

PRIMARY SOURCES

Quarterly Report of Newly Processed Collections January–March 2010

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 41 localities totaling nearly 5 million images. This quarter the Library added scanned Chancery Causes for 5 counties totaling 581,414 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 110 reels this quarter for the following localities: the City of Richmond and Accomack, Amherst, Bedford, Dinwiddie, Gloucester, Henrico, King William, Powhatan, Rockbridge, Southampton, and Stafford 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](#).

Amelia County

Chancery Causes, 1738–1939 (bulk 1747–1939). [\(Click here for finding aid\)](#)

Fairfax County

Correspondence of Audrey Moore, Chairperson, Board of Supervisors, 1988–1991. [\(Click here for finding aid\)](#)

Fauquier County

Judgments and Office Judgments, 1829–1904 (bulk 1833–1904). [\(Click here for finding aid\)](#)

Isle of Wight County

Chancery Causes, 1767–1933. [\(Click here for finding aid\)](#)

Chancery Causes, 1934–1966. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Mathews County

Robertson Hospital Reunion Register, 1896. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Nansemond County

Chancery Causes, 1866–1933. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Chancery Causes, 1934–1944. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Northumberland County

Chancery Causes, 1759–1912 (bulk 1786–1912). ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Chancery Causes, 1913–1980. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Montgomery County

Chancery Causes, 1779–1824. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Judgments, 1770–1799. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Washington County

Recorded and Unrecorded Deeds, 1799–1882 (bulk 1863–1882). ([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.

Aylor, Robert W. 1.6 cubic feet.

Papers, 1939–2003, of Robert W. Aylor (1924–2003) of Madison County, Virginia, include home recordings of live music, photographs and photographic negatives, songbooks and lyric booklets, music instruction manuals, promotional biographies of popular music personalities, fan club mailings, musical instrument catalogs, radio broadcast schedules, handbills, and clippings, with the bulk of the collection concentrated between 1940 and 1960. An interview with Robert Aylor, recorded 25 September 2003, is included. Gift of Ann L. Miller, Somerset. (41413) ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Bonney, James. 1 volume (28 p.).

Ledger, 1833–1842, of James Bonney (b. 1805) of Princess Anne County, Virginia, detailing charges for blacksmith work. The name of the customer, type of work performed, and charge is noted. The ledger was later used as a scrapbook, with newspaper clippings glued to some of the pages, and it also contains notations concerning service of the Third Alabama Infantry during the Civil War. Purchased. (44746)

Crowder Family. 16.5 cubic feet.

Papers, 1876–1976, of the Crowder family of Mecklenburg County, Virginia, and Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New York. Includes correspondence, subject files, Crowder Brothers store records, papers relating to Elizabeth (Crowder) Vaill Harlow's work as a microbiologist and real estate broker, publications, and newspapers. The bulk of the collection covers the period 1920 to 1960. Gift of the Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford, Connecticut. (44451) ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Cutchins and Cutchins (Richmond, Va.). .225 cubic feet.

Records, 1905–1937, of Cutchins and Cutchins, a law firm in Richmond, Virginia, consisting of correspondence relating to the prosecution and securing of claims by veterans of the Spanish-American War. Transferred from the State Records Collection, Library of Virginia, Richmond. (44264)

Forest Hill Garden Club (Richmond, Va.). 2.25 cubic feet.

Records, 1930–2000, of the Forest Hill Garden Club of Richmond, Virginia. Includes constitution and by-laws, clippings, correspondence, membership lists, minutes, reports, yearbooks, scrapbooks, and other items. Gift of the Friends of Forest Hill Park, Richmond. (43882)

League of Women Voters of Virginia. 30.7 cubic feet.

Records, 1920–2009, of the League of Women Voters of Virginia consisting of correspondence, financial records, histories, lists, minutes, newsletters, publications, reports, studies, and other papers that document and detail the history, organization, and goals of the League of Women Voters of Virginia. Records reflect the league's aim of working for women's rights and involving women in government and the political process. Gift of the League of Women Voters of Virginia. (39487) ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Massie, Eugene C. .9 cubic feet.

Scrapbooks, 1901–1909, of Eugene C. Massie (1861–1924) of Richmond, Virginia, documenting his interest in land law reform and his efforts to pass legislation in the General Assembly to adopt the Torrens system of land registration in Virginia. Donor information unavailable. (42828)

Maury, Matthew Fontaine. 1 volume (483 leaves).

Letter book, 20 February–18 November 1891, of Matthew Fontaine Maury (1862–1908), containing copies of outgoing letters he wrote while practicing law in Glasgow, Rockbridge County, Virginia. There is a full name index at the end of the volume. Also included are some of Maury’s law school lecture notes (24 pages). Gift of Maury and Libby Gatewood, Chester. (44682)

Nothdurft, Rudolph J., Jr. 3 cubic feet.

Genealogical research files of Rudolph J. Nothdurft, Jr. (1927–), collectively entitled by him as “The Rudy Nothdurft Collection of Newsom-Newsome-Nuzum Family Genealogical Records.” The bulk of the collection consists of correspondence between Nothdurft and others who either had or sought information on the family, and copies of primary source documents gathered during his research. Also included are two bound compilations done by Nothdurft, *Compiled Histories of Newsom, Newsham, Newsum, Newsome, and Nuzum Families Who Came to America* and *The Newsom Newsome Family Genealogy and History*, both completed in 2004. Gift of Rudolph J. Nothdurft, Jr., Richland, South Carolina. (43744) ([Click here for finding aid](#))

United States. Circuit Court (5th Circuit). 116 cubic feet and 45 volumes.

Records, 1790–1882, of the 5th Circuit of the United States Circuit Court (now United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit) including case files, docket books, execution books, fee books, order books, record books, and rules books. Of note are the Ended Cases, 1790–1882, which include bills of complaint, affidavits, depositions, subpoenas, and other papers filed with the court. Cases of note include *United States vs. Aaron Burr* (1807), *United States vs. Jefferson Davis* (1865–1868), and *George Washington Custis Lee vs. Frederick Kaufman et al.* (1877–1882), regarding Arlington Estate, the Lee family home. Transferred from United States District Court, Eastern District of Virginia, Richmond. (25186) ([Click here for finding aid](#))

United States. Weather Bureau (Richmond, Va.). 33 cubic feet.

Records, 1897–1979, relating to weather observation by the United States Weather Bureau’s station located in Richmond, Virginia. Included are volumes of Monthly Records of Observations and Annual Meteorological Summaries containing weather observations such as maximum and minimum temperatures; precipitation levels; character of the day (cloudy or clear); barometric pressure; dew point; thermograph and barograph readings; hours of sunshine; wind velocity; and miscellaneous phenomena such as frosts, thunderstorms, solar halos, and lunar halos. In 1905 the volumes included a map of the United States and contained notations on the temperatures and weather systems across the country. Later the volumes include Local Climatological Data and Surface Weather Observations with the same type of information. Reports were taken

from the airport office at Byrd Field and the city office at Chimborazo Park. Donor information unavailable. (44233) ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Virginia Canals and Navigations Society. 1.5 cubic feet.

Records, 1990–2009, of the Virginia Canals and Navigations Society, including correspondence, financial records, minutes, reports, meeting information, membership lists, president's papers, newsletters, publications, project files, photographs, and clippings. These two accessions are filed under Accession 36741. Gift of the Virginia Canals and Navigations Society, Richmond. (43692, 44488) ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Virginia Place Name Society. 1.35 cubic feet.

Records, 1960–1981, of the Virginia Place Name Society, including correspondence, financial records, *Occasional Papers*, membership files, and place-name queries. These three accessions are filed under Accession 31412. Gift of the Virginia Place Name Society, Charlottesville. (32061, 32557, 33087) ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Wise, Henry A. .45 cubic feet (1 reel of microfilm, Misc. reel 421).

Papers, 1829–1847, of Henry A. Wise, consisting of drafts of Wise's letters to Brazilian officials, letters and documents received by Wise, and informational notes and papers relevant to United States and Brazil relations. Correspondents include James Buchanan, John C. Calhoun, John Tyler, and Abel P. Upshur. During Wise's tenure as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States to Brazil, issues relating to slavery, the annexation of Texas, claims of American citizens, tariffs, and the Mexican-American War strained the friendly relationship between the countries. Wise's overzealous and indignant responses to the Brazilian government jeopardized the relationship with Brazil and culminated in Wise's recall in 1847. Donor information unavailable. (36084) ([Click here for finding aid](#))

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's state government.

Commerce and Trade, Secretary of.

Records of the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, 1994–2006 (bulk 2002–2005), 55 cu. ft., Accessions 42293 and 42417. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Governor, Office of.

George Allen.

Constituent correspondence, 1993–1997, 127.35 cu. ft, Accession 35717. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Executive Mansion and First Lady's event records, 1994–1997, 2 cu. ft., Accession 35875. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Executive Office records, 1993–1998, 5.65 cu. ft., Accessions 35861 and 36192. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Liaison Office records, 1994–1998, 1.53 cu. ft., Accession 35867. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Policy Office records, 1993–1998, 3.525 cu. ft., Accessions 35860 and 35864. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Press Office records, 1993–1998, 36.75 cu. ft., Accessions 35430, 35715, 35716, 35746, 35863, and 43396. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Scheduling Office records, 1993–1998, 1 cu. ft., Accession 35865. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Transition Office briefing records, 1997–1998, 1.35 cu. ft., Accession 35718. ([Click here for finding aid](#))

Prohibition Commission.

Records of the Virginia Prohibition Commission, 1916–1934, 179.93 cu. ft., Accession 42740. ([Click here for finding aid](#))