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Descriptive Summary

Language

English

Collector

Bedford County (Va.) Circuit Court

Extent

2 volumes.

Location

State Records Center

Repository

The Library of Virginia

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

Acquisition Information

These records came to the Library of Virginia in a transfer of court papers from Bedford County in an undated accession.

Processing Information

Prior to 2025, the various organization records in this collection were originally described as individual records, but they have been consolidated into one large organization record for the locality. Since 2025, these records additionally include identified but not processed records.

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Adjunct Descriptive Data

Related Material

Additional Bedford County Court Records can be found on microfilm at The Library of Virginia. Consult ["A Guide to Virginia County and City Records on Microfilm."](#)

Historical Information

Context for Record Type: Organization Records, both volumes and loose records, are in some cases transferred to the Library of Virginia as components of court record transfers. These organization records in some cases were simply stored in the local court building for safe keeping by business owners. In other cases, organization records (particularly ledgers, account books, etc.) may have been filed in a court case as an exhibit. These organization record exhibits appeared both in chancery causes and in judgments, these records serving as exhibits for business dissolution cases, debt suits, and contract disputes.

Locality History: Bedford County was named probably for John Russell, fourth duke of Bedford, who served as secretary of state for the southern department from 1748 to 1751 and had general supervision of colonial affairs. It was formed from Lunenburg County in 1753, and parts of Albemarle and Lunenburg Counties were added in 1755. The county court first met on 5 May 1754. The county seat is the town of Bedford.

Scope and Content

Bedford County (Va.) Organization Records, 1907-1941 is comprised of various records created by groups in Bedford County. Represented records consist of a minute book and a ledger.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into one series:

- Series I: Modern Woodmen of America (Mountain Valley Camp) Records, 1907-1941

Contents List

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Extent

2 volumes

Physical Location State Records Center

Scope and Content

Historical Information: Modern Woodmen of America was founded in 1883 by Joseph Cullen Root, an Iowa businessman, to provide financial services, life insurance, and opportunities for fellowship for men ages 18 to 45. The Mountain Valley Camp was organized at Rusher's Store in Montvale, in Bedford County, in 1907.

Scope and Content: The organization records of the Modern Woodmen of America (Mountain Valley Camp) consist of a minute book and a ledger. The minute book contains names of lodge officers and charter members, attendance records, and minutes, 1907-1917. Minutes document committee appointments, election of new members, and other business. The volume also contains records of dues paid by members and other accounts, 1917-1923.

Barcode Number 1099208: Modern Woodmen of America (Mountain Valley Camp Minute Book, 1907-1923

Barcode Number 1099201: Modern Woodmen of America (Mountain Valley Camp Ledger, 1923-1941

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