

I've abstracted below all the [Chalkley](#) items for DUNLAPs, and attempted to organize them into extended family clusters, on the grounds of neighborhood and/or associations in the records—except that I've grouped [the later \(post-1800\) chancery cases](#) at the end.

Links to neighborhood maps are provided; for scale, the magenta compass crosses consist of two crossed perpendicular 1 mile lines.

♥ = married

DUNLAPs (Alexander¹, John², Robert², Alexander², et al.) of the Calfpasture (MAPs: [Overview](#), [Tracts](#))

14May1754 Beverley->Wm RAMSAY, 582a on LCAFP, cor Alex. DUNLAP [AD's tr adj James STEVENSON's tr?] {3:325}
 18Nov1760 Jacob CUNNINGHAM's est: note against Jno. DUNLAP {3:60}
 14Feb1761 John DUNLUPE -> Robert DUNLAPE, 295a on CAFP, part of 625a on MillCrk {3:366}
 19Apr1763 Alexander DUNLOP, aged 18, orphan of Alex'r DUNLOP chose John DUNLOP as guardian {1:105}
 19Apr1763 John DUNLAPs bond as guardian to Alex. DUNLAP, orphan of Alex. DUNLAP; sureties: Jno. CLARK, Robt. CLARK {3:79}
 15Apr1765 John DUNLOP files claim (with other CAFP men) for provisions furnished the militia {1:120}
 18Aug1767 Wm RAMSAY & Jane -> Moses MOORE, 58s on LCAFP, cor Alexander DUNLAP's land {3:457}
 2Sep1773 James & Jane GAY-> John GAY, on CrombysRun, Cowpasture; wits: John Dunlap, Robert Dunlap, James ELLIOTT {3:547}
 20Aug1774 James CLARK's will: ...to dau Ane DUNLAP (Regh's (aka RHEAs) are also named {3:150}
 18Aug1775 John GAY's will, of CAFP: exors: Robert DUNLAP, Samuel RAMSAY, James CROCKETT, prvd 18Mar1777 by exors {3:147}
 22Nov1775 Robert DUNLAP appointed constable in place of David MARTIN {1:186}
 23Sep1776 James GAY's will: exors wife Jean GAY and Robert DUNLAP; wit: James ELLIOT, John DUNLAP {3:144}
 19Aug1777 John GAY's inv, by Robert DUNLAP, James STEVENSON, James ELLIOTT {3:148}
 8Oct1781 Elizabeth CLARK's will: ...to dau Anne DOUNLAP - oth daus were RHEA and KINKEAD; ELLIOTS are here two {3:160}
 10May1783 John BRATTON's will: ... Jno DUNLAP... Jno. POAGE - proved 18Oct1785 by POAGE % DUNLAP {3:173}
 6Jul1784 HADDIN -POA> HADDIN, wits: William McCONNELL, James GAY, Alexander DUNLAP {3:570}
 17Aug1784 Robert & Agness CLARKE -> James SCOTT, 86a btw BevManor & North Mountain, pat to Robert 16Feb1771, nr James Clark's old plantation [the land is just E of N Mountain wh parallels the LCAFP] {3:571}
 17Aug1784 Robert & Agness CLARKE -> James SCOTT, tr on head br of Middle Riv & BackCrk pat 15May1746 to James Clarke {"}
 1Feb1785 Mary DUNLAP ♥ James CURRY {2:360}
 15Oct1790 W[illia]m DUNLAP ♥ Elizabeth COURSEY, in Rockbridge {2:361}
 20Jun1791 Alexander DUNLAP & Jane WACHUB (marr bond), dau of John VACHUB (consent); wits: Alex.DOD, Joseph VACHUB; surety Wm. McFEETERS {2:294}
 21Feb1791 Alex. DUNLAP ♥ Jane VACHUB, BY Rev. Jno, Montgomery {2:351}
 [prob son of Robert2, not John2 - age more appropo, Vachubs closer neighbors, bro marr 2y later by same Rev.]
 19Feb1793 James DUNLOP vs. James SPENCE {1:404-5} [prob son of John2]
 10May1793 Robert DUNLAP & Patsey GRAHAM (marr bond), dau of John GRAHAM (consent); sur: Adam BRATTON {2:310}
 14May1793 Robert DUNLAP ♥ Patsy GRAHAM, by Rev. Jno Montgomery {2:355} [prob son of Robert2]
 18Nov1794 W[illia]m MCKEE and W[illiam] DUNLAP witnessed the marr bond of David CHAMBERS and Isbell VAUHOB, d/o John who gave his consent; MCKEE was also David's surety.[The WACHUPS lived on the upper Little CP {2:309}
 29Feb1796 Contract mentioned btw John & Robert DUNLOP of the one part, and James HOWTHORN of SurryCONC, was mentioned in the Jul1800 suit Andrew Young (of Rockbridge) vs. James HATHORN {1:416}
 5Jun1798 Samuel Meek vs. John DUNLOP Jr., writ to Rockbridge (against DUNLOP), by Staunton District (civil) Court {2:14}
 Sep1798 John DUNLAP vs. Hugh KELSO & John DUNLAP, trespass, Staunton District Court {2:38}
 7Apr1800 John BRATTON -> John DUNLAP, John GAY, John MCCUTCHEON, James BERRY, James BRATTON, trustees of the Little River congregation in the CAFP, 2a on MeetingHouse Branch {3:596}
 Apr1801 John DUNLAP (son of John of Rockbridge) vs. John DUNLAP (son of Robert), for slander, Staunton Dist Crt {2:33}
 1805 John Fletcher vs. Alexander DUNLAP & Jane, suit for slander in Staunton District Court {2:34}

DUNLAPs (William, Capt. James, Charles) of Jackson's River (western Augusta/Rockbridge—later Bath/Highland Cos) (MAP: [Overview](#))

These DUNLAPs may have been brothers of Alexander¹ of the Calfpasture, given their penchant for settling early on the far western frontier; also this James, like Alexander, was a militia officer.

1Jun1750 William DUNLAP, patent to 100a on Jackson's River {VA Patents 29:144-145}
 17Aug1753 Adam DICKINSON->James DUNLAP, 875a on MeadowCrk of JacksonsRiv nr indian path. wit: Charles DUNLAP... {3:317}
 27Sep1754 James & Charles DUNLAP, brothers came to AuguVA shortly before 27Sep1754 from CumbPA,
 acc to letter of complaint by James wallace, pltf in wallace vs. Dunlaps Nov1756ct {1:316}
 19Sep1755 Thomas WRIGHT's will: wit: James DUNLAP... {3:40}
 Jun1756 John LOW served 22d in Jun1756 in <Capt> James DUNLAP's co - suit agt Robert BRATTON adm of JAMES {1:337}
 16Nov1757 James DAVIES -> Wm. Preston, 200a on the Catawbo, wit: James DUNLAP {3:350}
 16Aug1758 James DUNLAP est: adm bond Robert BRATTON; secs: Robert McCLENACHAN, Jno. Gay, Ralph LAVERTY {3:50}
 21May1760 James DUNLAPS inv (incl one negro man), by Jno. BROWN, Wm. MCFEETERS, Saml. WILSON {3:58}
 10Dec1762 James DUNLAPS inv, by Jno. DICKINSON, Ralph LAVERTY {3:80}
 21May1765 John DUNLAP -> brother Alexander DUNLAP, 100a on Jackson's River patented to father William DUNLAP 1Jun1750
 Dlv'd May1773 to Robert BRATTON [3:432] 22Mar1765 James DUNLAP to be bound to William LOCKHART {1:119}
 20Nov1766 Capt. James DUNLAP's est owes credit to Capt. Robert BRATTON {3:97}
 1768 James DUNLAP killed 1768 as <Lt> in <Capt> HOG's co of rangers
 acc to James BROWN & Adam GUTHERY only heirs-at-law in VA, who were "granted certificates" 21Dec1779 {1:211}

DUNLAPs (Robert, Samuel, John, and David) of Moffett & Hays Creeks in the Borden Grant (MAPs: [Overview](#), [Tracts](#))

Robert and Samuel arrived about the same time as Alexander¹ of the Calfpastuer, and were his close contemporaries, so they could have been brothers; however they moved on to the Waxhaw settlement in South Carolina abt 1757, thus avoiding the dangerous Indian-infested western frontiers.

<1745 List of OrangeCo Deeds by Benjamin BORDEN: ... Samuel DUNLAP-16Aug1742 ... Robert DUNLAP-25Jun1742
 19Nov1746 Ro. DUNLAP appointed grand juror {1:23}
 12Apr1748 Samuel DUNLAP and Robt. DUNLAPP on the same processioning list with Wm. MCCANLESS, and LOWRYs {3:433}
 22Aug1749 Wm. COWDEN's inv, by John HUSTON, Robert DUNLAPP, Joseph KENNEDY {3:14}
 28Nov1750 Samuel DUNLAP -> David DUNLAP, 170a, part of 559.5 conveyed 27Aug1742 by Benjamin BORDEN in Orange[Co] {3:295}
 c1751 Petition for road from Joseph KENNEDY's mill to John HUSTON's & thence to WoodsGap... Robert DUNLAP {1:437}
 19Aug1752 Richard & Martha COUSART -> ... in BORDEN's tr, cor Wm. MCCANLESS, lines of Samuel DUNLAP, Robert DUNLAP {3:305}
 3May1753 Samuel MOORES est inv, by Patrick HAYS, William MCCANLESS, Samuel [D]UNLAP {3:36}
 14Aug1753 Samuel DUNLOP -> Thomas BEARD, 389.5a in BORDEN tract, cor Jno. HUSTON; wit: ... Robert DUNLOP {3:316}
 3Mar1757 Ro. & Elizabeth DUNLAP -> John WARDLAW, 188+a, cor. Wm MCCANLISS Jno. LOWREY {3:347}
 27Sep1757 David DUNLAP -> Hugh BEARD, 170a in BORDEN tract {3:349}
 8Aug1766 BORDEN's exors -> John DUNLAP, 150a on HaysCrk, Samuel DUNLAPS line {3:343}
 21Mar1769 Jane GRAYMES adm bond for David GRAYMES est, sur: Joseph WARHOP [Wachup?], Robert DUNLAP {3:107}
 15May1769 Thomas DUNLAP AND "daughter ... Mary DUNLAP" are legatees in Thomas BEARD's will {3:111,157}
 18Dec1769 Samuel & Margaret DUNLAP -> Patrick WOODS, 150a N fork of James, at HaysCrk {3:496}
 18Dec1769 John & Jennett DUNLAP -> Joseph WOODS, 150a on HaysCrk ... Samuel DUNLAPS' line {3:496}

DUNLAPs (William¹ & Jane, John², William², Adam) of Middle River in Beverley Manor (MAPs: [Overview](#), [Tracts](#))

These DUNLAPs settled in Beverley Manor, the heart of AugustaCo in the main Valley of Virginia (neighbors KERR, KENNEY, HENDERSON).

28Feb1749 William DUNLAP <-William BEVERLEY, 100a on Middle River in Bev. Manor, adj James HENDERSON, Robert KENNEY {3:283}
 28Feb1749 William DUNLAPP wits deed of Ephraim VAUSE -> Joseph LOVE for 200a on Goose Crk [prob just at CH] {3:277}
 28Aug1750 W[illia]m DUNLOP added to tithables list {1:41}
 1756 W[illa]m DUNLAP processioned, on James ALLENS list - also James HENDERSON, Robert CRAIG {2:443}

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29Dec1761 Adam DUNLOP AugustaCo marr license [no details] {2:276}
 11Aug1764 William DUNLAP <- Jonathan ROBERSON, 230a on Linville's Crk, cor John MILLER. Dlvd Dec1766 George SPEIRS {3:413}
 1764 William DUNLOP in AugustaCo fee book for this year {2:401}
 22Aug1766 Adam DUNLAP, juror {1:129}
 2May1767 William DUNLOP on petition for road from widow WRIGHT's mill, to Thomas HARRISON's on the Great Road to the Courthouse [at Staunton], with Robert KEARR et al. {1:429,489}
 19Aug1771 W[illia]m DUNLAP is cor to 63a IN Beverley Manor, Robert BEVERLEY -> Mathew KENNY {3:513}
 1773 John DUNLAP -> William DUNLAP, part of tr in BevManor "in a bend of Middle River of Shanandore" conveyed 28Feb1749 to William DUNLAP deceased and descended to sd John {536,569}
 Dlvd 10May1784 Matt KINNY {3:536}
 15Mar1774 William DUNLAP's will partly proved {1:177}
 1775 William DUNLOP, Middle River in AugustaCo fee book for this year {2:408}
 1777 William DUNLOP, Middle River in AugustaCo fee book for this year {2:409}
 1781 Adam DUNLOP on Alexander Robertson's tithables list with GIVENSEs, James KERR, Samuel HENDERSON et al. {2:430}
 7Feb1784 William DUNLAP co-exor (with wife Martha) of James HENDERSON's will {3:170}
 [1784] ___ in a bend of Middle River ... conveyed to William DUNLAP by his elder brother John DUNLAP, heir-at-law of their father William Dunlap {3:569}
 16Aug1784 Jane DUNLAP releases dower right to tract sold by her son William to Robert KENNEY {3:571}
 29Oct1792 Robert DUNLAP & Margaret KERR (marr bond), dau of Robert KERR; sur: Daniel KERR {2:294}
 1Nov1792 Robert DUNLAP ♥ Margaret KERN {2:358-359}

DUNLAPs Not Classified

In the 1777 AugustaCo tithables list, Capt. Robert Davis is Commissioner for an area which extends out west toward the South Branch of the Potomac, and there is a James Davis on his list. OTOH most of the KERRs are on a list which covers the area NE of Staunton, including part of the Moffetts Creek area and extending towards Middle River. The James Dunlop of the first entry (where his intemperate wife, Agnes, is being fined), does appear to fit with the James who bought a large tract on Jackson's River a couple of years later.

2Dec1751 Agnes, wife of James DUNLOP, was fined 40s by the County Court for saying that she would not believe Benj. BORDEN on oath (BORDEN has told the court that James DUNLOP had been apptd adm of Edward DAVIS {1:49}
 21Nov1754 Andrew and Charles DUNLAP paid off by estate of Wm. JACKSON, along with many Calfpasture names {3:37}
 30Aug1759 Nate DUNLAP is a buyer in the estate sale for James ROBERTSON {3:84}
 1761 John DUNLOP AugustaCo marr license [no details] {2:276}
 30Sep1765 Nathaniel DUNLOP AugustaCo marr license [no details] {2:277}
 25Aug1766 Nathaniel DUNLAP returned no inhabitant [i.e. not a county resident for tax purposes] {1:129}
 18Aug1767 W[illia]m DUNLOP surety for Skidmore MONSEY's guardian bond for Saml SCOOT, orphan of Samuel {3:99}
 24Nov1767 W[illia]m DUNLAP Jr's payment to James HUGHES estate recorded {3:102}
 1767,8 W[illa]m DUNLAP processioned {2:457}
 20Nov1770 Ephraim DUNLAP qualified to the court as an attorney {1:161}
 21Feb1772 William DUNLAP AugustaCo marr license [no details] {2:278}
 30Sep1772 Ephraim DUNLAP deliverer of abt 5000a on the Clinch and Indian Rivers (VA panhandle) mortgaged 1767 {3:462,478}
 18May1773 Ephraim DUNLAP wits a deed to land on the N fork of the S branch of the Potomac {3:531}
 1774 Ephraim DUNLAP of Fincastle in AugustaCo fee book for this year {2:408}
 Mar1774ct William DUNLAP's will proved by one witness and awaiting further proof {3:133}
 10Jul1779 William DONLAP is a witness in James LESLIE's exors -> Robert ROGERS {3:559}
 1782 Tax Delinquents list of James Davis: Robert DUNLAP not found; Jos. KERR not found {2:424}
 6Aug1789 William DUNLAP witnessed a probate document (perhaps the will) of Walter CROW {1:503}
 21Nov1772 John DUNLAP vs William SUTLINGTON (county court) - suit abated due to the defendant's death {1:169}
 23Feb1793 Archer HATHAWAY vs. William DUNLAP, for false imprisonment, in RockinghamCo {2:6}
 24Feb1794 Jacob PERKHOLDER vs. William DUNLAP, for "being removed" to PA (Rockbridge and Rockingham Cos mentioned) {2:17}
 1805 Arthur DUNLAP in possession of land on Jackson's Riv. in chancery case: George W. Morris vs Morris heirs {2:150}

DUNLAPs in Chancery Cases, as abstracted by Chalkley

Several chancery court cases abstracted in [Chalkley](#) provide much of the relationship information for the Calfpasture Dunlaps. These all appear in a section of Chalkley headed “Circuit Court Causes Ended”, but “Circuit Court” in Chalkley’s time had assumed the former chancery functions of the earlier Superior Court of Chancery at Staunton, one of just three in Virginia established from 1802-1831 to hear chancery cases.

Since 2007, when I originally put together these brief abstracts of the Chalkley abstracts, all the extant chancery records have been gathered up from the courthouses by Library of Virginia archivists, organized by county and case# in rough chronological order, comprehensively (if not quite exhaustively) indexed, and digitized and placed online in the [Library of Virginia’s Chancery Records database](#). Also since that time, I’ve examined the two most genealogically important of these cases in the original. [Heirs of Robert Dunlap vs. James Hamilton et al.](#) (I’ve abstracted in detail in the linked report). Also of importance is the DUNLAP Heirs vs. DUNLAP Exors suit by some of the children of John² (Alexander¹) DUNLAP against the executors of John’s widow, Ann. Copies of the wills of both John² and Ann are included in the papers of the suit, and between them they provide a complete inventory of their children, in birth order, with other useful genealogical information besides. I’ve downloaded all the papers of these and other chancery cases involving DUNLAPs.

The reader is encouraged to access the original chancery suits involving DUNLAPs him or herself, but beware: the LVA’s case Search function is tricky and the accompanying Search Tips should be read carefully, and beyond that one needs to experiment to resolve certain lurking ambiguities therein.

I’ve rendered surnames in all-caps in these abstracts to help them stand out.

[Robert] DUNLAP’s heirs vs. [Alexander] HAMILTON’s heirs {VA Chancery Court (Staunton) Ended Causes, 100/34}

The heirs of DUNLAP are listed as: John, Robert, Alexander, William, and Polly DUNLAP, also these married daughters: David McKEE & wife Ann, William DENNISTON & wife Peggy, and Samuel McCUTCHIN & wife Nancy. Robert (who is said to have had brothers Alexander and John) is said to have died in 1781 leaving a will in RockbridgeCo naming wife Mary, son William (eldest), Alexander (2nd), also sons Robert and John + daus Ann (eldest), Margaret (2nd), and Mary. Mary DUNLAP is said to have married James COURSEY 3Feb1785 [the marriage record renders this name CURRY]. It is not clear from this abstract whether this Mary is Robert’s widow, or his daughter, but in either case she does not appear as a party to the suit, so she likely has died by then (this is a point in favor of Mary being the widowed mother). The evidence of the tax list below, also strongly suggests that Mary is the mother, and the widow of Robert.

Also abstracted as a part of this case is the 25Feb1804 will (prvd 13Apr1804) of John DUNLAP of RckbVA (presumably the deceased Robert’s brother) which names wife Ann, son Alexander, dau Elizabeth GAY and her son Robert GAY, son James, dau Ann BRATTON, dau Mary HODGE and her son Samuel HODGE. Devised to these heirs were large chunks of ChillicotheOH. This will also left \$20 to build a gallery in Lebanon meeting house for the negro slaves. At 2:115 in another suit of 1807 it is said that this same John had a brother James as well as a son James. {Chalkley “Circuit Court Causes Ended”, 2:108}

MAGGART vs. CROCKETT {VA Chancery Court (Staunton) Ended Causes, 117/40}

“John Maggart made an entry into Rockbridge for 200 acres on Bratton’s Run. Shortly afterwards John Dunlap made an entry on a part of John’s tract. Died, leaving it to his daughter Polly HODGE. John DUNLAP had a brother, James. MAGGART is a German. Polly HODGE married Robert CROCKETT. James DUNLAP Jr. was son of James DUNLAP....{Chalkley “Causes Ended”, 2:115}

[John & Ann] *DUNLAP Heirs vs. [Ann] DUNLAP Exors* [James Dunlap and John Gay]

{VA Chancery Court (Staunton) Ended Causes, 249/87—now identified in the LVA database as case 1817-037}

This suit, which is rich in DUNLAP genealogical content, includes a copy of the 19May1808 will of Ann DUNLAP, John2 (Alexander1)’s widow. Ann lists “my six children, to wit. Alexander DUNLAP, Betsy GAY, James DUNLAP, Ann BRATTON, John DUNLAP, and Polly CROCKET”, and also names “my grandson Samuel Dunlap HODGE”. Meanwhile, the accompanying copy of her husband John’s will, refers to his daughter Mary Hodge and Mary’s son James Hodge. From this we may infer that daughter Mary was married first to a HODGE, by whom she had sons Samuel and James, and that she married, second, Robert CROCKETT—both of these familiar Big Calfpasture names. Ann’s will also names her grandson Robert Gay—resumably a son of her daughter Elizabeth GAY.

Associated with the papers of this suit is a receipt for the \$20 dated 15Jun1809, annotated “received of Major John GAY” (identifying him thus as John² GAY Esq, son of John¹) “for the building a gallery in Lebanon Meeting House for the use of the negroes of said Congregation”. {Chalkley “Circuit Court Causes Ended”, 191-192}

I’ve downloaded all the documents of this case and examined the key ones—the complaint, the joint answer by the defendants, the copies of the wills of father John2 and mother Ann, and one undated court judgement paper (there may well be others in this case that dragged on until 1817), and sampled a few of the remaining papers of this case, which totaled 277 in number. Of interest is the fact that evidently, it was John2a’s oldest son Alexander3 that got up this suit, subscribed the names of at least some of his siblings without their permission, and who later formally rejected participation in it, and misrepresented what was owing to him and others. The large number of documents in this case appear to be the receipts, affidavits, etc. that were collected and kept by defendant John Gay, Esq., who was called “friend” and made a co-executor in Ann’s will, along with her son James, and who had been a county justice from the age of 21. From this and another case where Gay was a defendant (and was held blameless in the judgement) it’s evident that he was not only the sole of rectitude, but also meticulous in his record keeping.

William COLEMAN (of KY) vs. RICHARDSON {VA Chancery Court (Staunton) Ended Causes, 213/75}

This appears to be a suit for military bounty lands, and it has many plaintiffs, stretching over four pages of Chalkley. On Chalkley 2:171, we find “...James Brown and Adam Guthery as nephews of James DUNLAP, prove that James served as Lieutenant in Cap. Peter Hog’s Company of Rangers and was destroyed by the enemy in 1758. {Chalkley “Causes Ended”, 2:167-172} Some sort of casualty list found at the Wisconsin Historical Society confirms this (but bumps Dunlap’s rank), and provides the place: “Capt. James DUNLAP, at South Branch [of the Potomac] killed”. {Chalkley 2:512} John GAY, the eldest son of William1-A of the LCAFP was killed on the same occasion. This James DUNLAP was evidently the one who settled on Jackson’s River about 1753 (this is the third river west of the BCAFP).

Bibliography

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Lyman Chalkley, *Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement in VA, Extracted from the Original Court Records of AugustaCo*, 1745-1800, 3 volumes, (1912; rpr Baltimore:GPC, 1999)

In the latter decades of the 19th century, the author abstracted most of the records at the AugustaCo courthouse, both in the books and in the loose papers, excepting only most of the records that pertained to clearly Germanic families. After Chalkley died, the inheritors of his papers organized and published them in three volumes with a compiled index. Most genealogical researchers ever since have relied rather on Chalkley than on the courthouse records themselves, in part because just until recently virtually all of the voluminous loose paper records, though most atypically preserved and not discarded or destroyed by fire as so many Virginia county records have been, have lurked in the courthouse basement in Staunton, wrapped up in bundles and piled, unorganized, in many cartons. There are so many of these records, most of them of little or no genealogical consequence, that even Chalkley didn't get through all of them, and in general they have attracted comparatively little interest. The two exceptions to this rule, inspired, no doubt, by the Chalkley abstracts, are the surviving loose papers that could be identified as covering two sets of court records: (1) the regular AugustaCo court cases; and (2) the regional chancery cases heard at the Superior Court of Chancery at Staunton between 1802-1831. These latter records, which can be a gold mine of genealogical material, were both abstracted by Chalkley in Volume 3, and in recent years gathered up by archivists at the Library of Virginia, digitized, indexed, and placed online for researchers to access. The regular AugustaCo loose court papers from the 1740s on, were also archived by LVA personnel and volunteers, and the last I know, were still in sets of folders organized in loose chronological order, with an index that covers only the names of the principals in each case: by now, these papers too may have been gathered up for digitization.