

# A Guide to the Prince George County (Va.) Deeds, 1820-1918

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## Descriptive Summary

### Barcode numbers

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### Language

English

### Collector

Prince George County (Va.) Circuit Court

### Physical Characteristics

9.75 cu. ft. (21 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 a shipment of court papers from Prince George County under the accession number 44500.

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# Adjunct Descriptive Data

## Related Material

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

Prince George County is one of Virginia's Lost Records Localities. Additional Prince George County Records may be found in the Virginia Lost Records Localities Collection at the Library of Virginia. Search 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

Prince George County was named for Prince George of Denmark, husband of Queen Anne of England. It was formed from Charles City County in 1702.

Most court records were destroyed in 1782 by British troops during the Revolutionary War and again in 1864 by Union troops during the Civil War. A few volumes that record deeds, court orders, and wills exist.

Hopewell, in Prince George County, was established as Charles City Point by Sir Thomas Dale in 1613. Hopewell was never incorporated as a town but was incorporated as a city by an act of the General Assembly in 1916. It was enlarged by the annexation of City Point in 1923 and by further annexations from Prince George County in 1952 and 1969.

## Scope and Content

Prince George County (Va.) Deeds, 1820-1918 consist of deeds of bargain and sale, deeds of gift, mortgages, and deeds of trust. On presentation to the court, deeds were proved and recorded. If the deed was not witnessed, the grantor acknowledged the deed in open court. A few of the deeds include plats. Except for a few years early in the eighteenth century, slaves in Virginia were considered personal property and consequently were not usually sold by deed. However, they were often transferred in deeds of gift or were the property listed in mortgages and deeds of trust.

Deeds of bargain and sale are the most commonly recorded deed in which one individual sells property, usually land, but occasionally personal property, to another individual. Such deeds show the names of the grantor and grantee, the residence of both parties, a description of what is being sold, the consideration (or price), the location of the tract of land, the tract's boundaries, and any limitations on the property being sold. The deed was signed by the grantor, and possibly his wife or anyone else having a claim to the property, and by at least two witnesses. Appended to the deed may be a memorandum of livery of seisin, stating that the property has changed hands and that peaceful possession has taken place.

Deeds of gift are often found transferring property, either real or personal, from one individual to another "for love and affection." The degree of kinship, if any, between the grantor and grantee is sometimes stated.

Mortgages and deeds of trust were deeds where one party is indebted to another and transfers or mortgages property to a third party to secure the debt.

This collection includes an oversize plat and blueprint of property owned by the Atlantic, Mississippi, and Ohio Railroad Company along the James river at City Point, Virginia (now part of the city of Hopewell, Virginia). These drawings also record the lands and names of individuals owning property in the immediate vicinity.

## **Index Terms**

### **Corporate Names:**

Prince George County (Va.) Circuit Court

### **Subjects:**

African Americans -- History

Land subdivision -- Virginia -- Prince George County

Slaveholders -- Virginia -- Prince George County

Slavery -- Virginia -- Prince George County

Slaves -- Virginia -- Prince George County

### **Geographical Names:**

Prince George County (Va.) -- History

### **Genre and Form Terms:**

Deeds -- Virginia -- Prince George County

Land records -- Virginia -- Prince George County

Local government records -- Virginia -- Prince George County

Mortgage deeds -- Virginia -- Prince George County

Plats -- Virginia -- Prince George County

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

Hopewell (Va.) Circuit Court

## **Arrangement**

Chronological.