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## Descriptive Summary

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Essex County (Va.) Circuit Court

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### Location

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**Repository**

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There are no restrictions.

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## Adjunct Descriptive Data

### Related Material

Additional Essex 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.](#)"

## Historical Information

Essex County was named probably for the English county or perhaps for Algernon Capell, second earl of Essex. It was formed from Old Rappahannock County in 1692. The county seat is Tappahannock.

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

Essex County (Va.) Processioner's Records, 1815-1843 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.