

FAIRFIELD COUNTY,  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
MINUTES OF THE COUNTY  
COURT

1785-1799

By  
BRENT H. HOLCOMB, C.A.L.S.

Meals of Good Healthy Provisions

Breakfast @ 8<sup>d</sup>  
 Dinner @ 1<sup>s</sup>/2<sup>d</sup>  
 Supper @ 8<sup>d</sup>

All bespoke Dinners where a Bill of Fare is given, the Parties agree on the Price.

Lodgings One Night On

A Featherbed with Clean Linnen 6<sup>d</sup>  
 A Mattress with D<sup>o</sup> 4<sup>d</sup>  
 For Stabling a Horse one Night on corn blades or good hay 8<sup>d</sup>  
 For two Quarts of Indian Corn on three Quarts of Oats 4<sup>d</sup>  
 For one night in a good pasture 3<sup>d</sup>

A Bill of Sale for Sundries from John Hathcock to Tho<sup>s</sup> Parrot Sen<sup>r</sup> was regularly proven in Court by Will<sup>m</sup> Cato and Smith Ogilvie.

Thomas Parrot Sen<sup>r</sup> petitioned the Court for a Licence to retail Spiritous Liquors.

Ordered, That the prayer of his Petition be Granted.  
 The Court adjourned to Ten o'Clock tomorrow morning.

John Winn  
 Richard Winn  
 Jn<sup>o</sup> Buchanan  
 James Craig

Wednesday 27th. July 1785.

The Court met according to adjournment and Appointed the following persons Overseers on the following Roads Viz.

The Ridge Road to Charleston		Overseers.
From the County Line near Lee's Old place, to Cockralls	)	John McDaniel
From Cockeralls to the Court House	)	Moses Cockeralls
From the Court House to Cedar Creek	)	William Robinson
From Cedar Creek to the Round Top or County Line	)	Richard Taylor
On the now blazed Road to Camden to be cut thirty feet wide		
From Thomas Hill to the Wolf Pit	)	John Adam Arick.
From the Wolf pit to the County Line	)	Roland Williamson.
On the new blazed Road to Congaree to be cut thirty feet wide.		
From the Blazes below Thomas Hills to Cedar Creek	)	Samuel McKinney
From Cedar Creek to the County Line	)	John Swilla
On the Road from Winnsborough to Liles's For to be cut thirty feet Wide		
From Winnsborough to Col. Jno Winn's	)	Richard Gldney [Gladney]

From Colo Winn's to Ederingtons Road	)	Thomas Watts
From Ederington's road to Lisle's Ford	)	Elijah Majors
From the County Line Sandy River, to Alcorns Old Place	)	Eleazer Moberly.
From Col. Winn's Mill Road to Thomas Nelsons)		William Hughes
From Thomas Nelson opposite to Daniel Wootans)		John Ogilvie.
From Daniel Wootans to Joseph Gibson's Sen <sup>r</sup> )		Daniel Wootans
From Joseph Gibsons to Little River	)	Jacob Frazer
From Little River to Cedar Creek	)	John Turnepseed
Road to Shirers Ferry		
From Lee's old place to Hills Creeks	)	John Lee
From Hill's Creek to Little River	)	Thomas Shannon
From Little River to the forks of the Congaree Road	)	Henry Rogers
From the Forks of the Congaree Road to Shirer's Ferry	)	John Cooke

The Road from James Alcorns to the County Line towards Sandy River. Francis Coleman

The old Road From Winnsborough to Camden		
From the Charleston Road to Wateree Creek	)	Larkin Cardin.
From Wateree Creek to Dutchmans Creek	)	William Cason.
From Dutchman's Creek to Tolersons Old place)		Zachariah Nettles
From Tolersons old place to the County Line)		Thomas Muse
Rockey Mount Road		
From the Fork of the Old Camden & Rockey Mount) Road to James Loves	)	James Love
From James Loves to the Moutain Gap	)	Thomas Stone.
From the Moutain Gap to the County Line	)	Macaijah Picket

Constables appointed  
 The Court proceeded to the appointment of Constables when

Tho <sup>s</sup> Parrot Sen <sup>r</sup>	Daniel Wooton
Francis Kirkland	Nath <sup>l</sup> Harven
Will <sup>m</sup> Owens	Larkin Cardin
Will <sup>m</sup> Gray	Leonard Hill
Edw <sup>d</sup> Mc. Graw	John Mills
Will <sup>m</sup> Kirkland	Moses Hollis
son of John	
James Johnston	James Simmons
Samuel Luckey	

were duly appointed and the oath of office administred to Thomas Parrot Sen<sup>r</sup>  
 Francis Kirkland and James Johnston.  
 Tavern Sen<sup>r</sup>  
 Jas. Lewis

Downey vs Margaret Downey vs Hugh Smith Petn.  
H. Smlth vs The matter was heard and Judgment for Defendant.

John Gray vs John Gray vs Jane Phillips Case.  
Jane Phillips vs

Jury Sworn  
Andrew McDoull  
John Elliot  
John Cork.  
Wm. Neilson  
James Neely  
Fras McDaniel For: Morris Weaver  
Saml Arnot  
John Porter  
Christ Huffman  
John McClurkin  
Jos. Cameron

We find for the plaintiff and assis his Damage at Twenty one pounds 15s/  
The above Cause brought to Trial by Consent.

Licence to Robert Parrot petitioned to have his Licence continued.  
R. Parrot Ordered that his petition be granted.

Petition for A Petition from the Inhabitants of the East End of the County of Fairfield was presented Complaining that they have no Person to Administer Justice in that Quarter. The Justices promised that on the next Vacancy or the Expiration of their Commissions they would procure or recommend a person to be nominated from among the Petitioners.

B. Pope vs Barnaby Pope vs William Scott  
Wm. Scott. be l4. 15s.  
James Andrew (as Garnishee, sworn properly in hands to

to be l 2. 3. 6.  
Joshua Badger as Garnishee Sworn (as property in his Hands

The court adjourned till tomorrow at 10 o'Clock.

John Winn  
Jno. Buchanan  
Richd Winn  
James Craig  
Willm Kirkland

Net according to Adjournm January Term 1786. 25th January

Present  
John Winn  
Richard Winn  
John Buchanan  
William Kirkland  
James Craig

John Winn John Winn Esq<sup>t</sup> appeared in open Court and acknowledged the Signing Sealing and Delivery of a Set of Titles by way of Lease and Release to Minor Winn Esq<sup>t</sup> of Lots No. 64 No. 115. No. 96. 80. 82. 129. 130. 131. 135 & No. 69. in the Village of Winnsborough

to Rob: Also to Robert Ellison for Lots No. 43. 44. 39. & 38. in the Village of Winnsboro.

to Benj: Also to Benjamin Street for Lot No. 24 in the same Village Street

to Wm: Owens Also to William Owens for Lot No. 47. in the same Village.  
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Laughan Samuel Laughan appeared in open Court and acknowledged the Signing Sealing and delivery of a Set of Titles to John Wilson of Three Hundred and Ten Acres of Land on a Branch of Bear Creek.

Jo: Kennedy William Wright and Morris Weaver appeared in open Court to J. Milling and being duly sworn Made Oath that they saw Joseph Kennedy Sign Seal and deliver a Set of Titles to John Milling Esq<sup>r</sup> of One Hundred acres of Land Situate on a Spring of Waggoners Creek.

Rt. Ellison Henry Hunter and John Woodward appeared in open Court to H. Milling and being duly sworn made Oath that they saw Robert Ellison Sign Seal and deliver a Set of Titles by way of Lease & Release to Hugh Milling Esq<sup>t</sup> of Two Hundred acres of Land on a Branch of Jacksons Creek.

Wm. Graves Hugh Milling and David Evans appeared in open Court and to Jos: Owens being duly Sworn made Oath that they saw William Graves Sign Seal & deliver a Set of Titles by way of Lease and Release to Joseph Owens of Five Hundred and forty acres of Land on Dutchman's Creek.

J. McDown John Milling and James McDown appeared in open court and to H. McDown being duly Sworn made Oath That they saw James McDown Sign Seal and Deliver to Hugh McDown a Set of Titles by way of Lease and Release for Three hundred and fifty Acres of Land on Bowers Mill Creek.

Rosborough Alexander Rosborough vs John Hicks. Trial being brought on as Consent. Defend<sup>t</sup> acknowledged Judgment for l 12. 5. & Costs.

J. Milling John Milling vs Saml Beaty. At. Capt. John Gray as S. Beaty vs Garnishee appeared and Satisfied pet. wherefore he withdraws his Suit. Capt. John Gray paying Costs.

Ordered that the Docket be called over.

Jas. Johnston vs John Richmond. Case Issue joined.

Thomas Meredith vs Wm. Graves. Slander Issue joined.

Thomas Meredith vs James Graves. Slander Issue joined.

Thomas Meredith vs Hugh Means. Slander Judgm<sup>t</sup> by Default.

James Hart vs John Hunter Debt. Judgm<sup>t</sup> by Default.

John Miller vs Moses Hollis. Issue Joined

Thos. Johnston vs Saml Armstrong. Debt confessed Judgment for principal Interest and Costs of Suit l 11. 14. 4.

Jas. Dodds ) Plt. called and failed to appear in order to prosecute.  
vs John Jarvis ) Was non Suited.

Robert Bailey ) Judgment for Plt. for l 1. 17. 6 & Costs  
vs Robert Alcorn )  
John Jarvis )

John & Letitia ) John Winn as Garnishee upon Oath Saith He Gave Richd  
Hutchison ) vs Walker a Bond near the beginning of the year 1782. For  
vs Richd Walker ) l 300 worth & upwards as he believes which Bond he  
Richd Walker ) has not yet paid.

James Davis )  
vs ) Rule. Judgement Revised.  
James Dillard)  
& others )

Jesse Havis Indor<sup>e</sup>)  
vs ) S. P. Abated by Deft<sup>s</sup> death.  
Samuel Dodds )

Jon.<sup>a</sup> Belton)  
vs ) S. P. Diss<sup>d</sup> at Defts Costs.  
Jas. Arnet )

Field Farrer )  
vs ) Case The Plaintiff residing out of the State, Minor  
John Buchanan) Winn Esquire entered himself as security for the  
Costs.

Richard Winn )  
vs ) Debt. Judgement by default.  
William Hughes)

James Craig )  
vs ) Debt. Diss<sup>d</sup> at the plaintiffs Costs  
John Owen Wallace)

James Green Hunt )  
vs ) Debt. Judg<sup>t</sup> according to Specialty by Default  
James Johnstone et als)

John Winn  
James Craig

January Term 1793

Friday the 18th Day of January 1793.  
The Court met according to adjourn<sup>t</sup>

Judges Present. John Winn, Benj<sup>n</sup> Boyd & James Craig Esq<sup>rs</sup>

Ordered that the following Orphans be bound out as underwritten, and to be clothed, fed and schooled agreeable to the custom adopted by this court. viz.

Absolam Lord to be bound to Patrick Gladney  
Thomas Goodrum to ----Robert Phillips  
Ross Straisner to ----Wm. McDill.  
Shadrack Cameron to---Moses Cockerill  
Jacob Richards to ---James Alcorn or James Rabb

Willm. Sibley)  
vs ) On appeal. Ordered the appeal be dismissed.  
Andrew Bay )

Robert Hawthorn)  
vs ) Debt. Joseph McDaniel swore to 15 days and William  
Victor Nealy ) Hill to 21 days attendance as evidences on the above  
suit. The Pltfs attorney in this case having given  
notice that this day he should move for a new trial  
the matter was now argued before the Court whereupon  
it was Ordered that a new trial should be Granted.

Samuel Johnston and John Means Petitioned the Court for Licences to retail spiritous liquors &c. Ordered that the same be granted they giving security as the law requires.

Austen Smith)  
vs ) Case. Diss<sup>d</sup> at the plaintiffs Costs.  
James Rabb )

Burbage Woodard )  
vs ) Case the cause was now Called the following Jury  
John L. Bradford) impannelled to try the same

John Winn, Minor Winn, David Thompson, James Barkley, Henry Hartin, John Broom, And<sup>w</sup> McDoule, Jacob Neats, William Dansby, Thomas Malone, John Hutchinson, Henry Haigood, John Richardson, who returned the following Verdict We find for the plaintiff five shillings  
John Winn Foreman

John Means )  
vs ) On Attachment. Levied on two negroe girls in the  
Spencer Brumett) possession of Heartwell Macon Senr. whereupon  
Heartwell Macon Senr. and Heartwell Macon Junr. came  
in open Court and Entered special Bail Ordered that the property be delivered up when Called for agreeable to the order of Court.

We Heartwell Macon Senior and  
Heartwell Macon Junio do hereby  
enter ourselves special bail in the  
above action.

Heartwell Macon  
Macon Junr.

The State )  
vs ) On Indict. the Indictment Traversed but on motion of  
John Crosslin) the County Atty. that the same could not be legally  
traversed Ordered that the deft. do produce his  
witnesses for trial on Monday next.

James Webber )  
vs ) Debt. Judgement by Default.  
the Admors. of)  
Willm. Durphey)  
deceased )

Burbage Woodward)  
vs ) Case. On Motion of the defendants atty. that the  
John L. Bradford) verdict in this case being less than 40/ and that  
the plaintiffs should not recover Cost. Ordered  
that the same be post-poned for discussion untill  
tomorrow.

John Winn  
James Craig  
Benjn. Boyd

January Term 1793

Saturday the 19th Day of January 1793  
The Court met according to adjournment.

Judges Present. John Winn, Benjn. Boyd.

Jonathan Belton )  
vs ) Debt. Judgement Confessed for L 16" " 9d with  
William Johnston) Costs of Suit Exon. to be lodged in the sheriff's  
office but not Levied untill ordered.

Archibald Jamieson )  
& Co. Indor<sup>e</sup> of Jno. Dorch) S. P. Decree by default according to  
vs ) specialty.  
Phillip Ryley )  
& Richard Thompson )

David Grey vs Admor. Hesther Cook. Case. Thomas Fant proves 4 Days Attendance as a Witness in this Suit.

Gavin Curry vs William Fearis. Sci fa. On motion of Defendants Attorney. Ordered that the Bill of Costs be retaxed, so far as relates to the Costs acrued July Term 1797. The cause being postponed that Court by Agreement at plaintiff costs.

Joseph Laney vs James Phillips. S. P. Decree for seven pounds with Costs of Suit.

John Faulkner vs Robert Berkley. Slander. The same Jury were empannelled, being Sworn generally, to try this Cause--who returned the following Verdict. We find for the plaintiff five shillings and Costs. David Martin fore<sup>n</sup>.

Jesse Jinkins vs Burd Owens. S. P. Bail released, and Decree for six pounds six shillings with Costs of Suit.

James Hutchison vs Stephen Splaun. Appeal. Magistrates Judgement reversed.

John Faulkner ) Slander. The following persons Viz. James Cameron  
vs ) proved five Attendance Joshua Harrison, Benjamin  
Robert Berkley) Harrison and Arthur Yarborough each six, and Henry  
Page two days, as witnesses in this Suit also Alexander McHenry proved five days Attendance as a Witness in this suit. William Paul proved five days Attendance in this Suit.

John Turner  
Richard Winn

#### July Term 1799

Tuesday the 16th Day of July 1799.  
Court met according to Adjournment.

Judges Present. John Turner, a Genl. Richard Winn Esqrs.

On application of Davis Austen, Ordered that he have a Licence to keep a Tavern and retail Liquors for one year. from the 5th June last the Date of his permit.

John Smith appeared in Court and took the Oath of Office, as a Constable for this County.

Ordered that the Executors of the Estate of George Martin deceased have Liberty to expose to sale the personal property thereof, agreeable to the Will, giving twenty Days previous Notice, and on a Credit of eighteen Months for all sums above five shillings.

Jacob Gibson appeared in Court and acknowledged the Signing Sealing and delivery of Conveyance of 144 Acres of Land to Jesse Ford.

Isaac Arledge appeared in Court and took the Oath of Office as a Constable for this County.

The Last Will and Testament Alexander McDowell was produced in Court and proved by the Oath of David Read Evans a subscribing Witness Whereupon Ordered that Letters Testamentary be granted to Alexander McKain, Jane McDowell and James McDowell Executors named in said Will who appeared in Court and were qualified in, accordingly.

The Citation on the Estate Michael King was returned into Court duly certified, Whereupon Ordered that Letters of Administration be granted to John King the person named in said Citation, Who is to administer with the Will annexed and the Testator being in the State of North Carolina, the original Will was proved and lodged in the

Secretaries Office of that State An authenticated Copy of the same, is ordered to be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this Court. he naming John Hollis Moses Hollis and William Robertson to be bound in the sum of three thousand pounds five hundred sterling. John King Josiah Knighten, Thomas Stark, Nicholas Peay and Moses Knighten were appointed as appraisers.

The last Will and Testament of Robert Brown was proved, and approved of and Letters Testamentary Ordered to William Kirkland, Executor named in said Will, who was qualified accordingly.

Proceeded to ballot for Grand and petit Jurors to serve at next Court Viz. January Term 1799. When the following persons were drawn Viz.

#### Grand Jurors

John May	James Russel Junr	James Barber
Thomas Parrot	James Pearson	John Waw
Thomas Stark	John Mickle	Phillip Rayford
John Havis Sen.	Alexander Kenedy	Andrew McQuiston
Willm. McDaniel	Jacob Gibson	Willm. Robertson
Kiah Ford	Thomas Robison	James Andrews
David Shelton	Elijah Haywood	

#### Petit Jurors

Edward Briant	John Barber	Andrew Boyd
John Briant	Willm. Boyd	James Armstrong
James Beaty	Adam Beasley	Elijah Majors
William Nutterville	Saml. Frazier	James McDowell
Robert Richardson	David Boyd	Benjn. Jones
John Reyns	Thos. Robison Junr.	Tobias Taylor
Willm. Johnston	Willm. Beard	James Arthur
John Brunt	John Allen	Willm. Alsop
John Alexander	James Alcorn	Chris <sup>t</sup> Attison
Henry Attchison	Robert Barber	Saml. Richardson

Court Adjourned untill tomorrow 9 O'Clock  
John Turner  
Richard Winn

Wednesday 17th Day July 1799

Court met according to adjournment.

Judges Present. John Turner, Genl. Richard Winn and Aromanos Liles Esquires.

Bartholamew Turnipseed applied for a Licence for to keep a Tavern & Retail Liquors, ordered the same to be granted for one year.

Samuel Laughan vs Robert Berkly. Debt. Hugh Berkley appeared in Court and enters himself Special Bail. Hugh Berkley.

David Read Evans vs Lewis Collie & Levi Moberly. Judgement confessed according to Specialty with interest and cost Stay of Exon three months.

David R. Evans vs Elijah Ivey. S. P. Dismissed by agreement on Defendants paying all costs.

The Last Will and Testament of John Andrews was produced, and proved by the Oath of John Wallace Whereupon Ordered that Letters Testamentary be granted to Phobe Andrews and John Bell Executors and Executrix named in said Will. Who were Qualified in as such.