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Abstract

The Patricia Turner Ritchie Collection on Brocks Gap, 1750s-1990s, is comprised exclusively of photocopies of deeds, wills, surveys, patents, road agreements, accounts, letters and a wide variety of other documents relevant to the Brocks Gap area of northwestern Rockingham County, Virginia.

Creator

Ritchie, Patricia Turner

Extent

1.4 cubic feet 2 boxes

Repository

James Madison University Libraries Special Collections

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

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Acquisition Information

This collection, comprised exclusively of photocopies, was purchased from Pat Turner Ritchie beginning in May 1991 through 2002.

Processing Information

In order to streamline the process of applying collection numbers, Special Collections staff completed a large-scale renumbering campaign in the spring of 2017. **This collection was previously cataloged as SC 3088.**

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Bio/Historical Note

Brocks Gap is an area of approximately 200 square miles in northwestern Rockingham County formed by the North Fork of the Shenandoah River.

Scope and Content

The Patricia Turner Ritchie Collection on Brocks Gap, 1750s-1990s, is comprised exclusively of photocopies of deeds, wills, surveys, patents, road agreements, accounts, letters and a wide variety of other documents relevant to the Brocks Gap area of northwestern Rockingham County, Virginia. The materials document many aspects of rural life. Family names mentioned most frequently are Fawley, Fulk, Turner, and Ruddle, but many others also occur. The "C" series are papers from the Ransom Hess estate; he was the son of Richard and Lydia Shoemaker Hess, grandson of Abraham and Amanda Custer Hess, great grandson of Richard Custer Jr. and Elizabeth Trumbo Custer, and lived on the Custer homestead on Little Dry River Road in Fulks Run.

Keywords

African Americans -- Virginia -- Brocks Gap

Land use -- Virginia -- Rockingham County

Community life

Communities -- Attitudes

Rural families

Rural population

Social history
Deeds of trust
Deeds -- Virginia -- Brocks Gap
Real property -- Virginia -- Brocks Gap
Roads -- Virginia -- Rockingham County
Farm equipment -- Patents
Brocks Gap (Va.) -- History
Brocks Gap (Va.) -- Social life and customs
Fulks Run (Va.) -- Genealogy
Fulks Run (Va.) -- Surveys
Virginia -- Genealogy
Shenandoah River Valley (Va. and W. Va.) -- History
Deeds
Wills
Patents
Letters (correspondence)
Photocopies
Fulk family
Fawley family
Turner family
Ruddell family
Fawley family -- Correspondence
Fulk family -- Correspondence
Turner family -- Correspondence
Ruddell family -- Correspondence

Provenance

Many of the original documents photocopied in this collection were brought by local residents to the Turner Hams Store on Route 259 in Fulks Run, or the nearby Mt. Carmel Church, for the "Brocks Gap Heritage Day" events first held by compiler Patricia Turner Ritchie in the spring of 1991, where they were copied. Other materials were located by Ritchie through her own research. Ritchie created an annotated index for some of the materials, and notes that some of the documents are not recorded in the Rockingham County Court House.

Location of Originals

Original documents are either retained by private owners or collections in other repositories that Ritchie consulted as part of her research.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into informal series or groupings of documents: Brocks Gap (BG), Fulks Run (F), Custer (C), and Turner (T). This arrangement was imposed by the donor. Each document or set of documents was also assigned a numeric identifier by the donor. Corresponding indices are included for the Brocks Gap and Fulks Run documents.

Description of Subordinate Components

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BG 1-55

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BG 357-359

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F Index

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C 1-68

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