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005 Court of Chancery  
006 New Castle County  
140 Case files  
200 1790  
210 2005  
220 1790-1949, 1954-2005  
240 3,712.67 cubic feet  
241 2798 cfb, 372 @ 0.47, 6 @ 0.24, 2 @ 0.65, 3 @ 0.62, 3 @ 0.91, 1 @ 0.32, 1  
@ 0.31, 2 @ 0.69, 1 @ 0.38, 1 map drawer  
261 Civil Action, Civil Miscellaneous Infirm, Guardianships, Minors and  
Orphans, and Partitions case files. Documents found in this series  
include summonses, subpoenas, decrees from the chancellor,  
interrogatories, rules and opinions of the court, correspondence, and  
petitions.  
270 Records generally show court term; names of plaintiff, defendant,  
chancellor, attorneys and witnesses; nature of suit; date of document;  
action of court; and signatures of chancellor, register in chancery,  
plaintiff, and defendant. Records from 1910-1949 (109.0 cu. ft.) also  
include such items as exhibits, a record of proceedings, handwritten  
notes, briefs, correspondence, motions, bills, testimony, and  
depositions. Reverse sides of documents show date names of plaintiff  
and defendant, and type of document.  
**Infirm Case Files** - Records submitted to the court relating to the  
guardianship of those unable to care for themselves and their property.  
Records may include a docket sheet which lists all the proceedings in  
the case, petition for the appointment of a guardian, court rules and  
orders, petition for the order authorizing sale of real estate, copies  
of deeds, property appraisals, sales agreements, poser of attorney,  
guardian accounts, copy of death certificate, and affidavits.  
**Minors and Infirm Orphans Court Case Files** - Petitions from guardians,  
and minors, requesting court actions. Reasons for petitions include  
request for guardian appointments, partitions, of lands, payments for  
expenses, transfer of funds, sales of lands to pay debts, request for  
termination of guardianship, and request for approval of guardian  
accounts. Generally files include name(s) of minor(s), deceased parent,  
guardian and legal representatives, date of documents, and references  
for entries in court dockets. For similar records from earlier periods  
see record series 1225-K01-002, 1225-K01-003 and record group (RG) 3840.  
**Partition Files** - Legal documents pertaining to the forced sale by the  
court of real estate at public auction.  
**Minors** - Petitions from guardians, and minors, requesting court actions.  
Reasons for petitions include request for guardian appointments,  
partitions, of lands, payments for expenses, transfer of funds, sales of  
lands to pay debts, request for termination of guardianship, and request  
for approval of guardian accounts. Generally files include name(s) of  
minor(s), deceased parent, guardian and legal representatives, date of  
documents, and references for entries in court dockets. For similar  
records for earlier periods see Orphans Court Records.  
**Explanation of Commonly Found Terms:** Tort - A minor tort claim or  
personal injury settlement usually from some sort of accident. Trans @  
Majority - Transfer at Majority done when a minor turns 18 and can  
legally receive money. Sell Int in RE - Sell interest in Real Estate.  
Rec Ins Proceeds - Receive Insurance Proceeds unusually life insurance  
where a minor is the beneficiary. POA - Power of Attorney. Pet to Sell  
RE - Petition to sell real estate. Pet for Dist - Petition for  
distribution usually done for trusts or estates. Dist of Proceeds -  
Distribution of Proceeds. Sub New Executor - Substitute New Executor.  
IP - stands for infirm (disabled) person. MI - mentally infirm or  
incapacitated.

310 1830-1930 cases contain documents and clippings used as evidence.

329 WORK STATUS: ARCHIVIST:  
 needs sorting  review for identification/  
 needs unfolding  further determination  
 needs foldering  processing  
 other: \_\_\_\_\_  determine origin/purpose  
 other: \_\_\_\_\_

CONDITION: FILM:  
 totally disorganized  for security  
 order not apparent  destroy original  
 origin questionable  other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 other: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENT: Folders tightly packed into manuscript boxes.  
Note: SEE COMMENTS ON WORK SHEET.

330 1790-1838 (7.74 cu. ft.) case files have an alpha numeric arrangement.  
It is alphabetically arranged by first letter of surname of plaintiff  
and thereunder numerically by item or case number. Case files from  
c1830-c1930 (151.16 cu. ft.) are arranged alphabetically by plaintiff's  
surname. c1910-2001 case files either have a numeric arrangement by  
case number or none at all.

331 Records for 1790-1830 (7.74 cu. ft.) have an alpha-numeric card index.  
332 Handwritten; typed; form printed with writing.  
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360 Fair/poor; water damage; acid damage; vermin damage; storage damage;  
dirt damage; metal fasteners; brittle; non acid-free folders; dog eared  
pages.

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420 2005120. 2006022.  
430  
990 December 02, 1986  
995 March 19, 1987; November 10, 1988 rewrite; December 12, 1988; January  
25, 1990; June 8, 1994; October 2, 1995; February 15, 1996; April 23,  
1996; September 4, 1996; January 21, 1998; June 17, 1998; August 5,  
1999; February 21, 2003; August 24, 2005; February 16, 2006; May 17,  
2006; September 13, 2006; March 9, 2007; June 29, 2007; August 17, 2007;  
November 7, 2007; January 27, 2009  
bhh (sle, rewrite)