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Essex County (Va.) Reels 113-118

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English

Collector

Essex County (Va.) Circuit Court.

Physical Characteristics

6 microfilm reels

Location

Library of Virginia

Repository

The Library of Virginia

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

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There are no restrictions.

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Related Material

Additional Essex 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

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.

The first law requiring a bond was enacted in 1660/1661. It required the prospective groom to give bond at the courthouse in the bride's county of residence. A license was then prepared by the clerk and presented to the minister who performed the ceremony. The only alternative to marriage by bond was marriage by banns.

Scope and Content

Essex County (Va.) Marriage Bonds, 1804-1850.

Index Terms

Corporate Names:

Essex County (Va.) Circuit Court.

Subjects:

Public records--Virginia--Essex County.

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

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