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*At a Court continued and held for Washington County  
August 27th 1777*

Present William Campbell, John Campbell, John Coulter & George Blackburn Gent.

On motion of Roger Topp certificate is granted him for obtaining Administration on the Estate of Benjamin Coop deceased giving Security. Whereupon he together with Andrew Colvill & Joseph Black his Security entered into and acknowledged their Bond in the penalty of three Hundred pounds with condition as the Law directs for the faithful administration of the said decedants Estate.

Ordered that Isaac Riddle, William Ingram, Samuel Smith, Jonathan Drake & James Hughs or any three of them first sworn appraise the Estate of Benjamin Coop deceased and make return to Court.

On motion of Alexander Hamilton certificate is granted him for obtaining Administration on the Estate of William Purviance deceased giving Security. Whereupon he together with John Coulter & John Craig his Securities entered into and acknowledged their Bond in the Penalty of Eight Hundred pounds with condition as the Law directs for the faithful Administration of the said decedants Estate.

Present Daniel Smith Gent.

Ordered that Moses Loony, David Loony, Brice Russell and James Blyth or any three of them being first sworn appraise the Estate of William Purviance deceased and make return to Court.

Ordered that certificate be given to Jonathan Douglas representing the loosing of his eye and a wound in his hand by an accidental shot from his Gun as he was preparing to pursue a party of Indians under Capt. Benjamin Gray tho not regarly enlisted.

Ordered that Katherine Young a poor child be Bound to George Blackburn according to Law.

Ordered that a certificate be given to Thomas Berry representing his receiving a wound in his Breast Sept. 4th 1776 by a shot from the Indians when in the service of his country and continued ill to the first of June 1777.

On motion made for a Road to be cut from the Court House

to Shoats Ford on Holston River. It is ordered that Benjamin Gray, William Blackburn, John Carmack and John Davis or any three of them being first sworn as the Law directs to view the Lands whereon the said Road is proposed to go and make report to next Court of the convenience and inconvenience of the said Road.

Ordered that John Longs Mark which is an underkeel out of each ear be Recorded.

On motion made for a Road to be cut from the Court House to the Wataga Road near Philips Mill. It is ordered that Thomas Berry, Adam Keer & Josiah Gamble being first sworn as the Law directs do view the lands whereon the said Road is proposed to go and make report to next Court of the convenience and inconvenience of said Road.

Ordered that Nancy Newman serve her Master Roger Topp from the 24th of July 1777 two years for having two Bastard children during the time of her service.

Kindly against Anderson upon an attachment dismissed at Plt Costs Brown against Manidu Atta New Attachment. Nathaniel Brown vs Wm. Poage abates at the Death of Plt. Craig against Boush Judgment for Debt & Costs. Thornton against Perry cont. at Plt Costs. Sinclair against Brinde Dismissed at Plt. Costs. Dunlop against Whiteaft upon an Att Judgment & Order for Sale. Arthur Campbell against Charles King Att. Judgment & Order Sale & N. Att. John Fulton against Maiden Att Continued. Peter Lee against Cantwell Attachment against Garnishee. Young against Tate Att Dismissed at Plt. Cost. Dunlop against Bowyer Att. New Attachment. Kincannon against Thompson & Nicholas cont. at Plt. Cost. Leathem against Mitchel Att. Judgment & Order Sale. Montgomery against Gorman Judgt. for what is in the hands of Gar. Smith vs Clair Judgment for Twenty Shillings & Att vs Garnishee. Commonwealth against Drummon new Summons. Same against James Bryant Att vs his Body for contempt.

A Deed of Lease & Release from Robert Craig to Andrew Willoughby acknowledged in Court and ordered to be Recorded Jennet his wife being first privately examined.

A Bill of Sale from David Campbell & Patrick Campbell to James Campbell exhibited in Court and ordered to be Recorded.

James Smith or any three of them being first sworn appraise the Estate of James Fowler deceased and make return to Court.

An inventory and appraisalment of the Estate of David Edwards decd. exhibited in Court and ordered to be recorded.

The last Will and Testament of Samuel Vance deceased exhibited in Court & proved by the oaths of John Blackburn & John Cusick witnesses thereto & continued for other witnesses.

On motion of Obadiah Terrill administration is granted him on the Estate of Thomas Kindrick deceased who made oath thereto and entered into and acknowledged his Bond with George Adams & William Spratt his Securities in the penalty of three Hundred pounds for the faithful administration of the said decedants Estate.

Ordered that George Adams, William Spratt, William Gill, Jesse Cain and Alexander Barnett or any three of them being first sworn appraise the Estate of Thomas Kindrick and make return to Court.

An inventory and appraisalment of the Estate of Castleton Brooks deceased exhibited in Court and ordered to be recorded.

James Dysart Gent. produced a Commission bearing date the third day of May 1777 appointing him Captain of the Militia of the County of Washington and took the Oath of Office.

John Kinkead Gent. produced a Commission bearing date the thirteenth Day of May 1777 appointing him Captain of the Militia of the County of Washington and took the Oath of Office.

John Coulter Gent. produced a Commission bearing date the eighth Day of May 1777 appointing him lieutenant of the Militia of the County of Washington and took the Oath of Office.

An inventory & appraisalment of the Estate of John Keer deceased exhibited in Court and ordered to be recorded.

Wm. Campbell

*At a Court continued and held for Washington County August 19, 1778.*

Present William Campbell, John Campbell, John Kinkead and Isaac Shelby Gent.

Andrew Colvill Gent. produced a Commission from his

Excellency the Governor bearing date the seventeenth day of May 1777 appointing him Captain of the Militia of the County of Washington and took the Oath of Office.

George Adams Gent. produced a Commission from his Excellency the Governor bearing date the twelfth day of May 1777 appointing him Captain of the Militia of the County of Washington and took the Oath of Office.

Roger Topp Gent. produced a Commission from his Excellency the Governor bearing date the fourth day of May 1777 appointing him lieutenant of the Militia of the County of Washington & took the Oath of Office.

On motion of Christopher Ackland administration is granted him on the Estate of John Jacobs deceased who made oath thereto and entered into and acknowledged his Bond with Andrew Colvill and Joseph Vance his Security in the penalty of one Hundred pounds for the faithful administration of the said decedants Estate.

Ordered that John Vance, Samuel Evans, Joseph Black & Samuel Newell Gent. or any three of them being first sworn appraise the Estate of John Jacobs deceased and make return to Court.

Ordered that John Davis, William Blackburn, Benjamin Gray, Roger Topp, John Carmack, Evin Shelby & Thomas Sharp view the neighest and best way for a road from Shoats ford on Holstein to the Court House of said proposed road.

Ordered that Arthur Galbreath be overseer of the road in the room of William Elliott.

The last Will and Testament of George Blackburn deceased proved by the Oath of Sarah Newell a witness thereto & ordered to be recorded.

On motion of John Walker administration is granted him on the Estate of Samuel Walker deceased who made oath thereto and entered into and acknowledged his Bond with William Edmondson and Archelaus Woods in the penalty of six Hundred pounds for the faithful administration of the said decedants Estate.

Ordered that Patrick Porter, James Wharton, Joseph Moor, William Trimble & John Kinkead or any three of them being first sworn appraise the Estate of Samuel Walker deceased and make return to next Court.

gency by the order of a magistrate if within five or six miles or unless sooner removed to the County Goal then this recognition to be void otherwise to remain in full force & Virtue.

Ordered that Francis Hopkins be removed to the place of his confinement tomorrow by his Securities.

Ordered that Abraham Goodpasture have the wooden work of the County Goal completed according to agreement and that he have until the first of July 1779 to complete the stone work.

On motion of John Ried administration is granted him on the Estate of John Lieth alias Terry who made oath thereto and entered into and acknowledged Bond in the Sum of one Thousand pounds lawful money with George Adams and William Edmondson his Securities for the faithful administration of the said decedants Estate.

Ordered that the Court adjourn until Court in Course.

Wm. Campbell

*At a Court held at the Court House of Washington County  
November 17th 1778.*

Present William Campbell, John Coulter, Gilbert Christian, John Dunkin & Thomas Caldwell Gent.

A Grand Jury Viz. Samuel Edmondson foreman, Andrew Kincannon, John Kinkead, Samuel Porter, Thomas Sharp, Arthur Bowen, Alexander McNutt, James Kincannon, James Bryan, John Carmack, George Maxwell, John Ried, John Vance, Daniel Reamy, William Edmondson, William McMullen being sworn & received their charge went from the Bar to consult of their presentment.

Ordered that Robert Williams be constable in the room of James Peterson.

Ordered that Mark Chambers be constable in the bounds of Capt. Thomas Caldwell's Company.

On Motion of Elizabeth Dickinson and Thomas Brown administration is granted them on the Estate of Humphrey Dickinson deceased who made oath thereto and entered into and acknowledged their Bonds in the Sum of Two Thousand pounds lawful money with Archelaus Dickinson, William Cowan and John Anderson their Securities for the faithful administration of the said decedants Estate.

Ordered that John Dunkin, John Kinkead Sen., Samuel