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Fairfax Circuit Court Historic Records Center

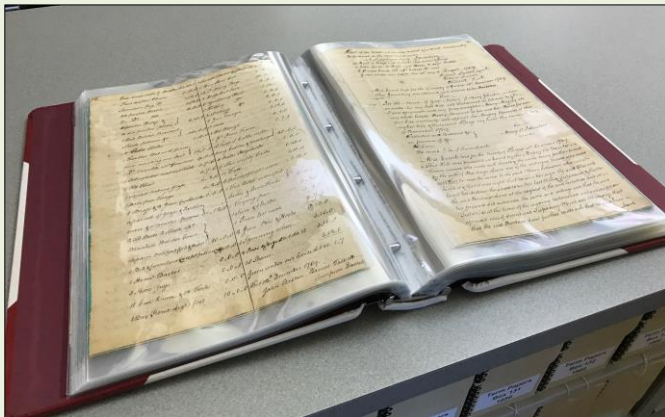


Greetings! The Fairfax Circuit Court Historic Records Center is excited to continue bringing our monthly newsletter, *Found in the Archives*, to you.

This month's edition will serve as a newsletter, and we will resume regular editions of *Found in the Archives* in January 2017.

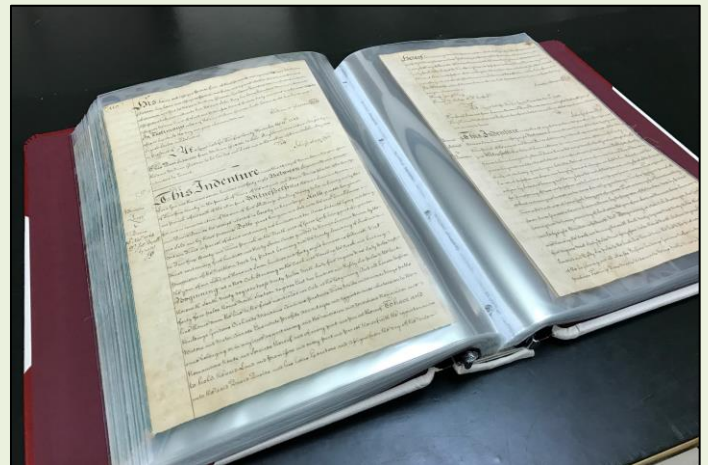
Historic Records Center News

In November 2016, the Historic Records Center received four volumes of historic court ledgers that were sent to North Carolina for conservation. These volumes included Will Books A-1, C-1, and D-1, and Deed Book B-1. Below are a couple of pictures of the restored items:



Fairfax County Will Book C-1

Fairfax County Deed Book B-1



Fairfax County Weights and Measures Object Loan

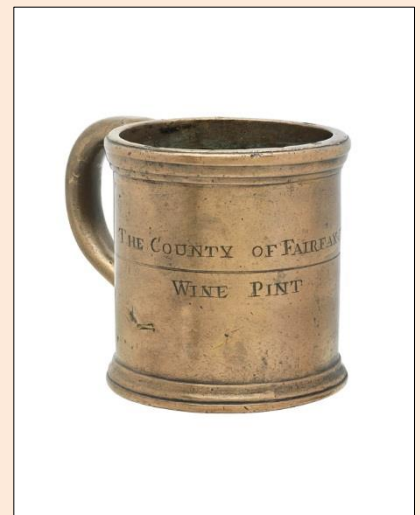
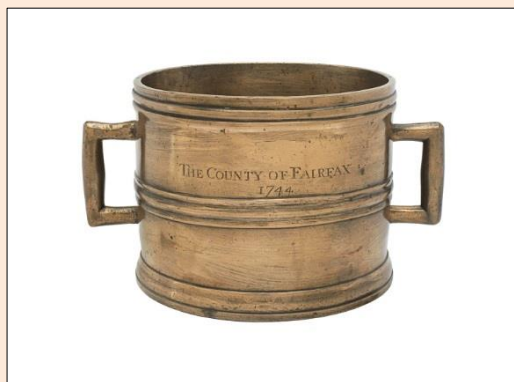
The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has secured the loan of the original 1744 weights and measures for grain and corn, to be debuted on exhibit at the Fairfax County Government Center in January 2016. Owned by the Alexandria-Washington Masonic Lodge No. 22, these items will be on display during the 275th anniversary celebration year.

Stamped "The County of Fairfax, 1744," the weights and measures were used to stop the buying and selling of "false weights" of corn, grain, salt, and wine.

Gifted to the county by the King of England in 1744 and, according to the University of Virginia, these weights and measures are the only complete set of standardized weights and measures from England that still exist in the United States.

We here at the Historic Records Center strongly encourage you to visit the Fairfax County Government Center to see these incredible objects, as they would have played an integral role in the operation of the county's economy. Fairfax County Court would have used the weights and measures frequently, as the court oversaw imports and exports at the various county warehouses.

The Smithsonian Museum of American History has displayed the smaller pieces of the weights and measures, such as for wine, in the past. Below are images of these fantastic objects (*credit to the Smithsonian for the images; objects owned by Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22*):



You will not want to miss seeing these beautiful objects in person!

Fairfax County's 275th Anniversary Celebration

2017 will bring a full year of celebration in honor of Fairfax County's 275th anniversary!

SAVE THE DATE:

Fairfax County was founded in 1742, and to mark the historic occasion of its 275th anniversary, a signature celebration will be held on the Historic Fairfax Courthouse grounds on **Saturday, June 17, 2017**, from 10 am to 4 pm.

Entertainment will include family-friendly activities, history exhibits, performances, and more!

This event is **FREE** and open to the public!

Be on the lookout for notices of celebration events in future editions of *Found in the Archives*.



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275th Anniversary**
Save the Date!



- Signature Celebration **June 17, 2017** 10am - 4pm on the grounds of the historic Fairfax Courthouse
- Family-friendly activities and entertainment
- History exhibits, living history, performances, and more

Visit www.Fairfax275.com for more information on this event and other anniversary events being held throughout the year!

Change in Historic Courthouse Tour Times

The Fairfax Circuit Court Historic Records Center has changed its scheduled public tours to **every Friday at 3:00 pm**, excluding holidays or emergency court closures.

We invite you to tour the 1799 Historic Courthouse, as well as the Historic Records Center's documents showroom and records room.

The tour begins at the front of the 1799 Historic Courthouse, under the arcade.

To schedule alternative tour dates and times, please call 703-246-4168.

For more information about the Historic Records Center's holdings, please email historicalrecords@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-246-4168.