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Language

English

Collector

Louisa County (Va.) Circuit Court

Physical Characteristics

15 cu. ft. (15 boxes)

Location

State Records Center - Archives Annex, 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 shipments of court papers from Louisa County.

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Related Material

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

Historical Information

Louisa County was named for Louisa, a daughter of George II. It was formed from Hanover County in 1742.

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

Louisa County (Va.) Wills, 1738-1897, 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 to 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 the will was written; and the date the 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:

Louisa County (Va.) Circuit Court

Subjects:

African Americans--History

Estates (Law)--Virginia--Louisa County

Land subdivision--Virginia--Louisa County

Slaveholders--Virginia--Louisa County

Slaves--Virginia--Louisa County

Geographical Names:

Louisa County--History

Genre and Form Terms:

Local government records--Virginia--Louisa County

Wills--Virginia--Louisa County

Arrangement

Arranged chronological by year and then alphabetical by surname.

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