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Descriptive Summary

Barcode numbers

0007346164, 1045028, 1157988

Language

English

Collector

New Kent County (Va.) Circuit Court.

Physical Characteristics

3 boxes; 1 box found at Library of Virginia (1157988) and 2 boxes (0007346164,1045028) found at the State Records Center--Archives Annex, Library of Virginia.

Location

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 records came to the Library of Virginia in a transfer of court records from New Kent County under the accession numbers 42124,43653 and 45139.

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Related Material

Additional New Kent 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.

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

For more information and a listing of lost records localities see [Lost Records research note](#).

Historical Information

New Kent County may have been named for the English county of Kent or for Kent Island, in the upper waters of the Chesapeake Bay. The county was formed from York County in 1654. Part of James City County was added on 1 May 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 on 3 April 1865, in Richmond, where they had been moved for safekeeping during the Civil War.

Scope and Content

New Kent County (Va.) Records, circa 1820-1936, consist of the following series: Court Records (subfield series include Jury Records), Bonds/Commissions/Oaths, Land Records, Wills, Miscellaneous Records, Tax and Fiscal Records, Justice of the Peace Records, Business Records and Election Records.

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.

Contents List

Barcode number 0007346164: Records, circa 1868-1936

Scope and Content

Court Records, Bonds/Commissions/Oaths, Land Records, Wills and Miscellaneous Records.

Barcode number 1045028: Records, circa 1820-1925

Scope and Content

Tax and Fiscal Records: Accounts Against the Commonwealth, circa 1890-1900 , Court Records: County Court and Superior Court of Law, Justice of the Peace Records: Summons, 1859, 1870-1925; Witnesses, 1858-1884, 1893-1898; Attendance, 1853-1871; Jury Records, 1827-1922 (includes accession number 43653) and Grand Jury Presentments, circa 1820 -1925.

Barcode number 1157988: Records, 1892-1932

Scope and Content

Business Records/Corporations/Partnerships; Election Records; Miscellaneous Records: Liens; Tax and Fiscal Records; Land Records: Unrecorded Deeds, 1893-1908.