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Barcode numbers

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Language

English

Collector

Middlesex County (Va.) Circuit Court

Physical Characteristics

.9 cu. ft. (2 boxes) and 10 v.

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 items came to the Library of Virginia in shipments of court papers from Middlesex County.

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Related Material

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

Middlesex County is one of Virginia's Lost Records Localities. Additional Middlesex County Court Records may be found in the Virginia Lost Records Localities Collection at the Library of Virginia. Search the [Lost Records Localities Database](#) found at the Library of Virginia web site.

Historical Information

Middlesex County probably was named for the English county. It was formed from Lancaster County about 1669.

Numerous loose records from the nineteenth century including chancery, Deeds and Surveys, and commonwealth causes are missing. Most volumes including deed books, Deeds and Surveys, and order books exist because court clerk Philemon T. Woodward removed them from the courthouse for safekeeping during the Civil War.

Scope and Content

Middlesex County (Va.) Deeds and Surveys, 1679-1831 (bulk 1735-1820) includes six Deed Books in this collection covering the years 1679-1720 and 1740-1785. There is one Survey Book for the years 1735-1807, which includes a plat with most of the surveys. There are two boxes of loose deeds for the dates 1751-1820, 1827, and 1831.

Deed Books contain deeds of bargain and sale, deeds of gift, mortgages, and deeds of trust. On presentation to the court, deeds were proved and recorded. If the deed was not witnessed, the grantor acknowledged the deed in open court. A few of the deeds include plats.

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.

Surveys give the size and boundaries of a piece of real estate. They often give the names of neighboring property owners, water features, roads, paths, etc. Sometimes they just name the trees, large stones, or some other item used to denote a meeting of two boundary lines. They give the metes and bounds which are

using carefully measured distances, angles, and directions, which results in what is called a "legal description" of the land. Many surveys are accompanied by a plat which is a drawing showing the boundary lines, angles, directions and other information given in the survey.

Index Terms

Corporate Names:

Middlesex County (Va.) Circuit Court.

Subjects:

Land survey-- Virginia -- Middlesex County.

Deeds--Virginia--Middlesex County.

Geographical Names:

Middlesex County (Va.) -- History.

Genre and Form Terms:

Surveys, land-- Virginia -- Middlesex County.

Land plats-- Virginia -- Middlesex County.

Local government records -- Virginia -- Middlesex County.

Arrangement

Chronological

Contents List

Barcode numbers 1127542-1127543: Deed Book. Number 2, 1679-1694

Scope and Content

Also known as Deeds Etc., Number 2 [1-a], Parts 1 and Part 2. Barcode Number 1127542 is Part 1, which contains pages 1-355. Barcode Number 1127543 is Part 2, which contains pages 356-710.

Barcode number 1127545: Deed Book, 1694-1703

Scope and Content

Also known as Deed Book 2.

Barcode number 1127546: Deeds, 1703-1720

Scope and Content

Also known as Deed Book, 3.

Barcode numbers 1127547-1127548: Deed Book, 1740-1754

Scope and Content

Also known as Deed Book, 1740-1754, Part 1 and Part 2. Barcode Number 1127547 is Part 1, which is also known as Deed Book 7. Barcode Number 1127548 is Part 2 which is also known as Deed Book 7a.

Barcode number 1127549: Deed Book, 1754-1767

Scope and Content

Pages 1-280 are known as Deed Book 8 and pages 281-546 are known as Deed Book 8a.

Barcode numbers 1127550, 1127553: Deed Book, 1767-1785

Scope and Content

Also known as Deed Book, 1767-1785, Part 1 and Part 2. Barcode Number 1127550 is Part 1, which is also known as Deed Book 9. Barcode Number 1127553 is Part 2, which is also known as Deed Book 9a.

Barcode number 1127568: Surveys, 1735-1807

Scope and Content

This book contains plats and surveys.

Barcode numbers 1138006, 1048907: Deeds 1751-1831 (bulk 1751-1820)

Scope and Content

These are loose deeds in two boxes. Barcode Number 1138006 contains Deeds, 1751-1789, Box 29. Barcode Number 1048907 contains Deeds, 1790-1820, 1827 and 1831, Box 30.