

## CASWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

In an attempt to track the migration of the "BEASLEY" surname from Virginia & North Carolina, an extensive study of records for Caswell County, North Carolina was made December 2008-January 2009. From this study, I selected surnames known to me as possibly married into - or out of - the BEASLEY family either at that time and place or at a time and place in their future migrations. CASWELL COUNTY, is of particular interest due to the actual *physical geographic connection of Caswell County's northern border with Virginia's southern border.*

Although I was unable to find but one BEASLEY surname in this County, there were present in these records, dozens of surnames known to have connected to the BEASLEY surname at some future time & place. Hopefully, the surnames listed herein will help many of you to find your surnames showing new genealogical connections.

The selected surnames came from records that were kept at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Caswell County Courthouse, Yanceyville, NC, abstracted by Katharine Kerr Kendall and Indexed by Mary Frances Kerr Donaldson, 1979. Any information used from these records should be credited to these two ladies who compiled this amazingly thorough accounting of Caswell County's past:

"CASWELL COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA WILL BOOKS, 1777-1814,  
1784 Tax List, Guardians' Accounts, 1794-1819."

**"FOREWARD:**

*The Will Books of Caswell County, North Carolina are at the office of the Clerk of Court, Caswell County Courthouse, Yanceyville, North Carolina... The books are actually record books. In addition to wills they contain estate inventories, accounts, sales, and settlements; bills of sale; indentures; letters of attorney; deeds of gifts; and a few reports of county officials.*

*Extant original wills of Caswell County are at the Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, North Carolina...The File number is CR 020.801.1-7. The 1784 tax list is in a bound volume at the Archives file number CR 020.701.1..... The Book of Guardians' Accounts is at the Archives file number CR 020.510.1."*

The surnames selected by me were made from many hundreds of these Caswell record pages and will be presented to the reader in chronological order with surnames CAPITALIZED by me in this transcription.

First, a little thumbnail sketch of Caswell County:

Caswell County, North Carolina was formed from a part of Orange County, North Carolina, approximately 1776-77, at the time of our Revolutionary War with England.

About fifteen years later, in 1791, the eastern part of Caswell County, North Carolina would become PERSON COUNTY, North Carolina. Some of our family members/ surnames would appear to have moved from Orange Co., NC to Caswell Co., NC & then to Person Co, NC; however, they did not move - but the property lines in which they lived were being "administratively" moved. ( My next search will be of records of both Orange and Person County, NC.)

In approximately 1792, 100 acres of land were purchased & sold in "blocks" to 5 men that included JOHN H. GRAVES for the purpose of creating a seat of county gvt. Prior to this, Court met at the house of Joseph SMITH in a central location for the new County; however, in July 1793, the Court met at a Lodging House owned by HEZEKIAH RICE.

In 1831, AZARIAH, ELIJAH and BARZALLAI GRAVES & Paul A. HARALSON gave land upon which a new courthouse and a jail were to be built in Caswell County, North Carolina.

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**Caswell County Will Books**  
**Book A - June 1777-June 1783**

*June Court 1777*

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1&2 are missing.)*

The Index to Book A; however, lists on Page 1, a Will for):

Edward Bumpass & is filed at State Archives, Raleigh, NC; a Witness to this Will was named as John ANDERSON.

John MOORE, Will of Sept 20, 1776, names Archibald MURPHEY as Executor of the Will and it was witnessed by Abm. RICE, Anne RICE & Mary Allen.

Estate sale of Joel Nowel, shows David SHELTON, Thomas LEA, Thomas RICE, Major LEA, John LEA, Bartelot YANCEY, JOHN GRAVES, Jun., & Thomas GRAVES in attendance.

**December Court 1777**

Will of Thomas Kimbrow, written 20 Sept. 1777, shows wife as ELLEANAH; sons John, William, Robert, Thomas; daughters Suckey Nowel, Sarah Brown, Mary BRYANT, Betty Bruce, Nancy Turner, Frankey CARMAN; son GRAVES. SONS TO RECEIVE ALL PART FROM ESTATE of WIFE'S DECEASED FATHER, THOMAS GRAVES. Exec: sons John & William. Wit: William Gooch & Jesse Benton.

Will of Thomas Hopper, written 12 Oct 1777, witnessed by Robert & Bendick MIDDLETON.

Estate Inventory of Luke MURPHEY by Thos. Barnett.

Estate Sale of Richard CLAYTON, 3 Dec 1777.

**March Court 1778**

Ephraim Gold's Will, written 26 July 1777 was witnessed by Arch. MURPHEY.

Robert SMITH, orphan of 17 last Christmas, apprentice to William Glenn.

Bill of Sale from Thomas Stewart to Robert MOORE, regarding land on which Stewart lived that joined with MOORE's land on Whetstone Branch, dated 20 Aug 1777.

**June Court 1778**

Estate Inventory of Alexander MOORE, by Marian MOORE & Robt. MOORE, Administrators.

**September Court 1778**

Patty HAYS, 14 years old, daughter of Jno. HAYS, apprentice to Alexander HAYS.

**December Court 1778**

Will of Alexander Dobbins, written 25 July 1778 was witnessed by Arch. **MURPHEY**.  
Estate Sale of Joseph Mabery, 4 Dec 1778 shows buyers named Hezekiah **RICE** & Charles **JENKINS**.

**March Court 1779**

The estate of Samuel Bumpass shows payments to Moses **BRIDGES** & Thos. **PHILPOT**.

Inventory of Timothy Hatchet estate given by Jno. **ATKINSON**, Administrator.

Will written 8 Oct 1778 by Duncan McDonald (also spelled, "McDonnel"/ekh), states that Duncan McDonald's wife, Elizabeth; grandson David Hemphill to get plantation if agreeable with **JOHN ATKINSON**, entry taker. An Executor to this Will was named Archd. **MURPHEY**.

Will of James Terry, written 31 July 1775, states Daughter Sarah; son as Oliver who is to get land bought of entry of James Tinsley; wife Rebecca; daughter in law **LEVINA KING** and her daughter, **GRACE KING**. Col. Natl. Terry to make deed for James Murphey (could be "MURPHEY"/ekh).....

**June Court 1779**

John **IRVIN** of Guilford Co., NC, power of attorney to Abraham Fulkerson to convey land in Caswell Co. Adjoining Abraham Fulkerson, George Black, Duncan McDonnel, Sill Stokes and Alexander **MURPHEY**.

**September Court 1779**

Will of Mathew Jouett, written 9 Sept. 1779. Of St. David's Dist. Wife Sarah; children John, Susannah, Nancy, Mathew, Polly, Thomas, Betsy, Washington. Exec. Wife and **THOMAS BROOKS**, Absalom Tatom, Richard **MOORE**. Test: Jere Poston, Henry Cobb & Chas. **TAYLOR**.

Will of John **SMITH**, written 5 Aug 1779, names Wife as Mary; Duke Whalebone & his wife, Elizabeth; daughter Betty **JERRELL**. Exec: wife. Wit: Thos. Duncan & Thomas Wynn. Mentions William **JERRELL**.

Will of Ezekiel **HARRELSON**, written 6 Aug 1779, names wife as Jane; sons William, Burgess, John; daughter as Elizabeth. Executors are named as Wife, Jane and her brother, John Chambers, Thos. Barnett (Hugh's son). Wit: Thomas Miles, Elizabeth Barnett, Rebekah Chambers.

Inventory of John **SMITH**'s estate given by Mary **SMITH**, Exec.

**December Court 1779**

Benjamin Carter of **CRAVEN COUNTY**, S. C. - sale of land to David **SHELTON** on **RATTLESNAKE CREEK**, entered in Lord Granville's office to Benj. Carter, 29 Dec 1778. Wit: William **LEA**, Sen. Jurat; Jesse Benton, Charles Trim. (We know that there was a **CRAVEN COUNTY**, NC & **CRAVEN COUNTY**, SC; however, I did not realize there were 2 Rattlesnake Creeks in both Craven Counties - could this be in error & this sale of land to David **SHELTON** was actually to land in Craven County, NC?/ekh)

Additional inventory of estate of John **SMITH** given.

Inventory of Ezekiel **HARRELSON**'s estate given by Jno **HARRELSON** & John Chambers.

**June Court, 1780**

Inventory of John **CATE**'s estate given by James Benton, adm.

William Garret, son of John Garret, apprentice to William Glenn. Witnessed by Ambrose **ARNOLD**.

**September Court 1790**

Will of Jesse **JONES**, written 28 Jan. 1780 names sons as Drury, Goodrige, Willson; daughter as Salley; wife as Frances. Executors named are wife & son Drury. Witnessed by Thomas & Joseph **PALMER**. (The surname, "Palmer" is connected to the **BEASLEY** surname & there is a **PALMER FAMILY** website showing extensive connections between the two surnames/ekh)

December Court 1780

Indenture of Betsy Edwell, child of Winney Edwell, 5 years old, to John Williams, Esq.  
/s/ John **ATKINSON**, Chairman of the Inferior Court.

Will of John **GUNN**, written 17 Aug 1780, states sons as: Jesse, James, Gabriel & Daniel; daughter is named, Sally; Wife and son, James are named as Executors.

Will of James Williams (of the State of **SOUTH CAROLINA**, Ninety Six District, but now in State of North Carolina as a refuge), written 12 June 1780, names as his wife: Mary, who is to get part of tract in Ninety Six District, SC; son, Daniel to get land bought of Robert Johnston; Sons, Joseph, William are named; daughters are named as Elizabeth and Mary; son, James, to get land bought of John Campbell and son, Washington (under age), to get land bought of James Cook. Executors named as Wife, son Daniel, brother Henry Williams and Joseph **HAYS**. Witnesses by William **RICE**, Jasper Goodman & James Cook.

Will of Ephraim Logue, written 30 April 1780, names Daughter as **ELLENOR**, and if she die without issue, land to be divided with Ephraim **THOMPSON** and first male heir of brother, John Logue, naming him Ephraim Logue; James Linsey son of sister, Mary; Saml. **THOMPSON**, son of sister, Margaret. Plantation purchased of James Bracken on Owens Creek to go to wife, Mary Logue, until her demise and then to go to Alexander Walker's eldest son, Ephraim Walker. Executors: Alex. Walker of Guilford Co. & Thomas **THOMPSON** of **ORANGE CO**. Witnesses: Nathan **RICE**, John Spencer, Nicholas Thorn.

Estate sale of Thomas Kimbrow to: Col. Will **MOORE**, Capt. **JOHN GRAVES**, Will, Thomas, John & Robert Kimbroe, Edwd. Nowel, **BAZEL GRAVES**, Robert Cartright, Bartlett **YANCEY**, John **BRYANT**.

Inventory of Jesse **Jones**' estate given by Drury **JONES**, Exec.

Inventory of John **GUNN**'s estate given by Execs. Mary **GUNN** & James **GUNN**.

March Court 1781

Estate inventory of Nathaniel **HARRELSON** given by Dorcas **HARRELSON**.

June Court 1781

Estate sale of Marye Maxwell includes buyers named as John **LEA**, Jno. **GRAVES**, Thos. **GRAVES**.

Estate sale of John **CATE** conducted by Thomas Neely, Deputy Sheriff and includes buyers named as Robt. **BERRY**, Henry **HAMBRICK**, Benjamin **HARRELSON**.

Will of Nathaniel **HARRELSON**, written 7 April 1781, names wife as Dorcas; daughter as Mary **SMITH**; Sons Thomas, Forbus, Nathan & Jeremiah; names daughters, Elizabeth & Sarah; Executors named as Wife & son, Thomas. Test: John **PAYNE**, John Cochran.

Will of Elkanah **HARRELSON**, written 13 April 1781, names sons as Jesse, Reuben, Micajah, Bradley, Hosea, Anderson, Hiram, Elkanah. Two sons were apprenticed to Jacob Bull, one son apprenticed to **MICHAEL DICKSON**; Executors named as John Barnett & Henry Horley. Witnessed by Hugh Barnett,

**Elizabeth Wingfield & Margaret McFarland.**

**Will of Ambrose Gatewood (of Pittsylvania Co., VA), written 7 October 1769 states wife, Martha, to have Estate for her lifetime & then be returned to Dudley Gatewood; Nephew Dudley Gatewood. Exec. named as Dudley Gatewood; witnesses were John HAMBLETON, Benj. Mosby. Proved on oath of Spillby Coleman.**

**Will of Joseph Sargent, no date, names wife, Ruth & son, Daniel, to get land bought of John LEA; daughter is named as Elizabeth. Household goods to be divided among all children. Executors: brother, Stephen Sargent & Joseph Gold. Witnessed by: Joseph Gold, Dan Sargent, Stephen Sargent.**

**Ambrose ARNOLD witnesses a Will written by Hosea Tapley on 24 Oct 1780.**

**September Court 1781**

**Division of the estate of Thomas Kimbro to: Eleanor, Robert, William, Thomas, John & GRAVES Kimbro; John BRYANT, Leonard Brown, Robert Bruce, Edwd. Nowel, Henry Turner for legacy to their wives; Caleb Carman.**

**Bill of sale from John W o Mack to James ANDERSON, sale of negroes. Wit. John ATKINSON, Alex. Rose.**

**Peter SMITH witness to Jonathan Edwell, orphan of 12 years, placed with Nath. DICKINSON./s/Charles Burton, Chairman, Inferior Court.**

**John ATKINSON witness to binding of Francis Shearman, age 7 years & 5 months & Charles Shearman, orphan of 9 years to Edmd. Alley.**

**Mary TODD orphan of 10 years apprenticed to Stephen JONES.**

**Sarah George binds unto Richard MOORE, a mulatto child named, Harbert, age 2 years & 8 months on 20 Aug 1781. Wit: L. Johnston, Richd. SMITH, James Douglas.**

**Will of JOHN LEA, written 17 Aug 1778, states sons: Elliott, Edmond, Carter (to get land on Richland Cr.), Owen (under 21, land on Hico); daughter Phebe to get plantation purchased of James LEA on Hico; daughter Millie; daughter Betty to have plantation purchased of Zachariah LEA, each daughter to get her share when she marries. Land (245 acres) to be savaed on which Robt. Mitchell lives & deed made to him or his heirs and remainder to be conveyed to William LEA & John LEA, Jun. If they pay for same. Exec: Andrew CADDELL, Carter LEA. Wit: Moses Bradsher, John Henley, William LEA (Jurat).**

**Thomas RICE is listed as a "Testifier" to the Will of George RAINEY, written 7 Feb 1779.**

**Arch. MURPHEY is listed as a Witness to will of Robert BLACK, written 9 Aug 1780.**

**December Court 1781**

**Will of Thomas McNEILL, written 20 April 1781, states Wife as Ann; sons as Thomas, John, Benjamin; daughters as Mary, Lois, Elizabeth ROBERTS, Nancy VERMILLON, Patsy Hubbard LEA. Executors named as Wife, son J ohn, son in law, Willson VERMILLION & George LEA (son of William).**

**Will of John MOORE, no date states Estate to go to wife for her lifetime; then to go to James MOORE, son of David MOORE. To the care of Aaron PARKER, Sen. Wit: John Eaken, Daniel PARKER.**

Archibald **MURPHEY** witnesses will of John **SCOTT**, written 16 June 1781.

March Court 1782

John **GRAVES**, Jun. and Robert Parks are named as Executors to the Will of Richard **CARLON** (**CARLAN**), written 10 Dec 1781. Wife of **CARLON/CARLAN** is named as Mary; unborn child to be named Richard or Mary; eldest brother John **CARLON**, son of Mitchel **CARLON**, in IRELAND, Dunegal County to get estate if above heirs leave no heir. Witnesses: Robt. Parks, David Dickey.

John Ashburn & John **TAYLOR** witness will of Samuel **WILKINSON**, written 28 Oct 1781.

An inventory of the estate of Christopher **BROOKS** given by Henry **WILLIAMS**, Administrator.

June Court 1782

Thomas **ROBERTSON** Will (Recorded in Book A as "ROBERTSON." Written on original as, "ROBINSON) Written 6 April 1781, states he has a Wife; 2 youngest sons named Mark & Alexander; son Thomas, to get land adjacent John Anthony & John Robinson; daughters, Easter, Sarah, Gemina **PYERCE**, Robert **ANDERSON**; Executors named were sons, John & Thomas. Witnesses were named as John Anthony & Thomas Robinson.

Arch **MURPHEY** named as an Executor along with Josiah Cole and wife of Claud **MUIRHEAD**, whose Will was written 17 Jan 1782. Will states wife is Elizabeth; unborn child to have residue of estate; if no child survives, estate to Nancy & Elizabeth **PARK**, Orphans of Wm. **PARK**, decd of Bute Co. Witnesses: Hegmont Warren, Henry **FULCHER**, David **FORD**.

A. C. **MURPHEY**, Josiah **COLE**, Hugh **DOBBIN**, appraise estate of Daniel **DUNCAN**.

Allotment of land for widow of John **CARMAN**. Division of estate of John **CARMAN** to: Hezekiah, John & Caleb **CARMAN**; Hugh **REED**; Robert **KIMBROUGH**; Jesse **KIMBROUGH**; James **TURNER**; Abigail **CARMAN**; Andrew **CARMAN**; Hugh **EAGON**. Division by James **SANDERS**, Thomas **SLADE**, William **MOORE**.

John S. Brown, orphan of 12 years & 7 months, apprenticed to Robert **PAYNE** to learn art of silversmith. /s/ Wm. **MOORE**, Chairman County Court.

William **TAYLOR**, orphan of 17 years, apprenticed to Robert **PAYNE** to learn arts of blacksmith & silversmith.

September Court 1782

Division of Josiah **FARLEY** (minor) estate by James **LEA**, Richd. **ESKRIDGE**, Stephen **SERGEANT**. Samuel Johnston to receive part for his wife's share. 29 July 1782.

Bond: To David **MITCHELL** due from John **SMITH** for timber.

Inventory of the estate of William **CORDER** given by Chas. **TAYLOR**, Exec.

Inventory of the estate of Joseph **SERGEANT** by Joseph **GOLD**, Exec.

Inventory of the estate of Stephen **HAMBLIN** by Thomas **COLE**, Adm.,

Will of **STEPHEN HAMBLIN**, written 4 July 1781, states: "To Thomas Cole: *Take care of my things until I*

*return home again and you will much oblige your humble servant; and my mother take care of my clothes if she Please; and if I should not return I leave my mother part and rest divided among my Brothers and sisters.”*  
Proved on oath of Walter ELLIS.

William CORDER, Will written 2 Dec 1780, states Wife as Pheby; children when they come of age;  
Executors: John Corder, Charles TAYLOR; Witnesses as James Barker, Miles MURPHY & Lewis Corder.

John HARRIS, made a verbal Will 8 June 1782, to which John CLAYTON swore that Harris desired his wife, Ann, to get entire estate. Witnessed by Elizabeth CLAYTON.

James Harrison, orphan of 17 years, indentured to James STRINGER.

Jacob Funk STONE, orphan of 1 year, indentured to John DOUGLASS./s/ John MOORE, Chairman of County Court.

Johanna Harrison, orphan of 4 & ½ years, indentured to Elizabeth Roberts./s/William MOORE, Chairman of County Court.

December Court 1782

George TODD, orphan of 10 years, indentured to John ADAMS.

John Aldridge, orphan of 2 years, indentured to James SMITH.

Assessment of Stephen HAMBLIN's estate sold to Thomas COLE, Adm.

Inventory of the estate of Alex HAYES made by Elizabeth HAYES, Adm.

Bill of sale: Susannah Stokes, sale of stock to Robert Donaldson for 1000 weight of inspected tobacco to be delivered at Halifax. Witnesses: Elizer ANDREWS & Rachel Donaldson.

March Court 1783

Indenture: Anderson HARALSON, orphan of 7 years, to William HUSTON.

Indenture: Nathan Wingfield, orphan of 12 years, indentured to William HUSTON.

NATHANIEL DICKSON, release of bill of sale from James GREGORY. Witnesses: JOSIAS DICKSON, & MARY DICKSON.

Power of Attorney: Issac Brown to GEORGE LEA - to sign & exhibit unto John Jesse a deed of 550 acres on waters of South Hyco & Cobbs Cr. joining lands of Richard LEA, Thomas Carver & others, as soon as Isaac Brown gets deed from State. 7 Sept 1783. Wit: Josiah Cole & Hugh Hemphill.

Deed of Gift: Thomas Douglas to son, Benjamin Douglas, a negro girl named Dinah, age 11. Witnessed by John Williams & A. E. MURPHEY.

Nancy DAY, orphan of 2 months, indentured to David Allen.

Jesse HOOD, orphan of 9 years, indentured to JOHN GRAVES.

Richard HARRALSON, orphan of 12 years, indentured to Jacob Bull.

Macajah HARALSON, orphan of 11 years, indentured to Jacob Bull.

June Court 1783

Estate sale of ELKANAH HARALSON, shows sales to HENRY HOWARD, Stephen AUSTIN, John Chambers, Peter Rogers, Bart Grier, William Breekeen, Garrott Guttery, Benjamin Newton, Thomas NEELEY, Frances Scoggin, James STRINGER, Charles Allen, Charles Trim, William Link, Jacob Bull, William FULCHER, James Archdeacon, WILLIAM STONE, James Warren, Thomas Barnet (HS), John Motheral, James Stuart, Ledford Parrot, JOEL POPE, John Cooper, Capt. JOHN MOORE, WILLIAM HUSTON, James Rainey, Jacob Davis, John Chambers, William Chambers Jun., Nathan BYAS (could this be "DYAS"?/ekh), Benjamin Long, SETH MOORE, Henry Horley, John BYAS (could this be "DYAS"?/ekh), By John Barnett & Henry Horley, Adm.

Division of Charles Stephens' estate to widow & child by Adam Sanders & DAVID SHELTON.

Bill of sale: Archd. Campbell to ARCHIBALD MURPHEY.

Power of Attorney: Dorcas Wilkerson nto John Anthony to convey land on Negro Cr., waters of North Hyco, entered to Samuel Wilkerson by JOHN ATKINSON, entry taker.

Indenture: SOLOMON PARKS LEA, orphan of 9 years, to WILLIAM LEA.

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*Caswell County Will Books*  
*Book B - Sept. 1783 - March 1792*

September Court 1783

Robert ATKINSON's Will, written 7 June 1783 (From original), states: Sons are named, John & Ransom; daughters are Patsy, Mary, Aney, Jane, Sarah; Executors are sons, John & Ransom and Mr. Joseph Moseley; Witnesses are named as Chas. TAYLOR, Edmond Browning & Richard Arvin. (The Will of ROBERT ATKINSON was partly on page 3, page 4 missing.)

THOMAS BROOKS & THOS. RICE witnessed the binding of William LONG, a mulatto son of Jane Upton to Samuel Bracken.

December Court 1783

John Harrison, orphan of 6 years, apprenticed to WILLIAM MORGAN.

Bill of Sale: JOHN BRYANT to Benjamin HUBBARD, Sen. Test: Jonathan LOW.

Obligation: JOHN BRYANT obligates himself to Hathey SHEARMAN. "If Hathey Shearman marry BRYANT, he agrees to give her and her heirs land and premises where he now lives." Wit: Benjamin Hubbard & Jonathan LOW.

Power of Attorney: John BRYANT to Benjamin Hubbard to convey land on South Fork Country Line Cr. Adjacent William Sanders, THOMAS GRAVES, Jonathan Low. /s/ John BRYANT, Hathey BRYANT.

Bill of sale: JOEL POPE of Granville Co. To John Womack for one negro woman & child. Wit: John & Margret TAPLEY.



**Power of Attorney: John Ogletree to JOHN ATKINSON (to attend to all business & premises). 5 Nov 1783, Witnessed by A. E. MURPHEY & John Chambers.**

**Power of Attorney: Miles Duncan to John Ogletree. 13 Feb 1783, power granted to JOHN ATKINSON by Ogletree, 5 Nov 1783.**

**JAMES PAINE's Will written 4 Mar 1782, states Son as William & Jean, d. of William; son named Robert & James, the son of Robert; son, James Jun. & John, son of James, Jun.; son John & daughters Rebecca, Molly & Nancy; Executors to be sons, John & Robert. Witnesses: JOHN & ELIZABETH CLAYTON.**

**March Court 1784**

**List of ROBERT ATKINSON's estate returned by Joseph MOSELY.**

**Thomas PALMER, Jun., witnesses a Will of Robert ALLEN (ALLIN), written 6 June 1782.**

**Amount sale estate of SPENCER PRESCOD (could also be written, "PRESCOTT"?/ekh). Sold by HENRY HOWARD, Adm. (Included shoemaker & sadler tools.)**

**Jno. ATKINSON witnesses a will written 7 June 1782 by George Rosebrough.**

**An Estate sale of William Man shows buyers to be: JAMES HUSTON, JOHN PAYNE, THOMAS PALMER.**

**Will of Sarah BOWLES, written 1 Nov 1783 & 31 Oct., shows a daughter named Mary WASHINGTON.**

**Letter of Attorney: JAMES LEA (the son & heir of WILLIAM LEA, dec'd) of Caswell County to Thomas Phelps of same county to "ask, demand, sue for as to obtain lawful title to tract of land in King & Queen County, Va., 35 acres on waters of Matiponi River near Maddison's Mill, said land falls to me by Heirship." 16 March 1784. Witnesses: H. HARALSON & WILLIAM LEA.**

**July Court 1784**

**John LYON's Will was written 23 April 1784 & names Jean as his wife; sons are named as James, William, Peter (land bought of Bennett Nolley), Henry (land adjacent Reuben Jourden); daughters Elizabeth FARRAR, Mary FARRAR, Frances BAILEY, JANE ANDERSON; grandson as Richard Tankersly LYON (land bought of Joseph CATE); grand daughter as Salley TURNER. Executor make title Bennet Nolley for 350 acres "where I formerly lived" called Rich Cove; son in law as SAMUEL ANDERSON.**

**Valuation of one acre of land belonging to WILLIAM LEA on Country Line Cr is given as 2 Lbs, 10 Sh & one acre on opposite side of Cr is given at 2 Lbs. By DAVID SHELTON, Charles Stephens & James Long.**

**Sales estate of Benjamin Goodman on 8 Nov 1782, shows buyers as: HEZEKIAH RICE, ALEXANDER PORTER, THOMAS RICE, Esq.**

**Sale of property of William BERRY on 27 Mar 1784 with sales to: Hudson BERRY, Rebecca BERRY, & John BERRY.**

**Allotment of land for Elisabeth Mann from estate of William Mann; land adj. Joseph Gill & SETH MOORE. By JOHN PAINE, Gabl. Davey & JOHN LAWSON.**

From the estate accounting of Samuel BUMPASS (Sept 6, 1776), filed by Gabl Davey, cash payments were shown as paid to MOSES BRIDGES, JNO. ANDERSON.

Ambrose ARNOLD witnesses the apprenticeship of James Crumton, Jun., son of James, Sen., now of age, to Robert McReynolds.

VINEY Gallispy, orphan 4 years old, apprenticed to THOMAS PALMER.

Isabella Gilasby, orphan of 6 years & 4 months, apprenticed to THOMAS PALMER, Sr.

Hiram HARALSON, orphan of 7 years, apprenticed to Lord Lord.

(Assessments for 1784 and continental tax for 1784. Tax collected for building of courthouse/ekh)

#### October Court 1784

A. E. MURPHEY divides estate of Hugh Dobbin (CL), to his Widow, Thomas Dobbin, Mary Dobbin, Elisabeth Dobbin, John Dobbin.

JOHN MOORE, Will written 6 Jan 1784 states Daughters as Elizaabeth Lightfoot MOORE, Lucy MOORE, Mary ANDERSON MOORE (under 18); sons John MOORE, Patrick Henry MOORE, William MOORE; brother as Joseph MOORE to get land in Lunenburg Co., VA, purchased of Wm. Williams; Wife is named as Lucy. Executors are named as wife, Lucy and brother, Joseph, James Sanders & ARCH. MURPHEY. Witnesses: John J. Farley, Rachel Dobbin, Josiah Cole.

FRANCIS HOWARD, Will written 6 Jan. 1784. Wife is named as SARAH; son, FRANCIS (under 21); ten children: HENRY, GROVES, WILLIAM, FRANCIS, LARKIN, JOHNSTON, REBECCA, PATTY, BETTY, ANN. Executors are named as wife and son, HENRY. Witnessed by HENRY HOWARD, Sr., Wm. HUSTON, Susannah ALLEN.

Indenture: William Cooper. Orphan child of 9 years age, to Rowland Hewes. Witnessed by ZERE RICE.

Hiram Cooper, 5 years old, bound to JOHN ANDERSON.

#### April Court 1785

Sale estate of James Landman on 8 Dec. 1784 by JAMES SUMMERS. Buyers: George & James SUMMERS.

Inventory of the estate of FRANCIS HOWARD given by HENRY HOWARD, Exec.

MARY LEA, Will written 3 Nov 1784, states all her children; daughter Sarah RUNNALS; son GEORGE LEA. Executors named as JAMES LEA & son GEORGE LEA. Witnesses were Richard Eskridge (Jurat), JAMES LEA (Jurat), GEO. LEA & Walter Brown.

JOHN SHELTON is name as one of the Executors of the Will of Alexander MILES, written 28 Sept. 1784. Others named in Will were: Wife, Lucy, to get land on Country Line Cr.; sons as Thomas, John (Land on Rattlesnake Cr.), Jacob; daughter Elizabeth. Other Executors are named as Wife & brother, Jacob Miles. Witnesses were: THOS. SLADE, Sr. & THOS. SLADE, Jr.

#### July Court 1785

Will of JOHN CATE (S), written 6 Jan 1785, names granddaughter as Ann PYRON; Margery PYRON;

youngest son as Thomas CATE; daughters Elizabeth BEARY & Nancy GRIFFIN; son JOSHUA CATE; grandson JOSHUA CATE; grandson JOSHUA PYRON; JOHN PYRON; grandson JOHN CATE, son of JOHN. Witnesses were Thomas CATE, John PYRON, Jesse ROBINSON & Joseph POGUE.

The accounting returns of STEPHEN HAMBLIN is made by PETER HAMBLIN, Adm.

October Court 1785

John MITCHELL, Will written 22 Sept 1785, states: Wife as Mary; Robert Mitchell Jun., James SIMMONS; Robert MITCHELL, son of Arthur MITCHELL, to whole of estate. Executor: Robert MITCHELL. Witnesses were Saml & John McMURRY.

Capt. ROBERT PAYNE with fellow Executors, Jean BURTON & Capt. Spillsby COLEMAN are listed as Executors to the Will of Charles BURTON, written 2 Aug 1785. In the Will, Charles BURTON names wife as Jean; sons as George, Edmond, Robert, Charles, Theoderick; daughter as Dolly; land on north side of main road leading to Dixe's Ferry to be sold; land purchased of George Graham to be divided.

John Pearson, orphan of 17 years, apprenticed to Robert WILSON to learn art of blacksmith.

(Tax assessments for 1785/ekh)

January Court 1786

Henry WILLIAMS' Will, written 12 Apr 1785, name Elizabeth as Wife; sons as Daniel, Joseph (land purchased from Henslee), Nathan (land purchased of Thomas Hart), Henry (McVier's old tract); daughters, NANCY RICE, Elizabeth Williams, SUSANNAH RICE, Ursley Duke PEOPLES, SALLY BROOKES, Jane Williams; granddaughter Mary SLADE; son in law WILLIAM RICE. Executors named were: wife and son in law, Wm. RICE and son, Daniel, when he arrives at 21. Witnessed by John Henslee, Wm. Brown & THOMAS RICE.

Bill of Sale: REUBIN TAYLOR to ARCHIBALD MURPHEY, sale of negro girl, Esther, age 19. Witnesses: James WILLSON, THOMAS PALMER & Tavenor Hightower.

Bill of Sale: WILLIAM STONE to ARCH. MURPHEY, sale of slave named Cesar, age 26 years. Witnessed by John J. Farley & John Monroe.

James FLETCHER's will, written 10 Dec 1785, names wife as URSLEY; all children: William, James, Elizabeth, Mary, Sarah, Ursley, Grace; nephew Alexander GRAY; nephew John FLETCHER. Executors were named as son in law, ALEX GRAY & ARCH. MURPHEY. Witnesses were A. E. MURPHEY, Wm. SMITH, ROBT. GRAY.

Elkanah HARALSON, 7 years, apprenticed to Hugh BARNETT, Jun.

Estate Inventory of James FLETCHER by ALEX GRAY, Exec.

April Court 1786

Bill of Sale: JOHN STONE to Stephen STUART, sale of negro named Isaac, 2 years old. Wit: Dudley Reynolds.

Jesse HARALSON, 17 year old orphan, apprenticed to Elijah HARALSON.

Lydia CATE, orphan, apprenticed to William BRYAN(T).

WILLIAM BUSH, base born child, apprenticed to ROBERT J. STEELE.

Bond for county treasurer, ARCHD. MURPHEY.

Bond for JOHN ATKINSON as Register of Caswell Co. 19 January 1785.

July Court 1786

JOSIAS DICKSON, A. Hudgens & Margaret Southard witness a Will of Benjamin LONG, written 28 April 1786, naming eldest son as Benjamin; eldest daughter Sarah (land adj. Ambrose Hudgins & Robert Southard); 2<sup>nd</sup> dau, Leah; 3<sup>rd</sup> dau Mary BARNETT; 4<sup>th</sup> dau Martha; youngest son REUBIN. Executors named were son, REUBEN & son in law Thomas BARNETT.

Will of John ANTHONY, written 9 May 1785, names wife as URSLEY; sons as Jonathan, James, Elijah, John, William, Joseph; daughters as SARAH BERRY, NANCY STONE, Jane CORDER, Elizabeth Anthony. Executors named: wife & sons, Jonathan & Elijah. Witnessed by Clifton ALLEN & James JONES.

ARTHUR & JOHN BROOKS witness a will written by Robert RAY, 20 Apr 1775 in which are named: Wife Ann\_s; daughter Susannah RAY; other children. Executors named were wife, James & William RAY.

Bartlett YANCEY's personal estate is evaluated & to be divided among widow and 10 children (names not given). 15 July 1786. By John Williams, Robert Blackwell, Alex. Kerr (?/ekh)

STEVEN BASS binds himself to William HUDGENS for rest of his life on 28 June 1786; witnessed by John & Betty WILLSON.

October Court 1786

Inventory of John ANTHONY's estate made by Jonathan ANTHONY.

Accounting of Estate sale of Richard SIMPSON given showing sales to: Mary SIMPSON, Richard SIMPSON, Jun., JOHN REID, Capt. Waddy TATE, David BURTON, Capt. Zeppa TATE, Jerre WILLIAMSON, John PEPPER, Sherwood NANCE, GEORGE JACKSON, John FOOTE & Jesse OLDHAM.

Estate appraisal of Mathew JOUETT on 24 Sept 1782 by Wm. MOORE, Robert BLACKWELL & David HART. Returned on oath of THOMAS BROOKS, Exec.

Bill of sale: Samuel MORRIS to JAMES RICE, one negro girl named, Beck. 19 July 1786.

Bill of Sale: JOHN LEA, SEN. to WILLIAM LEA, sale of stock & household goods. 11 Aug 1786. Witnessed by John & Thomas Rainey.

REUBIN GRAVES & MASON FOLEY witness Bill of Sale between Stuart FARLEY to son, Daniel S. FARLEY of Halifax Co., Va., sale of negro woman named, Lucy, "*which was willed to me by John Farley deceased of Chesterfield Co. Va. At the death of his wife Mary Farley.*" Mary Farley (widow) of John. 17 June 1786.

Power of Attorney: Michael DIXON of Wilks Co., GA. To JOSIAS DICKSON to sell lands in Caswell Co. 16 Aug 1786. /s/ MICHAEL DICKSON. Witnessed by: John BURNETT, Isaiah DUEST, Hugh & Thos.

**BARNETT.**

**January Court 1787**

(Tax assessments for 1786/ekh)

Estate accounting of **STEPHEN HAMLIN** by **PETER HAMLIN**, adm.

Agreement between **Susannah TURNER & THOMAS YANCEY** for maintenance of child. Witnessed by **John Douglas, Robert Parks.**

Power of Attorney: **William AUSTON** to **HUDSON BERRY** to prepare deeds for land for **Thomas SUMMONS** (could be "Simmons"?/ekh), **John ANTHONY**, **William LEAKE**, **Clifton ALLEN**. 11 Nov 1786. Witnesses: **JOHN YANCEY & JONATHAN ANTHONY.**

**JOHN MARSHALL** of Warren Co. To **JOHN SHELTON**, sale of 3 negroes, **Peg, Lucy, & Tom.** Witnessed by **Charles DIXON, THOMAS DONOHO, J. Buckhannon.**

Division of the estate of **William RANKIN** by **JOHN PAYNE**, **James FARQUHAR**, **ROBERT PAYNE & John Satterfield.** Division to: **Victory Rankin**, widow; **WILLIAM McVEY**, **James Rankin**, **Joshua BROWNING**, **Benjamin Hatcher**, **William Lockhart**, **William Robertson**, **Victory Rankin.**

**Charles FERRELL & Robert MOORE** listed as purchasers at an accounting sale by **Penina HALL**, Exec (with no name given of the "deceased" but I believe this to be the estate of **Thomas ROBERTSON** (see below)/ekh)

**Gideon Johnston** of Rockingham Co. To **ARCHIBALD MURPHEY**, sale of a slave named, **Peter**, age 12.

**Robert MOORE** was paid for schooling children from Executor of **Thomas Robertson** estate. By **Penina Hall**, Exec.

Money received by **Penina Hall** from debtors to **Thomas Robertson**, included **James FARLEY**, **THOMAS LEA**, **John Rue**, **George Samuel**, **William Gardner & Mr. Hightower.**

**THOMAS PAYNE**, 7 year old orphan, was apprenticed to **ARTHA BROOKS**. /s/ **Stephen MOORE**, Chairman of County Court.

**PRYOR PAYNE**, 5 year old orphan, was apprenticed to **ARTHA BROOKS.**

**April Court 1787**

**ARCHD. MURPHEY** was listed as a buyer at the Estate Sale of **Daniel Duncan** on 30 Jan 1787.

Inventory of sale of **FIELDING LEWIS & what ELIZABETH LEWIS**, Adm. bought on 22 Feb 1787 with other buyers: **John Givins**, **Wm. McDaniel**, **David Allen**, **Stephen AUSTON**, **Jas. Hogue**, **Jacob Bull**, **Charles Bostick**, **James Buchanan & his brother**, **Nathan Scoggins**, **Andw. Buchanan**, **B. Newton**, **Reubin Newton**, **BYRD Wall.**

Account of the Estate sale of **FRANCIS HOWARD**, shows Buyers to have been **HENRY HOWARD**, Jun., **GROVES HOWARD**, Jun., **GROVES HOWARD**, Sen., **Peter Badgett**, **MARTHA HOWARD**, **HENRY HOWARD**, Sen., **Thomas Owen**, Sen., **Hugh BARNETT**, Sen., **James Downey**, Sen., **JOHN LAWSON**, Sen., **James Hogue**, **Joshua COFFEE**, **Thomas BARNETT**, Sen., **FRANCIS HOWARD**,

Henry Fullar, James Windfield, Samuel Glaze, Charles Allen, Wm. Allen, John Long, Reuben Parrott, Reubin Long, Robert Southard, Benj. Long, Thomas BARNETT, Jun., Wm. Hudgins, HIRAM & WILLIAM HOWARD, PAUL HARALSON, Sen., SETH MOORE, ANDREW BUSH, Charles Bostick, WILL BARNETT (son of Hugh), Benj. Newton. By Henry Fullar & HENRY HOWARD, Exec.

Memorandum of articles sold by H. Williams, Exec. Returned on oath of WILLIAM RICE, Exec.

Bill of Sale: Duncan Carmical to JOHN GRAVES, Sen., crop of tobacco & all household furniture. 14 Oct 1786. Witnessed by: AZA GRAVES.

July Court 1787

Will of Stephen WILLIAMSON, written 23 Mar 1787, names wife as Elizabeth & her 5 children; sons as Benjamin & Henry E.; daughters as Mary, Lucy, Martha; daughter Nancy HARRISON; Elizabeth MOORE (wife of Samuel MOORE) to get stock bought of Richard MOORE. Executors: sons, Benjamin & Henry E. Witnessed by Jerre Williamson & Nathan Garner.

Richard ARNOLD was listed as a buyer at the Estate Sale of Nicholas BROWNING, 26 Jan 1787.

H. J. (?) TAYLOR & John J. FARLEY listed as witnesses to a Bill of Sale between Tavenor Hightower & John Dobbin, 10 Dec 1785.

Bill of Sale: WILLIAM STONE of Burke Co., GA, to James ROBERTSON of Caswell County, sale of negro slave, Isaac, age 6 mos. 26 Dec 1786. Witnessed by A. E. MURPHEY & ALEX MURPHEY.

Bond: Elizabeth Guttery & Sarah Sheppard to John Monro & Capt. John SUMMERS. "*Whereas John Sheppard, a soldier belonging to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of State of North Carolina, in the said Capt. John SUMMERS Company died while in the service of his country, and whereas Elizabeth Guttery & Sarah Sheppard are HEIRS to said John Sheppard and are entitled to the Wages of said John for his services aforesaid.*" Witnesses: THOMAS TUNKS & William Johnston. 1 Sept. 1786.

Account of Elizabeth FARLEY, orphan, with Samuel Johnston. Cash paid Andrew Ferguson for estate of Hugh Dobbin.

Certificate of acknowledgment: A letter to Court of Caswell by wife, Ede JONES. /s/ James JONES. Henry WILLIS (Jurat). 10 Jan 1786.

Receipt: WILLIAM STONE receives from James Robertson 180 Pounds for 3 negroes: Thom, Fanney & Bek.

List of insolvents (required by tax law of 1781) included names of Stephen AUSTON, REUBEN FLETCHER, John WILLSON from NASH DISTRICT.

(THIS TRANSCRIPTION of our surnames continues below, Ekh 1/10/2008)

October Court 1787

"This day Benjamin Egerton of lawful age made oath that his son John Egerton who was a soldier in the

*Continental Line was born March the 5<sup>th</sup> 1760 and Died at his house in December 1780.” 10 August 1787.*

A list of State fines collected: The State vs Cornelius Davis, Montford McGeehee, **THOMAS DONOHO**, Richard Currier and wife, Henry \* George Fullar, John Bradley, Joseph Armstrong, Benjamin Hubbard, **JAMES SUMMERS**, William Hainey, Wm. **MOORE**, Esq.

State fines returned to Treas. For 1787: Henry Fullar, Jun., Benjamin Boswell, Henry McNeill, **SAMUEL KELLEY**, **JOHN ATKINSON**, William Holderness, Joseph **SMITH**, **BYRD** Rogers, Samuel Robertson, James Guttery, William Hudgins, Cornelius Dabney, George Rudd.

Amt. Sale of estate of **JOHN MOORE** on 11 Oct 17787. Buyers: Douglas Olliver, Wm. Addington, John Campbell; “one cow mentioned in inv. Given by John **MOORE**, Sen. To Elisabeth L. **MOORE**, his granddaughter.” By **JOS. MOORE**, James Sanders, J. Campbell.

Acct, sales of **JOHN MOORE**, Sr. On 13 Dec 1776 by **JOS. MOORE** & Montford McGeehee.

**JOHN MOORE, JUN.** To **JOHN MOORE**'s estate; accounts to **HUGH KELLEY**, Thomas Stuart, George Darby, George Black, Thomas Gimbo, Edmund Alley, Henry McMullen, Henry & John B lack, Richard **PAINTER**, Miles Duncan, William mPowel, William Wiley, John **BARNETT**, **EDWARD BRYANT**, **ABRAM RICE**, Edward Maxwell, Lloyd Vanhook, **MASON FOLEY**, Nathaniel Comer, William **FULCHER**, John Chambers, Richard Pendergrast, Joseiah Shoemaker, Abram Fulkerson, Richard Eskridge, William Paschall, John Comer. Paid Nath. **VENABLE** in part legacy. By **JOSEPH MOORE** & Montford McGeehee, surviving Execs of **JOHN MOORE**, Sen.

Power of Attorney: Reubin Estis of Burke Co. To friend **JOHN RICE** to manage & carry o ut lawsuit against Nathaniel Williams of Rockingham Co. Wit: Richard Estis, **JAMES RICE**.

Division of estate of Henry Dixon to: Frankey, Susannah, Henry & Robert Dixon; Mrs. Martha Dixon; Wynn, Roger & Elizabeth Dixon. By **JOHN SUMMERS**, Henry Cobb & Nath. Dickerson.

Estate Sales of Elkanah **HARALSON** show buyers: Hugh **BARNETT**, Jun., William Breekeen, William Hill, James McNight, Hugh **BARNETT**, Sen., Stephen Stuart, **JOEL POPE**, David Womack, Wm. Chambers, Jun., Jane **HARALSON**, Jonathan Skeen, Benj. Newton, Joseph G ill, Bartlett Greer, Daniel Blackwell, Alexander Fowler. Debts to Henry Horley & John **BARNETT**.

Estate to be divided between 7 children: Jesse, Reuben, Micajah, Bradley, Anderson, Hiram & Elkanah **HARALSON**.

William Croston, orphan of 2 years, bound to **HEZEKIAH RICE**.

Drury Nipper, age 10, son of William Nipper, bound to **JAMES WILSON**.

#### January Court 1788

Edward **BRYANT** (Doctor) of Caswell Co sells to John Richmond one negro boy named Biob, age 9 years.

Bill of Sale: Thomas Neeley to Robert **WILLSON**, sale of negroes. 12 Jan 1788. Witnessed by H. **HARALSON** & Thos. Stephens.

Estate Sale of **MOSES MOORE** by **ANNE MOORE**, adm. 19 Oct 1787, show sales to: **ANNE MOORE**, Sion Bobbitt, James Cuzzaart,l **GEORGE ANDERSON**, David Roberts, Daniel Meadows, Thomas

Carrington, William Mangum, Blackmon Pardue, Stephen Merritt, Nathaniel Carrington, Phillip Pryor, EPHRAIM MOORE, William DUKE, FOWLER JONES, Thomas Horton, John Carrington, Sen., & Jun., Frederick Rose. EE paid John Manuel CVD.

Estate of Henry Williams, shows accounts paid to Donaldson & Stott of Petersburg, Charles Dixon, Lawrence Vanhook, Wyat Stubblefield, JOHN RICE, Sen., P. Williamson, Benjamin Hubbard, John W indsor, John M cCully, Benj. Spencer, Edw. Elam, Geo. Barker, Sen., Lanslot Johnston, Empson Baird, James GOOCH, Stephen Williamson. Expenses paid for carriage of tobacco to Petersburg 5 Lbs., 18 Sh. Paid John McCulley for shoeing horses to carry tobacco to Petersburg, 1 Lb., 9 Sh., 6p. Additional accts paid to Richard Oldham, John Herbin, JOHN RICE, JOHN GRAVES, Duncan Carmical, Joseph Patterson, PHILIP VASS & JOEL RICE.

Will of CHARLES FERRELL, written 27 July 1787, shows wife as Maryann; daughters as Elizabeth, Catherine, Rosey; sons as Charles & William. Executors named as Wife, CHARLES FERRELL & Abram Dunaway. Witnesses: Joseph SWAN, William Yates, EDWD. BRYANT.

(Taxable property for Caswell County for 1787:  
Acres of land 458006, including 15984 of which is western lands.  
Polls 2550  
Stud horses, value 17 Lbs, 5 Sh., 4 pence  
Wheels 14  
825 gallons West India Rum  
613 bushels Salt  
633 Ct. Brown Sugar )

#### April Court 1788

Power of Attorney: William Rainey to JOHN EACOLS, Jun., of Halifax County, Va. To sell & convey 2 tracts of Land in Green Co., NC, 1300 acres on north side of French Broad River & the other on an island in said river nearly opposite first tract. 21 Apr 1788. Wit: Nathan Farley?, Benj. Douglas, Saml. Johnston.

Lye Bill: MARY TAYLOR, wife of CHARLES TAYLOR against William Parks. March 10, 1788. Test: Robert Parks, Elizabeth Scott.

Bill of Sale: Ollive Terry to Lancelotte Johnston (Surgeon), sale of 382 acres land on both sides of Hogan's Creek, whereon I now live, land purchased of PETER SMITH adj. Jean Burton's land. 4 Apr 1788. Witnesses: Saml. Watt, Richard Boggess, HEZ. RICE.

GEORGE SUMMERS, adm., gives an inventory of Mary Triplett's estate, 10 Feb 1788.

Estimate of debts paid for estate of T homas Wisdom. Paid to James Watkins, William McGraw, Thomas Carson, James Turner, Marmaduke Stanfield, Isaac Reaves, Dabid Blair. By Martha W isdom, adm. Payments to JOHN GRAVES, WILLIAM SHELTON.

Inventory estate of CHAS. FERRELL on 22 Apr 1788 by Maryann FERRELL, Exec.

JAMES SMITH, base born child 6 years of age, bound to John Currie.

Guardian Account: Richard SIMPSON, Jun. With JOHN REID. Acct. Includes going to Fairfax Co. VA and returning 600 miles and expenses attending for 24 days, 9 Lbs; also, for moving family to his plantation. 23 Apr 1788. By Robert Dickens, THOMAS RICE & William MOORE.



July Court 1788

**JUDITH BUSH**, orphan 1 ½ years of age, bound to John Gately.

Power of Attorney: Solomon Stansbury formerly of Caswell Co. To Mary Stansbury (widow) to execute to **THOMAS GRAVES & Jacob Miles, Jun.**, a deed of tract of land which my Father left me. 29 Sept 1786.  
Test: Jacob Miles, Sen., Abraham Miles.

October Court 1788

Bill of Sale: **JOHN LEWIS, Sen.** To exec of Thomas Dobbin decd., sale of negroes, 4 June 1788. Wit: James Saunders, John Poteet, Spill Coleman.

Benjamin & Henry E. Williamson, Exec. Of Stephen Williamson, decd., sale of negro girl, Silvia, 11 years old, to **ARCHIBALD MURPHEY**.

**WILLIAM LEWIS** to **FRANCIS HOWARD**, guardian, acct. filed.

Appraisal estate of John Poteete by Abram Miles, Jacob Miles, **THOMAS SLADE, Sen.**

Bond: 2 July 1788, Daniel **GOLD** of State of Va. To Nicholas Delone & **WILLIAM LEA**. Whereas Delone & **LEA** have purchased a tract of land of 295 acres lying on every quarter of a four acre lot on which Caswell Court House stands, said land being the real property of Daniel Gold, but now property of Golds assignees.  
Wit: Jesse Carter, William Sawyers, Isaac Vanhook, Thomas Vanhook.

James **FARRAR**, orphan of 11 years, the 4<sup>th</sup> of last June, bound to William Glenn.

**MARY TAYLOR** is named as a married daughter in a will written by George **BARKER**, 7 March 1788. Sons named are Israel, John, James, George, William and other daughter as Susan **BARKER**.

From July Court 1787: Conditions for leasing by public outcry bidder of county lots contiguous to Court House: Lot#1, East of Court House; lot #2 on south side of road; Lot #3 bounded on east by Court House lot and on west, north and south by Col. **WILLIAM MOORE**'s land. Lots 1 & 2 to be used for dwelling houses. Lot 3 to be built a good frame dwelling House of 18 by 32 stories, the House to be used for Commerce. (Keep an eye on land transactions relative to this land as it will involve the **GRAVES** and **LEA** families/ekh)

Accounting of the sale of **FIELDING LEWIS** on 22 Feb 1787, names buyers to include: James **WINDFIELD**, **BYRD WALL**, John **NOELL**, Stephen **AUSTON**, **ELIZABETH LEWIS**. 1/7 part allotted to Widow.

**JAMES BROOKS**, Martha Parker & B. Mabrey witnessed a Bill of Sale 29 July 1788 between Lewis Williams of Pittsylvania Co., Va to William Holt of Halifax Co., VA regarding sale of negro woman named, Doll, "now in possession of Richardson Owen."

Bill of Sale: Jeremiah W illiamson to Robert Blackwell, sale of negro man, Tom. Witnesses: James Williams & **WILLIAM RICE**.

Deed of Gift: **WILLIAM LEA** to son in law, **JOHN McNEILL**, gift of negro girl and her child, Clary. 7 July 1788. Witnesses by J. **ATKINSON**, Jean Caddell, **JOSEPH TAYLOR**.

Bill of sale: Josiah Chambers to **ARCH. MURPHEY** for one negro girl named, Rachel. Witnessed by **PHILIP VASS** & James Gregory.

**Bill of Sale: ANNE TUNKS & THOMAS TUNKS, WILLIAM TUNKS to HERNDON HARALSON, sale of negro boy named, Bob. Witnesses: AILSEY TUNKS, A. E. MURPHEY, Benj. Deboe.**

**JOHN ATKINSON has bound to him Tapley Duncan, an orphan of 14 years of age. Witnessed by H. HARALSON, DC (Deputy Clerk).**

**April Court 1789**

**Division of George BARKER's estate by JOHN RICE, Robert Blackwell, John Hensley. (Legatees not named).**

**Bill of Sale: Richardson Owen to ARCHIBALD MURPHEY, sale of negro girl, Esther, 4 years old next August. Witnessed by: JOSEPH TAYLOR & H. HARALSON.**

**Bill of Sale: JOHN CLAYTON, Sen. To COLEMAN CLAYTON, sale of household furniture & livestock. July 1788. Test: DANIEL CLAYTON & John Harriss. (This could be indication of the death or the impending departure of John CLAYTON from Caswell Co., NC/ekh)**

**Estate inventory of Zachariah LONG by ALEXANDER PORTER, JOHN FOSTER, 14 Mar 1789. Salw proved on oath of Richard Long.**

**BENJ. SHELTON, sale of 8 negroes, Mary, Simon, Jude, George, Dice, Dorias, Roda & Lewis, to Armistead Watlington, also 100 acres of land and all household furniture & livestock. 10 Feb 1789. Witnessed by GREENWOOD & JOHN PAYNE. (This could indicate an impending move from Caswell Co., NC by Benj. SHELTON/ekh)**

**Estate inventory given by PHILIP VASS, Adm. Of ELIJAH HARALSON's estate.**

**July Court 1789**

**Will of Patrick CARNAL, written 19 May 1789, names Wife as Mary; sons as: Richard, Patrick, Hubbard, Archibald & Flemin (under 15 & the youngest); daughters named as Nancy MITCHEL, MARY WHITE, Mildred OLLIVER, Phanney Carnal. Son Patrick to get land bought of WILLIAM SMITH. Executors named were, Wife, son Richard, Henry Mitchel & Thomas WHITE, sons in law. Witnessed by Thomas Miles, Randolph Buckely, Stephen Underdown.**

**Will of SHADRACK GREENE, written 17 Nov 1788, states that Zachariah SWALLOW, the first son of daughter, Mary SWALLOW (wife to John SWALLOW); daughter Sarah CRANFORD, wife of John CRANFORD; daughter Lucrecy Albertson, wife of Archibald Albertson; son Thomas Humphries GREENE; daughter Margaret GREENE; Witnesses were Thomas Harrison, John Carmon, CUTHBERT THOMPSON. Adm. Of estate granted to ANN GREENE.**

**Bill of Sale: William Paschal, sale of livestock to ARCH MURPHEY.**

**Bill of Sale: Reuben Long to JOHN PAINE, sale of negro named, Amy. 9 May 1789. Witnessed by James Williamson.**

**Power of Attorney: BAZILLA HUMAN to JOHN GRAVES to demand right of title to land on Reed Fork, 200 acres. 18 Dec. 1783. Witnessed: THOMAS GRAVES & WILLIAM CARROLL.**

**Power of Attorney: Aaron PARKER to Samuel Neeley unto James Jay. Adj. Jeffreys, WM. GREEN & Samuel Neeley unto James Jay. 20 Oct 1785. Witnessed: ROBERT PAINE, Mathew Daniel.**

**Estate Settlement of FRANCIS HOWARD by HENRY HOWARD, Exec.**

**Mr. Fulkerson returned accounts to Mary Dowel, Adm. For Estate of Jno. Dowel, showing proved accounts against Jno Dowel as owed to: JOSEPH ATKINSON, JOSEPH PALMER, JOHN PAINE, GABRIEL LEA, WILLIAM LEA & RICHARD ATKINSON.**

**Accounts paid by Estate of John Dowell.**

**The Estate of Tyree Harriss paid accounts owed to the following: THOMAS HAYSE, George FOOTE, Sen., MARY SIMPSON, JEPHTAH RICE, JOHN & MARY JONES, A. E. MURPHEY & included payment *“To sundrie expenses going down to Fayetteville with 5 H hds (“hogsheads”/containers for transporting/ekh) Tobacco, 25 lb. 2Sh. 16p.”***

**Estate settlement of EZEKIAL HARALSON & accounts paid to: ELIJAH HARALSON, NATHAN BYAS (“BYAS”/?/ekh), WILLIAM HOWARD (for schooling the children), PAUL HARALSON. Approved by A. E. MURPHEY.**

**Additional accounts paid from Estate of FIELDING LEWIS by John Rogers, Exec, included JOHN BARNETT, Sen., Barnett FOLEY, SOLOMON KING, Wm. STONE, ARTHUR BROOKS, HENRY WILLIS & James KID.**

#### **October Court 1789**

**Nathaniel FARLEY Will written 16 May 1789 names Wife as Sally; sons as Robert Burton FARLEY, Laban FARLEY, George FARLEY; daughters as Elizabeth, Polly & Nancey. Executors were William WILLSON & John Burton. WitA: ABSOLOM ADAMS, Will Keeling & William WILLSON.**

**Bill of Sale: THOMAS PALMER, Jr. For 130 lbs paid him by THOMAS PALMER, Sen., sale of livestock & household furniture also farming implements. 5 Jan 1789. Proved on oath of JOSEPH PALMER. (This could indicate impending departure of Thomas PALMER, Jr circa January 1789/ekh)**

**Bill of Sale: Armistead Watlington to BENJ. SHELTON. (Reversal of Bill of Sale) 20 Oct 1789**

**Letter of Attorney: Samuel Robertson about to leave the State with intent to move to Kentucky, to DAVID SHELTON & James Robertson to convey tract of land on the main road by Col. James Sanders to Terry’s back line, 125 acres, to Wm. Stephens. 1 Sept 1789. Wit: JAMES WILLIS & Jacob Williams.**

**Estate Inventory of Patrick CARNAL appraised by Goodloe Warren, Stephen Olliver, ROBERT MOORE, 24 Sept. 1789.**

**Estate Sales of ELIJAH HARALSON showed sales to: SARAH HARALSON, Widow; PHILIP VASS, JAMES PAUL (could be PAULK/?/ekh), ARTHUR BROOKS, Jr. By PHILIP VASS, Adm.**

**Estate Inventory of SHADRACK GREENE by ANN GREEN, Adm.**

**WILLIAM BUSH, orphan 5 years of age last Christmas, bound to John Gately.  
ELIZABETH BUSH, orphan of 10 months, bound to John Gately.**

(Taxable property for 1789)

**January Court 1790**

Will of HANNAH DONALDSON, written 3 Aug 1789, states: Son, ROBERT to get money in JOHN LAWSON's hands; daughters named are: Mary, RACHEL DICKSON, Elizabeth NOELL, Hannah BREEZE, Jane ELLISON, Cateen ARCHDEACON, SARAH WILKERSON; grandsons are named as Barnerd Donaldson & Thomas. Executors are named as JOHN LAWSON, Sen & his son, DAVID LAWSON. Witnessed by Hugh BARNETT, FRANCIS LAWSON.

ANN MURPHEY witnessed Will of John Currie written 20 Nov 1789.

SAML PAUL (could be "Paulk"?/ekh), Judith PAUL & Mary PARR witnessed Will of John WALKER written 14 June 1789.

JAMES GRAVES Will written 9 Apr 1781, states his SISTER as ANN YANCEY; BROTHER as THOMAS GRAVES. Executor named is brother, THOMAS GRAVES and BARTLETT YANCEY. Witnessed by BAZILLA GRAVES & JOHN GRAVES, Sen. Proved on oath of BAZILLA GRAVES & AZARIAH GRAVES who made oath that he believed JOHN GRAVES, Sen. was a concurring evidence to the said Will at the time of executing same. THOMAS GRAVES qualified as Exec.

Inventory of Nathaniel FARLEY's estate given on 1 Nov 1789 by Wm. WILLSON.

Edith, Lydia & Christopher HARRISS, orphans of Tyree HARRISS, guardians acct. with Cornelius Dabney. Reviewed by THOS. DONOHO, Joshua Coffee & Stephen MOORE.

ROBERT GRAY & James Commins witnessed the apprenticeship of John Allison, Jr. (Son of John Allison, Sen.) To John C ommins to learn art of slay (sleigh?/ekh) making.

DAVID SHELTON, John Williams & Will Rainey served as Bondsmen for a Treasurer's Bond for Spillsby Coleman.

Bill of Sale: John MINZES of Rockingham Co. to ARCHIBALD MURPHEY, sale of livestock. 29 May 1789. Witnessed by JOHN LOCK & John Williams. (The surname of "Minzes" could be a misspelling or variation of the spelling of "MING" or "MINGES", a surname associated with eastern NC & the Albemarle Region of same time period. A descendant of the "MINGES" surname told me recently that there had been a "falling out" amongst some of the "MINGUS" or "MINZES" of Virginia & the NC family changed the spelling to "MING" &/or "MINGES"/ekh)

Bill of Sale: Jesse Duncan to ARCHIBALD MURPHEY, sale of livestock.

HUGH McVEY submits Estate accounting of Edward BUMPASS for clothing & boarding of 6 children, the orphans, for 1778-1789, of 5Lbs 2Sh 10Pence per year.

Acct. Of WILLIAM LEA, Trustee for Caswell County for the year 1787.

Will of RICHARD BROOKS (spelled, "BROOKES" on original), written 3 Oct 1789, states: Wife as Ann; 4 youngest children: WILLIAM BIRD BROOKS (under 21), BETSY BROOKS, FRANCES ARMSTEAD BROOKS, JOHN BROOKS; daughter ANN SMITH GRAVES; Executor named as Wife, Ann & SON IN LAW, SOLOMON GRAVES. Witnessed by W. P. SMITH & ISRAEL BARKER.

April Court 1790

**THOMAS TUNKS** Will was written 20 November 1789. It named as Wife, Rachael to get land adj. Rachael Love, John Chambers, Wm. BARNETT; sons, William, Thomas, Philip; daughters named as Frances & Ann. Executors named were Wife & son, William. Witnessed by Jno. Chambers, Thomas BARNETT & Benj. Deboe.

Power of Attorney: **JOHN JACKSON** to **JOHN TERRILL** (could be "TERRELL" or "FERRELL"/ekh) to make deed to convey land on Reedy Branch adj. Samuel McMurray, David Mitchell to **JONATHAN TERRILL**. 21 Apr 1787. Test: Thomas Cole, Hermon Hopper, Thomas Willingham.

Power of Attorney: Ann TATE, Exec. of Waddy TATE, to **JOHN REID** to go to Fairfax Co. Va. & receive from **RICHARD SIMPSON**, Exec. To **MOSES SIMPSON**, decd., all legacy bequeathed to ANN by **MOSES SIMPSON**. 17 Apr 1790. Wit: **MARY SIMPSON**, Jerre Williamson, George FOOTE.

Power of Attorney: **THOMAS BROOKS**, Sen. Chosen by Henry Flipping, orphan of Thomas Flipping, late of Gloucester Co. Va, decd, as his Guardian & was appointed by Court of Caswell, appoints trusty friend, **THOMAS BROOKS**, Jun., lawful attorney to defend & receive from estate of Thomas Flipping, decd in Gloucester Co., Va, all negroes, money, etc due to said orphan. 20 Apr.

Estate of **MOSES FARLEY** in acct. with Jno James FARLEY, Exec (From 1775-1790). Accounts paid to: Capt. **JOHN MOORE**, Geo FARLEY, MASON FOLEY, **JOHN ERWIN**, **JAMES BROOKS**, Saml Johnston, Guardian for **ELIZABETH FARLEY**. Received from **CHARLES MASON**, by wages in the Army of, 2Lbs, 13 Sh., 9 Pence.

**WILLIAM LEWIS**, an orphan 16 years old next Oct., bound to Thomas Owen.

July Court 1790

Deeds of Trust & Bills of Sale: **JOHN LEWIS**, Sen. (M), **JOHN LEWIS**, Jun., & **SARAH TAYLOR** (wife of **PHILIP TAYLOR**) (Sarah TAYLOR being daughter of **JOHN LEWIS, SEN.**) - sale of negro slaves to **JOHN LEWIS, Jun** & **SARAH TAYLOR**. Wit: David Allen & N. Cuningham.

**JOHN LEWIS** of Halifax Co., Va - Will written 8 June 1787, states his wife as Catherine; son as John to have all land in Halifax Co., VA.; son John named as Trustee to daughter, **SARA TAYLOR**; daughter Apphea ALLEN. Executors named as son, John, Maj. David Allen, **JOHN PETTIT**. /s/ **JOHN LEWIS, SEN.** (M). Witnessed by John Winters, Archer Walters, **JOHN ROPER**.

**JOSIAS DICKSON & MICHAEL DICKSON** with Chas. Mitchell, witness a Will written 15 Feb 1788 by Henry FULLAR, Sen. Will names Wife as Catharine; daughters as Sarah MAJORS, Keziah REYNOLDS, Elizabeth RANKIN, Mary FULLAR, Anne FULLAR; sons named as John, Peter, Henry, George, Abraham, Stephen, Isaac, Jacob & Isaiah. (Land on Stories Cr.) Executors named were Wife and son, George.

Thomas HARRISON, Sen. - Will, written 3 May 1790, names 2 daughters as: **ARSAY FUQUA**, wife of **JOHN FUQUA**, Magdalen McDugal; friend **DAVID SHELTON**. Tract of land to be conveyed to Thomas Jeffreys bounded by Bradley's line & Cochran's Spring Branch. Executor: **DAVID SHELTON**. Witnesses: William Draper, Bowler Stephens & Samuel Pittard.

Buyers of the Estate sale of Tyre Harris on 8 March 1787 were: Newton FOOT, John JONES, George SUMMERS, Hezekiah RICE, Geo. Goote, Jun., Nichols SMITH, JEPHTAH RICE, Richard Simpson.

**Thos. DONOHO**, Abram Fulkerson & Will Richmond helped with the Division of John CRISP among his heirs, namely, Elizabeth, Margaret, John, Mary Ann, Lucy & Thomas CRISP.

Acct. & settlement of Mathew JOUET Estate to legatees: John BROWN, John JOUET, Elizabeth JOUET, JEPHTHA RICE, Washington JOUET, Armstead ROGERS, Mary JOUET, Mathew JOUET, Thomas JOUET. 19 July 1790, by Lancelotte Johnston, Robert Blackwell, Peter O'Neill & John Williams.

**JOHN PAINE** & James Williamson witnessed a Bill of Sale between David, Sarah & William Ford Mann to James Rankin for the sale of negro woman, Cloah. 5 Apr 1790.

Deed of Gift: John Smith Hurst to daughter in law, Sarah PARKER, 2 negroes, Newman & Dilce. 6 July 1790, witnessed by JOSEPH TAYLOR, Sen. & Jun.

Deed of Gift: John Smith Hurst to daughter in law, Ann PARKER, 2 negroes Jobe and Tilla. 6 July 1790.

Bond: THOMAS BROOKS, as High Sheriff of Caswell Co. Bondsmen: John Brown, THOS. DONOHO, Yancey Bailey.

Miss Elizabeth FARLEY, acct. with Samuel Johnston, Guardian.

October Court 1790

William SAWYER's Will, written 16 Jan 1787, names William (land on east side of GRAVES MILL Road), Stephen, Absalom (plantation I now live on). Witnesses: JOHN PAYNE, Ann SAWYER, Dyce Sawyer.

THOMAS RICE, Esq., on behalf of the Justices, binds Thomas Sutton, orphan of 2 years as of last August, to Edward O'Neill.

THOMAS BROOKS, Treasurer of Caswell Co., has a Bond required for his position & Bondsmen were named as: Thomas RICE, Benj. Williamson, Yancey Bailey, Daniel Williams, Jethro Brown & James Williamson. 18 Oct 1790.

Samuel GREER Estate sale on 31 July 1790 by Margaret Greer & Will Culbertson, Adm, shows sales to: John LOW, JOHN ATKINSON, CHARLES TAYLOR, JAMES SMITH & Edward Nowel.

Inventory of JOHN MOORE, decd. To John Campbell, Guardian for MARY A. MOORE (orphan).

Power of Attorney: Thomas Johnston of Shenandoah Co., Va to DAVID JONES to convey 300 acres land on South Fork Country line Cr. To Elizabeth Browning now living on the premises. 13 Aug 1790. Witnessed by John Carter, MOSES SMITH, James Johnston.

Christopher HARRISS, orphan, in acct. with Corn. Dabney. Payments to John LENOX & RICHARD SMITH.

Estate Sale of Thomas Harrison on 4 Aug 1789, shows sales to: DAVID SHELTON, Mathew HARRISS, John J. FARLEY, William ROPER, John LOW.

Received of MAJOR GREENE, Guardian of Elizabeth JONES DILAHAY & Nancy GILLIAM DILAHAY, orphans of ARTHUR DILAHAY, household articles for legacy left by said ARTHUR DILAHAY. 17 Jan 1791.

SOLOMON MORGAN, orphan 4 years & 8 months old, bound to Martin Cooper./s/ John Douglass,

Chairman, County Court.

Patsy Gill, orphan 12 years old, bound to BYRD Rogers./s/STEPHEN MOORE for County Court.

State fines returned to Treas. For 1790-91: Robert MOORE, Henry FULLAR, ROBERT I. STEELE.

April Court 1791

Caswell County in acct. with WILLIAM LEA, Trustee.

Estate of JOHN MOORE in acct. with James Sanders & JOSEPH MOORE, Exec. From 1786-1790, show payments to John LOW for Dr. Lancelotte Johnston, Col. Wm. MOORE, EDMUND LEWIS, THOMAS WHITE, ROBERT MOORE, Ambrose ARNOLD, Robert WILLSON, John YANCEY, John Campbell for the boarding of Betsy & Lucy MOORE. By Adams Sanders & James Williamson.

JAMES LEA, Joseph ATKINSON, Elijah REYNOLDS, John JOHNSTON (TAYLOR) were paid for their accounts owed by Estate of John BURCH.

Thomas YANCEY, Charles TAYLOR, Thomas GRAVES, James YANCEY & Benjamin SHELTON purchased items from Estaet Sale of Andrew ENOCHS, Feb 14<sup>th</sup>.

Inv. Estate of Edmund Gardner by FRANCIS SMITH, Adm. 18 Apr 1791.

JAMES BYRD, Thomas YANCEY & RICHARD ARNOLD purchased items from JOHN SHY Vendue, 10 Feb 1791.

Division of the estate of JONAS PARKER, decd. By John DAY & William Yarbrough on 16 Arpr 1791 shows Legatees to be: FRANCIS, ABNER, REBECCA, RICHARD, STEPHEN, DAVID, POWEL & JOANNAH PARKER as well as JESSE ALLEN & JOHN ROBERTS.

Power of Attorney: Jeremiah Williamson, late of Caswell County, to friend, JOHN REED, to bring suit & collect "*my part of estate of RICHARD SIMPSON dec'd of Fairfax Co., VA.*" 22 Nov 1790 & witnessed by JOHN JACKSON & Jesse Brintle (Jurat).

Oath of Insolvency: On 8 Feb 1791, EDWARD BRYANT was brought by Joaler ("Jailer"/ekh) & made oath the under amount is all that he is worth, working tools, his wearing apparel & muster arms, excepted. To 4 Dollars lent, small quantity of medicine, 3 small books. Wit: Jno. Douglass, ROBERT PAYNE, Thos. Douglass. Executions by ENOCH FERRIL, Will Ragsdale, Robert Burton.

July Court 1791

THOMAS PALMER's Will, written 11 May 1784, states Wife as Susannah; son as Joseph; rest of children: John, Philip, Sarah Vanhook, Susannah Petters, Bashaba Hale, Mary Wooden; son, Thomas. "*I order one acre of land never to be sold where son, DAVID, is buried.*" Executors: Wife and son, Joseph. Witness: John Hall, Francis Howel, David Travis.

Bill of Sale: Alexander Morrison to HEARNDON HARALSON, sale of negro slave, Sally, 35-40 years of age on 31 May 1791. Wit: A.C. MURPHEY & Benj. Deboe.

Bill of Sale: JOSEPH ATKINSON to LAURENCE LEA, sale of livestock & household goods. 11 July 1791, witnessed by WILLIAM LEA & Zachariah Evans. (This could indicate Joseph Atkinson is about to depart Caswell Co., NC/ekh)

**H. HARALSON** & George Black witnessed a Bill of Sale between John Robertson to Hugh Hemphill for the sale of livestock & household furniture. (This could mean impending departure of John Robertson).

Bill of Sale: **JOHN ATKINSON** to **WILLIAM LEA**, sale of furniture. Witnessed by **RICHARD ATKINSON & L. LEA**. (John Atkinson could be departing Caswell Co. NC/ekh)

**GABRIEL MURPHEY** purchases item(s) from Estate Sale of Ezekiel Dollarhide on 13 May 1791.

**JOHN & THOMAS GRAVES** as well as Robert **PARKS** appraise Estate of James Barker, 15 Mar 1791.

Sarah **CLAYTON**, Adm. submits an Inventory of Thomas **CLAYTON**'s estate.

**JOSEPH PALMER & THOMAS STEELE** are purchasers at the Estate Sale of Thomas Vanhook, 29 Nov 1790.

Additional Inventoryr Estate of Thomas Vanhook:

One lottery ticket for Lott of Land in Nicholas Delones & **WILL LEA**'s lottery in Leasburgh. Notes against Charles Bostwick, Will Glenn, Wm. D ollarhide, John Sizemore of Halifax Co., Va; Willm. Carpenter for 25 bushels boiled salt to be delivered on Bear Creek, Onslow Co.

Among debtors on Book:

Edward **CLAY**, Lewis **GREENE**, John **LEA**, John **LOW**, Arthur **BROOKS**, John **BROOKS**, John **LEA**, Sr. (Country Line), Thomas **CATES**, Joseph **PALMER**, James **REYNOLDS**, William **FULLAR**, John **FULLAR**, Archd. **FULLAR**, Carter **LEA**, John **ATKINSTON**, Carpenter.

Hannah **WYATT**, 3 year old orphan, bound to **WILLIAM SLADE**.

October Court 1791

**SAMUEL DYER**'s Will was written 20 January 1791 & states his wife as Elizabeth and to get land at the place known as Hew Warry; sons are named as Thomas, Samuel, Anthony; daughters are named as Catherine & Mary; Executors named are William Stephens, Jerre Samuel, Anthony Samuel. Witnessed by John Ragsdale, **GEORGE MOORE**, Solomon Merritt.

John **PERKINS**, Will written 29 Dec. 1787, names sons Martin (land on Moons Cr.), Jesse; daughters are named as **ANN FOSTER**, Sarah Mattocks, Susannah Baker; wife is named as Rachel. NB Son, James Perkins. Test: Wm. & Nancy **MORGAN**.

Inventory of **THOMAS PALMER** Estate by **JOSEPH PALMER**, Exec.

Estate of **EZEKIEL HARALSON** in acct. with John Rogers, Exec. Cash paid to **GEO VAUGHN** for support of **ELIZABETH HARALSON**.

Bill of Sale: **THOMAS PALMER**, Sr. On 11 Dec 1790 gives 6 children of **THOMAS PALMER**, Jr., household articles. Wit: Isaac Vanhook.

Lett of Attorney: Samuel Robertson late of County of Caswell, to my brother and trusty friend, James **ROBERTSON**, to dispose of land on which "*I dwelled last when in said Co.*" 6 Sept 1790. Witnessed by **WILLIAM REED** & William Keeling.

Acct. Of John Campbell, guardian to **MARY A. MOORE**, orphan.

January Court 1792



**ANNE SMITH's** Will was written 17 Sept 1783 naming daughter as Margaret Williams; grandson William Williams, son of William Williams; grand daughter Elizabeth Williams (land on State line that divides VA & NC); grand daughters Anne & Kesiah **SMITH**; **WILLIS** Buckingham **SMITH** to get plantation; grand daughter Nanney **RILEY**; Lettus **RILEY**; grandson **MASON SMITH**. Executors: Grandson **MASON SMITH** & friend, **ARCHD. MURPHEY**. Wit: George Conally, William Randolph, Abraham Randel. **AMASA SMITH** qualified as Exec.

**ZACHARIAH LEA's** Will was written 28 Sept 1791, naming Wife as Ann; daughters Mary **BANGSTON**, **RACHEL LEA**, **SARAH LEA**; sons named as **VINCENT**, **HENRY** & **GEORGE LEA**. Children to receive portion as each comes of age or marries. Executors: Moses **BRADSHER**, **CARTER LEA**. Wit: Thomas Neeley, Thomas Carver, Mary Gould.

**JAMES LEA**, Stephen **SARGENT** & Richard **ESCRIDGE** witness division of **JOSIAH FARLEY's** estate between Sarah Johnston & Elizabeth **FARLEY**, Mother & Sister of said **JOSIAH FARLEY**. (Elizabeth **FARLEY** now **HOULTON** (or "HOUSTON"?/ekh)

Robert Burton's estate sale of 1 Dec 1790 shows buyers as: **ALEXANDER LEA**, Dudley **GATEWOOD**.

**HENRY GRAVES** & Thomas K. Wynne of Franklin Co., NC, Billof Sale for negro woman named Grace, 18 years of age. Wit: Isham & George **MELONE**.

Inv. Property of **JACOB PORTER** on 17 January 1792 by Ann **GREER**, Adm.

Letter of Attorney; John Browning of Green Co. GA to David Boran of same county to sell land in Caswell Co., NC, formerly property of Joseph Boran, decd., 206 acres & also to convey title to **JAMES SMITH** of Caswell Co. 9 Jan 1792. Wit: Thos. Houghton. By Ezekiel Parks, Esq., Clerk of Green Co.

Caswell Co's acct. with Alexander Rose, County Trustee 1789.

Payments to: **AMBROSE ARNOLD**, **HEARNDON HARALSON**, **ARCHD. MURPHEY**, **LONG WILL LEA**, **JAMES YANCEY**, **GREENWOOD PAYNE**, Col. **STEPHEN MOORE**, Capt. **WILL LEA**, **WILL BARNETT**, **GEORGE FARLEY**.

Inv. Estate of **JAMES LEA** on 30 Mar 1792 by **MAJOR LEA** & **JOHN LEA**, Exec.

**JAMES LEA's** Will (of **ORANGE COUNTY**), written 28 March 1771, names sons as William, John & Major **LEA** to be Executors. Wife is named as Ann; all my children (names not given). Wit: Thos Camp, Jun. & **HENRY LEA**. Proved by testimony of **WILLIAM LEA** as by the disposition thereunto annexed.

**HENRY HOWARD**, Benjamin Quine, Samuel Stansbury witness Will of Adam Stafford written 16 Aug 1791.

Inv. Estate of **ZACHARY LEA** on 4 Feb 1792 by Moses Bradsher & **CARTER LEA**.

Inv. Estate of **JOHN GRAVES**, Sen., taken at his dwelling house on 20 Mar 1792. A riding chair & Horse were given the Widow by consent of all Legatees (extraordinary) also one Smith's anville & bellows given **BAZILLA GRAVES** by consent of Legatees. Legatees: **ISBELL**, **AZARIAH**, **THOMAS**, **BAZILLA**, **JOHN**, **SOLOMON GRAVES** and John **KERR**, Ann **YANCEY**, Thomas **SLADE**. Inv. Of that part of estate left to Widow & of part not yet divided. By: **AZARIAH**, **SOLOMON**, **JOHN** & **THOMAS GRAVES**.

(The testimony of William LEA proving the Will of James LEA was not written into the Will Book. His testimony of March 1792 was discovered by the author filed with estate records of Persons County at the NC State Archives. After 1792, Capt. William LEA of South Hico resided in the newly formed County of Person. His disposition was made at the first session of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Persons County. The Will of Capt. LEA was proved at the March Court 1804.)

**CASWELL COUNTY WILL BOOKS**  
**BOOK C, June 1792-October 1800**

**June Court 1792**

Charles TAYLOR witnessed a will of Benjamin ENOCHS on 5 Sept 1790.

Bill of Sale between WILLIAM CARROL to GEORGE CARROL for livestock. 25 Feb 1792.

Eliz. Lightfoot MOORE in acct. with James Sanders, Guardian. LUCY A. MOORE in acct. with James Sanders. 16 July 1791.

Estate of JOHN MOORE, Jun in acct with the estate of JOHN MOORE, Sen. (1786-91). Accts from partial list show: Hugh KELLEY, JOHN GRAVES.

Settlement estate of Andrew ENOCHS by Robt. Parks, AZARIAH & THOMAS GRAVES. Elizabeth ENOCHS purchasere at salw; bonds on John Williams, Benjamin ENOCHS & James Colman.

**September Court 1792**

Bond: Jno. SOMMERS (could be "Summers"?/ekh), as Register for Caswell Co. Bondsmen: John Brown, Wynn Dixon, John Grant.

Bond: Charles Dixon as coroner of Caswell Co. Bondsmen: John Williams & THOMAS GRAVES.

PATSY ATKINSON, orphan 3 years & 6 months old, bound to JOHN ATKINSON. /S/ thomas RICE on behalf of the Justices.

Mary ANDERSON MOORE (orphan) in acct. with John Campbell, Guardian.

Estates of ELKANAH HARALSON's orphans to James Chambers, Guardian to MICAHAH, BRADLEY & ELKANAH HARALSON.

**December Court 1792**

Will of JAMES INGRAM, written 22 Oct 1792, names wife as Mary; 6 children as Walter, Priscilla, Vachell, Clary, Benjamin, John. One lot to be laid off on Main Rd. Nearest to Court House to each child. Exec: Wife and friend, SOLOMON GRAVES. Wit: John Ingram, Charlton Ingram.

Letter of Attorney: WILLIAM MOORE of Wilks Co., GA to William F. BOOKER to settle his business in N.C. 13 Sept 1792. Wit: Edward MOORE, Tandy Dix, Saml. MOORE.

David Hall, orphan 15 years & 2 months of age bound to Robert **WILSON**.

Charles B oulton Jun. For his wife, Elizabeth Boulton (late Elizabeth **FARLEY**) orphan and daughter of Moses **FARLEY**, decd, release & quit claim unto Samuel Johnston, late guardian for every legacy from estates of Moses & Josiah **FARLEY**, decd. 9 Nov 1792.

Estate of John **SHY** via Rachel & Samuel Shy, were made to **GREENWOOD PAINE, WILLIAM LEA, JOHN ATKINSON, EMPSOM BYRD**.

Patrick Henry **MOORE**, orphan's acct. with **THOS. WHITE**, Guardian. William & Lucy **MOORE**, orphans of **JOHN MOORE**, acct. with Montford McGeehee, Guardian. Bonds on Richard **CARNAL**, William Everet, James Peterson, John Campbell.

April Court 1793

**GIDEON HOGG**'s Will, written 7 Nov 1790, names Wife as Judith; sons as Andrew, John, William, Gideon; daughters named as Ann **DENTON**, Mourning **DENTON**, Elizabeth **THOMAS**, **AGNESS HOGG**, Judith **GIBSON**, **REBECCA SHELTON**, Mary **YATES**. Exec: wife and son, Andrew. Wit: Michael Cloe, Nicholas Cloe, Henry Baldwin.

Thos. **RICE**, J.P. witnesses Letter of Attorney between Thomas Whitehead of Union C o., SC to Samuel Henderson.

Letter of Attorney: Anne Tate, widow & exec of Waddy Tate, to John Windsor to recover legacy due from Exec. Of **MOSES SIMPSON**, decd of Fairfax Co. Va 24 Apr 1793.

Estate of **JOHN MOORE**, Sen., in acct. with Josiah Shoemaker. Payments to wife & children (no names).

Sales, Estate of **JAMES LEA** on 17 July 1792. Buyers: Maj. **LEA**, Jerre **LEA**, John **LEA** (son of John), Nanney **HARALSON**, Hearndon **LEA**. By John & Maj. **LEA**, Exec.

Hezekiah Fanning binds his son, William Fanning (by his own choice) to David Cochran(**TAYLOR**). 9 Mar 1793. Wit: Michael Montgomery

July Court 1793

**THOMAS REED** & John Windsor witness a Nuncupative Will of Richard Windsor./s/ Richard Simpson, Justice.

Estate of Mathew **JOUIT** makes payments to: Timothy **WHITE**, **DANIEL GWINN**, **ARCHIBALD MURPHEY**, **THOMAS SIMMONS**, Robt. **WHITE**, & **WILLIAM MOORE**.

Robert Parks, Esquire, County Trustee, in acct. with Caaswell Co. Claims allowed from Thomas **BROOKS**, **HEZEKIAH RICE**.

Peter **SMITH** & Jephtha **RICE** listed as Buyers from John Powel Estate.

Inventory estate of **GIDEON HOGG** on 17 July 1793 by **ANDREW HOGG**, Exec.

Agnes **JONES**, orphan of 6 years age, bound to Aron Anglin. /s/James Williamson on behalf of fellow justices. /s/ Sarah **JONES**.

Will of Charles STEPHENS, written 18 July 1792, states 3 sons named: Thomas, William & Benjamin; (land adj. Robert Long & land purchased of THOMAS LEA); daughters Albertar WILSON, Elizabeth LEA. Executors: 3 sons. Wit: Robert Long (Jurat) & Thomas Campbell (Jurat).

William HENSLEE's Will, written 11 Oct 1793, names Elizabeth Mallory; Susannah WEST; brothers & sisters. Exec: Brothers, John & David HENSLEE. Wit: Malon Stacy, Aron ANDERSON & Nathan Williams.

Inv. Estate of Waddy Tate by Richard SIMPSON, Adm.

Inv. Estate Jacob PORTER by Ann GREER, Adm.

Estate of William Barker 24 Oct 1793 showed: CHARLES TAYLOR & THOMAS TAYLOR.

Mary ANDERSON MOORE, orphan acct. with John Campbell, Guardian.

Bond: John Campbell of Person County vs. James Sanders, Montford McGehee, THOMAS WHITE as Guardian for Legatees of JOHN MOORE, decd., & JOHN YANCEY, as a Legatee.

Estate of JOHN MOORE in acct. with John Campbell.

Subscribers appointed by General Assembly to lay off the seat for the Court House in Caswell County unanimously agree the Court House shall be fixed on the land of James INGRAM & convenient to purchase 100 acres land for advantage of County & said land shall be divided in 4 equal lotts and sold to highest bidder for benefit of County. /s/ JOHN GRAVES, W. Stubblefield, Wm. Muzzle, Solomon PARKS, DAVID SHELTON, David Hart.

Following subscribers agree to receive and be answerable to James INGRAM for above purchase. Friday, 28 Sept. 1792: /s/ James Williamson, AZARIAH GRAVES, SOLOMON GRAVES, Rich. SIMPSON, Jno. Grant, Wynn Dixon, Justices of Peace.

#### January Court 1794

Bill of Sale: Buckner Wall, sale of stock & household furniture to Zachariah Evans. Wit: Wm. Haynie & Tho. RIGGS.

The following were buyers at the Estate Sale of Waddy Tate on 15-16 Nov 1793: Mary SIMPSON, Richard SIMPSON, Joseph SMITH, WILLIAM DONOHO, THOMAS RICE, Esq., HUGH GWINN, JOHN REED, NANCY REED.

Inventory of THOMAS BROOKS' Estate by Armistead Flippin, Adm.

Caswell County in acct. with Alex Rose, County Trustee 1790, shows payments to: HEZEKIAH RICE, AMBROSE ARNOLD, Constable, THOMAS BROOKS, Sheriff, Stephen SARGENT, John YANCEY. Cash recieved from JAMES YANCEY.

#### April Court 1794

Power of Attorney: Purnell Ingram & Elizabeth Ingram (late Elizabeth COMMENS, daughter of William COMMENS, dec'd) of Greenbrier Co., VA to ARCHIBALD MURPHEY & Abram Dunaway to recover part of estate of William Commens. 11 Nov 1793. Wit: Joseph Hall & Reuben Gafford.

Payments from Estate of Robert Burton paid to JOHN GRAVES, ROBERT KING.

Estate Sale of Col. David HART on 5-7 Feby 1794, shows Buyers to have been:  
**HEZEKIAH RICE, John W. JONES, JOHN GRAVES, JEPHTHA RICE, WILLIAM RICE,  
RICHARD SMITH, JOHN RICE, Sen., GREENSWOOD PAYNE, JOHN JACKSON, WILLIAM  
SMITH, BENJ. SHELTON.**

(Taxable property for 1793:  
858 white polls 1006 black polls  
6 carriage wheels  
4 ordinarys (lodging houses/ekh)

**July Court 1794**

**WILLIAM LEA** testified as to receipt from **PATRICK DONOHO** for fine imposed for maintenance of a child. /s/ Gincey Thomas. 24 May 1794.

**JOHN LEA, Jr., Edward SWANN, WILLIAM REED, JOHN LEA, Capt., & Tho. SLADE** were paid from Estate of Alex MILES in right of his wife, Lucy (for 1785) in acct. with Joshua CARNEY, Exec.

**JOHN REED, Richd. SIMPSON** approved acct. of Tyre Harris, Sen. Estate.

Estate sale of William Glaspy on 11 Nov 1793 shows buyers to be: **GREENWOOD PAYNE, James MOORE.**

**October Court 1794**

**JOHN RICE** - Will - written 13 Oct 1794, names Wife as Susannah; (A debt due from John Stalcup.); nephews named as **WILLIAM RICE's** son, **JOHN & JOHN RICE's** son, **SIMEON**, to get estate if wife has no child. Exec: Wife, Susannah, Brother named **NATHANIEL RICE** & Brother named **WILLIAM RICE**. Wit: Robt. Mitchel & Mary Thomson.

**THOMAS SIMMONS** - Will, written 5 Oct 1794, names wife as **PRISCILLAH**; sons as Thomas, Alexander. Executors named as **THOMAS GRAVES** & son, **THOMAS SIMMONS**. Wit: **CHARLES TAYLOR & BUTLAR MURPHEY**.

**RICHARD HAMBLETT** - Will, written 11 Oct 1794, names wife as **CATY**; children: Robert, William, Sarah, Richard, Hannah, Elizabeth & **BYRD**. Execs: Samuel Neeley & **ROBERT HAMBLETT**. Wit: Samuel Neeley & Staple Malone.

Inventory Estate of **JOHN RICE** by **NATHANIEL RICE**.

Inventory Estate of **THOMAS SIMMONS** on 29 Oct 1794.

Eliz. **JOUIT** in acct. with John **BROWN**, Guardian. Payments to Lewis Pike, John Lenox, John Buckhanon, **JEPHTAH RICE**.

Payments from settling of John **CRISP's** Estate went to: Joshua **CARNEY**, **PHILIP VASS**, **J. YANCEY** for 1789 Taxes & **J. FARLEY** for 1788 Taxes, **JOSEPH TAYLOR**, John **LOW**, **JAMES WILSON**, & **JAMES LEA**.

1794

**GUARDIAN**

Andrew Harrison  
Joseph Dameron  
Spillby Coleman  
Montford McGehee  
Montford McGehee  
Montford McGehee  
Joshua CARNEY  
John Campbell

**ORPHAN**

Lucy Burton  
Orphans of Robert Burton, decd.  
Orphans of Robert Burton, decd.  
Miss LUCY MOORE  
WILLIAM MOORE  
PATRICK MOORE  
Thomas, Betsy, John MILES, orphans of Alexr MILES  
Mary Anderson MOORE”

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**(Resuming CASWELL COUNTY DEED BOOK “C”)**

**January Court 1795**

Inventory of RICHARD HAMLETT’s estate given by ROBERT HAMLETT, Exec.

JOHN ANDERSON is listed as a Witness to Will of William MITCHELL, 4 Jan 1795.

(Taxable Property for 1794:

White Polls 870      Black Polls 1012

Carriage Wheels: 10

Ordinarys: 10 (lodging houses/ekh)

Tavern Keepers: David Cochran, Zachy Evans, WILL LEA, JAMES YANCEY.

**April Court 1795**

Letter of Attorney: William Otwell of State of SOUTH CAROLINA and County of Pendleton, to friend, THOMAS ARNETT of Stokes Co. NC to settle all debts owing to me and convey deed; also to ask for papers Paul Chappin hath in his possession. 9 Mar 1795. Wit: JOHN ARNETT.

DAVID PORTER - Will - written 18 Dec 1794, names son as Alexander; grandsons as WILLIAM PORTER, John JOHNSTON; daughters as MARY KELLY, Rebecca JOHNSTON; Executors is son, ALEXANDER. Witnesses by John Grant & Thomas Kimbrough.

MICAJAH POOLE - Will - written 4 Apr 1791, names Son as GEORGE; Micajah POOL (son of THOMAS POOL). Executors named are Son, GEORGE POOL & CHLOE POOL, his wife. Wit: Andw. Haddock, DANIEL GWINN & Thomas LEAKE.

Wm. H. RICE witnesses a Will of Jeremiah POSTON on 1 Feb 1795.

Estate Sales of THOMAS BROOKS, Jun., on 15 Dec 1794 shows sales to: CHARLES & JONATHAN BROOKS, AZARIAH GRAVES.

Inv. Goods and chattels of Mary GIBSON. A “Note” on Nathaniel DICKERSON; goods in possession of James GIBSON all but one pewter dish, which he refuses to give up. Payments due to: EPPEHRODITUS STONE & Mary CRISP.

**JOHN LEA, Sen. & JAMES LEA** purchased items at Estae sale of Jean MULLIN.

Sale estaetof Charles ALLEN by Thomas JEFFREY, Adm. Simon, negro man, sold to Thomas JEFFREYS, also Pett & her children, Sarah & Beckey. "Since sale, the Admn. Has been furnished with copy of Will of DRURY SMITH, decd. Of Mecklenburg Co. Va. that above negroes, Simon, Pett & her issue, were given to the issue of Charles ALLEN by the Daughter of said DRURY (SMITH/ekh) & wife of said Allen & no legal right was in the said Allen." Adm. would be compelled to give up negroes.

**AZARIAH GRAVES**, Chariman of Inferior Court, attested to the binding of James McGOLLY, 15 ½ years of age, to George Pendergrast.

Bill of Sale: **GEORGE REED** to Jesse Carter, sale of livestock & household goods. 27 Jan 1795. Test: W. W. Cunningham, H. ATKINSON. (This could indicate George REED's impending departure from Caswell Co., NC/ekh)

Bond: Hugh DOBBIN & Thomas JEFFREYS unto **REUBIN TAYLOR**, conveyance of Deed of Land adj. Abram Dunaway on Kilgore's Branch to John Hall's corner.

#### July Court 1795

Letter of Attorney: Mary BURRIS to **JAMES ARNETT** (shortly intending to go into state of Maryland) to recover from estate of Jonathan Partridge of Dorset Co., Maryland. 25 July 1795.

Letter of Attorney: Urlsey ANTHONY to son, **ELIJAH ANTHONY**, to recover from **EDMUND ANDERSON** of Hanover Co. Va. 28 July 1795. Wit: **DAVID JONES & Robert PARKS**.

Estate Sales of Jeremiah POSTON shows "Buyers" named: **JOHN JENKINS, GEO. SUMMERS**.

Inventory of **MICAJAH POOL** Estate given by **GEO & CHLOE POOL**.

County of Caswell, in acct. with Alex. ROSE, late Trustee (1790) shows payment to **PERSON COUNTY**, ½ received from Maj. **GEORGE LEA**, Charles DIXON & **WILL LEA** on acct. strays; paid first payment for Court House, Joal (jail/ekh), & 2 acres Land.

Paid to **PERSON COUNTY**, ½ received of **STEPHEN MOORE**; paid Capt. **LEA**, late County Trustee, ½ cost of buying weights & measures and lawbooks for use of this County.

(I believe these payments between **PERSON COUNTY & CASWELL COUNTY**, represent the attempt to equitably "share" the administrative expenses incurred when **PERSON COUNTY, NC** was formed from its "mother County" of **CASWELL COUNTY, NC**, circa 1792/ekh)

Received of **WILLIAM LEA**, first payment in part of old Caswell Court House and Jail with 2 acres of land. Sold by **CHARLES DIXON & Maj. GEORGE LEA**.

#### October Court 1795

(Taxable Property, 1795:)

White Polls 891 Black Polls 1073

Tavern Licenses at 2 Pounds each from **WILLIAM LEA, JOHN GRAVES**.)

**A. E. MURPHEY & BETSY MURPHEY** witness a Will written by Isaac BELEW, 11 Sept. 1794.

**HENRY DIXON**, Will written 4 Aug 1795, states wife as Elizabeth; sons as Charles, **TILMAN**; grand daughter **FRANCIS DIXON** (d. of **HENRY DIXON**, dec'd). Executors are 2 sons. Wit: **W. DIXON, N. WILLIAMS, Jun., G. Cunningham**. Proved on oath of **Wynn DIXON**.

Will of Robert BRUCE, written 16 Oct 1795, states Wife to have money owed by JAMES CARRELL (could be, "CARROLL"/ekh); daughter is named BETSY; all daughters; Sons named as THOMAS (land adj. JAMES CARROL & JOSEPH BUSH), William (land adj. JOSEPH BUSH); John & Robert, Exec. Wife; Wit: JOHN PAYNE (TAYLOR), JAMES CARROLL.

Estate sale of Henry Williams on 22 Sept 1795, shows buyers to be WILLIAM RICE, CHARLES BROOKS & WILLIAM H. RICE.

WILL H. RICE is shown to have been paid from Estate of David Hart.

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1795

GUARDIAN

Clifton ALLEN  
Joseph DAMERON  
Andrew HARRISON  
Susannah LEATH  
John Campbell

ORPHAN

Orphans of Saml. MORRIS - inc. expenses for sending to VA for record of Will.  
Jane, Sally, Polly, Noel, Andrew BURTON  
Lucy BURTON  
Freeman LEATH, orphan of Freeman LEATH  
Mary Anderson MOORE"

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RESUMING CASWELL COUNTY WILL BOOKS  
BOOK "C"

January Court 1796

ANN GILLASPY - Will, written 1 Oct 1791, names Son as James; clothes to be divided between Sally CRIGG, Betsy HADDOCK & JANE HOWARD.

Inv. Estate of Michael NICHOLS by Martha NICHOLS, Adm.

Robert FARLEY, orphan of 16 years age next April, bound to GROVES HOWARD.

JAMES SMITH, orphan of 13 yers & 9 months, bound to James CURRIE.

April Court 1796

Estate of JAMES LEA in acct. with MAJOR LEA & JOHN LEA, Exec. Division & settlement with payments to: Clerk, for recording Will; for coffin & paid cryer of Sale. Cash paid Jacob Miles, Jun., for voucher #1, LUKE LEA #2, Joseph HENDERSON #3, WILL LEA by JOHN LEA #4, Joseph HENDERSON #5, ISABELLA GRAVES #6, Paul HARALSON #7, JOHN LEA, Exec & Legatee, MAJOR LEA, Exec & Legatee. 27 APR 1796. By A.E. MURPHEY, James Sanders & WILLIAM LEA (NOTE: The name of Joseph Henderson #3 has been scratched over in pencil & replaced with name of Joseph Peterson. The original of this report is filed at NC State Archives w/estate records of JAMES LEA. The original gives Joseph Peterson as #3, making it appear the "Recorder" made a mistake.)



**PETER SMITH** made purchase at Personal property sale of William WARE, 20 Mar 1796.

Estate of John POWELL shows payments to Grant & SUMMERS & JOHN WILSON.

**July Court 1796**

Estate of Sale of John SHEARMAN on 10 Nov 1795 shows buyers to be: JEREMIAH BROOKS, WILLSON JONES.

**SAMUEL FRENCH** is shown to have been a purchaser at the Estate Sale of Charles LEATH, 16 Feb 1796

**THOMAS GRAVES, WILLIAM LEA** (merchant), **JOHN GRAVES, Jun., THOMAS YANCEY, EDWARD KING & MAJOR LEA** were shown as having made purchases at the Estate Sale of Mesheck Morton, 19 Feb 1796.

Settlement of **ELIJAH HARALSON**'s estate shows payments to **HENRY HOWARD, REUBEN HARALSON, BRADLEY HARALSON** & to Jno ROGERS, Guardian of **JESSE HARALSON**'s orphans.

**October Court 1796**

**THOMAS RICE, Esq.,** Chairman of Inferior Court witnesses binding of Elizabeth STARKEY, a base born girl of 3 years & 5 months to Rachel SHY (widow).

**SPOTT PEARCE**, orphan of 12 years & 5 months, bouond to Job SIDDLE. 28 Apr 1794.

Letter of Attorney: David ENOCHS to Clifton ALLEN to deliver unto **THOMAS GRAVES, Sen.,** a deed to 180 acres Land on Country Line Cr. Adj. **THOMAS YANCEY, THOMAS GRAVES & DAVID JONES**, part of tract known as **KELLY**'s Land. 14 Sept 1796.

Estate Inventory of **WILLIAM MORGAN** by **SUSANNAH MORGAN, Adm.**

Letter of Attorney: **WILLIAM F. BOOKER** of Columbia Co., GA to **EDWARD MOORE** of Wilkes Co., GA, to travel & dispose of all land in NC. 13 Sept 1796.

**SOL. GRAVES & W. DIXON** approve accounting of William BARKER's Estate by John BARKER.

Estate sale of **ABRAM PERKINS**, 7 Oct 1796, shows buyers: **GEORGE & PETER SMITH, Jesse & William MORGAN, Robert & Wynn DIXON.**

Division lands of the late John HODGE among male heirs of said decd. (All present & of lawful age): Isaac HODGE (land adj. Nathaniel COMER, **JAMES WILLSON & HEARNDON HARALSON.** Saml. HODGE (adj. Absolem ROBERTS, **HARALSON & James ROAN**) David HODGE (adj. Roberts & Charles Stepehens). 10 Sept 1796. By Saml. Johnston, Nathl. Comer, **GABRIEL LEA.**

Estate Sale of John MALLORY 16 Nov 1795, shows sales to: **JEREMIAH JACKSON, Samuel FRENCH, RICHARD JONES, BUTLER MURPHEY, JOSIAH PAYNE, JONATHAN BROOKS, JOHN PAYNE (TAYLOR & NATHANIEL KING.**

Estate Sale of William MITCHEL shows buyers to have been: **RICHARD & JOHN JONES, LEWIS FOSTER, WILLIAM BROOKS, CUTHBERT KING, JOHN BUSH, JOHN ANDERSON,**

**SOLOMON & JEREMIAH JACKSON.**

Robert PARKS, County Trustee, in acct. with Caswell County. Balance due county per contra:  
**GREENWOOD PAYNE, ARCHIBALD MURPHEY, ALEX PORTER, JOHN REID, HEZEKIAH RICE, SOLOMON & AZARIAH GRAVES, THOMAS DONOHO, THOMAS YANCEY, Charles DIXON, JOHN ATKINSON's Estate.**

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1796

**GUARDIAN**

Thomas TAYLOR

Mumford McGehee

Robert Kimbrough

**ORPHAN**

Elizabeth & James BARKER of James  
BARKER, , decd.

Patrick, William & Lucy MOORE

Joseph Williams, orphan of Henry Williams"

**RESUMING CASWELL COUNTY DEED BOOKS**

**BOOK "C"**

January Court 1797

JOHN RICE's Will was written 14 Nov 1796 and names wife as Lettisha; Susannah RICE (widow of son, JOHN RICE, dec'd); daughter ANNA WILLIAMS & her children; sons THOMAS, WILLIAM, NATHANIEL; daughter MARY. Executors are sons, William & Nathaniel & SON IN LAW, JOHN RICE. Wit: Robt. Mitchell (Jurat), John Henslee (Jurat)

Estate Sale of JOHN RICE, Jun., shows sales to WILLIAM, NATHANIEL, JOHN, SUSANNAH RICE.

Estate Sale of JAMES SMITH shows sales to: SARAH & SOL. SMITH, THOMAS JACKSON, GEORGE FARLEY, WILLIAM HOWARD, JOHN ATKINSON.

Inventory of HEZEKIAH RICE's Estate given by IBZAN RICE, Adm. On 21 Oct 1796.

Inventory of JOHN RICE's Estate given on 17 Jan 1797.

James McGauley, orphan 16 years & 9 months of age, bound to ROBERT WILLSON.

William Wyatte, orphan of 11 years, bound to WILLIAM WILLSON.

ANDREW BRYANT, HEARNDON HARALSON, ROBERT WILLSON & GEORGE REID make purchases at Estate Sale of Boler STEPHENS on 24 Nov 1796.

April Court 1797

John BALLARD, age 9 years in Oct next, bound to JOHN JACKSON.

Letter of Attorney: TILMAN DIXON to brother, CHARLES DIXON to convey to WYNN DIXON deed to tract of land on Hogan's Cr. Given me by my father also tracts purchased of ISHAM DALTON, OLIVER TERRY & PETER SMITH (Roundhill) & Nathaniel DICKINSON. 2 Nov 1796. Wit: IBZAN RICE, Danl

**Burford & Thos. JOUETT.**

**FRANCIS SMITH**, Adm's acct with estate of Edward **GUARDNER**, approved by A. **GRAVES** & Thos. **Kimbrough**.

**DAVID SHELTON** & Capt. **ROBERT WILLSON** accounts were was paid from Estate of William **GILLASPIE**.

**JAMES LEA** in right of his wife as Adm. Of estate of William **BURCH**, final acct. (1794), shows payments to many people.

Estate of Andrew **ENOCHS** shows vouchers paid to: H. **HARALSON**, **AMBROSE ARNOLD**, Col. **MURPHEY**. Approved by **JAS YANCEY** & William **GOOCH**.

**July Court 1797**

Letter of Attorney: **JOHN JAMES FARLEY** obtains Judgment against **JOHN LEWIS** (M) for money owed & whereby **LEWIS** removed to **GEORGIA**, **FARLEY** gives letter of Attorney to **SEABORN JONES** of state of **GEORGIA** to recover debt from **LEWIS**. 27 July 1797.

Letter of Attorney: Jane **MILLS** (widow) of **Rockingham County, N.C.** to John **PRICE**, Sen., of **Caswell County** to see thirds of land left by husband, Edward **MILLS** to **THOMAS ARNETT**. 11 Mar 1707.

**WILLIAM MORGAN**'s Estate Sale on 2 Dec 1796, shows sales to: **SUSANNAH MORGAN**, **HEARNDON HARALSON**, **ROGER ATKINSON** & **GABRIEL GUNN**.

Vouchers paid from Estate of Moses **RICHARDSON** were shown as: **WILLIAM MOORE**, **WILLIAM GWYNN**, **DAVID SHELTON**.

**ALEXANDER MURPHEY** purchased from Estate Sale of Mathew **RICHMOND** 30 June 1797.

**WILLSON JONES**, **JOHN YANCEY**, **JAMES THOMPSON** & **WILLIAM LEA** were shown as having been paid from Estaet of John **SHEARMAN**.

**STEPHEN JONES**, orphan 16 years of age, bound to **JOSEPH ARNETT**.

Champness **HALL**, son of Judith **HALL**, 18 years & 7 months of age, bound to **PHILLIP PEARCE**.

Robert Parks, in acct. with County of **Caswell**. Vouchers paid to: **THOMAS YANCEY**, **SOLOMON** & **AZARIAH GRAVES**, **THOMAS DONOHO**, **ARCHIBALD MURPHEY**, **GREENWOOD PAYNE**, Charles **DIXON**, **HEZEKIAH RICE** & **WILLIAM LEA**.

**October Court 1797**

Will of **PETER SMITH**, written 18 Apr 1793, states that Daughter **ELIZABETH** to have articles now in her and her husband's possession; daughter, **MARTHA**; sons named **JESSE**, **MOSES**, **ARON**; rest of sons named as **JAMES**, **WILLIAM**, **PRESLEY W.**, **GEORGE**, **JOHN B.**, **ELIAS**, **ELIJAH**; "*My negro man, Anthony, who though not absolutely free, I will that he have liberty to have his own free choice to serve which of my children he shall choose & not to be confined to one particuler but if ill treated by one to have free liberty to go to another and not be be sold to any other person.*" Exec. John Windsor, Richard Hornbuckle, son William W. **SMITH**. Wit: **JEPHTAH RICE**, **HENRY FERRELL** & James **GRANT**, Jun.

GRIFFIN & WILLIAM GUNN witnessed a Will of Joseph WATERS, written 20 Sept. 1797.

JAMES RANDOLPH, Sen.'s Will was written 15 June 1797 and names Wife as Mary; son, John, to get land & plantation when he reaches 21. If son, John, does not reach maturity, land to go to son, Nimrod; son, Randolph; daughter, Rebecah; if wife remarry, her share to sons, Jeremiah and Nimrod; son, Robert to take son, John, if wife dies before young sons come of age and William should take Nimrod.

EXECUTORS: Son, James & SON IN LAW, WILLIAM DYE. Wit: A. E. MURPHEY, Wm. GORDON & John CARTER.

Letter of Attorney: Martha DIXON, widow of Henry DIXON, decd. To Nathaniel Williams, Jun. To recover any sums of money from any person in the United States said martha may be entitled to. 5 Sept. 1797.

Inv. of PETER SMITH's Estate given by Richard Hornbuckle, Exec.

Estate of David HART shows vouchers payments to JOHN GRAVES, WILLIAM H. RICE.

CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS BROOKS, orphan in act. With WILLIAM H. RICE, Guardian. Cash paid to George SOMERS, William HOLDERNESS; tax paid for 1795 & 1796.

(Taxable Property for 1798:  
White Polls 844      Black Polls 1079  
Stud Horses value 11 Lbs. 7 Sh. 6 P.)

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1797***

**GUARDIAN**

Elizabeth ENOCHS, Widow  
Mason LEATH

WILLIAM H. RICE  
Robert MITCHELL

**ORPHAN**

Orphans of ANDREW ENOCHS  
James, Coleman, Isaac, Betsy LEATH, orphans  
Of CHARLES LEATH.  
Christopher Williams BROOKS  
Joseph & Mary MAINS, orphans of Matthew  
MAINS

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**RESUMING CASWELL COUNTY WILL BOOKS  
BOOK “C”**

**January Court 1798**

RACHEL DOBBIN, Wife of Thomas DOBBIN, decd. - Will - written 15 July 1797, names Sons as HUGH & JOHN; daughters as Margaret COMER, Betsy ESCRIDGE & her son, JOHN; Rachel VANHOOK; daughter NANCY LEA's son, John C. BURCH, to have negro boy Archer & Archer to live with JAMES & NANCY LEA till his master comes of age. Exec: sons in law, Robert VANHOOK & Nathaniel COMER. Wit: Moore COMER, Christopher DAMERON, Jun. (Jurat), John FLYN.  
Allotment to W idow and Orphans of James ROAN, 31 Oct 1797 by GABRIEL LEA, Samuel Hodge, Vines Mathis & William Stevens.

Estate of Robert Harriss, 13 Jan 1798 shows Notes on John COPELAND, ISAAC JACKSON.

A partial sale of Estate of James RANDOLPH, 1 Nov 1797, shows sales to THOMAS FISHER & submitted by James RANDOLPH, Jun. And WILLIAM DYE, Exec.

Will of JOHN YATES, written 24 Aug 1797, shows oldest son as ALLEN (all land including that bought of David HALL), son, Alford (land bought of SAMUEL DYER formerly owned by Archibald Samuel & Thomas Robinson); 5 daughters named as Betsy, Milley, Dolley, Sally & Anny YATES. Exec: ROBERT WILLSON, ARCHIBALD MURPHEY & Asa THOMAS.

Partial Estate Sale of JOHN RICE, 7 Feb 1797, shows sales to: EDMUND, LETISHA, WILLIAM & NATHANIEL RICE, THOMAS JONES, ROBERT THOMPSON & NATHAN SLADE.

Estate Sale of PETER SMITH, shows Buyers to have been: PRIESTLEY WHALER SMITH, GEORGE SMITH, MARTHA SMITH, PETER SMITH, William SMITH, Simon ADAMS, Robert DIXON, James SIMPSON, JEPHATH RICE, JAMES ARNETTE, Wm. PAYNE.

#### April Court 1798

The property of Widow LAY, decd, sold 20 Dec 1798 to: Peter LAY, DANIEL GWYN, Mary LAY, THOMAS RICE.

GABRIEL LEA, Guardian for orphans of Meshack MORTON, dec'd., sells land to Thomas Wiley. 24 April 1798.

THOMAS SLADE's Will (from the original Will), written 10 Apr 1798, names Wife as Hannah; daughter as Hannah LEA; grand daughter, NICEY LEA to get her mother's portion who is decd.; grandson, Devereu HIGHTOWER, to get his mother's portion who is dec'd.; son, LEU (or "LEX"/ekh) SLADE; daughter, Catherine LEA; land to be divided among all living children; tobacco to be sold to Jesse CARTER; Exec: spouse, H SLADE, sons, Thomas & William. Wit: THOMAS GUNN, Jun & JAMES GUNN. Hannah SLADE & William SLADE, Exec. Qualified.

HENRY ATKINSON swore to Bond: James Burton, Guardian of Noel BURTON, orphan of Robert BURTON & Adm. Of Andrew BURTON to pay proportionate part of debts of Andrew BURTON, decd.

Settlement of the Estate of THOMAS BROOKES, Jun., shows payments to: DANIEL GWYN, JONATHAN BROOKES, JOHN LEA, WILL RICE & ARCHIBALD MURPHEY. Expenses to and from Raleigh, 5Lbs.

By JANE BROOKS & Armstead FLIPPIN, Adm.

Inventory of THOMAS SLADE's Estate, 24 Apr 1798, by Hannah SLADE & Willm. SLADE, Adm.

CHARLES TAYLOR purchased from Estate sale of John HARRISON, 13 Mar 1798.

#### July Court 1798

SAMUEL WALKER, Will written 28 Oct 1797, shows Wife as Eleanor; 2 grandsons, Saml. Walker & James Walker (land I now live on); 5 children: Elizabeth COB, Jane KING, James Walker, Muriel Orr, Elinor Walker. Exec: ROBERT KING & son, James. Wit: John Watt, Margaret Watt, Henry Cob.

GEORGE ADAMS was paid from Estate of Francis Shackelford.

Estate Sale of **THOMAS SLADE**, 25 May 1798, shows sales to: Capt. **JOHN GRAVES** & John **LEA**, Jun.

Settlement estate of Nathl. **HARALSON**, decd. By **WILL DONOHO** & wife, **DARCUS**, Exec. To: **JEREMIAH HARALSON**, **JOSEPH SMITH**, Legatees. 25 July 1798.

**James Williamson**, Commr., in acct. with Caswell County.

Amt. Received from sale of lots - 784 Lbs.

Cash paid John A. Wolf, 333, 59 & 51 Lbs.

Cash paid Mary Ingram, 150 Lbs.

Cash paid Jere Poston, 15 Lbs, 10 Sh.

Cash paid **CAPT. C. DIXON**, 7 Lbs, 10 Sh.

Cash paid **HOWARD CASH**, 3 Lbs

Cash paid **J. Williams**, 3 Lbs.

Balance in hands of **Jas Williamson**, 101Lbs, 9 Sh, 3 P.

Balance duty County " " " " " " " " " " " "

**William Rainey** & **John Stafford**, having built 3 bridges, one across Country Line Cr at Jese Carter's, another across same creek at **JOHN GRAVES** Mill, other across Hogan's Cr. At **Bullocks Old Fish Trap**, said **Rainey** & **Stafford** shall repair & maintain bridges for 7 years & County not responsible for any breaches.

Ordered that Tax of nine pence be laid on the poll and 3 pence on every 100 acres land for the support of the poor. Test: **THOMAS GUNN**, Jun., Clk.

**JESSE PEARCE**'s voucher was paid by Caswell Co., NC.

Letter of Attorney: Nathl. Hart, Acting Exec of Nathl. Hart, decd., to **Richard SIMPSON** to recover all debts due to said Estate. 5 Aug 1797.

#### October Court 1798

Mary **SIMPSON** - Will - written 6 Nov 1797, names Daughters as **Margaret WILLIAMSON**, wife of **Jerre WILLIAMSON**, **KEZIAH REED**, wife of **JOHN REED**; son, **Richard SIMPSON**; grandchildren the children of **Nathaniel Hart** & **Tyree Harris**, decd.; grand daughters **Polly PRATT**, wife of **James PRATT** & **Betsy CURRIE**, wife of **Hugh CURRIE**; daughters **Elizabeth OLDHAM**, wife of **Jesse OLDHAM**, **Lydia TAIT**, wife of **ZACHEUS TAIT**; grand daughter **Priscilla DICKENS**, wife of **WILLIAM DICKENS**; the 3 youngest children of **Waddy TAIT**, decd. (**Edy**, **Zedekiah** & **Jesse**); the 5 children of **David BURTON** by his first wife, namely, **ZERA**, **CHINAI**, **POLLY**, **JOHN** & **DAVID**. Exec: son, **Richard**. Wit: **Benjamin Burford** & **Forister Stanback**.

Inventory of goods belonging to **Samuel WALKER** by **ROBT. KING**, Exec. 20 Oct 1798.

**William CROSSON**, 13 years old, bound to **EDMUND RICE**.

**Reubin CHILDRESS**, 10 years old, bound to **Larkin Warrin**.

**David MORROW**, orphan 7 years & 9 months, bound to **Reubin Cox**.

Estate Sales of **JOHN RICE**, 16 Jan 1798 by **NATHANIEL RICE**, Exec., show sales to:

**William**, **Nathaniel**, **Susannah**, **Henry**, **Archibald RICE**, **JOHN JACKSON**, **ROBERT**, **MARY** & **ELIZABETH THOMPSON**, **WM. B.** & **ANNE BROOKS**, **JAMES YANCEY**, **NATHAN** & **WILLIAM SLADE**, **THOMAS FOSTER**, **Zeph.** & **Joseph TAIT**, **THOMAS TAYLOR**, **Elizabeth**, **Mary** & **Robert THOMPSON**, **ALEXANDER PORTER**, **JOHN GRAVES**, **JOHN BERRY**, **Frank SMITH** &

**HENRY RICE.**

Estate Sale of James MERRITT, dec'd show Bonds on THOMAS FISHER, DANIEL S. FARLEY, 28 July 1798. Sales from James Merritt Estate to: JAMES FARLEY.

January Court 1799

Russell KENNON, orphan 13 years of age last Nov. Bound to Nicholas Coils (also spelled, "COYLES").

John DARNELL, an orphan of 16 years, bound to Elijah Barton.

ELI SHARP, orphan of 6 years, bound to Samuel BRACKIN.

GEORGE SHARP, orphan of 8 years, bound to Greenbury VOSS.

Archelaus CARLOS - Will - written 10 July 1798, names wife as FANNY CARLOS (to get land purchased of PETER SMITH & John POWELL; daughters named as Elizabeth & Nancy; children: Polly DIXON, William Carter CARLOS, DOLLEY RICE, Robert Cole CARLOS, Elizabeth BOMAN, Nancy CARLOS. Exec: Wife, Fanny; Wit: C. DIXON, David Powel, James Powel.

Division of slaves belonging to RICHARD BROOKS, decd. to ANN BROOKS, WILLIAM B. BROOKS, James SHEPPERD in right of wife, FRANCES, JOHN BROOKS. By James Williamson, NATHANIEL RICE & John Henslee. 14 Nov 1798.

Joseph & Mary MAINS, orphans of Matthew MAINS, in acct. with Robert Mitchell, Guardian. Payment to Henry Davis for boarding, clothing & schooling from April 1782 til 7 Nov 1798.

MARY A. MOORE, orphan acct. with John Campbell, Guardian. 16 Jan 1799.

The estate of Matthew MAINS in acct. with Joseph Cantrill. Cash paid to James Dickey, EPHRAIM BIRD, A. MURPHEY, John Williams, to Henry Davis for one-third part as his wife's thirds. 14 Nov 1798. Approved by James Williamson, JAMES YANCEY & Nathan Williams.

James YANCEY's Mark stated as: cross & slit in the "wright and slitt in the Left year (ear)."

Buyers at Estate Sale of Jno YATES: Daniel S. FARLEY, Robert WILSON, Joseph SWAN.

(Taxable property for 1798:  
850 White Polls      1129 Black Polls )

William LEA purchased item(s) at Estate Sales of Samuel Greer.

Catrine FARKLEY submits an inventory of GEORGE FARLEY's Estate, 19 Apr 1799.

AZARIAH GRAVES, Adm., submits inventory of THOMAS GRAVES Estate, 20 Apr 1799, to include 26 slaves.

Estate of MARY SIMPSON shows sales to: Richard SIMPSON, JOHN REED, JERE LEA, SAMUEL FRENCH, CHARLES BROOKS, DAVID TAYLOR.

JOHN ROPER purchased item(s) at Estate Sale of John YATES, 20 Mar 1799.

Samuel MORRIS, 15 years & 6 mos. Bound to Thomas Pendergast.

GEORGE WHITE, JOSEPH LEWIS & JOHN LEA were buyers at Estate Sale of John SIDDALL.

July Court 1799

THOMAS GRAVES Estate Sale 17 May 1799 at his late dwelling house, conducted by SOLOMON GRAVES & THOS. GUNN, Adms., on 16 and 17 May 1799, show buyers to have been: HANNAH, JACOB & JOHN GRAVES, Jun., GROVES HOWARD, THOMAS GUNN, Jun., NANCY, THOMAS, ISBELL, & JOHN GRAVES, Sen., & AZARIAH GRAVES, Jun., JAMES GRAVES, SOLOMON GRAVES, James TURNER, AZARIAH GRAVES, Sen. ALEX MURPHEY, Richard BENNETT, THOMAS YANCEY, THOMAS MORRIS, THOMAS SIMMONS, JAMES GUNN.

Appraisal & div. Negroes belonging to the late THOMAS GRAVES to following Legatees: HANNAH GRAVES, Widow; JACOB GRAVES, JOHN GRAVES, JAMES GRAVES, THOMAS GUNN, NANCY GRAVES, THOMAS GRAVES, ISBELL GRAVES, AZARIAH GRAVES, LEWIS GRAVES, MAJAH GRAVES. Each Legatee 155 lbs. 18 Sh 2 Pence. Two negroes, Hannah & Peter, not appraised nor allotted on account of being demanded by George BARKER. 25 slaves allotted. Division by JOHN & BAZZLEY GRAVES, ALEX MURPHEY, SAML. MORTON.

Inv. Estate of JOHN RICE by JOHN ADAMS, 18 July 1799.

William GLASPY, orphan of 16 years & 11 mos. & 8 days bound to Robert DONALDSON.

PHARIS SOMMERS, orphan of 12 years of age, bound to GEORGE SOMMERS.

ZERE SOMMERS, orphan 12 years of age, bound to GEORGE SOMMERS.

Sally HUGHS, age 7 years the 16<sup>th</sup> of next October bound to Sarah HUGHS.

MARY HARVILL, age 11 years 1<sup>st</sup> (of/ekh) last January, bound to ANDREW M. BRYANT.

ANDREW HOGG (Jurat), Thomas DUNCAN & Ephraim RUSSELL witnessed Will of Henry BALDWIN, Sen., written 14 Jan 1799.

October Court 1799

Inv. Estate of STEWART FARLEY by John BURTON & HEZ. FARLEY.

STEWART FARLEY, Will written 21 Mar 1798, states wife as Mary; son as Hezekiah 9tract of land I love on); John BURTON (negroes Bob, Dick, Sall); Henry BURTON; remainder of Estate to be sold & divided between DANIEL S., Hezekiah, JOHN & HENRY BURTON. Exec. DANIEL S., JOHN, & HEZ. FARLEY. Witnesses: Durrett RICHARDS & AMBROSE ARNOLD.

BENJAMIN SHELTON, Will, written 4 Mar 1799, names Wife as REBECKAH; sons as Leonard & Clever; black people should have privilege of choosing their master; Exec is Wife; Wit: Peter RUARK (Jurat), John PRICE, Sen. REBECKAH SHELTON, Widow & relict, qualified as Exec. Mourning GILASPY, orphan of 10 years & 6 mos of age, bound to James SINCLEAR.

MARY JONES, orphan of 4 yrs & 4 mos of age, bound to Robert PARKS.



JOHN RICE's Estate Sale on 10 Aug 1799, shows buyers as ESTHER RICE, JOHN ADAMS, Peter SMITH. By JOHN ADAMS, Adm.

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1799

GUARDIAN

ORPHAN

AZARIAH GRAVES

Miss LUCY MOORE”

**RESUMING CASWELL COUNTY WILL BOOKS  
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January Court 1800

Estate Sale of GEORGE FARLEY by H. BURTON & CATHARINE FARLEY, Exec., shows buyers as: CATHARINE FARLEY, HENRY BURTON, Thomas BARNETT, BAYLY BYRD, JEREMIAH BROOKS.

List of sale of Sarah BROWN, decd. Sold by JEPHTHA RICE adm., shows Buyers as: JEPHTHA & EDMOND RICE, JAMES SHELTON, Thomas JOUETT.

Allotment of land of THOMAS GRAVES to said Legatees:

John GRAVES - land adj. Dr. Johnston.

Jacob GRAVES - land adj. Thomas YANCEY, widow's dower & Mill Cr.

James GRAVES - adj. Widow's dower & North fork Country Line Cr. & Mill Cr.

William MOORE - land called CARROLLS tract.

Azariah GRAVES - land called Red land fork adj Thomas Kimbrough & Country Line Cr.

Major GRAVES - land called W illiams tract at Ridg Path crossing the creek.

Thomas GRAVES - land called FRENCH's tract on North fork of South fork of Country Line Cr., adj ALEX MURPHEY & Kimbrough's line to small hickory near old Court house Road.

Thomas GUNN - land called Joneses Tract adj. Widow Browning old line along Ridg Path.

Esbel GRAVES - land called new survey adj. ALEX MURPHEY, Jno & Thomas Kimbrough.

Lewis GRAVES - land called Wiley's Tract adj. Thomas WILEY, John Richmond & Shadden's corner, and Adj. John GRAVES, Jun.

Division by ALEX MURPHEY, JOHN GRAVES, BARZILLAI GRAVES. Statement with Legatees of Thomas GRAVES:

John GRAVES, 214 acres

Lewis GRAVES, 350 acres

Jacob GRAVES, 282 acres

Major GRAVES, 188 acres

James GRAVES, 128 acres

Thomas GRAVES, 210 ½ acres

William MOORE, 183 acres

Thomas GUNN, 212 acres

Azariah GRAVES, 354 acres

Esbell GRAVES, 376 acres

TOTAL ACRES: 2497. 5

TOTAL VALUE: 1552 Lbs, 10 Shillings, 6 Pence

Appraisal of negroes belonging to Thomas SLADE Estate & drawing of same by following Legatees: THOMAS, WILLIAM, NATHAN, JOSIAH, EZEKIEL SLADE; NANCY GRAVES, CATHERINE & HANNAH LEA & Susannah TALBERT.

Division by **THOMAS DONOHO, SOL GRAVES & Thomas BOULDIN.**

Green **SMITH**, a base born child age 3 yrs next June bound to **ROBERT SMITH.**

**April Court 1800**

Letter of Attorney: Mary **BURROWS**, Exec. Estate of John **BURROWS**, decd, late of Dorset Co., MD & James **BROCKMAN** & Betsy **BROCKMAN**, wife of James & daughter of **JOHN BURROWS** to **JAMES ARNETT** of Caswell County to demand and receive of Jonathan Patridge of Dorset Co., all estate and property due them from estate of said John **BURROWS.** 1 May 1800.

Letter of Attorney: Ursley **ANTHONY** to friend Elijah **ANTHONY** to recover money, debts, goods due from estate of William **ANTHONY** in State of **TENNESSEE**, Sullivan C o., and in State of **VIRGINIA**, Henry Co., or else where he the said **WILLIAM** died, said Ursley being Exec. Of John **ANTHONY.** 28 April 1800. Wit: Thos. **SIMMONS** & **WILLIAM BIRD** (Jurat).

**THOMAS RICE**, Will written 13 Apr 1800, names wife as Abegail; son **ZERI RICE**; 6 children or heirs: **ZERI, RICE**, George **SIMS**, Robert **BLACKWELL**, Lancelot **JOHNSTON**, **DANIEL GWYN**, Tench **VANNOY**; negro Lydia, to choose her master; Margaret **LACKEY**; land on Country Line where **JOHN PAYNE (TAYLOR)** formerly lived to be sold; surveying instruments to be sold; after wife's death land to be divided among her children; each child to have a horse as it comes of age. Exec: Robert **BLACKWELL**, **LANCELOTT JOHNSTON.** Wit: Thos. **SLADE** (Jurat), **ZEAR GWYN.** Codicil: Four youngest sons to have blacksmith tools. 13 Apr 1800.

Fanny **MORROW**, orphan 7 years old, bound to Benjamin **HOWELL.**  
James **WATSON**, orphan 12 years & 2 months of age, bound to Elijah **CARMAN.**  
Alexr. **WALTON**, orphan 8 years of age, bound to Whitehead **PAGE.**  
James **ALVERSON**, orphan of 14 years & 3 months, bobund to Matthew **TERRY.**

Settlement of **JOHN WOMACK's** Estate by **JOSIAH WOMACK**, Adm. Cash received from Charlton Ingram, Wyatt Stubblefield, **CLARA STONE.** Cash paid to Jethro Brown, W. Bethell, Col. J. **WILLSON**, John Lenox, James Grant, Thomas Jeffreys, J. **PHILPOT**, Mrs. Mills, Leven Downs, I. Griffin, James M. **BURTON**, **D. BURTON** & C. Ingram. Approved by C. **DIXON**, Jas. **SOMERS**, John **COBB.**

Estate of Andrew **BURTON**, dec. in acc t. with Jas. **BURTON**, Adm. Payments to Legatees: Thomas Harrison, John Martin, Joseph Dameron, Guardian for Latty **BURTON**, Guardian for Polly **BURTON**, Robert **BURTON**, James **BURTON**, G uardian for Noel **BURTON.**

Deed of Gift: Robert **BURTON** to sisters, Lucy **MARTIN**, Jane **HARRISON**, Sally & Polly **BURTON**, gifts of slaves.

Inventory of Peter **LAY's** Estate taken 20 Jan 1800 by Thomas **SLADE**, Adm.

Peter **LAY's** Estate sale shows buyers to have been: Francis **SMITH, Jr.**, **JOHN GRAVES, Sen.**, Solomon **GRAVES**, Thomas **RICE.**

**July Court 1800**

Letter of Attorney: Margaret **GREER**, Adm. And William **CULBERSON**, Adm. Of estate of Samuel **GREER**, dec'd to Jonathan **DAVIS** of Greenville District, **SOUTH CAROLINA**, to ask for and receive money due by **SAMUEL KELLY** of aforesaid Dist. SC. 24 Mar 1800. Wit: A. **MURPHEY** & **JOHN BURTON.**

Acct. Of Estate of Samuel GREER by Margaret GREER and Wm. CULBERTSON, Adm. Cash paid Sheriff for costs in suit on the adm. Of SAMUEL KELLY; cash paid to Beauford PLEASANT, James GUTTERY, James KITCHEN, Edmund BROWNING, James CURRIE, Joseph McREYNOLDS, John WHITE, Margaret MAN, Fanny MAN, James COLEMAN, Jonathan NICHOLS & Thos. SLOAN.

Bonds: HEZEKIAH RICE to Richard HENSON - RICE to procure Richard HENSON lawful deed for 200 acres land whereon HENSON lives. Wit: Anderson Butler, Thos. Swift, Lewis Pike. Bond assigned from Henson to David Poyner for value received. 20 Oct 1788.

Inv. & sales estate of Robert DIXON, dec'd taken 26 Apr 1800 by C. DIXON, Adm.

HUGH DOBBINS of Clark Co., State of TENNESSEE - Will written 29 July 1797, states: Wife is Ann DOBBINS and to get 1/6 part; 640 acres land in Clark Co. To wife during her life; sons John & Thomas DOBBINS; daughters Elizabeth, Margaret & Rachel; lots in Clarkswell ? Co. TN to be sold; sloop in Baltimore port called "Eliza", commanded by Captain Johnson MESSICK of New York to be sold on July 1 next and money used in purchase of slaves; money in a gentleman's hand at Petersburg, Va. Exec: Wife, Ann, son, John & friend, James MOORE. Wit: Samuel FREEMAN, David Chapman, Elizabeth Chapman. Proved 15 Aug 1799 in Baltimore County on oaths of Samuel FREEMAN & David CHAPMAN. /s/ Wm. Buchanan, Register of Wills of Baltimore Cty. Proved in Orphans Court for Baltimore County, Md. 11 June 1800. Written copy proved in Caswell County July 1800.

Inv. Estate of THOMAS RICE taken 3 May 1800 by Lancelot Johnston & Robert Blackwell, Execs.

Sally HARVELL, orphan of 8 years age, bound to Elijah BARTON. (Is this Nellie Beasley Harvell's line?/ekh)  
Allen HARVELL, orphan of 5 yearsage, bound to Elijah BARTON. (Is this Nellie Beasley Harvell's line/ekh?)

Bond: Whereas DAVID MASON hath undertaken the building of addition to End of the Bridge at Capt. JOHN GRAVES Mill agreeable to order directed to JOHN GRAVES, Sen. & JOHN YANCEY, Commissioners, to let building of same 7 bid was let to MASON for 3 lbs & MASON will keep bridge for 5 years. Wit: J. YANCEY & JOHN GRAVES.

Adm. Of JAMES SMITH, dec'd., acct. with the Estate. Voucher paid to David Dickey. By SARAH SMITH & David Dickey, Adm. Of James SMITH. Approved by David Mitchell, William Warren & James YANCEY.

Letter of Attorney: Ann DOBBINS of Caswell County, Exec., to last Will of HUGH DOBBINS, decd. To friend and brother, JAMES MOORE of Montgomery County, TENNESSEE, to demand 7 receive from persons in TENN or KENTUCKY that may be in any way indebted to HUGH DOBBIN. 24 Oct 1800.

Letter of Attorney: Thomas BOULDIN & JOHN WILLSON, Merchants and partners of Caswell County to JOSEPH PAYNE & James TURNER of same county to institute suits, recover & demand all debts due. 13 Oct 1800.

Disposition taken of Peter P. THORNTON by William SCOTT & Thomas HUMPHREYS. A case involving DAVIS BOOKER as Plaintiff & DANIEL S. FARLEY & JOHN BURTON as Defendants. In 1784, after returning from sermon in Halifax Co. To Mr. William OLIVER's to Dinner, DANIEL S. FARLEY came to Mr. OLIVERS & inquired for Reubin THORNTON. Brother of said THORNTON was within. Peter THORNTON signed for his brother a receipt for benefit of FARLEY against a Bond in favor of

**DAVIS BOOKER.** Brother, Reubin THORNTON married the Widow of William MUNFORD who was the sister of HENRY WARD, mentioned in the receipt.

Above disposition proved Campbell Co., Va - "that Peter P. Thornton made disposition at Tavern of Charles Hoyle in town of Lynchburg at 5 o'clock, Friday 24 day Oct 1800." /s/Wm. Scott & Thos. J. Humphreys. Receipt: April 10, 1784 - Rec. Of Mr. Henry WARD, in favor of Daniel S. FARLEY, 1060 lbs crop tobacco, it being in full of Bond given Davis BOOKER. /s/ Reubin Thornton. Test: Peter P. Thornton. Recorded Caswell Co. Oct Term 1800.

**THOMAS WILSON** - Will, written 11 Oct 1800, names wife as KEZIAH WILSON; four daughters as Rachel, Mary, Keziah & Elizabeth; daughter Rebekah FOOTE; sons Johnston (land adj. Arkridges line & Samuel Johnstons line), Abner (adj. Johnston WILSON's line), William, Henry, Jeremiah (home tract on North Hico); 3 last sons under lawful age & of last wife. Exec: wife & Gabriel LEA & John WARRICK. Test: Wm. Gordon, Thos. Kendrick, Thos. Stafford. /s/ Thomas WILLSON.  
Codicil: THOMAS WILSON; wife; daughters RACHEL WILSON, MARY REED, KEZIAH WILSON & JOHN WARRICK, qualified as Execs.

**ABRAHAM WOMACK** Will, written 15 Sept 1796, names sons: William, Josiah; daughters Mary BENTON, Nancy ENGRAM, Lucy ENGRAM, Sinie BRACKIN, Elizabeth WOMACK. Exec: son, JOSIAH & friend, William BETHELL. Wit: William BETHELL, Jeremiah STUBBLEFIELD, Nancy BETHELL. Josiah WOMACK qualified as Exec.

John HINTON, minor orphan age 12 years & 3 months, bound to Freeman HUBBARD. 22 Jan 1798. /s/ AZARIAH GRAVES, Esq., Chairman of County Court.

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**GUARDIAN**

Walter INGRAM  
Richd. HORNBUCKLE

**ORPHAN**

Clary INGRAM  
Aron SMITH, orphan of PETER  
SMITH

**1802**

GRIFFIN GUNN  
James BURTON

Allen GUNN  
Miss PRISCILLA GUNN

**1803**

STERLING GUNN  
Thomas MARAIN

Miss Barberly WALKER  
Andy, John, Obedience, Gibson &  
Mary HUGHES, orphans of  
JOHN HUGHES.

**1804**

**GUARDIAN**

**ORPHAN**

**Mary BOYD**  
**James BURTON**  
**Jacob QUINE**

**Stephen W. BOYD**  
**Wife of JOHN PAYNE**  
**Pickney & Anderson GUNN**

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