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Descriptive Summary

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Language

English

Collector

Prince Edward County (Va.) Circuit Court

Physical Characteristics

26.5 cu. ft. (27 boxes)

Location

State Records Center - Archives Annex, Library of Virginia

Repository

The Library of Virginia

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

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There are no restrictions.

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Related Material

Deed Books and Indices to Deeds for Prince Edward County can be found on microfilm at the Library of Virginia. Consult ["A Guide to Virginia County and City Records on Microfilm."](#)

Additional Prince Edward County Land Records can be found on microfilm at The Library of Virginia web site. Consult ["A Guide to Virginia County and City Records on Microfilm."](#)

Historical Information

Prince Edward County was named in honor of Edward Augustus, a son of Prince Frederick Louis, a grandson of George II, and a younger brother of George III. The county was formed from Amelia County in 1753.

Scope and Content

Prince Edward County (Va.) Deeds, 1759-1989 (bulk 1872-1943) consist of deeds of bargain and sale, deeds of gift, mortgages, and deeds of trust. On presentation to the court, deeds were proved and recorded. If the deed was not witnessed, the grantor acknowledged the deed in open court. A few of the deeds include plats. Except for a few years early in the eighteenth century, slaves in Virginia were considered personal property and consequently were not usually sold by deed. However, they were often transferred in deeds of gift or were the property listed in mortgages and deeds of trust.

Deeds of bargain and sale are the most commonly recorded deed in which one individual sells property, usually land, but occasionally personal property, to another individual. Such deeds show the names of the grantor and grantee, the residence of both parties, a description of what is being sold, the consideration (or price), the location of the tract of land, the tract's boundaries, and any limitations on the property being sold. The deed was signed by the grantor, and possibly his wife or anyone else having a claim to the property, and by at least two witnesses. Appended to the deed may be a memorandum of livery of seisin, stating that the property has changed hands and that peaceful possession has taken place.

Deeds of gift are often found transferring property, either real or personal, from one individual to another "for love and affection." The degree of kinship, if any, between the grantor and grantee is sometimes stated.

Mortgages and deeds of trust were deeds where one party is indebted to another and transfers or mortgages property to a third party to secure the debt.

The collection may include additional record types that were recorded in deed books such as officials' bonds, fiduciary records, marriage records, road and bridge records, and bills of sale of property including slaves.

Index Terms

Corporate Names:

Subjects:

African Americans -- History
Land subdivision -- Virginia -- Prince Edward County
Slaveholders -- Virginia -- Prince Edward County
Slavery -- Virginia -- Prince Edward County
Slaves -- Virginia -- Prince Edward County

Geographical Names:

Prince Edward County (Va.) -- History

Genre and Form Terms:

Deeds -- Virginia -- Prince Edward County
Land records -- Virginia -- Prince Edward County
Local government records -- Virginia -- Prince Edward County
Mortgage deeds -- Virginia -- Prince Edward County

Arrangement

Chronological. Some years are arranged chronologically then additionally alphabetically by surname.