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Related Material

Additional Richmond County records can be found on microfilm at The Library of Virginia web site. Consult ["A Guide to Virginia County and City Records on Microfilm."](#)

Richmond County is one of Virginia's Lost Records Localities. Additional Richmond County Court Records may be found in the ["Virginia Lost Records Localities Digital Collection."](#)

Historical Information

Richmond County may have been named for Richmond borough in Surrey, England, or for Charles Lennox, first duke of Richmond and a son of King Charles II. It was formed from Old Rappahannock County in 1692. The county seat is Warsaw.

Richmond County is one of Virginia's Lost Records Localities. Some volumes were burned and mutilated through unknown causes. In addition, the will books prior to 1699 were missing as early as 1793, and order books for the period 1794–1816 are also missing. Numerous loose records prior to 1781 are missing as well.

Two freeholders were appointed on order of the county court to procession or review the bounds of farms or tracts of land in each precinct in order to renew or replace old landmarks. This was originally a function of the church vestry, but was continued by the court after disestablishment. Persons who walked the boundaries were called processioners.

Scope and Content

Richmond County (Va.) Processioner's Records, 1811-1858 typically record an area of land processioned with geographical landmarks, roads, property lines noted, the names of the persons present, the date(s) when the processioning occurred, the names of the processioners, and the date that the return was recorded by the local court.

Arrangement

Chronological.