

Olde Dobbs Trail

OLD DOBBS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

of the Wayne County Historical Association

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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings friends,

I am so excited about our plans for the April meeting. We are meeting Saturday April 24 at 10:00 at the Wayne County Museum. We are planning a wonderful program. Todd Johnson will be our featured speaker. Todd is an excellent genealogist and historian. After the program, we will have refreshments and a time to mingle, talk to others about our research, and encourage new members to join Old Dobbs. The focus of this meeting is to introduce others to our society, and to genealogy. Bring a friend to join! New members will get half off their membership, and members who sponsor new members will get \$5.00 off their membership for next year! What a deal!

I want all members to plan on attending this special event with a friend. We want to celebrate our wonderful Old Dobbs heritage and the world of genealogy. If you have an old costume or vintage clothing from your favorite relative, come dressed to impress. Bring your research, favorite genealogy books, computer programs, and be ready to share your finds with others. We will also have Old Dobbs publications for sale. The Museum will open at 11:00 after the meeting so you can browse through the exhibits.

By expanding our membership the Board hopes to take on new projects to benefit our members and others interested in Wayne County history. Our cemetery book is coming along nicely, but much work remains. Volunteers have been wonderful donating their time and talent to this project. Plans are going full speed ahead for the genealogy workshops to begin in June. If you have an interest in either of those projects, or have ideas for new projects, please let me or any other Board member know.

Elections will be held in October. If you are interested in a Board position, please notify Billy Herring. Billy is chair of the nominating committee.

I look forward to seeing everyone there, and learning more about your families and your research techniques.

Sincerely,
Lisa Granberry Corbett
President

OLD DOBBS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

January 24, 2004

The Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society met on January 24, 2004 in the Weil Auditorium at the Wayne County Public Library in Goldsboro, NC. ODGS president, Lisa Corbett, called the meeting to order, welcomed the 16 members and introduced the 2 visitors who were present, and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The treasurer reported a balance of \$3,602.87.

As an update concerning the cemetery books, Kathy Blow reported that volunteers are still needed for surveying cemeteries and that we are close to publication with Volume 1.

Lynn Johnson presented our new Olde Dobbs Genealogical Society brochere to be placed in various locations to advertise our society. Great job, brochere committee!

Old Dobbs would like to do a "hands on" type workshop for beginning and intermediate level genealogists. We need ideas as to what subjects would be most helpful. Please send suggestions to

Olds Dobbs Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 617, Goldsboro, NC 27533-0617.

Needs for the Wayne County Public Library that would be helpful to family history researchers were discussed. The two most pressing needs appear to be either a copier or another microfilm reader. More discussion will follow.

Past-president Billy Herring will chair the nominating committee to present a slate of officers to serve for the next two years. The committee will present these names at the July meeting with voting to take place at the October meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor in July.

The next meeting will be April 24, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. at the Wayne County Museum in Goldsboro, NC. There will be a very brief business meeting with the majority of the meeting to be a very informal time of sharing family history and items of interest. Members, bring your family history notebooks and any items that you think would be of interest to others. Refreshments will be served.

New members who join at our April meeting will get 50% off on their yearly dues and members who bring new members will get \$5.00 off their dues next year.

Lisa introduced our guest speaker, Randy Sauls, who gave a very interesting and informative presentation on the Battle of Goldsboro. After comments and questions from the audience, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Barbara Lancaster, Recording Secretary

QUERIES

Queries accepted from members and non-members at no charge. Please send all queries and other genealogical inquiries to Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society, **P.O. Box 617**, Goldsboro, NC 27533-0617. Queries needed!!

GRAY/SUTTON

I would like to contact descendants of John Thomas **GRAY** or Bettie **GRAY SUTTON**, hoping that someone will have info on the father of these two people, William **GRAY**. William married Ava **SUTTON** about 1841, fathered four children, and appears to have died between 1846 and 1850. Any scrap of info would be appreciated.

Emily M. **GELLER**, 3005 S. Leisure World Blvd., #808, Silver Spring, MD 20906
e-mail: ie.geller@verizon.net

GINN

I am researching Isaac GINN of Elbert Col, GA (1790-1847). His parents are believed to be Jesse and Sarah GINN of North Carolina. If you have any records that connect Isaac to Jesse and Sarah (or any other NC GINN), I would greatly appreciate the information.

Mitch GINN, 1881 N. Hiway 29, Newnan, Georgia 30263 - e-mail: sheliman1@numail.org

The Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society will purchase a book for the Wayne County History Room in memory of former member Odessa Extine Jackson. She was born in Harnett County, the daughter of the late William Garland and Lena Coville Extine, and was the wife of George H. Jackson. Our condolences to the family.

News from the Wayne County Public Library (WCPL)

New books in the Local History Room:

Our Heritage: Robeson County North Carolina: 1742-2002

Dictionary of American Family Names – Patrick Hanks

City Directories of the United States: Goldsboro, NC 1906-1934 (This is microfilm. This reel will add the 1906/1907 city directory to our collection. The years listed are not complete.

This reel contains the following years: 1906/1907, 1914/1915, 1920/1921, 1928, 1930, 1934.)

North Carolina General Assembly Sessions Records: Slaves and Free Persons of Color 1709-1789 – William L. Byrd III

A History of African Americans in North Carolina (revised edition) – Jeffrey J. Crow et. al

Goldsboro City Directories: 1923/1924, 1925

History of Davie County – James W. Wall

The Rowan Story – James Brawley

Adventures in Purse and Person and Their Families: 1607-1624/5 – Virginia Meyer

A History of Rowan County, N.C. – Jethro Rumble

Orange County: 1752-1952 – Hugh Lefler

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Rosie to Roosevelt Video Discussion Series

This spring, WCPL is running the video discussion series Rosie to Roosevelt: the American People. It is a six week program and will take place on Sundays from 2-4 p.m. from April 18-May 23 in the Gertrude Weil Auditorium at the main library branch. This series is made possible by a grant from the North Carolina Humanities Council, a state-based program of the National Endowment for the Humanities and by materials loaned to us by the North Carolina Center for the Book, a program of the State Library of North Carolina, North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources.

Rosie to Roosevelt: the American People is a film history of Americans in World War II, designed to offer participants the opportunity to view seven outstanding documentary films and engage in dialogue about the American experience of the war. Along with viewing these documentaries participants will read selected text from Studs Terkel's The Good War. Topics include the effects of the war on the American economy, labor force, civil rights, and way of life; women in the workforce; wartime experiences of Japanese and African Americans; America's reaction to the Holocaust; and young American soldiers' combat experiences at Normandy. The focus of the series is on what happened, how it changed America and how it continues to affect us today.

The Scholar for the series will be Dr. David E. Long. Dr. Long is an Associate Professor of History at East Carolina University. He received his J.D. from Ohio State University in 1972 and his Ph.D. from Florida State University in 1993. Dr. Long was featured this month on the Discovery Channel's Unsolved History in the episode titled "Plots of Lincoln." Registration is required to attend the series. If you have any questions or want to register please contact Rhonda Konig at 919-735-1824 ext. 4. There is more information about the series at the following link: http://www.nvr.org/content.php?pro=rosie_peo

Announcements

North Carolina Genealogical Society

The North Carolina Genealogical Society has begun a project to collect and preserve Bible records on North Carolina families. We need your help !!! Please let all your members know about this project and encourage their participation.

If your society has completed a Bible Records book please furnish the name of the book and price, if for sale, and contact address. Your members may submit their records for this statewide publication even if they have been published in your county book.

Thank you so much for your help and cooperation. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Louise Cowell, Bible Records Committee, North Carolina Genealogical Society, PO Box 22, Greenville, NC 27835-0022

Coming up in 2004

Western Regional Summer Workshop – July 10, 2004 – Enka Campus of Asheville-Buncombe
Technical College – Speaker: George Morgan

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Contributed by Grace Williamson Turner

John Gray Blount Papers  
Miscellaneous  
P.C.193.33 - Tax Lists  
Wayne Co., 1810  
3 Districts

A list of the taxable property in Captain Gradys District for the year 1810 - taken this 22nd of  
June 1810  
Robert McKinne Jas Everitt  
for Duncel Kornegay

Persons Name, # Acres Land, # White Pole, # Black Pole

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Jesse Flowers, 824, 1, 1     | Jesse Bass, 125, 1, 1         |
| Stephan Reaves, 550, 1, -    | Labin Lewis, 161, 1, -        |
| Baker Bowden, -, 1, -        | John Rigbey, -, 1, -          |
| John Solace, -, 1, -         | Richard Martain, -, 1, -      |
| Jos. Everitt, 7753, 1, 14    | Elisha Pipkin, [blank]        |
| Nd Whitfield, [blank]        | John Rouse, -, 1, -           |
| Rhubin Burkitt, -, 1, -      | Edmond Sims, 166, 1, -        |
| Nathan Mincy, 400, -, 3      | Bryant Mincy, -, 1, 1         |
| John Hines, -, 1, -          | Wm Bryent, 74, 1, -           |
| Wm C. Cook, -, 1, -          | Stephen Hines, 414, 1, 2      |
| Nazra Starling, 600, 1, 1    | Lewis Byant, -, 1, -          |
| John Casey, -, 1, -          | John Cox, 270, 1, 3           |
| Ulle Lewis, 100, 1, -        | Probert Collier, 4000, 1, 12  |
| Ann Rhodes, 6250, 1, 12      | John Harris, 250, 1, -        |
| Wm Jones, 316, 1, -          | Waitman Frazer, 667, 1, 2     |
| John Caraway, 2406, -, 4     | Richard Caraway, -, 1, 1      |
| Beng Jernigin, 913, 1, 4     | John Jones, 516, 1, 1         |
| Henry Caraway, -, 1, -       | Robert Forkner Jnr, 200, 1, - |
| Robert Forkner Sn, 715, -, - | John Edards, 265, -, 1        |
| John Edards Jnr, 100, 1, -   | Wm Lewis, 901, -, -           |
| Robert Southerlan, -, 1, -   | Asher Flowers, -, 1, 1        |
| Burrel Rouse, 346, 1, -      | John Umphry Jnr, 260, 1, -    |
| James Solace, -, 1, -        | Isom Edards, 200, 1 -         |
| Nead Ham Bass, 100, 1, -     | John Thomson, 230, 1, 1       |
| Solomon Bales, -, 1, -       | Cador Lewis, -, 1, -          |
| Bryant Caraway, 200, 1, 1    | Susannah Caraway, 846, -, 1   |
| Hardy Bryant, 360, 1, -      | Isaac Giddins, 100, 1, -      |
| Wm Lane, 275, 1, -           | Lawvit Reaves, 290, 1, -      |

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Micajah Musgrove, 400, 1, -   | Urban Lewis, 375, 1, -              |
| John Bryant, -, 1, -          | James Edards, 112, 1, -             |
| Enoch Price, 90, 1, -         | John Taylor Jnr, -, 1, -            |
| Jacob Ridinoure, -, 1, -      | Joseph Herring, 260, 1, -           |
| John Reaves, 125, 1, -        | Wm McKinne, 700, 1, 5,              |
| Nd Bass, [blank]              | Store & Tavern                      |
| Derham Grady, 490, 1, 2       | Uriah Bass, 256, 1, -               |
| Richard McKinne, 721, 1, 1    | [Richard McKinnie - Store & Tavern] |
| Adam Reaves, 480, 1, 4        | James Reasons, 382, -, -            |
| Jesse Slocumb, 700, 1, 4      | John Humphrey Sr, 162, -, -         |
| Samuel Flowers, 278, 1,1      | Ezekiel Slocumb, 1087, -, 5         |
| James Lane, 230, -, -         | Wm Bennit, 219, 1, -                |
| John McKinne, 1096, 1, 9      | John Flowers, 900, -, 7             |
| Thomas Bass, 760, -, 4        | Wm Robbins, -, 1, -                 |
| David Edards, 350, 1, 2       | Stephen Edwards, -, -, 1            |
| Wm Flowers, 364, -, 2         | Simon Herring, 380, -, 2            |
| Abner Flowers, -, 1, -        | Adam Neivil, -, 1, -                |
| Jesse Norris, 25, -, -        | James Herring, 365, 1, -            |
| Wm Whitfield, [paper cut off] |                                     |

A List of the Taxable property in Capt McKinne District take in the Year of Our Lord 1810 by Lawrence Moody

Persons Name, # Acres Land, # White Pole, # Black Pole

|                                      |                                 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Thomas Cox, 350, 1, -                | Page Jernigan, 400, 1, 2        |
| Mary Grantham, 200, -, -             | Levi Cox, 160, 1, -             |
| John Hurste, -, 1, -                 | Lawrence Wood, 1600, 1, 14      |
| David Pettes, 223, 1, -              | Jesse Blanchard, 180, -, 5      |
| Miles Blanchard, 108, 1, -           | Joshua Musgroves, 173 1/2, 1, - |
| Robert Fellows, 200, 1, 7            | John Tilton, -, 1, -            |
| Howell Harper, -, 1, -               | Wm Bizzell, 876, 1, 5           |
| Jesse Bizzell, 100, 1, 5             | Wm Fellows, 100, 1, 6           |
| Lou Grantham, 547, 1, -              | Thos Bizzell Junr, -, 1, -      |
| Jesse Overmand, 190, 1, -            | John Overmond, 570, 1, -        |
| Reubin Shepperd, -, 1, -             | John Reaves, 774, 1, 6          |
| James Bradberry, 1065, 1, 3          | John Smith (Taylor), 60, -, -   |
| Joab Brown, 80, 1, -                 | Choakley Overmond, -, 1, -      |
| John Holmes, 80, 1, -                | Wm Tilton, -, 1, -              |
| Jesse Langston, 130, 1, 1            | James Dinkins, 100, -, -        |
| Sampson Edwards, 528, 1, 7           | Briton Hood, 550, 1, 2          |
| Thos Brogdon, 397, 1, -              | Bryant Whitfield, 1140, -, -    |
| Lancaster Cox, -, 1, -               | James Barby, -, 1, -            |
| John Bass, 150, 1, 2                 | Sarah Bass, 570, -, 2           |
| Andrew Massey, -, 1, -               | Needham Grantham, 200, 1, -     |
| Andrew Mosgroves, 140, 1, 2          | John Ginnette, -, 1, -          |
| Aberam Mosgroves, 130, 1, -          | John Fellows, -, 1, 2           |
| Wm Holmes, 420, 4, - [4 crossed out] | Michall McKinney, 300, 1, 4     |

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Hardy Holmes, 238, -, -               | Frederick Holmes, 195, -, -     |
| Jonathan Taylor Jun, 230, 1, -        | Jonathan Taylor Senr, 100, -, - |
| Wm Taylor, 100, 1, -                  | John Hines, -, 1, -             |
| Wm Ginnette, -, 1, -                  | Peter Hines, 590, -, -          |
| Smithson Cox, 601, 1, -               | Winefred Cox, 208, -, -         |
| Kinsey Cox, 110, 1, -                 | Susanna Cox, 110, -, -          |
| Solomon Grantham, 349, 1, 1           | Joseph Ginnette, 175, -, -      |
| Mathew Ginnette, -, 1, -              | Robert Mosgroves, 300, 1, -     |
| Thos Crafford, -, 1, -                | B Robin Hood, 200, 1, -         |
| Edmond Cox, -, 1, -                   | Frederick Grantham, 150, 1, -   |
| Thomas Grantham, 276, 1, -            | Robert McKinne, 680, 1, 3       |
| Sarah McKinne, 570, -, 2              | Wm Johnston, 300, -, -          |
| John Strickland, 110, 1, -            | Mary Hollonsworth, 126, -, -    |
| Aron Strickland, 100, 1, -            | Sarah Cox, 370, -, 2            |
| James Grantham, 300, -, -             | Joseph Strickland, 309, 1, -    |
| Extrs of Briton Strickland, 150, -, - | John Brogden, 184, -, -         |
| Demsey Johnston, 200, 1, -            | Keder Jernigan, 887, 1, 1       |
| Jesse Maids, -, 1, -                  | Amos Wigs, 100, 1, -            |
| Thos Musgroves, 150, 1, -             | John Musgroves, -, 1, -         |
| Lovit Pipkin, 150, 1, -               | Willis Pipkin, 2750, -, 9       |
| Wm Pipkin, -, 1, -                    | Wm Sterling, 60, 1, -           |
| Samull Cannon, -, 1, -                | John Bizzell Junr, 250, 1, -    |
| Boyd Wilkins, 64, 1, -                | Moses Musgroves, -, 1, -        |
| John Lawhorn, -, 1, -                 | Jacob Grantham, 50, 1, -        |
| James Bennett, -, 1, -                | Sion Grantham, -, 1, -          |
| Isaac Bizzell, -, 1, -                | Asher Bizzell, 235, 1, -        |
| Francis Joiner, 150, 1, -             | Aaron Dean, 100, 1, -           |
| Thos Dunn Junr, -, 1, -               | Elijah Brown, -, 1, -           |
| Josiah Brown, -, 1, -                 | Wm Dunn, -, 1, -                |

A List of the Taxable propertys in Cpt Isaac Dickinsons District for the year 1810 taken Agreeable to an order of Court Ishewd May Term 1810 by Jas Dickinson

Persons Name, # Acres Land, # White Pole, # Black Pole

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Benjamen Simms, 500, 2, 6         | Joel Evins, 175, -, 1         |
| Benjamin Simms for                | Benjamin Simms & A. Bardin    |
| Barnes Simms Dst, 300, -, -       | for orphins of Abar'          |
| Daniel Dickinson, 200, 2, 2       | Simms, 282, -, -              |
| Jonathan Dickinson, 125, 1, 1     | Zythel Dickinson, 237, 1, 4   |
| David Dickinson, 213, 1, -        | Benjamin Dickinson, 771, 1, 6 |
| Alexander Tolesbey, 592 3/4, -, 3 | Jesea Boswell, -, 1, -        |
| James H. Uzzell, -, 1, -          | Jacob Evins, -, 1, -          |
| Arthur Bardin, 583, 1, 4          | Britain Simms, 938, -, 5      |
| John B. Cobb, 204, 1, 2           | Rubin Hays, 370, -, -         |
| David Barnes, 350, 1, 2           | Sampson Jones, 170, 1, -      |
| Jesea Parker, 340, 1, 1           | Samuel Barnes Jnr, 680, 1, -  |
| John Barnes, 609, 1, 1            | John Cammell, 103, 1, -       |

Alin King, 596, 1, -  
 John Lucus Snr, -, 1, -  
 Isaa Lamb, 275, -, -  
 Joseph Newsome, 280, 1, 1  
 John Morris, 175, 1, -  
 Jacob Barnes Jnr, 115, 1, 1  
 Silas Lamb, 85, 1, -  
 Thomas Lamb, 75, 1, -  
 David Watson, -, 1, -  
 Jethrow Barnes, 191, 1, 1  
 Matthew Turner, 1480, 2, 10  
 Jacob Barnes Snr, 379, 1, 2  
 Turner Dickinson, -, 1, 1

Cloak Broddstreet, 51, -, -  
 Micael Revel, 350, 1, -  
 Jacob Renfrow Jnr, 100, 1, 1  
 Jacob Rentfrow Senr, 150, -, 1  
 Jacob Lamb, 165, 1, -  
 Joshua Lamb, 375, 1, -  
 Vincein Lamb, -, 1, -  
 Noah Privit, 150, -, -  
 Daniel Lucus, 150, 1, -  
 Cader Rountree, 600, 1, -  
 Silas Revil, 85, 2, 2  
 Thos Ares for John Parker, 119, -, -  
 James Umphleet, 100, 1, -



**Contributed by Grace Williamson Turner**

Superior Court: Wayne County

Eliza Smith, widow &c                      Plaintiff  
 vs

Mark Smith, Rufus Smith, Ezekiel Smith, Henry Smith, Burwell Edmundson and Nancy Edmundson his wife, James P. Heath and Annie Heath, his wife, William Smith, James Smith, Benjamin Smith, Elijah Lassiter and Betty Lassiter, his wife, Bate Johnson and Martha Johnson, his wife, Turner Smith, Robert Peel and Sally Peel, his wife, Simpson Smith and Marco Smith, his wife, James Newsom, Leroy Johnson, Jack Johnson, Becky Daniel, Thomas Smith and Amy Smith, his wife, M.J. Newsom and Joab Newsom  
 Defendants

Petition for Dower

The petition of Eliza Smith, widow of John Smith, deceased, respectfully shows to the court:

I That John Smith, her late husband, died intestate, in said County, in the year 18 [blank], leaving us issue, and having the following heirs-at-law to-wit Mark Smith, brother, Rufus Smith, brother, Ezekiel Smith, brother, Henry Smith, brother, Nancy wife of Burwell Edmundson, sister, Annie wife of James P. Heath, sister; William Smith, James Smith, Benjamin Smith, Betty wife of Elijah Lassiter, Martha wife of Bate Johnson, and Turner Smith, who are the children of Major Smith; Sally wife of Robert Peel, and Joab Newsom, who are the children of Polly Newsom, sister, who died in the lifetime of said John Smith, and Marco wife of Simpson Smith, James Newsom, Leroy Johnson and Jack Johnson, who are the children of Littea Johnson a daughter of said Polly Newsom and who died in the lifetime of her mother

II That the said John Smith left us other heirs-at-law

III That the said John Smith during his coverture with the petitioner was seized in fee simple and possessed of the following tract of land, situate in said County, and bounded as follows: on the



north by the lands of Eliza Smith: on the East by the lands of the heirs of Cornelia Ham, deceased, M.J. Newsom and Lucinda Peel: on the South by the lands of Drury Daniel: on the West by the lands of Eliza Smith, M.J. Newsom and Becky Daniel, containing Fifty Acres, more or less

IV That your petitioner desires to have her dower in said land allotted to her: and to that end she prays the Court to issue a writ to the Sheriff commanding him to summon three (unless one of the parties demand a greater number, and then not more than twelve) freeholders, connected with the parties written consanguinity or affinity, entirely disinterested and qualified to act as jurors, to view the said law and to allot to her one-third part thereof, including the dwelling-house, buildings and improvements appertaining thereto, for the term of her natural life, and to report their proceedings in due form of law

May it please the Court to issue subpoenas to each of said defendants, requiring them to appear before the Court, within twenty days from the service of this process, and show cause, if any they can, why the prayer of your petitioner shall not be granted.

And your petitioner will ever pray &c

April 7th 1886

J.T. Dortch  
Atty. for Petr.

Source: John Smith - 1886 folder  
Wayne Co., NC  
Estate Records

On reverse: S.P.D. - Eliza Smith Widow & C  
vs

Petition for Dower. Filed April 7, 1886  
J.T. Dortch, Atty for Petr

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Contributed by Grace Williamson Turner

STATE VS JOSEPH MARTIN & OTHERS

State of North Carolina Superior Court of Law
Wayne County First Monday after the Fourth Monday of September 1819

Be it Remembered that heretofore to wit on the First Monday after the Fourth Monday of March 1819 in the Superior Court held for the County of Wayne at the Court House in Waynesborough, An Indictment was found by the Grand Jury of Said County duly Sworn and charged (in the Following words to wit

State of North Carolina Superior Court of Law
Wayne County the first Monday after the fourth Monday of March 1819.

The Jureors for the State upon their oaths present, that Joseph Martin, Thomas Durden, Joel Newsom Senr, Joel Newsom Junr, Isaac Newsom, Burrel Martin, Richard Sanders, Joseph Sanders and Zadock Peacock, all late of the County of Wayne together with divers other persons

to the Jurors aforesaid as yet unknown, being rioters, Routors and disturbers of the Peace of the State, on the Ninth day of April in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight Hundred and Seventeen with force and arms, that is to say with Sticks, Stones, and other offensive weapons at the County of Wayne aforesaid unlawfully riotously and Routously did assemble and gether to gether to disturb the peace of the State, and being So assembled and gethered to gether the dwelling house of one Lucy Showell, she the said Lucy being in the peaceable possession thereof, then and there unlawfully riotously and Routously, did pull down remove, break and distroy, and other wrongs to the Said Lucy Showell, then and there did to he great damage and against the peace and dignity of the State

And the Jureors aforesaid upon their oaths aforesaid do further present that the said Joseph Martin, Thomas Durdin, Joel Newsom Senr, Joel Newsom Junr, Isaac Newsom, Burrel Martin, Richard Sanders, Joseph Sanders & Zadock Peacock on the Said ninth day of April in the year aforesaid in the County of Wayne aforesaid in and upon one Lucy Showell in the peace of God and the State, then and there being with force and arms did make an assault and the Said Lucy Showell then and there did beat wound and ill treat and other wrongs to the said Lucy Showell then and there did to her great damage and against the Peace and dignity of the State

Indorsesed J R Downell Solicitor

a True Bill E. Slocumb Foreman

And the Said, Joseph Martin, Thomas Durdin, Joel Newsom Senr. Joel Newsom Junr, Isaac Newsom, Burrel Martin, Richard Sanders, Joseph Sanders & Zadock Peacock having been brought into Court by a Writ of Copias executed by the Sheriff of Wayne County, at the present Term of the Superior Court of said County the First Monday after the fourth Monday of September 1819, and then and there by their attorneys John Stanly and Moses Mordeca Esquires entered a plea of not guilty, whereupon the following Jury of good and lawfull Men duly Sworn, To wit, Daniel Kornegay, Jesse Bass, Thomas Horn, James Carraway, Willis Garner, James Acock, James Cox, Robert Gurley, Stephen Coor, Richard Brent, Gabriel Sherrod and Hopton Coor, was empaneled to Try the issues, and aligations Set forth in the Indictment, and the Said Jury of Good and Lawful Men aforesaid returned their verdict to Said Court, and Say that the defendents are guilty of the Riot as charged in the Indictment, but not guilty of the Assault and Battery as charged in the said Indictment.

Whereupon the defendents moved for a new Tryal upon the ground of Misdirection of the Judge in the following Points 1st That upon the first Count, The Judge charged that evidence of taking down the Roof of the house in which Lucy Showell resided against his Consent Supported the Said Court, notwithstanding the husband of said Lucy Showell was living: That the alligation in the indictment that it was the dwelling of the Said Lucy Showell was not traversable, The Said Showell the Husband having gone from the State, leaving his said wife Lucy behind residing in the house which he had ocupied at his departure and having Since the Commission of the acts charged in the Said Court returned to the State, but has not Since resided with his Said wife- 2nd That altho no evidence of a Right of Possession in Lucy Showell or her Husband, or any evidence of Personal reclamer or turning her out of possession was given, and evidence of the title to the Land was given in one of the defendents, they were guilty of a Riot in taking off the roof of the House.

Which Motion for a new Tryal being over ruled The Court passed the Following Sentence, That the defendant Joseph Martin be fined Forty Dollars and the other defendents Twenty Dollars each.

Whereupon the defendants prayed an appeal to the Supreme Court of North Carolina, which was granted by one of Said defendants entering into Bond with Sufficient Security in the Sum of one Hundred Pounds

State of North Carolina
Wayne County

I Nicholson Washington Clerk of Wayne Superior Court, do hereby Certify the foregoing to be a True and Correct Transcript and Statement of the Case

The State against Joseph Martin and others as taking from the Records and proceedings in Said Case in my office, Given under my hand and Seal of Office the 26th day of October 1819.
Nn Washington Clk

On reverse: State vs Joseph Martin & Others. Appeal from Wayne Superior Ct. New Trial. Filed 20th November 1819. Wm Robards C. S. C. Reported. Recorded. It is equally immaterial whether the ownership of the house be properly described in the indictment.

Source: Supreme Court Case # 156½, November 1819. State vs Joseph Martin & Others. More in folder not copied by me.

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**Contributed by Grace Williamson Turner**

PETITION OF JAMES RHODES AND WIFE

To the Honourable the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina

The petition of James Rhodes and wife Heirs of the late Andrew Bass esqr. late of Wayne County decd. Humbly sheweth that some time in the year 1781 Andrew Bass offered to furnish the public with forty good Steers, that some times in the same year General Caswell wrote to Joseph Boon, at that time acting as public comissioner to purchase the Steers from said Bass at a generous price, and that the said Boon in consequence of the Generals letter did apply and purchase from said Bass thirty Six of said Steers at eight pounds each, as your petitioners are ready to make appear your petitioners further represent that the said Andrew Bass died previous to the sitting of the board of Commissioner at Hillsborough, leaving the wife of your petitioner a minor, who is the only child and Heir of the said Bass by reason of which no application was made to that board for relief your petitioners therefore humbly prays that you will Grant them such relief as to you in your wisdom shall seem Just & Equitable and your petitioners are in duty bound will pray &c.

James Rhodes & wife

On reverse: Petition of James Rhodes & wife. In H. commons December 14th. 1796, read & referred to Com'ttee props. & Greivs. No. 1. By Order. J. Hunt C. H. C. In Senate 14th. Decmr. 1796 read & referred as by the House of Commons. J. Haywood C. (rejected)

The Honorable the General Assembly  
of the State of North Carolina

The petition of Lott Mercer of the County of Wake humbly sheweth

That he furnished the armies in 1782 with a horse which he never has received satisfaction for. And therefore prays your honorable body to give him such satisfaction as you in your wisdom may deem proper, and he as in duty bound will ever pray.

Lott Mercer

On reverse: The petition of Lott Mercer. In Senate 15 Decr. 1796 read & referred to the com. of prop. & greivs. No. 1. J. Haywood. In House of Commons 16 Decr. 1796 read & refd. as by the Senate. By order J. Hunt. Hines.

The committee propo. and Greivs. No. 1 to whom was referred the petitions of James Rhodes and wife and Lott Mercer, stating that a number of steers was sold for the use of the army, by Andrew Bass, who died, before the sitting of the board of auditors, and his Heir being a minor, never had any allowance for the same, the latter petitioner, praying compensation for a horse, which was furnished the army. Your Committee on both of said petitions report

That there has not satisfactory proof been adduced, to shew the contract for said steers was complete and binding on the state, and in support of the latter petition no proof whatever was adduced and therefore they recommend that said petitions be rejected.

Which is submitted

Richd. Benbury Chairman

In Senate 23rd. December 1796.

The foregoing report was read and Concurred with. Benj. Smith Clk. By order, J. Haywood. On reverse: Report of the Com'ttee propo. & Greivs. No. 1 on the petitions of James Rhodes and wife and Lott Mercer. In the House of Commons 20 December 1796. Read & Concurred with. C. H. Matthews S. H. C. By order, J. Hunt C. H. C.

Source: General Assembly Session Records. November-December 1796. Box 2

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Justices of the Peace, Wayne County
G.O.148.1
Governor's Office

Robert McKinnie (lined through)
Probate Collier
Joseph Armstrong
Gabriel Sherrard
Joseph Hiring (lined through)
Elijah Smith
Wm Handley
Blake Hooks

Stephen Braswill
Thomas Ham
Nathaniel Thornton (marked through)
Henry Boyt
Edmund Whitfield (lined through)
Jonah Smith Hollowell (lined through)
Wm Bardin (lined through)
Samuel Flowers

Jesse Bardin
 John Cook
 John Exum (lined through)
 Kenon Grantham (lined through)
 Calvin R. Blackman
 Young Wood
 James Griswell
 Bryan Pate
 Giles Smith

Britton Daniel
 Aron Moses
 Calvin R. Blackman (lined through)
 Jesse Martin (lined through)
 Robert McKinnie
 Britton Hood
 Wm Raiford
 Isaac Hill

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Will of General James Rhodes, 1810  
 C.103.80002  
 Wills, Inventories, Sales of Estates  
 1807-1816, Vols 1-3 [microfilm]

In the name of God amen. Be it known to all whom it may concern that I James Rhodes of the County of Wayne and State of North Carolina, being of perfect mind and memory but recollecting it is appointed for all men to die of which time no one is certain do make constitute and ordain this to be my last will and testament utterly herby revoking all and every other will or wills by me hertofore made and first I give and recomend my soul into the hands of almighty God who gave it, and my body to the dust from which it came to be buried in a decent Christian like manner at the discretion of my executors herinafter named, and as to the worldly good with which it hat pleased almighty God to bless me, I give and dispose of in the following manner and form to wit

First it is my will that in and to prevent hiring out old negroes and to procure them a home of which they may be comfortable that the following negroes be sold to wit, Cuffee, Jin his wife, old Beck, old Peg, old Rose, old Amy, and such others not exceeded four more as my Executors or a Majority of them may think proper if they should deem it necessary and proper to sell any more and the more readily to accomodate the negroes for sale my Executor [provided they all agree] may sell them at private sale - otherwise at public sale in common form

Secondly it is my will that my debts be first paid, and out of the balance that Cullen Blackman receive for the use of his children by his present wife three hundred dollars, which I wish laid out on their education equally share and share alike

It is further my will that my Executors lay out one hundred dollars on the education of John Bledsoe's son by his present wife named Jack if he lives and if not and his present wife has any more children to be laid out on them, it is further my will that my brothers daughter Dicy Rhodes receive from my estate two hundred dollars or a negro girl, one hundred dollars of which if paid in money to be laid out on her education

Thirdly, it is my will that least any misconstruction should arise with respect to my wives dower agreeable to a deed of trust made by her and me of this day and date to Edward Harriss and Cullen Blackman that she have the use during her natural life of my plantation whereon I now live at Waynesboro, and the lands therunto belonging and it is further my will that all the balance of my personal estate not herto fore given away or otherwise directed to be disposed of be equally divided among my wife and legitimate children share and share alike, and that all the perishable part which falls to my children be sold for their benefit upon a credit of twelve months bearing interest from the day of sale till paid provided negroes are not considered perishables plate nor any other thing that cannot take damage by keeping

Fourthly it is my will that the whole of my real estate including that part the use of which is given to my wife during her life also the whole of that conveyed this day by a deed of trust by James Rhodes and Anna his wife to Edward Harriss and Cullen Blackman with the exception of one mater from which town in Newbern and the lot wheron Mr. Washington now keeps store which I intend for and do now give to my son James Rhodes and his heirs for ever. All the residue of my real estate as before excepted with this exception above mentioned

It is my will should be allotted of in as equale proportions in point of real value as can conviniently be, is as many shares as I have legitimate children and that a fair draw be made for them, and when it is not convenient to make the lots equal in value which it is believed cannot happen in more than one or two instances, the larger shares shall make good the smaller with personal property, and all such share part or parts as each of my children may draw as aforesaid I do herby give and bequeath unto them and their heirs for ever Provided it is my will that where I have given of or may give of any thing, to any of my children that a proper and fair deduction shall be made for it for the use of the other children, and provided further that should any of my children be dead having issue that their lawfull issue shall be intituled to such part or parts as the parent would have been intituled to if living in equal and equitable proportions

And whereas since writing the above I have concluded to give my son James Rhodes the plantation wheron I now live near Waynesboro my land at the Cross roads and adjoining therto, my lots in Waynesboro, which I may own at my death and my lands whereon John Sasser now lives together with the lot in Newbern, it is my will that he receives the same in full consideration of his proportion of my real estate, and that in the allotment of my real estate as aforesaid he be left out of the question as also all that part of my real estate given him in forgoing bequest or gift and I do herby give him the said lands intending and meaning the lands by which is mentioned in my last conclusion to give him to him and his heirs for ever

And lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint as Executors to this my last will and testament my trusty friend Cullen Blackman Edward Harriss Uriah Bass and my wife Anna Rhodes, in full testamony wherof to all intents meanings and purposes I have herunto set my hand and affixed my seal this first day of March 1808 Interlineation in my own hand writing examinded before signed

J.R. Rhodes {Seal}

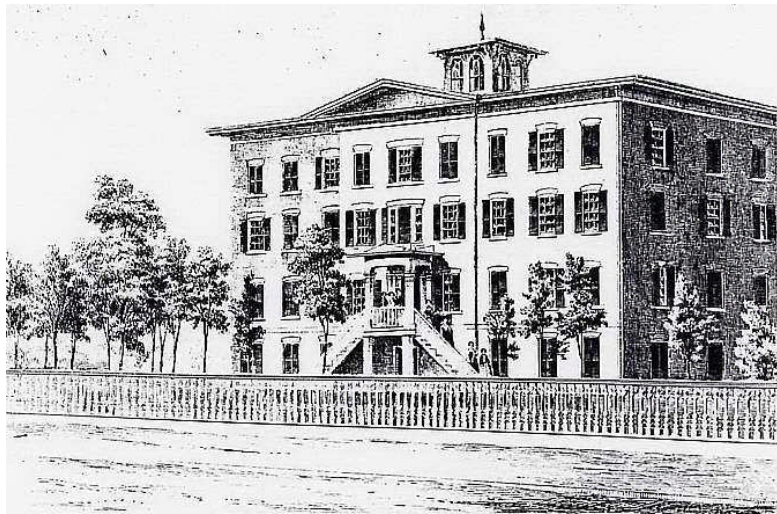
Codiceal to the above will. It is further my will that the above bequeaths and sallaries in the will notwithstanding that my dwelling house and kitchen on my plantation at Waynesboro be removed to the Cross Roads near Thos Boyds at the expense of my estate previous to the division of the same - It is further my will that if my wife Anna Rhodes should marry again and

my Executors should have the reason to believe my children ill treated by their step father or other persons that my Executors instantly take charge of the children and board them out of school and not permit them to live in the same house with their step father during his lifetime

It is further my will that should Anna Rhodes be loss of her husband or other means become distressed or rather suffer in the opinion of my Executors that from and after that time untill such the cause of her suffering be removed as my Executors shall judge, Cullen Blackman shall receive annually from my estate the sum of fifty dollars in trust and for the sole use and interest of her the said Anna Bledsoe It is further my will that my wife Anna Rhodes shall enjoy all right and prevelidges of my dwelling houses not with standing they are removed during her life 3'd February 1809

Signed sealed published pronounced and declared }  
to be my last will and testament in presence of us }

Jno Bledsoe } J.R. Rhodes {Seal}  
Joseph Edwards } Feby Term 1810



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