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New Kent County (Va.) Circuit Court.

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Related Material

New Kent County (Va.) is one of Virginia's Lost Records Localities. Additional New Kent County records may be found in the Virginia Lost Records Localities Digital Collection at the Library of Virginia. Search the [Lost Records Localities Digital Collection available at Virginia Memory](#).

Historical Information

New Kent County may have been named either for the English county of Kent or for Kent Island, in the upper waters of the Chesapeake Bay. William Claiborne, a native of Kent who had been driven from Kent Island by Lord Baltimore, was a prominent resident of the New Kent area around 1654 when the county was formed from York County. Part of James City County was added in 1767.

Records were destroyed when John Posey set fire to the courthouse on 15 July 1787. Many records were lost when the courthouse was partially destroyed by fire during the Civil War hostilities in 1862. Additional records were burned in Richmond on 3 April 1865, where they had been moved for safekeeping during the Civil War.

Scope and Content

New Kent County (Va.) Court Records, 1822-1956, consist of a Chancery Docket Book No.1, a Chancery Fee Book, a Chancery Process Book No.1, a Chancery Rule Book No.1, a Judgment Docket Book, a Minute Book, a Witness Attendance/Juror Docket Book, a General Index to Judgment Lien Docket Books (undated), a General Index to Minute Books (undated) and 4 boxes of Judgments and Criminal Records from the Superior Court of Law and/or the Circuit Superior Court of Law.

Index Terms

Corporate Names:

New Kent County (Va.) Circuit Court.

Subjects:

Public records--Virginia--New Kent County.

Geographical Names:

New Kent County (Va.)--History.

Genre and Form Terms:

Local government records--Virginia--New Kent County.

Arrangement

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