

BAILIFF, BAILY, BAYLESS LAND DEEDS IN ORANGE COUNTY, NC

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1. 1754 an act was passed in Orange County, NC, establishing the site of the courthouse on the lands of **JAMES WATSON** near where the Indian Trading Path crossed the Enos River. The town laid out here was later named Hillsborough. **JAMES WATSON** purchased a lot in town of Hillsborough in 1757. In 1766 **Robert Watson** bought a lot.
2. Feb-1765. Grand jury sworn: Benjamin Long (foreman), Henry Fuller, John Lawson, Daniel McDaniel, **THOMAS BAILIFF**, Barnaby Cabe, John Latty, John Miles, **David Steel**, George Tate, Edward Willison, Peter Noe, Robert Carson, Enoch Bradley.
SOURCE: Item 300 Abstract of Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarterly Sessions of Orange County, NC.
3. 1765-1768. A petition from the "Regulators" of Orange County, NC, was sent to the Governor of NC. They were protesting the tax on land purchases in Orange County. **Thomas Baily's** name was on the list.
4. 11 Feb 1768. The will of **William Serjant Sr** states his daughter **Elizabeth** got **100 acres** which he purchased from **Thomas Bailey**.
SOURCE: Orange County, NC, Wills.
5. 1 May 1771. **JAMES BALLIF** is listed with **Lawrence Thompson's Company** in North Carolina's militia in which the state militia defeated the regulators who rebelled over taxes. Most of the regulators left Orange County and went west.
SOURCE: The State Records of North Carolina by Walter Clark, Vol XXII.
6. 1779. The 1779 Orange County, NC, tax list shows **Claudius Bailey, James Bailey** and **John Bailey**.
SOURCE: Orange County, NC, Tax List 1779.
7. 15-January-1780. Deed of gift from **SARAH MORGAN** to son **Hardy Morgan**, both of Orange County, N.C., four negroes, money...stock...household furnishings.
Dated 15-January-1780, proved August 1784.
Witnesses: **CLAUD BAILEY, THOMAS BAILEY**.
SOURCE: Orange County, NC, Will Book A, Page 310.
8. 21 Aug 1785. **James Watson** of Orange County, NC, sells **150 acres** on **Watson Creek** to **ABNER BAILIFF** signed by **REBECCA BAILIFF**, his mother. This indicates **Abner** was under age at that time. Witnessed by **Thomas Mulhollum**, Priest, and **Philip Austin** of Orange County, NC.
SOURCE: Orange County, NC, Deed Bk 2, Page 168.

9. 21 Aug 1785. **James Watson** of Orange County, NC, sells **150 acres** on **Watson Creek** to **THOMAS BAILIFF**, signed by **REBECCA BAILIFF**, his mother. This indicates **Thomas** was under age at that time. Witnessed by **Thomas Mulhollum**, Priest and **Philip Austin** of Orange County, NC.

SOURCE: Orange County, NC, Deed Bk 2, Pages 164-165.

10. 7 June 1788. **John Conner** "will" proven May 1792 list wife **Elizabeth, James Watson** and his wife **Margaret** and children of **James Watson Jr.** witnesses: **Wm Railey** and **James Railey**.

SOURCE: Orange County, NC, Wills.

11. 25-May-1790. **Abner Tapp** enters **150 Acres** in Orange County on **waters of seven mile creek**; border: **Wm. Tapp, Joshua Wittie, John Middis, Phillip Austin, BECKY BAILIFF, THOMAS BAILIFF** and **Alfred Moore**; warrant issued Feb. 5, 1792.

SOURCE: Pruitt, Dr. A.B., Abstracts of Land Entries, Orange County, NC 1778-1795, p. 145.

12. 24 June 1790. **THOMAS BAILIFF** and **Elizabeth Baker**. **Will Bailey** is the bondsman.

SOURCE: Orange County, NC, Marriage Records.

13. 26-May-1791. **James Ross** of Orange to **John Hastings** of same, one hundred and fifty pounds, **82 acres**, on both sides of **Little Back Creek**, joins **WILLIAM** and **JOHN BAYLIE**, begin at a black oak **BAYLIE'S CORNER**, N80W 2 chains to a persimmon on a branch, down branch to a hickory, S27E 5 ¼ chains to a black oak, S65E 18 ½ chains to a post oak on his old line, N10E 34 chains to **BAYLIE'S CORNER**, his line to first station; signed: **James Ross, Margaret Ross**. Witness: **John Smith, Henry Hasting, Thomas Mulholland**. Proved November 1791 term by **Mulholland**.

SOURCE: Orange County North Carolina Deed Book 4, Page 484.

14. 1-November-1791. **ANN BAYLIE** and **William Holditch** of Lawrence County, South Carolina, to **James Wood** of Orange, one hundred dollars, **225 acres**, on both sides of **Allibeas (Ellerbees) Creek** begin at a pine, S70E 200 paces crossing creek to a hickory, S20W 180 paces to beginning; signed: **ANN (X) BAYLIE, William Holditch**; Witnesses: **William Downs Junior, WILLIAM BAYLIE Junior, JOHN BAYLIE Junior**; memorandum that **WILLIAM BAYLIE** and **JAMES BAYLIE**; same witnesses; proved November 1791 term by **Downs**.

SOURCE: Orange County, NC, Deed Book 4, Page 510.

15. 23-November-1791. **THOMAS BAYLESS** of Orange and **ELIZABETH his wife** to **Joseph Thompson** of same, seventy pounds, **160 acres**, on waters of **Watson Creek**, joins **JAMES WATSON**, begin at a black jack, S 23 chains to a black oak, E 47 chains to a black oak, N 43 chains to a white oak, W 27 chains to a post oak, S 20 chains to a

post oak, W 20 chains to first station; signed: **THOS BAYLESS, ELIZABETH (X) BAYLESS**; WITNESS: **Will. Railey, James Thompson**; proved November 1791 term by **James Thompson**.

SOURCE: Orange County, NC, Deed Book 4, Page 486.

16. 23 Feb 1796. **Joseph Hastings** of Orange County sells to **Abner Tapp 100 acres** on **Little Cain Creek** of **Haw River** adjoining **Jonathan Thomas** and **Phillip Austin**. Witness: **ABNER BAILIFF**.

SOURCE: Orange County, NC, Deeds, Page 396.

17. 24 June 1798. **William Bailey** married **Anne Forsyth**. **James Bailey Sr** was bondsman.

SOURCE: Orange County, NC, Marriage Records.

18. 1800. **THOMAS BAILIFF** has land next to **Thomas Baker**.

SOURCE: Land Grants, Orange County, NC.

19. 17 July 1800. **John Bailey** married **Mary Thompson**. **Alexander Finley** was bondsman.

SOURCE: Orange County, NC, Marriage Records.

20. 1801. **THOMAS BAILIFF** listed on Orange County tax list, Caswell Dist, with **86 acres** and 1 free poll.

SOURCE: Orange County, NC, Tax List, Caswell Dist.

21. 15-June-1801. Indenture made this 15th day of June 1801, between **JAMES BAILEY** of Orange County and **William Strayhorn** of the same county, for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred pounds to him in hand paid, for a tract of land, being part of the tract granted to **William Kennaday**, grant No. 319, dated sometime in the year 1780 and containing **one hundred acres**.

Test.

John McCauley, Sam May,

JAMES (X) BAILEY

David Strayhorn

SOURCES: Orange County, NC, Deed Book 9, page 252.

22. 20 Apr 1802. **Joseph Thompson** sells land to **ABNER BAILIFF** in Orange County, NC.

SOURCE: Deed Bk 11, Page 288.

23. 6 Sept 1802. **MARTHA BAILIFF** (former **Cloud**).

SOURCE: Minutes of Spring Monthly Meeting, North Carolina.

24. 7 Apr 1803. **JOHN BAILIFF** married **Teltiha Cate**. **Thomas Cate** was bondsman.

SOURCE: Orange County, NC, Marriage Record.

25. 7 Apr 1803. **Thomas Cate** and **Nancy Bailiff**. **JOHN BAILIFF** was bondsman.

SOURCE: Orange County, NC, Marriage Records.

26. 7-Apr-1803. **Ephraim Cates** and **Rebecca Lindsey**. **JOHN BAILIFF** was bondsman.

SOURCE: Orange County, NC, Marriage Records.

27. 21 Aug 1804. **Henry Bailey** and **Polly Price**. **James Bailey** is bondsman.

SOURCE: Orange County, NC, Marriage Records.

28. 13 Apr 1810. **Robert Cate** sells **100 acres** of land in Chatham County, NC, on the Lick Branch of **Turillo Creek** to **THOMAS BAILIFF**. Both parties lived in Chatham County, NC. Sale was witnessed by **Richard Cate** and **JOHN BAILIFF**.

SOURCE:

29. 1815 **Thomas Bailiff** taxed on **106 acres** on **Lick Branch** adjacent to **Wm Martin** and others.

SOURCE: Chatham County, NC, Tax List, Page 84.

30. 1815. **Thomas Bailiff** is list adjacent to **38 acres** owned by **Thomas Snipes**.

SOURCE: Chatham County, NC, Tax List, Page 72.

31. 1815. **Thomas Baily** mentioned with **Richard Cates** for **Robert Cates** heirs 200 acres adjacent **Thomas Baily** in Chatham County, NC.

SOURCE: Chatham County, NC, Tax List, Page 73.

32. 1815. **JOHN BAILIFF** has **110 acres** on **Haw River** adjacent to **Thomas Cate** in Chatham County, NC.

SOURCE: Chatham County, NC, Tax List, Page 84.

33. 1815. **JOHN BAILIFF** is mentioned as adjacent to 110 acres of **Thomas Cates** in Chatham County, NC.

SOURCE: Chatham County, NC, Tax List, Page ?

34. 31 Jul 1815. **THOMAS BAILIFF** of Chatham County, NC, sells **86 acres** of land in Orange County, NC, lying on the waters of **Emo Creek** and **NEW HOPE CREEK** joining the land of **John Cheeks** to **William Real** of Orange County, NC. There is no wife signing the deed. Witnesses are **Daniel Cloud** and **Lucy Lloyd**.

SOURCE: Chatham County, NC, Deeds.

35. 1817. **THOMAS BAILIFF** has five notes due to **John Baker estate**. (1) Payable May 16, 1814, \$66.00 (2) Payable Feb 29, 1817, \$20.56 (3) Payable Feb 1, 1816, \$12.38 (4) Payable June 5, 1809 \$6.00 (5) Payable Jan 1, 1812 \$1.20

SOURCE:

36. 23 Jan 1817. **James Bailey** and **Tabitha Durham**. **Simon Holiday** and **Nathaniel Durham** are bondsmen.

SOURCE: Orange County, NC, Marriages.

37. 27 Jan 1817. **JOHN BAILIFF** sells land to **ABNER BAILIFF** in Orange County, NC.

SOURCE: Deed Bk 16, Page 146, Orange County, NC.

38. 3 May 1817. **THOMAS BAYLIFF** was one of the freeholders selected to set aside the 1/3 part of the land that the widow (**Susannah Baker**) was to receive from her husband, **JOHN BAKER**, estate.

SOURCE: Chatham County, NC, Wills

39. 22 Nov 1817. **Davis Miles** sells land to **William Bailey**.

SOURCE: Deed of Trust Bk 18, Page 193, Orange County, NC.

40. 23 Feb 1818. **William Martin** sells **10 acres** of land on South Side of **Haw River** and adjoin to the waters of **Lick Branch** in Chatham County, NC, to **THOMAS BAYLIFF** who was living in Chatham County, NC. Sale was witnessed by James Martin.

SOURCE: Chatham County, NC, Deed Book 5, Page 155.

41. 22 Dec 1819. State of North Carolina sells land of **ABNER BAILIFF**.

SOURCE: Grant Bk 18, Page 22, Orange County, NC.

42. 2-Oct 1819. **Thomas Cate** of Orange County, NC, sells **100 acres** of land located on the waters of **Hudson Creek** in Chatham County, NC, to **REBECCA BAILIFF** also living in Orange County, NC. Witnessed by **John Newlin**.

SOURCE:

43. 1820. **THOMAS BAILIFF** in Chatham County, NC, Census.

MALES

1 0-10 YR

1 45+

FEMALE

2 0-10 YR

1 10-16 YR

1 18-26 YR

SOURCE: 1820 Census of Chatham County, NC.

44. 6 Mar 1821. **Abel Thompson** sells land to **ABNER BAILIFF**.

SOURCE: Orange County Deed Bk 19, Page 72.

45. 23 May 1821. **Catlet Campbell** sells land to **ABNER BAILIFF**.

SOURCE: Orange County Deed of Trust, Bk 19, Page 39.

46. 1821. **Thomas Cate** deed to **REBECAH BAILIFF**. **100 acres**.
SOURCE: Chatham County, NC, Deed Bk W, Page 264.

47. 21 Aug 1822. **REBECCA BAILIFF** of Orange County, NC, sells **100 acres** land lying in Chatham County on waters of **Henderson's Creek** to **Thomas Cates** of Orange County, NC. Witnessed by **Isaac Harvey** and **Nathaniel Newlin Jr.**
SOURCE:

48. 3 Oct 1822. **THOMAS BAILIFF** and **POLLY** of Chatham County, NC, sells **18 acres** on the waters of Rocky River to **John Burke** of Chatham County, NC. This was **POLLY BAILIFF'S** share of the estate of her father **Milliner Burke**. Her mother was **Mary Burke**. **John Burke** brought the above deed into court and it was proven by the oath of **Thomas Steel**.
SOURCE: Chatham County, NC, Deed Vol 4, Pages 140-141.

49. 15 Mar 1823. **THOMAS BAYLIFF** sells **116 acres** of land on the **Lick Branch of Touille Creek** in Chatham County, NC, to **Henry Martin** of Chatham County, NC. Deed witnessed by **Thomas Steel** and **Peter Pickard**.
SOURCE: Chatham County, NC, Deed Vol Z, Page 240.

50. 4 Mar 1831. **Daniel Bailey** and **Mary Norwood**. **DANIEL BAILIFF** and **Thomas Thompson** were bondsmen.
SOURCE: Orange County, NC, Marriage Records.

51. 13 July 1832 (1837). **Nancy Cloud** "weak of body". Daughter **MARTHA BAILIFF**, wife of **ABNER BAILIFF**. My children **Samuel Cloud**, **MARTHA BAILIFF**, **Joel Cloud**, **Daniel Cloud**, **David Cloud**, **John Cloud**, **Mary Beavers** and **Sarah Nichols** and my grandchildren **Nancy Cloud** dau of **Samuel**, **Nancy Cloud** dau of **Joel**, **Daniel Cloud** son of **Joel**, **DANIEL BAILIFF** son of **ABNER BAILIFF** and **Daniel Cloud** son of **David Cloud**.
SOURCE: Orange County, NC, will of Nancy Cloud.