

# PRIMARY SOURCES

## Quarterly Report of Newly Processed Collections

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Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Library of Virginia's new quarterly report, *Primary Sources*. Here you will find a listing of the latest collections processed, microfilmed, or digitized by the Library. Since 1999, the Library has annually received General Assembly support for archival positions "to relieve the 54-year backlog in processing significant archival, special, and other historical collections." Our first issue will highlight significant collections that are now available in part because of this funding. Future issues of *Primary Sources* will report on collections processed during the previous quarter.

### LOCAL RECORDS

The Local Records Services Branch is charged with preserving, cataloging, and providing access to the records that document the daily activities of Virginia's counties, towns, and independent cities. The branch administers the Circuit Court Records Preservation Program (CCRP) that provides grant funds to the Commonwealth's 120 circuit court clerks to help preserve the historically valuable records maintained in their offices and those that have been transferred to the Library of Virginia for archival processing and storage.

Since 2007, the Virginia Circuit Court Records Program (CCRP) has scanned and posted original chancery causes for 21 localities totaling 2,375,233 images. For more information, including a complete listing of all chancery projects, see the [Chancery Records Index \(CRI\)](#). As part of our duplication effort to update our reading room microfilm holdings to 1900, we have added more than 8,000 new reels for the following counties: Accomack through Smyth, with cities to follow.

Members of the Local Records Services Branch recently worked with Hanover County circuit court clerk Frank Hargrove to identify and microfilm a number of volumes previously thought missing or destroyed. This effort produced eight new reels of film, highlighted by volumes that predate the Civil War, including several order books. Also new are nine reels of Nottoway County loose deeds. These records were transferred to the Library for conservation and microfilming. These loose deeds are particularly significant because the corresponding deed books were destroyed during the Civil War, and thus these are the only surviving copies. For additional details and a complete guide to local records available at the Library of Virginia, see [County and City Records at the Library of Virginia](#).

#### **Amelia County**

Judgments and Office Judgments, 1733–1913. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Amherst County**

Chancery Causes, 1773–1879 (bulk 1790–1847). ([Click here for finding aid](#))  
Marriage Consents, 1836–1897 (bulk 1873–1897). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Bedford County**

Recorded and Unrecorded Deeds, 1751–1925. ([Click here for finding aid](#))  
Road and Bridge Records, 1751–1929. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Dinwiddie County**

Chancery Causes, 1844–1932. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Elizabeth City County**

Commonwealth Causes Ended, 1826–1930. ([Click here for finding aid](#))  
Judgments, 1779–1929. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Giles County**

Chancery Causes, 1807–1929 (bulk 1812–1908). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**King George County**

Chancery Causes, 1802–1922. ([Click here for finding aid](#))  
Wills, 1832–1960. ([Click here for finding aid](#))  
Deeds, 1836–1909. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Lee County**

Wills, 1831–1914. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Lunenburg County**

Chancery Causes, 1743–1921. ([Click here for finding aid](#))  
Deeds, 1746–1989 (bulk 1746–1935). ([Click here for finding aid](#))  
Judgments, 1700–1924 and undated. ([Click here for finding aid](#))  
Marriage Licenses, 1866–1913, undated. ([Click here for finding aid](#))  
Lists of Tithables and Taxable Property, 1748–1818. ([Click here for finding aid](#))  
Apprenticeship Bonds and Indentures, 1865–1867. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Lynchburg**

Chancery Causes, 1807–1945. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Madison County**

Deeds, 1793–1944. ([Click here for finding aid](#))  
List of Voters Registered Without Challenge, 1867–1869. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Norfolk County**

Road and Bridge Records, 1719–1925. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

### **Nottoway County**

Chancery Causes, 1818–1932 (bulk 1866–1932). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

### **Orange County**

Chancery Causes, 1736–1952. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Commonwealth Causes, 1736–1903. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

### **Pittsylvania County**

Deeds, 1767–1860 (bulk 1767–1839). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

### **Richmond (City)**

Civil War Centennial Committee records, circa 1956–1965. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

### **Staunton**

Commonwealth Causes and Criminal Papers, 1807–1919. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Chancery Causes, 1808–1951 (bulk 1871–1933). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

### **Westmoreland County**

Commonwealth Causes, 1776–1914. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Chancery Causes, 1753–1911. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Judgments, 1739–1914. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

## **PRIVATE PAPERS**

The Private Papers section of the Description Services Branch at the Library of Virginia is charged with collecting records that supplement the official documents of the Commonwealth. These records include Bible records, Business records, Church records, Genealogical Notes and Charts, Organization records, and Personal Papers. They put a personal face on the activities of the citizens of the Commonwealth and provide a human touch to the records collected by Local and State Records.

***Guide to the Personal Papers Collection at the Library of Virginia.* Edited by Trenton E. Hizer. Richmond: The Library of Virginia, 2008.**

The *Guide to the Personal Papers Collections at the Library of Virginia* contains entries for 5,730 personal papers collections. Ranging from diaries and correspondence to blogs and Web sites, these collections document more than 400 years of Virginia history. They offer an in-depth view of topics such as agriculture, economics, educations, politics, society, travel, and war, and are essential in studying African American and women's history. The collections also contain deeds, wills, and other legal documents that may have otherwise been lost to fire or other disasters, along with photographs, postcards, scrapbooks, videos, and sound recordings. The Personal Papers Collections at the Library of Virginia are invaluable resources for historians and genealogists. The *Guide to the*

*Personal Papers Collections at the Library of Virginia* may be purchased at [the Virginia Shop](#) at The Library of Virginia.

**Barksdale Theatre (Richmond, Va.)** 48.06 cubic feet.

Records, 1945–2004, of the Barksdale Theatre of Richmond, Virginia, including bylaws, contracts, correspondence, deeds, financial materials, ledgers, minutes, musical scores, newsletters, newspaper clippings, photographs, posters, press releases, programs, receipts, résumés, scrapbooks, and scripts. The records document the development of the company from its earliest performances at Hanover Tavern, Hanover, Virginia, to its contemporary performances at Willow Lawn Center in Richmond, Virginia. Gift of Barksdale Theatre, Richmond (41088). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Boyd, Bentley.** 10 leaves, 22 pages, and 4 volumes (96 pages).

Papers, 2003–2004, of comic strip artist Bentley Boyd, relating to his educational comic *Chester the Crab*. The strip runs in the *Daily Press* newspaper of Newport News, Virginia. Items in the collection include the rough drafts, original pen-and-ink drawings, and newspaper tear sheets from a weeklong series on the history of the woman suffrage movement. Also included are four Chester comic books entitled "Constitution Construction," "Wonder Women," "Slavery's Storm," and "The First Americans." Gift of Bentley Boyd, Williamsburg (41945).

**Brock, Robert Alonzo.** 51 reels of microfilm (*Misc. reels 5056–5106*)

The Brock Miscellaneous files, 1655–1908, are a collection of single and multiple documents arranged chronologically. Unlike the bulk of the Robert Alonzo Brock Collections, which were cataloged individually, the Miscellaneous files were cataloged as a group as maintained at the Huntington Library, with a [database](#) created to identify each document individually. Included are a wide variety of business, organizational, personal, and military records collected by Robert Alonzo Brock. The records encompass not only Virginia, but also many other East Coast colonies and states. The collection includes accounts, affidavits, agreements, bills, bonds, correspondence, deeds, depositions, inventories, invitations, military records, orders, petitions, powers of attorney, promissory notes, receipts, reports, surveys, and warrants. Topics include agriculture, business, colonial history, genealogy, lawsuits, Native Americans, politics, slavery, social life, universities, and war. Filming funded by The Library of Virginia Foundation with the support of The Roller-Bottimore Foundation and The Robins Foundation (41008). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Carneal and Johnston (Richmond, Va.).** 38.95 cubic feet.

Architectural drawings and plans, 1911–1990, of the firm Carneal and Johnston, which was based in Richmond. Included in this collection are 67 projects by the firm, including state and local government buildings, public schools, and private commissions, including residences, banks, churches, and some college buildings. Most of the drawings document structures built in Richmond, Virginia; however, a number of buildings from surrounding cities and counties are also included. These include the cities of Buena Vista, Lexington, Newport News, and Petersburg; and Albemarle, Chesterfield, Henrico, King William, Mecklenburg, and Montgomery Counties. Gift of Ballou, Justice & Upton, Richmond (43738). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Collins, Curley.** .45 cubic feet and 9 compact discs.

The Curley Collins Collection includes advertisements, articles, certificates of award, clippings, magazines, photographs, and sound recordings documenting the life and musical career of Ruey "Curley" Collins (1915–1986), an award-winning fiddler and country musician. Includes material on the time he spent playing with the following bands: Mountain Melody Boys, Prairie Pals, Pop Eckler and His Young'uns, and Tennessee Ramblers; on the following radio and television program: WWVA Jamboree in Wheeling, West Virginia, the Old Dominion Barn Dance in Richmond, Virginia, and Country Music Time in Richmond, Virginia; and with the following shows: Richmond Country Style in Richmond, Virginia; and Virginia's Lil' Ole Opry in Mathews, Virginia. The sound recordings include nine compact discs and one cassette of Benny Kissinger and Curley at Virginia's Lil' Ole Opry at Donk's Theater in Mathews County, Virginia, from July 1980 to June 1985, "Benny and Curley Sing-Nashville Picks" in 1981, and the reunion of the Old Dominion Barn Dance on March 23, 1975. The audio on the compact discs was extracted in October 2005 and saved onto the server. This collection was compiled by his son Phillip G. Collins. Gift of Philip G. Collins (40983). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Easterly, Mary Blanton.** 18 cubic feet.

Papers, 1877–2006, of Mary Blanton Easterly (b. 1923) of Richmond, Virginia, including correspondence, subject files, scrapbooks, memoirs, books and other publications, ephemera, and oversize items. The bulk of the collection covers the years 1900 to 1945. Topics of correspondence include attending summer camps in West Virginia, student life at Converse College and the Virginia Military Institute, social life, visits with family and friends, courtship, marriage, and raising children. There is information concerning activities in Richmond during World War II, and a good deal of correspondence between Easterly and her husband while the latter was stationed on Iwo Jima and on Okinawa. The later letters in the collection deal with trips abroad, and also relate to Harry Watkey Easterly Jr.'s interest in golf. Easterly wrote her memoirs, which were completed in November 2008 under the title "M.E. and Sometimes H.E.: Before I Forget What I Know." Gift of Mrs. Mary Easterly Blanton, Richmond (43509). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Furman, Ethel Madison Bailey.** 108 sheets.

Collection, 1928–2003, of architectural drawings and plans, newspaper clippings, photographs, a research paper, and ephemera related to the life and career of Ethel Madison Bailey Furman (1893–1976). Research shows Furman to be the first practicing female African American architect in the commonwealth of Virginia. Drawings, 1939–1976, consist of pencil and tracing paper drawings for public and private structures designed by Furman during the latter part of her architectural practice. This series makes up the bulk of the collection. The buildings depicted were designed for middle- and upper-middle-class African-American families and religious institutions. Of particular note are the numerous commissions for the Snead family of Goochland County. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. J. Livingston Furman, Richmond (41145). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Historic Blandford Cemetery Foundation (Petersburg, Va.).** 49 reels of microfilm (*Misc. reels 5265–5313*).

Survey records, 1987–1992, containing information about graves in Blandford Cemetery, Petersburg, Virginia. The survey was performed by the Historic Blandford Cemetery Foundation as part of the procedure for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, to which the cemetery was added in 1992. A group of documents referred to as "record cards" make up the great majority of the collection. They are arranged according to the alphanumeric identifier of a given plot and include, where available, information such as the names of those buried in it, birth and death dates, the text of tombstone inscriptions, and the type, dimensions, and condition of grave markers. A [database](#) has been created to provide access by individual names and to help determine interment locations. In addition to the record cards, the collection also includes photographs of approximately one-third of the surveyed graves, administrative paperwork created by survey workers, and maps of the cemetery. Gift of Historic Blandford Cemetery Foundation, Petersburg (41780). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Home for Needy Confederate Women (Richmond, Va.).** 24.89 cubic feet.

Records, 1862–1997, of the Home for Needy Confederate Women of Richmond, Virginia, include correspondence; Board meeting minutes; the Home charter, bylaws, rules, and regulations; estate files consisting mainly of wills and court documents; guest registers; Home histories; various documents pertaining to state oversight of the Home; fund-raising literature; individual files and collective notebooks containing information on residents and applicants; bills and receipts; ledgers; audit reports; endowment fund and investment statements; copies of relevant state legislation; documents pertaining to various properties owned by the Home; general infirmary records and individual patient files; newspaper clippings; photographs and drawings; and miscellaneous other files including a small group of letters written by Confederate president Jefferson Davis (1808–1889) and a reproduction of the controversial "Dahlgren Papers." Transferred from the Department of General Services and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond (34092). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Howell, Henry.** .27 cubic feet.

This collection includes promotional audio and video clips created for Henry Howell's Virginia gubernatorial campaigns in 1969, 1973 and 1977. Included are radio and television advertisements, speeches and scripted television broadcasts. Gift of Norfolk Public Library, Norfolk (42931). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Johns, Ben R., Jr., Architects (Richmond, Va.).** 25.86 cubic feet.

Records, ca. 1967–1971, of the architectural firm Ben R. Johns, Jr., Architects, which was based in Richmond, Virginia. The bulk of the collection consists of architectural records relating to the construction of the Richmond Coliseum. These records include architectural drawings, clippings, publications, photographs, presentation drawings, and the architectural model of the Coliseum. The remaining records are photographs of completed projects and sites that were eventually built on, including many banks, schools, and hospitals in central and eastern Virginia. Some of the buildings include Bon Air Methodist Church (Richmond, Va.), Northside Baptist Church

(Richmond, Va.), Saint Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church (Richmond, Va.), the Bank of Annandale (Annandale, Va.), the Geriatric Center at Eastern State Hospital (James City County, Va.), the Chesterfield County Courthouse (Chesterfield County, Va.), and a number of buildings at Longwood University (Prince Edward County, Va.). Gift of Ben R. Johns, Jr., Architects (43427).

**Jordan Family.** 28 cubic feet and 69 volumes.

Collection, 1752–1992, of business records and personal papers of the Jordan family of Buena Vista and Lexington, and Rockbridge County, Virginia. The bulk of the collection spans the years 1830–1930 and documents the business activities of Samuel Francis Jordan (1805–1872), and his son Charles Francis Jordan (1837–1922), and the family's iron-manufacturing enterprises, and saddle- and harness-making business. Includes correspondence, accounts and receipts, subject files, ledgers and account books, Joseph Gilmore Papers, oversize items, and ephemera. The correspondence is divided into four subseries: iron manufacturing, Buena Vista Saddle and Harness Company, Jordan Manufacturing Company, and Personal, and is arranged chronologically. Gift of Martha Foster, Bon Air (42492). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Kaine, Tim.** 1 Web site.

Campaign Web site of Tim Kaine, Democratic candidate for Governor of Virginia in 2005, and Kaine's Official Inaugural Website, from 19 September 2005–13 January 2006. The campaign Web site includes biographical information, upcoming events, latest news, how to get involved in Kaine's campaign for governor, and sound clips of radio ads. As the election nears, the site includes information on voting. The video clips on the Web site are inaccessible. Harvested as part of the Archive-It Project of the Internet Archive (42439). ([Click here for Web site link](#))

**King, Mary Josephine.** 18.55 cubic feet.

Papers, 1918–2003, of Mary Josephine King (1924–2004) of Chesapeake, Virginia, and Charlotte, North Carolina, consisting of genealogical materials collected in doing research on the King, Smith, and related families, and including genealogical notes and charts, correspondence, and photographs. Papers also include King's personal papers, mainly concerning her education and career as a nursing instructor. Gift of the estate of Mary Josephine King, per Mr. and Mrs. King, Georgia (42309). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**L. T. Christian Funeral Home (Richmond, Va.).** 41 cubic feet.

Records, 1912–1986 (bulk 1924–1986), of the clientele of the Richmond, Virginia, funeral home organized and owned by L. T. Christian (1853–1935) and later his son L. T. Christian, Jr. (1893–1975). Within each decedent's file are documents pertinent to his/her death, burial, and/or disinterment. Documents within each file may include advertisements, agreements, brochures, burial and funeral records, death certificates, clippings, correspondence, invoices, lists, military records, notes, obituaries, pamphlets, permits, receipts, oversize tombstone rubbings, and oversize artist sketches of tombstones. A searchable [database](#) is available that lists the full names of each decedent arranged alphabetically, the year of death or the year that service was rendered by the

funeral home, and the box and folder of the decedent's file within the collection. Gift of Bennett Funeral Home, Richmond (34483). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Mellette, Peter.** 37.2 cubic feet.

Papers, 1945–1993, of Dr. Peter Mellette (1920–1993), longtime director of the Virginia region of the National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ). Almost all of the papers in the collection relate to Mellette's work with the NCCJ, and include correspondence; general NCCJ files, such as administrative reports, committee and local chapter files, manuals, news releases, and newsletters; outreach and program files, including brochures, discussion guides, manuals, photographs, resource packets, scripts for radio and television spots and plays, sound recordings, syllabi, and other materials from programs such as Brotherhood Week, Rearing Children of Good Will, and Police-Community Relations, as well as various awards programs; subject files reflecting Mellette's interests in education, race relations, religion, school desegregation, social justice, and other topics; financial papers including budget projections, financial statements, and fund-raising files; and an extensive collection of clippings. Purchased (39459). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Memorial Foundation for Children (Richmond, Va.).** 24.4 cubic feet.

Records, 1811–2006, of the Memorial Foundation for Children of Richmond, Virginia. Includes admittance books, annual reports, case files, charters, clippings, constitutions and bylaws, contracts, correspondence, grant files, histories, minutes, photographs, reports, and scrapbooks documenting the history of the organization. The records chronicle the organization's role in supporting and helping needy children in Richmond for more than 200 years. Gift of the Memorial Foundation for Children, Richmond (42432). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Morrissett, Carlisle H.** 4.5 cubic feet.

Papers, 1893–1976, of Carlisle Havelock Morrissett (1892–1976) of Richmond, Virginia, relating to his work as director of the Legislative Reference Bureau, and as State Tax Commissioner, for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Includes articles, certificates, clippings, correspondence, drafts of legislation, law school exercises, notes, and examinations, opinions and research papers on various topics, publications, reports of state government agencies, drafts of revisions to the Code of Virginia, and speeches. Gift of Mrs. Carlisle Morrissett Branch, Richmond (44057). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Rhea, William Francis.** 2.475 cubic feet.

Papers, 1899–1902, of William Francis Rhea (1858–1931) of Washington County, Virginia, consisting of correspondence to and from Rhea while serving as the United States congressman for the Ninth Congressional District, located in Southwest Virginia. Papers cover a wide range of topics such as local, state, and national politics, including Rhea's contested elections in 1898 and 1900 against James A. Walker (1832–1901); the Virginia Constitutional Convention of 1901–1902; and a range of requests from Rhea's constituents. Papers are organized into the following series: Series I: General Correspondence, 1899–1902. Series II: Postal Service, 1899–1902. Series III: Agriculture, 1900–1902. Series IV: Employment Requests, 1901–1902. Series V:

Military, 1900–1902. Series VI: Pensions, 1899–1902. Series VII: Contested Election, 1900–1901. Series VIII: Miscellaneous. Purchased (41312). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church (Richmond, Va.).** 77.68 cubic feet.

Records, 1866–2000, of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Richmond, Virginia, including annual meeting reports, audiovisual material, bulletins, clippings, committee files, correspondence, diocesan materials, minutes, newsletters, registers (which include baptismal, burial, marriage, and membership information), and reports and other files related to various aspects of the church. Items of interest include various newsletters produced by the church, including "The Beacon," "The Caller," "The Lion's Tale," and "St. Mark's Beacon." Also of note are the files of two organizations within the church: The Vestry, which acted as the governing body making decisions about the church and its finances, and the Women's group, which did much fund-raising and outreach for the church. The Vestry files include minutes of meetings, correspondence, and treasurer reports, as well as other business-related materials. The Women's group of the church was known by several titles, including the Women's Auxiliary, the Women of St. Mark's, and finally the Episcopal Church Women of St. Mark's. Their records detail, through correspondence, minutes and treasurer's reports, their volunteer work, fund-raising, and outreach activities. Gift of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Richmond (41476). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Schick, Dorothy.** 22.75 cubic feet.

Collection, 1926–2004 (bulk 1968–2002), of Dottie Schick (1930–2005), longtime Northern Virginia Democratic Party activist. Throughout her career in politics, Mrs. Schick collected a variety of Democratic Party artifacts and memorabilia. The bulk of the collection includes materials collected during her tenure in various offices within the national and local Democratic Party, 1968–2004, although she collected materials dating to 1926. The collection contains campaign brochures and posters, correspondence, inaugural invitations and programs, Democratic Committee and Democratic Party of Virginia convention materials, photographs, publications, and scrapbooks. Also included are numerous artifacts, among them bumper stickers, campaign buttons, commemorative coins, lapel pins, hats, and pens. Although the majority of the collection relates to the Democratic Party, included are some artifacts and papers relating to the Republican Party. Campaign materials are included for Donald S. Beyer, Leslie Byrne, Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Henry Howell, John F. Kennedy, George McGovern, Harold Miller, J. Sargeant Reynolds, Charles Robb, Franklin Roosevelt, Mary Sue Terry, Harry F. Truman, Mark Warner, and L. Douglas Wilder, among others. Gift of Mr. Adolph Schick, Falls Church (42676). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Sisisky, Norman.** 46.5 cubic feet.

Papers, 1982–2001, of Norman Sisisky (1927–2001), who represented Virginia's Fourth District in the United States House of Representatives. Includes legislative and project files, computer letter texts, press clippings and releases, speeches, campaign files, miscellaneous files, photographs, and special media. The legislative files include information on specific legislation or on general topics. There is correspondence from constituents, colleagues, public interest groups, professional organizations, administration

officials, and local governments. Also included are internal memos and notes, drafts, final reports, and studies, copies of bills, publications, clippings, copies of letters co-signed by other legislators, press releases, and copies of testimonies by Sisisky and others before congressional committees. Some of the topics represented are asbestos abatement legislation, the balanced budget amendment and budget reconciliation, defense issues, and small business legislation. Gift of Mrs. Sisisky, Richmond (40776). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Southern Aid Society of Virginia (Richmond, Va.).** 3.15 cubic feet and 100 volumes.

The Southern Aid Society of Virginia business records contain minutes, ledgers, correspondence, claims, policies, invoices, receipts, applications, manuals, lists, registers, annual statements, and memorabilia. Includes executive committee meeting minutes, employee records, financial account records and correspondence, policyholder records and correspondence, and memorabilia and miscellaneous material. This material provides the researcher with an invaluable resource regarding the ongoing corporate affairs of the premier African American insurance company in the United States. Aside from the records' obvious worth as an economic research resource, the collection also helps to document the social effect of the Southern Aid Society on the black community in Richmond's Jackson Ward district and in other Virginia and Mid-Atlantic black communities. Gift of Atlanta Life Insurance, Richmond (36805). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**State Fair of Virginia.** 27 cubic feet.

Records, 1927–2005, of the State Fair of Virginia, including newspaper clippings, news releases, photographs and slides, posters, drawings, brochures, scrapbooks, plaques, and ephemera. Gift of the State Fair of Virginia, Inc., Mechanicsville (42808). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Tredegar Iron Works (Richmond, Va.).** 596.33 cubic feet.

Records, 1801–1957, of the Tredegar Iron Works Company of Richmond, Virginia, including checkbooks, contract books, correspondence, daybooks, deeds, inventories, insurance policies, journals, ledgers, minute books, payroll ledgers, patents, sales books, time books, vouchers, and war department contracts. The records document the history of one of the most important and largest iron-making factories in Virginia and the Confederacy. Series have been designated for I. Administrative Records, II. General Accounts, III. Production and Labor Records, IV. Purchase and Receiving Records, V. Sales and Shipping Records, VI. Correspondence: Incoming, VII. Correspondence: Outgoing, and VIII. Anderson family papers. Gift of Tredegar Iron Works, Richmond (23881). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Wallace Company (Norfolk, Va.).** 41 cubic feet and 249 volumes.

Records, 1783–1975, of the Wallace Company, located in Wallaceton, Norfolk County, Virginia, a lumber-milling business, and later growers and shippers of corn, potatoes, and soybeans. The firm was previously known as Wallace and Son. The collection also contains records of Wallace Brothers, agents for various manufacturers of mechanical goods. The bulk of the collection covers the years 1875–1945. Includes

correspondence, subject files, financial records, and maps, plans, and drawings. Gift of John G. Wallace, IV, Chesapeake (44017). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Watkins Family.** 1.65 cubic feet.

Papers, 1910–2000, (bulk ca. 1930–1960), of the Watkins and Jones families of Quinton and Richmond, Virginia. Includes certificates, clippings, correspondence, photographs, programs, receipts, and yearbooks mainly relating to George Washington Watkins (1898–1972) and his wife, Thelma Jones Watkins (1904–2007). The bulk of the collection consists of photographs of the Watkins and Jones families at social gatherings, family events, church, and school and provides insight into the social life of an African American family during the mid–twentieth century. Also included are yearbooks for the George W. Watkins School and Virginia Union University. Purchased (42063). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Woodrum, Clifton A.** 61 cubic feet.

Papers, 1979–1999, of Clifton A. Woodrum, member of the Virginia House of Delegates 1980–2004, representing parts of the city and county of Roanoke. Included are legislative and project files, campaign files, press clippings and releases, speeches, and special media. The bulk of the collection consists of his legislative files and contains copies of House bills, clippings, constituent correspondence, and research relating to specific bills. The papers contain information on specific legislation and topics such as crime, education, judicial selection, medical and health issues, state lottery, taxes, and woman’s rights. Included are resolutions and material relating to the budget and budget amendments, copies of Virginia House and Senate bills and resolutions, notes, memorandums, correspondence, news clippings, press releases, reports, and studies. There is correspondence from constituents, colleagues, public interest groups, professional organizations, administration officials, and local governments. Also included are internal memos and notes; drafts, reports, and studies; and publications. Gift of Clifton A. Woodrum, Roanoke (42967). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Wormley Family.** 3 cubic feet.

Papers, 1773–1991 (bulk 1880–1960), of the Wormley family, a prominent African American family from Middlesex County, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. Includes awards, Bible records, birth and death certificates, biographies, census information, certificates, chancery docket, church records, city directories, clippings, correspondence, deeds, employee records, estate inventories, eulogies, genealogical notes and charts, histories, marriage records, oaths, obituaries, patents, photographs, poems, publications, receipts, report cards, taxes, and wills. Most of the papers are copies or abstracts. Also included is information regarding the related Burruss, Cardoza, and Shadd families of Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C., and Canada. The records were meticulously documented and gathered by Stanley L. Wormley, Sr. Gift of Mrs. Freida H. Wormley, Washington, D.C. (42649). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**WRVA (Richmond, Va.).** 52.5 cubic feet, 637 compact discs, and 1,760 cassette tapes.

The WRVA Radio Collection spans seventy-five years and contains applause letters, minutes, anniversary booklets, program scripts, program guides, newsletters,

histories, interviews, employee questionnaires, sales manuals, audience and sales promotions, rate cards, listener surveys, posters, newspaper clippings, FCC applications and reports, drawings, photographs, and sound recordings. This material documents the history of WRVA, the role the station played in Virginia and Richmond for more than half a century, and the development of radio in Virginia and the United States. The collection is also rich in material on the Larus & Brother Company, including histories; anniversary booklets; photographs of officials, employees, and factories; and promotions. The sound recordings date from the 1930s to the 1990s and contain news broadcasts of significant local, state, national, and world events and personalities; programs of local and regional interest, including the Capitol Squirrel, Calling All Cooks, the Radio Scholarship Quiz, and the Quiz of Two Cities; and musical programs, such as the Corn Cob Pipe Club, the Old Dominion Barn Dance, the Sunshine Hour, and the Silver Star Quartet. Selected sound recordings are now available for use on CD. Each CD has been cataloged individually. Search The Library of Virginia Archives and Manuscripts Catalog to find WRVA sound recordings of interest. Gift of Clear Channel Communications (38210). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**W. W. LaPrade & Bros., Civil Engineers and Surveyors (Richmond, Va.).** 269 cubic feet.

Records, 1844–2001 (bulk 1940–1970) of W. W. LaPrade and Brothers, certified engineers and surveyors in Chesterfield County, Virginia. The company surveyed land principally in Chesterfield and Henrico Counties and the city of Richmond, Virginia, although other Virginia counties are also included. Included are land and property surveys (single, multilots, and subdivisions), plats, field notes, correspondence, deeds, brochures, photographs, and surveyors' and insurance reports. Gift of Foster and Miller, Richmond (43183). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

## STATE RECORDS

The State Records Section of the Description Services Branch at the Library of Virginia has made significant progress in reducing the processing backlog. All of Virginia's antebellum governor's records have been processed and several have been microfilmed. The Legislative Petitions of the General Assembly have been processed, indexed and microfilmed. Other notable collections include the records of Western State Hospital, Governor Mark R. Warner administration (2002–2006), and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. The Personal Property Tax Book Microfilming Project is filming these records through 1927.

### **Attorney General, Office of the.**

Virginia Attorney General's Correspondence, 1898–1913, 8.0 cu. ft., Accession 44018. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

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Capitol Square Data Records, 1776–1971, 4.28 cu. ft., Accession APA 655. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Personal Property Tax Book Microfilming Project. Currently, the Library of Virginia has a complete run on microfilm of personal property tax records from 1782 to 1916. The goal of this project is to microfilm these records through 1927. Click [here](#) for an up-to-date list of available microfilm (including reels available through Interlibrary Loan).

**Confederate Military Affairs, Dept. of.**

Records of the Dept. of Confederate Military Affairs, 1859–1996, 68.19 cu. ft. Accession 27684. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Constitutional Convention of 1850–1851.**

Records, 1850–1851, 1.43 cu. ft., Accessions 35189–35195. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Education, Dept. of.**

School Building Service, Architectural Drawings and Plans, 1920–1970, 3600 sheets, Accession 28487. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Microfilmed** on Miscellaneous Reels 1830–1837.

**Game and Inland Fisheries, Dept. of.**

Correspondence of the Director of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, 1925–1933, 15.39 cu. ft., Accession 40942. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

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**General Assembly.**

Virginia. General Assembly.

Legislative Petitions of the General Assembly, 1776–1865, 273 cu. ft., Accession 36121. ([Click here for item level index database](#))

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Virginia. General Assembly. House of Delegates. Speaker.

Executive Communications of the Office of the Speaker, 1776–1864, Accession 36912. **Item Level Catalog Records Available with**

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**General Services, Dept. of.**

Architectural drawings, plans and specifications, 1919–2002, 154 sheets, Accession 42516. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Governor, Office of the.**

Patrick Henry.

Executive Papers of Governor Patrick Henry, 1784–1786 (bulk 1785–1786), 3.05 cu. ft., Accession 39700. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Microfilmed** on Miscellaneous Reels 4918–4921.

Edmund Randolph.

Executive Papers of Governor Edmund Randolph, 1786–1788 (bulk 1787–1788), 3.88 cu. ft., Accession 40084. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

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Beverley Randolph.

Executive Papers of Governor Beverley Randolph, 1788–1791 (bulk 1789–1791), 5.39 cu. ft., Accession 40287. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Microfilmed** on Miscellaneous Reels 5027–5034.

Henry Lee.

Executive Papers of Governor Henry Lee, 1791–1794 (bulk 1792–1794), 4.83 cu. ft., Accession 40611. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Microfilmed** on Miscellaneous Reels 5048–5055.

Robert Brooke.

Executive Papers of Governor Robert Brooke, 1794–1796 (bulk 1795–1796), 2.23 cu. ft., Accession 40723. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Microfilmed** on Miscellaneous Reels 5211–5214.

James Wood.

Executive Papers of Governor James Wood, 1796–1799 (bulk 1797–1799), 3.18 cu. ft., Accession 40844. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Microfilmed** on Miscellaneous Reels 5215–5222.

James Monroe.

Executive Papers of Governor James Monroe, 1799–1802 (bulk 1800–1802), 5.28 cu. ft., Accession 40936. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

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John Page.

Executive Papers of Governor John Page, 1802–1805 (bulk 1803–1805), 3.43 cu. ft., Accession 41056. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

William H. Cabell.

Executive Papers of Governor William H. Cabell, 1805–1808 (bulk 1806–1808), 5.0 cu. ft., Accession 41135. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

John Tyler.

Executive Papers of Governor John Tyler, 1808–1811 (bulk 1809–1810), 3.65 cu. ft., Accession 41223. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

James Monroe.

Executive Papers of Governor James Monroe, 1811, 0.45 cu. ft., Accession 41252. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

George William Smith.

Executive Papers of Governor George William Smith, 1811–1812 (bulk 1811), 2.53 cu. ft., Accession 41324. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

James Barbour.

Executive Papers of Governor James Barbour, 1812–1814, 7.68 cu. ft., Accession 41557. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

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Wilson Cary Nicholas.

Executive Papers of Governor Wilson Cary Nicholas, 1814–1816 (bulk 1815–1816), 3.03 cu. ft., Accession 41612. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

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James Patton Preston.

Executive Papers of Governor James Patton Preston, 1816–1819 (bulk 1817–1819), 5.0 cu. ft., Accession 41737. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Thomas Mann Randolph.

Executive Papers of Governor Thomas Mann Randolph, 1819–1822 (bulk 1820–1822), 4.33 cu. ft., Accession 41887. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

James Pleasants.

Executive Papers of Governor James Pleasants, 1822–1825 (bulk 1823–1825), 4.55 cu. ft., Accession 42056. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

John Tyler.

Executive Papers of Governor John Tyler, 1825–1827 (bulk 1826), 2.3 cu. ft., Accession 42267. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

William B. Giles.

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John Floyd.

Executive Papers of Governor John Floyd, 1830–1834 (bulk 1830–1833), 6.35 cu. ft., Accession 42655. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Littleton W. Tazewell.

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Wyndham Robertson.

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David Campbell.

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Thomas W. Gilmer.

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John Rutherford.

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John M. Gregory.

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William Smith.

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John Buchanan Floyd.

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Henry A. Wise.

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