

It Happened in Fairfield County 150 Years Ago, by Kathleen Lewis

July 26 – William Boyd Gent is the Sheriff first mentioned for Fairfield District; Burr Harrison was this day elected Coroner. Overseers were appointed to guard the following roads in this county: From the County line near Lee's old place to Cockrall's; Court House to Cedar Creek; Cedar Creek to Round Top or County Line; On the new blazed road to Camden to be cut 30 feet wide – from Thomas Hill to the Wolf Pit; Wolf Pit to County Line; On the new blazed road to Congaree to be cut 30 ft. wide – From the blazes below Thomas Hill's to Cedar Creek, Cedar Creek to County Line; On the road from Winnsboro to Liles' Ford to be cut 30 ft. wide – From Winnsboro to Col. John Winn; Ederington's Road to Liles' Ford; County Line to Sandy River to Alcorns old place; Col. Winn's Mill road to Thomas Nelson; Thomas Nelson opposite to Danl. Wooten; Danl. Wootens to Joseph Gibson, Senior; Joseph Gibsons to Little River; Little River to Cedar Creek; Road to Shiver's Ferry – Hills old place to Hills Creek; Hills Creek to Little River; Little River to Forks Congaree Road; Forks Congaree Road to Shivar's Ferry; James Alcorns to County Line towards Sandy River; The old road from Winnsboro-Camden; Charleston Road to Wateree Creek, Dutchman's Creek to Tolersons old place; Tolerson's old place to County Line; Rocky Mount Road – From fork of old Camden Road to Rocky Mount Road to James Loves; James Loves to Mountain Gap; Mountain Gap to County Line

Jacob Brown was elected County Attorney.

Among the first Judges mentioned in the Court Minutes were John Winn, Richard Winn, John Buchanan, James Craig, Wm. Kirkland, H. Hampton and John Pearson

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July 27 – “James Lewis petitioned the Court for a tavern license. “The Court then proceeded to appoint the place for erecting the Court House and gaol, when it was unanimously agreed that Winnsborough being the most central part in the County; the building should be erected there.

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January Court-

“We the Grand Jury of the County Fairfield do make the following presentments:

1st – We present as a grievance the selling spirituous liquors contrary to law by Thomas White. Phillip Shaver, Jacob Bethney, Henry McDonald, Wm. Tyrie, John McMullin.

“Informants James Andrews, Fred Hart.

2nd – We present as a grievance for bastardizing for nine before the date thereof – Ann Neel, Elizabeth Lathan, Elizabeth Hollis and Mrs. Gladden on the Wateree. Mary Bell, Firraby Broom and a free negro M. Porter.

3rd – We present as a grievance that a hundred of weights and measures are not provided and put into the hands of Clerk of the Courts.

4th – We present as a grievance the not erecting a Court House and Gaol and Stocks as directed by law.

5th – We present as a grievance the distressed situation of indigent persons who by reason of old age and infirmities are not capable of supporting themselves.