

# A Guide to the Roanoke County (Va.) Business Records, 1809-1814

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## History

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## Title Statement

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## Profile Description

**Creation:** Machine-readable finding aid derived from MS Word, created by Sherri Bagley, 10 October 2024

**Language Usage:** Description is in English

## Descriptive Summary

### Language

English

### Creator

Roanoke County (Va.) Circuit Court.

### Physical Characteristics

5 volumes .

### Location

Library of Virginia

### Repository

Library of Virginia

## Administrative Information

### Access Restrictions

Many of the business volumes are fragile and should not be handled. **please check alternative form available heading for volumes that have been microfilmed. Please use microfilm if available.**

### Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

## Acquisition Information

These records came to the Library of Virginia in transfers of court papers from Roanoke County in 2010.

## Processing Information

Prior to 2024, the various business records in this collection were originally described as individual records, but they have been consolidated into one large business record for the locality.

The records in this collection were processed at different times in 2010 by Gregory Crawford. Efforts have been taken to identify chancery causes related to these business records as some of these records were used as evidence in court proceedings.

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## Preferred Citation

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# Adjunct Descriptive Data

## Related Material

See also: [Roanoke County \(Va.\) Chancery Causes, 1809-1814](#)

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

## Historical Information

**Context for Record Type:** Business Records, both volumes and loose records are in some cases transferred to the Library of Virginia as components of court record transfers. These business records in some cases were simply stored in the local court building for safekeeping by business owners. In other cases, business records (particularly ledgers, account books, etc.) may have been filed in a court case as an exhibit. These business records exhibit appeared both in chancery causes and in judgments. These records serving as exhibits for business dissolution cases, debt suits, and contract disputes.

**Locality History:** Roanoke County was named for the Roanoke River, which in turn was derived from the English colonists' misunderstanding of the Indian word for the shell beads worn as personal adornment or used for trade. The county was formed from Botetourt County in 1838, and part of Montgomery County was added in 1849. Its area is 248.28 square miles, and the county seat is Salem.

## Scope and Content

Roanoke County (Va.) Business Records, 1809-1814, is comprised of various records created by individuals and companies in pursuit of documenting business activities in and around Roanoke County (Va.). Represented records largely consists of memorandum books, records the financial transactions of Nathaniel Burwell including the hiring out of slaves. Transactions record the names of individuals who purchased items or hired slaves and the amount paid. Transactions include the names of slaves.

## Arrangement

This collection is arranged

- Series I: Nathaniel Burwell Memorandum Books, 1809-1814

## Contents List

### Series I: Nathaniel Burwell Memorandum Books, 1809-1814

#### Extent

5 Volumes

**Physical Location** Library of Virginia

#### Scope and Content

**Historical Information:** The memorandum books were used as exhibits in the chancery suit *Fanny R. Johnston and others versus Executor of Nathaniel Burwell and others* heard in the Roanoke County Circuit Court. Nathaniel Burwell was the husband of Lucy Carter who was the daughter of Charles Carter of Shirley Plantation. They were married in 1809 in Charles City County, Virginia.

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**Barcode number 1136027: Nathaniel Burwell Memorandum Books 1809-1814**

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