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Descriptive Summary

Collection numbers

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Language

English

Collector

Henrico County (Va.) Circuit Court.

Physical Characteristics

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Location

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Repository

The Library of Virginia

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

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There are no restrictions.

Acquisition Information

These records came to the Library of Virginia in a transfer of court records from Henrico County as part of accessions 24777 and 21718.

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Related Material

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

Historical Information

Henrico County was named for Henry, Prince of Wales, eldest son of King James I. It was one of the eight original shires, or counties, first enumerated in 1634.

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

Henrico County (Va.) Estray Records, 1781-1916, undated, contain 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 appraisal (value) of the animal.

Recognized in 1634 as an original shire. All county court records prior to 1655 and almost all prior to 1677 are missing. Many records were destroyed by British troops during the Revolutionary War. Post-Revolutionary War county court records exist. Almost all circuit superior court of law and chancery and circuit court records were destroyed by fire during the evacuation of Richmond on April 3, 1865, during the Civil War. The county's circuit court held its sessions at the state courthouse in Richmond.

Contents List

1023317: Miscellaneous Papers; Criminal Records; Court Records 1783-1900, undated

Scope and Content

This box contains only a small amount of Estray material, and is housed with records concerning Public buildings and grounds, 1809-1899, Mechanics liens, 1874, 1883, Salt Agent reports, 1862-1869, Letters of character, 1894, Powers of Attorney, 1810-1900, Prisoner records, 1788-1895, and Prison bounds, 1783-1821.

1043236: List of Delinquent Real Estate; Estrays 1815-1886

Scope and Content

In addition to Estrays, this box contains tax and fiscal records concerning delinquent real estate.

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