

# A Guide to the Virginia District Court (Dumfries District) Records, 1790-1807

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Robert Alonzo Brock

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## Adjunct Descriptive Data

### Location of Originals

Originals are located at the Henry E. Huntington Library, San Marino, California.

## Historical Information

The District Courts were created by an act of the General Assembly passed on 22 December 1788. The purpose for the creation of the District Courts was to alleviate congestion in the General Court which had caused unreasonable delays in the adjudication of common law cases. The state was divided into eighteen districts, each composed of several counties, plus the district of Kentucky. The district courts were abolished by an act passed 1 February 1808 and were replaced by the Superior Courts of Law.

Dumfries District Court heard cases originating in the counties of Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun and Prince William.

## Scope and Content

Records, 1790-1807, of the Dumfries District Court consist of court papers such as judgments (1790-1795) and documents related to court costs (1807.)

## Access Terms

### Corporate Name

Virginia. District Court (Dumfries District.)

### Subject Terms

Costs (Law)--Virginia.

Judgments--Virginia.

Public records--Virginia.

### Geographic Terms

Dumfries (Va.)--History--18th century.

### Record Type

## Record type

Judicial records--Virginia.

## Added Entry - Personal Name

Brock, R. A. (Robert Alonzo), 1839-1914, collector.

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