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Related Material

An index for Albemarle County Free Negro and Slave records is available at the Manuscript Reading Room Reference Desk.

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Historical Information

Albemarle County was named for William Anne Keppel, second earl of Albemarle and governor of the Virginia colony from 1737 to 1754. It was formed from Goochland County in 1744, and part of Louisa County and certain islands in the Fluvanna River, now called the James, were added in 1761 and 1838.

Throughout the Civil War, the principal responsibility for Virginia's indigent soldiers' families lay with the locality. The Virginia State Convention in 1861 gave the responsibility entirely to counties and incorporated towns and authorized whatever actions had already been taken. Acts of Assembly in 1862 and 1863 expanded the localities' powers to provide for their needy, and in 1863 some minimal state assistance was added in. At first relief was provided as money, but as the monetary system collapsed, relief was distributed in kind. Agents of the court maintained lists of eligible families, gathered goods for distribution and paid for them, and impressed supplies if necessary. Virginia was unique amongst the southern states in that it assigned the provisioning of needy families almost solely to the locality.

Scope and Content

The Albemarle County (Va.) Reports of Indigent Soldiers' Families is made up reports of agents providing support to the families of indigent soldiers. It also includes orders appointing agents to purchase supplies for the families. The reports record that funds were to be used for the purchase of corn and outline problems that the agents faced in procuring supplies and concerns about supplies getting to the the families in need rather than being used by the military.

Index Terms

Corporate Names:

Albemarle County (Va.) Circuit Court

Subjects:

Families of military personnel--Virginia--Albemarle County

Military supplies -- Virginia -- Albemarle County

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Geographical Names:

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

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