

The contents of this volume are similar to the one above, but there almost no testamentary entries at all, possibly because such entries were deliberately omitted when the volume was transcribed. The dates are roughly January 1651 to March 1658.

Provincial Court Record Liber S, p. 1-1144, 1157-1158 (pages are incorrectly numbered, but there appear to be no breaks in the text except at the end). Mar. 25, 1658-Jan. 28, 1662[3]. This volume is not generally considered one of the Proprietary Records, but since it contains similar material and is obviously a continuation of Liber B, it has been included here. Probate entries are found only in the first part of the book, dating from March to August, 1658 with two or three entries dated later. In August 1658, a separate series was established for recording such entries. (*See Testamentary Proceedings 1B*).

TESTAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS

Beginning in 1658, the proceedings of the Secretary in probate matters and the proceedings of the Prerogative Court were entered in the series called *Testamentary Proceedings*. As it is now constituted, the series dates from 1657 to 1777. It will be seen in the list below that *Testamentary Proceedings 1A*, 1657, contains a variety of material and is similar to the Proprietary Records. But the rest of the volumes are devoted exclusively to testamentary matters. The earlier volumes were general record books and included wills, inventories and accounts, as well as the proceedings of the Court. In 1674, a separate volume was used for recording inventories and accounts and in 1676, the wills were likewise separated. The series is composed of volumes 1 to 47 running in chronological order.

Testamentary Proceedings 1, composed of the following small volumes which were bound together by the Commissioners of 1716:

1A, Liber P. C. or No. 2, p. 1-12, contains records similar to those in the Proprietary Records above, including land records, cattle marks, 2 wills, 1 inventory and miscellaneous testamentary entries, dates are erratic, but apparently all the entries were made in 1657.

1B, is made up of two small volumes which as early as 1687 had been combined into a single volume called "No. 3". The original volumes were as follows: