

# A Guide to the Lancaster County (Va.) Wills, 1700-1921

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## Descriptive Summary

### Barcode Numbers

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### Language

English

### Collector

Lancaster County (Va.) Circuit Court

### Physical Characteristics

2.7 cu. ft. (6 boxes)

### Location

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**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 shipments of court papers from Lancaster County (Va.).

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## Adjunct Descriptive Data

### Related Material

Lancaster County (Va.) Court Records can be found on microfilm at the Library of Virginia. Consult ["A Guide to Virginia County and City Records on Microfilm."](#)

## Historical Information

Lancaster County was named for the English county. It was formed from Northumberland and York Counties in 1651.

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

Lancaster County (Va.) Wills, 1700-1921, record the deceased's plan for how his or her estate was to be divided among his or her heirs following his or her death. Information commonly recorded in wills include the name of the deceased, also referred as the testator; names of heirs; a listing of real and personal property (including slaves) and how it was to be divided among the heirs; names of individuals who were to be the will's executors; the date will was written; and the date will was recorded at the court house. Additional record types may be found in this collection such as fiduciary records (inventories and accounts.)

## Index Terms

**Corporate Names:**

Lancaster County (Va.) Circuit Court

**Subjects:**

African Americans--History

Estates (Law)--Virginia--Lancaster County

Land subdivision--Virginia--Lancaster County

Slaveholders--Virginia--Lancaster County

Slaves--Virginia--Lancaster County

**Geographical Names:**

Lancaster County--History

## **Genre and Form Terms:**

Local government records--Lancaster County

Wills--Virginia--Lancaster County

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