

Chapter 6

Warren County, North Carolina
Minutes to the
Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
1785

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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 31st day thereof, 1785.

Present: Edward Jones, James Paine and Young Mc Lomore, Esquires.

~Ordered that Mrs. Mary Duke be discharged from the payment of Tax on two taxables.

~A Deed from Benjamin Jones to Jonathan Solomon, was proved by the oath of Samuel Keil, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from Benjamin Jones to Samuel Shell, was proved by the oath of Jonathan Solomon, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Administration on the Estate of James Ransom, deceased, granted to Richard Ransom, who with John W. Eaton, his security, entered into and executed a bond for that purpose, to whom Letters of Administration was granted and the said Administrator returned, on oath, an Inventory of the Estate of said deceased,

~James Gray returned, on oath, an account of his Guardianship as Guardian to Elizabeth Clemet.

Page 67 Monday January 31st

~A Deed from Thomas Cook to John W. Eaton, was proved by the oath of William Harrison, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from Demsey Reid to Joshua Capps, was proved by the oath of Orasha Capps, and on motion was ordered to be registered.

~Thomas Capps came into Court and entered into bond with Stephen Bobbitt, his security, for the Collection of the taxes in Capt. Harris' District.

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

~Tuesday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

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

~Grand Jury sworn, to wit, Nathaniel Harris, foreman, John Coleman, Newt Harris, Edward Pegram, Gideon Pegram, Benjamin Kimball, John Allen, Solomon Arnold, Thomas Christmas, Henry Hudson, Drury Bobbitt, Stephen Bobbitt, John Laughter, Dixon Marshall and Adam Milam.

~William Powell having sworn one profane oath before the Court, was fined for which he paid 2/6.

~A Deed from the Commissioners to John Jones was acknowledged, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

Page 68 Tuesday February 1st

~A Deed from Thomas Green to Obed Green, was proved by the oath of Spence Waddy, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Mrs. Tabitha Marshall returned, on oath, her account, as Guardian to her children, to wit, Peggy Marshall, Charles Marshall, Matthew Marshall, and William Marshall and the same is ordered to be recorded.

~William Johnson, Esquire, returned, on oath, his account as Guardian to Mary Person, which was ordered to be recorded.

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

~Wednesday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

Present: William Johnson, Edward Jones, Young Mc Lomore, and Wyatt Hawkins, Esquires.

~William Myrick returned, on oath, the Inventory of the Estate of John Christmas, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~Ordered that John Hicks be appointed Overseer of the road instead of Adam Milam, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands.

~Ordered that the Executor of John Christmas, deceased, shall keep part of the Estate as they shall think proper to discharge the debt of said deceased.

~A Deed from Thomas Walker to Walker Pickrill, was proved by the oath of Nathaniel Nicholson and the same is ordered to be registered.

Page 69 Wednesday February 2nd

~The Last Will and Testament of Solomon Alston, deceased, was presented in Court and proved by the oath of William Myrick Sr. and William Myrick Jr. and Letters Testamentary granted to James Alston, one of the Executors, who qualified accordingly.

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

~Thursday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

Present: Young Mc Lomore, Benjamin Ward, and Phillip Burford, Esquires.

~The Last Will and Testament of Samuel Yeargain, deceased, was proved by the oath of Andrew Yeargain and George Webb and Letters Testamentary was granted to Francis Jones and Stephen Shell, Executors therein named, who qualified accordingly and returned, on oath, an Inventory of the Estate of said deceased, and on motion the same was ordered to be recorded.

~A Deed from William Shell to Stephen Shell, was proved by the oath of Andrew Yeargain, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Administration of the Estate of Samuel Bell, deceased, was granted to John Moseley, he being the largest creditor, who with Reece Brewer, his security, entered into and executes a bond for that purpose, to whom Letters Testamentary was granted and the said Administrator qualified accordingly.

~The Possessioners in Capt. Shearin's District returned a list of the land by them Possessioners.

~A Deed from William Wood to Richard Ellis, was proved by the oath of Samuel Walker, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

Page 70 Thursday February 3rd

~William Green brought before the Court, for begetting a child on the body of Hannah Lancaster, ordered that the said William Green pay unto the said Hannah Lancaster ten pounds for the lying in expenses and supporting the child to this day and twelve pounds per year to be paid quarterly at three pounds per quarter until the Court shall issue the child of age sufficient to be bound out or taken by the said Green and supported, and that the said Green enters into bond with sufficient security to indemnify the parish from any support of said child and compliance with the above judgment, and that he stand committed until he pay the ten pounds, and costs.

~Reuben Patrick brought before the Court, for begetting a child on the body of Elizabeth Allen. Ordered that the said Reuben Patrick pay unto the said Elizabeth Allen fifteen pounds, for the lying in expenses, fees and supporting the child to this day and twelve pounds per year to be paid quarterly at three pounds per quarter until this Court shall judge the child of age sufficient to be bound out or taken by the said Patrick and supported, and that said Patrick enter into bond with sufficient security to indemnify the Parish from any expense that may arise in consequence of the support of said child and compliance with the above judgment.

~The Last Will and Testament of Joseph Harris, deceased, was presented in Court and proved by the oaths of Stephen Marshall and Samuel Marshall, witness thereto, Joel Harris and Moses Harris, Executors therein named, qualified accordingly, to who Letters Testamentary are granted.

Page 71 Thursday February 3rd

~Ordered that Britian Duke be appointed Overseer of the road instead of William House, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands.

~Ordered that William House pay Ann Thorn three pounds, for supporting her child since last Court to this date.

~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.

~On motion a license is granted to Philemon Hawkins, Esquire, To keep an Ordinary at his house, who entered into bond with Joseph Taylor, his security, for the same.

~John Faulcon, Esquire, Returned a supplementary Inventory of the Estate of Benjamin Brown Person, deceased, and, on oath, the same is ordered to be recorded.

~Ordered that three taxables be added to Isaac Acree's list in the name of Mrs. Frances Gray, it appearing to be an error in the list by her returned to the justices.

~A Bill of Sale from William House to Alice Christmas acknowledged, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Dixon Marshall acknowledged a Deed to Edmond Harris, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Grand Jury presented their bills and were discharged.

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

Page 72 Friday February 4th

~The Commissioners of Warrenton acknowledged a Deed to Betty Park, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~The Commissioners of Warrenton acknowledged a Deed to Stephen Moore, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~William E. Johnston returned his account as Guardian of John Ellis, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~Administration on the Estate of Thomas Twitty, deceased, is granted to Philemon Hawkins Jr., who with Bennett Wood, his security, entered into and executed a bond of five hundred pounds, for that purpose, to whom Letters of Administration was granted.

~Philemon Hawkins, Esquire, returned, on oath, his Inventory of the Estate of Charles Lampkin, deceased, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~A Deed from Robert Caller to John Power, was proved by the oath of Edmond Mayfield, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

~Charles Allen made oath that he attended as a witness in Benjamin Kimball against Joshua Stokes fourteen days, amounting to fifty-six shillings.

~William Twitty came into Court and resigned as Surveyor.

~Ordered that William Person be appointed Surveyor for this County.

~Ordered that Daniel Huff, Charles Murray and Jesse Beckham be appointed Patrollers in Col. Hawkins' District.

Page 73 Friday February 4th

~The persons appointed to let a Bridge over John Willis' Mill Creek have let the same and returned a bond for the undertaker.

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

~Saturday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

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

~Ordered that the Collector pay John Willis forty-five pounds, nineteen shillings and seven pence for building a Bridge and keeping the same seven years across his Mill Creek.

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

~Ordered that Isham Bennett be appointed Overseer of the road instead of Joshua Capps, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands and the hands of Charles Bartholomew, Frances Ridding and Richard Bennett.

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

~Young Mc Lomore made oath that he attended, as a witness, for Benjamin Kimball against John Starkey, six days, amounting to twenty-four shillings.

~Isaac Acree returned his list of Possessioners in his District.

Page 74 Saturday February 5th

~Ordered that Wyatt Hawkins be allowed two and half percent on the sale of John Johnson's Estate.

~Ordered that John Green be appointed Collector in Capt. White's District, who with Gideon Hunt Macon and Obed Green, his security, entered into and executed a bond for that purpose.

~Ordered that John Green be appointed Constable in Capt. White's District.

~On motion a license is granted to Thomas Christmas to keep an Ordinary, at his house, who with Gideon Hunt Macon, his security, entered into bond for that purpose.

~On motion a license is granted to John Hawkins to keep an Ordinary, at his house in Warrenton, who with Philemon Hawkins, Esquire, his security, and entered into bond for that purpose.

~Ordered that William Eaton Johnston, Thomas W. Alston, Green Duke, William Clemments, and Thomas Christmas Sr., be appointed Jurors to Halifax Superior Court fifteenth of April next.

~Ordered that William Burrows, Jordan Harris, Sil Merritt, Hugh Johnston, Augustine Balthrop, William Clark, Benjamin Kimball Sr., Burwell Robinson, Stephen Shell Jr., Stephen Marshall, Henry Fitts, Bennett Wood, Britian Duke, Matthew Harrison, James Beckham, Nimrod Williams, John Cauthorn, Dawson Vanlandigham, William Story, Henry Strudivant, William Robins, John Emmerson, Matthew Duke, John Duke, John Baxter, Wilmot Egerton, Benjamin Mabry, John Ellington, Lewis Patrick, and Richard Marshall.

Page 75 Saturday February 5th

~Ordered that the Collector pay Thomas Christmas the sum of eight pounds, for the use of his house to hold Court the present year.

~Ordered that Robert Caller's hands be added to William E. Johnston's Road.

~Ordered that Marmaduke Johnson to be allowed the sum of twenty-five pounds, as Exofficio Services for the year one thousand seven hundred and eight-four.

~Ordered that the hands of Obed Green, Thomas Mattel and Mary Green be added to the road that Nathaniel Baxter is Overseer of.

~Ordered that James Bennett be continued Overseer of the road from the fork of the Purchase Patent around by Scott's old house, and that he keep the same in repair with the hands of Mrs. Park at home and her quarter.

~Then the Court adjourned until Court in course.

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

Page 76 Monday April 25th

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, Anno Dom, 1785.

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

~Ordered that Jonathan Wood be allowed a discount on a taxable list through error.

~Nathaniel Macon came into Court and qualified as an Executor to Samuel Yeargain, deceased, who also returned, on oath, an additional Inventory of the Estate of said deceased.

~Ordered that the remaining part of the Estate of Samuel Yeargain, deceased, be sold according to law.

~A Deed from Benjamin McInvale to William Gwynn, was proved by the oath of Thomas Christmas, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~On motion a license was granted to Richard Proctor to keep an Ordinary at his house, who entered into bond with security for that purpose.

~Grand Jury sworn, to wit, Jordan Harris, Sylvester Merritt, William Clark, Henry Fitts, Bennett Wood, James Beckham, John Cauthorn, Dawson Vanlandigham, Richard Ellis, John Duke, Lewis Patrick, John Ellington, Nimrod Williams, John Baxter, John Emmerson, and Henry Strudivant.

~Ordered that Ezekiel Blanch be discharged from the payment for one taxable it appearing to the Court to be a mistake in his Inventory.

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~Ordered that Lewis Patrick be sited to appear at next Court to answer and also Frances Lambert to give testimony.

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

~Tuesday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

Present: William Johnson, James Paine and Benjamin Ward, Esquires.

~A Deed from Moses Harris to Amos Harris, was proved by the oath of Thomas Gainer, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Amos Harris and Joel Harris returned, on oath, an Inventory of the Estate of Joseph Harris, deceased, also an appraisement of the Estate, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

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

~Ordered that Francis Thornton be allowed a discount of the taxable listed through error.

~Ordered that Young Mc Lomore, Esquire, be discharged from the payment of a Tax on two poles listed through error.

~Ordered that Benjamin Johnson be discharged from the payment of a Tax on two poles listed through error.

~Ordered that Thomas Merritt be discharged from the payment of a Tax on two poles listed through error.

Page 78 Tuesday April 26th

~James Gray acknowledged a Deed to Thomas Cook, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~James Gray, one of the Executors of Jethro Sumner, deceased, produced the Last Will and Testament of said deceased, which was proved by the oath of James Brehon and William Fain, witnesses thereto, and James Gray and Benjamin Mc Cullock, Esquire, qualified as Executors to the said deceased, to whom Letters Testamentary was granted.

~John Moseley returned, on oath, an Inventory of the Estate of Samuel Bell, deceased, and on motion the same was ordered to be recorded.

~Allen Lane against Twitty and Russell - Case following - Jury sworn, to wit, Britian Duke, Matthew Duke, Benjamin Mabry, Wilmot Egerton, William Burrows, William Robins, William Noyal Norsworthy, Benjamin Ward, John Allen, Reuben Smith, Nathaniel Harris, and James Egerton who find for the Plaintiff, and assess his damage to forty-three pounds, three shillings and two pence and costs.

~Nathaniel Harris against Green's Executors - Case same - Jury sworn eight Nathaniel Harris and in his place Reuben Weathers who find for the Plaintiff, and assess his damage to one hundred-thirty-eight pounds, one shilling and seven pence - half penny and cost.

~A Deed from Thomas Swinney to John Bowdon, was proved by the oath of Jonathan Davis, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Ordered that Edward Jones be appointed Overseer of the road instead of John Hastings, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands.

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~Ordered that Augustine Pettillo be appointed Overseer of the road from Morley's Ferry to the Virginia line, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands.

~Daniel Ledbetter made oath that he attended as a witness for Robert Dinkins against Nathaniel Clark, Esquire, eight days, amounting to thirty-five shillings.

~A Deed from Richard Marshall to William Davis, was proved by the oath of Frederick Malone, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

~Thomas Haines acknowledged a Deed to William Alston, Esquire, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from Henry Alston to Thomas Haines, was proved by the oath of William Alston, Esquire, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

~Ordered that Adam Milam be appointed Guardian to John Hudson, orphan of James Hudson, deceased, who entered into bond with John Moseley and William Knoles, his securities for the same.

~A Deed from William Ballard to John Hicks, was proved by the oath of Beckham Rainey, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Ordered that Gideon Hunt Macon be discharged from the payment of a Tax on one pole listed by him through error.

~Ordered on motion of John Mabry that his grandfather's will be recorded it having been proved in Bute Court and not yet recorded.

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

~Wednesday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

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

~Nathaniel Harris and Matthew Harris Possessioners in Capt. Harris' District returned to Court the list of possessed land in said District.

Page 80 Wednesday April 27th

~Ordered that James Gregory have leave to keep an Ordinary at his house, who with John White, his security, entered into and executed a bond for that purpose.

~Ordered that Absolom Bennett have license to keep an Ordinary at his house, who with Richard Ellis, his security, entered into and executed a bond for that purpose.

~Frederick Malone acknowledged a Deed to Philemon Hawkins and Bennett Wood, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

~Ordered that Thomas Green be allowed the sum of eight pounds, for Services rendered the County.

~Ordered that William Duke, Archibald Brown, and James Robertson be appointed Patrollers in Capt. White's District.

~Ordered that Ephraim Price, Merryman Bobbitt, and William Thomas be appointed Patrollers in Capt. Ward's District.

~Ordered that John Powell, Isham Hawkins, and Randolph Cheek be appointed Patrollers in Capt. Weathers' District.

~Ordered that William Balthrop, Aaron Shearin, and William Knoles be appointed Patrollers in Capt. Shearin's District.

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

~Thursday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

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

~Charles James, William Burrows and John Newell returned their list of land possessed by them in Capt. Burrows' District.

~Ordered that James Cannon be appointed Overseer of the road instead of Jesse Hunter, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands.

Page 81 Thursday April 28th

~William Campbell, for Seawell and others came into Court, and relinquished to Bennett Wood and Philemon Hawkins all his right title and interest to certain tract or parcel of land conveyed by Frederick Malone to the said Campbell and company in trust for ninety-five pounds, one shilling and eleven pence and at the same time acknowledged that he had received the above sum in full in consequence of said trustees.

~State against William Sprunt Re-conveyance - Henry Wilson twenty pounds, to appear and ___ and witnesses, to wit, Blanch Dowdon, Doney Stanley and William Saunders in like ___ .

~A Deed from Joseph Burchet to Philemon Hawkins, was proved by the oath of Simon Wright, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Ordered that Philemon Hawkins Jr., be discharged from payment for one taxable listed through error.

~Frederick Malone, Bennett Wood, and Philemon Hawkins acknowledged a Deed to Robert Turnbull, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Gideon Hunt Macon and James Gray acknowledged in open Court a certificate that they ran an advertisement for the sale of Frederick Malone's land ten days before the sale.

~James Turner Sheriff, acknowledged in open Court that he set up and sold the land aforesaid agreeable to the deeds of trust.

~Daniel Vaulx returned to Court a list of insolvents in Capt. Renn's District, amounting to three and half poles.

~A Deed of Gift from Thomas Cook to Elizabeth Jones, was proved by the oath of John Macon, Esquire, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

~Benjamin Johnson Guardian of Nancy and Elizabeth Chapman, orphans of William Chapman, deceased, returned in Court on --- account current of his Guardianship, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~The Commissioners of Warrenton acknowledged a Deed to William Alston, Esquire, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

Page 82 Thursday April 28th

~Ordered that James Gray be appointed Guardian to Mc Kenny Hurst Sumner, orphan to Jethro Sumner, deceased, who with Young Mc Lemore and John Faulcon, Esquires, his securities for the same, enters into and executes a bond for that purpose.

~A Deed from James Young to Hardaway Davis, was proved by the oath of Henry Glover, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Also a second Deed from said Young to said Davis, was proved by the oath of said witness, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Marcellus Jordan made oath that he attended as a witness for Gideon Hunt Macon against Richard Marshall three days, amounting to twelve shillings.

~Ordered that the Sheriff sell the Estate of Thomas Robins, deceased, to be divided agreeable to the will of the said deceased.

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

~Friday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

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

~William House acknowledged a Deed to Thomas Christmas, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

~James Gray and Benjamin Mc Cullock, Executors of Jethro Sumner, deceased, returned to Court, on oath, an Inventory of the Estate of said deceased.

~Ordered that the Executors of Jethro Sumner, deceased, sell the perishable Estate of said deceased, and any part thereof as they shall think proper and returned an account of the same to the next Court.

~Ordered that Thomas Swinney be appointed Overseer of the road in place of William Turner, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands and the hands of Charles Allen.

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~Jesse Hunter came into Court and entered into a conveyances with William Myrick , his security, in the amount of twenty pounds, for his appearance at the next Court.

~Moses Myrick and Nathaniel Nicholson returned their lists of lands possessed by them in Capt. Clanton's District.

~Ordered that Wyatt Hawkins have leave to keep an Ordinary at his house, who entered into a bond with Reuben Smith, his security, for the same.

~Mary Duke made oath that she attended one day and rode thirty-one miles as a witness for Thomas Caller against Ephraim Price.

~Benjamin Kimball acknowledged a Deed to James Kimball also a Deed to David Kimball , and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

~Sale of the Estate of John Christmas, deceased, returned by James Turner Sheriff, 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 said Estate.

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

~Saturday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

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

~Thomas Eaton, Esquire, Executor of James Belford, deceased, returned to Court, on oath, an account current which was examined and approved by the Court, and on motion the same was ordered to be recorded.

~A Deed from Henry Alston to Thomas Mayfield, was proved by the oath of James Turner, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

~Nathaniel Harris against James Egerton - Defendant suggested that the judgment is for more money than the Plaintiff is justly entitled to. John Penn. Attorney for Plaintiff, consents that Henry Montford, James Johnson and Nathaniel Macon, Esquires, be authorized and empowered and examine the accounts between the Plaintiff and said Defendant and to make any deductions they may think proper and it is also consented that no execution shall issue until the said referees shall give from under hand to the Clerk of the Court what the Plaintiff is justly entitled to, and upon such sum being assigned, the Clerk to issue execution for the same it required if by any account do not examine into the Accopmt and then it is consented that Joseph Taylor, Esquire, may have the same right at next Court to move for a new trial.

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~John Penn against Marcellus Pardue - Judgment for twenty pounds, and costs according to bond. Attachment in debt James House a garnishee being sworn saith he hath money in his hands sufficient to satisfy by this recovery with the costs on the 25 day of reimbursement.

~Jurors to be summoned to July Court, to wit, John Hawkins, William Wortham, Philemon Hawkins Jr., Thomas Green, Benjamin Kimball Jr., James Gray, James House, John Newell, Charles James, William Rowland, James Johnson, William Johnson Jr., Peter Davis, Jesse Person, Francis Thornton, Samuel Williams, William Williams, James Alston, Phillip G. Alston, John Cheek, John Hicks, William Shearin, Obed Green, Robert Jones, John Estridge, Daniel Barrow, James Sledge, Ephraim Ellis, James White, William Balthrop, and Augustine Balthrop.

~Ordered that William Shearin have leave to keep an Ordinary at his house entering into bond with Benjamin Mabry , his security, for the same.

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~Leonard Kimball and John Duke approved bail for James Mealor came into Court and surrendered the said Mealor and was discharged.

~Ordered that Thomas Paschall cited to appear at the next Court to render his accounts as Guardian to Reliance Paschall.

~Ordered that Joshua Mabry be allowed a list of insolvents in his District, amounting to fourteen pole and three hundred and fifty acres of land.

~Ordered that John Ellington, James Ellington and Raleigh Hammond be appointed Patrollers in Twitty's District.

~Ordered that the hands of Thomas Person at Presanton, General Thomas Eaton at Stonehouse, William Alston, Moses Myrick, Duke Mabry, William Story, and Benjamin Bradley, who is appointed Overseer of the road from the Hubquarter Road across the Reedy Swamp's Ordinary Road, and keep the same in repair.

~Ordered that William Story be appointed Overseer of the road in place of Matthew Myrick, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands.

~Richard Marshall entered into bond with Bennett Wood and John Ellington his securities in the sum of forty-seven pounds, to pursuant an appeal granted him in the suit Andrew Armstrong against him the said Marshall also entered into bond with the said securities in the sum of seventy-six pounds, six shillings and four pence to prosecute an appeal granted him in a suit Gideon Hunt Macon against him the said Marshall.

~Ordered that Andrew Yeargain be appointed Overseer of the road instead of Samuel Yeargain, deceased, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands.

~John Green Collector in Capt. White's District came into Court and settled his account for the County Tax in proper vouchers.

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~Moses Myrick returned his list of possession land in his District.

Ordered that John Durham and Matthew Myrick be appointed Patrollers in Capt. Clanton's District.

~On motion James Johnson and James Ransom be ordered that the road be opened from James Johnson's to Mc Cullock's Mill and the Bridge through William Cox's land whereto has lately fenced, the above motion referred until next Court.

~Thomas Christmas returned into Court a Caveat, Thomas Person against Joseph Shearin, and ordered that the Sheriff summon a Jury to view and attend on the premises to try the Caveat aforesaid with the County Surveyor.

~Ordered that the several Justices take lists of taxables as they took them last year.

~Ordered that William Kimball be allowed thirty shillings for Services done at this Court as Constable.

~Ordered that William Collins be appointed Overseer of the road instead of Matthew Myrick, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands.

~Then the Court adjourned according to Court in Course.

~Signed: William Johnson, Daniel Sledge and Wyatt Hawkins.

Page 87 Monday July 25th

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, being the twenty-fifth day thereof, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five.

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

~John Green acknowledged a Deed to James Herrington, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Joseph Reddock having administered formerly in Bute County on the Estate of Jacob Powell, deceased, returned to Court an account current of said deceased, which was examined and appraised by the Court, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~Marmaduke Johnson with Nathaniel Macon, his security, entered into and executed a bond for receiving and accounting for the taxes laid by the General Assembly in the sum of one thousand pounds.

~Ordered that Thomas Sails, Solomon Higgins and William Sands be discharged from the payment of a sales Tax.

~Ordered that Francis Capps be allowed a list of insolvents, amounting to eight poles and also two hundred and forty acres of land.

~A Deed from Mathias Goodrich and wife to D. Ballard proved by the oath of Samuel Marshall, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~Joshua Mabry came into Court and settled and paid his County Collection, amounting to twenty-five pounds, thirteen shillings in proper vouchers.

~Ordered that Isaac Acree be allowed a list of insolvents, amounting to six pole in his district.

~James Turner returned to Court an account of the sale of the Estate of Thomas Robins, deceased, amounting to twenty-one pounds, four shillings, ordered that he be allowed two and half percent on the same.

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~James Turner returned to Court an account of the sale of the Estate of Jethro Sumner, deceased, amounting to one thousand eighty pounds, three shillings and six pence and half penny, ordered that he be allowed two and half percent on the same.

~Isaac Acree came into Court and settled his account for his Collection, amounting to twenty-nine pounds, five shillings, and four pence which he paid improper vouchers.

~Ordered that the Administration of Moreland Mabry, deceased, Estate be granted to Moses Myrick, the widow of said deceased signifying her consent, who entered into bond with Isaac Acree, his security, for the sum of one hundred pounds.

~The Last Will and Testament of James Martin, deceased, was proved by the oath of Samuel Davis and Daniel Barrow, subscribing witnesses thereto, and Sarah Martin, widow of said deceased, qualified as Executrix to the said deceased to whom Letters Testamentary was granted and the Executrix returned an Inventory of the Estate of said deceased, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~A Deed of Gift from Sarah Martin to her children, Alexander Martin, John Martin, Gabriel Martin, Nancy Martin, Fanny Martin, and Salley Martin, was acknowledged by Sarah Martin, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Ordered that Benjamin Ward, Esquire, be recommended to his Excellency Richard Caswell, Esquire, Governor and as a proper person to execute the office of Sheriff for the year 1785.

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~Benjamin Ward, Esquire, produced in Court a Commission from his Excellency Richard Caswell, Esquire, Governor, and appointing him the said Benjamin Ward Sheriff of this County the ensuing year agreeable to which said Commission he the said Benjamin Ward was permitted to qualify as aforesaid, who entered into bond with William Green and Thomas Christmas, his security, for the same in the sum of five thousand pounds, also as County Treasurer in the sum of five thousand pounds.

~Grand Jury sworn, to wit, James Gray, foreman, John Hawkins, William Wortham, Francis Thornton, Daniel Barrow, Phillip G. Alston, James Alston, Philemon Hawkins Jr., James House, Robert Jones, John Newell, Charles James, John Ellis, William Balthrop, and Peter Davis.

~A Deed from Giles Carter to Joseph Shearin, was proved by the oath of John Faulcon, Esquire, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~A Bill of Sale from Seth Williams to Nimrod Williams, was proved by the oath of Lewis Williams, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

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

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

~Ordered that Robert Walker be appointed Overseer of the road from Burford's Road to Caller's Ordinary, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands.

~Ordered that John Mayfield be appointed Overseer of the road from Burford's Road to Collier's Ordinary, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands.

Page 90 Monday July 25th

~John Macon, Esquire, returned to Court a list of taxables by him taken in his District.

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

~Tuesday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

Present: William Johnson, John Macon, William Alston, Young Mc Lemoire, and Daniel Sledge, Esquires.

~A Deed from Richard Acock to John Acock, was proved by the oath of Chamberlain Hudson, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

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

~Elias Harris acknowledged an assignment for certain lands or warrants lying in Kentucky is by said assignment will more fully appear a copy of which is by order of this Court to be transmitted to William Green of Warren County.

~An assignment from William Edmonds to William Green, was proved by the oath of Elias Harris, for certain warrants or lands in Kentucky as by the said assignment will more fully appear a copy of which assignment is by order of this Court to be transmitted to William Green of Warren County.

~A Deed from Aaron Fussell to William Fussell, was proved by the oath of Daniel Barrow, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Ordered that William Beckham be discharged from the payment of a Tax pole.

~William Elliott acknowledged a Bill of Sale to Gideon Hunt Macon and Atkin Mc Lomore, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

Page 91 Tuesday July 26th

~Thomas Mayfield against Honorias Powell - Case - Jury sworn, who find for the Plaintiff, assess his damage to twenty-five pounds, thirteen shillings and cost, from which judgment the Defendant prayed an appeal, which was granted him, executing a bond with John Weathers and Charles Bartholomew, his securities for the same.

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

~Ordered that John Smith be discharged from the payment of a Tax on one pole he being disabled.

~Thomas Caller against Ephraim Price - Debt - Jury sworn, who find for the Plaintiff, and assess his damage to five pounds, five shillings and ten pence with costs, from which judgment the Plaintiff prayed an appeal, which was granted him, he entering into bond with John Newell and Robert Hightower, his securities for that purpose, in the sum of twenty pounds.

~Ordered that Robert Childress be exempted from the payment of a poll Tax, being old and infirm.

~The Last Will and Testament of Drury Christian was produced in Court and proved by the oath of Cader Powell and Jesse Moseley and on the same William Balthrop and Lucy Christian qualified as Executor and Executrix to whom Letters Testamentary issued accordingly.

~Phillip Burford, Esquire, acknowledged a Deed to James Gray, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

Page 92 Tuesday July 26th

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

~Wednesday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

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

~A Deed from Willis Whatley and Mary Whatley to William Williams, was proved by the oath of Edward Jones, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~On motion a license is granted to Richard Bennett to keep an Ordinary at his house, who with John Weathers, his security, entered into and executed a bond for that purpose.

~James Johnson and John Willis returned their lists of property assessed by them in the town of Warrenton, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~A Deed of Trust from John Baxter to James Donaldson and company, was proved by the oath of Thomas Miller, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~A Deed of Trust from John Renn to John Donaldson, proved by oath of Thomas Miller, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Thomas Edwards Jr., came into Court and made choice of Benjamin Mc Cullock as his Guardian, who enters into a bond with James Johnson, Henry Montford and William Johnson, his securities, in the sum of five thousand pounds.

Page 93 Wednesday July 27th

~An acknowledgement of right to certain tracts of land in Warren County from John Williams Jr., to Thomas Hale, was proved by the oath of William Shearin, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~Ordered that Nathaniel Macon be appointed Guardian to Sarah G. Yeargain, orphan of Samuel Yeargain, deceased, who enters into bond with Thomas Eaton, Esquire, and William Clanton, his securities, in the sum of five thousand pounds, for the same.

~Frederick Malone returned, on oath, an account current as Executor to John Malone, deceased, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~Nathaniel Macon, Executor to Samuel Yeargain, deceased, returned an account of the sale of the Estate of said deceased, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~Benjamin Ward, Sheriff, came into Court and objected to the jail as not being sufficient.

~Ordered that Frederick Malone, Executor of John Malone, deceased, sell so much of the Estate of said deceased, to satisfy the debt of said deceased.

~Philemon Hawkins Jr. acknowledged a Deed to Dawson Moses, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Col. William Alston returned his list of taxables in Capt. Weathers' District.

~A Deed from John Macon to Thomas Person, was proved by the oath of John (not readable), and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Young Mc Lomore, Esquire, came into Court and settled and paid down Urbane Nicholson to action for the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three.

Page 94 Tuesday July 26th

~A Deed from James Burk to William Wortham, was proved by the oath of Absolom Bennett, 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, Nathaniel Macon and Edward Jones, Esquires.

~Wyatt Hawkins, Esquire, returned to Court his list of taxables in his District.

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

~William Person came into Court and took the oaths prescribed by law as County Surveyor.

~The Commissioners of Warrenton acknowledged a Deed to Thomas Person, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~The accompt of sale of the Estate of James Smith, deceased, was returned to Court by Elizabeth Smith, the Executrix, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~William Wortham acknowledged a Deed to James Burk for one hundred and forty acres of land, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from Thomas Turner, Sheriff, to John Hicks, was proved by the oath of James Corner, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~The Grand Jury came into Court and was discharged.

~William Brogdon against Jinkins Devany - Covent - a Jury sworn, to wit, James Johnson, William Johnson, Obed Green, William Shearin, Jesse Person, Augustine Balthrop, John Cheek, Ephraim Ellis, William Holliman, John Weathers, Benjamin Jones, and John Ellington, who find for the Plaintiff, damages and costs.

Page 95 Thursday July 28th

~William Booker made oath that he attended as a witness for Wyatt Hawkins against John Brandy two days, amounting to eight shillings.

~Garret Goodloe attendance for Brogdon against Jinkins Drury, amounting to seven pounds and seven shillings.

~William Rush attendance in same suit for Drury against Brogdon, amounting to four pounds, twelve shillings.

~Stephen --- attendance as a witness, for Brogdon against Drury, amounting to five pounds.

~Abraham Moses attendance as a witness, for Brogdon against Drury, amounting to one pound four shillings.

~John White attendance, as a witness fifteen days for Drury against Brogdon.

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

~Friday Morning the Court met according to adjournment.

Present: William John son, Philemon Hawkins and James Paine, Esquires.

~Ordered that William Ellis be appointed Overseer of the road instead of John Ellis and keep the same in repair with the usual hands.

~Ordered that the hands of Capt. White, James Bell and the hands living with Richard Jones be added too James Milam's Road.

~Edward Jones returned to Court his list of taxables in his District.

~John Moseley, Administrator of Samuel Bell, deceased, returned to Court an account of the sale of the Estate of the, deceased.

Page 96 Friday July 29th

~Philemon Hawkins, Esquire, returned to Court his list of taxables in his district.

~Ordered that administration of the Estate of Richard Hudson, deceased, be granted to Joseph Hudson, who with John Thompson and Aaron Shearin, his securities, entered into bond for that purpose.

~Isham Hawkins made oath that he attended as a witness in the suit John Powell against James Lansing twenty-two days, amounting to four pounds, eight shillings.

~Also Honorias Powell made oath that he attended as a witness in said suit twenty days, amounting to four pounds.

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

~Saturday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

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

~Ordered that James Gray, Gideon Hunt Macon, Jonathan Davis and Herbert Haynes be appointed Jurors for the next Superior Court.

~Ordered that Benjamin Johnson, Nathaniel Verser, Thomas Reid, Matthew Davis, Lewis Bobbitt, John Emmerson, John Duke, John Laughter, Henry Strudivant, Nimrod Williams, John Ellington, Lawrence Richardson, John Brewer, James Kimball, William St. John, Joseph Cook, Thomas Mayfield, Isaac Hunter, Nathaniel Harris, and William Noyal Norsworthy be appointed Jurors to the next Court.

Page 97 Saturday July 30th

~Ordered that Marmaduke Johnson, John Macon and Nathaniel Macon let a Bridge across Fishing Creek at or near the place where Thomas Green's Bridge formerly was.

~Gideon Hunt Macon came into Court filed and paid his County Tax for the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, amounting to twenty-six pounds, nineteen shillings.

~Ordered that Gideon Hunt Macon be allowed a list of insolvents returned by him in Capt. Ward's District, amounting to four poles.

~John Ellington entered into bond with Lewis Patrick, deceased, with Richard Ellis , his security, to pursuant an appeal granted him in the suit William Saxton against said Ellington.

~Ordered that Benjamin Moss appointed Collector in Shocco Purchase Patent and Fussell's District.

~Also Joshua Mabry for Warrenton, Hawtree, and Deep Creek.

~Isaac Acree for Roanoke and Six Pound District.

~Francis Capps for Weathers' and Harris' District.

~Ordered that Isaac James be appointed Overseer of the road in place of William Jean, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands.

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

~Ordered that the following persons, to wit, Joshua Mabry, Repps Mabry, James White, Richard Marshall, William Hansill, Frederick Tillery, Samuel Walker, Benjamin Duke, Richard Tillery, James Towns, Hugh Johnston, David Towns, Benjamin Ellis, William Fain, and John Ward be appointed to lay off a road from..

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~Ordered that Hugh Johnston be appointed Overseer of the road from Trevor's old place to Malone's Road near Nicholson's Race Path, and that he open the same with the hands of James White, Richard Marshall, Benjamin Duke, John Weatherston, William Fain, Benjamin Ellis, Mrs. Dent, John Towns, Abraham Nicholson, George Allen, and his own.

~Benjamin Moss, Sheriff, returned an account of the sale of the Estate of Charles Lampkin, deceased, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~Ordered that the hands of William Clemments be added to James Kimball's Road.

~Joseph Hudson returned to Court, on oath, an Inventory of the Estate of Richard Hudson, deceased, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~James Paine returned to Court a list of taxables in his District for the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five.

~Ordered that the Collector pay William Kimball thirty shillings for his Services as Constable at this present Court.

~Ordered that John Hicks be appointed Constable in Hawtree District instead of William Cole.

~Nathaniel Macon surrendered the body of James Cole Montford in discharged his --- as common bail at the suit of Henry Montford, who entered himself official bail.

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~Joshua Mabry acknowledged a Deed to Repps Mabry, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Thomas Turner, Sheriff, returned in Court an account of money, received for strap, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~Ordered that Thomas Turner be allowed the sum of ten pounds, (exclusive of six pounds, eighteen shillings and eight pence received by him for strap) as Exofficio Services, for the year one thousand seven hundred eighty-four, as Sheriff.

~Tax laid for the County, to wit, one shilling and six pence on the polls.

~Court House Tax, six pence to be added to the one shilling Tax, laid by act of assembly total one shilling six pence.

~Tax for wounded officers and solders widows at six pence.

~Daniel Sledge paid his account for his County Tax in proper vouchers, amounting to thirteen pounds, seventeen shillings.

~Phillip Burford, Esquire, made oath that he attended as a witness for William Easters against Charles Allen, four days, amounting to sixteen shillings.

~John White made oath that he attended as a witness for Thomas Mayfield against Honorias Powell, fourteen days, amounting to fifty-six shillings.

~Ordered that William Cole be allowed thirty-two shillings for Services, rendered as Constable in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five.

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~Ordered that Thomas Wilson be allowed the sum of sixteen shillings for Services, done as Constable for the present year.

~John Bartholomew made oath that he attended as a witness for John Powell against James Saintsing, fourteen days, amounting to fifty-six shillings.

~William Powell made oath that he attended as a witness for John Powell against James Saintsing, twenty days, amounting to four pounds.

~Ordered that the following Constables, be allowed for summoning the Inhabitants, to give in taxables as follows, to wit, John Green, sixteen shillings, Isaac Acree, thirty-two shillings, Francis Capps, sixteen shillings and Samuel Harper, sixteen shillings.

~On motion a license is granted to John Willis to keep an Ordinary at his house in Warrenton, who with William Johnson Jr., his security, entered into bond for the same.

~A Deed from Phillip Burford to John Hawkins Jr., was proved by the oath of Agrippa Nichols, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from Atkin Mc Lomore to Major John Hawkins, was proved by the oath of William Howard, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~William Johnson, Esquire, returned his list of taxables.

~William Johnson entered into bond with John Willis, his security, in the sum of one hundred pounds, for reviewing and accounting for the taxes laid by Act of Assembly to be reviewed and accounted for by him as register.

~Buckner Davis made oath that he attended as a witness for John Powell against James Saintsing, seventeen days, amounting to three pounds, eight shillings.

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

Page 101 Monday October 31st
October

At a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions began and held for the County of Warren at Warrenton on the last Monday in October, being the thirty-first day thereof, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five.

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

~On motion a license is granted to Edmond Kerney to keep an Ordinary at his house, who entered into bond with Marmaduke Johnson, his security, for the same.

~Edmond Kerney acknowledged a Deed of gift to Edmond Kerney Jr., and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~On motion a license is granted to John Davis to keep an Ordinary at his house in Warrenton, who entered into bond with Reuben Smith, his security, for that purpose.

~Nathan Verser acknowledged a Deed to Nathaniel Macon, Esquire, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~John Macon and Marmaduke Johnson, Commissioners, appointed to let a Bridge across Fishing Creek near Thomas Green's have let the same for thirty pounds, and returned a bond for that purpose from Thomas Christmas, the undertaker, who is to build and maintain the same seven years, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

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~Ordered that Thomas Christmas be allowed the sum of thirty pounds, for building a Bridge across Fishing Creek and maintaining the same seven years.

~Grand Jury sworn, to wit, John Bowdon, foreman, Nathan Verser, Matthew Davis, Lewis Bobbitt, John Emmerson, John Duke, Nimrod Williams, Lawrence Richardson, James Kimball, William St. John, Jesse Jinkins, Joseph Cox, Isaac Hunter, Nathaniel Baxter, James Nicholson, and John Wright.

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

~Tuesday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

Present: William Johnson, Young Mc Lomore, and John Macon Esquire

~A Deed from Elizabeth Fussell to William Fussell, was proved by the oath of John Wooten, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~A power of Attorney from William Park to Robert Turnbull and Charles Duncan, was proved by the oath of George Tasse, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~By virtue of above Power of Attorney from William Park to Robert Turnbull and Charles Duncan a release on a Deed of trust from William Elliott to William Park, was proved by the oath of Marmaduke Johnson, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~Ordered that Isaac James be appointed Overseer of a road instead of William Jean, and that he keep the same in repair with the hands of Thomas Wilson, Moses Harris, John Harris, Amos Harris, Gilbert Ward, Joel Harris and his own.

Page 103 Tuesday November 1st

~A Deed from William Elliott to Robert Turnbull, was proved by the oath of William Myrick Jr., and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Administration on the Estate of Thomas Fore, deceased, granted to Philemon Hawkins, Esquire, who with Wyatt Hawkins, his security, entered into bond for the same in the sum of two hundred pounds.

~A Deed from William Jean to Sterling Harwell, was proved by the oath of William Jean Jr., and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from Goodman Davis to Charles Marshall, was proved by the oath of Sterling Harwell, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Thomas Paschall being appointed Guardian to Reliance Paschall, orphan of William Paschall, deceased, entered into bond in the sum of two hundred pounds, with John White, his security, for the same.

~The Last Will and Testament of Mary Jones, deceased, was proved by the oath of Lewis Paschall and Joshua Rivers, being witnesses thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~Lucy Jones, Executrix of said deceased, qualified accordingly to whom Letters Testamentary is granted and the said Lucy returned, on oath, an Inventory of the Estate of the, deceased.

~A Deed from William Edwards to Lewis Patrick, was proved by the oath of Thomas Paschall, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Obed Green acknowledged a Deed to William Plummer, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

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~A Nuncupative will of Shippa Allen Parker, deceased, was proved by the oath of Philemon Hawkins Jr., and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

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

~Sarah Martin returned an additional Inventory of the Estate of James Martin, deceased, to wit, a bond on Samuel Davis for forty-three pounds, Virginia currency on oath, and on motion 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, and Daniel Sledge, Esquires.

~On motion ordered that Gideon Green, Giles Bowers, James Murray, and William Christmas view, lay off and value one acre of land on each side of Evan's mill Creek agreeable to the petition of Thomas Person and the Court being informed that Joseph Seawell claims the land on the side which was formerly the property of Thomas Tharrington, and that he the said Seawell have notice and also that the said persons return this report to the next Court.

~Merryman Thorn acknowledged a Deed to Merryman Thorn Jr., and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

Page 105 Wednesday November 2^{nod}

~George Tassee with John Withers and Robert Hightower his securities came into Court and entered into and executed a bond to prosecute an appeal granted the said Tassee in the suit Julius Nichols against him the said Tassee in the sum of sixty pounds.

~William Balthrop and Lucy Christian, Executor and Executrix of Drury Christian, deceased, returned on oath an Inventory of the Estate of the said deceased, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~A Deed from William Fussell to Aaron Fussell, was proved by the oath of James House, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Robert Bailey made oath that he attended as a witness in suit Robert Hightower against William Brickell, three days, amounting to twelve shillings.

~Philemon Beckham surrendered the body of Merryman Thorn is discharged of his --- in a suit Seawell Campbell and company against the said Thorn and by consent of the Plaintiff's attorney he was ordered to be discharged from the Sheriff's custody.

~A supplementary Inventory of the Estate of Samuel Bell was returned to Court on order by John Moseley the Administrator, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~And also the said John Moseley returned an account of the sale of the Estate of said deceased, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~John Moseley Executor of Edward Clanton, deceased, returned an account of the sale of the Estate of said deceased, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

Page 106 Wednesday November 2^{nod}

~Richard Bennett acknowledged a Deed to Isham Bennett, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from Sterling Harris to Leonard Kimball, was proved by the oath of Randolph Bobbitt, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Jordan James returned, on oath, an Inventory of the Estate of Peter Kimball, deceased, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~Benjamin Moss surrendered the body of Nathaniel Kimball in discharge of himself the suit Seawell Campbell and company against Thorn and others from which the said Kimball is discharged.

~Agrippa Dinkins made oath that she attended as a witness for Philemon Hawkins, Esquire, against Cader White, six days.

~William Green came into Court and contracted with John Lancaster for the support and maintenance of a Bastard child, begotten by said Green on the body of Hannah Lancaster, for the sum of ten pounds and costs, which he immediately paid down, by which payment the said Green is discharged from the maintenance of said Bastard child thereafter.

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

~Thursday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

Present: Thomas Eaton, William Alston, and Daniel Sledge, Esquires.

Page 107 Thursday November 3rd

~Francis Capps one of the Collectors for this County came into Court and returned bond for that purpose with John Withers, his security.

~William Johnson, Esquire, appealed agreeable to his citation and being sworn saith that he has no personal property in his possession that are by law confiscated.

~James Ransom being sworn made the same answer as William Johnson, Esquire

~Moses Myrick returned, on oath, an Inventory of the Estate of Moreland Mabry, deceased, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~James Johnson against Benjamin Hicks - Jury sworn on the Interpleader of Benjamin Hicks acting Executor of James Hicks, deceased, find that the property of the two Negroes Anna and Ben attended by the said James Johnson are of the Estate of the said James Hicks, deceased.

~Idem against Eundam, Jury sworn and a jour withdrawn by consent.

~Mrs. Frances Goodwin, who was Administratrix of her former husband Joseph Gray, being asked by the Court if she or her former husband Joseph Gray had any property in their hands belonging to Alexander or Hugh Telfair - saith no - that her former husband bought a Negro named Varlet of said Telfair, which she now had, and a Negro named Dinah about seven years old that was given her former husband by the said Telfair on condition they did not return to this County and being asked on what condition that Negro was given to her husband she answered that if the said Telfair never entered her husband was to keep the Negro and if they did come back they were to have the said Negro again being asked whether then was any property left with her former husband to sell saith only some clothes and two cows which are dead.

Page 108 Thursday November 3rd

~A Deed from William Wortham to Nathaniel Cook, was proved by the oath of Benjamin Malone, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Grand Jury presented then bills and was discharged.

~James Paine made oath that he attended as a witness for Cader White against Philemon Hawkins, five days.

~On motion a license is granted to John May and Sally to keep an Ordinary at his house, who entered into bond with James Gregory and Thomas Hall his securities.

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

~Friday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

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

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

~Information having been made to the Court that Benjamin Johnson of this County hath so far lost his understanding that he is all together unfit to care for himself, family or property ordered that the Sheriff summons a Jury in order to ascertain whether the said Johnson is in the situation as above is set forth and make return agreeable to Act of Assembly verdict above ordered returned, and ordered to be recorded in consequence of the said verdict the Court appointed William Johnson, Esquire, Guardian of the said Benjamin Johnson, who entered into bond for the same.

Page 109 Friday November 4th

~Nathaniel Harris against Green's Executors - Award returned and set aside and new trial granted.

~Ordered that Thomas Miller, John Faulcon, and Nathaniel Macon appraise and divide the Estate of Drury Christian, deceased, agreeable to the will of said deceased, and make report to the next Court.

~A Bill of Sale from Ann Wright to Reuben Smith, was proved by the oath of Peter Twitty, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from Seth Williams to James Robertson, was proved by the oath of Spencer Waddy.

~State against Joseph Gray's Administratrix the cause being argued the Court, were ordered and the question lost.

~Frances Hall made oath that she attended as a witness for John Powell against John Thompson, three days.

~Buckner Davis made oath that he attended as a witness for John Powell against Peter Saintsing, eighteen days, and also for said Powell against Charles Saintsing the same number of days.

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

~Saturday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

Present: William Johnson, James Paine, Philemon Hawkins, and Young Mc Lomore, Esquires.

~Ordered that Nathaniel Macon, William Green, and James Johnson or any two of them let a Bridge across Fishing Creek at a place known by the name of House's Bridge and make report to next Court.

Page 110 Saturday November 5th.

~A Deed from Mark Jinkins to James Gray, was proved by the oath of Dixon Marshall, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~The Last Will and Testament of William Murphy, deceased, presented in Court and proved by the oath of John Pope, a witness thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~The Executor mentioned in the will of William Murphy, deceased, having refused to qualify as such on motion administration be granted to Joshua Mabry, with the will annexed by and with consent of the widow of the said deceased, and that said Joshua Mabry entered into bond with Henry Fitts, his security, in the sum of two thousand pounds, for that purpose to whom Letters Administration was granted, who returned an Inventory of the Estate of said deceased on oath, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

~Philemon Hawkins, Esquire, against Benjamin Tarver - Dedimus to South Carolina, Craven County to take the deposition of Bird Tarver and Ann Wright on the part of the Defendant, sixty days notice to be given.

~Ordered that John May be exempt from paying a pole Tax he being old and infirm.

~Ordered that a Dedimus issue to take the deposition of Young Mc Lemore, Hardy Brewer, Atkin Mc Lemore, William House, and others in a suit Hawkins against Tarver.

~Ordered that a Dedimus issue to take the deposition of James Harris in Virginia for Nathaniel Harris against Joseph Green's Executor, ten days notice to be given.

Page 111 Saturday November 5th

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

~Joshua Mabry formerly being appointed one of the collectors in Twitty's District, came into Court and resigned his appointment therefore it is ordered that Lewis Patrick be appointed in the said District, who entered into bond for that purpose with John Ellington and Thomas Harton his securities for the same.

~Isaac Acree being appointed one of the collectors came into Court and entered into bond with John Thompson and Thomas Harton his securities for the same in Clanton's and Colclough's District.

~Benjamin Moss, Collector in Capt. Ward's, Capt. Fussell's, Col. Hawkins' and Warrenton District, came into Court and entered into bond with Obed Green his securities for the faithful performance of the same.

~James Paine, Esquire, Made oath that he attended three days as a witness for John Thompson against John May.

~Isaac Acree made oath that he attended as a witness for Cader White against Philemon Hawkins, five days.

~Ordered that the Sheriff summon the following persons to attend as Jurors to the next Court, to wit, Dixon Marshall, Richard Marshall, Ephraim Ellis, James White, John Power, Lewis Patrick, Thomas Paschall, Thomas Thorn, James House, Aaron Fussell, Philemon Hawkins Jr., Frederick Tillery, Britian Duke, William Williams, Phillip Kerney, William Holliman, Miles Bobbitt, Thomas Clark, James Johnson, John Hawkins, William Wortham, Peter Davis, James Alston, William Johnson Jr., William Shearin, William Balthrop, Urbane Nicholson, and William Burrows.

Page 112 Saturday November 5th

~Ordered that the Collector pay William Kimball the sum of thirty-two shillings for his attendance on the Grand Jury October Court one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five.

~Ordered that William House pay unto Nancy Thorn the sum of five pounds, for the support of her Bastard child for five months until this day.

~Ordered that John Wright, Isaac Acree, and William Noyal Norsworthy divide and sell a part one child's part for Mary Marshall agreeable to the Last Will and Testament of Henry Foot, deceased.

~Wyatt Hawkins made oath that he attended as a witness for Peter Twitty against William Mustian eleven days.

~Ordered that the Collector pay Benjamin Ward fifty-two shillings and three pence for Services rendered in repairing the ---.

~William Noyal Norsworthy made oath that he attended as a witness for Daniel Sledge, Esquire, Against John Ellington, twenty-five days.

~Ordered that the Collector pay William Johnson, Esquire, forty shillings for his Services in cleaning the Courthouse.

Page 113 Saturday November 5th

~Benjamin Moss made oath that he attended as a witness the suit Thomas Christmas against William Cooper, twelve days.

~Then the Court adjourned until Court in Course.

~Signed: William Johnson, James Paine, Wyatt Hawkins and Daniel Sledge.

~At a Court called and held for the trial of a Negro, Will, belonging to William Merritt of Chatham County, charged with breaking open the store house of William Williams, on the night of the twenty-sixth of October last.

Present: William Johnson, Philemon Hawkins, Edward Jones, James Paine, and Wyatt Hawkins, Esquires and James Ransom, James Johnson, Benjamin Kimball, and Obed Green gentleman, freeholders, and masters of slaves.

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~The Court proceeded on the trial the Negro arraigned at the Court and pleaded not guilty, William Merritt the Master being present, William Williams, a witness in behalf of the State being sworn, saith that on the night of the twenty-sixth of October last his store was broken open and from circumstances that occurred to him be believed it was done by a Negro of Benjamin Perry's but has reason from the prisoners confession to believe the said prisoner was to partake of the goods stolen if any the Court having taken the prisoner under their consideration sentence the said Negro Will to receive thirty-nine lashes on his bear back well laid on at the public whipping post, and that the Sheriff be allowed for his fees two pounds, two shillings, and that the Clerk be allowed ten shillings including all Services to be paid by William Merritt the Master of the slave.

Signed: William Johnson, Philemon Hawkins, Edward Jones, James Paine, Wyatt Hawkins, James Ransom, James Johnson, Benjamin Kimball and Obed Green.

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November the seventh one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five.

~By virtue of an Act of Assembly the number of white and black Inhabitants and the citizens of every age and consideration in the State the, Sheriff has summoned the following members of the Court William Johnson, Philemon Hawkins, Edward Jones, James Paine, John Macon, and Wyatt Hawkins, Esquires in order to carry the above mentioned Act into effect whereupon the Court proceeded to app. Of persons to number and agreeable to law ordered that Edward Jones be appointed in Capt. Ward's District, James Gray in Capt. Fussell's, Obed Green in Warrenton District, James White in Shearin's, Dixon Marshall in Twitty's, Jonathan Davis in Colclough's, James Kerney in Weathers', John Moseley in Clanton's and Nathaniel Harris in Harris' District.

Signed: William Johnson, Philemon Hawkins, James Paine and Wyatt Hawkins.