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140 Mill Condemnations
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240 0.24 cubic feet
261 Record of petitions to the court requesting condemnations of land for the construction of mills. In the 1720's the General Assembly passed legislation to encourage the building of mills. In order to acquire clear title to land adjacent to the mill site, the mill builder could petition two Justices of the Peace to appoint free-holders to view adjacent property for condemnation and determine its value in order to compensate the owners. The freeholders reported their findings back to the court.

270 The records include warrants to the sheriff to summon freeholders, freeholders' returns (reports of findings), and certifications. Information contained in these records includes name of petitioner, hundred or location of mill, names of sheriff and freeholders, date, legal description of land to be condemned, valuation placed on land, number of acres, court term, docket volume and page recorded in, court decision and signatures of sheriff, freeholders, prothonotary and justices. The later years may include records from the Court of General Sessions.

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330 Arranged chronologically by year of records.
331 No index.
332 Handwritten.
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360 Poor; water damage; acid damage; vermin damage; storage damage; dirt damage.

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430 Processed by Jude & Laura, 5/92.
990 5/26/1992
995 July 23, 1992; July 23, 1992; March 15, 1993; Dec. 8, 1993; March 27, 1996; April 16, 1996; October 4, 1996; March 24, 1997; October 23, 2002
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Index Term:
Petitions to Construct Mills