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English

Collector

Cumberland County (Va.) Circuit Court.

Physical Characteristics

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Location

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The Library of Virginia

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

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There are no restrictions.

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Historical Information

Cumberland County was named for William Augustus, duke of Cumberland, third son of King George II. It was formed from Goochland County in 1749.

Estrays were stray livestock found wandering. An inquest was held to determine the value of the livestock in order to reimburse the person who had found and cared for the animal. The report generally includes a physical description of the animal as well as an assessed monetary value.

Scope and Content

Cumberland County (Va.) Estray Records, 1751-1879, contain various loose and bound records giving public notice of valuable, tame animals, either lost or found wandering and presumed escaped from their owners, allowing the owners to reclaim the animals. Entries generally indicate by whom the animal was taken up, before what justice the person went and when, and the description and appraisement (value) of the animal.

The small amount of loose estray records are also housed with records concerning Public Buildings and Grounds, 1751-1874 and the county Overseers of the Poor, 1773-1879.