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## Descriptive Summary

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King George County (Va.) Circuit Court.

### Physical Characteristics

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## 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.

The 1870 Virginia Constitution required that each county in the state be divided into no less than three townships (see Article VII, section 2). Based on the New England administrative organization of a county, each township would elect the administration officials for the offices of supervisor, clerk, assessor, collector, commissioner of the roads, overseer of the poor, justice of the peace, and constable. The supervisors of each township would comprise the board of supervisors for the county, and would be responsible for auditing the county accounts, examining the assessors' books, regulating property valuation, and fixing the county levies. The Acts of Assembly provided that each township be divided into school and electoral districts (see Acts of Assembly 1869-1870, Chapter 39). A constitutional amendment in 1874 changed the townships into magisterial districts and each district elected one supervisor, three justices of the peace, one constable, and one overseer of the poor. The supervisors of the districts made up the county board of supervisors whose duties were identical as those set out in 1870. The published Acts of Assembly appended a list of township names by county following the acts for every year that townships existed in Virginia.

## Scope and Content

King George County (Va.) Township Records, 1871-1876, are 2 volumes of minutes and accounts relating to the administrative functions of township boards of the county.

Potomac Township Board Warrants Issued, 1873-1875, record the warrant number, to whom issued, amount of warrant, for what purpose issued, to whom paid, and amount paid. Reasons for payment include medical services rendered pauper, carrying negro boy to jail, services on board, rations furnished pauper, making coffin and burying pauper, stationery and books for board, services on the road, and so on. A page near the end of the volume contains a financial summary or account by the township tax collector.

Shiloh Township Board Minutes, 1871-1876, consist of minutes and accounts. Information recorded includes election results about taxes to be raised to support a public free school, accounts presented for payment against the township board and allowed, division of the township into road districts, appointment of road overseers, road accounts, establishment of tax and levy rates, annual expenditure reports, accounts of the overseer of the poor, treasurer's reports, and establishment of a new road. At the end of the volume are several pages of financial accounts including lists of warrants issued for 1871-1872.

## Index Terms

**Corporate Names:**

King George County (Va.). Circuit Court.

**Subjects:**

County government -- Records and correspondence -- Virginia -- King George County.

Local finance -- Virginia -- King George County.  
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## **Geographical Names:**

King George County (Va.) -- History -- 19th century.

## **Genre and Form Terms:**

Accounts -- Virginia -- King George County.  
Local government records -- Virginia -- King George County.  
Minute books -- Virginia -- King George County.  
Township records -- Virginia -- King George County.  
Warrants -- Virginia -- King George County.

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

Township of Potomac (King George County, VA)  
Township of Shiloh (King George County, VA)

## **Contents List**

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