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Historical Information

On February 21, 1818, the Virginia legislature passed a school bill which appropriated \$45,000 annually from the Literary Fund for the education of poor children. (The Literary Fund was established in 1810 with passage of a bill to appropriate "certain escheats, confiscated, and forfeited lands" for the "encouragement of learning.") Under the provisions of the 1818 School Act, each county court was required to appoint five to fifteen commissioners to establish and/or administer schools for children of the poor. A more comprehensive public school system was established by the legislature in 1870.

Norfolk County was probably named by Adam Thoroughgood, a local resident, for his native county in England. It was formed from Lower Norfolk County in 1691. Norfolk County became extinct in 1963, when it was consolidated with the city of South Norfolk to form the city of Chesapeake.

Scope and Content

Norfolk County (Va.) Board of School Commissioners Records, 1820-1872, are comprised mostly of reports documenting attendance, tuition, and teacher salaries at schools established by the Board for the purpose of educating poor children in the county. The records also include scattered receipts and attendance records, 1827-1830, a survey of school districts in the county, 1845, and copies of resolutions pertaining to the assessment of a schools tax, 1845-1847, including a resolution exempting free African Americans from the school tax, 1845.

Reports and accounts contain monthly reports submitted to the Board by teachers they employed. The reports include the names of students and a parent or guardian, date and time attended, tuition charged, and notes on conduct and progress. Reports also include the names of teachers employed and amount they were paid.

Index Terms

Corporate Names:

Chesapeake (Va.). Circuit Court.

Norfolk County (Va.). Board of School Commissioners.

Subjects:

Government aid to education -- Virginia -- Norfolk County.

Poor children -- Virginia -- Norfolk County.

School reports -- Virginia -- Norfolk County.

Schools -- records and correspondence -- Virginia -- Charles City County.

Segregation in education -- Virginia -- Norfolk County.

Teachers -- Virginia -- Norfolk County.

Geographical Names:

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

Norfolk County (Va.) -- History -- 19th century.

Genre and Form Terms:

Attendance records -- Virginia -- Norfolk County.

Local government records -- Virginia -- Norfolk County.

Monthly reports -- Virginia -- Norfolk County.

Resolutions (administrative records) -- Virginia -- Norfolk County.

School records -- Virginia -- Norfolk County.

Tax and fiscal records -- Virginia -- Norfolk County.

Added Entry - Corporate Name:

Norfolk County (Va.) Circuit Court.

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