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The Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia has the following research materials available:

PRIMARY SOURCE MATERIALS

Marriage Records from 1770 to the Present: 1770-1853 (indexed*),
1854-1913 (indexed*), 1914-1938 and 1939-1973 (indexed*)

Probate Records including Wills, Bills of Sale, Inventory of Estates, Land Divisions & other
Estate Records from 1770 to the Present (indexed)

Deeds and other land transactions, from 1770 to the Present (indexed)

Surveyor's Books, 1770-1914 (indexed*)

Court Order Books, 1770-1803 (indexed*)

Common Law Order Books, 1809-1903 (indexed*)

County Court Order Books, 1839-1867 (indexed*)

Chancery Order Books, 1831-1896 (indexed*)

Tithables, Volumes 1 & 2, 1770-1789

Minute Books, 1772-1839 (1784-1785 & 1826-1827 missing)

Rules of Office, Judgments, 1791-1807

Land Books (real estate tax books), 1850 to the Present

Register of Births, (listing without documentation), 1853-1870; 1885-1896

Register of Deaths, (listing without documentation), 1853-1870

Military Induction & Discharge Records, WW II

Guardian Accounts, 1799-1839

Minute Book Payment Book, 1882-1842

Memorandum Book, 1831-1837

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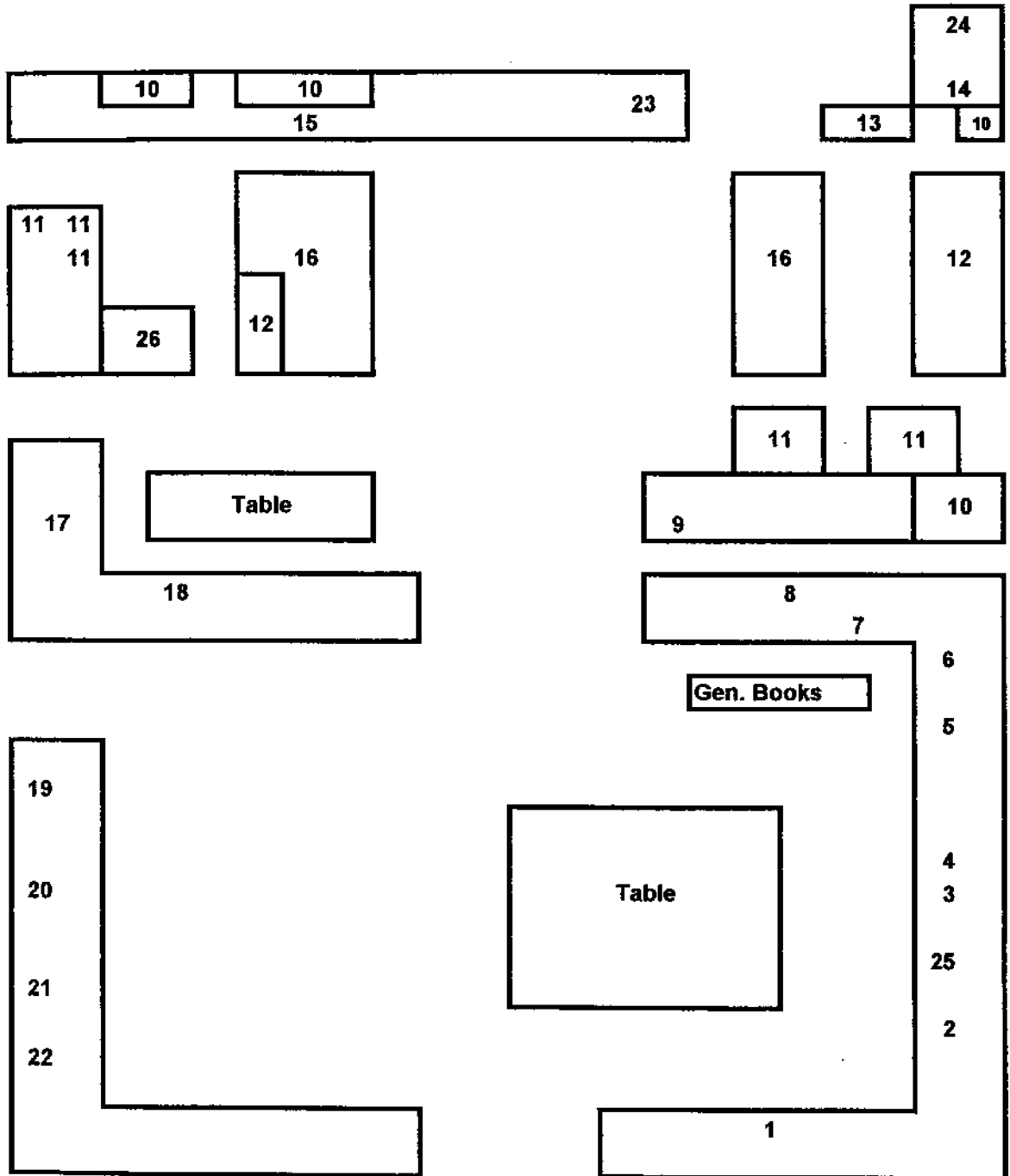
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Note: Indexes (*) were compiled by Robert E. Harshbarger

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FRONT OFFICE

In Search of Ancestors.....
Where to Look in this Clerk's Office

in Botetourt County, Virginia

1. **MARRIAGE REGISTER:** Marriage registers contain the names of brides and grooms from 1770 to the present. Each register is indexed in a separate index book. Depending on the time of marriage you may find, ages and occupations of bride and groom, occupations, where and when married, and by whom married.
2. **REGISTER OF BIRTHS AND REGISTER OF DEATHS:** From 1853 to about 1870, these books list the names of children, the names of the parents, and dates of birth and the names of persons who died, date of death, sometimes cause of death, occupation and names of parents as well as who reported the death. These records are very incomplete but worth a look.
3. **DEED BOOKS:** All deeds for conveyance of lands from 1770 to the present. The persons who sell or convey the lands are called GRANTORS and the buyers or persons receiving the lands are called GRANTEEES. Each deed is indexed in both a Grantor and Grantee index. Often when a person died without a will (and sometimes with a will), that person's heirs conveyed the property. This is a valuable source of the name of children of an ancestor. Deeds also tell you much about where a person may have lived and how much property the person owned.
4. **WILL BOOKS:** Will Books contain estate records from 1770 to the present. These are important sources of information on when a person died, who the heirs are and what the person may have owned. People who died without a will are said to have died **INTESTATE**, and if there was an administration of their estate, those records are also found in the Will Books. In more recent years, whoever executed the will or administered the estate has been required to give a List of Heirs - the person's next of kin, usually the surviving spouse and children or grandchildren.
5. **CENSUS RECORDS:** While not a part of the official records of the Clerk, this office has copies of the Census of Botetourt County for the years 1810, 1820 and 1850. Additionally a number of booklets contain information compiled by CHARLES BURTON, a genealogist, which gives 18th Century records similar to the census
6. **LAW ORDER BOOKS, CHANCERY ORDER BOOKS and CRIMINAL ORDER BOOKS:** The books contain official orders of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, the County Court, and the Superior Court (early name of the Circuit Court). **LAW ORDER BOOKS** contain the records of suits for money, appointment to county offices and other information. **CHANCERY ORDER BOOKS** contain records pertaining to divorces, the division (partition) of land, and suits involving relief other than a money judgment. Both sets of books have valuable information and just about all the books are indexed either in an **INDEX** book or in the individual book. **CRIMINAL ORDER BOOKS** contain orders for all criminal cases heard in the Circuit Court which hears both misdemeanor appeals and felony cases.
7. **COUNTY COURT ORDER BOOKS and MINUTE BOOKS:** These books contain the records of the County Court which was both a court of law and the governing body of the county from 1770 until near the end of the 19th Century. These books are indexed from 1770 to 1808 and individual books in the mid-to-late 19th Century have indices. These books are a gold mine of information on early ancestors, but handle gently - it cost \$3,000 per book to preserve these records!
8. **SURVEYOR BOOKS:** These books show plats of lands surveyed from 1770 to the late 19th Century and lists the names of the persons for whom the lands were surveyed. They may literally put your ancestor on the map.

9. **SECONDARY SOURCES:** This Clerk's Office maintains a valuable library of materials compiled by, or books written by, genealogists and historians. They may be a great assistance to you, *but if you find information on an ancestor in one of them, always try to verify that information by looking for the original source of the information.* Even the best genealogists and historians make mistakes; a few are absolutely sloppy in their research. The best of these materials are the lists compiled by Charles Burton, Robert D. Stoner's A Seedbed of the Republic, and F.G.Kegley's Kegley's Virginia Frontier. The Researcher can also direct you to other reliable secondary sources.

Other Things to Think About

10. **The Internet:** If you have a computer at home and access to the internet, there are hundreds of sites that will offer you information. **A lot of that information is not verified and is guesswork, check it twice as thoroughly as you would check information in a book.** In other words, a good researcher never completely trusts someone else's work. Nonetheless there are sites that can be of real value to you on the internet, if you treat them as if the information is *A Preview of Coming Attractions* featuring your research.

11. From the time of the Civil War back to 1770, learn to think phonetically! Clerks often spelled names the way they sound. This creates a real problem especially with ancestors with German names: Zirkle became Circle; Obenshain is in the records as Obenschain, Obenchain, Openchain, Ovenchain, even Oglechain; Be glad you aren't in Pennsylvania, because the correct spelling of that name is: Abendschonn! Ebersohl became Eversole in most places, but here the name is spelled Aversole. The German "d", "p" and "t" became almost interchangeable - remember the word "Dollar" came from a German coin called the "Toler". Other names, such as O'Neil may become over time simply Neil, or McLean may become McClean or Maclean.

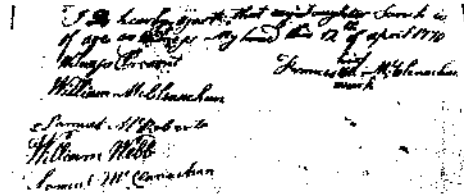
12. When you get back to handwritten documents, remember these things - punctuation was not well used and some sentences seem to run on forever, gasping for breath. Words will be divided at the end of the line irrespective whether the division makes sense or not - you may see the word "inhabitant" divided as "inha-bitant". Also, one of the hardest things to adjust to is letter formation, for instance a word with double "ss", such as "possess" is written to look to us as if it is spelled "possefs". You'll find other words we don't use any more: a widow may be called "relic", a horse is often referred to as "horse-beast", land measurements are often given in "poles" or "rods" (they both mean the same thing and are 16.5 feet in length). Money is stated in amounts down to the half cent, so something may be valued at \$10.12 ½. Money is also given in pounds, shillings and pence. There were 12 pence in a shilling and 20 shillings in a pound. A Virginia pound was worth \$3.33; so a shilling was worth 16 ½ cents and a pence was worth 1 1/3 cents.. The closest we can calculate buying power is this: One Dollar in Colonial Times or the early 19th Century would buy the same amount of goods that \$48.75 will buy today. A Virginia pound then was worth as much as \$160 today, a shilling \$2.60 and a pence about a quarter.

Happy Hunting!

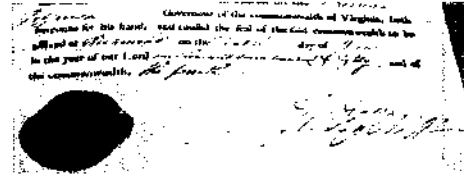
NOTE: This information was written by George E. Honts III, Circuit Court Judge, 25th Judicial Circuit, Commonwealth of Virginia



Courthouse genealogists Sally Eads (left) and Loretta Caldwell



Copy of first wedding recorded in Fincastle



Documents signed by Jefferson abound in Fincastle Courthouse.



Robert Harshbarger, a courthouse volunteer for 11 years, has indexed files to speed research for visitors

For a brief time in early history America's official documents were filed in Botetourt County

Botetourt County's place in history dates to days when its boundaries represented the American frontier.

For a brief window in time, Botetourt's county seat, Fincastle, was the seat of government for an area that included what is now Kentucky and a good portion of West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois and part of Wisconsin.

This came about after the Treaty of Paris in 1763 terminated the French and Indian War, and Virginia claimed only the territory north and east of the Mississippi River.

Botetourt County was born through a series of divisions of the early county configurations that began in 1634.

Botetourt became official on January 1, 1770. For the next two years, its courthouse — in what was then Miller's Mill (now Fincastle) — was the repository for official documents that now draw researchers from all over the world.

Loretta Caldwell and Sally Eads, both retired teachers and Botetourt County residents, work parttime as researchers at the Botetourt County courthouse. They answer genealogy queries, lead student tours and preserve records that tell the spirit of early colonial life.

A good number of the court records on file are peace bonds filed to end a quarrel and testimony to the individual personalities of the area's Scot-Irish settlers.

One of the documents the genealogists always show tourists is the first marriage recorded in the courthouse, that of John McRoberts and Sarah McClenachan, on April 12, 1770. The record is basically a permission slip in which Sarah's father says it is OK for her to marry. Thomas Jefferson's signatures are popular with visitors also.

Marriages from that date through 2004 have now been indexed, as have land records from 1770-1789. Volunteer Robert Harshbarger, whose family is part of the history, has compiled indexes of a variety of records, including Botetourt County Induction & Discharge Records through World War II, probate records (wills, bills of sale, inventory of estates) from 1770 to present and surveyors' books from 1770-1914.

Land records include documentation for the 45 acres that Israel Christian gave on February 15, 1770, for the establishment of Fincastle.

Four years later, members of the Botetourt Militia, under the com-

mand of Col. William Fleming, would head to Ohio to a battle that is said to have ended the early frontier days. The Battle of Point Pleasant (West Virginia) pitted the colonists against the Native American Confederation under the Shawnee chieftain Keightughqua (Cornstalk).

Help for researchers

Reading old documents can be a challenge, but the courthouse project, which was begun by the late Emily Honts, has an "In Search of Ancestors" guide to the clerk's office. Among the tips for viewing the old records: Words are not used the same way today. For example, "relic" was used for a widow or "horse-beast" for horse. Money was in pounds, shillings and pence.

The courthouse's preservation of old documents and the willingness to share them and the areas wealth of organizations and citizens devoted to genealogy and history make Botetourt County a destination for researchers.

The Botetourt County Historical Museum sits behind the historic courthouse in Fincastle. Just a short distance away on Murray street, stands a restored cabin that houses the Historic Fincastle Museum, which opened in 2005.

More than a dozen Botetourt sites are on the Virginia Historic Landmarks Register, including Breckinridge Mill near Fincastle, Callie Furnace near Glen Wilton, Nininger's Mill (Tinker Mill) in Daleville, Phoenix Bridge near Eagle Rock, Prospect Hill near Fincastle, Roaring Run Furnace at Roaring Run, Santillane in Fincastle, Wilorna near Fincastle and Wilson Warehouse in Buchanan.

Canals and bridges

In addition, the locks, canal abutments and tunnels from the James River and Kanawha Canal speak to the area's early mode of travel. The swinging bridge that crosses the James River in Buchanan is on abutments more than 150 years old.

The canal was originally planned to go from Richmond to the Ohio River, but never went farther than Buchanan. It was 196 miles long and had 90 locks.

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