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Descriptive Summary

Language

English

Collector

Richmond (Va.) Circuit Court

Physical Characteristics

3 volumes; 0.5 cubic ft. (2 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

This collection came to the Library of Virginia in a transfer of records from Richmond 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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Related Material

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

Richmond is one of Virginia's Lost Records Localities. Additional Richmond records may be found in the [Lost Records Localities Digital Collection](#) at 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: Richmond, located between Henrico and Chesterfield Counties, was named by William Byrd II, who envisioned the development of a city at the falls of the James River and with the help of William Mayo laid out the town in 1737. Richmond was established in 1742 and in 1779 was designated the capital of Richmond effective April 1780. It was incorporated as a city in 1842. Richmond was enlarged by annexation of Manchester (or South Richmond) in 1910, and by the addition of Barton Heights, Fairmount, and Highland Park in 1914.

Lost Locality Note: During the burning of Richmond on April 3, 1865, during the Civil War, Richmond circuit court judge John A. Meredith led efforts to save the circuit court records found at the State Court House. Rescuers successfully removed all the circuit court papers that concerned pending suits and many of the order books, but all of the circuit court will and deed books were lost. Records of the superior court and circuit superior court of law and chancery were also destroyed. Most of the pre-Civil War Hustings Court records exist, including Hustings Court wills and deeds.

Scope and Content

Richmond (Va.) Organization Records, 1872-1923 is comprised of various records created by groups in the city of Richmond. These records consist of minute books and loose, unprocessed records.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into two series:

- Series I: Grace Street Baptist Church Records, 1872-1912
- Series II: Protestant Episcopal Church, Diocese of Virginia Records, 1922-1923

Contents List

Series I: Grace Street Baptist Church Records, 1872-1912

Extent

3 volumes; 0.25 cubic feet (1 box)

Physical Location Library of Virginia

Scope and Content

Historical Information: Grace Street Baptist Church was organized in 1833 as Third Baptist Church by members of Second Baptist Church. In 1845, the congregation moved to Foushee and Grace Streets and the name was changed to Grace Street Baptist Church. In 1923, the congregation moved to Grove Avenue and Boulevard, and the name was officially changed to Grace Baptist Church in 1925. Fires in 1896 and 1946 destroyed many church records. The Sunday school was also organized in 1833.

Scope and Content: Grace Street Baptist Church (Richmond, Va.) Records, 1872-1912 contain minutes of regular monthly meetings of the Grace Street Sunday School, 1872-1885, and loose papers, circa 1872-1912. Minutes of the Sunday school document attendance at the meetings by teachers and officers, and the election of officers. They also contain tributes to church members who have died (including the Reverend Jeremiah Jeter, former pastor of the church, who died in 1880), and committee and financial records of the administration of the Sunday school. Loose papers include a few records of the Board of Deacons, 1894; a list of pew renters, undated; Sunday school lesson notes, newspaper clippings, and printed religious literature. The Sunday school minutes contain a subject index.

Barcode Number 1203910: Grace Street Baptist Church Records, 1872-1912

Barcode Number 1092252: Grace Street Baptist Church Deacons Minutes, 1872-1885

Barcode Number 1092263: Grace Street Baptist Church Deacons Minutes, 1880-1895

Barcode Number 1092264: Grace Street Baptist Church Deacons, 1895-1910

Series II: Protestant Episcopal Church, Diocese of Virginia Records, 1922-1923

Extent

0.25 cubic feet (1 box)

Physical Location State Records Center

Scope and Content

Historical Information: The Diocese of Virginia, first organized in 1785, is the second-largest diocese of the Episcopal Church in the United States. The Diocesan Office is located in the city of Richmond.

Scope and Content: These records include several audit reports for the years 1922-1923, including a report on audit for "The Virginia Churchman," a report on audit for the Diocesan Executive Committee Nation-Wide Campaign, a report on audit for the Church Extension Committee, a report on audit for the Trustees of the Funds, and the Board of Apportionment's report on audit of the Treasurer's Records.

Barcode Number 1092481: Protestant Episcopal Church, Diocese of Virginia Reports on Audit 1922-1923