



CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE RECEIVES GRANTS FOR SECURITY, BOOK PRESERVATION

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Montgomery County, Virginia – In 2008, the Clerk of Circuit Court's office applied for and received four grants totaling \$16,800.51, through the Library of Virginia.

Three grants were used for book conservation:

Grant Amount	Book Conserved
\$500	Register of Free Negroes, Volume 1, 1824-1847
\$1,764	Chancery Order Book 1, 1831-1836
\$2,216	Chancery Order Book 2, 1867-1881

"These books are vital to our genealogical history," said Circuit Court Clerk Erica Williams. "They aid in the foundation of research of people and events in Montgomery County. Knowing the importance of these records, we wanted to preserve them for future generations and citizens of the County."

The fourth grant in the amount of \$12,320.51 provided a security system upgrade for the Clerk's office.

"This system helps to protect our records from theft, tampering and destruction," Williams said.

A digital monitoring and video recording system now run 24 hours a day, allowing for constant vigilance and accountability.

Williams plans to apply for several new grants this year to preserve more historical books and back-scan records for easier access.

For questions, please contact the Clerk's office at 382-5760.

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