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Frederick County, Virginia, Government Records
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DATE: 1773 - 2003

SCOPE AND CONTENT: The Frederick County, Va., Government Records is a collection of materials documenting the activities of the Frederick County government and its municipalities. Included in this collection are Codes of Law, a bond book for licensing ordinaries, voter registration records, and tax and licensing records. In addition, there are List of Representatives to Frederick County Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Organizations within the collection. Frederick County maintains their own online archives, complete with meeting minutes and other information readily available to the public at www.fcva.us.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: Prior to European arrival in the Valley, the area that is now Frederick County was inhabited and traversed by Native American tribes. European settlement began in the early 1700s. Frederick County was formed from Orange County, Virginia, in November 1738. Frederick was named for Frederick, then Prince of Wales, and the first court was held in Frederick County in 1743. The county was originally much larger than its present size; including Virginia land in present-day Clarke, Warren, Shenandoah, and Page counties, and West Virginia land in present-day Jefferson, Berkeley, Morgan, Hampshire, and Hardy counties. The county would be the military and political training ground for future president, George Washington. It would be the home of Revolutionary War General Daniel Morgan, who would lead men in the battles of Quebec, Saratoga, and Cowpens. During the Civil War, the county would change hands between Union and Confederate forces more than seventy times and was the site of a number of battles, including Kernstown and Cedar Creek. Notable county residents include author Willa Cather, country singer Patsy Cline, and polar explorer Admiral Richard E. Byrd. Throughout the 20th century, Frederick County became a leading apple grower for the nation. Apples and the apple industry became such a large part of the community that a yearly festival was created in 1924 to celebrate the beginning of the season: the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival. The festival continues its celebration every year.

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CONTAINER LIST:

BOX 1

Assessment of the Fair Market Value of Tracts of Land, Standing Timber Trees and Buildings Made in the Year 1915 (Colored Land Owners), Stonewall District, Frederick County

Physical Location: Oversize, Collection, Box 1

Improper Assessment of Land, 1870

Physical Location: Oversize, Collection, Box 1

Register of Births (1868, 1870, 1871, 1873) and Deaths (1868, 1873)

Physical Location: Oversize Collections, Box 6

Business Licenses List, 1867, 1870-1894

Physical Location: Oversize, Collection, Box 3

Dog Licenses in Stonewall, 1874

License Certificate payments, 1879-1888

Physical Location: Oversize, Collection, Box 7

Frederick County Circuit Court Record Book, 1854-1878, 1 item

Frederick County Circuit Court Record Book, 1861-1873, 1 item

Frederick County Road Precincts, 2 items

Free Inhabitants in Various Magisterial Districts in Frederick County, August - October 1860

Physical Location: Oversize, Collection, Box 2

Index to Executions 1852-1860, 1 item

Lawsuit—Board of Supervisors of Frederick County, VA, et al. vs. The City of Winchester, et al. – 1885 (the Market Square), 5 items, printed—briefs in case

Ordinaries Licenses and Payments

Liquor Licenses (Individuals) – 1880s

Liquor Law License Returns

Liquor Law License Returns (1873-1875, 1877-1878)

Physical Location: Oversize Collections, Box 5

Liquor Law License Returns (1879-1882)

Physical Location: Oversize Collections, Box 6

Liquor Law License Returns (1883-1891)

Physical Location: Oversize Collections, Box 6

Licenses – List of Certificates and Individuals and Blank forms (Liquor)

List of license certificates, December 14, 1886-April 30, 1887, 1 item, manuscript

Whiskey License to Manufacture or Distill Alcoholic Liquors to S.E. Savage in Kernstown, from May 1, 1883 – April 13, 1884, 1 item, manuscript

License to Retail Liquor Dealer to S.E. Savage in Kernstown, from May 1, 1883 – April 13, 1884, 1 item, manuscript

Brandy License to Manufacture or Distill Alcoholic Liquors to Thomas J. Newell near Parishville, from October 29, 1885 – January 29, 1886, 1 item, manuscript

License to Liquor Dealer to Sell as a Bar Room Dealer, blank forms, 4 items, typescript

Liquor License envelope, 1 item

Physical Location: Oversize, Collection, Box 1

Marriage Bonds, 1773-1809, Transcripts, 6 items, 59 leaves, typescript

Marriage Bonds, 1811-1824, Transcripts, 5 items, 63 leaves, typescript

Notary Public – Frederick County, VA 1873, 2 items:

May 20, 1873, M. Harvey Albin

June 17, 1873, M. Harvey Albin

Personnel – Frederick County – News Articles

Road Book—All Magisterial Districts 1866-1869, 1 item, 33 pages, manuscript

Sheriff Summons 1809-1821, 4 items

Superintendent of the Poor – Annual Reports, 1871, 1876, 1882, undated

Physical Location: Oversize Collections, Box 5

News Articles

BOX 1A

Griffin Taylor Tax Book, 1 item, manuscript

Transcript of Griffin Taylor Tax Book (partial), 13 leaves, typescript; 7 leaves, manuscript – list of names

Frederick County—Direct Tax Fund—Ran. Pifer, 1893

BOX 1B

Frederick County Bond Book for Licensing Ordinaries, 1804-1815—transcript and index, 98 leaves

Frederick County Bond Book for Licensing Ordinaries, 1804-1815, typescript forms with handwriting, 1 item

BOX 2

Annual Report – 1959, 1 item

Annual Report—1961, 1 item

Annual Report—1963, 1 item

Comprehensive Policy Plan, Winchester, VA, 1989

Data Summary—Frederick County and Winchester—1977

Economic Data, Frederick County – 1951

Frederick County Citizen's Identification System

Frederick County Economic Data, 1963

Frederick County Economic Data, 1965

Frederick County Subdivision Directory, 1978

Letter from VA State Corporation Commission Regarding New Law requiring locality assessment of infrastructure

1960 Housing Census – 1961 Economic Report

1964 U.S. Census of Agriculture - Farms, Farm characteristics, farm products

Redland Road Project

Soil Survey of Frederick County, Virginia, 1916, 1 item, printed

BOX 3

The Code of the County of Frederick, Virginia, the General Ordinances of the County. Board of Supervisors, Charlottesville, VA: 1966.

The Code of the County of Frederick, Virginia, the General Ordinances of the County. Board of Supervisors, Charlottesville, VA: 1976.

Frederick County, Virginia, Zoning Ordinance Chapter 32 of the Frederick County Code, adopted November 1, 1973, as amended.

BOX 4

Code of the County of Frederick, Virginia, General Ordinances and Table of Contents, 1984

Frederick County, Virginia, General Provisions, Chapter 1 of the Frederick County Code

Frederick County, Virginia, Administration, Chapter 2 of the Frederick County Code

Frederick County, Virginia, Air Pollution, Chapter 3 of the Frederick County Code

Frederick County, Virginia, Amusement, Chapter 4 of the Frederick County Code

Frederick County, Virginia, Animals and Fowl, Chapter 5 of the Frederick County Code

Frederick County, Virginia, Buildings, Chapter 6 of the Frederick County Code

Frederick County, Virginia, Elections, Chapter 7 of the Frederick County Code

Frederick County, Virginia, Erosion and Sedimentation Control, Chapter 8 of the Frederick County Code

Frederick County, Virginia, Finance and Taxation, Chapter 9 of the Frederick County Code

Frederick County, Virginia, Fire Protection, Chapter 10 of the Frederick County Code

Frederick County, Virginia, Garbage, Refuse, and Weeds, Chapter 11 of the Frederick County Code

Frederick County, Virginia, Joint City-County Jail, Chapter 12 of the Frederick County Code

Frederick County, Virginia, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 13 of the Frederick County Code

Frederick County, Virginia, Nuisances, Chapter 14 of the Frederick County Code

Frederick County, Virginia, Offences, Miscellaneous, Chapter 15 of the Frederick County Code

Frederick County, Virginia, Parks and Recreation, Chapter 16 of the Frederick County Code

Frederick County, Virginia, Personnel, Chapter 17 of the Frederick County Code

Frederick County, Virginia, Subdivision Ordinances, Chapter 18 of the Frederick County Code 1

Frederick County, Virginia, Subdivision Ordinances, Chapter 18 of the Frederick County Code 2

Frederick County, Virginia, Swimming Pools, Chapter 19 of the Frederick County Code

Frederick County, Virginia, Water and Sewers, Chapter 20 of the Frederick County Code

Frederick County, Virginia, Zoning Ordinances, Chapter 21 of the Frederick County Code 1

Frederick County, Virginia, Zoning Ordinances, Chapter 21 of the Frederick County Code 2

Frederick County, Virginia, Massage Parlors, Health Clubs, Etc., Chapter 22 of the Frederick County Code

BOX 4A

Amendments to the Frederick County Code, Chapter 9, 13, 15, October 18, 1991

Amendments to the Frederick County Code, Chapter 155 Taxation and Chapter 158 Vehicles and Traffic, December 6, 1993

Amendments of the Frederick County Code, March 24, 1993

Frederick County, Virginia, Animals and Fowl, Chapter 5 of the Frederick County Code

Frederick County, Virginia, Buildings, Chapter 6 of the Frederick County Code

Frederick County, Virginia, Elections, Chapter 7 of the Frederick County Code

Frederick County, Virginia, Erosion and Sedimentation Control, Chapter 8 of the Frederick County Code

Frederick County, Virginia, Finance and Taxation, Chapter 9 of the Frederick County Code

Frederick County, Virginia, Fire Protection, Chapter 10 of the Frederick County Code

Frederick County, Virginia, Garbage, Refuse, and Weeds, Chapter 11 of the Frederick County Code

Frederick County, Virginia, Subdivision Ordinances, Chapter 18 of the Frederick County Code

Frederick County, Virginia, Water and Sewers, Chapter 20 of the Frederick County Code

Frederick County, Virginia, Zoning Ordinances, Chapter 21 of the Frederick County Code 1

Frederick County, Virginia, Zoning Ordinances, Chapter 21 of the Frederick County Code 2

Frederick County, Virginia, Zoning Ordinances, Chapter 21 of the Frederick County Code 3

Frederick County, Virginia, Zoning Ordinances, Chapter 21 of the Frederick County Code 4

Frederick County, Virginia Code Index (2) and Zoning

BOX 5 *Restricted* - Voter Registration, Back Creek Magisterial District or Gainesboro Magisterial District, Frederick County

Greenwood Precinct

Kernstown Precinct

Baker's Mill Precinct, n.d.

BOX 6 *Restricted* - Voter Registration, Back Creek Magisterial District, Frederick County

1968 Gore Precinct

Lamps Precinct, n.d.

Russells Precinct, n.d.

BOX 7 Voter Registration, Back Creek Magisterial District or Gainesboro Magisterial District, Frederick County

Dry Run Precinct

1892 Gore Precinct

Dolan's Precinct, n.d.

1968 Ashton's Precinct

BOX 8 *Restricted* - 1970-71 Voter Registration, Gainesboro Magisterial District, Frederick County

1970 Yeakley Precinct

1970 White Hall Precinct

1971 Gainsboro Precinct

BOX 9 *Restricted* - Voter Registration, Opequon Magisterial District, Frederick County

Stephens City Precinct, n.d.

1969 Old Forge Precinct

Middletown Precinct (men and women on separate pages), n.d.

1969 Canterbury Precinct

BOX 10 *Restricted* - Voter Registration, Shawnee Magisterial District or Gainesboro Magisterial District, Frederick County

1968 Albin Precinct

1968 Carpers Valley Precinct

1969 Paper Mill Precinct

BOX 11 VOTER Registration, Stonewall Magisterial District or Shawnee Magisterial District, Frederick County

1902-1948 Kernstown Precinct

1902 White Hall Precinct (white voters)

1902 White Hall Precinct (colored voters)

White Hall Precinct (white voters), n.d.

1964 White Hall Precinct (colored voters)

1911 White Hall Precinct (white voters)

Brucetown Precinct (white voters), n.d.

1902 Brucetown Precinct (colored voters), n.d.

Brucetown Precinct (white voters), n.d.

Brucetown Precinct (colored voters), n.d.

BOX 12 Voter Registration, Stonewall Magisterial District, Frederick County

Albin Precinct (white voters), n.d., last registration dates given are 1952

Brucetown Precinct (white voters), n.d., last registration dates given are 1932

Brucetown Precinct (white voters), n.d., last registration dates given are 1944

Clearbrook Precinct, n.d., last registration dates give are 1968

BOX 12A *Restricted* - Voter Registration, Stonewall Magisterial District, Frederick County

Clearbrook Precinct, n.d., last registration dates given are 1971

1968 Neffstown Precinct (purged 9 June 1968)

BOX 13 Minutes of Electoral Boards of Elections, 1925-1956

Minutes of the Electoral Board of Elections, 1925-1942

Minutes of the Electoral Board of Elections, 1943-1946

Minutes of the Electoral Board of Elections, 1951-1956

BOX 14

Fees due to the Frederick County Clerk, 1840-1844

Frederick County Court Receipts, 1835-1906 1

Frederick County Court Receipts, 1835-1906 2

Frederick County Court Receipts, 1835-1906 3

Frederick County Court Receipts, 1835-1906 4

List of Allowances against Commonwealth to Jurors, 1912

Physical Location: Oversize, Collection, Box 1

Loose Papers (from Reports of Criminal Cases Disposed by Justice of the Peace [1888-1896] Folder)

Orrick, Robert (from Reports of Criminal Cases Disposed by Justice of the Peace [1888-1896] Folder)

Records of Criminal Cases Disposed by the Justice of the Peace

Records of Criminal Cases Disposed by the Justice of the Peace (1888-1890)

Physical Location: Oversize Collections, Box 5

Records of Criminal Cases Disposed by the Justice of the Peace (1891-1893)

Records of Criminal Cases Disposed by the Justice of the Peace (1894-1895)

Physical Location: Oversize Collections, Box 4

Records of Criminal Cases Disposed by the Justice of the Peace (1896-1897)

Physical Location: Oversize Collections, Box 6

Records of Criminal Cases Disposed by the Justice of the Peace (1898-1900)

Physical Location: Oversize Collections, Box 4

Records of Criminal Cases Disposed by the Justice of the Peace (1901-1905)

Physical Location: Oversize Collections, Box 6

Receipts and Forms

Frederick County Delinquent Taxes, 1815-1824

Frederick County Delinquent Taxes, 1826-7, 1850

Frederick County Delinquent Taxes, 1837-1876

Insolvents and Delinquent in Frederick County

Delinquent Taxes and Levies

Delinquent capitation and Property, 1870

Delinquent county taxes, 1875-1876, 1881

Delinquent District School Tax, 1871-1872, 1875-1876, 1879-1880

Newspaper Lists of Delinquent Real Estate Taxes

Fairfax County, 1876-1883

Fauquier County, 1876-1883

Frederick County, 1876-1883 (2 copies)

Nansemond County, 1876-1883

Spotsylvania County, 1876-1883

Physical Location: Oversize, Collection, Box 1

Delinquent Land, 1867-1904

Physical Location: Oversize, Collection, Box 3

Insolvent Capitation and Property, 1877, 1879, 1881, 1884, 1893, 1901- 1905

Physical Location: Oversize, Collection, Box 2

List of Taxable Persons, Property, &c Book, 1860

Physical Location: Oversize, Collection, Box 1

Personal Property Tax Lists, n.d., 1781, 1784, 1785, 1786, transcribed from microfilm

Personal Property Book for 1858, No. 2

Physical Location: Oversize, Collection, Box 2

Personal Property Tax List, 1887 (Back Creek, M-Z; Shawnee, A-Z; Opequon, A-Z)

Physical Location: Oversize Collections, Box 5

List of Real Estate Taxes, 1878-1904

Physical Location: Oversize Collections, Box 7

Sheriff Property Book, 1855

Physical Location: Oversize, Collection, Box 3

Taxes and Levies in Frederick County, 1879

Physical Location: Oversize, Collection, Box 1

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, 1889

Report of Distributors of Direct Tax Fund, 1893-1897

Physical Location: Oversize, Collection, Box 1

BOX 14A

Frederick County: Tax Sale Lists/Petit Jury Lists

Frederick County Witness Certificates, 1889 – 1905, forms for reimbursement of travel expenses of witnesses for the prosecution of court cases. Some of them include the name of the person being prosecuted and the cause for the trial. Indexed, unnumbered forms.

1912 Daily Cash Record

1913 Daily Cash Record

BOX 14B

Election Certification, 1860

Frederick County Vocation Orders

Treasurers Receipts

Court Fines

Statement of the Deposition for 1857-1859

Index to Judicial Docket, undated

BOX 14C Parks and Recreation Department

Clearbrook Park

Sherando Park

BOX 14D Sheriff's Department

Camp for Young People

News Articles

BOX 15

Annual Report (1989 – 1991)

Annual Report (1992 – 1994)

Frederick-Winchester Service Authority: Facilities Plan for Regional Wastewater Management, update draft
17 August 1979

Route 37 Corridor Study Newsletter

Update newsletter

Frederick County Government Center, 1974

BOX 16

Background Reports for the Frederick County Comprehensive Plan, 1986-1988

Comprehensive Policy Plan, 1989-1990

Comprehensive Policy Plan, 1991-1992

Comprehensive Policy Plan, 1993-1994

Comprehensive Policy Plan, 1995

BOX 17

List of Representatives to Frederick County Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Organizations, 1983, 43 leaves

List of Representatives to Frederick County Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Organizations, 1984

List of Representatives to Frederick County Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Organizations, 1985

List of Representatives to Frederick County Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Organizations, 1986

List of Representatives to Frederick County Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Organizations, 1987

List of Representatives to Frederick County Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Organizations, 1988

List of Representatives to Frederick County Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Organizations, 1989

BOX 18 – Frederick County Personal Property Tax Records 1793-1849 (copied from microfilm)

Use of Personal Property Tax Records in Virginia

Frederick County Property Tax Lists – Free Blacks, 1793-1799

Frederick County Personal Property Tax Lists—Free Blacks, 1800-1805

Frederick County Personal Property Tax Lists—Free Blacks, 1806-1809

Frederick County Personal Property Tax Lists—Free Blacks, 1810-1814

Frederick County Personal Property Tax Lists—Free Blacks, 1815-1819

Frederick County Personal Property Tax Lists—Free Blacks, 1820-1824

Frederick County Personal Property Tax Lists—Free Blacks, 1825-1830

Frederick County Personal Property Tax Lists—Free Blacks, 1830-1834

Frederick County Personal Property Tax Lists—Free Blacks, 1835-1839

Frederick County Personal Property Tax Lists—Free Blacks, 1840-1844

Frederick County Personal Property Tax Lists—Free Blacks, 1845-1849

BOX 18A -- Frederick County Property Tax Records 1850-1864 (copied from microfilm)

Frederick County Personal Property Tax Lists—Free Blacks, 1850-1854

Frederick County Personal Property Tax Lists—Free Blacks, 1855-1859

Frederick County Personal Property Tax Lists—Free Blacks, 1860-1864

Frederick County Personal Property Tax Lists 1855-1862 (copied from microfilm)

Frederick County Land Tax List – 1853 (photocopy)

BOX 18B -- Frederick County Property Tax Records 1855-1862 (copied from microfilm)

Frederick County Personal Property Tax Lists—Free Blacks, 1855

Frederick County Personal Property Tax Lists—Free Blacks, 1856

Frederick County Personal Property Tax Lists—Free Blacks, 1857

Frederick County Personal Property Tax Lists—Free Blacks, 1858

Frederick County Personal Property Tax Lists—Free Blacks, 1859

Frederick County Personal Property Tax Lists—Free Blacks, 1860

Frederick County Personal Property Tax Lists—Free Blacks, 1861

Frederick County Personal Property Tax Lists—Free Blacks, 1862

BOX 19

Draft Environmental Impact Statement & Section 4(f) Evaluation, Route 37, Frederick County

Rezoning Application for Winchester Medical Center Property, 2003

Draft FY 2004- FY2006 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Winchester-Frederick County (“Win-Fred”) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), for public review

Public Notice on No Further Action for General Electric Company’s Winchester Lamp Plant, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III

2000 Draft Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District

2000 Executive Summary and Final Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District

2001 Annual Report, Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District

Study of Civil War Sites in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia (Public Law 101-628). U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Interagency Resources Division

Interim Battlefield Action Plan, a report by the Frederick County-Winchester Battlefield Task Force, 1993

Virginia Department of Historic Resources Newsletter, *Preservation in Progress*, Vol. IV, No. 2, June 1999

Frederick County, VA Impact Analysis Statement for Rezoning Review and Approval of the H. Clay DeGrange Estate Property, Gainesboro Magisterial District, August, 1996, Frederick Center

Kernstown Battlefield Resource Management Plan, Grim Farm Property, Frederick County and City of Winchester, VA, September 1996

Newsletter of the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District Commission, *Valley*, Summer 1999

Civil War Sites in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, a Regional Assessment of Fifteen Battlefields

Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District information packet

Star Fort Management and Interpretation Plan, August 2000