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Language

English

Collector

Essex County (Va.) Circuit Court

Physical Characteristics

6.75 cu. ft. (8 boxes and 1 folder)

Location

Library of Virginia (Boxes 1017407 and 1030780 are found at the State Records Center. Contact Archives Reference Services for access information, directions and hours.)

Repository

The Library of Virginia

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

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Items in Boxes 1017407 and 1130776 came to the Virginia State Library (now the Library of Virginia) under accession number 21817.

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Related Material

Additional court records for Essex County 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

Essex County was formed from old Rappahannock County in 1692. The county was probably named for the English county or perhaps for Algernon Capell, second earl of Essex.

Some items in this collection were created by the County Court, the Superior Court of Chancery, the Superior Court of Law and the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery.

Scope and Content

Essex County (Va.) Records, 1677-1940, undated, consist of the following series: Bonds/Commissions/Oaths; County Administrative Records (including Board of Supervisors and Overseer of the Poor Records); County, General, Superior Court of Chancery, Superior Court of Law, Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery and Circuit Court Records (including Criminal, Clerk's Records, Judgments, and an Indictment for Riot); Fiduciary Records; Health and Medical Records; Land Records; Marriage Records and Vital Statistics; Military and Pension Records; Miscellaneous Records; Organization Records; Road and Bridge Records; School Records; Tax and Fiscal Records and Wills.

Index Terms

Corporate Names:

Essex County (Va.) Circuit Court.

Subjects:

Public records -- Virginia -- Essex County.

Geographical Names:

Essex County (Va.) -- History.

Genre and Form Terms:

Local government records -- Virginia -- Essex County.

Added Entry - Corporate Name:

Essex County (Va.) Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery.

Essex County (Va.) County Court.

Essex County (Va.) Superior Court of Chancery.

Essex County (Va.) Superior Court of Law.

Virginia. General Court.

Contents List

Barcode number 1137632: Records, 1686-1915

Scope and Content

Marriage Records and Vital Statistics/Military and Pension Records/Miscellaneous Records: Overseers of the Poor records, 1686-1915/Mill pond petitions/Receipts. Marriage License - Fleet William Cox & Sarah E. Muse, November 26 1853. Item contains Accession number 30142.

Barcode number 1017407: Records, 1751-1924

Scope and Content

Unprocessed Court Records: Judgments, Commonwealth Causes; Clerks' Records; Road and Bridge Records; Land Records: Deeds, proccessioner reports, etc.; Wills; Bonds/Comissions/Oaths; Military and Pension Records; School Records; Tax and Fiscal Records. Items contain Accession number 21817.

Barcode number 1030780: Records, 1896-1930

Scope and Content

Unprocessed Court Records: Judgments, Commonwealth Causes; Election Records; Road and Bridge Records; Tax and Fiscal Records; Land Records.

Barcode number 1130759: Records, 1677-1845, undated

Scope and Content

Miscellaneous Records: Powers of Attorney, 1677-1845, n.d.; Various Series, 1679-1725, n.d.: Court Records: Clerk's Records: Clerk's Correspondence. 1725; 1729; Court Records: Criminal, 1720, n.d.; Court Records: County Court, 1710; Court Records: Judgments, 1685-1686, 1717 ca., n.d.; Court Records: Miscellaneous (assignment, discredit, governor's strays, promissory note, obligation), 1687-1705 (not inclusive); Fiduciary Records: renouncement of dower, renunciation of executorship, 1679-1727, n.d. (not inclusive); Wills: nuncupative will and depositions about will, 1686/7, 1712; Land Records: deed of release, 1715; Land Records: fragment of unidentified index to deeds, etc., n.d.; Miscellaneous Records: document fragments, account, earmarks, 1685-1728, n.d. (not inclusive); Miscellaneous Records: Correspondence from Robert Carter, 1728; Organization Records: fragment of list from St. Anne's Parish, 1726; Letter from James W. Keeble to unidentified, 10 March 1861. Wrappers: 1712, 1715, 1723, 1728.

Barcode number 1130778: Records, undated

Scope and Content

Unprocessed Miscellaneous Records; Court Papers; Board of Supervisors Records; Tax and Fiscal Records

Barcode number 1130776: Records, 1791-1940

Scope and Content

Unprocessed Court Records; Bonds, Commissions, Oaths; Miscellaneous Records. Items contain accession number 21817.

Barcode number 1167465: Records, 1692-1778, undated

Scope and Content

Bonds/Oaths/Commissions: Commissions for Thomas Hodges as Coroner of Norfolk Co., 1705/06; John Lomax as sheriff, 1708; John Lomax as sheriff, 1709; Robert Coleman as sheriff, 1710; Richard Covington as sheriff, 1711; Richard Tunstall as deputy clerk of court, 1720; William Beverley as clerk of court, 1723; James Webb as sheriff, 1762; William Roane as deputy attorney general, 1770. Land Records: Plats: Joseph Reeves, 1759; Robert Brooke and Elias Newman, 1761; Mary Pamplin and William Porter, 1762; land and slaves of John Smith, 1766; Thomas Haddon and William Porter, 1770; William Hawkins (2 items), 1772; dower of Rosanna Butler from Thomas Butler, 1773; Samuel Brookes, 1778; unidentified plat that mentions the Rappahannock River, n.d. Miscellaneous Records: Proclamations and Orders of Council (13 items), 1692-1758; Miscellaneous Records: letter from Alexander Spotswood, 1718; Miscellaneous Records: Resolution of Council concerning Essex request for new courthouse, 1726.

Barcode number 1167466: Records, 1700-1797

Scope and Content

Bonds/Oaths/Commissions: Commission for Robert Brooke as sheriff, 1722; Commission for Benjamin Robinson as sheriff, 1724; Commission for Justices of the Peace, 1735; Commission for Justices of the Peace, 1750 (accession 29400); Commission for Justices of the Peace, 1752; Dedimus for Justices of the Peace, 1752. Clerk's Records: List of Essex County Court Records, 11th March 1716. Court Records: Commissions of Oyer and Terminer (3 items), 1707; Oyer and Terminer trial of Nan and Harry (7 items), 1734; General Court Indictment for Riot, 1766 (accession 33281); Election Records: Poll taken at an election of Burgesses, 1769. Land Records: Deeds: deed and bond from John Bates Senior to Pittman Scandrett, 1731; deed from John Bagge to Andrew Bagge (2 items), 1736. Land Records: Plats: survey and division of land between James Banks and the Orphans of Martin Conner, 1764; division of land and slaves of Major Lafon, 1773; Survey Book, 1792-1797 (photostat, accession 25394); Miscellaneous Records: Proclamations and Orders of Council (12 items), 1700, 1710, 1715, 1722, 1727, 1730, 1736-1739, 1742; Power of Attorney William Evered to William Dangerfield, 1721.

Barcode number 0007326937: Records, 1750-1815

Scope and Content

Bonds/Commissions/Oaths, Court Records, Land Records and Wills.