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Descriptive Summary

Language

English

Collector

New Kent County (Va.) Circuit Court

Physical Characteristics

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 records came to the Library of Virginia in a transfer of court papers from New Kent County 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 New Kent 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.

New Kent County is one of Virginia's Lost Records Localities. Additional New Kent County records may be found in the [Lost Records Localities Digital Collection](#) at the Library of Virginia website.

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: New Kent County may have been named either for the English county of Kent or for Kent Island, in the upper waters of the Chesapeake Bay. William Claiborne, a native of Kent who had been driven from Kent Island by Lord Baltimore, was a prominent resident of the New Kent area about 1654 when the county was formed from York County. Part of James City County was added in 1767. The county seat is New Kent.

Lost Locality Notes: Records were destroyed when John Posey set fire to the courthouse on 15 July 1787. Many records were lost when the courthouse was partially destroyed by fire during Civil War hostilities in 1862. Additional records were burned in Richmond on 3 April 1865, where they had been moved for safekeeping during the Civil War.

Scope and Content

New Kent County (Va.) Organization Records, 1868-1914 is comprised of records created by groups in New Kent County. These records consist of unprocessed, loose records. The records typically consist of appointments of trustees, minutes, and miscellaneous records of religious organizations, fraternal organizations, independent associations, and cooperatives.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into one series:

- Series I: New Kent County (Va.) Organization Records, 1868-1914 [UNPROCESSED]

Contents List

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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 1045069: Personal Documentation; Business Records; Property Records; Miscellaneous Records; Organization Records 1848-1946 circa

Scope and Content

Primarily contains church records, including appointment of trustees.

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