

Chapter 5

Warren County, North Carolina

Minutes to the

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions

1784



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January

At a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions began and held at Warrenton for the County of Warren on the last Monday in January, being the 26<sup>th</sup> day thereof, 1784.

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

~Ordered that Stephen Bobbitt be appointed Overseer of the road instead of John Mabry, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands.

~On motion a license is granted to Archibald Brown to keep an Ordinary at his house in Warrenton, who entered into and executed a bond for that purpose with James Johnson, his security.

~Thomas Twitty a garnishee at the suit of Joseph Shearin, Esquire, against Matthew Wood, came into Court and declared he had in his possession five Negroes which he supposed to be Matthew Wood's property and also a trunk which was locked.

~Thomas Twitty, garnishee, at the suit William Merritt against George Shuffles, declares he has in his hands five hundred weight of tobacco.

~Archibald Brown came into Court and submitted on presentment found against him last Court and was fined two shillings and six pence and costs.

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~Ordered that Daniel Sledge be discharged from the payment of a Tax of a refugee Negro listed through error and valued to £80.

~Francis Thornton garnishee at the suit William Merritt against George Shuffles declares he has in his hands 750 weight tobacco.

~Hardaway Davis garnishee at the suit Joseph Shearin, Executor, and others against Matthew Wood, declared he has in his hands a bay horse called Jubites a riding chair and harness, a Negro woman called Fannee a post maker and 1 small trunk.

~William E. Johnston, garnishee at the suit William Duke against Matthew Wood, declares he has in his hands 1 bed and furniture, which he received in part of a debt due from said Wood to himself as Guardian and before he knew of said attachment therefore it is not considered by the Court an asset.

~John Smith came into Court and submitted on a presentment and found at last Court against him, and was fined two and six and costs.

~Phillip Johnson came into Court and submitted on a presentment found against him at last Court, and was fined by the Court 2/6 and costs.

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

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~Tuesday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

Present: William Johnson, Nathaniel Macon, Daniel Sledge and Phillip Burford, Esquires.

~Ordered that the Collector pay Thomas Jinkins 13/4 for Services done as a Constable.

~An Indenture from Family Ballard to William Gwynn, was proved by the oath of Thomas Jinkins.

~The Last Will and Testament of Edward Clanton, deceased, was presented in Court and proved by the oath of Stephen Shell, and Letters Testamentary granted to John Moseley and William Clanton, Executors therein named, who qualified accordingly.

~A Deed from Anthony Haynes to Howell Taylor, was proved by the oath of John Bragg, and ordered to be registered.

~John Power, a garnishee at the suit William Duke against Matthew Wood, declares he has a Negro man named Granville in his hands, as security for a debt the said Power was security for said Wood, and the overpayment if any to be applied if any towards a debt due Phillip Burford, by agreement therefore it is not considered as asset to satisfy any other debt.

~Dixon Marshall, garnishee at the suit William Duke against Matthew Wood, declared he has nothing.

~Grand Jury sworn, to wit, John Moseley, foreman, Benjamin Johnson, Thomas Green, William Wortham, Jesse Hunter, William Burrows, Nathaniel Nicholson, John Power, William Johnson, Thomas Paschall, Thomas Mayfield, William N. Norsworthy, Sterling Harris, and Thomas Miller Jr., William Johnson, Esquire, Guardian and returned to Court an Inventory of the Estate of Mary Person a far as came to his hands.

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~James Paine, Esquire, made application for administration on the Estate of George Norsworthy, deceased, which is granted him on the relinquishment of William Noyal Norsworthy, the former Administrator, and entered into and executed a bond for that purpose with Joseph Shearin, his security.

~A Deed from Robert Caller to George Allen, was proved by the oath of Peter Twitty, and ordered to be recorded.

~Merritt against Shuffles - Garnishee sworn, to wit, Burwell Robertson has nothing. John White has six hundred weight of tobacco, Stephen Shell has nothing, John Daniel has nothing, James Bell has nothing, Herbert Haynes has nothing, and Thomas Reid has 400 weight except 12/.

~Matthew Wood acknowledged a Deed of Trust to Eaton Haynes, and the same is ordered to be recorded.

~Joseph Pardue Administrated, and returned on oath, an Inventory of the Estate of John Pardue, deceased, and the same is ordered to be recorded.

~A Deed of Gift from William Howell to Mary Howell, was proved by the oath of James Nicholson, and ordered to be recorded.

~Ordered that the Sheriff sell the Estate of John Pardue, deceased, agreeable to law, giving six months credit.

William Duke garnishee at the suit James Johnson against Joseph Miller, being sworn says that he has no property of said Miller's.

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~Joshua Mabry garnishee in the suit William Duke against Matthew Wood declares he has in his hands £3.12.6 and also Reuben Smith has 1 pair of steelyard, a woolen wheel, one mortar and pestle, 1 bread hoe and mustard bottle, and one vile.

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

~Wednesday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

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

~A Deed from John Moseley Jr. to James Mitchell, was proved by the oath of John Moseley Sr., and ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from Willoughby Tillery to Edward Jones ,Esquire, was proved by the oath of Thomas Brickell, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Benjamin Johnson, Guardian, returned, on oath, an Inventory of the Estate of Nancy Chapman and Elizabeth Chapman, which is ordered to be recorded.

~Ordered that a Dedimus issue to take the deposition of John Arnold and Stephen Loyd, in the suit William Brogdon against Jinkins Devany.

~Ordered that a Dedimus issue to take the relinquishment of Jean Wood's right of Dower to a certain tract of land conveyed by her husband, Matthew Wood, to Dixon Marshall, which said Deed was acknowledged heretofore in this Court.

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~Ordered that William Robertson be appointed Overseer of the road instead of Samuel Harper, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands.

~Ordered that the Sheriff summon John Hawkins, Green Duke, Thomas Miller Jr., William Williams and William Green to attend as Jurors for the next Superior Court.

~Ordered that William Alston, Phillip Kerney and Solomon Williams let a Bridge across Fishing Creek near Peter Davis,' and report the same to the next Court.

~John Colclough, Executor of William Colclough, deceased, returned to Court an Inventory of the Estate of the said deceased, agreeable to law.

~A Bill of Sale from James Mealor to Charles Harris, was proved by the oath of Bedford Harris, and ordered to be registered.

~Ordered that the Collector pay Marmaduke Johnson twenty-five pounds for Exofficio Services done the present Court as Attorney and Solicitor for the County of Warren.

~Ordered that the Collector pay John Stokes the sum of eight pounds for Exofficio Services done the present Court as Attorney and Solicitor for the County of Warren.

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~Ordered that the Collector pay Thomas Christmas thirty pounds for the use of the Courthouse from the time it was built until this time.

~Arthur Williams made oath that he attended as a witness for Obed Green against Thomas Green six days, amounting to 24/.

~Stephen Hargrove against Adam Rice - Suit brought by attached, the Jury being sworn agreeable to law do say that they find for the Plaintiff and assess his damages to £8.10. and costs.

~Rush Bledsoe made oath that he attended as a witness for William Brogdon against Jinkins Devany, amounting to £1.5.

~Thomas Person, Esquire, came into Court and consented that an order of Survey issue to the entry taker of Bute County, upon the verdict Thomas Person against Giles Bowers agreeable to the said verdict in the name of Harrison Macon.

~Hawkins against Sterling Clack and others Action of debt the same Jury sworn and find for the Plaintiff and assess his damages to £111.16. and costs.

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

~A Bill of Sale from Matthew Wood to William Linton, was proved by the oath of Joshua Mabry, and ordered to be recorded.

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~John Stokes came into Court and submitted on a present 5 found against him at last Court for swearing one oath and was fined 2/6 and costs.

~Nathaniel Kimball came into Court and submitted on a present brought against for swearing three oaths and was find 7/6 and costs.

~Ordered that the Collector pay Samuel Harper 36/ for Services done as a Constable for the year 1782 and 1783.

~On the motion of John Penn, Attorney for Howell Taylor, ordered that the Deed from Anthony Haynes to the said Taylor be suspended from registration until further orders.

~Ordered that the Sheriff summon Reece Brewer, Nathaniel Baxter, Daniel Barrow, Peter Davis, John Baxter, Wilmot Egerton, John Bowdon, Aaron Fussell, Richard Ward, John Wright, William Robertson, Nathaniel Harris, Benjamin Ellis, Ludson Worsham, Spencer Snow, James Towns, David Towns, Benjamin Kimball, William Clemments, William House, Marcellus Jordan, Thomas Christmas Jr., Gideon Hunt Macon, Atkin Mc Lomore, James Gray, Matthew Davis, John Lanier, William Myrick, and William House English attend at the next Court as Jurors.

~Ordered that Philemon Hawkins, Esquire, have leave to keep an Ordinary at his house, who entered into bond for that purpose.

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

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April

At a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions began and held at Warrenton for the County of Warren on the last Monday in April, 1784.

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

~In consequences of an order of Court for a Dedimus to issue directed to Wyatt Hawkins and Phillip Burford, Esquire, to take the private acknowledgement of Mrs. Jean Wood, the said Justices caused the said Jean to appear before them and certify on the back of the Deed, her relinquishment of the right of dower agreeable to law and the same was ordered to be registered.

~Ordered that Frederick Harris be appointed Overseer of the road instead of Moses Lancaster, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands.

~A Deed from Solomon Alston to Solomon Hunter, was proved by the oath of Richard Reeves, and ordered to be recorded.

~Joseph Taylor, Esquire, is appointed Attorney and Solicitor for this County.

~On motion a lien is granted to William Green to keep an Ordinary at his house, who entered into bond for that purpose with Randolph Hazelwood, his security.

~Obed Green, Collector in Fishing Creek District, returned to Court a list of insolvents which was allowed him, amounting to £ 168.

~Daniel Vaulx returned to Court a list of insolvents in his two District, amounting to £429.10.

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~Daniel Vaulx settled with William Johnson his County collection, amounting to £10.6.9, which was paid down in proper vouchers.

~Obed Green came into Court and settled and paid down his County Collector, amounting to £13.3.6 which he paid down in proper vouchers and 9/6 to the Clerk.

~James Jones came into Court and records his mark as follows: two half crops in the under side of each ear. Ordered that Marmaduke Johnson pay himself out of the money by him received for this County, amounting to £2.13.4 for books purchased for the use of the County.

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

~Tuesday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

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

~Benjamin Ellis acknowledged a Deed to Nathaniel Husketh, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

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

~Nathaniel Harris, Collector in Capt. Harris' District, came into Court and settled and paid down his County collection, amounting to £7.17.10 which was paid down in proper vouchers together with 15/ in the hands of the Clerk.

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~Nathaniel Harris, Collector in Harris' District, returned his list of insolvents, amounting to £186, which was allowed him.

~A Deed from Anthony Haynes to Howell Taylor, was proved by the oath of Samuel Hopkins and Samuel Bray, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Grand Jury sworn, to wit, Nathaniel Harris, foreman, John Baxter, Wilmot Egerton, James Towns, Atkin Mc Lomore William Myrick, Reece Brewer, Daniel Barrow, Peter Davis, John Bowdon, Aaron Fussell, Richard Ward, John Wright, John Newell, Benjamin Ellis, Spencer Snow, and David Towns.

~A Deed from Thomas Hazelwood to Warwick Hazelwood, was proved by the oath of William Rowland and the wife of the said Thomas being privately examined by Nathaniel Macon, Esquire, relinquished her right of dower and the same was ordered to be registered.

~The Last Will and Testament of Phillip Alston, deceased, was presented in Court and proved by the oath of Samuel Marshall and Stephen Marshall, witnesses thereto, and William Alston named was qualified accordingly and also returned, on oath, an Inventory of the Estate of the said deceased.

~A Deed from Simon Coggin to William Rowland, was proved by the oath of John Burford, and ordered to be recorded.

~An Inventory of the Estate of Edward Clanton, deceased, was returned to Court by John Moseley and William Clanton Executors and, on oath, to be recorded.

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~Ellington against Clack and Burford - Action of debt the Jury being empanelled and sworn well and truly to enquire of the damages between the parties upon their oaths do say that they find for the Plaintiff and assess his damages to £104.

~A Deed from William Hills to Nathaniel Baxter, was proved by the oath of Edmond Green, a witness thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Benjamin Thomas against Charles Williamson and William Wood, - Action of debt, a Jury being empanelled and sworn say that they find for the Plaintiff and assess his damages to £571.10 and costs.

~Askenas Williams acknowledged a Deed to William Wortham and the wife of the said acknowledged being first privately examined by Philemon Hawkins, Esquire, and thereto consenting, the same was ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from John Short to John Riggan, was proved by the oath of Jonathan Davis, a witness thereto, and ordered to be registered.

~John Park Executor against Osborn Jeffrey - A Caveat, the Jury being sworn according to law do say that they find for the Defendant that he has a right to the lands in dispute agreeable to his entry therefore it is ordered that a copy of above verdict be delivered to Osborn Jeffrey directed to the entry taker for a warrant of survey to issue.

~John Thompson acknowledged a Deed to Jeremiah Bush, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

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~The Last Will and Testament of Edward Ellis, deceased, was presented in Court by the oath of John Macon, and on motion administration, is granted to William Ellis, who executed a bond for that purpose with William Murphy, his security, with the will annexed, to whom Letters of Qualification was granted.

~The Commissioners of Warrenton acknowledged a Deed to James Johnson, which was ordered to be registered.

~The Commissioners of Warrenton acknowledged a Deed to James Johnson and the same was ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from Jeremiah Bush to James Milam, was proved by the oath of John Wright, and ordered to be registered.

~Susannah Lankford against Samuel Hunt - Action of Trespass, Assault and Battery. A Jury being empanelled and sworn do say that they find the Defendant guilty and assess the Plaintiff damages £7.10 and costs.

~The Last Will and Testament of John Christmas, deceased, was presented in Court and proved by the oath of Joseph Mangum and Thomas Garrett, witnesses thereto and the same was ordered to be recorded.

~Justice Perish made oath that he attended for Susannah Lankford against Samuel Hunt for days, amounting to 16/.

~Jonathan Kittrill made oath that he attended as a witness for Susannah Lankford against Samuel Hunt, amounting to 7/9.

~A Deed from John Burk to Thomas Mayfield, was proved by the oath of John Tanner, and ordered to be registered.

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

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~Wednesday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

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

~An account of the sale of the Estate of Reuben Hazelwood, deceased, was returned to Court by Thomas Turner Sheriff, and ordered to be recorded, also that he be allowed 2/2 costs on the same.

~An account of sale of the Estate of John Pardue, deceased, by Thomas Turner Sheriff, ordered that the same be recorded, and that he be allowed 2/2 and costs on the said.

~A Bill of Sale from John Caller to Robert Caller, was proved by the oath of William E. Johnston and the same is ordered to be registered.

~Joan Neal against Sterling Clack and others - Action of debt, Jury being sworn do say that they find the bond not paid and assess the damage to £130.13.4 and costs.

~William Duke against Matthew Wood - Attachment, Jury sworn, who find the bond not paid and assess damage to £24.2.8 and costs.

~Joseph Shearin, Executor, against Matthew Wood - Attachment, Jury sworn, who find the bond not paid and assess damage to £116.12. and costs.

~A Deed from Michael Wood to Richard Bennett, was proved by the oath of James Gregory and the same is ordered to be registered.

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~Thomas Turner, Sheriff, came into Court and objected to his own house as a sufficient jail.

~Jesse Person came into Court, settled and paid his County taxes in Capt. Weathers' District with the Court, amounting to £14 and 27/9 in the hands of the Clerk.

~William Wilson with John Wilson, his security, came into Court and entered into and executed a bond for the maintenance of a Bridge across the Hub Quarter Creek.

~Ordered that William Wilson be paid by the Collector twenty pounds for keeping and building a Bridge on Hub Quarter Creek seven years.

~Ordered that John Faulcon, John Moseley and Thomas Miller Jr., with the County Surveyor, view and lay off Mrs. Ray Thorn 's in the lands whereon she lives.

~Ordered that Ephraim Price be appointed Overseer of the road instead of John Willis, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands.

~John Patrick against Phillip T. Burford and others - Action of Debt, a Jury being sworn do say that they find for the Plaintiff and assess his damage to £179.18.4 and costs.

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

~Thursday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

Present: William Johnson, Nathaniel Macon, Benjamin Ward and Daniel Sledge, Esquires.

~Joshua Mabry came into Court and settled and paid down his County taxes for the year 1783, amounting to £18.18.8 in proper vouchers.

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~A Deed from William Williams to John Faulcon, was proved by the oath of Blake Holliman and the same is ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from William Merritt to Benjamin Kimball Jr., was proved by the oath of William Johnson, Esquire, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from James Hudson to Francis Thornton, was proved by the oath of Thomas Miller Jr., and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Thomas Christmas acknowledged a Deed for Julius William Duke and John Faulcon, Commissioners for the County, which was ordered to be registered.

~In a settlement with Joshua Mabry for the County Tax there appears to be a County bill due him of 32/ which was paid down by the Clerk out of the money by him recorded.

~Abigail Hog came into Court and submitted on a president for retaining Sims, who was find 40/, and all fees discharged, and the fine remitted by the Court.

~Ordered that Mrs. Abigail Hog have leave to keep an Ordinary at her house, who with Philemon Hawkins, Esquire, for security enters into and executes a bond for that purpose.

~Joseph Shearin Executor against Matthew Wood, Attorney Executor, on five Negroes, William Linton interpleads and claims the Negroes, Jury being empanelled and sworn do say that William Linton have no right to the said Negroes.

~Therefore it is ordered that the above Negroes be sold to satisfy the above debt to Joseph Shearin Executor and others.

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~Abigail High made oath that she attended for Col. Philemon Hawkins as a witness four days against Claiborne Andrews and others, amounting to 16/.

~William Shearin made oath that he attended as a witness for William Pritchett against John Wright, amounting to £2,15.

~Ordered that a Dedimus issue to take the deposition of John Sherry, giving ten days notice, to Virginia in the suit William Merritt against William Shearin.

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

~Friday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

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

~The Commissioners of Warrenton acknowledged a Deed to James Gregory, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

~Ordered that the following persons be appointed Possessioners, to wit, James House, Benjamin Ward, and Aaron Fussell in Fussell's District.

~Nathaniel Harris, Matthew Haynes, and George Patterson in Capt. Harris' District.

~William Burrows, Charles James and John Newell in Capt. Burrows' District.

~Obed Green, Matthew Duke, and Archibald Brown in Fishing Creek District.

~Hugh Weathers, Peter Davis and William Cheek in Capt. Weathers' District.

~James Alston, Richard Ward and Gideon Hunt Macon in Capt. Ward's District.

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~Jonathan Davis, John Wortham and William Clemments in Capt. Renn's District.

~Joseph Shearin, Nathaniel Nicholson and B. W. Robertson in Clanton's District.

~John Moseley, William Noyal Norsworthy, and Isaac Acree in Capt. Colclough's District.

~Joshua Mabry, Philemon Hawkins and Bennett Wood in Capt Twitty's District.

~Ephraim Ellis, William Hansill and Henry Strudivant's District.

~Ordered that the above Possessioners be directed to possess the land in their District immediately and make their returns to the next Court.

~Ordered that the Sheriff summon Phillip Kerney, Solomon Williams, Samuel Williams, William Verser, John Wilson, John Ezell, William Balthrop, James Mitchell, Thomas Riggan, Samuel Paschall, Twitty Russell, Henry Fitts, William E. Johnston, James White, Richard Ransom, James Ransom, John Willis, Thomas Thorn, William St. John, William Pardue, Philemon Beckham, Jesse Pardue, Samuel Person, James Sledge, Josiah Green, Phillip G. Alston, Joseph Cox, Stephen Marshall, William Green, and William Robins to attend as Jurors to the next Court.

~Ordered that the Justices take list as they did last year and Wyatt Hawkins in Twitty's and Shearin's District and Thomas Eaton in Clanton's District on each side of the river and John Macon, Esquire, instead of Young Mc Lemore.

~Ordered that Edward Jones, James Johnson, and Benjamin Ward be appointed Assessors for the County.

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~Ordered that Joshua Perry be appointed Overseer of the road from Shocco to the County line near John Thornton's, and that he keep the same in repair with the hands of Solomon Williams, William Williams and his own.

~Ordered that Berryman Bilbro be appointed Overseer of the road from William Williams' field to Million's Road, and that he keep the same in repair with the hands of Peter Cox, John Lanier, John Saunders, Samuel Williams and himself.

~Ordered that Daniel Barrow be appointed Overseer of the road from Richard Ward's to the County line near Mrs. Tabb's, and that he keep the same in repair with the hands of James Martin and his own.

~Ordered that Joseph Estes be appointed Overseer of the road instead of Daniel Barrow, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands except Daniel Barrow'.

~Ordered that John Ward be appointed Overseer of the road from Richard Ward to the County line near Million's, and that he open and keep the same in repair with the hands of Mrs. Jones and himself agreeable to the direction of Edward Jones, Esquire, and Benjamin Ward, Esquire.

~Ordered that Abraham Smith be appointed Overseer of the road from Old Shocco Bridge to the County line near Capt. Pennon's, and that he keep the same in repair with the hands of Benjamin Ward, Esquire, William Wilson, Thomas Cook, Richard Ward, Hardy Smith, Sherrod Walker, William Crosswick and Benjamin Ward Jr.

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~Ordered that William Alston, Phillip Kerney and Solomon Williams let a Bridge near Peter Davis' agreeable to the former order.

~Sugar Jones returned a list of insolvents in Capt. Ward's District, amounting to £362. also settled and paid his County collection, amounting to £24.16.5 on proper vouchers and 50/ over in the hands of the Clerk.

~Ordered that Thomas Turner be recommended as a proper person to execute the office of Sheriff the ensuing year.

~Ordered that Jesse Beckham be appointed Overseer of the road from Col. Hawkins to the new road, and that he keep the same in repair with the hands of Col. Hawkins, Mrs. Sims and Nathaniel Macon.

~Ordered that the Clerk of the Court pay himself out of the County money by him received 25/6 it appearing to the Court to be a bill due him on his allowance last Court for Exofficio Services.

~Isaac Acree came into Court and settled and paid his County collection in proper voucher, amounting to £9.1.8.

~James Nicholson returned to Court, in behalf of Davis Nicholson, a list of insolvents in Capt. Clanton's District, amounting to £1573.6 which was allowed him.

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~Ordered that the former order for opening a road from Benjamin Travers to Frederick Malone's be renewed.

~Ordered that John White be appointed Overseer of the road from Col. Hawkins' to Caller's Ordinary and the usual hands together with the hands formerly worked on the road from Col. Hawkins' through the Purchase Patent to Robert Jones'.

~Ordered that the road that leads through the Purchase Patent by William Duke's old mill remain open as it now is.

~Signed by: William Johnson, Philemon Hawkins, Nathaniel Macon and Edward Jones, Esquires.

June

~At a Court called for the County of Warren at Warrenton on Saturday the 12th June 1784, agreeable to an act of the General Assembly past the last session, for appointing Justices to take the list of taxable property of the Inhabitants.

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

~Ordered that the Several Justices appointed at last Court to take the list of Assessment in the different District are hereby appointed to take the list of taxable to the present law they having respect to the forms herewith sent.

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~Ordered that Nathaniel Macon, Esquire, take the list of Assessment for the town of Warrenton, and that Thomas Christmas, James Johnson and John Willis be appointed Assessors for the same.

Signed by: William Johnson, James Paine, John Macon, Edward Jones, and Nathaniel Macon, Esquires.

July

At a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions began and held at Warrenton for the County of Warren on the last Monday in July, it being the 26<sup>th</sup> day thereof Anno Dom, 1784.

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

~Martin Forrest acknowledged a Deed to George Webb, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from Urbane Nicholson to (blank line), was proved by the oath of Young Mc Lemore, Esquire, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

~On motion a license is granted to Demsey Reid to keep an Ordinary at his house, who entered into and executed a bond for that purpose.

~On motion a licenses is granted to Philemon Beckham to keep an Ordinary at his house, who with Thomas Thorn, his security, entered into and executed a bond for that purpose.

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~Ordered that Robert Jones, Gideon Hunt Macon, James Alston, Jonathan Davis and Jesse Person be summoned to attend as Jurors at Halifax for the next Superior Court.

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

~Wyatt Hawkins acknowledged a Deed to Robert Caller and the same was ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from James Emmerson to Wyatt Hawkins, was proved by the oath of John Rooker, and ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from John Hawkins to Wyatt Hawkins, was proved by the oath of John Rooker, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

~On motion a license is granted to John Willis to keep an Ordinary at Warrenton, who with John Penn, his security, executed a bond for that purpose.

~John Faulcon, Esquire, returned to Court his list of Assessment in Capt. Harris' District.

~Ordered that Richard Ward be appointed Overseer of the road instead of Abraham Smith, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands and R. Jones' at his quarter.

~Ordered that the hands of Peter Cox be added to Joseph Ward's Road.

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~Ordered that the Clerk pay John Stokes four pounds, sixteen shillings out of the fines by him received.

~Ordered that the Sheriff summon Peter Cox, Isaac Hunter, Jesse Hunter, Nathaniel Nicholson, Thomas Reid, William Story, Thomas Paschall, Richard Marshall, Jesse Ellis, Bennett Wood, John Cauthorn, James House, Thomas Jinkins, Joseph Mangum, John Colclough, William Knoles, Nathaniel Baxter, Matthew Duke, John Duke, John Emmerson, Nathan Verser, Wilmot Egerton, William Rowland, John Weathers, Thomas Mayfield, John Smith, John Bowdon, William Clemments, John Darnal, and John Tipp to attend as Jurors to October Court.

~Sylvester Merritt acknowledged a Deed to William Holliman and the same is ordered to be registered.

~On motion a license is granted to Richard Bennett to keep an Ordinary at his house, who entered into a bond with Thomas Turner, his security.

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

~Tuesday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

Present: William Johnson, William Alston, and Thomas Eaton, Esquires.

~Henry Alston acknowledged in open Court a Bill of Sale to Thomas Hills Sr., and the same was ordered to be recorded.

~A Deed of Gift from Henry Alston to his three children, Willis Alston, Fanny Foster Alston, and Thomas Alston, was acknowledged in open Court, and ordered to be registered.

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~Thomas Eaton, Esquire, returned to Court a list of taxable in Capt. Clanton's District.

~Grand Jury sworn, to wit, Phillip Kerney, foreman, Samuel Williams, William Verser, John Wilson, William E. Johnston, William Balthrop, James Mitchell, Samuel Paschall, Joseph Cox, Phillip G. Alston, Francis Riggan, Thomas Thorn, William St. John. William Pardue and Philemon Beckham.

~William Cooper acknowledged a Deed to Benjamin Jackson and the same was ordered to be registered.

~William Alston, Esquire, returned to Court a list of taxables in Weathers' District taken by him.

~A Deed from Henry Alston to Burwell Davis, was proved by the oath of Peter Davis, and ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from Henry Alston to Giles Davis, was proved by the oath of Burwell Davis, and ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from Thomas Richardson to Lawrence Richardson, was proved by the oath of James Gordon, and ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from John Tucker to Samuel Stokes, was proved by the oath of Stephen Marshall, and ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from David Fluker to John Hinton, was proved by the oath of Stephen Marshall, and ordered to be registered.

~Samuel Taylor against Jonathan Davis and others - Action of Debt, a Jury being sworn do say that they find the bond not paid and assess the Plaintiff damage to £297.17 and costs.

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~William Murphy against Matthew Wood - Action of Trespass, on the case Jury being sworn do say that they find for the Plaintiff assess damage to £21.12 and costs.

- ~John Macon, Esquire, returned to Court a list of taxables in Capt. Fussell's District taken by him.
- ~The Last Will and Testament of Mary Stokes, deceased, was presented in Court and proved by the oath of ~Anne Person, a witness thereto, and Letters testamentary granted to Judith Cosley, one of the Executors therein named, who qualified accordingly.
- ~A Deed from Samuel Thompson to Thomas Person was proved by the oath of Moses Myrick, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.
- ~Davis and Wortham against William Stephen - Action of Trespass on the case, a Jury being sworn, do say that they find the Plaintiff £28.3 and costs.
- ~Ordered that John Allen be appointed Guardian to Rebecca and Thomas Christmas, orphans of John Christmas, deceased, who entered into bond with Charles Allen, , his security, for that purpose.
- ~Benjamin Beckham made oath that to attended, as a witness, for Davis and Wortham against William Stephen, amounting to £2.9.
- ~Then the Court adjourned until tomorrow ten o'clock.
- ~Wednesday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

Present: William Johnson, Nathaniel Macon, and John Macon, Esquires.

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- ~Ordered that the Collector pay Richard Mardra 22/6 for Services done the County.
- ~Ordered that John Willis, James Johnson and Nathaniel Macon let a Bridge across Fishing Creek near Mr. Willis' Mill to the lowest undertaker.
- ~Thomas Pollock against Nathaniel Rochester - Action of Trespass on the case, a Jury being sworn that they find for the Defendant.
- ~The Commissioners appointed to let a Bridge near Peter Davis' reported that they let the same to Demsey Reid for thirty pounds, who entered into bond with John Cheek, his security, for the same which was ordered to be recorded.
- ~Ordered that Samuel Williams, Thomas Haynes and Gabriel Long divide the Estate of Phillip Alston, deceased, agreeable to the Last Will and Testament and return the same to the next Court.
- ~A Deed from Nathaniel Harris to Billey Williams, was proved by the oath of Daniel Sledge and was ordered to be registered.
- ~Ordered that the hands of Unity Coleman, Samuel Williford, Frederick Sweat, John Hilton, William Hilton, William Dent, David Fluker, Thomas Person's quarter, William Palmer at his quarter work under Samuel Taylor instead of his former hands.
- ~Ordered that Drury Bobbitt work the following hands on his road, to wit, James Wilson, John Newell, Matthew Mabry, Isham Meadows, and Henry Clack and his own hands.

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- ~Philemon Hawkins, Esquire, returned to Court list of taxables by him taken in Capt. Renn's District for the year 1784.
- ~Ann Green came into Court and made choice of Thomas Turner, as her Guardian, who entered into bond for that purpose with Robert Caller, his security.

~Jesse Lane against William Jeffrey - Case a Jury sworn do say that they find for the Plaintiff £21.9.8 and costs from which judgment the Defendant prayed an appeal which was granted and he entered into bond with James Gray, his security, for the same.

~Ordered that John Asque Sering, Daniel Ball, Jesse Wilson, Joseph Nunnery and Theophilus Burk and Lewis Bobbitt be recommended to the General Assembly as proper persons to be exempted from payment to Public taxes.

~A Deed from John Hawkins Sr. to John Rooker, was proved by the oath of James Caller, and ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from William Ellis to Richard Ellis, was proved by the oath of Henry Strudivant, and ordered to be registered.

~William Myrick came into Court and qualified as Executor to the Last Will and Testament of John Christmas, deceased, with the will annexed.

~A Bill of Sale from John Hawkins Sr. to Philemon Hawkins Esquire, was proved by the oath of John Hawkins Jr. and Philemon Hawkins Jr., and also a delivery on the back of the Bill of Sale, was proved by them, and ordered to be recorded.

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

~Thursday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

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

~Ordered that Amey Vaughan, orphan of Cherry Vaughan, be bound to James Burk and Sarah, his wife, until she attain to lawful age she being two years old next June.

~James Paine, Esquire, and Nathaniel Macon being appointed to lay off the prison bonds agreeable to the law laid off the same and returned the rules thereof, same was ordered to be recorded.

~Wyatt Hawkins, Esquire, returned to Court a list of taxables in Twitty's District and Shearin's District by him taken.

~James Paine, Esquire, returned, on oath, an Inventory of the Estate of George Norsworthy, deceased, and the same was ordered to be recorded.

~William Hansill made oath that he attended as a witness for Robert Caller against Wood and others, amounting to 28/.

~On the motion of Dixon Marshall ordered that Mrs. Tabitha Marshall be summoned to appear at the next Court to render an account of her administration on the Estate of John Marshall, deceased.

~John Caller by father against Matthew Wood - Debt, a Jury being sworn do say that they find for the Plaintiff £178.13.4, and costs.

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~William Pritchett made oath that he attended as a witness for Henry Alston in the suit against him to the amount of 29/4.

~Hardy Brewer made oath that he attended as a witness for Robert Caller against Wood and others, amounting to 24/.

- ~William Merritt against William Shearin - Case, Jury sworn and find for the Plaintiff £21.13.4 and costs.
- ~William Saunders made oath that he attended as a witness for Robert Caller against Simon Wright and others, amounting to 24/.
- ~William Powell made oath that he attended as a witness for Mary Shafer against Henry Alston, amounting to 20/.
- ~John Weathers made oath that he attended, as a witness, for Mary Stanley against Henry Alston, amounting to 20/.
- ~Mary Fann made oath that she attended, as a witness, for Lewis Patrick against Wilmot Patrick, amounting to 20/.
- ~Also Joshua Mabry proved his attendance for same, amounting to 36/.
- ~Then the Court adjourned until tomorrow ten o'clock.
- ~Friday morning the Court met according to adjournment.
- Present: William Johnson, Young Mc Lomore and Philemon Hawkins, Esquires.
- ~Wyatt Hawkins garnishee at the suit Abraham Mayfield against John Hawkins declares he has nothing.
- ~John Haynes made oath that he attended as a witness for Merritt against Shearin, amounting to 40/.
- Page 50      Friday      July 30<sup>th</sup>
- ~Philemon Hawkins Jr. a garnishee at the suit Mayfield against Hawkins declares he has nothing.
- ~Wyatt Hawkins against Claiborne and Twitty – Debt, Jury empanelled and sworn do say that they find for the Plaintiff £176. and costs.
- ~John Willis, James Johnson, and Thomas Christmas returned to Court their list of town property which was ordered to be recorded.
- ~James Paine, Esquire, returned his list of taxables in Capt. Colclough's District for the year.
- ~Samuel Rottenberry and Elizabeth, his wife, made oath that they attended as a witness for Wilmot Patrick against her son, amounting to £32/.
- ~Jamima Kenton made oath that she attended for Wilmot Patrick against her son, amounting to 32/.
- ~Frances Hall came into Court and proved her attendance on the suit Merritt against Shearin for the Plaintiff, amounting to 100/.
- ~Peter Twitty made oath to his attendance as a witness, for Robert Caller against Wright and Marks, amounting to 24/.
- ~Churchwell Anderson made oath to his attendance for Wyatt Hawkins against Claiborne and Twitty of 16/.
- ~Phillip Burford made oath to his attendance for Mary Douglas against Marcus, amounting to 50/8.
- ~William Gilbert made oath that he attended, as a witness, for Mary Douglas against Marcus, amounting to 50/8.

~Jordan Rowland made oath his attendance as a witness, for Mary Douglas against William Marcus, amounting to £24.4.

~Isaac James made oath to his attendance as a witness, for Mary Douglas against Marcus, amounting to 32/.

~Abigail Douglas made oath to her attendance as a witness, for Mary Douglas against Marcus, amounting to 32/.

~A Deed from Joseph Hawkins to Benjamin Kimball, was proved by the oath of Dixon Marshall, and ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from Drury Jones to John Hawkins, was proved by the oath of Robert Jones and was ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from John Hawkins Sr. to John Hawkins Jr., was proved by the oath of John Power and was ordered to be registered.

~Repps Mabry made oath that he attended as a witness for William Blanton against Burford and Emmerson, amounting to 24/.

~Joseph Fennell made oath that he attended as a witness for Nancy Thorn against Dr. Marshall, amounting to 44/.

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

~Saturday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

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

~Obed Green is appointed Collector in Capt. White's District for the year 1784.

Page 52          Saturday          July 31<sup>st</sup>.

~The Last Will and Testament of William Bell, deceased, was proved by the oath of Martin Dye and Drury Jackson, witnesses thereto, and Letters Testamentary granted to Abraham Mayfield, one of the Executors therein, named who qualified accordingly.

~Francis Capps is appointed Collector in Capt. Weathers' District.

~Samuel Harper is appointed Collector in Capt. Harris' District.

~Gideon Hunt Macon is appointed Collector in Capt. Ward's District.

~Isaac Acree is appointed Collector in Capt. Colclough's District.

~Aaron Fussell is appointed Collector in Fussell's District.

~Daniel Vault is appointed Collector in Renn's District.

~Joshua Mabry is appointed Collector in Capt Twitty and Shearin's District.

~Edward Smith against D. Stanley and Emmerson - Action of Debt, a Jury being sworn do say that they find the bond not paid and assess the Plaintiff damages to £45.4 and costs.

~William Beckham against Philemon Hawkins Jr. - Action of Debt, Jury sworn, who find for the Plaintiff and assess his damage to £100.14.9 and costs.

~William Saunders made oath that he attended 3 days as a witness for Edward Smith against Handly and Emmerson, amounting to 12/.

~Phoebe Hagood against William House - Action of Debt, Jury sworn, who find the bond not paid and assess damages to £18.10.8 and costs.

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~A Deed from Maurice Pardue to William Wortham, was proved by the oath of John Macon, Esquire, and was ordered to be registered.

~On motion a license is granted to Aaron Shearin to keep an Ordinary at his house, who with James Paine, Esquire, his security, entered into and executed a bond for that purpose.

~John Hammond made oath that he attended 12 days for Obed Green against Thomas Green, amounting to £2.8.

~On motion a license is granted to Darling Mardra to keep an Ordinary at his house, who enters into bond with John Duke, his security, for the same.

~Ordered that the Collector pay Joseph Taylor, Esquire, six pounds as Exofficio Services done at April Court as attended for the County.

~Ordered that it be recommended to the General Assembly that Mary Hudson, widow of James Hudson, who died in the Militia Service, be allowed the sum of twelve pounds, she being in distress and having three young children.

~William Turner made oath that he attended, ten days, as a witness, for Jonathan Davis and others against William Stephen, which amounted to £10/.

~Ordered that it be recommended to the General Assembly of this State that Elizabeth Harris be allowed the sum of twelve pounds, she being the widow of Burwell Harris, who died in the Militia Service, with four small children.

Page 54          Saturday          July 31<sup>st</sup>

~Ordered that there be collected on each poll of taxable property one shilling.

~Thomas Turner produced in Court a Commission from under the hand and seal of the Governor dated the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May last appointing him Sheriff of this County for the present year, who with James Johnson and Robert Caller, entered into and executed a bond for that purpose in the sum of five thousand pounds, also a bond as County Treasurer at the same time.

~Ordered that Thomas Turner be allowed ten pounds for Exofficio Services for the year 1783.

~Ordered that Thomas Turner be allowed fifty shillings for his trouble in moving the goods of William Wood out of the money now in his hands.

~William Johnson made oath to his attendance in the suit Samuel Taylor against Jonathan Davis and Wortham, amounting to £5.4.

~James Paine made oath to his attendance for the above mentioned suit for 5 days, amounting to 20/.

~A Deed from Nathaniel Henderson to John Hawkins, was proved by the oath of Daniel Vaulx, and ordered to be registered.

~William Johnson, Esquire, returned into Court a list of taxables in captain White's District.

~Signed: William Johnson, Young Mc Lemoire, James Paine and John Macon, Esquires.

Page 55          Monday          October 25<sup>th</sup>

## October

At a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions began and held at Warrenton on the last Monday in October for the County of Warren, 1784.

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

~Tuesday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

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

~John Alexis Debble, Esquire, Produced a license of Attorney licensing him to practice at Attorney, who took the oath prescribed by the law.

~Seanith Lampkin, widow of Charles Lampkin, deceased, came into Court and established for right of Administratrix on the Estate of the said deceased, to Philemon Hawkins, Esquire, he being one of the Executors, who entered into bond with Philemon Hawkins Jr., his security, in the sum of £200 for that purpose.

~Grand Jury sworn, to wit, Jesse Hunter, foreman, Nathaniel Nicholson, James House, Thomas Jinkins, John Ellington, Nathaniel Baxter, John Duke, John Emmerson, William Rowland, Thomas Mayfield, John Bowdon, Joseph Darnal, John Fitts, William Knoles, John White, and Samuel Taylor.

~A Deed from Ransom Davis, Thomas Ezard, Amey Davis and Elizabeth Ezard to Phillip G. Alston, was proved by the oath of Thomas W. Alston and is ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from Abner Powell and wife to William Martin, was proved by the oath of Alexander and is ordered to be registered.

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~Isham Cogwell acknowledged a Deed to Thomas Norman and the same was ordered to be registered.

~Mrs. Tabitha Marshall, widow of John Marshall, deceased, returned to Court an account of her said administration, on oath, and the same was ordered to be registered.

~William Ellis, Executor of Edward Ellis, deceased, returned, on oath, an Inventory of the Estate of the said deceased.

~A Deed from Jesse Ellis to James Towns, was proved by the oath of Lewis Patrick and is ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from Henry Wood to Richard Person, was proved by the oath of Drury Towns and is ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from James Hardridge to Jesse Bell, was proved by the oath of Moses Shearin and was ordered to be registered.

~Samuel Williams, Gabriel Long and Thomas Hines to Court a division of the Estate of Phillip Alston, deceased, which is ordered to be registered.

~Donald Mc Kay against Betty Park Executrix - Action of Case, a Jury being sworn do say that they find for the Plaintiff and assess damage to £64.19.4 and costs from which judgment to Defendant prayed an appeal which was granted her, who with William E. Johnston, her security, entered into and executed a bond for that purpose.

~A Deed from David Towns to Richard Towns, was acknowledged in open Court and was ordered to be registered.

~Ordered that the Collector pay Jesse Person three pounds, four shillings for attendance as a Juror at Halifax October Term.

Page 57            Tuesday            October 26<sup>th</sup>

~Lewis Tucker against Frederick Cook - Action of Debt - Jury sworn, who find for the Defendant. Bennett Wood, on behalf of the Plaintiff, prayed an appeal, which was granted him and entered into bond with John Laughter and Philemon Hawkins, security to the same.

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

~Wednesday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

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

~Robert Caller and Sally Caller came into Court and acknowledge articles of agreement between them depositing the said Sally and her son Charles Caller and the same was ordered to be recorded.

~On motion Robert Caller is appointed Guardian to Charles Caller, orphan of William Caller, deceased, who with Abraham Mayfield, his security, entered into and executed a bond for that purpose.

~The Last Will and Testament of James Smith, deceased, was presented in Court and proved by the oath of Phillip Burford and was ordered to be recorded.

~Ordered that William House pay Nancy Thorn the sum of ten pounds for the maintenance of her child begot by said until this date, and that he give security to pay the rate of ten pounds per year for the support of said child, subject to the order of said Court in future, and the said William House entered into bond with Ludson Worsham and Thomas Christmas, his securities, to indemnify the trustees.

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~The Last Will and Testament of Thomas Miller, deceased, was presented in Court and proved by the oath of John Faulcon and James Harris, witnesses thereto, also a codicil to said Will, was proved by the above witnesses and Letters Testamentary was granted to Thomas Miller Jr., one of the Executors therein named, who qualified as such.

~Frederick Malone acknowledged a Deed of trust to Seawell Campbell and company, and the same was ordered to be registered.

~On motion a license is granted to John Hicks to keep an Ordinary at his house with Frederick Malone, his security, executed a bond for that purpose.

~Wyatt Hawkins acknowledged a Deed to Lawrence Richardson, and the same is ordered to be registered.

~Lawrence Richardson acknowledged a Deed to Thomas Richardson, and the same was ordered to be registered.

~Lawrence Richardson acknowledged a Deed to Amos Palmer, and the same was ordered to be registered.

~Thomas Jinkins acknowledged a Deed to Philemon Hawkins Jr., of Granville, and the same was ordered to be registered.

~Jesse Hunter acknowledged a Deed to James Alston, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from Solomon Hunter to James Alston, was proved by the oath of William Myrick, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~A Bill of Sale from Peter Twitty to Phillip Burford, was proved by the oath of Daniel Burford and the same was ordered to be recorded.

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~Aaron Fussell being appointed by the Court to collect the public and County taxes in his District entered into and executed a bond for that purpose with James House, his security.

~Francis Capps, being appointed by the Court to collect the County and public taxes in Capt. Weathers' District, entered into and executed a bond for that purpose with John Weathers, his security.

~Then the Court adjourned until ten tomorrow.

~Thursday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

Present: William Johnson, Wyatt Hawkins, and Daniel Sledge, Esquires.

~Abraham Mayfield, Executor of William Bell, deceased, returned, on oath, an Inventory of the said deceased, and the same was ordered to be recorded.

~Ordered that Anney Stewart, aged eleven years, and James Stewart, aged nine years, be bound to Daniel Thomas until they arrive to lawful age, and that he learn the boy the carpenter's trade and the girl the business of a Spinster and also that each have one year schooling.

~Ordered that Wood King be appointed Overseer of the road instead of Frederick Malone, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands.

~A Deed of Gift from Mary Pinnix to Elizabeth Purdy Duke, was proved by the oath of Benjamin Duke and was ordered to be registered.

~Ordered that the Executors of Joseph Person, deceased, be summoned to appear at the next Court to render an account of their Executorships.

Page 60      Thursday      October 28<sup>th</sup>

~Jesse Lane against Olan Jeffrey - Action of Trespass, Assault and Battery - a Jury empanelled and sworn do say that they find for the Defendant, not guilty.

~Francis Kenton made oath that he attended as a witness for Susie Tucker against Frederick Cook, amounting to 12/.

~Jesse Lane against William Jeffrey - Action of Assault and Battery - a Jury being sworn do say that they find the Defendant guilty and assess the Plaintiff damages to £20 and costs.

~John Willis against Thomas Powell - Action of Case - Jury sworn and find for the Plaintiff £40.2.6 and costs.

~Thomas Miller Jr. returned to Court an Inventory of the Estate of Thomas Miller Sr., deceased, on oath, and the same was ordered to be recorded.

~The Last Will and Testament of Sarah Smith, deceased, was proved in Court by Betty Smith, the Executrix, and proved by the oath of John Hammond and William Sprunt and the Executrix qualified accordingly.

~Churchwell Anderson against Robert Caller Jr. - Action levied on a Negro boy named Isham. Robert Caller interpleads and claims the Negro his property replication and issue. The following Jury sworn, to wit, Joshua Mabry, John Weathers, Samuel Person, Jordan Harris, Reece Brewer, William Robins, Samuel Harper, Ludson Worsham, Nathaniel Clerk, John Laughter, William Hansill, and Lewis Patrick, who find the effects attached to the property of Robert Caller Jr. and subject to the Plaintiff's recovery from which judgment the interpleader prayed an appeal, which was granted him, who with Obed Green, his security, enters into and executes a bond for that purpose.

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~Lewis Bobbitt made oath that he attended 7 days as a witness for Jesse Lane against Osborn Jeffery, amounting to 28/. and costs of 29/.

~And also made oath that he attended 7 days in suit Jesse Lane against William Jeffrey, amounting to 28/ for the Plaintiff.

~Daniel Vaultx came into Court and entered into bond with James Johnson, his security, as Collector in Renn's District.

~Reece Brewer made oath that he attended 12 days for Jesse Lane against William Jeffrey, amounting to 48/.

~James Harrison made oath that he attended as a witness for Churchwell Anderson against Robert Caller, amounting to 20/.

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

~Friday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

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

~William Cooper and wife against Thomas York and wife - Action of Lease - a Jury being sworn do say that they find for the Plaintiff damage and 11/ costs.

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

~Martha Jordan made oath that she attended 2 days as a witness for William Cooper against Thomas York 18/.

~A Bill of Sale from Peter Twitty to Philemon Hawkins Jr., was proved by the oath of Wyatt Hawkins and was ordered to be registered.

~Ordered that Lawrence Richardson have leave to build a mill on the place of Wyatt Hawkins, the said Richardson now owning the land whereon the mill place is.

~Ordered that Demsey Reid be allowed thirty pounds for building a Bridge across Fishing Creek.

~A Deed from William Stephen to John Dinkins, was proved by the oath of William Cunningham and was ordered to be registered.

~A Lease from Benjamin Ward Sr. to Benjamin Ward Jr., was proved by the oath of Sugar Jones and was ordered to be registered.

~Betty Smith returned into Court an Inventory of the Estate of Sarah Smith, deceased, on oath, therefore it is ordered that the Estate be sold.

~Jordan Rowland made oath that he attended as a witness for Mary Douglas against Marcus Liner last Court, amounting to 24.4.

~Ordered that Francis and Moses Myrick pay Lucy Shearin the sum of ten pounds for maintenance of her bastard child from August 1783 until this date.

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

Page 63      Saturday      October 30<sup>th</sup>

~Saturday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

Present: William Johnson, Philemon Hawkins, and Daniel Sledge, Esquires.

~Ordered that James Mitchell be appointed Overseer of the road instead of William Knoles, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands.

~Ordered that Moses Myrick be appointed Possessioners instead of Joseph Shearin.

~William Allen being bound to Court for begetting a bastard child, on the body of Juda Patterson, appeared, paid down his fine of 25/, and entered into bond with Charles Allen Sr., his security, for the maintenance of said child until otherwise ordered by the Court.

~William Myrick Executor of John Christmas, deceased, returned, on oath, an Inventory of the Estate of the said deceased, and the said was ordered to be recorded.

~Ordered that an ordered of sale issue.

~Ordered that John Colclough be cited to appear at the next Court and return an account of his administration on the Estate of Benjamin Colclough, deceased.

~Ordered that William Person have leave to build a Mill on Reedy Creek, in the place where his father formerly had a Mill.

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~Ordered that Thomas Mayfield be appointed Overseer of the road from Shocco Bridge to the fork of the road below Henry Alston's, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands, Phillip Kerney, William Burrows, Solomon Williams working under Solomon Saunders, Harry Williams and Thomas Haynes.

~Joshua Mabry being appointed by the Court to collect the taxes in Twitty's and Shearin's District came into Court entered into and executed a bond for that purpose with Isaac Acree and Repps Mabry his securities for that purpose.

~Isaac Acree Collector in Colclough's and Clanton's District entered into and executed bonds for that purpose with Joshua Mabry, his security.

~William Person being appointed Guardian to Benjamin Eaton Person, orphan of William Person, deceased, entered into and executed a bond for that purpose with William Johnson Jr., his security, in the sum of £2000.

~Ordered that the Sheriff summon John Coleman, Newt Harris, Edward Pegram, Gideon Pegram, George Pegram, William Holliman, Rowland Fitts, William Person, Benjamin Kimball Jr., John Allen, Solomon Arnold, William Fussell, Aaron Shearin, Benjamin Duke, Thomas Christmas Jr., Henry Hudson, Drury Bobbitt, Stephen Bobbitt, Isaac Hunter, James Richardson, James Jones, John Hawkins, Nathaniel Harris,

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Green Duke, Dixon Marshall, Ludson Worsham, Philemon Hawkins, Jesse Jinkins, and Adam Milam to attend as Jurors at next Court.

Page 65          Saturday          October 30<sup>th</sup>

~Ordered that Andrew Armstrong have leave to keep an Ordinary at his house in Warrenton, who with James Ransom, his security, entered into and executed a bond for that purpose.

Abigail Douglas made oath that she attended as a witness for Mary Douglas against William Marcus, amounting to 20/.

~Ordered that the following hands work under William Powell, to wit, James Sledge, Jesse Person, John Weathers, Anne Person, James Kerney, Demsey Reid, George Betty, James Merritt, Francis Capps, Joshua Capps, Henry Capps, Orasha Capps, John Capps, William Mardra, James, Charles, and Peter Saintsing, Honorias Powell, Isham Bennett, Richard Bennett, John Cooper and William Cooper.

~Ordered that Isaac Acree be allowed a Tax on £675 for the last year it appearing to be an error in his list of Assessment in the amount of William Shearin's property.

~Ordered that the Collector pay Isaac Acree thirty-five shillings for Services done this and last Court as Constable and also 16/. For summoning the Inhabitants in his District to give in their lists.

~Ordered also that Thomas Wilson be paid by the Collector 18/. For summoning in his District.

~Ordered that James Harris be appointed Overseer of the road from Nathaniel Harris' to the fork of the road below Col. Johnson's with the usual hands.

Signed: William Johnson, Philemon Hawkins and Daniel Sledge, Esquires.