

ORANGE COUNTY, NC, COURT MINUTES

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MARCH 1760 COURT SESSION

Joseph Maddock of the executors of John Stanfield deceased. Exhibited a receipt from Hannah Stanfield widow. Which was ordered to be recorded. Page 97.

1763 COURT SESSION

Francis Nash Esq. having procured a commission from the honourable Ben Herson Esq. appointing him clerk of the County of Orange into open court, after having taken the several oaths. Perscribed by Law for the Qualifications of publick Office.

Subscribes the test—

Ordered that Robert Cate Sr be recommended to the West assembly to be exempt from paying Publick Taxes.

On motion of Robert Cate tis ordered that his mark be recommended to wit—a crop in the right ear and a slit in the left ear.

Grand Jury impaneled and sworn to wit: Solomon Debois, Jacob Womack, George Sallings, William Williams, John Cate, George Hobbs Jr, Simon York, William Williams, William Roder, Moses Teaque, Thomas Douglass, Robert Donaldson, Robert Patterson and John Armstrong and having received the charge.

AUG 1763 COURT

Ordered that Mourning Milton dau of Robert Milton dec be committed to the care and tuition of Mr. Robert Cate Junr. On his giving bond with Thomas Cate. Security in the sum of fifty pounds proclamation money for the due performance of his said office.

Grand Jury impaneled: Gilbert Strayhorn and James Craig two of members. P-53.

Edmond Bailey one of several men appointed to work on road going by John west Senr.

1-Nov-1763 Court

Ordered that **Robert Baker** be appointed overseer of the road in the room of John Craig P-104.

7-Feb-1764 Court

Jurors appointed Robert Cate, Thomas Cate Junr. And others P-149.

1-Nov-1764 Court

Croker and Company vs. Thomas Cate Senr. P-259.

12-Feb-1765 Court

Thomas Cate and others post bond. P-293.

Thomas Bailiff and others appointed to grand jury. P-300

Ordered that William Gibson be appointed overseerer of the road whereof **Robert Baker** was formerly.

May-1765 Court

Ordered that James Ball be appointed overseerer of the road in the room of Thomas Cate Senr. P-359.

Aug-1764 Court

Thomas Cate one of several posting bond for Arthur Doth for sheriff P-222

Ordered that the following Jury to wit. Thomas Cate son of Robert, **John Buckner** and others to lay outt the road from Woodies road to Tennings Mill from thence to Crow's Ford P-324

Thomas hart against John Cate Junr. P-237.

Anthony Steel agst David Heinbred. Debt. P-238.

SOURCE: LDS Film Number 306043, Minutes 1752-1766, Orange County, NC.

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ORANGE COUNTY MINUTES 1777-1782

1777-In pursuant of the commission of the Peace from Richard Caswell Esquire Govenor appointing: John Steel plus many other names listed (jury).

1777-Ordered the James Watson Esq. be appointed Registor for the county and William Courtney Strasy Master.

1777-Ordered that David Craig, John Craig, Joseph Thompson and others be appointed jurors to the court at Hillsborough .

Orange County, NC. Inferior Court of Pleas and Court Sessions held in the said county in the courthouse at Hillsborough on the fourth Tuesday of Aug (26th) 1777.
Present for court was John Steel and others.

Aug 26, 1777. Ordered that James Espty find security for his good behavior in future, that he shall not evade the assembly of this State by and assuring to recruit any men within this state for any other state: **Robert Baker** and William Armstrong his securities is bound each in 50 pounds and principle in 160 pounds. Ordered.

Aug 26, 1777. Ordered that John Cate be appointed overseer of the road from the waters of New Hope to William Gibson.

Aug 27, 1777. An inventory of the estate of James Watson summonsd was returned in oath by James Watson of North Rookneter two of the executors and ordered to be recorded.

Ordered that James Watson be appointed guardian to his son James Watson legator of Jas. Watson deceased on his entering into Bond with John Hogan, Wm Courtney and nath Rachistor his securities in the sum of three hundred pounds for the forthfull discharge of his guardianship.

Ordered that the good and chattels listed in the inventory of the estate of James Watson ordered by the executors be sold agreeable to law.

Sept 11, 1777. The sheriff returned the following people as Grand Jurors: To wit: Benjamin Rhodes, John Hart, John Allen, **Robert Baker**, Robert Peasley, James McAdams, Thomas Connelly, John Bryant, James Craig, Richard Fossett, Joseph Haskins, William Parter, William Whitehead, John Craig, David Craig, Andrew Mitchell, Daniel Watson and William Blackwood who have been impaneled and sworn.

Ordered that Charles Abernromley Esq. be appointed overseer of the road from near **John Baker's** shop to Francis Kenness and that the following hands work with him. To wit: John Edwards, William Mikane, Robert Abereromley, John Morehead, Robert hall, Henry Hall, Shadrack Forrest, Isaac Forrest, Edward Grissom Sr.

Ordered that John Nesner be appointed overseer of the road in the room of **John Baker**.

Feb 23, 1778. Ordered that James Watson be appointed guardian to his daughter Elinor Watson, Rebecca Watson and Elizabeth Watson he entering into bond with security in the sum of thirty pounds.

May 25, 1778. The sheriff returned the following jurors summonsd to wit: George Hearndon, William Ray, Arron Patten, Thomas Trui, Robert Campbell, Edward Harris, James Viazey, George Sarus, Charles Hostor, John Douglass, John Teasney, David Craig, John Craig, Samuel Craig, James Craig, Wm Ansbry, Charles Johnston, **Robert Baker**, Thomas Horton, William Whitehead, Wm Galbreath, James Blackwood, John Taylor.

Ordered that **Robert Baker** be appointed overseer of the road from the Lynal Midains to Hillsbourough in the room of Chas. Johnston.

May 26, 1778. Ordered that **Robert Baker**, Thos. Holden, Andrew Patten be fined 3 pounds each for non attendance as jurors at this court.

The executors of a deed from William Watson, Ellenor Watson, Daniel Watson and Mary Watson to Robert Campbell was duly proved in open court by the oath of Job Tarmis and ordered to be registered.

Aug 24, 1778. Ordered that William Courtney and Bryan Crasbie Esq. be appointed to and to the auts of Thomas Cate and made report of their proceedings to this court.

Chas. Aberesombie and **William Thedford** having petitioned to this court praying leave to wit and build a public grist mill on their land on the River Enoe near Shoemakers Ford: Ordered that William Rhodes, Edward Gresham Junr, **John Baker** and John Scoggins be appointed on jury to run the premises and impart to the court as hither it will overflow the mill of any other person or water or nuisance to the neighborhood.

Feb 25, 1784. Summond to attend the April 1, 1784, superior court in Hillsborough: John Craig and others. **Joseph Baker** was on docket.

May 24, 1784. Court summoned jurors and **Joseph Baker** is on the list.

John Baker is appointed overseer of the road.

May 27, 1784. **John Baker** is appointed overseer in debt case of Thomas Hart Vs. Thomas Quittolk.

Aug 23, 1784 Quarter Session. **Joseph Baker** fined 5 pounds, John Steel excused, David Craig fined 5 pounds and Thomas Cates appears and is excused.

Aug 24, 1784. Jury impaneled: included Thomas Cate.

Oct 1, 1784. John Steel Senr and William Steel summoned to serve.

Feb 4, 1785. Benjamin Cate is appointed overseer of the road in the room of Thomas Latta. Grand Jury is sworn with both Thomas Cate Senr and Thomas Cate Junr on it.

March 2, 1785. Ordered that Betsey Cook orphan child aged 4 yrs be bound unto John Steel Senr until she arrives at full age.

Sheriff summons jury to next court—includes William Cate and others.

March 3, 1785. Orange County Court minutes, 1785-1788, Pages 234-350. Jury impaneled included Wm Steel, John Steel and others.

On motion ordered that Wm Buckner the reputed father of Carol Loyd begotten on the body of Catherine Loyd pay unto her the said Catherine 5 pounds annual to commence from the time of the said child being one year old. At the same time he entered into bond eith Henry Lutz in the sum of one hundred pounds to perform the above order. Also to keep the county from maintaining the child.

June 9, 1785 Court.

Thos Baker is appointed overseer of the road from Hillsborough to the head of New Hope in the room of Wm Hobbs.

The execution of a deed from James Watson to **Thomas Bailiff** was duly proved in open court by the oath of Thomas Mulholland one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be registered.

The execution of a deed from James Watson to **Abner Bailiff** was duly proved in open court by the oath of Thomas Mulholland one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be registered.

The execution of a deed from Samuel Steedwick to John Steele was duly proved.

The execution of a bill of sale from John Steele Senr and to John Steele Junr was duly proved in open court by oath of Thomas Mulholland one of the subscribing witnesses and duly recorded.

Thos. Baker is appointed overseer of the road from Hillsborough to the head of New Hope in the room of Wm Hobbs.

Nov 28, 1785

Robert Baker listed as serving on a jury.

Charles Morgan is appointed overseer of the road in the room of **John Baker**.

Robert Baker vs. Millner Esq. Jury found the verdict for the plaintiff and assigned his damages to 14.4 pounds.

MARCH 1, 1785

James Watson, weaver, ordered by sheriff to report for jury duty.

Ordered that James Watson. Aged 14 years, be bound to John Taylor Esq. until he arrives of full age.

March 1786.

Jury sworn: **Robert Baker** one of the jurors.

May 25, 1786.

Jury sworn: Jno Craig, **Thos. Baker**, Henry Hastings, Joseph Hastings, **Joseph Baker**, Jno Kelly, Wm Galbreath, Samuel Craig, James Thompson, Thos. Perkins, John Nichols.

John Wilson Vs. Isaac Davis: **Thomas Baker** and **Joseph Baker** are on the jury.

Adam Cooper Vs Samuel Valentine Adm. **John Baker and Joseph Baker** are on the jury.

Samuel Thompson vs. John Wilson. **Thomas Baker** is on the jury.

Thomas Bailey and Wm Galbreath: **Thomas Baker** is on the jury.

Thomas Urgheart vs James Morris: **Thomas Baker and Joseph Baker** are on the jury.

State of N.C. vs Abner Tapp: **Thomas Baker and Joseph Baker** are on the jury.

James Gattes Vs Mark Patterson: **Thomas Baker** is on the jury.

Nov, 1786.

Samuel Austin is appointed overseer of the road in the room of **Thos. Baker**, from the ford on Enos to Wm Hastest.

Thomas Cate appointed overseer of the road from widow Moores to New Hope.

Sheriff summons following for jurors: included **Thomas Baker**.

Aug 27, 1787.

Thomas Baker called to jury duty.

Thomas Cates has leave to build a mill on his land and shall the same when mill becomes a public mill.

Nov 24, 1789

John Baker and Thomas Baker called for jury duty.

Andrew Patterson Vs John Elliate Esq: **Thomas Baker** on jury duty.

Feb 22, 1790

Thomas Baker called to jury duty.

Nov 1790

Robert Baker summoned for jury duty. **Robert Baker** on grand jury.