

THE VIRGINIA CIRCUIT COURT RECORDS
PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Grant Application

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Item Conservation - Book

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I. Description of Project

A. Items of expenditure

1. Item-level conservation, along with digital reformatting of selected volumes.

B. Records series affected

Please see Estimated Project Cost section below

C. Benefits

1. Conserving these records will allow for their continued use by the public. Some of these records have already been pulled from public use, and are not available for research at this time.
2. Imaging the books will allow the Clerk to replace the current poor quality images on the Records System. The current images on the system were converted from microfilm and are not of the best quality, especially plats. The images from this grant will be used to replace the poor quality images currently on the system.

II. Estimated Project Cost - \$31,947.00

1. Current Item Conservation and Reformatting:

Reponses were sought from two book and paper conservation labs and the RFPS was posted on the State of Virginia's eVA procurement website. Their responses/solicitations are attached as (A)RecordSafe/CW Warthen, (B) Kofile and (C) Richmond Conservators of Works on Paper.

Volume Title	Date	RecordSafe/ CW Warthen		Kofile		Richmond Conservators of Works on Paper	
		Treatment	Imaging	Treatment	Imaging	Treatment	Imaging
Deed Book 18	1887-1889	\$3,420	\$200				
Deed Book 19	1889-1894	7,095	200	No Response – See attached email of s olicitation of proposal and amendment to proposal		No Bid – See attached response	
Deed Book 21	1898-1899	2,725	200				
Deed Book 22	1899-1901	3,460	200				
Deed Book 23	1899-1901	3,015	200				
Deed Book 24	1901-1902	2,940	200				
Deed Book 25	1903-1905	2,960	200				
General Index to Wills	Not dated	1,475	150				
Will Index	1835-2007	1,532	150				
Heir and Devisee Index	1929-2003	<u>1,475</u>	<u>150</u>				
		\$30,097	\$1,850				
		\$31,947.00					

The responsive, low bid, as returned by RecordSafe/CW Warthen
\$31,947.00

III. Previous actions to protect records in the clerk's office:

- A. Using local funds and Library of Virginia Grants, this office has preserved many of the bound volumes.

- B. Utilizing funds from the circuit court records program, we have undertaken plat storage procurement projects (1999 – 2002) and have processed our pre-1913 ended-chancery causes (2002-203). The latter have been transferred to the Library of Virginia for storage and digital reformatting.
- C. Electronically imaged Chancery Order Books 15 – 39, Law Order Books 14 – 70, and Deed Books 177 – 735 for use on Records Management System, and for Security Microfilm backup in compliance with the Code of Virginia §17.1-124.
- D. Electronically imaged our plats located in the Plat Cabinets and installed Plat Retrieval System to view and print plats.
- E. Installed a CCTV system for the protection of the all the records in this office.
- F. Used local funds to preserve Land Record Books in 2011.

IV. Future actions to protect records in the clerks office:

- A. As our local budget allows, this office will dedicate funding for the preservation of permanent records.
- B. This office will seek to implement the Library of Virginia's Records retention and disposition schedules.
- C. Office will seek a grant from the Library of Virginia to develop a COOP and REAP plan for the Clerk's Office.

V. Estimated Length of Project

One Year