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Related Material

Additional Warwick County court records can be found on microfilm at the Library of Virginia. Consult [A Guide to Virginia County and City Records on Microfilm](#).

See the [Lost Records Localities Digital Collection](#) available at Virginia Memory.

For more information and a listing of lost records localities see [Lost Records research note](#).

Historical Information

Warwick County was named either for Robert Rich, earl of Warwick, a prominent member of the London Company, or for the county of Warwick in England. The county was originally called Warwick River and was one of the original shires, or counties, first enumerated in 1634. The shorter name was adopted in 1643. Warwick County became extinct in 1952, when it became the city of Warwick. The new city was consolidated with the city of Newport News in 1958 and took the latter's name. Denbigh was the county seat.

County court records were destroyed at several times with most destruction occurring during the Civil War. The clerk's office was burned on 15 December 1864. County court minute books and loose records from 1787 to 1819 were destroyed by the fire. Additional records were burned in Richmond on 3 April 1865, where they had been moved for safekeeping during the Civil War.

Scope and Content

Warwick County (Va.) Court Docket Book, 1813-1818, records the schedule of the cases awaiting action in the County Court including office judgments, issues, writs of inquiry, criminal suits, and chancery causes. Information recorded includes surname of plaintiff, surname of defendant, reason for action (debt, presentment, case, slander, etc.) The volume records grand jury presentments made against individuals accused of a crime. Information includes name of accused and alleged crime committed. The volume also records the schedule for guardians' returns. Information includes name of guardian and names of minors.

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Index Terms

Corporate Names:

Newport News (Va.) Circuit Court.

Subjects:

Public records -- Virginia -- Warwick County.

Genre and Form Terms:

Dockets--Virginia--Warwick County.

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Local government records--Virginia--Newport News.

Added Entry - Corporate Name:

Warwick County (Va.) County Court.

Arrangement

Chronological by term of court.

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