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Nottoway County (Va.) Circuit Court.

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There are no restrictions.

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There are no restrictions.

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Related Material

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

Nottoway County is one of Virginia's Lost Records Localities. Additional Nottoway County Records may be found in the Virginia Lost Records Localities Collection at the Library of Virginia. Search the [Lost Records Localities Digital Collection](#) available at Virginia Memory.

For more information and a listing of lost records localities see [Lost Records research note](#).

Historical Information

Nottoway County was named for the Nadowa Indian tribe. The word nadowa, anglicized to nottoway, means snake, or enemy. The county was formed from Amelia County in 1788.

The 1870 Virginia Constitution required that each county in the state be divided into no less than three townships (see Article VII, section 2). Based on the New England administrative organization of a county, each township would elect the administration officials for the offices of supervisor, clerk, assessor, collector, commissioner of the roads, overseer of the poor, justice of the peace, and constable. The supervisors of each township would comprise the board of supervisors for the county, and would be responsible for auditing the county accounts, examining the assessors' books, regulating property valuation, and fixing the county levies. The Acts of Assembly provided that each township be divided into school and electoral districts (see Acts of Assembly 1869-1870, Chapter 39). A constitutional amendment in 1874 changed the townships into magisterial districts and each district elected one supervisor, three justices of the peace, one constable, and one overseer of the poor. The supervisors of the districts made up the county board of supervisors whose duties were identical as those set out in 1870. The published Acts of Assembly appended a list of township names by county following the acts for every year that townships existed in Virginia.

Many records were destroyed or heavily mutilated in 1865 by Union troops during the Civil War. A few volumes that record deeds, court orders, and wills exist.

Scope and Content

Nottoway County (Va.) Township Records, 1870, consist of 2 pages of commissioners' reports on the division of the county into three townships (Haytokah, Blendon, and Bellefont) and the election of officers for each township.

Index Terms

Corporate Names:

Nottoway County (Va.). Circuit Court.

Subjects:

County government -- Records and correspondence -- Virginia -- Nottoway County.

Local government -- Virginia -- Nottoway County.

Public records -- Virginia -- Nottoway County.

Geographical Names:

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

Genre and Form Terms:

Local government records -- Virginia -- Nottoway County.

Reports -- Virginia -- Nottoway County.

Township records -- Virginia -- Nottoway County.

Added Entry - Corporate Name:

Township of Bellefont (Nottoway County, VA)

Township of Blendon (Nottoway County, VA)

Township of Haytokah (Nottoway County, VA)

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