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Historical Information

Washington County was formed in 1776 from Fincastle County. Part of Montgomery County was added in 1777. It is the first locality in the United States known to have been named for George Washington.

Individuals dying with a written will died testate. After the death of an individual, his or her will was brought into court, where two of the subscribing witnesses swore that the document was genuine. After the will was proved, the executor was bonded to carry out his or her duties to settle the estate. The court then ordered the will to be recorded.

Scope and Content

Washington County (Va.) Will Book Vol. 1, 1777-1792, Will Book Vol. 2, 1792-1806 and Will Book Vol. 6, 1827-1834 record wills (including the name of testator, list of heirs and year will was proven in court) and probate records (such as inventories and appraisements, lists of sales of estates, settlements of estates and settlements of administration and guardianship accounts) for Washington County. These volumes also include other record categories such as apprentice indentures, articles of agreement, powers of attorney and bills of sale of land and property. Both volumes contain internal unnumbered, alphabetical indices.

Access Terms

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African Americans--Virginia--Washington County.
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Will Book Vol. 1, 1777-1792

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Will Book also records commissioner of revenue oaths, a surveyor's bond, bill of sale of slaves, deed of gift of slaves and memorandum of bonds destroyed in a fire.

Will Book Vol. 2, 1792-1806

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