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Related Material

Additional Lynchburg Court Records can be found on microfilm at The Library of Virginia web site. Consult [A Guide to Virginia County and City Records on Microfilm](#).

Historical Information

Lynchburg, in Campbell County, was named for John Lynch, the owner of the original town site. It was established in 1786, was incorporated as a town in 1805, and became a city in 1852.

Hampden-Sydney College, in Prince Edward County, is a liberal arts college for men founded by the Presbyterians in 1775 on the model of what is now Princeton University and chartered by the General Assembly in 1783. It was named for John Hampden and Algernon Sydney, seventeenth-century English opponents of royal authority who died in the cause of liberty. Hampden-Sydney College is the only all-male institution of higher education in Virginia. The Hampden-Sydney College Historic District was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1970.

Scope and Content

A.D. Dickinson vs. Hampden-Sydney College, 1872, was a civil suit originally heard in the circuit court of Prince Edward County and transferred to the circuit court of Lynchburg. Dickinson sued Hampden-Sydney College for not paying him the proper amount of money for the services that his slave, David Ross, provided the college prior to and during the Civil War. Documents found in the suit include the plaintiff's declaration, summary of trial proceedings, deposition of Charles Martin, curator of Hampden-Sydney College, and subpoenas. From a letter written by Dickinson in August of 1872, it would seem that the court ruled in his favor with the College owing him \$804.70 for Ross's work plus some interest tacked on.

Index Terms

Corporate Names:

Lynchburg (Va.) Circuit Court.
Hampden-Sydney College.

Subjects:

African Americans -- History.
Civil procedure -- Virginia -- Lynchburg.
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Slaves -- Virginia -- Prince Edward County.

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Geographical Names:

Lynchburg (Va.) -- History -- 19th century.

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Genre and Form Terms:

Decisions -- Virginia -- Lynchburg.

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