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Descriptive Summary

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Language

English

Collector

Amherst County (Va.) Circuit Court.

Physical Characteristics

6 v.; 1 box

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 transfer of court records from Amherst County.

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Related Material

Additional Amherst 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.

Historical Information

Amherst County was formed from Albemarle County in 1761. Islands in the Fluvanna (now the James) River were added in 1770. The county is named for Major General Jeffery Amherst, British commander in North America during the later part of the French and Indian War and governor of Virginia from 1759-1768.

These items were originally created by the County, Superior Court of Law, Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery and Circuit Courts.

The Superior Court of Law was created in 1808. Along with the Superior Court of Chancery, it was replaced with the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery in 1831. In turn, the Circuit Court replaced this court in May 1852. The County Court ended in March 1904.

Scope and Content

Amherst County (Va.) Court Records, 1770-1863, consist of a Witness Attendance Book, Chancery Docket 3, a Chancery Memorandum Book, Law Memorandum Book 6, Law Docket 4, a box of Judgments and a volume of Records (labeled as Docket) which contains a Commonwealth Docket, Issues and Office Judgments.

An Issue Docket is the record of issuance, showing parties' names, actions and remarks.

Index Terms

Corporate Names:

Amherst County (Va.) Circuit Court.

Subjects:

Public records--Virginia--Amherst County.

Geographical Names:

Amherst County (Va.)--History.

Genre and Form Terms:

Local government records--Virginia--Amherst County.

Added Entry - Corporate Name:

Amherst County (Va.) Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery.

Amherst County (Va.) County Court.

Amherst County (Va.) Superior Court of Law.

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