

## Prohibition records

### Collection Summary

<b>Title</b>	Rockingham County Prohibition records
<b>Collection Reference Code</b>	Pro
<b>Inclusive Dates</b>	1913-1934
<b>Document Creator</b>	Rockingham County Circuit Court
<b>Extent</b>	15 Hollinger boxes; 6.25 linear feet
<b>Genre/Format</b>	Official court records
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Location</b>	Rockingham County Circuit Court
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<b>Bio/Historical Note</b>	This collection consists of 6,379 documents from criminal cases regarding the enforcement of the state and national prohibition laws by the Rockingham County Circuit Court. On March 10, 1916, Virginia enacted statewide prohibition with an act of the General Assembly--commonly known as the "Mapp Act." This act made it "unlawful to manufacture, transport, sell, keep or store for sale, offer, advertise, or expose for sale, give away, or dispense, or solicit in any way, or receive orders for or aid in procuring ardent spirits." This act was not written to prevent manufacture for consumption; it was intended to stimulate Virginia's temperance movement. After national prohibition went into effect in January 1920, with the ratification of the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the National Prohibition Act (Volstead Act), was enacted to provide legislation for the enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment. The ban on alcohol, and increased enforcement, did not stop many Americans from partaking in the past time. Alcohol simply receded into the shadows, and became a defining feature of 20th century culture. While the story is often told from an urban perspective, the following collection highlights the experience of a southern rural community, grappling with the effects of prohibition.

Scope and Content	The Prohibition Records collection consists of 650 legal cases related to the criminal act of ardent spirit production and transportation in Rockingham County from 1913-1934. For each case, the following documents are typically included: a true bill, arrest warrant, judgment, affidavit, and jury decision. Additionally, there are over 500 affidavits for the sale of ardent spirits, a myriad of liquor inventories for various business, and general records, which range from applications to sell spirits to reports of stills seized and destroyed.	
Arrangement	The documents are organized into five series: Criminal Cases, Affidavits for Ardent Spirits, Commercial Liquor Inventory Records, Liquor License Applications, and General Records. Within each series, items have been arranged chronologically, and alphabetically. Criminal cases are arranged by the last name of the defendant.	
Index Terms		
Georgraphic Name	Local, Rockingham County (Va.)--History, Rockingham County (Va.)--Genealogy.	
Subject	Prohibition--History, Prohibition--Government policy--United States, Prohibition--United States--History--20th century, Prohibition--United States--History--20th century--Sources, Prohibition--Virginia--History	
Processing Information	In 2018 history graduate student, Craig Schaefer, identified the aggregate of prohibition records within the circuit court archives and set about to arrange them in a way to make them more accessible for researchers. When found, the records were bundled together, without a clear organization. While we acknowledge the value of original order, the records were collected in a manner that made them nearly impossible to intellectually engage with.	
Contents		
Series I	Criminal Cases	Location
Box I	1913-1921	C.005_003_001
Box II	1913-1921	C.005_003_001
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Box IV	1922-1924	C.005_003_001
Box V	1922-1924	C.005_003_001
Box VI	1925	C.005_003_001
Box VII	1926	C.005_002_001
Box VIII	1927	C.005_002_001

<b>Box IX</b>	1928-1929	C.005_002_001
<b>Box X</b>	1930	C.005_002_001
<b>Box XI</b>	1931-1932	C.005_002_001
<b>Box XII</b>	1933	C.005_002_001
<b>Series II</b>	<b>Affidavits for Ardent Spirits</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Box XIII</b>	<b>Folder Title</b>	
<b>Folder I</b>	Affidavits for Ardent Spirits, Bridgewater, VA	C.005_001_001
<b>Folder II</b>	Affidavits for Ardent Spirits, Broadway, VA	C.005_001_001
<b>Folder III</b>	Affidavits for Ardent Spirits, Dayton, VA	C.005_001_001
<b>Folder IV</b>	Affidavits for Ardent Spirits, Elkton, VA	C.005_001_001
<b>Folder V</b>	Affidavits for Ardent Spirits, Grottoes, VA	C.005_001_001
<b>Folder VI</b>	Affidavits for Ardent Spirits, Harrisonburg, VA	C.005_001_001
<b>Folder VII</b>	Affidavits for Ardent Spirits, Unspecified I	C.005_001_001
<b>Folder VIII</b>	Affidavits for Ardent Spirits, Island Ford, VA	C.005_001_001
<b>Folder IX</b>	Affidavits for Ardent Spirits, Keezletown, VA	C.005_001_001
<b>Folder X</b>	Affidavits for Ardent Spirits, Linville, VA	C.005_001_001
<b>Folder XI</b>	Affidavits for Ardent Spirits, McGaheysville, VA	C.005_001_001

<b>Folder XII</b>	Affidavits for Ardent Spirits, Melrose, VA	C.005_001_001
<b>Folder XIII</b>	Affidavits for Ardent Spirits, Mount Crawford, VA	C.005_001_001
<b>Folder XIV</b>	Affidavits for Ardent Spirits, Penn Laird, VA	C.005_001_001
<b>Folder XV</b>	Affidavits for Ardent Spirits, Port Republic, VA	C.005_001_001
<b>Folder XVI</b>	Affidavits for Ardent Spirits, Timberville, VA	C.005_001_001
<b>Folder XVII</b>	Affidavits for Ardent Spirits, Unspecified II	C.005_001_001
<b>Folder XVIII</b>	Affidavits for Drugists, Dentists, Physicians, Veterinary Surgeons, etc.	C.005_001_001
<b>Series III</b>	<b>Commercial Liquour Inventory</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Box IX</b>	<b>Folder Title</b>	
<b>Folder I</b>	Liquor Inventory of Businesses (A-B)	C.005_001_001
<b>Folder II</b>	Liquor Inventory of Businesses (C-D)	C.005_001_001
<b>Folder III</b>	Liquor Inventory of Businesses (E-M)	C.005_001_001
<b>Folder IV</b>	Liquor Inventory of Businesses (N-O)	C.005_001_001
<b>Folder V</b>	Liquor Inventory of Businesses (V-Z)	C.005_001_001
<b>Series IV</b>	<b>General Records</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Box X</b>	<b>Folder Title</b>	

<b>Folder I</b>	Applications and Notices re: Licences to sell soft drinks (A-L)	C.005_001_001
<b>Folder II</b>	Applications and Notices re: Licences to sell soft drinks (M-Z)	C.005_001_001
<b>Folder III</b>	Various correspondences (1912-1927)	C.005_001_001
<b>Folder IV</b>	Reports on seized and destroyed alcohol and stills (1921-1923)	C.005_001_001
<b>Folder V</b>	Prohibition violators assigned to road force (1922-1926)	C.005_001_001
<b>Folder VI</b>	Pardons for W E McDonaldson, Daniel D Webster, and George Nicholas	C.005_001_001
<b>Folder VII</b>	Petitions for Referendum on sales of beaar and wine and other alcohol beverages	C.005_001_001