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Descriptive Summary

Language

English

Collector

Rockingham County (Va.) Circuit Court.

Physical Characteristics

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 papers from Rockingham County in 2003 under accession number 40981.

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.

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Preferred Citation

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Adjunct Descriptive Data

Related Material

Additional Rockingham 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.

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

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: Rockingham County was formed from Augusta County in 1778 and is named for Charles Watson-Wentworth, second marquis of Rockingham, who supported the colonists in their disputes with Great Britain. The county seat is the city of Harrisonburg.

Lost Locality Notes: A courthouse fire in 1787 destroyed primarily wills and estate records. In June 1864 during the Civil War, court records (mostly volumes) were removed from the courthouse and loaded on a wagon to be taken to place of safety on or beyond the Blue Ridge. The wagon was overtaken by Union troops near Port Republic and set afire, which was put out by local citizens. Many order books, deed books, will books, and fiduciary books, however, were lost or severely damaged by the fire. The loose records that remained at the courthouse were undamaged. Pre-1865 records including deeds and wills were rerecorded following an act of assembly passed in November 1884.

Scope and Content

Rockingham County (Va.) Organization Records, 1775-1913, is comprised of various records created by groups in Northumberland County. Represented records largely consist of unprocessed loose records. These records typically consist of appointments of trustees, minutes, and miscellaneous records of religious organizations, fraternal organizations, independent associations, and cooperatives.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into one series:

- Series I: Rockingham County (Va.) Organization Records, 1775-1913 [UNPROCESSED]

Contents List

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

Barcode number 1159570: Naturalization Records; Orders for Special Terms; Organization Records, 1795-1913

Scope and Content

Includes organization records from 1845-1913.

Barcode number 1159559: Board of Supervisors; Business Records; Organization Records; Clerks' Records; Commissioner of Revenue 1775-1913

Scope and Content

Includes church records from 1775-1849.