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MISCELLANEOUS MANUSCRIPT FILE

Anti-Quitrent Society for the Town Newtown-Stephensburgh Collection
Collection Number: 749 WFCHS MMF

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PROCESSING INFORMATION: Processed by Buffy Knappenberger. Last updated October 2023.

EXTENT: 1 folder

CREATOR: Anti-Quitrent Society for the Town Newtown-Stephensburgh

DATE: 1829 - 1839

SCOPE AND CONTENT: Miscellaneous Manuscript Files (MMF) are small collections typically containing only a folder or two of materials. This folder contains meeting minutes and lists of members/donations of the society.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: The society was formed in 1829 to provide a source of funding and legal support for lot owners in Newtown-Stephensburgh against whom claims for quit- or ground-rents were brought. Quit- or ground-rents originated in feudal times as a fee paid annually by the recipient of granted land in lieu of services which might otherwise be required by the grantor. In colonial America, Virginia in particular, this was applied to the purchasers of land from original grantees such as Lord Fairfax and their heirs or successors. By 1829, this practice was regarded “as a grievance and unjust,” and in Newtown-Stephensburgh led to the formation of this society.

IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Gift of Ben Belchic.

CONTAINER LIST:

Folder 1

Meeting minutes for the society (with transcriptions), 1829-1839

Names and donations by subscribers of the society (with transcriptions), 1829