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Historical Information

Botetourt County was named for Norborne Berkeley, baron de Botetourt, the royal governor of Virginia from 1768 to 1770. It was formed from Augusta County in 1769, and part of Rockbridge County was added in 1785.

On 1970 December 15, a fire gutted the Botetourt County courthouse in Fincastle, Virginia. The court records were not burned but were heavily water damaged. Many of the court papers are extremely fragile today as a result of this water damage and some are not useable. Because of the near-loss of the Botetourt County records, the Virginia General Assembly passed the Virginia Public Records Act in 1975. The act mandated that deeds, wills, and other vital records be inventoried and microfilmed and copies of the film stored permanently in the Library of Virginia in Richmond for safekeeping. Counties could also choose to send court records to the Library of Virginia for storage and safekeeping as needed.

Scope and Content

Botetourt County (Va.) Estate of George B. Skilren or Skillern, account of John Cartmill for boarding slaves, 1837 Nov 8, is an account of services rendered for the board, clothing, medical, and burial expenses incurred for various slaves who are named in the bill. John Moore, sheriff of Botetourt, was the administrator of the estate.

Index Terms

Corporate Names:

Botetourt County (Va.) Circuit Court.

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African Americans -- History.

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