

## Chapter 3

Warren County, North Carolina  
Minutes to the  
Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions  
1782



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February

At a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions began and held at Warrenton on the second Monday in February 1782.

Present: William Johnson, Philemon Hawkins, Edward Jones, and John Macon, Esquires.

~A Deed from Ezell English Wright to Raleigh Hammons, was proved by the oath of William Marks, a witness thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from Edward Marks to James Palmer, was proved by the oath of Charles Davis, a witness thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~John Laughter acknowledged a Deed to Samuel Winter, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~A Deed of gift from William Clemments to Catey Vaultx was acknowledged in open Court, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

~William Murphy being bound over to this Court on a recognizance taken before Phillip Burford, Esquire, came in accordingly, and were heard and the evidence on the part of the State being examined, and the witnesses for the Defendant, he was by order of the said Court discharged.

~John Satterfield came into Court and was examined concerning John Marshall, deceased, Last Will and said that he lost it out of his possession, and that he supposed it to be stolen.

Then the Court adjourned until tomorrow ten o'clock.

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~Tuesday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

Present: William Johnson, Philemon Hawkins, and Edward Jones, Esquires.

~A Deed from Young Mc Lemore to William House was acknowledged in open Court, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Mrs. Betty Park came into Court and returned, on oath, an Inventory of the Estate of William Park, deceased, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~The Last Will and Testament of Joseph Brewer, deceased, is proved by the oath of Phillip Alston, who took the oath of an Executor, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~Phillip Alston returned an Inventory, on oath, of the Estate of Joseph Brewer, deceased, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~Jonathan Solomon acknowledged a Deed to Samuel Kiel, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from Samuel Carpenter, Mary Anderson, and Ann Anderson to James Jones, was proved by the oath of Samuel Thompson, a witness thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from Page Coleman to Richard Tillery, was proved by the oath of Sterling Tillery, a witness thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from Henry and William Person to Isaac James, was proved by the oath of William Burrows, a witness thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from John Claiborne to John Moseley, was proved by the oath of Cader Powell, a witness thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

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~A Deed from William Roberts to Philemon Hawkins Esquire, was proved by the oath of Richard Person, a witness thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from James Dozier to William Duke, was proved by the oath of Lewis Tucker, a witness thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Ordered that Polly Mills, ages six years, be bound to George Webb and the he learn her the business of a Spinster.

~Ordered that Charlotte Mills, a baseborn child of Fanny Mills, be bound to George Webb until she attain the age of eighteen years. She being about three years old, and that she be learn to read and write and the business of Spinster.

~Ordered that James Mills, a baseborn child of Betty Mills, be bound to George Webb until he arrive to the age of twenty-one years, he being six months old, and that he learn him to read and write and the business of Planter.

~Ordered that Isham Mills, a baseborn child of Fanny Mills, be bound to George Webb until he attain the age of twenty-one years he being now about six years old, and that he learn to read and write and the business of a Planter.

~Ordered that Winney Mills, a baseborn child of Fanny Mills, be bound to George Webb until she attain the age of eighteen years. She being about six years old, and that she be learn to read and write and the business of Spinster.

~Ordered that Aggey Mills, a baseborn child of Fanny Mills, be bound to George Webb until she attain the age of eighteen years. She being about four years old, and that she be learn to read and write and the business of Spinster.

~Ordered that William Christmas Mills, a baseborn child of Fanny Mills, be bound to George Webb until he attain the age of twenty-one years. He being about two years old, and that he be learn to read and write and the business of Planter.

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

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

~George Renn acknowledged a Deed to Phillip Gaston Alston, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~John May acknowledged a Deed to John Thompson, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Ordered that Solomon Walker, orphan of Peter Walker, deceased, be removed from the servitude of John Jones, and that he be bound to Pettollowmeed Powell until he arrive to the age of twenty-one, he being about seventeen years, and that he be learnt to read and write and the business of a Planter.

~A Deed from John May to Jeremiah Bush, was proved by the oath of Dudley Darnal, a witness thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Ordered that a Nuncupative will proved by the oath of Jesse Bell and William Foot be admitted to record as the last will of Henry Shearin, deceased, and that Margaret Shearin truly administer with the will annexed.

~On the Petition of James Egerton to erect a Water Grist Mill on Little Fishing Creek, at the Stoney Point, Mr. Miller having consented that he should build on one acre of his land and the said Egerton owning land on the opposite side and it appearing to the Court that it will not drowned any lands of any other person. Petition granted.

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

~A Deed from James Dawson to James House, was proved by the oath of Daniel Vaultx, a witness thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from Roderick Holt to William Shearin, was proved by the oath of James Paine, Esquire, a witness thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from Joseph Marriott to Thomas Garrett, was proved by the oath of Benjamin Faulkner, a witness thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~The Last Will and Testament of Sarah Thompson, deceased, was proved by the oath of Cader Powell, one of the subscribing witnesses, who saw William Jackson, the other subscribing witness, sign the same in the presence of the Testatrix.

~Thomas Person came into Court and qualified as Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Sarah Thompson, deceased.

~John Jones, Guardian of Stubby Judson, came into Court and rendered, on oath, an account of his Guardianship, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~James Ransom acknowledged a Deed to Gideon Hunt Macon, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Gideon Hunt Macon acknowledged a Deed to James Ransom, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~James Beal came into Court on his recognizance, and the witnesses being present and properly qualified, was heard and it was the opinion of the Court that he be bound over to the Superior Court in the penalty of one hundred thousand pounds, that he will appear and abide by the determination thereof at the next Superior Court to be held for the District of Halifax on the fifteenth day of April next.

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

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~Wednesday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

Present: William Johnson, Edward Jones, Young Mc Lomore, and John Macon, Esquires.

~The Last Will and Testament of John Brown, deceased, was proved by the oath of William Cheek and Peter Cox, subscribing witnesses thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~John Jones, Executor of John Brown, deceased, came into Court and qualified accordingly.

~Ordered that Leonard Kimball be appointed Overseer of the road in room of William Hills, and that the hands of Howard Harris together with the usual hands keep the same in repair.

~William Hills, Overseer of the road, having been formerly presented for not keeping the road in repair, came into Court and showed sufficient reason for his failure therein and thereupon was discharged.

~Ordered that the order given Samuel Thompson last Court be renewed for a mill.

~Ordered that William Miller be appointed County Surveyor in room of John Faulcon.

~Ordered that Thomas Williams be appointed Overseer of the road in room of Thomas Green, and that the hands of William Johnson, Esquire, Mary Plummer, and Marmaduke Johnson, together with the usual hands, keep the same in repair.

~Ordered that it be Recommended to the General Assembly that there be allowed the sum of twenty-five pounds apiece, annually, to Elizabeth Harris, wife of Burwell Harris, who is supposed to be dead in the Country service, for the support of herself and five small children, the oldest not more than eight years of age.

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~Ordered that the Sheriff summon Frederick Malone, John Claiborne, Major Philemon Hawkins, John Jones, and William Williams to attend the next Superior Court to be held for the District of Halifax on the 15th. day of April next.

~Ordered that the Sheriff summon Eldridge Clack, John Ezell, William Story, Atkin Mc Lemore, Benjamin Kimball Sr., Joseph Mangum, Reece Brewer, William Balthrop, Thomas Miller Jr., Richard Ward, Jesse Hunter, James Ransom, Joseph Darnal, William St. John, John Bowdon, Josiah Green, Isham Lucy, William Merritt, James Egerton, Nathaniel Harris, Matthew Harris, Richard Marshall, John Power, William Hansill, Robert Jones, William House, Matthew Duke, Honorias Powell, and William Burrows to attend as Jurymen for the next Court to be held at Warrenton.

~Ordered that Mrs. Amey Ransom be called to appear at the next Court to give account of her Guardianship to an orphan child in her possession, and that Joseph Martin and Sarah, his wife, Littleberry White and his wife be summoned to appear as witnesses concerning the said child and the said Ransom bring to Court the said orphan.

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

~Gideon Hunt Macon, Collector, came into Court and settled his County Tax, amounting to £1259.12 which he paid down in proper vouchers, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~Ordered that the Collector pay Gideon Hunt Macon sixteen pounds, it being due him in his settlement for the year 1781.

~Margaret Shearin came into Court and returned, on oath, an Inventory of the Estate of Henry Shearin, deceased, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

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~A Deed from Peter Coleman to Dudley Ballard, proved by the oath of Richard Marshall, a witness thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Ordered that James Paine, Esquire, Thomas Miller, and William Noyal Norsworthy make division of the Estate of Henry Shearin, deceased, according to the Nuncupative will of the said deceased, and make return thereof to the next Court.

~Jesse Person, Collector in Capt. Harris' District came into Court and settled his County Tax, amounting to £524.8, which he paid down in proper vouchers, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~Ordered that the Collector pay Jesse Person the sum of £41.12 as so much over paid in his settlement for 1781.

~Ordered that the Collector pay Davis Nichols the sum of £161.8.7 it appearing to be due him in his settlement with the County for the year 1781.

~Daniel Vaultx came into Court and made a settlement with the County for the year 1781, amount of which was £484.18 and the same is ordered to be recorded.

~Davis Nichols, Collector in Capt. Clanton's District came into Court and settled his County Tax, amounting to £786.18 and the same is ordered to be recorded.

~John Hawkins, Esquire, returned into Court an account of sale of the Estate of Charles Hull, deceased, and on motion the same was ordered to be recorded.

~Ordered that the Sheriff be allowed two and a half percent on the sale of the Estate of Charles Hull, deceased.

~Ordered that the Caveat, John Hawkins against Thomas Cannon be reviewed and orders issue for a trial.

~On the motion of Richard Brown and John Laughter to be relieved from their securityship for James Emmerson, Guardian of John Ollinger and discharged, James Emmerson coming into Court and entered and executed a bond with John Hawkins, Esquire, and Richard Marshall his securities in the sum of two thousand pounds a piece for his said Guardianship.

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~Ordered that the hands of John Shearin and Moses Shearin be added to the road that William Merritt is overseer of.

~Ordered that James Kimball be appointed Overseer of the road, called Mrs. Peebles new road, from the Old Courthouse Road to Col. Hawkins' Road, and that the hands of Col. Hawkins at home, Young Mc Lemoire, James Gray, John Nichols, Benjamin Kimball, and David Kimball keep the same in repair.

~Administration of the Estate of John Marshall, deceased, granted to Tabitha Marshall, relict of said deceased, who with John Willis and James Johnson, her securities, entered into and executed a bond for that purpose.

~Tabitha Marshall returned, on oath, an Inventory of the Estate of John Marshall, deceased, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~John Marshall, Tabitha Marshall, and William Marshall came into Court and made choice of Tabitha Marshall, their mother, their Guardian, who with William White, John Wortham, and Dixon Marshall, her securities, executed a bond for that purpose, also the Court doth appoint the said Tabitha Marshall Guardian

to Charles Marshall, Matthew Marshall, and Peggy Marshall, orphans of John Marshall, deceased, who with the aforesaid securities executed a bond for that purpose.

~Ordered that Philemon Hawkins, Esquire, William Johnson, Esquire, and William Duke, appraise and divide the Estate of John Marshall, deceased, agreeable to law, also that wherein such division cannot be equally made then it be sold agreeable to law.

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~Ordered that the Ferry Keeper be allowed for his Services the following rates and no other or greater, that is to say for each loaded wagon and team carried across Roanoke 5/; for empty ditto 2/6; for loaded cart 2/6; for empty ditto 1/3; for rolling hogshead 1/8; riding carriage per wheel 1/; single man and horse 8/; cow per head 4/; hogs and sheep per head 2/, and that the said rate may be paid in paper money at the exchange of 1000 to one.

~Ordered that the Clerk furnish the different Ferry Keepers with a copy of the preceding order.

~Ordered that Matthew Duke Overseer of the road from near John Duke's into Peter Davis' Road leading towards the Old Ford, immediately repair the same with the usual hands except Joshua Capps.

~Ordered that all the hands of John Faulcon, Esquire, work under Jordan Harris, on the old road.

~Then the Court adjourned until Court in Course.

~Signed: William Johnson, John Faulcon, James Paine Jr., John Macon and Philemon Hawkins, Esquires.

May

At a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions began and held at Warrenton the second Monday in May, it being the 13th day thereof, 1782.

Present: William Johnson, Philemon Hawkins, Young Mc Lomore, Wyatt Hawkins, James Paine, Hubert Haynes, Edward Jones and John Faulcon, Esquires.

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~A Deed from James Paine, Esquire, to John Walding, was acknowledged in open Court, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

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

~Tuesday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

Present: William Johnson, William Alston, Philemon Hawkins, Edward Jones, Thomas Person, Young Mc Lomore, James Paine, and Daniel Sledge, Esquires.

~Marmaduke Johnson, Collector in the Fishing Creek District, came into Court and settled his County Collection for the year 1781, amounting to £102.13.6, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~The Last Will and Testament of George Lankford, deceased, proved by the oath of Thomas Newman and Thomas Wilson, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~Judith Lankford returned into Court an Inventory of the Estate of George Lankford, deceased, on oath, and ordered to be recorded, who also took the oath of Executrix.

~The Last Will and Testament of Ann Brewer, deceased, was proved by the oath of Jesse Person, a witness thereto, and ordered to be recorded.

~Phillip Alston Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Ann Brewer, deceased, returned into Court an Inventory of the said deceased, on oath, and the same is ordered to be recorded.

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

~It appearing to the Court that Thomas Machen, late Clerk of Warren County, is dead by which ordinance the said office became vacant the Court proceeded to the choice of a Clerk and Marmaduke Johnson was unanimously chosen as Clerk and entered into bond with Benjamin Kimball and Samuel Thompson, his securities, in the sum prescribed by law and took the oath of allegiance and office and entered into the execution of the same.

~An Inventory of the Estate of John Todd, deceased, was returned into Court by Mary Todd, the Executrix, on oath, and the same is ordered to be recorded.

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~A Deed from Frederick Malone to Phillip Burford, was acknowledged in open Court, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Ordered that the County Surveyor with four freeholders, to wit, Joseph Shearin, Moses Myrick, James Jones, and William Vasser, lay off and value, on oath, one acre of land on each side of Stonehouse Creek the property of Thomas Person and Samuel Thompson, agreeable to the former Petition of the said Thompson and make report thereof to the next Court.

~Middleton Christmas and William Myrick acknowledged a lease to Daniel Ball, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Daniel Ball acknowledged a lease to Middleton Christmas, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from Richard Ballard to Thomas Cousins proved by the oath of William Kimball, a witness thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Ordered that Eldridge Clack be appointed Overseer of the road in room of William Story, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands.

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~John Smith being bound over to last Court and failing to appear is brought into Court by his sureties and after witnesses being examined was discharged on paying fees.

~Thomas Miller and James Paine, Esquire, returned into Court a division of the Estate of Harry Shearin, deceased, and the same is ordered to be recorded.

~William Johnson, Philemon Hawkins, Esquire, and William Duke returned into Court a division of the Estate of John Marshall, deceased, and the same is ordered to be recorded.

~Grand Jury sworn, to wit, Nathaniel Harris, foreman, Eldridge Clack, John Ezell, William Story, Benjamin Kimball, Jesse Hunter, Joseph Darnal, John Bowdon, Joseph Green, Matthew Harris, Richard Marshall, William Hansill, Robert Jones, Matthew Duke, William Powell, and Thomas Miller Jr.

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

~Wednesday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

Present: William Johnson, Young Mc Lomore, Daniel Sledge, and Thomas Turner, Esquires.

~The Last Will and Testament of Thomas Machen, deceased, was proved by the oath of Spencer Waddy, a witness thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~William Noyal Norsworthy came into Court and settled and paid his County Collection for the year 1781 and the same is ordered to be recorded.

~Ordered that William Noyal Norsworthy be allowed one hundred and thirteen pounds, thirteen shillings and eight pence, and the same is ordered to be recorded.

~Ordered that Gideon Pegram be Overseer of the road in the room of James Nicholson, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands.

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~John Turner came into Court and settled and paid his County Collection for the year 1781, and the same is ordered to be recorded.

~Ordered that Major Philemon Hawkins be appointed Overseer of the road in the room of John Hawkins, Esquire, and that the same in repair with the usual hands.

~The Last Will and Testament of Sherrod Duke, deceased, was proved by the oath of Benjamin Terry, and ordered to be recorded.

~Administration of the Estate of Sherrod Duke, deceased, is granted to Mary Duke with the will annexed, who with Matthew Duke, her security, entered into and executed a bond for that purpose.

~Mary Duke, Administratrix of Sherrod Duke, deceased, returned into Court an Inventory of the Estate of the said deceased, and the same is ordered to be recorded.

~A Deed from the Commissioners of Warrenton was acknowledged, in open Court, to Samuel Hopkins, by William Johnson and Philemon Hawkins, Esquire, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

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~Ordered that James Thompson be discharged from listing crippled Negro, agreeable to law.

~Ordered that John Bowdon, James Basket, and Joseph Darnal be appointed Assessors in Capt. Renn and Capt. Fussell's District, and for Col. Hawkins to take the list in Renn's District, and that Young Mc Lomore take the list in Capt. Russell's District.

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~Ordered that Young Mc Lomore take the list of Assessment in Capt. Fussell's District, and as for as the Old Courthouse Road.

~Ordered that Jesse Person, Josiah Green, and Nathaniel Harris be appointed Assessors in Capt. Harris' and Capt. Weathers' District, and that Capt. Alston and Mr. Turner take the list of Weathers', and John Faulcon the list in Harris' District.

~Ordered that Samuel Thompson, Joseph Shearin, and John Ezell be appointed Assessors in Capt. Clanton and Capt. Colclough's District, and that Mr. Sledge take the list of assessments in the south side of Roanoke in Capt. Clanton's District, and that Thomas Eaton take the list on the north side of said river, and that Capt. James Paine take the list in Capt. Colclough's District.

~Ordered that the hands of Thomas Turner, Esquire, Honorias Powell, James Saintsing, Charles Saintsing, James Merritt, Peter Saintsing, and William Maddray work on the road William Powell oversees.

~Ordered that Jesse Hunter, William Christmas, and James Johnson be appointed Assessors in Capt. Wood and White's District.

~Ordered that the Sheriff sell four head of cattle supposed to be the Estate of Benjamin Goodrich, now in the hands of Mrs. Goodrich and Mr. Kerney, until she prove her title to the said cattle agreeable to law.

~Ordered that Marcellus Jordan be appointed Overseer of the road in room of John Christmas, deceased, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands.

~Ordered that the Executor of John Brown, deceased, be discharged from a bond given in Court by the said deceased, for the maintenance of a Bridge at Peter Davis'.

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~Ordered that Jesse Person and William Powell let the repairs of a Bridge near Peter Davis' and make report thereof to the next Court.

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

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

~Thursday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

Present: William Johnson, Philemon Hawkins, and Wyatt Hawkins, Esquires.

~Ordered that James Bennett be appointed Overseer of the road in room of John Jordan, and that he immediately repair the said road with the hands of Mrs. Park.

~Ordered that William Johnson with his own hands open and repair the road from near the granary into Thomas Williams' Road near John Scott's.

~Ordered that George Patterson be appointed Overseer of the road in the room of John Bobbitt from Bobbitt Branch to the fork of the road below Col. Johnson', and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands and the hands of William Merritt.

~Ordered that John Lancaster be appointed Overseer of the road in room of Matthew Harris, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands.

~Ordered that James Milam be appointed Overseer of the road from Harton's into Moseley's Road near Adam Milam's in the room of John Todd, deceased, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands, and that the road from Moseley's Road towards Black's Ferry be discontinued.

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~Ordered that Reuben Smith be appointed patroller in room of Thomas Thornton.

~Ordered that John Estridge, William Fussell and Isham Robertson be appointed Patrollers in Capt. Fussell's District.

~Ordered that Wyatt Hawkins have leave to turn the road from Sandy Ford to down the Creek into the old road.

~Ordered that Joshua Mabry, Samuel Paschall, and Thomas Paschall be appointed assessor in the Hawkins and Capt. Twitty's District.

~Ordered that Wyatt Hawkins, Esquire, take the list of Assessment in Capt. Twitty's and Hawkins' District.

~Ordered that Benjamin Hawkins have leave to build a mill on Six Pound Creek below the mouth of Jordan Branch it appearing to the Court that he owns land on both sides of the said Creek, and that it will not be injurious to any person or other mill.

~Ordered that Thomas Christmas be appointed Coroner in room of Phillip Burford, who qualified as such.

~Ordered that the Sheriff summon James Emmerson to appear at the next Court to give an account of his administration of the Estate of John Oliver, deceased, and also to render an account of his Guardianship of John Oliver orphans.

~Ordered that Caty Ransom, orphan of Godfrey Ransom, deceased, be removed from the service of Amey Ransom until next Court where it is expected the said Amey Ransom will appear and show cause why the said, orphan should not be removed to the service of some other person and at the same time it is requested that Mr. Young Mc Lemore will take care of the said, orphan until next Court.

~Ordered that the Sheriff summon James Sledge, Richard Bennett, Thomas W. Alston, Peter Davis, John Newell, David Fluker, Spencer Snow, Charles James, James Dardin, William Vasser, Moses Myrick, William Durham, William Wilson, John Pitts Beasley, Henry Fitts, Henry Strudivant, Ludson Worsham, Matthew Wood, Bennett Wood, Philemon Hawkins, Green Duke, William Wortham, Matthew Davis, William Clemments, James House, Nimrod Williams, John Duke, Matthew Duke, Lewis Bobbitt, and Marcellus Jordan to attend as Jury for the next Court to be held in Warrenton.

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~Ordered that Wyatt Hawkins be recommended to his Excellency the Governor as a proper person to execute the office of Sheriff for the ensuing year.

~Ordered that James House be appointed as Overseer in room of his father, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands.

~Ordered that Edward Jones, Esquire, take the list of Assessment in Capt. White's District.

~William St. John came into Court and made his excuses for not attending as a juryman, last Court as he was summoned to do, who was discharged on paying fees.

~Ordered that Richard Ward, William St. John, John Power, William House, Honorias Powell, William Balthrop, and William Burrows be cited to appear at the next Court and show cause, if any they can, why they did not attend as Jurors for May Court.

~Ordered that Joseph Martin and William Harrison be cited to appear at the next Court and show cause why they did not appear as evidences against Amey Ransom as they were required to do.

~Then the Court adjourned until Court in Course.

~Signed: William Johnson, Philemon Hawkins, and Thomas Turner.

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June

~At a Court convened and held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June, 1782, for the County of Warren at Warrenton.

Present: William Johnson, Edward Jones, Young Mc Lemore, James Paine, Daniel Sledge and Nathaniel Macon, Esquires.

~Ordered that the Justices take the list of assessments agreeable to the last Court orders except Mr. Jones and Mr. Mc Lemore, who take lists as formerly.

Signed: William Johnson, Edward Jones, Young Mc Lemore, James Paine, Daniel Sledge and Nathaniel Macon.

July

~At a Court called and held for the County of Warren at Warrenton on the 25th day of July, 1782, agreeable to an act of assembly pasted the 13th day of April last.

Present: William Johnson, Nathaniel Macon, Young Mc Lemore, Joseph Hawkins, and Daniel Sledge, Esquires.

~Ordered that Gideon Hunt Macon be appointed Commissioner for the County of Warren, who with William Green, his security, entered into and executed a bond for that purpose.

Signed: William Johnson, Young Mc Lemore, and Daniel Sledge.

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August

At a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions began and held at Warrenton for the County of Warren on the second Monday in August, being the 12th day thereof, 1782.

Present: William Johnson, Philemon Hawkins, and Nathaniel Macon, Esquires.

~William House came into Court and made his excuses for not attending as a Juryman, last Court, as he was cited to do, and was heard, discharged on payment of fee.

~William St. John came into Court and made his excuses for not attending as a Juryman last Court as he was summoned to do, who was discharged on paying fees.

~Ordered that William Johnson, Esquire, take the list of Assessment in Capt. White's District.

~On the motion of William House to build a Water Grist Mill on Sandy Creek at Thornton's, granted.

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

~Tuesday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

Present: William Johnson, Young Mc Lemore, James Paine, and Nathaniel Macon, Esquires.

~On the motion of William Balthrop and William Burrows to be discharged from being fined for not attending as Jurymen last Court and was discharged accordingly on paying fees.

~A Deed from John Lewis to Anthony Haynes, was proved by the oath of Herbert Haynes, a witness thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Grand Jury sworn, to wit, Charles James, foreman, James Sledge, Richard Bennett, Thomas Alston, William Verser, John Pitts Beasley, Henry Fitts, Ludson Worsham, William Wortham, James House, Nimrod Williams, Spencer Snow, David Fluker, James Dardin, Matthew Wood, Peter Davis, John Newell, and Henry Strudivant.

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~Ordered that William Cooper be appointed Constable in Capt. Fussell's District.

~A Deed from Thomas Walker to Rowland Fitts, was proved by the oath of Nathaniel Felts, a witness thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Inventories of the assessable property in Capt. Jordan Harris' and Capt. John Weathers' District returned by Jesse Person, Josiah Green and Nathaniel Harris, amounting to £68273.

~William Harrison and Joseph Martin came into Court, and made the excuses for not attending last Court as they were summoned to do was heard and discharged on paying fees.

~Aaron Shearin acknowledged a Deed to William Kerney, at whose motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from John Merritt to Samuel Kiel, was proved by the oath of John Moseley Sr., a witness hereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Honorias Powell came into Court and made his excuses for not attending as a Juryman last Court, as he was summoned to do, was heard and discharged on paying fees.

~An Inventory of Assessment returned in Court by Joshua Mabry, Samuel Paschall, and Thomas Paschall of the assessable property in their District, amounting to £44919.

~James Wheeler acknowledged a Deed to Charles White, at whose motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~John White acknowledged a Deed to Ezekiel Blanch, at whose motion the same is ordered to be registered.

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~Ordered that the hands of Young Mc Lomore be discharged from working under James Kimball and work on the road they were formerly.

~An Inventory of Assessment returned in Court by Edward Jones, James Johnson, and Jesse Hunter, in Capt. Ward and Capt. White's Districts,, amounting to £70262.6.

~An Inventory of Assessment returned by John Bowdon, James Basket and Joseph Darnal of the property in Capt. Paine and Capt Fussell's District, amounting to £35224.

~Ordered that on the Petition of Sundry of the Inhabitants of Six Pound, to renew a road put down last Court, be reviewed, and that James Milam be appointed Overseer of the same, who also will repair the said road with the hands of William Shearin, Thomas Hall, Mary Todd, Dudley Darnal, Lewis Milam and Cader White.

~Thomas Pollock came into Court and qualified as an Executor of John Brown, deceased.

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

~Wednesday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

Present: William Johnson, Edward Jones, Young Mc Lemore, William Alston, John Macon, Nathaniel Macon, James Paine, and John Faulcon, Esquires.

~Inventories of Assessment returned to Court by Joseph Shearin, John Ezell and Samuel Thompson, of the assessable property in Capt. Clanton's District.

~On the Petition of Sundries of the Inhabitants of Sandy Creek and Shocco, to clean and open a road from William Elliott's to James Ransom's, and from there along the path as it now comes to the Long Branch and then as the persons appointed to lay off the said road shall judge to Col. Hawkins's Road, and down that road to Thomas Green's Bridge, and from there the straightest and most convenient way to Warrenton, so as to go above Mr. Green's house, and that Major John Hawkins, Atkin Mc Lemore, John Nicholson, James Gray, James Johnson, Marmaduke Johnson, James Ransom, Gideon Hunt Macon, Aaron Fussell, William Myrick, William Green, Thomas Christmas, John Willis, William Johnson Jr., John Estes, Daniel Barrow, Jesse Hunter, and Willoughby Tillery, lay off the same, and that the hands of James Ransom, Gideon Hunt Macon, Mrs. Plummer, Robert Childress, James Johnson, Marmaduke Johnson, William Elliott, Col. Johnson's Quarter and Thomas Christmas open the same, and that Marmaduke Johnson be Overseer of the same to clear the road.

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~It appearing to the Court that John Park is deceased and left issue. Ordered that his widow, who has since intermarried with William Cooper, and her present husband be summoned to the next Court to show cause why Osborn Jeffrey' should not have an order for survey, it being suggested that Mrs. Cooper was appointed Guardian for the heir of her first husband.

~A Deed from James Dawson to Lewis Ballard, was proved by the oath of Agrippa Nichols, a witness hereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~John Macon, Esquire, came into Court and made oath that James Ransom made and delivered, on the twenty-fifth day of December 1778, to his several children, herein after mentioned as follows, to his daughter Betty Ransom one Negro girl named Hannah, to his son Seymour Ransom one Negro boy named Caesar, to his daughter Abigail Sugars Ransom one Negro girl named Penny, and to his daughter Druscilla Ransom one Negro girl named Jenny, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~Young Mc Lemore, Esquire, acknowledged a Deed to James Gray, at whose motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~On motion ordered that the counter parts of a certain grant of land made by Thomas Child, Earl Granville agent for 564 acres of land on the banks of Fishing Creek and Sink Hole Creek bearing date the 6th day of February 1762, and proved by Thomas Person by swearing to the handwriting of Benjamin Person, deceased, and ordered to be recorded.

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~Ordered that James Paine, Esquire, Thomas Miller and William Noyal Norsworthy divide the Estate of Henry Foot, deceased, agreeable to the will of the deceased, and make report thereof to the next Court.

~John Arnold against Aaron Fussell - Land Trial the following Jury sworn, to wit, William Green, William Myrick, Thomas Green, Benjamin Tarver, Moses Myrick, Jonathan Davis, Obed Green, Thomas Miller, John Duke, John Ezell, Samuel Thompson, and Jesse Jinkins, who find that John Arnold, the Plaintiff, recover of Aaron Fussell, the Defendant, all the land on the south side of the ridge path.

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

~Thursday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

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

~John Ward, Collector in Capt. Fussell's District, came into Court and settled his County Tax of 5/ per 100 for the year 1781, amounting to £367. que.

~Ordered that William Myrick be Overseer of the road leading from Mrs. Ransom's Mill pond to the mouth of Solomon Alston's Lane, and that he keep the same in repair with his own and James Alston's.

~Ordered that it be recommended to the General Assembly that Mary Hudson, widow of James Hudson, who died in the countries service, leaving the said widow and three children in depressing circumstances, be allowed twenty pounds apiece, for their support.

~Robert Callier, garnishee, came into Court and rendered an account, on oath, of what effects were in his hands of the Estate of Robert Callier Jr., at the insistence of Thomas Person, and ordered that the effects be sold according to law.

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~Ordered that Richard Tillery be appointed Overseer of the road instead of Page Coleman, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands.

~Mary Duke came into Court and recorded her mark as follows, a swallows fork in the left ear and a hole in the right, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Wyatt Hawkins, Esquire, produced into Court a Commission from under the hand of Alexander Martin, Esquire, Governor, and appointing him Sheriff of the County of Warren, who enters into and executes a bond for that purpose, and was qualified according, at the same time entered into bond for his faithful discharge of his office as County Treasurer.

~Ordered that Bennett Wood, John Ellington and James Emmerson be appointed Patrollers in Capt. Twitty's District.

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

~Friday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

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

~Ordered that the Sheriff summon Matthew Wood, William Williams (Shocco), Benjamin Williams, Samuel Williams and Francis Thornton to attend as Jurors to the next Superior Court to be held for the District of Halifax.

~Ordered that the Sheriff summon John Cauthorn, Joseph Darnel, Nathaniel Felts, William Rowland, Samuel Paschall, Thomas Paschall, Joseph Shearin, John Hicks, John Laughter, Richard Marshall, William Myrick, Moses Myrick, John Baxter, Nathaniel Baxter, James Myrick, Jordan Harris, John Jones, John Weathers, Reuben Weathers, Lewis Bobbitt, Thomas Clark, Miles Bobbitt, William Clemments, William Green, William Noyal Norsworthy, Green Duke, Wilmot Egerton, James Thompson, and John Brown, to attend as Jurymen for the next Court to be held for the County of Warren.

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~Ordered that William Christmas be allowed on twenty-five hundred and sixty-nine pounds, a County Commissioner in the grain Tax, agreeable to a list of insolvents, this day returned to Court.

~Ordered that Joshua Mabry, James Paine, and John Faulcon, Esquire, divide the Estate of Richard Oliver, deceased, agreeable to law and make report thereof to the next Court.

~Ordered that William Eaton Johnson, be appointed Guardian to John Oliver, orphan of Richard Oliver, deceased.

~Ordered that John Power be fined twenty shillings specie for not attending as a juryman to May Court, as he was summoned to do, also fees.

~Ordered that the County Tax gatherers collect from all the Inhabitants of this County six pence on every hundred pounds property and a poll Tax of six pence on all single men under one hundred pounds value.

~Philemon Hawkins Jr., being appointed one of the County Collectors, entered into and executed a bond with Gideon Hunt Macon and Davis Nicholson his securities in the sum of £279 for his faithful discharge of his office as Collector.

~Ordered that Isaac Acree be allowed the sum of three pounds four shillings for Services done as Constable.

~Davis Nicholson, being appointed to collect the taxes in Capt. Clanton's and Capt. Colclough's District, entered into and executed bonds for that purpose with Young Mc Lomore, his security, for the same.

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~Davis Nicholson came into Court and settled his County taxes for the year 1780, amounting to £464.9.9.

~Obed Green, being appointed by the Court to collect the public and County taxes, entered into and executed bonds for his faithful discharge of his office as Collector in White's, Harris', and Weathers' District with Thomas Jinkins, his security.

~Ordered that the Assessors be allowed two pounds, ten shillings each for Services done.

~Ordered that Philemon Hawkins, Esquire, and James Paine, Esquire, view and lay off a road around Mrs. Margaret Shearin' Plantation, and that she clear and open the same with her own hands.

~Then the Court adjourned until Court in Course.

~Signed: William Johnson, Philemon Hawkins, and James Paine, Esquires.

November

At a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions began and held at Warrenton for the County of Warren on the second Monday in November, it being the 11th day thereof, 1782.

Present: William Johnson, Philemon Hawkins, John Hawkins, and Daniel Sledge, Justices.

~The Last Will and Testament of Willoughby Fann, deceased, produced in Court and proved by the oaths of Alexander Nicholson and Reuben Patrick, subscribing witnesses thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~A Deed from William Brock and wife, having been privately examined by William Johnson, Esquire, and thereto consenting released her right of dower to Philemon Hawkins, Esquire, and ordered to be recorded.

Page 112      Monday      November 11<sup>th</sup>

~Account of sale of Estate of Robert Callier Jr. returned in Court by William Twitty, Deputy Sheriff, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~Nathaniel Baxter came into Court and recorded his mark as follows, on under half crop in the right ear and a crop and two slits in the left.

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

~Tuesday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

Present: William Johnson, Edward Jones and James Paine, Esquires.

~William E. Johnston came into Court and entered into and executed a bond with William Johnson Jr., his security, for his faithful performance as Guardian to John Oliver, orphan of Richard Oliver, deceased.

~Ordered that Dawson Vanlandigham be appointed Overseer of the road in the room of John Watson, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands.

~A Deed from Cajabeth White to John Merritt, was proved by the oath of Solomon Jackson, a witness hereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~An Inventory of the Estate of Thomas Bell, deceased, returned in Court, on oath, by Jesse Bell the Executor, and ordered to be recorded.

~Ordered that the old road from Mr. Willis' to the old store be struck down and the new one established, also that John Willis repair the same with the usual hands.

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~The Last Will and Testament of Thomas Bell, deceased, was produced in Court and proved by the oaths of Jesse Bell and Daniel Pegram, two subscribing witnesses thereto, who also took the oath of Executors to the said deceased.

~A Deed from William Rowland Sr. to William Rowland Jr. was proved by the oath of James Patterson, a witness hereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Ordered that Sally Forrest, orphan of William Forrest, deceased, be bound to Martin Forrest, until she attain the age of eighteen years, she being now about four years old, and that she be learnt to read and write and the business of Spinster.

~A Deed from Aries Brown and Aaron Higgonbottom to Hardaway Davis, was proved by the oath of William Murphy, a witness hereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Ordered that Samuel Yeargain be appointed Overseer of the road leading from Eaton's Ferry to the Virginia line towards Petersburg, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands.

~Ordered that Matthew Myrick be appointed Overseer of the road from Eaton's Ferry to the Northumberland line the road leading towards Duke's Ford, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands.

~The Last Will and Testament of Joshua Pattershall, deceased, was proved in Court and proved by the oath of Henry Strudivant, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and the same is ordered to be recorded.

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

~Wednesday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

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

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~Ordered that Catherine Ransom, an orphan child age (not on film) years, be bound to John Nicholson according to law.

~Nicholson against Sledge and Suit - Petition Jury sworn, to wit, James Norsworthy, Wilmot Egerton, James Thompson, Thomas Green, Henry Fitts, Obed Green, Henry Strudivant, Jesse Bell, William Powell, Samuel Powell, Samuel Thompson, Thomas Judkins, and John Duke, who find Daniel Sledge not guilty, and find Samuel Suit guilty, and assess damages to three pounds, and costs.

~A Deed from Jeremiah Bush to James Milam, was proved by the oath of James Hudson and the wife of the said Bush being first privately examined by John Faulcon, Esquire, and thereto consenting relinquished her right of dower, and the same on motion is ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from William House to Thomas Jinkins, was proved by the oath of Thomas Peebles, a witness hereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from Peter Jackson to James Jackson, was proved by the oath of John Thompson, a witness thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Ordered that Benjamin Hawkins give in his list of Assessment to the Justices in the District wherein he lives, and that the Assessors value the same.

~Ordered that Francis Myrick pay and satisfy Lucy Shearin the sum of twenty pounds as an allowance towards maintaining and supporting a baseborn child begotten on her by said Myrick until, August next.

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~Ordered that the road leading from James Ransom's to Gideon Hunt Macon's be continued the old way.

~Ordered that William Wilson be appointed Overseer of the road from Mr. Miller's to Eaton's Ferry, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands and the hands of Francis Thornton.

~Herman Bagley came into Court and made oath to his attendance as a witness, for John Arnold, amounting to £2.5.4.

~Thomas Loyd came into Court and made oath to his attendance in the suit Arnold against Fussell, amounting to £2.5.4.

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

~Thursday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

Present: William Johnson, Thomas Turner, and Nathaniel Macon, Esquires.

~Ordered that the Sheriff summon Aaron Fussell, Daniel Barrow, James House, John Lanier, Peter Cox, Honorias Powell, Peter Davis, David Fluker, John Newell, Burwell Robertson, John White, Nathaniel Harris, Benjamin Ellis, William Ellis, Reece Brewer, John Moseley, Frederick Malone, Bennett Wood, Philemon Hawkins, Twitty Russell, Henry Fitts, William Murphy, James Basket, John Bowdon, Thomas Thorn, William St. John, William Wortham, John Hawkins, John Nicholson, and William Shearin to attend as Jurors for the next Court to be held for the County of Warren.

~A Deed from George Hazelwood to Richard Moss, was proved by the oath of William Burrows, a witness thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

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~Ordered that William Twitty be appointed County Surveyor for this County, who took the oaths prescribed by law for that purpose.

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~Ordered that Lewis Tucker be fined forty shillings specie for not attending as a Juryman this Court as he was summoned to do.

~Ordered Thomas Paschall, John Baxter, James Myrick, Jordan Harris, John Jones, Reuben Weathers, and Green Duke appear at the next Court and show cause if any they can why they did not attend as Jurors in November Court.

~Then the Court adjourned until Court in Course.

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