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Descriptive Summary

Language

English

Collector

Westmoreland County (Va.) Circuit Court.

Physical Characteristics

0.45 cubic feet (1 box)

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 transfers of court papers from Westmoreland County under an undated accession.

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.

These records were processed by Sarah Nerney in 2007.

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Adjunct Descriptive Data

Related Material

Additional Westmoreland 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.

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

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: Westmoreland County was named for the English county. It was formed from Northumberland County in 1653. The county seat is Montross.

Lost Locality Notes: Many loose papers were burned during both the Revolutionary War and the Civil War. Volumes that record deeds, court orders (except for an order book for the period 1764-1776), and wills exist.

Scope and Content

Westmoreland County (Va.) Organization Records, 1852-1914, is comprised of various records created by groups in Westmoreland County. Represented records largely consist of unprocessed loose records. These records report to the court changes in trustees for white and African American churches. Most appointments relate to church trustees but there are two other organizations named as well including the Ladies Colonial Beach Union Chapel Association (1906) and the Sons and Daughters of Wisdom (1908). The appointments name the new trustees and sometimes the trustees who are being replaced.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into one series:

- Series I: Westmoreland County (Va.) Organization Records, 1852-1914 [UNPROCESSED]

Contents List

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Extent

0.45 cubic feet (1 box)

Scope and Content

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

Barcode Number 0007510673: Court Records; Personal Documentation; Misc. Records; Health and Medical Records; Organization Records; Marriage Records and Vital Statistics 1770-1914

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