

# A Guide to the Dabney Family Ledger and Papers, 1755-1868 (bulk 1755-1778)

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## Biographical/Historical Information

William Dabney, of Hanover County, Va., served as steward for Edward Ambler, Dudley Digges, and Armistead Lightfoot.

## Scope and Content Information

Ledger contains plantation accounts of William Dabney (1707-1772?) of Hanover County, Va., and blacksmith accounts of his son, Charles (1745-1829). Entries provide information on crops and slaves as well as recording payments for services such as carpentry, shoemaking, and midwifery. Collection also includes seventeen loose pieces, primarily accounts.

## Index Terms

**Family Names:**

Dabney family.

**Persons:**

Ambler, Edward, 1733-1768.

Dabney, Charles, 1745- 1829.

Dabney, William, 1707-1772?

Digges, Dudley, 1718-1790.

Lightfoot, Armistead, 1730-1771.

**Subjects:**

African Americans-- Clothing--Virginia--History--18th century--Sources.

African Americans--Employment--Virginia--History--18th century-- Sources.

Carpentry--Virginia--History--18th century--Sources.

Midwives--Virginia--History--18th century--Sources.

Shoemakers--Virginia--History--18th century--Sources.

Slavery--Virginia--History--18th century--Sources.  
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Wheat--Virginia--History--18th century--Sources.

## **Arrangement**

Arranged chronologically.

## **Contents List**

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**Portion of printed map showing Fort Fenny and vicinity, n.d.**

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**Account. Stephen Pettus, Jr. Itemized, 1755-1758.**

**Account. Col. Dudley Digges to Pouncey Anderson. For smith's work (itemized), 14 July 1755-20 February.**

**Account. Capt. William Dabney [and E. Ambler?] Itemized, September 1755-5 June 1756.**

**Account. Col. Dudley Diggs. Itemized, 14 September-15 December 1755.**

**Document. Pouncey Anderson and Christo[phe]r Benny[ms?]. re: weighing a stray hog at Col. Dudley Diggs' plantation at William Dabney's request, 13 December 1755.**

**Receipt. Buchanan & McDouall to Col. Dudley Diggs. For salt, cloth, and tacks, March 1758.**

**Account. Louisa Co. Capt. William Dabney to Joseph Holt. For shoes--women's, men's, children's, and Negroes' (itemized), 20 June 1758-8 October.**

**Account. Capt. William Dabney to William Farthing. Itemized. For making "Negroe shoes." October 1758.**

**Account. Capt. William Dabney re medical supplies and treatment. Includes midwives' fees for Bridget and Ann, 1760-1761.**

**Account. Capt. William Dabney for Col. Diggs. Itemized, 19 May 1760-1 December.**

**Accounts. [?] to Richard Anderson, Christo. Wood, Mr. Ambler, Thomas Swiss, and John Robinson, Esq. Itemized, 1761-1762.**

**Letter. William Lane to Capt. William Dabney of Hanover. Request to pay George Pettus 14s current money. Figuring of accounts to James Turner, Mr. Morris, and P. Timberlake on verso 1 January 1762.**

**Account. Mrs. Sarah Winston to William Pollard. Itemized. Court costs. Verso--Col. Dabney to pay, January 1764-August.**

**Richmond. Letter to Charles W. Dabney. Offers his services as a commission merchant; quotes prices for tobacco, corn, oats, rye, and wheat, 16 May 1868 .**