

COLUMBUS COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA
ABSTRACTS OF COURT MINUTES
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JOHN STUBBS vs THOMAS SESSIONS - Ord. nunc pro tunc - as of last term of this Court. That execution in this cause be suspended against the Plntf in this cause until further cause be shown at the next term of this Court why it should not be void.

State ov N. C. to the use of ABSALOM POWELL vs ROBERT W. WOODSIDES & Others - Oyer of bond craved oyer had. Judgement by consent of parties for \$10,000 to be discharged upon the payment of \$20 & Cost.

State vs WILLIAM C. JACOBS - Ord. that Sheriff bring the prisoner to be bar. The prisoner at the bar, judgement of the Court prayed. And the prisoner is asked by the Court if he has any thing to say further than he hath said why sentence of death should not be pronounced against him, whereupon the prisoner prays the benefit of his Clergy which is allowed him. Therefore it is considered by the Court that the prisoner be forthwith branded with the letter M on the brawn of the left thumb & be imprisoned for six months from this date & thereafter until he pays the cost of this prosecution or be discharged according to law. Prisoner is remanded to jail.

JOHN G. McDUGALD vs ALFRED SMITH - On motion it is ord. that the Plntf have leave to take the depositions of RICHARD J. BAKER, C. LEAVING & Others of the State of Maryland upon giving the adverse party 30 days notice of the time & place.

FALL TERM 1850

North Carolina, Columbus County. Third Monday after the 4th Monday of September, on Oct 14, 1850. Be it remembered that a Superior Court of Law is this day opened & held for the County of Columbus at the Court House in Whiteville, the Hon. WILLIAM H. BATTLE, Judge, presiding. Whereupon LEWIS WILLIAMSON, Esqr, High Sheriff of Columbus County returns following good & lawful men by him summoned to serve as jurors for this term: C. P. WOODSELL, EDWARD WHITE, HUGH BUFKIN, DANIEL BATTEN, ELIJAH CREECH, JAMES YOUNG, JOHN H. GORE, BENJAMIN DUNCAN, GLASGOW PRIDGEN, CARVER MAULTSBY, JOHN L. FAULK, JOEL LITTLE, JAMES R. SUGGS, JONATHAN O. GORE, WILLIAM HUGHS, MICAHAH LONG, ZACHARIAH WRIGHT, AARON M. GORE, DEMOS. FORMEY, SAMUEL COX, OWEN HOBBS, CORNELIUS McCOLSKEY, JAMES BEACH, JOHN HARRISON, SIMON JONES, JAMES M. JONES, EPHRAIM CARTRETT, J. H. SUMMERSETT, STAFFORD SUMMERSET, THOMAS WARD, STEPHEN PEARCE, THOMAS THOMPSON. Grand Jurors chosen: CHARLES P. WOODSELL, Esqr. (Foreman), DANIEL BATTEN, JAMES R. SUGGS, HUGH BUFKIN, BENJAMIN DUNCAN, ELIJAH CREECH, S. M. PIERCE, EPHRAIM CARTRETT, OWEN HOBBS, MICAHAH LONG, STAFFORD SUMMERSET, JOEL LITTLE, THOMAS THOMPSON, WILLIAM HUGHS, JOHN L. FAULK, EDWARD WHITE, ZACHARIAH WRIGHT, CARVER MAULTSBY. ISAAC WRIGHT was sworn as an officer to attend upon the Grand Jury during the term. Petit Jury drawn: JONATHAN O. GORE, DEMOS. FORMEY, JAMES YOUNG, CORNELIUS McCOLSKEY, AARON M. GORE, SIMON JONES, JAMES M. JONES, THOMAS WARD, JAMES BEACH, GLASGOW PRIDGEN, JOHN H. GORE, ALEX. WATTS & SAMUEL COX. HENRY BEST was recognized as a witness in sum of \$50 in case State vs ELIJAH ARNOLD.

State vs JOSEPH FAULK - Not taken. Issue.

State vs WILLIAM HAMMONDS & AMELIA DUE - Nole pros.

State vs HINEARD COX - Nol pros.

State vs ALFRED SMITH - Nol pros.

State vs RICHARD J. SHIPMAN - (A & B) - Deft pleads not guilty. Jury: JOHN H. GORE, THOMAS WARD, AARON M. GORE, DEMOS. FORMEY, JONATHAN O. GORE, GLASGOW PRIDGEN, SIMON JONES, JAMES BEACH, SAMUEL COX, ALEXANDER WATTS, CORNELIUS McCOLSKEY, JAMES M. JONES who find the Deft guilty & it is considered by the Court that he be fined six pence & Cost & ord. into custody of the Sheriff until paid.

the following good & lawful men by him summoned to serve as Jurors: HENRY MITCHEL, MARMADUKE POWELL, WILLIAM STRICKLAND, ELI WATTS, SAMUEL W. SMITH, G. A. BELCHER, TRAVIS STRICKLAND, STEPHEN WRIGHT, NATHAN WILLIAMSON, JAMES STEPHENS, WILLIAM W. BROWN, SIMON DYSON, SIMON WARD, ELISHA STRICKLAND, A. F. TOON, MOSES HARRELSON, SAMUEL BRIGHT, JOHN POWERS, JACOB L. POWELL, ISHAM WILLIAMSON, ALFRED MEARS, CHARLES JERNIGAN, HENRY BEST, JOEL REAVES, BENJAMIN HARRELSON, JAMES REGISTER, JOHN GORE, JOHN B. NORRIS, JAMES O. BAREFOOT & the following drawn as Grand Jurors: A. F. TOON (Foreman), ELISHA STRICKLAND, MOSES HARRELSON, HENRY MITCHEL, SIMON WARD, G. A. BELCHER, JOEL REAVES, JAMES REGISTER, STEPHEN WRIGHT, BENJAMIN HARRELSON, HENRY BEST, MARMADUKE POWELL, JAMES O. BAREFOOT, JAMES STEPHENS, JOHN B. NORRIS, TRAVIS STRICKLAND, JOHN POWERS & ISHAM WILLIAMSON. ISAAC WRIGHT was sworn as an officer to attend upon the Grand Jury. Petit jury: JOHN GORE, NATHAN WILLIAMSON, WILLIAM STRICKLAND, WILLIAM W. BROWN, JACOB L. POWELL, ELI WATTS, SAMUEL BRIGHT, ALFRED MEARS, SIMON DYSON, CHARLES JERNIGAN, SAMUEL W. SMITH. LUKE HIGH was sworn as a talesman for the day.

State vs ELI HUGHES - (A & B) - Not taken. Nolle prosequi.

State vs JOSEPH SELLERS - (Affray) - Not taken. Nol pros.

State vs ELI HUGHES - (A & B) - Not taken. Nol. pros.

State vs MARGARET McKEITHAN - (Trading with a Slave) - Not taken. Issue to Richmond.

State vs JOSEPH FAULK - Issue.

State vs WILLIAM HAMMOND & AMELIA DUE - (F & A) - Not taken. Issue.

State vs WARREN H. BALDWIN - (A & B) - Deft pleads not guilty. Jury sworn: WILLIAM STRICKLAND, SIMON DYSON, CHARLES JERNEGAN, ALFRED MEARS, SAMUEL W. SMITH, ELI WATTS, WM. W. BROWN, NATHAN WILLIAMSON, SAMUEL BRIGHT, JOHN GORE, JACOB L. POWELL & LUKE HIGH who find the Deft not guilty.

State vs ISHAM WIGGINS - (A & B) - The Deft being unwilling to Contend with the State comes into Court & submits, whereupon he is fined \$1 & ord. into custody of the Sheriff until fine & Costs paid.

State vs HENINARD COX - Issue.

State vs ANDERSON BUTLER & ALEX. CAMPBELL - Nol pros.

State vs WILLIAM JONES - (A & B) - Deft pleads not guilty. Jury: JABEZ McKAY, JOHN THOMPSON, WILLIAM K. GORE, JAMES C. PIERCE, HOLMES EDMOND, LABAN WILLIAMSON, MALCOM DOWNEY, A. B. HILL, SIMON WARD, JAMES C. PIERCE, WILLIS BULLARD, JOHN D. JONES & JOHN BAREFOOT who find the Deft guilty & is fined \$4 & is ord. into the custody of the Sheriff until fine & Costs paid.

State vs ALFRED SMITH - (A & B) - Cont'd for want of proceedings in Supreme Court.

State vs OWEN SPIVEY - (A & B) - Cont'd on affidavit of Deft for want of GILBERT FOWLER.

State vs RICHARD J. SHIPMAN - Not taken. Issue to Bladen.

State vs LENNON GORE - Nol pros.

State vs DAVID J. SMITH - Deft called & failed to answer. Judgement NiSi.

State vs SAMUEL W. SMITH - (A & B) - Deft charged & pleads former conviction & not guilty. Jury: WILLIAM STRICKLAND, ELI WATTS, SAMUEL BRIGHT, NATHAN WILLIAMSON, ALFRED MEARS, CHARLES JERNIGAN, SIMON DYSON, JACOB L. POWELL, LABAN WILLIAMSON, WILLIAM W. BROWN, JOHN GORE & MALCOM DOWNEY & find Deft not guilty.