

# PRIMARY SOURCES

## Quarterly Report of Newly Processed Collections

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Welcome to the latest issue of the Library of Virginia's 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 in order "to relieve the 54-year backlog in processing significant archival, special, and other historical collections."

### 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), which 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 images of original chancery causes for 29 localities totaling nearly 3.2 million images. This quarter the Library added scanned chancery causes for Gloucester, Henry, Madison, and Powhatan Counties totaling 332,192 images. For more information, including a complete listing of all chancery projects, see the [Chancery Records Index \(CRI\)](#). As part of the branch's duplication effort to update our reading room microfilm holdings to 1900, we have added 230 reels this quarter for the following localities: the city of Richmond and Southampton, Sussex, Tazewell, and Warren Counties. For additional details and a complete guide to local records available at the Library of Virginia, please see [County and City Records at the Library of Virginia](#).

The Library has added scanned images and indexes of Cohabitation Registers to [Virginia Memory](#) for the following localities: Augusta, Buckingham, Floyd, Lunenburg, Prince Edward, Richmond, and Roanoke Counties.

#### **Bedford County**

Minute Book, 1870–1873 (includes Register of Free Negroes, 1861-1864). [\(Click here for finding aid\)](#)

#### **Chesterfield County**

Free Negro and Slave Records, 1760–1862. [\(Click here for finding aid\)](#)

#### **Cumberland County**

Free Negro and Slave Records, 1753–1865. [\(Click here for finding aid\)](#)

**Fairfax County**

Chancery Causes, 1803–1913. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Franklin County**

Free Negro and Slave Records, 1837–1864. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Gloucester County**

Chancery Causes, 1866–1931 (bulk 1867–1917). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Grayson County**

Free Negro and Slave Records, 1812–1846. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Henry County**

Chancery Causes, 1783–1931 (bulk 1795–1916). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Lunenburg County**

List of damages done by British army, 1783. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Lists of property lost by result of war, 1865–1868. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Madison County**

Chancery Causes, 1802–1881 (bulk 1873). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Portsmouth**

School Records, 1920–1980 (bulk 1966–1974). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Teachers' Registers, 1882-1955. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Powhatan County**

Chancery Causes, 1782–1938 (bulk 1782–1913). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Richmond County**

Land Records, 1710–1888. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Wills and Fiduciary Records, 1726–1921. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Rockbridge County**

Clerk's Correspondence [Walter A. Plecker to A. T. Shields], 1912–1943. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

James Connor and Dorothy Johns vs. A. T. Shields, Clerk of Court, 1924 September. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

James Clark vs. J. P. Moore, Clerk of Court, 1876 December. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Washington County**

Free Negro and Slave Records, 1863. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**York County**

School Records, 1933–1978. ([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 Collections 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, education, 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 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.

#### **Adam, Elizabeth Campbell.** .1 cubic feet.

Letters, 1832–1878, written to Elizabeth Campbell Adam (1819-1909) of Alexandria, Virginia. There are also letters addressed to her aunt Jane Dade (ca. 1784–1873), with whom she lived. The letters were written by Adam's cousin Mary Elizabeth Adam (Cameron) Jones (1815–1845) of Hillsborough, Orange County, North Carolina, and Dade's cousin Mary (Adam) Hendry of Ayrshire, Scotland. Subjects include family news, especially of Jones's two young children, mother, and husband; social life, health, and visits with friends; the death Hendry's husband, Rev. John Hendry (ca. 1765–1835); the establishment of the Free Church of Scotland in 1843; and genealogical information on the Adam family in Scotland. Gift of Anne C. Alexander, Chester (44410).

#### **Adams, Charles R.** .225 cubic feet.

Letters, 1889–1908, written by Charles R. Adams (1874–1906) to his parents and siblings in Danville, Virginia. Most of the letters were written while he was serving in the 3rd and 4th Virginia Volunteer Regiments stationed at Camp Lee near Richmond, at Camp Alger in Fairfax County, and in Cuba during the Spanish-American War. There are also letters written by him while he was employed in mercantile and tobacco businesses in New York City and South Carolina. Gift of Richard Burke Johnson, West Point (44185).

#### **Castleman, David J.** .675 cubic feet.

Letters, 1917–1919, written by David J. Castleman (1880–1932) of Greensboro, Hale County, Alabama, while he was serving as a captain in the Engineering Corps in France during World War I, to Mary Pride Jones (1878–1978) in New York City. Also includes typed transcriptions of the letters and biographical information. Gift of Anne C. Alexander, Chester (44411).

**Crooks, Joseph H.** 6.3 cubic feet.

Papers, 1937–1997, of Joseph H. Crooks (1908–2007) of Richmond, Virginia, including his genealogical research files on the Crooks, Ellington, Farley, Fowlkes, Gills, Hatchitt, and Owings families of Amelia, Chesterfield, Lunenburg, Nottoway, and Prince Edward Counties, Virginia, and Baltimore County, Maryland. The files include family group sheets and notebooks with abstracts from court records, including deed books, order books, will books, and marriage records as well as published sources. There is also an extensive collection of card files. Gift of Elizabeth Carol Wells Stevenson, Ashland (44219). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Curry, Cora C.** 9.9 cubic feet.

Papers, 1804–1966, of Cora C. Curry consisting of correspondence and research concerning the genealogy of Rev. Anthony Jacob Henckel (1668–1728), an emigrant from Germany, and his descendents. Papers include information on buildings related to the Henckel family, photographs, relics, and tombstone inscriptions. There is also genealogical information on the Gleason family. Gift of R. C. Hinkle, Jr., North Carolina (27622). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Davis, Beverly J., Jr.** 10 cubic feet.

Papers, 1936–1987, of Rev. Beverly J. Davis, Jr. (1921–1991), of Richmond, Virginia, while he served as pastor at various churches in the Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Gift of Jim Davis, Richmond (42850). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Davis, Beverly J., Sr.** .325 cubic feet.

Records, 1919–1948, of Beverly J. Davis, Sr. (1897–1978) of Surry County and Richmond, Virginia, relating to his lumber mill work and operation of an automobile service station. Includes two ledgers and five diaries and memorandum books. Gift of Jim Davis, Richmond (44445).

**Degnen, George J.** .45 cubic feet.

Letters, 3 June–19 October 1945, from George J. Degnen (1912–1987), while he was stationed with the 28th (Keystone) and 75th Infantry Divisions in Germany and France during World War II, to Elizabeth C. Knightly (1922–2007) in Richmond, Virginia. Purchased (44439).

**Holton, A. Linwood.** 26.65 cubic feet.

Papers, 1968–1974, of A. Linwood Holton (1923– ), governor of Virginia from 1969 to 1974, consisting of acknowledgements, appointment books, articles, audiotapes, biographies, certificates, clippings, editorials, histories, interviews, invitations, letters,

logs, motion pictures, notes, photographs, poems, programs, reports, reviews, schedules, speeches, summaries, videotapes, and other materials documenting Holton's election and governorship. Papers document Holton's election campaign; his inauguration; and his term as governor, including his meetings, conferences, and addresses to various business and civic and political groups. Also includes commencement addresses to colleges and universities in Virginia. Papers also document state and national Republican Party activities, including the 1972 reelection bid of President Richard Nixon (1913–1994). There are audio- and videotapes of Holton's campaign, addresses, inaugurals, and interviews. Papers also cover Virginia First Lady Virginia "Jinx" Harrison Rogers Holton's activities, including meetings with various organizations and civic groups. Gift of Governor and Mrs. A. Linwood Holton, Richmond (28253). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Munford-Merrill Family.** 7.55 cubic feet.

Papers, 1765–1998 (bulk 1860–1950), of the Munford and Merrill families of Chesterfield and Hanover Counties and Richmond, Virginia. Included are correspondence, deeds, estate records, genealogical notes, photographs, publications, and scrapbooks. The bulk of the collection consists of the Photographs and Scrapbooks Series. The photographs include numerous carte de visites, cabinet cards, and a few tintypes from Richmond photographic studios. Included are photographs of family members, African Americans, buildings, college life, pets, and vacations and travels. Scrapbooks include clippings of poetry and fiction stories as well as topics such as genealogy, local news, the Civil War, historic Richmond homes, and college life. Gift of Ms. Jon Jones Montgomery, Richmond (39628). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Norfleet, Fillmore.** 21 cubic feet.

Papers, 1940–1987, of Fillmore Norfleet (1903–1987) of Nansemond County and Suffolk, Virginia, concerning Nansemond County and Suffolk, and including Norfleet's substantial correspondence, primarily with Suffolk natives, about Nansemond County families and landmarks, but there is material on related families and on people in adjoining areas as well. These papers contain an invaluable collection of writings, remembrances, and research. Because the county records do not exist prior to 1866, these papers contain much material of significant value to those researching the southeastern section of Virginia. Gift of the Estate of Fillmore Norfleet, per Elizabeth Randolph Copeland Norfleet (Mrs. R. Fillmore Norfleet), Charlottesville (33180). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Payne, Carrie Zollickoffer.** .45 cubic feet.

Papers, 1907–1952, of Carrie Zollickoffer Payne (b. 1863) of Richmond, Virginia, consisting chiefly of items related to her role as an officer in the Daughters of the American Revolution, Commonwealth Chapter. Includes account books, 1908–1914, 1915–1919, and 1919–1922, reflecting the payment of dues; a membership roster, 1913–1922; by-laws; yearbooks; and Payne's notes from the 1923 state conference, held in Petersburg. Other items include a commemorative copy of Virginia governor Claude A. Swanson's "Jamestown Ter-Centennial Proclamation," 1907; a 1939 booklet entitled "How to Become a Citizen of the United States"; and various booklets and membership

cards from other organizations including the Woman's Club (Richmond, Virginia), the Country Club of Virginia, the Huguenot Society, and the Daughters of the American Colonists, Pocahontas Chapter. Gift of Mary Slemp, Richmond (44051).

**Payne, L. F., Jr.** 38 cubic feet.

Papers, 1988–1997, of L. F. Payne, Jr. (b. 1945) of Nelson County, Virginia, while he represented Virginia's Fifth District in the United States House of Representatives. Payne was also the Democratic nominee for lieutenant governor of Virginia in 1997. Includes legislative files, Democratic Study Group Legislative Reports and House Action Reports, project files, press files, general office files, campaign files, and special media. Gift of L. F. Payne, Jr., Washington, D.C. (39303). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Richmond Jaycees (Richmond, Virginia)** 63.45 cubic feet.

Records, 1936–2002, of the Richmond Jaycees, a volunteer, civic-based organization located in Richmond, Virginia. The records include administrative files, correspondence, newsletters, project files, and photographs. Of interest are the project files that detail the Richmond Jaycees' extensive charity work, including such projects as the Special Olympics and the Little Santa Christmas Party for underprivileged children, public outreach programs such as helping the elderly and the Get Out the Vote campaigns, community-related projects such as the Richmond Christmas Parade, and fund-raising projects such as an annual Christmas tree sale. Gift of the Richmond Jaycees, Richmond (37705). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**United Daughters of the Confederacy. Virginia Division.** 5.575 cubic feet.

Records of the Virginia Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy divided into three series. Series I: Grave Marker Applications containing applications for markers for the graves of Confederate soldiers compiled by chapter and by locality; correspondence, rosters, and histories of various Confederate regiments and companies; and biographical sketches, reports, and other chapter papers. Series II: Southern Cross of Honor Applications for Confederate veterans and including lists of recipients. Series III: Cross of Military Service Applications for descendants of Confederate veterans who served in the Spanish-American War, the Philippine Insurrection, World War I, and World War II and including lists and correspondence relating to both the Cross of Military Service and the Southern Cross of Honor. Gift of various donors, Richmond (21706). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**United States. Works Progress Administration.** 186.55 cubic feet.

Records, 1940–1942, of the various programs of the Works Progress Administration in Virginia. The records are organized into five series with several subseries. The series include Historical Records Survey, Virginia Writers Project, Clipping Files, Miscellaneous, and Photographs. The records include biography files, church records, clipping files, court abstracts and transcripts, handbooks of procedures, historical files, imprints, inventories of counties and cities, inventories of state, life histories, manuscripts of published books, mimeographed pamphlets, miscellaneous programs, pamphlets, photographs, production files, radio plays, statewide histories,



Virginia historical inventories, and unfinished books. Gift of the Works Progress Administration of Virginia, Richmond (30432). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution.** .225 cubic feet.

Records, 1947, of the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution consisting of Bible records and genealogical notes, biographies, cemetery records, epitaphs, judicial records, resolves, wills, and other papers. Records are copies made of original sources by various chapters of the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution. Gift of the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution (22676). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution. Committee on Real Daughters.** .675 cubic feet

Records, 1896–1940, of the state chair of the Committee on Real Daughters, Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution, consisting of account books, accounts, clippings, correspondence, checks, check stubs, journal, and other papers concerning first generation daughters of American Revolution veterans still living in Virginia. Correspondence often was from these women or their children and contains genealogical and historical information or thank-you notes for gifts sent to them by the DAR. Clippings contain biographies and obituaries. Accounts, checks, and minute books concern the operations of the committee. The journal was kept by the state chair, Annie M. Sayre, of Hampton, Virginia. Gift of Annie Sayre, Hampton (22030).

**Virginia Press Women.** 5.15 cubic feet.

Papers, 1959–2007, of the Virginia Press Women and the National Federation of Press Women, including administrative records, brochures, directories, histories, minutes, newsletters, and photographs. Of note are minutes, 1964–2007, of the Board and Membership committees; and the newsletter, *Galley Pruf*, 1962–2006. Gift of the Virginia Press Women, Fredericksburg (44098). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Wells, John E.** 26.7 cubic feet.

Research notes, 1871–2006, of architectural historian John Emory Wells (1954–2007) of Richmond, Virginia. The collection is principally composed of materials collected by Wells that he used to co-author two biographical dictionaries entitled *The Virginia Architects, 1835–1955* and *The South Carolina Architects, 1885–1935*. The collection also contains notes on architects who practiced in several other states, including Alabama, Arkansas, District of Columbia (DC), Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Texas, and West Virginia. The collection also includes a large extent of notes from the *Manufacturer's Record*, as well as many other documents, including clippings, correspondence, notes, photographs, and architectural drawings. Gift of Lynwood D. Wells, Martinsville (43293). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Women's Exchange (Lynchburg, Va.)** .225 cubic feet.

Records, 1890–1894, of the Woman's Exchange of Lynchburg, Virginia (Lynchburg Exchange for Woman's Work), consisting of accounts, letters, receipts, checks, cash books, check books, and other papers. Accounts, 1891–1894, are weekly

and cover commissions and expenses for the exchange; receipts, 1891–1894, cover payment for rent, coal, wood, and other goods and services; papers include checks for payment, correspondence concerning finances, and envelopes; cash book, 1890–1894, covers earnings and expenses for the exchange; and check book, 1890–1894, includes stubs indicating amount of check and payable to whom. Purchased (21419).

## STATE RECORDS

The State Records section of the Description Services Branch at the Library of Virginia is charged with preserving, cataloging, and providing access to the records of Virginia state government.

### **Adjutant General, Virginia.**

Records of the Adjutant General, 1793–1848, 3.29 cu. ft., Accessions 36767 and 36948. ([Click her for finding aid](#))

**Microfilmed** on Miscellaneous Reels 5865–5870.

### **Auditor of Public Accounts.**

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 1919. Click [here](#) for an up-to-date list of available microfilm (including reels available through Interlibrary Loan).

### **Civil War Commission, Virginia.**

Records of the Virginia Civil War Commission, 1952–1966 (bulk 1958–1966), 52.86 cu. ft., Accessions 26215, 28767, 27781, 31363, 36949, 38047, 40301, and 40302. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

### **Eastern State Hospital.**

Records of Eastern State Hospital, 1770–1974, .7 cu. ft. and 107 volumes, Accessions 23459 and 31783. ([Click here for finding aid](#))  
Superintendent's records **microfilmed** on Miscellaneous Reels 4083–4085.

### **Governor, Office of.**

Patrick Henry.

Executive papers of Governor Patrick Henry, 1776–1779 (bulk 1777–1779), .4 cu. ft., Accession 44385. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Microfilmed** on Miscellaneous Reel 2959.

Thomas Jefferson.

Executive papers of Governor Thomas Jefferson, 1779–1781, 2.8 cu. ft., Accession 44439. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Microfilmed** on Miscellaneous Reels 2959–2964.

### **Housing Study Commission.**



Housing Study Commission records, 1970–2004, 29 cu. ft., Accession 41286. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**James Madison University.**

Office of the President.

Records of the Office of the President of James Madison University, 1951–2001, 10 cu. ft., Accession 44225. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Jamestown, 2007.**

Records of Jamestown 2007, 1986–2009 (bulk 2002–2007), 79 cu. ft., Accession 44449. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, Dept. of.**

Records of the Virginia State Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Board, 1903–1996, 14.5 cu. ft., Accession 42741. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

**Public Safety, Secretary of.**

Records of the Secretary of Public Safety, 1976–1982 (bulk 1980–1981), 6 cu. ft., Accession 31662. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Secretary of Public Safety correspondence and subject files, 1971–1982 (bulk 1976–1981), 35 cu. ft., Accession 31516. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Secretary of Public Safety constituent correspondence, 1993, 4 cu. ft., Accession 35258. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Secretary of Public Safety correspondence and subject files, 1981–1993 (bulk 1989–1993), 11 cu. ft., Accession 34713. ([Click here for finding aid](#))