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Language

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Collector

Frederick County (Va.) Circuit Court.

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Location

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Repository

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Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

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There are no restrictions.

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Historical Information

Frederick County was named in honor of Frederick Louis, Prince of Wales and eldest son of King George II. It was formed from Orange County by a statute of 1738 that stipulated that when the population was large enough the new county government would begin to function. The county court first met on 11 November 1743. Part of Augusta County was added in 1754.

Estrays were stray livestock found wandering. An inquest was held to determine the value of the livestock in order to reimburse the person who had found and cared for the animal. The report generally includes a physical description of the animal as well as an assessed monetary value.

Scope and Content

Frederick County (Va.) Estray Records, 1788-1920, contains various loose and bound records giving public notice of valuable, tame animals, either lost or found wandering and presumed escaped from their owners, allowing the owners to reclaim the animals. Entries generally indicate by whom the animal was taken up, before what justice the person went and when, and the description and appraisement (value) of the animal.

Contents List

Barcode number 1016856: Military and Pension records; Estrays ; Commissioner of Revenue records 1788-1920

Scope and Content

These Estray records are also housed with World War I papers, including compensation for soldiers' families (ca. 1917-1918), and records of the Commissioner of Revenue.