

Chapter 2

Warren County, North Carolina
Minutes to the
Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
1781

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February

At a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions held for the County of Warren at Warrenton on the 13th of February Anno Dom, 1781.

Present: William Johnson, Edward Jones, John Faulcon, and Daniel Sledge, Esquires.

~John White and George Webb, the Processioners on the north side of Roanoke River, made a return of their processing which is ordered to be recorded.

~Richard Wood, one of the Processors in Capt. Cox's District made a return of what he processed in the said District, William Williams, the other processor not attending, ordered the same be recorded.

~James Ransom, Esquire, undertaker in this County, came into Court and made a resignation of his said office.

~John Mabry is appointed Overseer of the road from the sign post to the County line, and that he clear and keep the same in repair with the hands of Anne Person, Reuben Bobbitt, Nathaniel Nichols, Thomas Walker and James Walker, Michael Harris, Solomon Merritt, Edward Ellis, and Benjamin Mabry.

~Then the Court adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

~Tuesday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

Present: William Johnson, Philemon Hawkins, Phillip Burford, James Paine, Daniel Sledge, John Faulkner, and Edward Jones, Esquires.

~Thomas Jinkins is appointed Overseer of the road in the room of John Tanner, and ordered that he keep the same in repair with the hands usually working thereon.

~Abraham Mayfield acknowledged a Deed to Ann Jackson, at whose motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Abraham Mayfield acknowledged a Deed to Mary Bell, at whose motion the same is ordered to be registered.

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~A Deed from Jordan Rowland to Jesse White, was proved by the oath of James Dowdon, a witness thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from Jesse Person to Demsey Reid, was proved by the oath of James Dowdon, a witness thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Nathaniel Macon, Esquire, by virtue of a Commission of the peace and a Dedimus retaining thereto, took the oath to the State as also the oath of a Justice of the Peace and took his seat accordingly.

Present: Nathaniel Macon, Esquire.

~William Ellis acknowledged a Deed to John Ballard, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Ordered that Joseph Martin pay the Collector one hundred pounds instead of four hundred pounds charged him in list.

~John Ballard acknowledged a Deed to William Ballard, and on his motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from Thomas Eaton to Eldridge Clack, was proved by the oath of Arthur Smith, a witness hereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~William Ellis acknowledged a Deed to John Ballard, at whose motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~John Allen acknowledged a Deed to Dudley Hale at whose motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from Benjamin Ellis to William Ellis, was proved by the oath of Henry Strudivant, a witness thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~John Hastings acknowledged a Deed to William Brently, at whose motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Administration of the Estate of Charles Daniel, deceased, was granted to Amey Daniel, his widow and relict, and was sworn accordingly, who with Jesse Person and Richard Acock entered into and executed a bond for that purpose.

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~The Inventory of the Estate of Charles Daniel, deceased, was returned into Court by Amey Daniel, the Administratrix, on oath, and ordered to be recorded.

~William Hudson returned into Court an account of the Guardianship of Isham Edwards, deceased's orphans, and being examined and audited was ordered to be recorded.

~A Deed from Thomas Young to Charles Taylor, was proved by the oath of John Newell, a witness thereto, and ordered to be registered.

~William Cooper, one of the Processors in Capt. Weathers' District, returned into Court an account of the processing and the same was ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from Daniel Thomas to John Towns was proved by the oath of Joshua Mabry, a witness thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from Daniel Thomas to John Towns, was proved by the oath of Elisha Owens, a witness thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Phillip Burford, Esquire, Joshua Mabry, and John Hawkins, persons appointed to divide the Negroes belonging to the Estate of Richard Oliver, deceased, between his widow and children, of report that James Emmerson and the widow, wife of the said Emmerson, refused to have the said Negroes divided.

~Henry Shearin, one of the Processors in Capt. Strudivant's District, returned into Court an account of his said processing and the same is ordered to be recorded.

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~Ordered that Ann Bush pay the Collector the Tax on one thousand six hundred and seventeen pounds nine shillings in lieu of a Tax on £5217.9. charged her.

~Ordered that Peter Jackson pay the Collector the Tax on £160 instead of £900 charged him.

~Ordered the Collector pay Thomas Miller the sum of twenty eight pounds, current money, for his attendance as a Juror at the Superior Court.

~ A Deed from Benjamin Jones to Benjamin Ellis, was proved by the oath of John Hastings, a witness thereto, and on motion is ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from John Ellis to William Ellis, was proved by the oath of Benjamin Ellis, a witness thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Joseph Shearin and Daniel Sledge Processors in Capt. Clanton's District, on the south side of Roanoke River returned into Court an account of their processing and the same was ordered to be recorded.

~Thomas Harton and William Wilson, Processors in Capt. Colclough's District, returned into Court an account of their said processing and the same was ordered to be recorded.

~A Petition preferred by William Myrick to build a mill on Rich Neck Creek is referred until next Court, and ordered that a sufficient number of freeholders attend with the County Surveyor to lay off one acre of land belonging to the said Petitioner and also one acre of land the property of Richard Cox, opposite to where the Petitioner intends to build his said mill, with the valuation of each acre and report the same to the next Court.

~Nathaniel Harris and Sterling Harris, Processors, in Capt. Harris' District, returned into Court an account of their said processing and the same was ordered to be recorded.

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~In the suit depending in this Court between Parmenus Williams, Plaintiff, and James Basket, Defendant, ordered that a Dedimus issue for the Plaintiff, Debene Estes, to take the deposition of John Brown and John Smith of Granville County.

~Ordered that Thomas Turner, Esquire, Edmond Kerney, and Jesse Person appraise and divide the Estate of Charles Daniel, deceased, among the widow and the other claimants and report the same to the next Court.

~The Court having proceeded to settle the Sheriff's fees on caveated lands have rated as follows: To summoning a Jury, twenty-five dollars; for summoning each witness as in other suits for attending on the Jury the same fee as in other suit.

~James Thompson is appointed Overseer of the road from Purchase Patent Road to Mr. Thomas Miller's, and ordered that he keep the same in repair with his own hands and the hands of James Egerton, Wilmot Egerton, John Brown, and John Baxter.

~Ordered that David Lewis be discharged from paying Tax in this County, it appearing to the Court that the said David Lewis is a refugee Drover from Georgia, into this County for protection from the enemy.

~Administration on the Estate of Richard Sherry, deceased, is granted to Dionycea Sherry, his widow, who was sworn accordingly and entered into and executed a bond with William Johnson and John Faulcon, her securities for the faithful administration on the said Estate, and Letters granted to her.

~William Elliott, James Paine Jr. and Matthew Wood entered into recognizance payable to the State of North Carolina the said William Elliott in the sum of two thousand pounds, and each of his securities in one thousand pounds to be levied on their several and respective goods and chattels, lands and tenements, to void on condition the said William Elliott make his personal appearance at the next Court to be held for this County and not to depart from thence without leave of the said Court.

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~Sarah Benson and William Rowland, her security, entered into and executed a recognizance, the said Sarah Benson in the sum of two thousand pounds and the said William in the sum of two thousand pounds, payable to the State of North Carolina, to be served on their several and respective goods and chattels, lands

and tenements, to be void on condition the said Sarah Benson make her personal appearance at the next Court to be held for this County and not depart without leave thereof.

~Samuel Harper and Peter Roberson and William Roberson, his securities, the said Samuel Harper do enter into recognizance in the sum of two thousand pounds payable to the State of North Carolina, to be served on their several and respective goods and chattels, lands and tenements, to be void on condition the said Samuel Harper make his personal appearance at the next Court to be held for this County and not depart without leave thereof.

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~David Fluker, John Newell, Samuel Williford and Nathaniel Harris each and every of them do enter into recognizance in the sum of two thousand, payable to the State of North Carolina, to be served on their several and respective goods and chattels, lands and tenements, to be void on condition that they and each and every of them appear at the next Court to give testimony in behalf of the said State against Sarah Benson, and not depart from thence without leave of the said Court.

~Joseph Hilton and Daisy, his wife, do enter into recognizance in the sum five hundred pounds, each payable to the State of North Carolina, to be served on their several and respective goods and chattels, lands and tenements, to be void on condition that each of them appear at the next Court to give testimony against Samuel Harper on behalf of the State, and not depart without leave thereof.

~Then the Court adjourned until tomorrow 10 o'clock.

~Wednesday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

Present: William Johnson, James Paine, and Daniel Sledge, Esquires.

~By virtue of a notice directed to this Court by the Governor, concerning a caveat between John Hawkins Jr., and Thomas Cannon, by the equitable claim of the parties to a certain tract of land in Warren and Franklin Counties, on Beckham's Branch and the waters of Sandy Creek, agreeable to law, the Court present do admit the caveat between the parties according to be brought to this Court on the second Monday in May next.

~The Last Will and Testament of Sarah Johnston, deceased, was presented in Court and proved by the oath of William Johnston, Esquire, and ordered to be recorded and Letters testamentary was granted to William Johnston, one of the Executors therein named, who was qualified accordingly.

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~On the application of James Thompson for leave not to enlist his Negro Adam, being a cripple in the next Assessment made by him. Ordered that he do not list him.

~Richard Ward is appointed Overseer of the road from Shocco Ford to the County line as pinions in the room of Sherrod Walker, and ordered that he keep the same in repair with the hands usually working thereon, and that the hands of William Tillery be added thereto.

~William Hills is continued Overseer of the new road leading from the Purchase Patent Road to the Halifax Road, and that he open and clear the same with the hands of Robert Hills, Thomas Wheeler, Robert Harris Jr., Leonard Kimball, James Harris, Frederick Harris, Edmond Harris, Ipel Kimball, Edward Holliman, and Nathan Holliman.

~Ordered that Daniel Sledge, Esquire, settle with the Collector for his Negro James of the value of seven hundred pounds, which he by mistake listed last year, and that he have credit for the same.

~Ordered that Sheriff summon James House, Joseph Mangum, Joseph Pardue, Thomas Paschall, Twitty Russell, William Burrows Jr., John Newell, Daniel Fluker, Jesse Person, John Cheek, Peter Davis, Thomas Green, Thomas Clark, Lewis Bobbitt, Matthew Duke, John Duke, Henry Shearin, John Laughter, Henry Fitts, Matthew Harris, Joseph Shearin, William Vasser, Nimrod Williams, Samuel Thompson, William Wortham, John Hawkins Jr., Green Duke, Willoughby Fann, Ludson Worsham and Nathaniel Felts to appear at next Court as Jurymen.

~Ordered the Sheriff summon Samuel Yeargain, John Weathers, Burwell Roberson, John Jones, and Thomas Alston to appear at the next Superior Court at Halifax for the District of Halifax on the first day thereof as Jurymen.

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~Ordered that on the complaint of Ransom Haywood, being formerly bound to James Smith, be now removed from the said Smith and bound to Wilmot Egerton until he attain the age of twenty-one years, being fourteen years old the first of March next, the said Master to learn him to read and write and the business of husbandry.

~Ordered that on the Collector repay Nathaniel Macon, Esquire, the Tax on Negro, Rachel, assessed by mistake to £700.

~On the oath of James Dozier, ordered that the Collector refund to him the Tax on one thousand pounds being so much overcharged.

~On the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants in Smith's Creek District for a road to be opened leading out of Caller's Church Road from the upper part of Abraham Mayfield's plantation near Caller's Church running from thence the most convenient way to Warrenton, Ordered that Matthew Wood, John Power, Philemon Hawkins Jr., Phillip Burford, John Ellington, William Bell, Abraham Mayfield, Robert Caller, Thomas Paschall, Peter Twitty, Samuel Paschall, Benjamin Tarbor, William Wortham, Beckham Rainey, Joshua Mabry, Thomas Newman, Drury Jackson, Bennett Wood, and Twitty Russell or any twelve of them review the most convenient way for the said road to be carried and when viewed to be opened and cleared with the hands of Matthew Wood, Phillip Burford, John Power, Abraham Mayfield, William Bell, Benjamin Tarbor, William Wortham, John Ellington, Wyatt Hawkins, Philemon Hawkins, and that Benjamin Tarbor be Overseer of the road to have it fully opened according to law.

~Then the Court adjourned until Court in Course.

~Signed: William Johnson, Philemon Hawkins, Daniel Sledge, and Nathaniel Macon.

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May

At a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions held for the County of Warren at Warrenton on the 14th day of May, being the second Monday thereof, Anno Dom 1781.

Present: William Johnson, Benjamin Ward, John Macon, Wyatt Hawkins, and Nathaniel Macon, Esquires.

~A Deed from Robert Childress to Hugh Hayes, was proved by the oath of Thomas Macon a witness thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Moses Myrick acknowledged a Deed to Owens Myrick, at whose motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~John Hawkins, Esquire, is recommended to his Excellency, the Governor, as a proper person to execute the office of Sheriff in this County.

~Ordered that the Justices appointed last year to take the list of Assessment in this County, take as then appointed, except Wyatt Hawkins, who is to take in the District where John Hawkins and Phillip Burford, Esquires, took.

~Ordered that James Paine, Esquire, take the list of Assessment in Capt. John Colclough's District, and that Thomas Miller Jr., John Moseley, and Matthew Myrick be appointed Assessors of the said District, and ordered that Isaac Acree, Constable, summon the Inhabitants in the said District to give in their assessable property to the said Justices according to law.

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~Ordered that Daniel Sledge, Esquire, take the list of Assessment in Capt. Edward Clanton's District that lies on the south side of Roanoke River and the Herbert Haynes, Esquire, take the list of Assessment on the north side of said river in the said Clanton's District, and that Thomas Miller Jr., John Moseley, and Matthew Myrick be appointed Assessors in the said District, and ordered that Isaac, Constable, summon the Inhabitants in the said District to give their assessable property, according to law.

~Ordered that Wyatt Hawkins, Esquire, take the list of Assessment in Capt. Strudivant's and Twitty's District, and that Joshua Mabry, Henry Strudivant, and Frederick Malone be appointed Assessors in the said District, and ordered that the Constable in each District summon their Inhabitants therein to give their taxable property according to law.

~Ordered that Young Mc Lomore, Esquire, take the list of Assessment in Capt. Fussell's District, and that Philemon Hawkins, Esquire, take the list of Assessment in Capt. Wren's District, and that John Bowdon, James Basket, and William Clemments be appointed Assessors of the said District, and ordered that Daniel Vault, Constable, summon the Inhabitants in the said District to give in their assessable property to the said Justices according to law.

~Ordered that William Johnson, Esquire, take the list of Assessment in Capt. Christmas' District, and that Edward Jones, Esquire, take the Assessment in Capt. Benjamin Ward's District, and that Benjamin Ward, Edward Jones, Esquire, and William Myrick be appointed Assessors in the said District, and ordered that Thomas Jinkins and Solomon Hunter, Constables, summon the Inhabitants in the in the same District to give their assessable property to the said Justices according to law.

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~Ordered that John Faulcon, Esquire, take the list of Assessment in Capt. Jordan Harris' District, and that Thomas Turner, Esquire, take the list of Assessment in Capt. John Weathers' District, and that Jesse Person, Josiah Green, and William Jean be appointed Assessors of the said District, and ordered that Samuel Harper and Francis Capps, Constables, summon all the Inhabitants in the said District to give in their assessable property to the same Justices according to law.

~Phillip Burford, Esquire, appointed Coroner in this County in the room of John Hawkins, Esquire

~Thomas Wilson is appointed Constable in the room of John Wright, and ordered that he be sworn before some Justices of the Peace for this County before he enter in the execution of his said office.

~Then the Court adjourned until the Court in Course.

~Signed: William Johnson, Benjamin Ward, John Macon, Wyatt Hawkins, Edward Jones, and Nathaniel Macon

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August

At a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions began and held at Warrenton the second Monday in August 1781.

Present: William Johnson, Philemon Hawkins, James Paine, Daniel Sledge, Edward Jones and Phillip Burford, Esquires.

~Solomon Williams acknowledged a Deed to William Williams, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~The Last Will and Testament of Anne Person, deceased, was proved by the oath of John Mallard and Samuel Thompson, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Ordered that Thomas Mayfield, Isham Johnson, and William Saunders be appointed Patrollers in Edward Jones, Esquire's District.

~Ordered that John Cheek, John Powell and Benjamin Sowsberry be appointed Patrollers in Capt. Weathers' District.

~Ordered that John Lanier be appointed Constable in Edward Jones, Esquire, District.

~Then the Court adjourned until tomorrow 10'oclock.

~Tuesday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

Present: William Johnson, William Alston, Thomas Turner, and John Hawkins, Esquires.

~A Deed from Mary Plummer to Hugh Hayes proved by the oath of John Willis and William Green, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from Hugh Hayes to Mary Plummer, was proved by the oath of John Willis and William Green, witnesses thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~A Deed from Sarah Benson to Daisy Hilton, was proved by the oath of Samuel Murphy Taylor, a witness thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

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~A Deed from Jordan Judkins to Frederick Malone, was proved by the oath of Thomas Newman, a witness thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~The Last Will and Testament of William Wright, deceased, was proved by the oath Thomas Newman, Daniel Ellington, and James Ellington, witnesses thereto and on motion, the same was ordered to be recorded and Phillip Burford and Samuel Paschall, qualified as Executors to the said deceased, who returned an Inventory, on oath, of the Estate of the said deceased.

~James Paine, Esquire, acknowledged a Deed to Samuel Rose, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Elizabeth Clinch, orphan of Christopher Clinch, deceased, came into Court and made choice of James Gray her Guardian, who entered into bond with Samuel Yeargain and Young Mc Lemore, his securities, in the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds.

~On the motion of William Sherry, heir at law of Richard Sherry, deceased, ordered that John Ezell and Eldridge Clack with the County Surveyor set apart the dower of Dionycea Sherry, widow of the said Richard.

~A Deed from Earl Granville to Matthew Harris, was proved by the oath of Thomas Person, he swearing to the hand writing of the Agent and the witnesses who are said to be dead, and on motion the same was ordered to be recorded.

~A Deed from Earl Granville to James Egerton, was proved by the oath of Thomas Person, he swearing the hand writing of the Agent and the witnesses who are to be dead, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

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~A Petition of Thomas Person Guardian to Thomas Person, orphan of William Person, deceased, for erecting a Water Grist Mill across Fishing Creek - filed.

~John Morley returned a list of Assessment in Capt. Colclough's and Capt. Clanton's District, amounting to £534.544.16, and ordered to be registered.

~Randolph Hazelwood and Ann, his wife, acknowledged a Deed of gift to Sarah Hazelwood, their daughter, at whose motion the same was ordered to be recorded.

~A Deed from Joshua Keller to Benjamin Ellis, was proved by the oath of Joshua Keller, and on motion the same was ordered registered.

~Thomas Young acknowledged a Deed to William Rowland, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~The Last Will and Testament of James Rogers, deceased, was proved by the oath of William Johnson, Esquire, a witness thereto, by and on motion the same was ordered to be recorded, and returned, on oath, an Inventory of the said deceased, Estate, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~A Deed from John Ellington to Hardaway Davis, was proved by the oath of Thomas Miller, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from William E. Johnston to Alexander Nicholson, was proved by the oath of Thomas Miller, a witness thereto, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

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~A Deed from Jesse Tillery to John Phelps, was proved by the oath of Benjamin Ellis, a witness thereto, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

~Simon Williams acknowledged a Deed to Jove Jenkins, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

~An Inventory of Assessment returned unto Court by Joshua Mabry, Henry Strudivant, and Frederick Malone, Assessors in Capt. Strudivant and Capt. Twitty's District and ordered to be recorded.

~Ordered that Drury Christian be allowed for £700 in his Assessment on account of an aged slave not liable to be taxed being useless unto his said Master.

~The Last Will and Testament of William Park, deceased, was brought into Court and proved by the oath of Thomas Machen and admitted to record also a codicil attached to the Will, was proved by the oath of Thomas Machen and William Patterson, and on motion was ordered to be recorded

~Mrs. Betty Park and William Wilson qualified, as Executrix and Executor, to the aforesaid will and codicil annexed.

~An Inventory and Assessment made by James Basket, John Bowdon, and William Clemments, Assessors in Capt. Wren and Capt. Fussell's District, was returned, and ordered to be recorded.

~Dionycea Sherry produced an Inventory of the Estate of Richard Sherry and qualified to the same, and on motion the same was ordered to be recorded.

~On the motion of Dionycea Sherry, Administratrix of Richard Sherry, deceased, it is ordered that the Sheriff sell the Estate of the aforesaid deceased, agreeable to law.

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~Ordered that the Executors of William Wright, deceased, had leave to sell the Estate of the said deceased, agreeable to law.

~Then the Court adjourned until tomorrow ten o'clock.

~Thursday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

Present: William Johnson, Young Mc Lomore, and William Alston, Esquires.

~An Inventory and Assessment made by Benjamin Ward, Edward Jones, and William Green, Assessors in Capt. Ward's and Capt. White's District was returned, and ordered to be recorded.

~Ordered that the Collector pay Gideon Hunt Macon six hundred and twenty-six pounds, it appearing to the Court that he having paid that sum in this County in settlement for the year 1780.

~Gideon Hunt Macon, Collector in Edward Jones District, came into Court and settled his County Tax, amounting to £1086, and on motion the same was ordered to be recorded.

~An Inventory and Assessment made by Jesse Person, Josiah Green and William Jean assessed in Capt. Harris' and Capt. Weathers' District returned, and ordered to be recorded.

~A Deed from John Tanner to William Green, was proved by the oath of Gideon Hunt Macon, a witness thereto, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

~Bennett Wood, Collector in Capt. Twitty's and Capt. Strudivant's District came into Court, and settled his collection for the County Tax for the year 1780.

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~Ordered that the Collector pay Bennett Wood fifty-two pounds, seventeen shillings, it appearing to the Court he paid so much over and above his County Tax for the year 1780.

~William Noyal Norsworthy in behalf of George Norsworthy, deceased, Collector in James Paine, Esquire's, District came into Court and settled his County collection for the County Tax, amounting to £360.17.

~Davis Nicholson Collector in Capt. Clanton's District came into Court and settled his County Tax of 4/, amounting to £524.7.

~Daniel Vaulx Collector in Capt. Fussell and Capt. Wren's District came into Court and settled his County collection of 4/, amounting to ____.

~Ordered that Collector pay Daniel Vaulx one hundred and fifteen pounds three shillings it appearing to this Court he overpaid that sum for the year 1780 for his County Tax.

~William Christmas, Collector of the County Tax for the year 1779, came into Court and settled his account for the sum, amounting to £1670.17 and it appears to the Court he over paid £46.17.

~Ordered that the Collector pay William Christmas forty-six pounds and seventeen shillings.

~Persons to attend the Superior Court, to wit, Matthew Wood, John Willis, Hubert Haynes, William Eaton Johnston, and James Ransom.

~Jurors to attend the Court of Oyer and Tormines, to wit, Thomas Turner, John Hawkins, John Jones, John Laughter, and Benjamin Turner.

~Marmaduke Johnson, Collector in the Fishing Creek District, came into Court and settled his County Tax in the hundred pounds, amounting to £673.

~Ordered that the Collector pay Marmaduke Johnson thirty-one pounds it appearing to this Court he paid so much over and above his County Tax for the year 1780.

~Ordered that the Sheriff summons James House, Joseph Mangum, Joseph Pardue, Thomas Paschall, Twitty Russell, William Burrows, John Newell, David Fluker, Jesse Person, John Cheek, Peter Davis, Thomas Clark, Lewis Bobbitt, Matthew Duke, John Duke, Henry Shearin, Henry Fitts, Matthew Harris, Joseph Shearin, William Vasser, Nimrod Williams, Samuel Thompson, William Wortham, Nathaniel Felts, John Ezell, Benjamin Ezell, and John Hicks, Green Duke, Willoughby Fann and Ludson Worsham to attend at next Court to be held at Warrenton as Jurors.

~Administration of the Estate of George Norsworthy, deceased, granted to William Noyal Norsworthy, who with James Paine, Esquire, and Gideon Hunt Macon, his securities, executed a bond for that purpose, and the said William Noyal Norsworthy returned an Inventory, on oath, of the Estate of the said deceased.

~John Hawkins, Esquire, proved a Commission into Court from his Excellency Thomas Burk, Esquire, appointing him Sheriff for the County of Warren, who with Philemon Hawkins, Esquire, Philemon Hawkins Jr., and Wyatt Hawkins, his securities, executed a bond for that purpose and was qualified accordingly.

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~Ordered that there be collected from all the Inhabitants of Warren County a Tax of five shillings on every hundred pounds of assessable property, and a poll Tax of five shillings on all persons who are not possessed of taxable property, agreeable to law.

~Ordered that Gideon Hunt Macon be appointed Collector, in Capt. Benjamin Ward's District.

~Ordered that Marmaduke Johnson be appointed Collector, in Capt. White's District.

~Ordered that John Ward be appointed Collector, in Capt. Fussell's District.

~Ordered that Daniel Vaulx be appointed Collector, in Capt. Wren's District.

~Ordered that Davis Nichols be appointed Collector, in Capt. Clanton's District.

~Ordered that Frederick Malone be appointed Collector, in Capt. Twitty's District.

~Ordered that William Noyal Norsworthy be appointed Collector, in Capt. Colclough's District.

~Ordered that William Brehon, the son of Mary Ellis, be bound to James Milam, he being aged fifteen years the tenth of December last, until he arrive to the age of twenty-one, and that he be learnt to read and write and the business of a Planter.

~Ordered that Jesse Person be appointed Collector in Capt. Harris' District.

~Then the Court adjourned until tomorrow ten o'clock.

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~Thursday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

Present: William Johnson, Thomas Turner, and Phillip Burford, Esquires.

~Then the Court adjourned until tomorrow ten o'clock.

~Friday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

Present: William Johnson, Edward Jones, and John Faulcon, Esquires.

~William Noyal Norsworthy, being appointed Collector in Capt. Colclough's District, executed a bond with James Paine and Isaac Acree, his securities for his faithful performance of the same, and was qualified accordingly.

~Gideon Hunt Macon, being appointed Collector in Capt. Ward's District, executed a bond with Marmaduke Johnson and William Green, his securities for his faithful performance of the same, and was qualified accordingly.

~Jesse Person, being appointed Collector in Capt. Harris' District, executed a bond with William Cheek and Jordan Harris, his securities for his faithful performance of the same, and was qualified accordingly.

~Frederick Malone, being appointed Collector in Capt. Strudivant's District, executed a bond with James Emmerson and Bennett Wood, his securities for his faithful performance of the same, and was qualified accordingly.

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~Daniel Vaulx, being appointed Collector in Capt. Wren's District, executed a bond with Atkin Mc Lemore and John Hawkins his securities for his faithful performance of the same and was qualified accordingly.

~John Turner, being appointed Collector in Capt. Weathers' District with Thomas Turner, Esquire, and William Alston, Esquire, his securities, entered into and executed a bond for his faithful performance of the same, and was qualified accordingly.

~John Ward being appointed Collector in Capt. Russell's District, who with Benjamin Ward, Esquire, his security, entered into and executed a bond for his faithful performance of the same, and was qualified accordingly.

~Davis Nichols, being appointed Collector in Capt. Sledge's District, entered into and executed a bond with James Nichols, his security, for his faithful performance of the same, and was qualified accordingly.

~Marmaduke Johnson, being appointed Collector in Fishing Creek District, entered into and executed a bond with William Johnson, Esquire, his security, for his faithful performance of the same, and was qualified accordingly.

~Ordered that the Collector pay Edward Jones, Benjamin Ward, Esquire, and William Green the sum of four hundred and eighty pounds each for their Services as Assessors.

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~Ordered that the Collector pay Jesse Person, Josiah Green, and William Jean the sum of four hundred and eighty pounds each for their Services as Assessors.

~Ordered that the Collector pay Joshua Mabry, Frederick Malone, and Henry Strudivant the sum of four hundred and eighty pounds each for their Services as Assessors.

~Ordered that the Collector pay Adam Milam, John Moseley, and Matthew Myrick the sum of four hundred and eighty pounds each for their Services as Assessors.

~Ordered that the Collector pay Isaac Acree the sum of one hundred and sixty pounds for their Services done as Constable.

~Ordered that the Collector pay Francis Capps the sum of one hundred and sixty pounds for their Services done as Constable.

~Ordered that the Collector pay Samuel Harper the sum of one hundred and sixty pounds for their Services done as Constable.

~Ordered that the Collector pay Thomas Wilson the sum of one hundred and sixty pounds for their Services done as Constable.

~Ordered that the Collector pay Thomas Jinkins the sum of one hundred and sixty pounds for their Services done as Constable.

~Ordered that the Collector pay John Brown the sum of four hundred pounds for building a Bridge across Fishing Creek and maintaining the same agreeable to a bond filed in this Court.

~Ordered that the Collector pay James Basket, John Bowdon, and William Clemments the sum of three hundred and twenty pounds each for Services done as Assessors.

~Ordered that the Collector pay John Pope the sum of one hundred pounds for Services done as a Constable.

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~Ordered that the Collector pay Daniel Vaulx one hundred and sixty pounds for Services done as Constable.

~Ordered that Randolph Fitts, Sterling Harris, and Warwick Hazelwood be appointed Patrollers in Capt. Harris' District.

~Ordered that John Wilson, Lewis Shearin, Urbane Nicholson be appointed Patrollers in Capt. Clanton's District.

~Ordered that Thomas Thornton, James Emmerson, and John Ellington be appointed Patrollers in Smith's Creek District.

~Ordered that the Sheriff sell the Estate of James Rogers, deceased, agreeable to law.

~Ordered that Thomas Christmas be appointed entry-taker for the County of Warren and was qualified accordingly.

~Then the Court adjourned until Court in Course.

Signed: William Johnson, William Alston, and Daniel Sledge, Esquires.

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At a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions began and held at Warrenton on the second Monday in November 1781.

Present: William Johnson, Phillip Burford, and Wyatt Hawkins, Esquires.

~William E. Johnston came into Court and returned, on oath, an Inventory of the Estate of Sarah Johnston, deceased, and on motion the same was ordered to be recorded.

~A Deed from John Chadwick to Robert Caller, proved by the oath of William Beckham, a witness thereto, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

~The Last Will and Testament of Charles Callier, deceased, was proved by the oath of William Callier, a witness thereto, and on motion was ordered to be recorded.

~John Callier, Executor of the Estate of the Last Will and Testament of Charles Callier, deceased, came into Court and qualified as such.

~Administration of the Estate of Charles Hull, deceased, granted to Susannah Hull, wife of the said deceased, who with John Wright and James Towns, her securities, executed a bond for that purpose, and the said Susannah Hull returned, on oath, an Inventory of the Estate of the said deceased, and on motion the same was ordered to be recorded.

~A Deed from David Peebles to Lew Williamson, was proved by the oath of Sterling Clack, a witness thereto, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

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~Ordered that John Satterfield of Caswell County, be summoned to appear at the next Court to prove the Last Will and Testament of John Marshall, deceased.

~Administration of the Estate of John Wood, deceased, granted to Daniel Ellington and Betty, his wife, who with Matthew Wood and Wyatt Hawkins, his securities, entered into and executed a bond for that purpose.

~Ordered that the Sheriff sell the Estate of Charles Hull, deceased, according to law.

~Daniel Ellington and Betty, his wife, returned into Court, on oath, an Inventory of the Estate of John Wood, deceased.

~Then the Court adjourned until tomorrow ten o'clock.

~Tuesday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

Present: William Johnson, James Paine, and John Macon, Esquires.

~John Alston acknowledged a Deed to Richard Hamlet, and on motion, the same was ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from Thomas H. Hall to James Johnson, was proved by the oath of John Alston, a witness thereto, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

~Ordered that James Mills be allowed one hundred and fifty pounds in his Assessment for an idiot Negro age two years.

~A Deed from Benjamin Ellis to Wyatt Hawkins proved by the oath of Sterling Clack, a witness thereto, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from Samuel Rose to Charles Hicks, was proved by the oath of John Hicks, a witness thereto, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

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~Ordered that James Milam be appointed Overseer of the road from Thomas Harton's to the Virginia line, and that the hands of William Shearin, Thomas Hall, Mary Todd, Dudley Darnal, and Cader White, and that he keep the same in repair.

~Ordered that Stephen Shell be appointed Overseer of the road in the room of William Clanton from the fork of the road to George Webb's with the hands of Stephen Shell Jr., Martin Forrest, James Chatham, Edward and William Clanton, and that they keep the same in repair.

~A Deed from Henry Alston to John Smith, was proved by the oath of Henry Jackson, a witness thereto, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

~Ordered that Mary Reau, a baseborn child of Lucy Reau, being about seven years old, be bound to Adam Williams until she arrive to the age of eighteen years, and that he learn her to read and write and the business of a Spinster.

~Administration of the Estate of Robert Caller Jr., deceased, granted to Robert Caller Sr., who with Wyatt Hawkins, his security, executed a bond for that purpose.

~A Deed gift from William Williams to Mary Todd, was proved by the oath of James Hall, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

~The Last Will and Testament of John Todd, deceased, was proved by the oath of Solomon Higgins, one of the subscribing witnesses, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~Mary Todd and John Faulcon, Executrix and Executor of John Todd, deceased, came into Court and qualified accordingly.

~A Deed from William Robertson to George Elliott proved by the oath of William Howard, a witness thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

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~John Ellington acknowledged a Deed to Thomas Paschall, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from James Dawson to Philemon Hawkins Jr., was proved by the oath of Philemon Hawkins Sr., a witness thereto, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

~The Petition of John Ezell for Water Grist Mill upon Little Stonehouse Creek adjoining the lands of William Stone of Virginia, Confirmed.

~Grand Jury sworn, to wit, Samuel Thompson, William Wortham, John Ezell, John Hicks, Peter Davis, Joseph Shearin, John Duke, Nimrod Williams, Drury Bobbitt, Jesse Person, John Newell, William Duke, John Bowdon, Nathaniel Baxter, John Laughter, and Adam Milam.

~Phillip Burford having been appointed by the Court as coroner of the County of Warren took the oath by law required.

~A Deed from William E. Johnston to Giles Carter is proved by the oath of John Faulcon, Esquire, a witness thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from Francis Riggan to John Faulcon, Esquire, was proved by the oath of James Paine, Esquire, a witness thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~William Noyal Norsworthy, in behalf of George Norsworthy, deceased, came into Court and produced Sundry vouchers agreeable to his former settlement, amounting to £400.14.1 by which there appears to be a balance due the said Norsworthy of £61.11.9.

~Ordered that the Collector pay William Noyal Norsworthy £61.11.9 it appearing he over paid that sum in his settlement of the year 1780.

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~Ordered that William Christmas, Agrippa Nichols and Charles Murray be appointed Patrollers in Capt. White and Capt. Wren's District.

~Ordered that on the Petition of Samuel Thompson for building a Water Grist Mill on Stonehouse Creek adjoining the lands of Thomas Power, that the County Surveyor with four freeholders and view and value on each side of the said Creek one acre of the land and report to the next Court.

~Then the Court adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow.

~Wednesday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

Present: William Johnson, Young Mc Lemore, and Edward Jones, Esquires.

~William Christmas, Commissioner for Warren County, came into Court and claimed an allowance for insolvent mistakes in his collection of grain Tax for the year 1780 and the list appearing to the Court to be proper allowances, it was granted and he was allowed a discount of £37351.13 in the different lists of Assessment for the year aforesaid.

~On the motion of William Walker to remove an, orphan child from John Jones, who abuses his said trust as a Master to apprentice, it is ordered by the Court that the said Master do appear at the next Court, and to produce Jesse and Solomon Walker, in order to answer such matters and things as shall be then and there adjusted against him.

~Ordered that Daniel Ball be appointed Overseer of the road in the room of John Christmas, deceased, and the hands as usual keep the same in repair.

~Ordered that the Collector pay Thomas Machen twenty-five hundred pounds for Executor's Services for the year 1780.

~Ordered that the Sheriff summon Twitty Russell, Willoughby Tanner, William House, Thomas Clark, John Cheek, Henry Fitts, Matthew Duke, Thomas Green, John Green, Miles Bobbitt, William Myrick, James House, Joseph Mangum, William Burrows, David Fluker, Lewis Bobbitt, Henry Shearin, Matthew Harris, Green Duke, Ludson Worsham, Nathaniel Felts, Benjamin Ellis, Aaron Fussell, Daniel Barrow, John Hawkins, James Johnson, Obed Green, Matthew Wood, John Baxter, and Wilmot Egerton to attend as Jurors for the next Court.

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~The Petition of Drury Bobbitt for a Water Grist Mill granted. John Alston, who owns the land on the opposite side of Bone Creek, consented in Court that the Petition should have one acre of land.

~Ordered that the hands of Benjamin Ward, Esquire, be taken off the road they now work on, and be put on the road that Daniel Barrow oversees on.

~John Hawkins, Esquire, returned into Court an account of the sale of the Estate of James Rogers, deceased, and was allowed two and a half percent on the same.

~John Hawkins, Esquire, returned into Court an account of the sale of the Estate William Wright, deceased, and was allowed two and a half percent on the same.

~John Hawkins, Esquire, returned into Court an account of the sale of the Estate of Richard Sherry, deceased, and was allowed two and a half percent on the same and the same is ordered to be recorded.

~William Christmas came into Court and executed a bond with Marmaduke Johnson, his security, for his faithful performance as County Commissioner.

~Ordered that William Christmas be allowed by the public four thousand pounds for Exofficio Services done for the County of Warren for the year 1779 as Sheriff.

~Then the Court adjourned until Court in Course.

Signed: William Johnson, Philemon Hawkins, and John Hawkins, Esquires.