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Descriptive Summary

Language

English

Collector

Isle of Wight County (Va.) Circuit Court

Physical Characteristics

0.45 cubic feet (1 box)

Location

State Records Center - Archives Annex, 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 records came to the Library of Virginia in shipments of court papers Isle of Wight County 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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Adjunct Descriptive Data

Related Material

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

Isle of Wight County is one of Virginia's Lost Records Localities. Additional Isle of Wight County records may be found in the Virginia Lost Records Localities Collection at the Library of Virginia. See the [Lost Records Localities Digital Collection](#) available on the Library of Virginia website.

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: Isle of Wight County was most likely named for the Isle of Wight off the south coast of England. It was first known as Warrosquyoake and was one of the eight shires established in 1634. The present name was given in 1637. Part of Nansemond County was added in 1769. Its area is 319 square miles and the county seat is Isle of Wight.

Lost Locality Notes: Recognized as Warrosquyoake County, one of the original shires, in 1634 and given its present name in 1637. Most pre-Revolutionary War-era loose records are missing. Volumes that record deeds, court orders, and wills exist. During the Civil War, the county clerk had Randall Boothe, a Black man he enslaved, transport the court records to Greensville and Brunswick Counties for safekeeping. After the war ended, Boothe returned the records to Isle of Wight and served as Courthouse Caretaker.

Scope and Content

Isle of Wight County (Va.) Organization Records, 1813-1936 is comprised of various records created by groups in Isle of Wight County. Represented records largely consist of unprocessed loose records. These records typically consist of appointments of trustees, minutes, and miscellaneous records of religious organizations, fraternal organizations, independent associations, and cooperatives.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into one series:

- Series I: Isle of Wight County (Va.) Organization Records, 1813-1936 [UNPROCESSED]

Contents List

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Physical Location State Records Center

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

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