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## Historical Information

Chancery Causes are cases of equity. According to Black's Law Dictionary they are "administered according to fairness as contrasted with the strictly formulated rules of common law." A judge, not a jury, determines the outcome of the case.

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. It was incorporated as a town in 1782 and as a city in 1842.

## Scope and Content

Richmond (Va.) Chancery Decree, 1863, consists of a copy of a decree from the chancery cause Administratrix of Robert D. Murchie versus William W. Gwathmey and others.

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