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Descriptive Summary

Language

English

Collector

Mathews County (Va.) Circuit Court

Physical Characteristics

2.3 cu. ft. (5 boxes)

Location

State Records Center - Archives Annex, Library of Virginia

Repository

Library of Virginia

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

Acquisition Information

These records came to the Library of Virginia in 2024 under accession 54190 and undated shipments of court papers from Mathews County.

Processing Information

Series II: Minimally processed Fiduciary Records, 1848-1898, were transferred in accession 54190 under the title Mathews County Common Law Dead Papers and were processed using minimal processing standards: Locality records were organized by broad record category (election records, fiduciary records, etc.) with minimal other arrangement. These records have not been flattened, foldered, mended, or separated by individual record type (like estate papers, inventories, etc.).

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Adjunct Descriptive Data

Related Material

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

Mathews County is one of Virginia's Lost Records Localities. Additional Mathews 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.

Historical Information

Context for Records: Fiduciary Records include miscellaneous records filed in a local court by trustees, administrators, executors, guardians, and committees that related to the performance of their duties managing a person's estate. These records typically include the following; bonds, appraisements, audits, inventories, accounts, estate divisions, settlements, dowery records, etc. Information related to enslaved people are commonly found in these records.

Locality History: Mathews County was named for Thomas Mathews, of Norfolk, the Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates when it was formed from Gloucester County by a statute passed on 16 December 1790 to take effect on 1 May 1791.

Lost Locality Note: Most Mathews County records were burned in Richmond on 3 April 1865, where they had been moved for safekeeping during the Civil War.

Scope and Content

Mathews County (Va.) Fiduciary Records, 1810-1903, consist of Estate Accounts, Appraisements, Inventories, and Sales, as well as Guardian Accounts.

Arrangement

For descriptive purposes, the collection has been divided into two series:

- Series I: Processed Fiduciary Records, 1810-1903
- Series II: Minimally Processed Fiduciary Records, 1857-1898

Box List

Series I: Processed Fiduciary Records, 1810-1903

Extent

2.25 cubic feet (5 boxes)

Physical Location Library of Virginia; State Records Center- Archives Annex

Arrangement

Chronological.

Barcode 1188533: Estate Papers, 1810-1903

Barcode 1188530: Estate Papers, 1850-1860

Barcode 1188531: Estate Papers, 1861-1870

Barcode 1188532: Estate Papers, 1871-1900

Barcode 1188534: Estate Papers and Guardian Accounts, 1835-1898

Series II: Minimally Processed Fiduciary Records, 1848-1898

Extent

.1 cubic feet

Physical Location Library of Virginia

Arrangement

Unarranged.

Barcode 0007915419: Fiduciary Records, 1848-1898