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Repository

Montgomery County (Va.) Circuit Court

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Contact Montgomery County (Va.) Circuit Court clerk's office for availability.

Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

Acquisition Information

These records were filed at the Montgomery County (Va.) Circuit Court during the course of court business.

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Related Material

These records are partially indexed. Some file numbers cannot be matched to an existing index. The following indices can be used to search records found in this collection:

For Estray/Stray records, use index Miscellaneous Records Montgomery Co. 1800-1900

For Road records, use index Miscellaneous Records Montgomery Co. 1800-1900

For School records, use index Miscellaneous Records Montgomery Co. 1800-1900

There is no index for the Board of Supervisors records. Board of Supervisor Order Books (1870-1970s) in the records room can be used to narrow record searches.

Historical Information

Montgomery County was formed from Fincastle County in 1776, and the county court first met on 7 January 1777. Part of Botetourt County was added in 1790. Part of Pulaski County was added in 1842. The county was named for Richard Montgomery, who was killed in the American assault on Quebec late in 1775.

Fincastle County was created from Botetourt County in 1772, and the county court first met on 5 January 1773. Fincastle County became extinct on 31 December 1776 when it was divided to form Montgomery, Washington and Kentucky Counties. The county was named probably for George, Viscount Fincastle, Lord Dunmore's son; for John Murray, fourth earl of Dunmore, Viscount Fincastle; or for the town of Fincastle, Virginia, which was established in 1772 and named for George, Viscount Fincastle.

The Board of Supervisors has been the chief administrative body of the county since its establishment in 1869. Board members were originally elected by township voters; since abolition of the township system they have been elected from districts. The board's duties are fixed by statute and are primarily concerned with maintenance and construction of county buildings and fiscal matters.

Scope and Content

Montgomery County (Va.) County Administrative and Board of Supervisors Records, 1778-1938 (non-inclusive) consist of claims involving county funds and projects for the years predating the creation of the Board of Supervisors. The collection also contains the actual records of the Board of Supervisors. County Courts were responsible for the creation and maintenance of the road and bridges in their county. The Court accepted or rejected petitions to create new roads, alter existing roads, or to discontinue roads. They accepted or rejected petitions to build new bridges, replace old bridges, or make repair to existing bridges. The County Government paid for the creation, the alterations, the repairs or replacement of the roads and bridges.

County Administrative Records include County school warrants, Dog fund papers, Estrays (also called Strays), Poor claims, Poor farm reports, Road papers, Road claims and Road petitions, Scalp claims, School claims, State highway maps, Virginia Public Assistance Fund vouchers, Water Grist Mill papers and Writs of Possession. Boards of Supervisors Records include Board of Supervisor claims allowed and Road and Bridge Records. These records are partially indexed.

Arrangement

Chronological.

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