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Descriptive Summary

Language

English

Collector

Giles County (Va.) Circuit Court

Physical Characteristics

1 volume; 0.45 cubic feet (1 box).

Location

Library of Virginia

Repository

Library of Virginia

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

Acquisition Information

These items came to the Library of Virginia in a transfer of court records from Giles County in 2010 under accession number 45263. Additional records came to the Library of Virginia under 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 Giles County records can be found on microfilm at the Library of Virginia. Consult ["A Guide to Virginia County and City Records on Microfilm"](#) found on the Library of Virginia's web site.

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: Giles County was named for William Branch Giles, United States senator from Virginia in 1806 when the county was created from Montgomery, Monroe (now in West Virginia), and Tazewell Counties. Several subsequent additions were made from Wythe (1808), Monroe in 1829 and Mercer in 1841 (both now in West Virginia), Craig (1880), and Tazewell (1826 and 1836) counties. The county seat is Pearisburg.

Scope and Content

Giles County (Va.) Organization Records, 1839-1866 is comprised of various records created by groups in Giles County. The records consist of a minute book and unprocessed, loose records.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into one series:

- Series I: Pearisburg Academy Association Records, 1839-1854
- Series II: Giles County (Va.) Organization Records, 1866 [UNPROCESSED]

Contents List

Series I: Pearisburg Academy Association Records, 1839-1854

Extent

1 volume

Physical Location State Records Center

Scope and Content

Historical Information: The Pearisburg Academy Association was established by Act of the General Assembly April 2, 1839, to raise money to build a more attractive schoolhouse in Pearisburg, with the intent of attracting "a more systematic plan of education" to the village. The Association contracted with schoolmasters to use the building for a school.

Scope and Content

Scope and Content: The Pearisburg Academy Association Records consists of minutes. The minutes document the election of trustees, approval of a constitution and by-laws, sale of stock to subscribers, construction of a brick schoolhouse in Pearisburg, and agreements with teachers who contracted to use the building.

Barcode Number 1127748: Pearisburg Academy Association Minutes, 1839-1854

Series II: Giles County (Va.) Organization Records, 1866 [UNPROCESSED]

Extent

0.45 cubic feet (1 box)

Physical Location Library of Virginia

Scope and Content

Includes boxes containing material identified as organization records. These records may be flat filed or foldered but not fully processed.

Barcode Number 1205720: Judgments; Board of Supervisors; Bonds/Commissions/Oaths; Court Records; Fiduciary Records; Land Records; Misc. Records; Organization Records; Overseers of the Poor 1866-1902

Scope and Content

Includes records from Giles Lodge No. 106.