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The Library of Virginia

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

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There are no restrictions.

Acquisition Information

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Historical Information

The act which established the Land Office passed the General Assembly on 22 June 1779. The register was the head of the Office and was appointed by joint ballot of both houses of the legislature.

Scope and Content

These records contain copies of court records, separated from the files with which they belong, sent in to support claims; copies of documents from the Land Office prepared either for internal use or on request and not retrieved; and copies of documents predating the establishment of the Land Office in 1779. Included in the last category are General Court records, 1747-1772; Council records, 1743-1774; and county court orders certifying importation claims, 1750-1779. Total years covered are 1743; 1745; 1747-1748; 1750; 1753-1756; 1758; 1760; 1763-1765; 1770; 1772-1775; 1779; 1783-1787; 1790; 1793; 1795-1796; 1805-1806; 1810; 1817-1818; 1821; 1823-1825; 1827; 1829-1830; 1840; 1847; 1849; 1853-1854; 1860; 1864-1865; 1870-1871; 1875; 1879-1883; 1887; 1913

Index Terms

Subjects:

Land grants -- Virginia.

Rights of property -- Virginia.

Genre and Form Terms:

State government records.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into the following series:

- I. Copies of Virginia Land Office records, 1743-1914

Items are arranged by subject matter.

Contents List

Copies of Virginia Land Office Records, 1743-1914.

Extent

Extent: 1 box.

Arrangement

By subject

Copies, bounty certificates, 1875-1913.

Box 1

Folder 1

Scope and Content

Contains bounty certificates for land grants issued to John Canell in 1792 and Captain Thomas Appleton

Contains bounty certificates for land grants issued to John Conoll in 1783 and Captain Thomas Armistead in 1782. The first was copied in 1913 and the second in 1875.

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

Copies, council documents, 1743-1774.

Box 1

Folder 2

Scope and Content

Contains a variety of council documents, including caveats issued against various individuals, orders of council, permission for a survey, and a memorial submitted by George Washington on behalf of a number of officers and soldiers for shares in 200,000 acres of land promised by Lt. Gov. Dinwiddie. Items are dated 1743, 1745, 1748, 1758, 1764, and 1772-1774.

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

Copies, court orders and decrees, 1776-1888.

Box 1

Folder 3

Scope and Content

Contains a variety of court orders and decrees related to land grants and warrants, including petitions for headright bounties, caveats issued against various individuals, documents regarding the guardianship of orphaned minors, and applications for the surveying or resurveying of land. Items are dated 1776, 1783, 1785, 1786, 1790, 1793, 1796, 1800, 1805, 1817, 1821, 1823-1825, 1829, 1853, 1854, 1860, 1865, 1870, 1871, 1875, 1879-1883, 1887, and 1888.

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

Copies, court orders pertaining to exportation rights, 1750-1779.

Box 1

Folder 4

Scope and Content

Contains copies of court orders, including statements claiming land under the royal charter from Great Britain and deeds of assignment. Items are dated 1750, 1763, 1770, 1775, and 1779.

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

Copies, general court documents, 1747-1772.

Box 1

Folder 5

Scope and Content

Consists of petitions to the governor, lieutenant governor, and president of the council, for grants of land in various counties.

Arrangement

Arranged in reverse chronological order.

David Dolton vs William Lucas, Albemarle Co, 1772 .

John Colquist, Cumberland Co, 1764 .

Charles Irby, Lunenburg Co, 1763 .

Henry Sharpe, Sussex Co, 1760 .

James Pittillo, Prince George Co, 1766 .

Sylvanus Walker, Cumberland Co, 1754 .

John Christian, Goochland Co, 1754 .

James March, Nansemond Co, 1753 .

Thomas Davenport, Goochland Co, 1749 .

Copies, surveys, 1747-1772.

Box 1

Folder 6

Scope and Content

Contains copies of a number of surveys prepared for individuals in several counties.

William Morrison, Albemarle Co, 1748 .

Edward McGuire, Frederick Co, 1765 .

James Buttaud, Monongalia Co, 1784 .

Benjamin Johnson, Hanover Co, 1787 .

Henry Banks, Randolph Co, 1787 .

Richard Smyth, Randolph Co, 1794 .

John Murphy, Lewis Co, 1818 .

John Stricker, Ohio Co, 1787, 1829 .

John Stricker, 1787 .

Hezekiah Davidson, 1785 .

Richard Smyth, Randolph Co, 1795 .

John Smith, Montgomery Co, 1787 .

Isaac Melcher, Monongalia Co, 1783 .

Samuel Grove, Morgan Co, 1827 .

Delilah A. E. Harvey, 1880 .

James Williams, Monongalia Co, 1827 .

Chapman and Burk, 1810 .

John M. Falls, Augusta Co, 1756 .

William Austin, Henry Co, 1784 .

Christian Peters and others, Monroe Co, 1805, .

Moses Wilson, Lomax Co, 1784 .

Harrison Hardman, Tyler Co, 1861, .

Joseph Peck, 1849 .

Copies, warrants, 1840-1847.

Box 1

Folder 7

Scope and Content

Contains military warrants from 1840 for Aleck Saunders and William Shelby, and a warrant to survey the lands of Israil Smith from 1847.

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