

FAIRFIELD COUNTY,
SOUTH CAROLINA
MINUTES OF THE COUNTY
COURT
1785-1799

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

Proceeded the call over the list of grand jurors appointed to serve at this court when the following answered to names, Nazareth Whitehead, Jesse Simmons. Proceeded to call the Petit Juror list. The following

Judges Present: John Winn and James Craig Esquires.

The court met according to adjournment.

Friday the 13th January 1792.

January Term 1792

John Winn
James Craig

Adjourned to tomorrow morning ten O'Clock.

Judges Present. John Winn and James Craig Esquires.

The Court met according to adjournment

Thursday the 12th Day of January 1792.

January Term 1792.

John Winn
James Craig

Adjourned to January
Court next in course.

Nathaniel Norwood)
vs)
John Atcheson)
Same)
vs)
Same)
the cost of one only taxed.

John Turner)
vs)
Case Referred to Micajah Picket and Charles Lewis and)
John Burns)
their umpire their award to be returned to the clerk)
within two months and be made a rule of Court.

William Strother appeared in court and proved the signing of a Bill of Sale from K. T. Strother to Benjamin Harris on for a negroe. David Read Evans being appointed Deputy Clerk for the County Court of Fairfield took the Oaths of Office and Allegiance as prescribed by law. Ordered that the treasurer be impowered to contract with some person on the most reasonable terms to put Pillars under the Court House when necessary.

Edwd. Day, Robt. Phillips Junr., David Campbell, Josh. Cammeron, Edmund Tidwell, Obeah Henson, James Phillips, Henry Page, Jacob Hoch, Willm. Calhoun, Willm. Cogan, James Arnot, Thomas Dukes, William Robinson, Jacob Turnpseed, Micajah Mobley, Edward Wats, Robert Shurley, Asaph Hill, Saml. McKee, Willm. Sumnerland, George Vandenaar, Adam Blair, Jno. Tidwell, James Henning, Allen Goodrum, Thomas Mobley, Jas. Dodds, George Kennedy, Benjamin Helsey.

Petit Jurors drawn to serve at next Court.

William Hoach, Alexr. Kennedy, John Pearson, Robert Hancock, Jas. McCreight, Daniel Mabry, Frittle McTyre.

Thomas Hill
William Millar
John Waugh
Jacob Thorp
John Slone
William Neutreville
Austen Peay
William Boyd
Charles McWane
Richard Hopkins
Leonard Taylor
John Tidwell

Jesse Wilson
Jesse Harbin
Daniel McCullough
James Bishop
John Long senior
John Boyd
John Hollis
Jacob Wright
David Long
Nathaniel Major
Moses Wootten
William Hendrix

Jonathan Brown petitioned the court that a Dedimus be granted him to take the renunciation of Dower from Mary McKinney to him Ordered accordingly and that the same be directed to Gardner Ford and Charles Picket.

William McTyre vs James Ederington. Case. Judgement by default.

Field Farren vs John Buchanan. Case Abated by death of plaff.

Pickett and Briggs vs K. T. Strother. Debt. Discontinued by letter from Mr. Mathis Atty.

Alexander Pervis vs Robert McTyre. Att. Dismissed.

John Crosby vs Henson Day. Case. Dismissed.

David R. Evans vs Hugh Carson. Case. Dismissed.

Jonathan Belton vs William Ferguson. Debt Dismissed at Defd Costs.

Thomas Gladney vs Minor Winn. Dismissed at the defendant to pay clerk and Sheriff Fees.

Isaac Shellhouse vs John Allen estate. Award returned and made a Rule of Court.

Robert Brodie vs Hugh Smith. Dismissed.

Robert Brodie vs David Weir. Case. Dismissed.

Nathaniel Russell vs Musco Bowler. S. P. Settled.

John Adamson vs Joel Wilson. Debt. Judgement confessed according Specialty.

James Davis, Hugh Norville vs Jonathan Belton vs William Scott. Debt. Judgement by Default.

Jonathan Belton vs Aron Dukes. Debt. Judgement by Default.

Adjourned till tomorrow 9 O'Clock. DE C.C.
John Turner
Aramanos Liles

July Term 1795

Friday the 17th day of July 1795.
Court met according to adjournment.

Judges Present. John Turner, Aromanos Liles Esq^{rs}

James and William Owens now appeared in open Court and acknowledged themselves perfectly satisfied with the division they have made among themselves of the goods and chattles of John Owens deceased.

the following verdict "We give our Verdict in behalf of the plaintiff for four pounds." Jas. Rabb. Foreman.

David Thomson vs Duke Wm. Harris. Att^t Decree for the Defendant. Jacob Gibson swore to eight Days attendance in this Case as a witness.

John Bell) Case. Mr. John Brown moved to set aside the
vs) Venire, on the following grounds (viz) because,
Admors. John Robison) returned on a day not in Term, 2nd, because not
returned on Oath, 3rd because no return had
actually been made, Which were overruled by the Court, and the Cause
ordered to be tried. Whereupon the same Jury except Isaiah Coleman in
whose place Wm. Paul were empaneled and sworn to try the same. Who
retired and returned the following Verdict, "We find for the plaintiff
forty nine pounds five Shillings & four pence half penny.
Jas. Rabb foreman

William McMorris swore to nine days attendance as an evidence in this case.

Samuel Robison appeared in Court & swore in as a constable for this County.

Daniel Huffman vs William Smith. S. P. The Defendant discharged from his Bail Bond.

Charles Lewis vs Benjamin Burk. The defendant claimed the privilege of insolvent debtors and having produced a schedule of his Effects, and Debts was admitted to take the Oath appointed by Law, in such case, and thereupon was Discharged.

Adjourned till Tomorrow 8 O'Clock.

John Turner
Aramanos Liles
Richard Winn

July Term 1797

Saturday the 22nd Day of July 1797.
Court met according to adjournment.

Judges Present. Gen^l Richard Winn, Aromanos Liles, Esquires.

Proceeded to draw the Grand and Petit Jurors for next Court, when the following Gentlemen were drawn as Grand Jurors (viz)

James Brown	Jesse Beam	George Boilstone
David Long	John Bell Junr.	Thomas Means
Willm. Bell Junr.	Willm. Chapman	Robt. Lathan
James Kincaid	Jonathan Belton	John King Senr.
James Lawhorn	John King Junr.	Albert Beam
Thomas Johnston	Ephraim Liles	Dennis Burns
Roling Williamson	Moses King	

Petit Jurors

George Harson	Jacob Curry	John Porter
Moses. Dukes	Nathan Cook	George Dockins
Thomas Goodrum	Thos. Griggs Yarborough	Willm. Holms
Edward McGraw	Thomas Gladney	Jesse Gladden
Abner Smith	Thomas Hill	Saml. Oates
James Butler	John Elsey	James Blane
John McDaniel	Willm. Craig	Stephen Gibson
James Cameron	Dudley Curry	Peter Currey
John Harris	Andrew Brand	Saml. McKinstry
Saml. Brand	Abraham Nealand	James Aikins

Judges Present. John Turner, Aromanos Liles Esquires

Gavin Curry) Case. John Turner, Robert Kilpatrick, Thomas
vs) Kilpatrick, Andrew Walker, Stafford Curry, Joseph
William Fearys) Currey, and Robert Patterson, each Swore to four days
Attendance as Witnesses duly summoned in this cause,
and John Turner swore to three days Attendance.

On application. Ordered that a Citation do issue Enternable to July Court next. to Summons the kindred & Creditors of William Ball deceased to show cause why administration should not be granted to James Rhodes and William Rhodes on the Este of the said William Ball.

Ordered that Depotistation issue to three Justices of the Peace in the State of North Carolina to take the depositions of Witnesses touching what they may know of James Rhodes and William Rhodes being the heirs at law of William Ball deceased.

James Kincaid vs Thomas Parrot. Judgement Confessed according to the note with interest & Costs. Execution not to be levied for twelve months.

James Kincaid vs Thomas Parrot & William Cato. Judgement confessed according to specialty with Interest & Costs Execution not to be levied for twelve months.

Arthur Clerk & Co. vs Nathaniel Smith. S. P. Decree for three pounds seven shillings with costs of Suit.

Jonathan Sutton vs Minor Winn. S. P. Decree according to specialty.

Arthur Clarke & Co. vs Minor Winn. Debt. Settled at defendants costs.

Arthur Clarke & Co. vs Samuel Nelson & Catherine Nelson. S. P. Decree for four pounds four shillings & two pence with costs.

State vs Hartwell Freeman. pet. lar. The prisoner was brought to the Barr to receive sentence. Ordered that he receive seven lashes on the Bare, Back, to be put in Execution on the Sixteenth day of April next.

Elizabeth Barten vs James Steward. Trov^r Nonsuit.

Moses Dukes vs Edward Sims. Case. Nonsuit.

Elijah Hollis vs Admors. Saml. Hollis. S. P. Dismissed at pltfs costs.

Whereas Valentine Rachael has been for some time absent from this state and is supposed to be dead and hath left a child and some property within the Limits of this County, Therefore Ordered that Thomas Willingham be appointed Guardian of the said Child, and that he give Bond and Security in the Sum of one hundred pounds for the faithful discharge of his Trust, Said Willingham proposed Edward Willingham and Jesse Havis as his Securities of whom the Court approved

Henry Nelson) Case. The following Jury were empannelled being Sworn
vs) Generally, to try this Cause, Viz. Samuel Oates, James
Jean Weare) Aikin, Edward McGraw, James Cameron, John Elsy, John
Harris, Samuel McKinstry, James Butler, Thomas Gladney,
Jesse Gladden, Abraham Nealand, Jacob Curry. ---- Who returned the
following Verdict, Viz, WE find for the plaintiff ten pounds damage
Saml. Oates Foreman.
Isom Jean proved three days attendance. Thomas Nelson proved 5 days
attendance.

William Rabb vs Thomas Nutterville. Lease. Referred to James Davis John Barker Minor Winn and Guerard Duntze, who have liberty to choose