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Petersburg (Va.) Circuit Court.

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Location

State Records Center - Archives Annex, Library of Virginia

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Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

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There are no restrictions.

Acquisition Information

These items came to the Library of Virginia in a transfer of court papers from the city of Petersburg.

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Historical Information

Petersburg was formed from parts of Dinwiddie, Prince George, and Chesterfield counties. A garrison and fur trading post called Fort Henry was established in 1645 on the site of the Indian village of Appamattuck. The present name, suggested in 1733 by William Byrd II, honors Peter Jones, Byrd's companion on expeditions into the Virginia backcountry. Petersburg was established in 1748 and incorporated as a town in 1784. In the latter year the towns of Blandford, Pocahontas, and Ravenscroft were added to Petersburg. It was incorporated as a city in 1850. Petersburg was enlarged by annexation from both Prince George and Dinwiddie counties in 1972.

Scope and Content

Petersburg (Va.) Jail Meal Account Books, 1937-1938 and 1945-1946, are a record of the supplies used to make meals for the inmates of the Petersburg city jail. The entries are arranged chronologically by date and then by meal. The 1937-1938 volume contains entries for breakfast, dinner, and chain gang. The 1945-1946 volume contains entries for breakfast, dinner, and supper. The amount of supplies used is recorded as well as type. Supplies recorded include hamburger, beef, chicken, potatoes, sweet potatoes, succotash, onions, coffee, bread, eggs, sausage, fresh fish, herrings, corn flakes, string beans, grits, bologna, black eyed peas, tomatoes, cabbage, biscuits, spaghetti, pancakes, and macaroni as well as other supplies such as lard, sugar, and baking powder. Inmates got a special holiday dinner of turkey, dressing, cranberries, and fruit cake on December 25.

Index Terms

Corporate Names:

Petersburg (Va.) Circuit Court.

Subjects:

Breakfasts -- Virginia -- Petersburg.

Dinners -- Virginia -- Petersburg.

Jails -- Virginia -- Petersburg.

Menus -- Virginia -- Petersburg.

Geographical Names:

Petersburg (Va.) -- History -- 20th century.

Genre and Form Terms:

Ledgers (account books) -- Virginia -- Petersburg.
Local government records -- Virginia -- Petersburg.

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

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