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Collector

Richmond, City of (Va.) Circuit Court.

Physical Characteristics

122 boxes and 992 volumes

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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Related Material

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

See the [Lost Records Localities Digital Collection](#) available at Virginia Memory.

For more information and a listing of lost records localities see [Lost Records research note](#).

Historical Information

Richmond, City of (Va.), located between Henrico and Chesterfield Counties, was named by William Byrd (1674–1744), 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. The name probably came from the English borough of Richmond upon Thames, which Byrd visited on several occasions. Richmond was established in 1742 and in 1779 was designated the capital of Virginia effective 30 April 1780. It was incorporated as a town, although stiled the city of Richmond, in 1782 and was incorporated as a city in 1842. It served as the capital of the Confederacy from mid-1861 to April 1865. Richmond was enlarged by the annexation of Manchester (or South Richmond) in 1910, and by the addition of Barton Heights, Fairmount, and Highland Park in 1914. Further annexations from Chesterfield County occurred in 1942 and 1970.

Established in 1742; incorporated as a town, although stiled the city of Richmond, in 1782. 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 papers that were necessary to pending suits and many of the order books, but all of the wills 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.

Scope and Content

Richmond, City of (Va.) Fiduciary Accounts, 1818-1959 circa, include loose account records as well as the same records recorded in bound volumes largely by Richmond City Chancery Court, as well as the Hustings Courts. Accounts include records filed by trustees, administrators, executors, guardians, and committees that related to the performance of their duties managing a person's estate mainly consisting of appraisements, inventories, accounts, and settlements. Pre-1865 records include information related to enslaved people.