

Abstracts of
Journal Entries, 1791 -1826, 1829 - 1837,
in Probate Court Records
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

Book 1 – 1791 – 1821

Book A – 1821 – 1826

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Foreword - CD Edition

The original Book 1, Book A, Book 3, and Book 4 Court Journals are housed in the Archives and Rare Books Library within the Carl Blegen Library at the University of Cincinnati. For detailed information on the documents stored in the Archives and Rare Books Library, please refer to their website, www.libraries.uc.edu/libraries/arb and the Original Books Foreword page on this CD.

A transcription of the original volumes was published in 1977, 1981 and 1985. In 2004, the volumes being long out of print, it was decided to reformat the originals for republishing. However the difficulty in creating a complete new index and the projected size of the index made the project too costly. It was decided in 2009 to reissue the volumes as a CD with the pages processed by Adobe Acrobat. This world wide standard document processor gave us the capability of having ever word searchable. Persons of interest may be included as witnesses, purchasers or administrators which would not be known with a decendent only index.

Coincidentally, the Hamilton County Probate Court was in the process of digitizing their records. As of January 2010, images of the pages in the 4 volumes (microfilmed processed, not photographed) are now available on the internet at www.probatect.org

The separate Docket listing the estates and giving a volume and original page index is also online.

For more information, see the Hamilton County Probate Court page in this introduction.

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The Hamilton County Ohio Probate Court has a website at www.probatect.org

From the menu on the left side, select and click once on RECORD SEARCH

From the entries under RECORD SEARCH, select and click once on ARCHIVE SEARCH

On the right hand list, select Estates to view the Docket book which indexes the estates chronologically.

click on the small circle to the left of "Estates and Guardianship Docket and Cases (1791-1847)"

Then enter a 1 in the volume box and a 0 [zero] in the page number box, then click on GO.

On the right hand list, select Probate Court Journal Entries to see the original books. see below.

Probate Court Archived Records Search

Volume and Page Search

Probate Court Journal Entries (1791-1837)

Volumes 1 to 4. These are estate and guardianship journal entries that were recorded on a daily basis as they were filed with the court. They are associated with the [Estate and Guardianship Docket](#) Volume 1. Probate Court Journal Entries are dated from August 6, 1791 to July 20, 1837. These volumes have no master index. Use page number 0 (zero) to retrieve the index for each individual volume.

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**Hamilton County Probate Court
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(Page 0 is usually the unnumbered index pages at the beginning of the book.)

Probate Court Journal Entries (1791-1837)

Book	Pages	Book	Pages	Book	Pages	Book	Pages	Book	Pages
1	0 - 632	2	0, 47 - 380	3	0 - 598	4	0 - 617		

<http://www.probatect.org/courtrecordsarchive/BooksAvailable-Probate-Entries.pdf>

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Every effort has been made to abstract the entries as true to the original as possible. A few of the entries are repeated and some are garbled. Underlining of a letter or word (except court session headings) indicates that an apparent variation was noted.

Labeling of the volumes

The spine of Book 1 is marked "Probate Record 1791-1821 Transferred from Common Pleas Court to Probate Court February 9th, 1851," and Book A is similarly marked for the period 1821-1826. Pasted in front of Book 1 is a newspaper article from the *Cincinnati Post* dated March 17, 1915, page 9, giving a brief history of the court house buildings. According to a pencil notation in the front of Book 1, these books were re-bound in 1910.

The face of Book 3 of the Court Journals reads "Probate Entries 1829-1834" and the spine is marked "Probate Entries 1829-1834 transferred from Common Pleas Court to Probate Court February 9, 1852." There are no entries from January 4, 1826, the last entry date in Book A, to November 16, 1829, date of the first entry in Book 3.

The face of Book 4 of the Court Journals reads "Probate Entries 1834-1837 – 4" and the spine is marked, "Probate Entries 1834-1837 – 4 transferred from Common Pleas Court to Probate Court February 9, 1852."

Order of the entries

The entries have been abstracted in the order in which they appear in the original books. Page numbers shown are the pages of the original books from which the abstract was made and refer to the page on which the entry begins. In some instances, especially where the entry begins at the bottom of a page, the name being sought may appear on the next numbered page in the original book. This is important only if you wish to obtain a photocopy of the original entry.

Dates and court terms are also shown as written, and there are a few dates in the original books out of sequence. Unless the entry is individually dated in the original, no dates are shown in the abstract except dates of court sessions. The time frame of the entries is within the date of the session heading and the date of the court session following.

Books 1 and A: The first 213 pages of Book A duplicate many of the entries in Book 1, but not all entries are identical. The abstracts of Book 1 and Book A are bound together because there is so much overlapping. Book 1 is the first part of this volume. Book A abstracts are marked as such at the top of each page and index references to Book A are so identified. Book A has no frontispiece and the first page is numbered 4. After page 4, the numbering jumps to page 48.

Names

No first names have been abbreviated; those shown in the abstract are shown as they appear in the original material. To save space in the abstract, recurring words have been abbreviated. These abbreviations are set out on a following page.

Every effort has been made to abstract names *as written*, although they are capitalized here for easier scanning. In all books there are spelling variations where more than one entry appears for a case, and also some variations in spelling between the entries and the original index. Where this has been noted, these variations with the original index are indicated by adding the index spelling to the entry in parentheses, preceded by the abbreviation OI. In Book A this is shown by both spellings divided by a slash. Be sure to check all possible spellings and use the given name as an additional check.

The index in the original Books 1 and A lists entries on intervening pages, and names therein with references to missing pages are shown at the end of the every-name index. Many of these names have other entries and some are variations of names with other entries. Because of numerous repetitions of court sessions, the names of presiding judges have been abstracted into a separate index. These names and a referral to one page of the original material where they appear are shown on the page titled "Index of Court Officials" preceding the every-name index. The title of the court in session is also shown.

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Abbreviations Used

()	inserts by compilers	int	interest
a	acre(s)	inv	inventory
acct	account	judgt	judgment
addl	additional	legit	legitimate
adm/admin	administration	ldna/LDNA	land/legal
admr(s)	administrator(s)		description not abstracted
admX/adm/r/x	administratrix	mo	month
ae	age, aged	mos	months
amt	amount	mtg	mortgage
ann	annual, annually	N	North
appln	application	na	not abstracted
appr/aprs/d	appraiser(s), appraised	nr	near
appr/aprment	appraisement	OI	original index
appt(d)/aptd/mt	appoint (ed), (ment)	petn/r/s	petition (er) (s)
apptment	appointment	prev	previous(ly)
apv/d	approved	R	Range
asst	assistance, assistant	re	regarding
atty	attorney	recd	received
bal	balance	recpt(s) rect	receipt(s)
betw	between	ref pt/s	reference point
bro	brother	rect/s	receipts
chg/d	charge, charged	relq/s/mt	relinquish (es) /relinquishment
ch/n	child, children		
co	county	rep	representative
comm./com(s)	commissioner(s)	reqd	required
contd	continued	ret/s/ed	return(s) (ed)
cor	corner	S	South
d	day	sec	security
dau	daughter	Sec	Section
decd	deceased	shf/shff	sheriff
def/s	defendant(s)	sr	senior
descr	described, description	sub	substitute
discont/d	discontinue(d)	subd	subdivision
E	East	subject:	subject
ea	each	sub, subs/d	substitute (d)
est	estate	surv	surviving/survivor
et al	and others	T, twp	township
exec(s)/exc(s)	executor(s)	_____	underlining,
ext	extension or continuation of case	vs	variations noted
extx	executrix	W	versus
fna/FNA	figures not abstracted	wid	West
FR __	Fractional Range	wit	widow
ft	foot	y	witness(es)
guard/grdn(s)	guardian(s)	yrs	year
			years

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