were lost, destroyed, or stolen by Union troops in 1863 during the Civil War. Sixteen deed books and five will books are missing.

Scope and Content

Smith, Huie, and Alexander Daybook covers a period from 1 September 1791 to 4 February 1794. The company operated mercantile businesses in Dumfries and Georgetown. This daybook records transactions of the Dumfries store. Except for some substantial transfers of tobacco, noted with their hogshead marks, entries are of a general nature, noting types of goods purchased (predominantly dry goods) and their cost. Forms of payment include barter, cash, and credit. Includes a subscription to the Virginia Gazette, and lists an account for the George Town Store.

Index Terms

Corporate Names:

Smith, Huie, and Alexander (Prince William County, Va.)

Subjects:

Barter -- Virginia -- Prince William County.

Consumer goods -- Virginia -- Prince William County.

Dry-goods -- Virginia -- Prince William County.
General stores -- Virginia -- Prince William County.

Geographical Names:

Prince William County (Va.) -- Commerce.
Prince William County (Va.) -- 18th century.

Genre and Form Terms:

Business records -- Virginia -- Prince William County.
Daybooks -- Virginia -- Prince William County.
Local government records -- Virginia -- Prince William County.