

At the house of JOHN LOGAN, JUNIOR, on the Twenty-fifth day of August and in the Year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and in the ninth year of this Commonwealth of Kentucky it being a place appointed by an act of this State for holding the first Court of Quarterly Sessions at Knox County.

JOHN LOGAN, JUNR. & JOEL COLLINS, Gentlemen, Esquires Present.

A Commission of the Peace directed to RICHARD BALLINGER, JOHN LOGAN, JUNR. & JOEL COLLINS, Gentlemen, Esquires, from his Excellency, JAMES GARRARD, Esquire, appointing them Justices of the Court of Quarter Sessions in and for the said County was produced, whereupon JOHN BALLINGER a jusitce of the peace then acting in and for the said County, administered the oaths of office and of fidelity to JOHN LOGAN JUNR. & JOEL COLLINS, Gentlemen, Esquires, agreeable to the Constitution and Laws of this State.

The Sheriff opened the first Court of Quarter Sessions for Knox County in the name of the Commonwealth.

The Court then proceeded to elect a Clerk and RICHARD BALLINGER was appointed Clerk Pro Tempore.

Wereupon the said RICHARD BALLINGER took the oath of office and Fidelity as is directed by the Constitution and Laws of this state.

And the said RICHARD BALLINGER together with JOSEPH JOHNSON & JOHN CUMMINS, his securities, acknowledged their bonds to the Governor of the Commonwealth of one thousand pounds conditioned as the law directs.

THOMAS MONTGOMERY, JOHN CAMPBELL and MARTAIN D. HARDIN, gentlemen produced their licenses to practice as attorney at law in any courts of this Commonwealth, whereupon they took the oaths of office as directed by law.

Ordered that THOMAS MONTGOMERY be appointed attorney for the Commonwealth of this county.

THOMAS MONTOGOMERY, Esquire, took the oaths of office as attorney for the Commonwealth in this county as directed by law.

On the motion of JOHN HUDSON by THOMAS MONTOGOMERY, his attorney, it is ordered that the Sheriff of this county do require Bail of PLEASANT TUCKER in the sum of seven pounds four shillings in an action this day commended by the said JOHN vs the said PLEASANT.

A Grand Jury impaneled and sworn for the body of this county, to wit, JOHN CUMMINS, foreman of the Grand Jury, JOHN BALLINGER, THOMAS GOODIN, JOSEPH JOHNSON, JAMES CULTON, JAMES MAHAN, JOHN REDDICK, GEORGE BUNCH, NATHAN DIXON, JOHN DEAN, WILLIAM COX, NATHANEIL CURTIS, ALEXANDER STEWART, JAMES HAIL, & THOMAS SELLERS having received there charge were taken from the Bar to consider of their presentments, etc.

A recognizance was produced into court by JAMES MAHAN, a Justice of the Peace for said county wherein JOHN BROWN & MICHAEL SHIRLEY had bound themselves in the penalty of two hundred dollars conditioned for the appearance of JOHN SHIRLEY here this day, to abide by and perform the rules and orders of this court, and the said JOHN SHIRLEY, JOHN BROWN and MICHAEL SHIRLEY although solemnly cawled came not. Wherefore on the motion of the attorney for the Commonwealth it is ordered that the clerk do issue of shirefacias bs. the said JOHN BROWN and MICHAEL SHIRLEY to appear here at our next court to show just cause why their recognizance should not be forfeited.

The Grand Jury returned into Court and made the following presentments (to wit). The indictment the Commonwealth against GEORGE ROSE for perjury, a true bill. Information by JAMES MAHAN, JAMES CULTON, JOHN BALLINGER & THOMAS GOODIN, all of the Grand Jury, and citizens of Knox County.

An indictment vs. CHRISTOPHER HOBBS, EZEKIEL HOBBS, WILLIAM BLANTON, HANNAH HOBBS, daughter of BINCENT HOBBS, JENNY HOBBS, wife of CHRISTOPHER HOBBS & NANCY HACKETT, for a breach of peace, a true bill, information by JOHN HUDSON a citizen of Knox County and not of the Grand Jury. and having nothinf further to present were discharged.

At the court of quarter sessions holden for Knox County at the house of JOHN LOCAN, JUNR. , Esquire, November 24th, 1800.

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JOHN LOGAN, JUNR. & JOEL COLLING, Gentlemen, Esquires, present

The Commonwealth bs. GEORGE ROSE on an indictment for perjury. A Nolle posseque against the indictment.

ARCHABALD MILLS produced a license to the court permitting him to practice as an attorney at Law in any court of this Commonwealth which was read, and thereupon the said ARCHABALD MILLS, Gent. took the oaths of office as by law is directed.

A Grand Jury(to wit), ALEXANDER STEWART, Foreman, JAMES JOHNSON, JAMES HODGES, JOSEPH JOHNSON, DAVID JOHNSON, EBENEZER INGRAM, STEPHEN BRIDLE, HUGH GASTON, LEONARD C. SHOEMAKER, SOLOMON COX, JOHN COX, JOHN ASHER, BRUCE BAKER, JAMES CULTON, WILLIAM MARTIN, JOHN THOMAS, ROBERT MCWHORTER & STEPHEN TAYLOR were sworn a Jury of Inquest for the body of this county, having received their charge they retired from the Bar to consider of their presentments.

CHRISTOPHER HOBBS and others were found guilty by the following jury: JOHN LAUGHLIN, JAMES MAHAN, THOMAS DEWEES, OBEDIAH PAINE, MOSES BROWN, RALPH PLATT, EASTNAM BALLINGER, JOHN BROWN, JOSEPH HEIGHLEY, JAMES MCWHORTER, JAMES JENKINS and JOHN ALSUP. They were fined thirty pounds and costs.

The house of JOHN LOGAN, JR., was on Big Richland Creek approximately one hundred yards abouve the present Callahan School house. It was on Shop Branch about the center of the present road up Big Richland Creek, "ferninst that willow stump" said an elderly lady of the neighborhood. It was on the Old State Road, and about as near the geographical center of early Knox County as roads and other connections would permit.

Knox County, as first established, included what may well be said southeastern Kentucky. In 1806 Clay County was formed from Madison, Knox and Floyd; in 1810 Rockcastle from Lincoln, Pulaski, Madison and Knox; in 1818 Whitley from Knox;