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### Language

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### Collector

Prince Edward County (Va.) Circuit Court.

### Physical Characteristics

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### Location

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## Repository

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# Administrative Information

## Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

## Use Restrictions

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## Acquisition Information

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## Related Material

This volume is located at the State Records Center. Contact Archives Research Services for access information, directions and hours.

## Related Material

Additional Prince Edward County Marriage Records can be found on microfilm at the Library of Virginia. Consult ["A Guide to Virginia County and City Records on Microfilm."](#)

# Historical Information

Prince Edward County was formed from Amelia County in 1753. The county court first met on 8 January 1754. The county was named in honor of Edward Augustus, a son of Prince Frederick Louis, a grandson of King George II, and a younger brother of King George III.

Prior to 1853, when the Commonwealth began recording vital statistics, Virginia marriages were recorded at the county or city level. Beginning in 1661, in order to be married by license, the groom was required to go before the county clerk and give bond with security that there was no lawful reason to prevent the marriage. The license, issued then by the clerk, was given to the minister who performed the service. Once the marriage service was performed, the minister submitted a return to the county clerk. Written consent from a parent or guardian was needed for individuals younger than twenty-one years.

The original marriage licenses and certificates, from which this volume was compiled, were created by the County Court.

# Scope and Content

Prince Edward County (Va.) Marriage Register, 1850-1859, records the date of the marriage license by year, month and day and the names of both parties. Entries are listed alphabetically (A-Y) by the groom's surname. Additional information sometimes includes the date of the marriage certificate and by whom married as noted on the opposite page. Marriages between "free persons of color", 1851-1859, are noted in parentheses next to the parties names. Also noted in parentheses are the notice of consent by parent or guardian and sometimes the bride's parentage.

# Index Terms

## Corporate Names:

Prince Edward County (Va.) Circuit Court.

## **Subjects:**

Christian sects--Virginia--Prince Edward County.

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## **Geographical Names:**

Prince Edward County (Va.)--History--19th century.

## **Genre and Form Terms:**

Local government records--Virginia--Prince Edward County.

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## **Added Entry - Corporate Name:**

Prince Edward County (Va.) County Court.

## **Arrangement**

Arranged alphabetically and chronologically.