

# A Guide to the Chesterfield County (Va.) Organization Records, 1889-1940

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## Descriptive Summary

### Language

English

### Collector

Chesterfield County (Va.) Circuit Court

### Physical Characteristics

2 volumes; 1.35 cubic ft. (3 boxes)

### Location

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 a transfer of records from Chesterfield County Circuit Court under an undated accession.

### **Processing Information**

Prior to 2025, the various organization records in this collection were originally described as individual records, but they have been consolidated into one large organization record for the locality. Since 2025, these records additionally include identified but not processed records.

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### **Preferred Citation**

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## **Adjunct Descriptive Data**

## **Related Material**

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

## **Historical Information**

**Context for Record Type:** Organization Records, both volumes and loose records, are in some cases transferred to the Library of Virginia as components of court record transfers. These organization records in some cases were simply stored in the local court building for safe keeping by business owners. In other cases, organization records (particularly ledgers, account books, etc.) may have been filed in a court case as an exhibit. These organization record exhibits appeared both in chancery causes and in judgments, these records serving as exhibits for business dissolution cases, debt suits, and contract disputes.

**Locality History:** Chesterfield County was named for Philip Dormer Stanhope, fourth earl of Chesterfield, British statesman and diplomat, and was formed from Henrico County in 1749. The county seat is Chesterfield Court House. Part of Henrico County was added to Chesterfield in 1922.

## **Scope and Content**

Chesterfield County (Va.) Organization Records, 1889-1940 is comprised of various records created by groups in and around Chesterfield County. The records are comprised of a minute book, an account book, and other loose records.

## **Arrangement**

This collection is arranged into four series:

- Series I: Chesterfield County (Va.) Church and Lodge Records, 1892-1937
- Series II: Jolly Club Records, 1914-1923
- Series III: Virginia State Farmer's Alliance Records, 1889-1894
- Series IV: Chesterfield County (Va.) Organization Records, 1928-1940, undated

## **Contents List**

## **Series I: Chesterfield County (Va.) Church and Lodge Records, 1892-1937**

### **Extent**

0.45 cubic feet (1 box)

**Physical Location** State Records Center

### **Scope and Content**

**Scope and Content:** The records from the Chesterfield County (Va.) Church and Lodge Records, 1892-1937 are comprised of petitions, orders, resolutions, and decrees documenting the sale or mortgaging of properties owned by churches and one freemason organization, the Chester Lodge No. 94 of the A.F. & A.M. They records contain names of trustees and copies of resolutions passed by members.

Included are records pertaining to properties owned by the the Chesterfield Circuit, Methodist Episcopal Church South, 1892; Bethia Baptist Church, 1892; Chester Baptist Church, 1905 and 1908; Matoaca Charge, Methodist Episcopal Church South, 1905; Second Baptist Church of Manchester, 1905; West End Methodist Episcopal Church South, 1905; Church of the Good Shepherd, Protestant Episcopal Church South, 1908; Oak Grove Baptist Church, 1908; Woodland Heights Methodist Episcopal Church South, 1913; Bon Air Methodist Episcopal Church South, 1914; Clopton St. Baptist Church, 1914; Ettrick Methodist Episcopal Church South, 1923-1924; Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church, 1928; Highland Methodist Episcopal Church South, 1929; Parsonage, West Chesterfield Circuit of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, 1928; Shelbourne Ave. Methodist Episcopal Church South, 1937; and the Chester Lodge No. 94 of the A.F. & A.M., 1909.

**Barcode Number 1046067: Church and Lodge Papers, 1892-1937**

## **Series II: Jolly Club Records, 1914-1923**

### **Extent**

1 volume.

**Physical Location** State Records Center

### **Scope and Content**

**Scope and Content:** The Jolly Club Records consist of a volume and loose records. The volume contains a list of "receipts from incidental sources for school and county purposes," 1914-1915; Jolly Club accounts, 1921-1923; a summary of expenses and receipts for dances, April to June (year not given); an unidentified list of names and addresses, and Jolly Club financial reports, May 1921 to April 1922.

The list of school receipts from incidental sources includes receipts for donations to the Matoaca Literary Fund and the Dale District Literary Fund. The Jolly Club financial reports are loose leaves tucked into front of the ledger. They document expenses paid for music, lights, electricity, lumber, chairs, taxes, etc. Also tucked into the front of the ledger is a ticket to "attend dances given by Jolly Club at Stop 21, Petersburg Pike, for the season for 1921."

**Barcode Number 1124764: Jolly Club Ledger, 1914-1923**

## **Series III: Virginia State Farmer's Alliance Records, 1889-1894**

### **Extent**

1 volume.

**Physical Location** Library of Virginia

### **Scope and Content**

**Scope and Content:** The Virginia State Farmers' Alliance Records consist of a secretary book. The volume was a quarterly record of the dues paid by Alliance members, male and female, in each branch in the county. The branches were: Dry Bridge, Robious, Midlothian, Bermuda, Cedar Hill, Centre, Skinquarter, Otterdale, Clover Hill, Port Walthall, and Broad Rock. Also included is a letter from the Secretary-Treasurer of the Virginia Alliance, 1898; and statements of account, 1892.

**Historical Information:** The Farmers Alliance began in Texas in 1876 and expanded to Virginia in the 1880s. By 1890, there were more than 30,000 members in 85 branches in Virginia. The Alliance worked to promote higher commodity prices through collective action by groups of individual farmers.

**Barcode Number 1124760: Virginia State Farmers' Alliance County**

## Secretary's Book, 1889-1894

### **Series IV: Chesterfield County (Va.) Organization Records, 1928-1940, undated [UNPROCESSED]**

#### **Extent**

0.9 cubic feet (2 boxes).

**Physical Location** State Records Center

#### **Scope and Content**

**Scope and Content:** Includes boxes containing material identified as organization records. These records may be flat filed or foldered but not fully processed.

The Chesterfield County (Va.) Organization Records include a roll call list of Chesterfield Grange No. 184, Home Demonstration Club Advisory Board Minutes, 1928-1940, and other organization records. These records typically consist of appointments of trustees, minutes, and miscellaneous records of religious organizations, fraternal organizations, independent associations, and cooperatives.

### **Barcode Number 1045957: Miscellaneous; Organization Records; Tax and Fiscal Records, 1771-1904, undated**

#### **Scope and Content**

Organization records are unprocessed and the date range for the organization series is unknown.

### **Barcode Number 1043913: Court Records, Tax and Fiscal Records, Organization Records, Miscellaneous Records, 1809-1940**

#### **Scope and Content**

Organization records are unprocessed and the date range for the organization series is unknown.