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Profile Description

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Descriptive Summary

Language

English

Collector

Botetourt County (Va.) Circuit Court.

Physical Characteristics

1 volume; 0.9 cubic feet (2 boxes).

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 items came to the Library of Virginia in a transfer of court papers under an undated accession.

Processing Information

Prior to 2025, the various organization records in this collection were originally described as individual records, but they have been consolidated into one large organization record for the locality. Since 2025, these records additionally include identified but not processed records.

Encoded by E. Woodward: 2020; Updated by J. Taylor: July 2025.

Preferred Citation

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Adjunct Descriptive Data

Related Material

Additional Botetourt 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.

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

Historical Information

Context for Record Type: Organization Records, both volumes and loose records, are in some cases transferred to the Library of Virginia as components of court record transfers. These organization records in some cases were simply stored in the local court building for safe keeping by business owners. In other cases, organization records (particularly ledgers, account books, etc.) may have been filed in a court case as an exhibit. These organization record exhibits appeared both in chancery causes and in judgments, these records serving as exhibits for business dissolution cases, debt suits, and contract disputes.

Locality History: Botetourt County was named for Norborne Berkeley, baron de Botetourt, the royal governor of Virginia from 1768 to 1770. The county was formed from Augusta County in 1769 and part of Rockbridge County was added in 1785.

Lost Locality Notes: Created by an act of 1769 to take effect on 13 February 1770. Many of the loose records including pre-1830 chancery and pre-1854 judgments suffered tremendous water damage as a result of a courthouse fire on 15 December 1970. Because of the near loss of records, the General Assembly passed the Virginia Public Records Act in 1975 for the purpose of preserving local records. Volumes that record deeds, court orders, and wills exist.

Scope and Content

Botetourt County (Va.) Organization Records, circa 1824-1930, undated, is comprised of various records created by groups in Botetourt County. Represented records largely consist of an account book, and loose records.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into two series:

- Series I: Records of an Unknown Masonic Lodge, 1824-1830
- Series II: Botetourt County (Va.) Organization Records, 1862-1930, undated [UNPROCESSED]

Contents List

Series I: Records of an Unknown Masonic Lodge, 1824-1830

Extent

1 volume.

Physical Location State Records Center

Scope and Content

Scope and Content: The records from the Unknown Masonic Lodge, 1824-1830 consist of an account book.

Barcode Number 1102524: Account Book of an Unknown Masonic Lodge, 1824-1830

Series II: Botetourt County (Va.) Organization Records, 1862-1930, undated [UNPROCESSED]

Extent

0.9 cubic feet (2 boxes)

Physical Location State Records Center

Scope and Content

Includes boxes containing material identified as organization records. These records may be flat filed or foldered but not fully processed.

Barcode number 1188243: Court Records: Chancery, Judgments and Criminal Records, Organization Records, County Administrative Records: Overseers of the Poor Records, Commissioner of the Revenue Records and Sheriff's Records, Tax and Fiscal Records, Marriage Records 1768-1862, undated

Scope and Content

Organization records includes Mount Olivet Lodge bylaws and newspaper clippings about a national masonic convention; records are from 1862 as well as some undated records.

Barcode number 1044183: Court Records: Criminal Records and Chancery, Court Records, Health and Medical Records, Organization Records, Business Records, Land Records, Fiduciary Records, Tax and Fiscal Records, Election Records 1860-1960

Scope and Content

Organization records includes a list of organization trustees from 1920 and 1930.