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Descriptive Summary

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English

Collector

Arlington County (Va.) Circuit Court

Physical Characteristics

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Location

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Repository

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Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

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There are no restrictions.

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These items came to the Library of Virginia in a transfer of court papers from Arlington County.

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Related Material

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

Historical Information

Arlington County was originally named Alexandria County. It was formed from a portion of Fairfax County that Virginia in 1789 ceded to the federal government for use as the site of a new national capital. In 1801 the area officially became part of the District of Columbia, although Congress named it Alexandria County. By an act of 9 July 1846, Congress returned the county to Virginia, and the General Assembly extended the commonwealth's jurisdiction over the region effective 20 March 1847. By an act of assembly passed 16 March 1920, the county's name was changed to Arlington, the name of the Custis family mansion (the home of Robert E. Lee), which is located in the county. An urban county, Arlington contains no incorporated towns or cities. The county courthouse is in the county.

Alexandria County was named for the town of Alexandria, which in turn was named for John Alexander, an early owner of the tract in Fairfax County on which the town was located. It was formed from a portion of Fairfax County that Virginia in 1789 ceded to the federal government for use as the site of a new national capital. In 1801 the area officially became part of the District of Columbia, although Congress named it Alexandria County. By an act of 9 July 1846, Congress returned the county to Virginia, and the General Assembly extended the commonwealth's jurisdiction over the region effective 20 March 1847. By an act of assembly of 16 March 1920 the county's name was changed to Arlington County.

Scope and Content

Arlington County (Va.) Minute Books, 1785-1904, record all matters on a daily basis when it was in session including but not limited to: civil and criminal suits, appointments of county officers, appointments of guardians and administrators, deed recordings, free negro registrations, naturalization registrations, and court fees. Clerks would transfer information from minute books to appropriate order book, deed book, fiduciary book, free negro register, etc. Collection includes minute books from the Hustings Court of Alexandria, Circuit Court of the District of Columbia, Orphans' Court, and County Court.

Index Terms

Corporate Names:

Arlington County (Va.) Circuit Court.

Subjects:

Public records--Virginia--Arlington County.

Geographical Names:

Arlington County (Va.)--History--18th century.

County and Family Names

Genre and Form Terms:

Judicial records--Virginia--Arlington County.

Local government records--Virginia--Arlington County.

Minute books--Virginia--Arlington County.

Arrangement

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