

# AMELIA COUNTY ORDER BOOKS

The Amelia County, Virginia Order Books contain the written record of the County Court, which met monthly, and the Quarterly Court, which met four times a year. These Court records contain a wealth of information about the period that they cover. Most of these records have never been transcribed or abstracted previously, and they represent an untapped resource for genealogists interested in early Amelia County inhabitants.

In 2002, the Amelia Historical Society acquired the microfilms of Amelia County Order Books 17-33, and loaned them to me so that I could begin transcribing them. The Society has given us permission to post the transcriptions on-line, as they are completed. To date, three Order Books have been transcribed and indexed, and are posted on this site for use.

## HOW TO USE THESE TRANSCRIPTIONS:

1. Read the Introduction to each volume at least once, ideally BEFORE trying to use the transcription. (It's tempting to jump right to the Index, I know!)
2. Use the Bookmarks tab on the left margin to go to the main sections of the document, including the Index, by clicking on the title of the section you wish to jump to.
3. The page citations in the Index refer to page numbers **in this transcription**, not in the original handwritten records. Use the page number **at the bottom of each page** to find Index entries.
4. Use the slide bar on the right margin of the screen (left-click and drag the small bar) to move rapidly to a specific page, using the page numbers at the bottom of each page to find a specific citation.
5. Once you are at a specific page, you can enlarge it for easier reading by clicking on the Bookmarks tab again, closing the left sidebar. Clicking it again toggles it back on when you need it, to jump back to the Index or to go elsewhere in the document.
6. When in doubt, use the HAND tool (lower left on Tool Bar at top of the Adobe Acrobat screen)

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