

Chapter 4

Warren County, North Carolina

Minutes to the

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions

1783

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February

At a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions began and held for the County of Warren on the second Monday in February 1783 at Warrenton.

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

~Ordered that the Collector pay Jesse Person the sum of ten pounds specie for repairing a Bridge across Fishing Creek near Peter Davis'.

~Jordan Harris came into Court and qualified that he was not able to attend at last Court and was discharged on paying fees.

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~A Deed from Robert Williams to Thomas York, was proved by the oath of William St. John, a witness hereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Wilmot Patrick came into Court and administered on the Estate of John Patrick, deceased, by entering into bond with Lewis Patrick, her security, for her faithful performance in the sum of one thousand pounds, who also returned, on oath, an Inventory of the Estate of the said deceased.

~Ordered that the Sheriff sell the Estate of John Patrick, deceased, for specie, on the 24th instant.

~Wyatt Hawkins, garnishee at the suit Thomas Twitty against Robert Callier Jr. came into Court and declared that he had in his hands forty gallons of brandy after paying Phillip Burford for a cow and calf, which forty two gallons is considered by the Court as assets in the hands of the garnishee.

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

~Tuesday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

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

~William Hudson came into Court, and returned, on oath, an account of his guardianship for Isham Edwards, orphan to Isham Edwards, deceased.

~Ordered that Moses Lancaster be appointed Overseer of the road instead of Leonard Kimball, and that he immediately repair the same with the usual hands.

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

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~Ordered that James Basket's order for a Mill to be renewed.

~William Bell, garnishee, at the suit Joseph Pardue against Edward Smith, came into Court and declared he had in his hands fifteen hundred weight of tobacco which the said Smith had his bond for and he understands now, is lodged in the hands of William Johnson which said tobacco is considered as assets to settle by the said Pardue when judgment.

~A Deed from Benjamin Ward to Thomas Cook, was proved by the oath of Shade Kennebrue at whose motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from James Jones to Jesse Ellis, was proved by the oath of Benjamin Ellis, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Thomas Eaton came into Court and returned, on oath, an Inventory of the Estate of James Balfore, deceased, on motion ordered to be recorded.

~Thomas Miller Sr., came into Court and administrated on the Estate of John Johnson, deceased, by entering into bond with Thomas Miller Jr., his security, for the discharge of his administration, and Letters testamentary granted him, who also returned, on oath, an Inventory of the said Estate.

~Nimrod Williams acknowledged a Deed to Joseph Darnal,, at whose motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~James Emmerson Guardian of Richard Oliver, orphan of John Oliver, deceased, exhibited into Court an account of his Guardianship and the same is ordered to be recorded.

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~Philemon Hawkins, Esquire, acknowledged a Deed to William Roberts, on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Ordered that Isaac Wood, son of Henry Wood, be bound to Henry Wood until he arrive to the age of twenty years, being six years next June by consent of parties.

~Ordered that James Wood, son of Henry Wood, be bound to Jesse Ellis until he arrive to the age of Twenty years, he being four years next April.

~Thomas Paschall came into Court and made his excuses for not attending at the last Court as he was cited to do, and was discharged on paying fees.

~John Jones, Executor of John Brown, deceased, returned into Court, on oath, an Inventory of the Estate of the said deceased, and ordered to be recorded.

~William Duke acknowledged a Deed to William Wortham,, at whose motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~The Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of Hawtree District referred until next Court.

~Ordered that John Duncan, orphan of John Duncan, deceased, be bound to William Holliman until he arrive to the age of twenty-one years, being eight years old next April, and that he learn them to read and write and the trade of Silver Smith.

~Ordered that the Sheriff sell the Estate of John Johnson, deceased, on the twenty-second day of this insistent for specie and according to law.

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~Ordered that Willie Duncan, orphan of John Duncan, deceased, be bound to William Holliman until he arrive to the age of twenty-one years, being eight years old next April, and that he learn him to read and write and the trade of Silver Smith.

~John Faulcon, James Paine, and Joshua Mabry returned an account of the division of the Estate of Richard Oliver, deceased, and the same is ordered to be recorded.

~Administration on the Estate of Benjamin Colclough, deceased, with the will annex granted to John Colclough, he entering into bond William Shearin and John Baxter his securities for the discharge of his said administration and Letters granted.

~William Pattershall came into Court and administrated on the Estate of Joshua Pattershall, deceased, with the will annexed, who entered into and executed a bond with William Ellis, his security, for his said administration, and Letters granted accordingly.

~John Baxter came into Court and made his excuses for not attending as a Juryman last Court, was fined twenty shillings specie and fees, discharged.

~Green Duke came into Court and made his excuses for not attending as a Juryman last Court as he cited to do, and was discharged on paying fees.

~William Marks garnishee at the suit Peter Twitty against John Wright came into Court and declared that he had nothing in his hands of the said Wright's property.

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

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~Wednesday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

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

~Ordered that Francis Capps be paid by the Collector thirteen shillings and four pence specie for Services done as a Constable for summoning the Inhabitants to give in their inventories.

~A Deed from Nancy Young to Thomas Cousins, was proved by the oath of Peter Twitty, at whose motion the same is ordered to be registered.

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

~Petition Jury sworn, to wit, William Wortham, Henry Fitts, Adam Milam, John White, Bennett Wood, Nathaniel Baxter, William Robins, Peter Davis, Ludson Worsham, Thomas Green, Joseph Shearin, and Aaron Shearin.

~Whereas it appearing to the Court Thomas Pollock enlisted his property in Halifax, ordered that the Collector do not collect any Tax on his said property listed by Mr. Jones in this County.

~Temperance Ball came into Court, and being privately examined by John Macon, Esquire, relinquished her rights of dower to Middleton Christmas.

~Ordered that Ann Bush, aged twelve years next December, orphan of John Bush, deceased, be bound to Jeremiah Bush until she attain to eighteen years and have one year schooling.

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~William Green came into Court and acknowledged a Deed of Gift to Gideon Hunt Macon, at whose motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~William Pattershall returned, on oath, an Inventory of the Estate of Joshua Pattershall, deceased, and the same is ordered to be recorded.

~Ordered that Catey Wimble be discharged from her service to John Brown.

~Turner against Jones - A lawful Jury being sworn, and assess the Plaintiff's damages to fifty pounds specie costs, the Defendant prays an appeal which was granted him, he entering into bond with Isaac Hunter and Maurice Pardue his securities to prosecute the said appeal.

~Thomas Person Executor of Sarah Thompson, deceased, returned, on oath, an Inventory of the said Estate, and on motion the same is ordered to be recorded.

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

~Thursday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

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

~Whereas it appearing to the Court that Daniel Sledge, Esquire, stands charged in his Assessment for the year 1782, in the sum of £2182 ordered that the common Collector do only receive a Tax on £1162. the before mentioned sum being recovered.

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~The Last Will and Testament of Shirley Whatley, deceased, returned in Court and proved by the oath of John Lanier and Mary Lanier, two subscribing witnesses thereto, and the same is ordered to be recorded.

~A Deed from William Roberts to William Kimball, was proved by the oath of John Moseley, a witness hereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Ordered that Marmaduke Johnson be allowed the sum of twenty-five pounds, for his Exofficio Services as Clerk for the last year.

~On the motion of Richard Henderson, attorney for Seth Williams, who is a minor under age of twenty-one years, ordered that James Basket be admitted as next friend, to said Williams, to prosecute any suit or suits for him, said Williams, against any person or persons whomsoever for any cause or causes of action which he the said Basket or Williams may judge expedient.

~Order that the Clerk purchase books for the County's use.

~Tuesday the Grand Jury sworn, to wit, John Moseley foreman, John Lanier, Aaron Fussell, Daniel Barrow, Peter Cox, Honorias Powell, David Fluker, John Newell, Nathaniel Harris, Benjamin Ellis, William Ellis, Reece Brewer, Twitty Russell, William Murphy, John Bowdon, Thomas Thorn and William St. John.

~Thursday, James Myrick came into Court and made his excuses for not attending as a Juryman last Court and was discharged on paying fees.

~Ordered that Thomas Jinkins be allowed thirteen and four pence specie for summoning the Inhabitants to list themselves and Estates.

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~Ordered that John Pope be allowed the sum of thirteen shillings and four pence for summoning the Inhabitants to give their lists of Assessment.

~Ordered that William Cole be appointed Constable instead of John Pope in Capt. Shearin's District.

~Wyatt Hawkins, Sheriff, came into Court and objected to his own house, as sufficient jail their being no other place as a confinement for debtors and others.

~Ordered that the Sheriff summon Thomas Miller Jr., Thomas Alston, John Jones, Samuel Yeargain, and Peter Cox to attend as Jurors to the next Superior Court to be held for the District of Halifax on the 15th day in April next.

~Ordered that the Sheriff summon John Weathers, Jesse Person, Joseph Pardue, Joseph Mangum, Britian Duke, John Duke, William Burrows, Drury Bobbitt, Matthew Duke, John Duke, Matthew Harris, John

Ezell, Aaron Shearin, Francis Riggan, Moses Myrick, Nimrod Williams, Askenas Williams, Henry Strudivant, Frederick Malone, Thomas Paschall, Dawson Vanlandigham, John Ellington, Samuel Paschall, Urbane Nicholson, Joseph Darnal, William Rowland, Benjamin Johnson, James Johnson, and John Laughter to attend as Jurors at the next Court to be held for this County.

~Ordered that James Paine, Thomas Miller, Nathaniel Macon and Thomas Miller Jr. settle and adjust the accounts of Thomas Person, Administrator of Benjamin Person, deceased, and make report to the next Court for the approbation of the same to which Mr. Faulcon objected to.

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~Ordered that the Collector do not receive a Tax on £79.14 part of his Assessment it appearing to the Court to be a mistake of that sum in favor of John Faulcon, Esquire

Signed: William Johnson, Thomas Turner, and Daniel Sledge.

May

At a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions began and held at Warrenton for the County of Warren on the second Monday in May, being the 12th day thereof, 1783.

Present: William Johnson and Thomas Turner, Esquires.

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

~Tuesday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

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

~Isham Kindrick acknowledged a Deed to Robert Jones, at whose motion the same is ordered to be registered.

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

~John Stokes produced in Court a license to plead the law and having taken the oaths of office was thence upon admitted as one of the Attorneys of this Court.

~A Deed from Aggie Patterson to John Tanner, was proved by the oath of Thomas Jinkins, a witness hereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from John Duke and Simon Duke to John Chavie Welding, was proved by the oath of Ludson Worsham, a witness hereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

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~Thomas Twitty came into Court and made oath to his attendance, as a witness in the suit Reece Brewer against Frederick Malone, amounting to seven shillings.

~Ordered that Frederick Malone, Executor of Wood Malone, be summoned to appear at the next Court to render an account of the same of his administration on the Estate of his said testator.

~Richard Woodroof came into Court and made application for administration on the Estate of John Woodroof, deceased, which was granted him, who entered into bond with security in the sum of £500, specie for the discharge of his said administration.

~Grand Jury sworn, to wit, James Johnson foreman, Joseph Pardue, William Burrows, Drury Bobbitt, John Duke, John Ellington, Moses Myrick, Frederick Malone, Samuel Paschall, Urbane Nicholson, William Rowland, Joseph Mangum, John Laughter, John Ezell, and Britian Duke.

~The Last Will and Testament of Joshua Ellis, was returned to Court and proved by the oath of Richard Ellis, a witness, and Letters Testamentary granted to Ephraim Ellis, one of the Executors therein named, who also returned an Inventory, on oath, of the Estate of the said deceased.

~Ordered that William Wilson repair the Bridge across Hub Quarter Creek, with the usual hands and the hands of Giles Carter, and also repair the road from said Bridge to Eaton's Ferry.

~Joseph Fletcher came into Court and made oath to his attendance, as a witness in the suit John Arnold against Aaron Fussell, amounting to 19 pence specie.

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~James Burk acknowledged a Deed to William Wortham, at whose motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Joseph Fletcher came into Court and made oath to his attendance, as a witness in the suit Jones against Fussell, amounting to 13 pence.

~Churchwell Anderson against Phillip Hilliard and others the following Jury being sworn, to wit, John Weathers, John Watson, Joseph Darnal, Richard Marshall, John Bowdon, John Hicks, Aaron Fussell, Adam Milam, James Wright, Randolph Strudivant, Francis Kingston, and Beckham Rainey, who find for the Plaintiff, five pounds, fourteen shillings and costs.

~A Deed from William Kelly to Moses Myrick, was proved by the oath of Samuel Davis, a witness hereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Ordered that the Executors of Joshua Ellis, deceased, divide the Estate according to the will of said deceased.

~Lewis Tucker acknowledged a Deed to Frederick Cook at whose motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Ralph Neal against Britian Duke - A lawful Jury being impaneled and sworn do assess the Plaintiff's damages to thirty-nine pounds, two shillings specie and costs.

~Abner Ellis against Thomas Blanchet and Buckley the same Jury being lawfully sworn do assess the Plaintiff damages to six pounds, thirteen shillings and four pence and costs.

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

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~Wednesday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

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

~A Deed from Benjamin Williams to Thomas Miller, was proved by the oath of William Shearin, a witness hereto, and the same is ordered to be registered.

~The Last Will and Testament of Samuel Dispain, deceased, was proved in Court and proved by the oath of Samuel Marshall, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and Letters Testamentary granted to Moses Harris one of the Executors therein named.

~Daniel Vaulx, Collector in Ward Renn's and Fussell's District, returned into Court a list of insolvents which was allowed him amounting £792.

~Ordered that Edward Harris be appointed Overseer of the road from Shocco Ford around Mr. Jones' old field to the County line near John Pinion's, and that he keep the same in repair with the hands formerly on the road under Richard Ward.

~Ordered that the road from Mr. Thomas Green's Bridge to the crossroad that goes from Warrenton to Willis' Mill be discontinued.

~Obed Green, Collector in White's, Harris' and Weathers' District, returned in Court a list of insolvents which was allowed him, amounting to £440.

~Ordered that Thomas Turner, Esquire, be recommended to the Governor as a proper person to execute the office of Sheriff for the insuring year.

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~The Petition of Wyatt Hawkins to build a mill, being put to Sundries Freeholders to report the valuation, the said values having neglected to make their report, ordered that Samuel Paschall, Thomas Paschall, Robert Callier, and Abraham Mayfield with the County Surveyor lay off and value one acre on each side, John Ellington being the present owner on the opposite side and make return to the next Court.

~John Colclough, Administrator of Benjamin Colclough, deceased, returned into Court an Inventory of the Estate of the said deceased, and the same was ordered to be recorded.

~Gideon Hunt Macon, Commissioner, returned into Court a list of insolvents, amounting to £3583, which was allowed him.

~Ordered that aforesaid order to divide the Estate of Henry Foot, deceased, be renewed.

~Obed Green appointed as next friend to Edmond Green, who is a minor.

~Benjamin Williams against Matthew Wood - A Dictums Protestation to issue to Greensville County in Virginia to take the deposition of Daniel Fisher, Esquire

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

~Thursday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

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

~Ordered that William Wortham be appointed Overseer of the road from Newman's Road near Collier's Ordinary to Warrenton, and that he keep the same in repair with the hands of William Duke, Nimrod Williams, Richard O'Mary, Charles Nichols, John Sails, William House, Aristareus Wood, John Tanner, Maurice Pardue and the overseers own hands.

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~A Deed from Harrison Macon to John Macon, son of John, was proved by the oath of Nathaniel Macon, Esquire, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Thomas Peebles, orphan of Nathaniel Peebles, deceased, came into Court and made choice of James Johnson as his Guardian, who entered into and executed a bond with Robert Jones, his security, in the sum of £500, in specie for his faithful performance.

~Ordered that William Johnson take the list of Assessment in Capt. Ward's District and the following persons Assessors, to wit, James Johnson, Robert Jones and Isaac Hunter.

~Ordered that Philemon Hawkins, Esquire, take the list of Assessment in Renn's District and Young Mc Lomore, Esquire, do the same in Fussell's District and the following persons Assessors, to wit, John Bowdon, James Basket, and Joseph Darnal.

~Ordered that John Faulcon, Esquire, take the list of Assessment in Capt. Harris' District and also William Alston, Esquire, take the list in Capt. Weathers' District and the following persons assess the same to wit, Nathaniel Harris, John Newell and Thomas Alston.

~Ordered that John Hawkins, Esquire, take the list of Assessment in Capt. Twitty's District also Phillip Burford, Esquire, take in Capt. Shearin's District and the following persons Assessors Philemon Hawkins, Richard Paschall and Joseph Mabry.

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~Ordered that William Wortham, William Duke Jr., and Bevil Pardue be appointed Patrollers in Capt. White's District.

~Ordered that Thomas Christmas be appointed Overseer of the road from the middle of Thomas Green's Bridge to Warrenton, and that he keep the same in repair with the hands of Col. Johnson at his Quarter, Marmaduke Johnson, Isham Green and his own hands.

~Wyatt Hawkins, returned into Court an account of sale of the Estate of John Patrick, deceased, amounting to £451.50.

~Ordered that he be allowed two and half percent compensation on the above sale.

~Ordered that Gideon Hunt Macon be appointed Overseer of the road from William Elliott's to the middle of Thomas Green's Bridge, and that he keep the same in repair with the hands of William Elliott, his own hands James Ransom, James Johnson and Benjamin Johnson.

~Ordered that Anthony Dowdon be appointed Overseer of the road from Col. Ransom's Plantation called Allen and that he keep the same in repair with the hands of Col. Hawkins at Murray's and Robert's

~Ordered that William Pardue be appointed Overseer of the road from the County line to Col. Hawkins', and that he keep the same in repair with the hands usual.

~Ordered that a road be laid off from Peter Davis' Road near Randolph Hazelwood's, the best and most convenient way into Nathaniel Harris's Road near John Lanier, and that Peter Davis, William Cheek, John Cheek, Matthew Davis, Reuben Weathers, William Powell, Honorias Powell, Edmond Kerney, Randolph Hazelwood, George Patterson, John Haithcock, John Weathers, John Davis, Nathaniel Harris, and John Lancaster or any twelve of them lay off the same, and that the hands of Randolph Hazelwood, Isham Bennett and Thomas Tanner open and clear the same under Joshua Capps, Overseer.

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~Ordered that James Paine, Esquire, take the list of Assessment in Capt. Colclough's District and Daniel Sledge take list in Capt. Clanton's on this side the river, and Thomas Eaton, Esquire, on the other side, and the Assessors as follows, to wit, Isaac Acree, Robert Walker and Edward Clanton.

~Ordered that the several Justices order the Constables in their District to give the Inhabitants notice to give in their inventories of Assessment.

~Ordered that James Gray, Dixon Marshall and Aaron Fussell, John Bowdon, Joseph Darnal, William Clements, John Emmerson, Matthew Duke, Thomas Clark, Miles Bobbitt, William Myrick, Jesse Hunter, William Balthrop, Adam Milam, Reece Brewer, Nathaniel Nicholson, William Verser, John Riggan, Jordan

Harris, Thomas Judkins, James Dardin, James Sledge, Josiah Green, David Fluker, Jesse Ellis, Henry Fitts, William Murphy, William Bell, Benjamin Tarver and William Wortham be summoned to attend as Jurors to the next Court.

~Ordered that James Johnson, Ephraim Price and Joel Renn be appointed Patrollers in Capt. Ward's District.

~Ordered that Green Duke, Jonathan Davis and John Wortham be appointed Patrollers in Capt. Renn's District.

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~Ferries Rate: For a loaded wagon 5/4; empty do 2/8; loaded wagon cart 2/8; empty ditto 1/4; chair and horse 1/8; carriage with two horses 2/8; do with four horses 8/4; cattle per head 2; Hogs and sheep per head 1.

~Ordered that the Clerk furnish the different ferry keepers with a copy of the above rates.

~Ordered that Isaac Acree be allowed the sum of one pound for Services done as Constable the present costs.

~Then the Court adjourned until Court in Course.

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

Page 1 Monday July 28th

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 28th day thereof, 1783.

~Ordered that Buckner Thornton and Francis Thornton let a Bridge across Hub Quarter Creek to the lowest undertaker, to be kept in good repair seven years and make report thereof to the next Court.

~A Deed from Dudley Hall to Joseph John Williams was proved by the oath of John Alston, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

~John Alston acknowledged a Deed to Drury Bobbitt, and the same was ordered to be registered.

~Ordered that John Stokes be appointed attorney and Solicitor for the County of Warren.

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

~The Court met according to adjournment.

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

~Joshua Mabry, Philemon Hawkins Jr. and Richard Marshall returned into Court their list of Assessment in Capt. Twitty's and Hawtree District.

~A Deed from Henry Alston to Joseph Cox was proved by the oath of William Alston, a witness thereto, and ordered to be registered.

~Edward Davis acknowledged a Deed to James White, at whose motion the same was ordered to be registered.

Page 2 Tuesday July 29th

~Grand Jury, to wit, John Bowdon foreman, Dixon Marshall, William Clemments, John Emmerson, William Balthrop, Adam Milam, Reece Brewer, Nathaniel Nicholson, Thomas Judkins, James Sledge, Joseph Green, David Fluker, Jesse Ellis, Henry Fitts, William Bell, Benjamin Tarver, and Joseph Darnal.

~Daniel Vaultx, Collector in Capt. Renn's and Ward's District also Fussell's, came into Court and settled his account for the County Tax, amounting to £19.9.9 and down the same in proper vouchers, on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from Charles Bartholomew to Michael Wood, was proved by the oath of James Gregory, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~The Last Will and Testament of Aaron Fussell, deceased, was presented in Court and proved by the oath of John Estes, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and on motion the same was ordered to be recorded and Letters Testamentary granted to the Executor therein named.

~Edward Davis acknowledged a Deed to William Davis, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from James Wilson to Joseph Hawkins, Esquire, was proved by the oath of Chamberlain Hudson, and ordered to be registered.

~Ordered that the Collector pay Thomas Miller Jr. the sum of ten pounds, sixteen shillings for attendance as a Juror at the last Superior Court of Halifax.

~Ordered that James Ransom, Gideon Hunt Macon, John Willis, and John Hawkins with the County Surveyor view and value one acre of land on each side of Ruk Nuk Creek, the property of Richard Cox and Alexander Mc Cullock, the Petitioner, and report the same to the next Court.

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~Richard Harwell made oath that he attended as a witness in the suit Daniel Potter against James Marony, amounting to one pound fifteen shillings.

~Ordered that the Sheriff sell the effects of Nancy Young and Thomas Cousins. Attached to satisfy a debt due John Hicks.

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

~Wednesday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

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

~A Deed from John Bobbitt to William Merritt, was proved by the oath of James Johnson, a witness thereto, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

~Ordered that James Gregory have leave to keep an Ordinary at his house in Warren County, who entered into and executed a bond with Edmond Kerney, his security, for the same.

~A Deed from John White to William Gunn, was proved by the oath of William Hoof, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

~Willis Whatley, Executor of Shirley Whatley, deceased, returned, on oath, an Inventory of the Estate of the said deceased, which was ordered to be registered.

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

~Bennett Wood against Charnel Hightower - Action of Power, the following Jury sworn, to wit, Thomas Miller, Miles Bobbitt, William Verser, John Lanier, John Baxter, William Myrick, Thomas Newman, James Dardin, John Duke, Joseph Mangum, Green Duke, and Nathaniel Harris who find for the Plaintiff, one hundred and sixty pounds, plus costs.

Page 4 Wednesday July 30th

~Nathaniel Harris, Thomas W. Alston and John Newell returned into Court Lists of Assessment for Capt. John Weathers's and Capt. Jordan's District.

~James Johnson, Robert Jones, and Isaac Hunter returned into Court Lists of Assessment in Capt. Ward's and Capt. White's District.

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

~Thursday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

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

~John Bowdon, James Basket, and Joseph Darnal returned into Court their Lists of Assessment in Capt. Renn's and Fussell's District.

~Isaac Acree, Edward Clanton and Robert Walker returned to Court their Lists of Assessment in Capt. Colclough's and Capt. Clanton's District.

~Ordinary rates as allowed by the Court, to wit, good West India Rum per gallon 16/; Toddy of said rum 1/6 per quart, grog per quart 1/; Bad rum or taffy per gallon 8/; Toddy of said rum per quart and grog per quart 6; Good Brandy per gallon 13/4 Toddy per quart 1/4 grog and quart 1; Good dinner 2/ Breakfast 1/ lodging and stableage or pasturage 6. each.

Page 5 Thursday July 31st

~Ordered that Philemon Hawkins, Esquire, and William Green audit and adjust the accounts of James Johnson, Executor of Nathaniel Peebles, deceased, and report the same to the next Court.

~Charnel Hightower with Richard Henderson, Esquire, his security, came into Court and entered into and executed a bond to prosecute and appeal, granted the said Hightower in consequences of a judgment granted against him by this Court.

~Phillip Wilhite made oath that he attended as a witness, in the suit John Foster against John Cawley, for the Plaintiff, amounting to £3.18.5.

~Davis Nicholson came into Court and settled down his County Tax, in proper vouchers with the Court in Capt. Clanton's and Capt. Colclough's District, amounting to £16.11.7.

~Ordered that the Collector pay Davis Nicholson one pound seven shillings and five pence it appearing to be due him on his settlement with this Court.

~Davis Nicholson returned into Court a list of insolvents, which was allowed him, amounting to £267.

~Joel Harris against William Rowland - Action of Tax case, the following Jury sworn, to wit, Thomas Newman, William Wilson, William Noyal Norsworthy, William Myrick, James Dardin, Lewis Patrick, Nathaniel Harris, Beckham Rainey, Frederick Malone, James Thompson, John Duke, and Britian Duke who find for the Plaintiff, six pounds, thirteen shillings and four pence with costs.

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~Moses Harris returned, on oath, an Inventory of the Estate of Samuel Dispain, deceased, and the same was ordered to be recorded.

~George Patterson made oath that he attended as a witness for Joel Harris against William Rowland, amounting to £3.

~Ordered that John Moseley be appointed Overseer of the road in the place of John White, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands.

~Thomas Judkins made oath that he attended as a witness for Joel Harris against William Rowland, amounting to £3.

~Rowland Bryant against Samuel Hunt - Action of Trespass, Assault, and Battery between the two parties a lawful Jury being sworn do say that they find for the Plaintiff £5. with costs.

~William Burrows made oath that he attended as witness for Joel Harris against William Rowland to the sum of £16/.

~John Jones acknowledged a Deed to Thomas Person Jr., and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

~John Hoof made oath that he attended as a witness for the Defendant William Merritt against William Shearin, amounting to £1.12.

~Rowland Sovessey, being summoned to appear to give evidence, was called and made default.

~Thomas Turner, Esquire, provided in Court a commission from his Excellency Alexander Martin, Esquire, Governor, under the seal of the State dated July the 11th 1783, appointing him Sheriff of Warren, who entered into and executer a bond with William Alston, Esquire, and James Johnson, his securities, for the discharge of his said office of Sheriff in the sum of £2000, and also entered into and executed a bond in the sum of £7000, with the above securities as Treasurer of Warren County.

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

~Friday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

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

~William Wilhite made oath that he attended as witness that suit Foster against Cawley, amounting to £3.

~Ordered that the Sheriff summon Phillip Kerney, Matthew Myrick, Francis Thornton, Gabriel Long and Phillip G. Alston to attend as Jurors for the next Superior Court to be held at Halifax.

~Ordered that William House, Jesse Jinkins, Thomas Jinkins and Daniel Ball, Jr. with the County Surveyor view and value an acre of land on each side of Sandy Creek, the property of Philemon Hawkins, Esquire, who Petitioned for a mill on the said Creek, and Emanuel Falkener on the other side and report to the next Court.

~Ordered that the Sheriff summon Aaron Fussell, John Estes, Daniel Barrow, Thomas Norman, Thomas Jinkins, Richard Ward, Nimrod Williams, Thomas Thorn, John Laughter, Henry Fitts, Henry Strudivant, John Cauthorn, Moses Shearin, Hunt Macon, William Green, William Ballard, James Emmerson, Jesse Person, John Weathers, Honorias Powell, John Ellington, Wilmot Hastings, William Brintle and Matthew Davis to attend as Jurors for the next Court.

Page 8 Friday July 31st

- ~Obed Green came into Court and settled his account of the County Collector, which he paid down in proper vouchers, amounting to £23.10.6
- ~Ordered that the Collector pay Obed Green sixteen shillings for summons the Inhabitants in Capt. White's District to give in their inventories.
- ~Also that the Collector pay Daniel Vault the same sum for summons in Capt. Renn's District.
- ~Ordered that the Collector pay Isaac Acree one pound twelve for summons two District.
- ~Ordered that the Collector pay Thomas Wilson sixteen shillings in his District.
- ~Ordered that William Cole he paid for summoning the Inhabitants in his District.
- ~Ordered that the Collector pay Francis Capps 16/ for summoning in his District.
- ~Ordered that Isaac Acree be allowed 16/ for Services done this present Court as a Constable.
- ~Ordered that the Collector pay William Cooper sixteen shillings for summoning the Inhabitants in his District to give in their inventories.
- ~Ordered that John Lanier be allowed sixteen shillings for summoning his District.
- ~Ordered that John Hawkins Jr., be allowed the sum of twenty-five pounds, for Exofficio Services for the year 1781 as Sheriff.
- ~Ordered that he Assessors be allowed 32/ each for their Services.

Page 9 Friday July 31st

- ~Philemon Hawkins Collector in Hawkins' and Smith's Creek District came into Court and settled and paid down his County collection, amounting to £11.4.8 and also returned to Court a list of Inhabitants in his two District, amounting to £439.
- ~Ordered that there be collected from the Inhabitants of this County the sum of ten pence on every hundred pounds of his taxable property.
- ~Ordered that William Bell be appointed Overseer of the road instead of Robert Callier,, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands.
- ~On the motion of Young Mc Lemore and others, ordered that a Negro woman named Fortune, formerly given by James Bagley to Lucy Mc Lemore and others, be sold to the highest bidder for specie, giving six months credit, and the money arising from said sale to be equally divided between Lucy Mc Lemore, Nathaniel Nicholson, John Nicholson, Rebecca Nicholson, now Turner, Urbane Nicholson, and Davis Nicholson or the survivors of them agreeable to a Deed of gift dated 14th April 1773.
- ~Ordered that Obed Green be appointed Collector in Capt. White's District, Nathaniel Harris in Capt. Harris' District, Sugar Jones in Ward's District, Daniel Vault in Capt. Renn's and Fussell's District, Davis Nicholson in Capt. Clanton's District, Joshua Mabry in Capt. Twitty's and Hawtree Districts, Jesse Person in Capt. Weathers' District, and Isaac Acree in Capt. Colclough's District.

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- ~Sugar Jones came into Court and returned into and executed bonds for his faithful discharge of his office as Collector with Edward Jones, his security, in the sum of one thousand pounds, and £50 also for the County collection.

~Ordered that the Jurors appointed to view and lay off a road last Court from Peter Davis's Road into Nathaniel Harris' Road near John Lancaster be reviewed and issue.

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

~Ordered that Thomas Christmas have leave to keep an Ordinary at his house, who entered into and executed a bond with James Johnson, his security, for the same.

~On the motion of George Tasse ordered that a commission to issued to take the deposition of Solomon Talbert and Robert Langley in Virginia, Norfolk County in the suit Julius Nichols against him.

~Then the Court adjourned until Court in Course.

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

Page 11 Monday October 27th
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At a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions began and held at Warrenton for the County of Warren on the 27th day of October Anno Dom 1783.

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

~A Deed from John Wilson to Solomon Jackson, was proved by the oath of James Milam, a witness hereto, and proved by the oath of him, and on motion is ordered to be registered.

~Giles Carter acknowledged a Deed to James Jones, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

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

~Tuesday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

Present: William Johnson, Young Mc Lomore, Nathaniel Macon, William Alston, and John Hawkins, Esquires.

~Jesse Person being appointed one of the Collectors came into Court and returned into and executed bonds for that purpose with Nathaniel Harris and Joseph Darnal his securities.

~Nathaniel Harris, being appointed one of the Collectors, came into Court and returned into and executed bonds for that purpose with Obed Green and Jesse Person his securities.

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

~Grand Jury sworn, to wit, William Green foreman, Aaron Fussell, John Estes, Thomas Jinkins, Richard Ward, Thomas Thorn, John Laughter, William Ballard, William Robins, Jesse Person, John Weathers, John Ellington, William Clemments, John Hastings, and William Brintle.

Page 12 Tuesday October 28th

~The Last Will and Testament of William Colclough, deceased, was produced in Court and proved by the oath of John Coleman, a witness thereto, and Letters Testamentary granted to Mary Colclough and John Colclough, Executors therein named, who qualified accordingly.

~George James against Samuel Harper and others - Action of Trespass, Assault and Battery, a lawful Jury being sworn do find Samuel and John Harper guilty, and assess the Plaintiff damages to five pounds, and not guilty as to William Harper.

~Ordered that Thomas Miller, Jr. be appointed Overseer of the road instead of William Wilson, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands.

~William Fussell, Executor of Aaron Fussell, deceased, returned, on oath, an Inventory of the Estate of the said deceased.

~James Johnson acknowledged a Deed to Alexander Long, and the same was ordered to be registered.

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

~Ordered that Samuel Taylor be appointed Overseer of the road instead of David Fluker,, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands.

~Joseph Pardue came into Court and administrated on the Estate of John Pardue, deceased, who with William St. John and Thomas Thorn, his securities, entered into and executed a bond for that purpose in the sum of five hundred pounds.

~A Deed from Henry Alston to William Alston, was proved by the oath of Thomas W. Alston, and ordered to be registered.

Page 13 Tuesday October 28th

~Thomas Dudley made oath to his attendance for George James against Harper and others.

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

~Wednesday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

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

~Ordered that Richard Riggan, orphan of Powell Riggan, deceased, age fifteen years last September, be bound to John Hicks, Jr. until he arrive to the age of Twenty-one years.

~Emanuel Tucker acknowledged a Deed to Temperance Ball, and the same was ordered to be registered.

~A Deed from Benjamin Tarver to Reuben Smith, was proved by the oath of John Caller, and ordered to be registered.

~Phoebe Hagood came into Court and applied for administration on the Estate of Reuben Hagood, deceased, which was granted her, who with John Laughter, her security, entered into and executed a bond for that purpose in the sum of two hundred pounds, and also returned, on oath, an Inventory of the Estate of the said deceased.

~A Deed from Joel Pardue to John Tanner, was proved by the oaths of Maurice Pardue and John Hammond, witnesses thereto, to be registered.

~The Last Will and Testament of Lucinda Gibson, deceased, was proved in open Court by the oath of Benjamin Ellis, a witness thereto, and ordered to be recorded.

Page 14 Wednesday October 29th

~George Renn acknowledged a Deed to Matthew Goodrich, and on motion the same was ordered to be registered.

~Davis Nicholson, being appointed Collector in Capt Clanton's District, entered into and executed a bond for that purpose with Young Mc Lomore and James Nicholson his securities.

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

~Thursday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

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

~Ordered that a Dedimus issue to Norfolk County in Virginia to take the deposition of Solomon Talbert as to Warren to take the deposition of Julius Nichols Jr., in the first Julius Nichols against George Tassee giving twenty days notice to Norfolk and ten to Warren.

~Mary Person came into Court and made choice of her mother, Martha Johnson and William Johnson as her Guardians, who entered into and executed a bond for that purpose, in the sum of five thousand pounds, with James Johnson and John Macon, their securities.

~Nancy and Betsey Chapman orphans of William Chapman came into Court and made choice of Benjamin Johnson as their Guardians, who with William Myrick and James Johnson, his securities, entered into and executed a bond for that purpose, in the sum of five thousand pounds.

~On motion a license is granted to Robert Caller to keep an Ordinary at his place, who entered into bond for that purpose.

Page 15 Thursday October 30th

~Ordered that Philemon Hawkins, Esquire, and William Green audit and adjust the accounts of James Johnson Executor of Nathaniel Peebles, deceased, and report the same to the next Court.

~Ordered that Isham Mills, a base born child of Frances Mills, be bound to John Sherry until he arrives to the age of twenty-one being now seven years old, also Winney Mills, orphan of said Frances be bound to John Sherry until she arrive to the age of eighteen, being now five years now. Also William Mills, a base born child of said Frances, be bound to John Sherry until he arrive to the age of twenty-one, being two years old, next Christmas.

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

~A Deed from John White to Phillip Hilliard, was proved by the oath of Wyatt Hawkins, a witness thereto, and ordered to be registered.

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

Page 16 Thursday October 30th

~Ordered on the report of William House, Jesse Jinkins, Thomas Jinkins and Daniel Ball of their having valued an acre of land the property of Emanuel Tucker to eight shillings, for the use of Philemon Hawkins, Esquire, to erect a Water Grist Mill. The said Philemon Hawkins came into Court and paid the valuation of land, the property of the said Tucker, from hereafter vest in the property of the said Philemon Hawkins for the purpose above mentioned.

~Ordered that Nathaniel Baxter be discharged from the payment of a Tax on two Negroes valued to £160 it appearing to the Court to be a mistake.

~Joshua Mabry came into Court with Nathaniel Macon, his security, and entered into and executed a bond for his performances as Collector in Twitty's and Hawtree District.

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

~Friday morning the Court met according to adjournment.

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

~Joseph Shearin being appointed formerly by the Court as Guardian to Zachariah and Joseph Shearin orphans of Henry Shearin, deceased, entered into and executed a bond with John Moseley, his security, for the performance thereof.

~James Paine, Thomas Miller and William Noyal Norsworthy returned to Court a division of the Estate of Henry Foot, deceased, and the same was ordered to be recorded.

Page 17 Friday October 31st

~Ordered that Richard Ward be appointed Overseer of the road instead of Edward Harrison, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands.

~John Scott came into Court and qualified as an Executor to the Last Will and Testament of Thomas Machen, deceased.

~Ordered that the Collector pay Phillip G. Alston the sum of five pounds, five shillings and six pence for attendance April term as Juror at Halifax 1783.

~Ordered that the Collector pay Thomas W. Alston four pounds for attendance April Term 1783 as a Juror at Halifax.

~A Deed from Henry Montford and others to Thomas Mayfield, was proved by the oath of William Alston, Esquire, a witness thereto, and on motion the same is ordered to be registered.

~Henry Strudivant, failing to attend a Juror to this Court after being legally summoned, ordered that he be fined £5, and that he appear at the next Court to show cause.

~Margaret Shearin returned to Court an account current as an Executor to the Estate of Henry Foot, deceased, oath and the same is ordered to be recorded.

~Daniel Vaulx being appointed by the Court to collect the taxes in Capt. Renn's and Fussell's District, entered into and executed a bond for that purpose with John Moseley, his security.

~Ordered that a commission issue to Halifax County directed to Montford Elbisk, Charles Pardue and John Gaddy or any two of them, to take the acknowledgement of Mary Jones, wife to Willie Jones, and Elizabeth Acree, wife to John B. Acree, touching the conveyance of a certain tract of land conveyed to Thomas Mayfield, by Deed bearing date the 19th day of August 1783.

Page 18 Friday October 31st

~Ordered that a road be opened and cleared from Nicholson's raw path to Benjamin Tarver, and that the hands of Hugh Johnston, Benjamin Duke, John Walden, John Ellis Jr. and John Duke open the same, and that Hugh Johnston be appointed Overseer of the same.

~Ordered that James White, Richard Marshall, Benjamin Ellis, William Hansill, Alexander Nicholson, Joshua Nicholson, William Ballard, Hugh Johnston, Joshua Mabry, Repps Mabry, Frederick Tillery,

Frederick Malone, Peter Twitty, and Lewis Patrick view and lay off a road from Nicholson's raw path to Benjamin Tarver's by the above Jurors or any twelve of them and make their report to the next Court.

~Ordered that the Collector pay John Stokes the sum of ten pounds for Services done as Solicitor and Attorney for Warren County July term 1783.

~Ordered that William Pardue be appointed Overseer of the road from Col. Hawkins towards Granville Old Courthouse to the County line, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands.

Page 19 Friday October 31st

~Ordered that the Sheriff summon John Moseley, Benjamin Johnson, James Johnson, Thomas Green, Green Duke, William Wortham, Isaac Hunter, Jesse Hunter, Stephen Marshall, James Dowdon, Isaac James, William Burrows, Nathaniel Nicholson, Bobbitt Wood, Twitty Russell, John Power, John Hawkins, John Willis, William Johnson Jr., Lewis Patrick, Thomas Paschall, Thomas Mayfield, Reece Brewer, William Russell, William Noyal Norsworthy, William E. Johnston, Sterling Harris, Peter Davis, and Thomas Miller Jr., to attend as Jurors to next Court.

~Ordered that the County Treasurer pay all the monies by him received of the Commissions appointed for letting the Public buildings, to wit, William Duke, John Faulcon and Julius Nichols report to the next Court what money they have received for the purpose of building the public buildings.

~Ordered that William E. Johnston be appointed Overseer of the road from Caller's Ordinary to Hammond's, and that he keep the same in repair with the usual hands.

~Ordered that John Scott and Thomas Christmas be appointed to contract with proper persons to grub and clear the public lots for the Courthouse and report the same to the next Court.

~Ordinary rates as allowed by the Court Viz good rum per gallon 24/; Toddy of said rum per quart 2/; Gill of do per quart 1/6; good Brandy per gallon 16/; Toddy per quart 1/6; Gill per quart 1/.

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~Then the Court adjourned until Court in Course.

~Signed: William Johnson, Philemon and Benjamin Ward, Esquires.