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Descriptive Summary

Collection numbers

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Language

English

Collector

Southampton County (Va.) Circuit Court

Physical Characteristics

1.60 cu. ft. (4 boxes) and 5 microfilm reels

Location

Library of Virginia

Repository

The Library of Virginia

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

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Use microfilm copies, Southampton County (Va.) Reels 478-482.

Acquisition Information

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Related Material

Deed Books and Indices to Deeds for Southampton County can be found on microfilm at the Library of Virginia. Consult ["A Guide to Virginia County and City Records on Microfilm."](#)

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

Additional Southampton County Deeds can be found at the Southampton County Courthouse.

Historical Information

Southampton County was named, in the opinion of many authorities, for Henry Wriothesley, third earl of Southampton and treasurer of the London Company from 1620 to 1624. It is more likely, however, that the county was named for the borough of Southampton in England. Southampton County was formed in 1749 from Isle of Wight County, and part of Nansemond County was added later.

Scope and Content

Southampton County (Va.) Unrecorded Deeds, 1759-1839, consist of deeds of bargain and sale, deeds of gift, mortgages, deeds of trust, and deeds of emancipation. Unrecorded deeds were never proved and recorded in deed books. A few of the deeds include plats. Except for a few years early in the eighteenth century, slaves in Virginia were considered personal property and consequently were not usually sold by deed. However, they were often transferred in deeds of gift or were the property listed in mortgages and deeds of trust.

Deeds of bargain and sale are the most commonly recorded deed in which one individual sells property, usually land, but occasionally personal property, to another individual. Such deeds show the names of the grantor and grantee, the residence of both parties, a description of what is being sold, the consideration (or price), the location of the tract of land, the tract's boundaries, and any limitations on the property being sold. The deed was signed by the grantor, and possibly his wife or anyone else having a claim to the property, and by at least two witnesses. Appended to the deed may be a memorandum of livery of seisin, stating that the property has changed hands and that peaceful possession has taken place.

Deeds of gift are often found transferring property, either real or personal, from one individual to another "for love and affection." The degree of kinship, if any, between the grantor and grantee is sometimes stated.

Mortgages and deeds of trust were deeds where one party is indebted to another and transfers or mortgages property to a third party to secure the debt.

Index Terms

Corporate Names:

Southampton County (Va.) Circuit Court.

Subjects:

African Americans -- History.

Land subdivision -- Virginia -- Southampton County.

Slaveholders -- Virginia -- Southampton County.

Slavery -- Virginia -- Southampton County.

Slaves -- Virginia -- Southampton County.

Geographical Names:

Southampton County (Va.) -- History.

Genre and Form Terms:

Deeds -- Virginia -- Southampton County.

Land records -- Virginia -- Southampton County.

Local government records -- Virginia -- Southampton County.

Mortgage deeds -- Virginia -- Southampton County.

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by grantee then chronologically by date deeds were written.