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Arlington County (Va.) Chancery Cause, 1828-016

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English

Collector

Arlington County (Va.) Circuit Court.

Physical Characteristics

Digital images.

Location

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Historical Information

The Mutual Assurance Society against Fire on Buildings, of the State of Virginia, was incorporated by the General Assembly on 22 December 1794. The plan of the society was suggested by William Frederick Ast, a Prussian then residing in Richmond, and is alleged to have been modeled after a system of mutual guarantee introduced by Frederick the Great. Insurance offered by the society was against all losses and damages occasioned accidentally by fire.

Scope and Content

Mutual Assurance Society Against Fire on Buildings Subscription Book, 1795, consists of a copy of a subscription list of insurance policy holders in Alexandria and surrounding area kept by the Mutual Assurance Society Against Fire on Buildings for June 1795. It records the name of policyholder, place of residence, name of county, number of buildings insured, and value of buildings. A few entries include types of buildings insured.

Index Terms

Corporate Names:

Mutual Assurance Society Against Fire on Buildings (Arlington County, Va.)

Subjects:

Insurance, Property -- Virginia -- Arlington County.

Insurance companies -- Virginia -- Arlington County.

Genre and Form Terms:

Business records -- Virginia -- Arlington County.

Local government records -- Virginia -- Arlington County.

Subscription -- Virginia -- Arlington County.

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