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Historical Information

Warren County was named for Joseph Warren, the revolutionary patriot who sent Paul Revere and William Dawes on their famous rides and who was killed at the Battle of Bunker Hill. The county was formed from Frederick and Shenandoah counties in 1836.

An act of the General Assembly passed 1851 March 31, approved incorporation of the Luray and Front Royal Turnpike Company to construct a road from Luray in Page County to Front Royal in Warren County. Capital stock was set at twenty thousand dollars, with the Board of Public Works authorized to subscribe to twelve thousand dollars. Capital was increased 1853 February 14 to thirty thousand dollars to extend the road to some point at or near Conrad's store on the Rockingham Turnpike, and an additional ten thousand dollars to enable the company to metal parts of the road between Luray and Front Royal as they determine necessary. 1853 March 22, the county court of Warren County was authorized to subscribe to capital stock.

Scope and Content

Luray and Front Royal Turnpike Company Minute Book and Ledger, 1851-1869, consist of meeting minutes of the company's stockholders and board of directors. Information found in the minutes includes date and location of meetings; election of officers; rules and regulations; officers' reports; and decisions made by the board of directors and shareholders related to the construction of the turnpike. The volume also records the company's receipts and expenditures and capital stock.

The second half of the volume is a ledger that records the individual accounts of the company's shareholders' accounts, controlling accounts such as cash account and expense accounts, and the accounts of individuals and businesses with whom the company conducted transactions. Information found in accounts include date of transaction, form of transaction, amount owed, form of payment, and amount paid. Ledger includes an index that lists in alphabetical order the names of shareholders, controlling accounts individuals, and businesses and the page numbers where their accounts can be found.

Index Terms

Corporate Names:

Luray and Front Royal Turnpike Company (Warren County, Va.)

Subjects:

Boards of directors -- Virginia -- Warren County.

Road construction industry -- Virginia -- Warren County.

Stockholders -- Virginia -- Warren County.

Toll roads -- Virginia -- Warren County.

Geographical Names:

Warren County (Va.) -- History -- 19th century.

Genre and Form Terms:

Business records -- Virginia -- Warren County.

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Local government records -- Virginia -- Warren County.

Minute books -- Virginia -- Warren County.

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