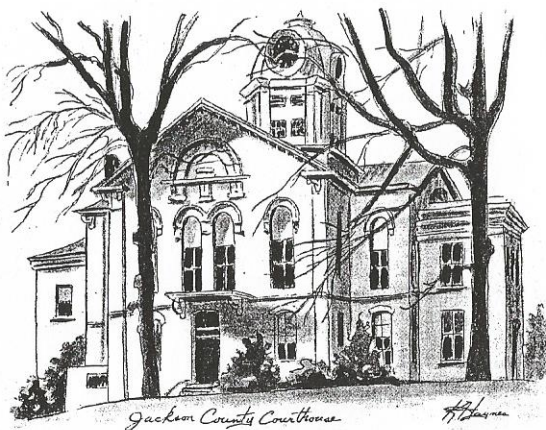


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she being now in her eleventh year the sd. McCONNELL giving her one year Schooling & to give her as her freedom dues two decent suits of Store Clothes and decent homespun apparel.

WALTON HARRIS & HUGH MONTGOMERY Admrs. of the Estate made return of Inventory sale & C which was ordered to be recorded.

Ex'd HOSEA CAMP, S. HENDERSON, DAVID WITT.

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<sup>10</sup>to pay him one hundred dollars (torn place on page) suit of clothes as his freedoms dues.

Ordered that JOHN EDWARDS Orphan son of CHARLES EDWARDS dec'd be bound to RICHARD HEATH untill he be twenty one years old the said HEATH to furnish said apprentice with good working apparel, & diet & Lodging during his apprenticeship & give him 12 months schooling & at the expiration of his servitude pay him one hundred dollars & a good suit of clothes as his freedom dues.

On application of MARTHA WRIGHT daughter of JOHN WRIGHT dec'd praying her Mother ALSEY WRIGHT her Guardian & the Court appointing the said ALSEY WRIGHT Guardian of CASSA ANDER WRIGHT & JAMES CARR WRIGHT two other orphans of the Said JOHN WRIGHT dec'd. It is therefore ordered that the said ALSEY WRIGHT be & she is hereby appointed Guardian of the said MARTHA WRIGHT, CASSY ANDER WRIGHT & JAMES CARR WRIGHT She giving bond and Security in the Sum of One thousand dollars.

WILLIAM WADSWORTH & SALLY WADSWORTH orphans of THOMAS WADSWORTH dec'd came into Court and prayed their brother JOHN WADSWORTH<sup>10</sup> be appointed their Guardian. It is therefore Ordered that he be appointed their guardian on giving bond & Security in the sum of one thousand dollars.

<sup>10</sup>A page appears to be missing, or out of place, in the minute book as this is a continuation.

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It is Ordered that JOHN WADSWORTH & THOMAS WADSWORTH be and they are hereby appointed Guardians of JAMES WADSWORTH and SEABORN WADSWORTH Orphan Children of THOS. WADSWORTH dec'd under the age of 14 years they giving bond and Security in the sum of one thousand dollars.

It being represented to this Court by the Affidavit of Several respectable persons of this County that THOMAS SHOCKLEY of said County through Age & infirmity, is about to squander away his property being actually insane. It is therefore Ordered that GIDEON SHOCKLEY be appointed his Guardian and that he take an Inventory of all his estate and take the charge of the person and property of said THOMAS SHOCKLEY and that he give bond and Security for his performance as Guardian.

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Ex'd DAVID WITT, JOS. DAVIS, CHARLES VENABLE.

At an Inferior Court held for Ordinary purposes in & for the County of Jackson in the town of Jefferson on **Monday the 3 day of January 1814**. Present their Honors DAVID WITT, CHARLES VENABLE, SAML. HENDERSON & JOSEPH DAVIS.

On the petition of ROBERT CUMMINS (a legatee of DAVID McCULLERS) in right of his wife RIDLY CUMMINS, formerly RIDLEY McCULLERS daughter of the said DAVID McCULLERS dec'd for a division of the estate of said dec'd agreeable to his last will and testament and it appearing that LEVI LOWRY the Guardian of the Orphans of said dec'd had been duly notified agreeable to law of said application. It is Ordered that DOCT. WILLIS POPE, GEORGE MINAFEE, EDMUND GRESHAM, WILLIAM PENTECOST & JOSEPH SHIELDS be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to divide the same and that they report their proceedings to the next Court of Ordinary for said County.

On application of EDWARD COWEN Orphan Son of ELIJAH COWEN late of this County dec'd praying the Court to appoint JOHN STOVALL his uncle his Guardian, & the Court having appointed BENJAMIN STOVALL Guardian for STEPHEN COWEN another of the Orphans of said deceased under the age of 14 years. It is ordered that letters of Guardianship be Granted them for their respective wards on their giving bond & Security.

**Jan'y 1806.** JOHN JAMES & ALEX'R McHARGUE applies for a citation to obtain letters Adm'n on the estate of NEHIMIAH SMITH dec'd.

**Jan'y 1806.** WM. ARMER & JOS. COWDIN applies for a citation to obtain administration on the estate of JAMES ARMER deceased.

**March 1806.** Issued Citation to B. WATTS & SARAH WADSWORTH to obtain letters of administration on the estate of THO. WADSWORTH dec'd.

**May 1806.** Issued citation to EDWARD PHARR to obtain letters of administration on the estate of SAMUEL PHARR dec'd.

**June 1806.** Issued citation to ELIZABETH KIRKLAND & BENJAMIN KIRKLAND to obtain letters of Adm'r on the estate of WM. KIRKLAND dec'd.

**July 1806.** Citation issued for GEN'L JNO. CLARK to obtain letters of administration on the estate of JOHN CLARK dec'd.

**July 1806.** Citation issued for SAM'L PATTON to obtain letters of Adm'r on the estate of JOSEPH CARSON dec'd.

**Feb'y 1807.** Citation issued to JEMIMI LOVEJOY, WM. LOVEJOY & RO MOBLEY to obtain letters of Adm'r on the estate of EDW. LOVEJOY

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**h 23rd 1807.** Citation issued to THO. SHIELDS JAMES SHIELDS & JAMY SHIELDS to obtain letters of Adm'n on the estate of PATRICK SHIELDS dec'd.

**27th Nov'r 1807.** Citation to ALEX'R THOMPSON & SALLEY ROBERTSON to obtain letters of Adm'r on the estate of DAVID ROBERTSON dec'd.

**9th Dec'r 1807.** EZEKIEL ROLSTON applies for letters of Administration on the estate of ISAAC WRIGHT dec'd.

JOSEPH J. SCOTT applies for letters of Administration on the estate of Doct. THOMAS CARSON dec'd.

**24th Dec'r 1807.** Citation to UNITY ROGERS to obtain letters of administration on the estate of BENJ'N ROGERS dec'd.

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EPHRAIM LINDSAY Guardian of JOHN McELROY made his return which after being docketed by the Court was allowed the same being returned on oath.

The petition of SAMUEL HENDERSON assignee of HOLEMAN FREEMAN sheweth that THOMAS McCAIN in his lifetime to wit, on the fifteen day of february in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & ninety five made & executed<sup>6</sup> ... in writing to the said HOLEMAN FREEMAN in the sum of two hundred & fifty pounds specie, the proper hand & seal of the said THOMAS as being thereby subscribed (a copy of which bond is hereto annexed) with a condition,

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<sup>5</sup>Entries on pages 98 through 101 have apparently been reassembled incorrectly after lamination processes as dates of entries skip from Dec. 24, 1807 to 1814. Page 102 returns to Nov. 23, 1807.

<sup>6</sup>Note: The edges of Pages 98 and 99 were deteriorated on the edges, hence the missing words in the abstraction.



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WILLIAM POTTS having been heretofore bound as security for ABRAM SCOTT & ANNA KNOX, as Guardians for POLLY KNOX and DAVID LUCKIE KNOX, orphans of JAMES KNOX dec'd, and the said ANNA KNOX having since Intermarried with ISAAC COWAN and the Court thinking it proper to take further Security from the said ISAAC COWAN, he comes into Court and tenders THOMAS EWING, who hereby enters himself Security for the said ISAAC COWAN and binds himself in the sum of One thousand dollars, for the performance of him the said ISAAC COWAN, as Guardian aforesaid agreeable to law. /s/ ISAAC COWAN, THOS. EWING.

Ex'd B. HARRIS, J.I.Ct., JAS. HENDRIX, J.I.Ct., GEO. COWAN, J.I.Ct.

At a Court of ordinary held in and for the County of Jackson, at the Courthouse, on the 3rd day of March 1806. Present B. HARRIS, JAS. HENDRIX & GEORGE COWAN, Esqrs.

GEORGE HUMPHRIES, JOHN BRADLEY, & JAMES McDONALD, having taken the necessary steps, to obtain letters of Administration on the Estate of JOSIAH McDONALD dec'd and no person appearing to gainsay it - It is ordered that letters of administration be granted them, they complying with the Law.

JOHN JAMES, having taken the necessary steps to obtain letters of administration on the Estate of NEHIMIAH SMITH dec'd and no objection being made - Ordered that Letters of Administration be granted him.

WILLIAM ARMOR & JOSEPH COWDEN, having taken the necessary steps to obtain letters of administration on the Estate of JAMES ARMOUR dec'd and no person having ought to say. Ordered that letters be granted them.

On motion of MRS. ANN HOLMES, the mother of ARTHUR PATTERSON, and JOSIAH PATTERSON, orphans of WILLIAM PATTERSON, stating that the said orphans have no person to attend to their Maintenance and Education &C, It is ordered that WILLIAM BARNETT be appointed Guardian to the said orphans, he complying with the requisites of the Law.

The last will and Testament of JOHNSON CLARK was produced in open Court, which was proved, approved, and Ordered to be recorded. B. HARRIS, J.I.Ct., JAS. HENDRIX J.I.Ct., GEO. COWAN, J.I.Ct.,

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At a meeting of a Court of Ordinary held in & for the County of Jackson, on the **first Monday being the 5th day of May 1806**. Present their honors B. HARRIS, JAS. PITTMAN, JAS. HENDRIX, & GEO. COWAN, Esqrs.

It appearing to the Court that SARAH WADSWORTH & BENJAMIN WATTS has taken the steps required by law to obtain letters of administration on the Estate of THOS. WADSWORTH dec'd, and no objection being made. It is ordered that ~~letters of administration~~ be granted them, they complying with the requisites of the Law.

Ordered that BOZEMAN ADAIR Esq. be appointed Guardian to SUSANNA ADAIR, orphan of JOHN ADAIR dec'd.

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The last will and testament of JOHN WRIGHT was produced in open Court which was proved, approved, & ordered to be recorded. Also a supplement to the same was produced and proved in Court, and ordered to be recorded. B. HARRIS J.I.Ct., JAS. PITTMAN, J.I.Ct., JAS. HENDRIX, J.I.Ct., GEO. COWAN, J.I.Ct.

At a meeting of a Court of Ordinary in & for the County of Jackson at the Courthouse, on **Monday the 9th day of July 1806**. Present their honors - B. HARRIS, J. HENDRIX & GEORGE COWAN Esquires.

Ordered that JAMES EATON, son of SALLY EATON be bound to PATRICK CASH for the term of Eighteen years from this day, he complying with the requisites of the Law and that the Clerk of this Court do make out and Sign his Indentures on our behalf, & take bond and security from said PATRICK CASH, and that the said CASH shall give said Child Eighteen Months Schooling.

Ordered that CARTER HAMET be bound to MASON EZZARD for the term of fifteen years from this day, he complying with the requisites of the law. An that the Clerk of this Court do make out and sign his Indentures in our behalf, and take bond and security from said MASON EZZARD.

DAVID McCURDY Esq. one of the Executors of JOHNSON CLARK dec'd made a return on said Estate, which was rec'd and ordered to be recorded.

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... to pay him one hundred dollars & a good suit of clothes as his freedoms dues.

Ordered that JOHN EDWARDS Orphan Son of CHARLES EDWARDS dec'd be bound to RICHARD HEATH until he be twenty one years of age (he being now 12 years old) the said HEATH to furnish said apprentice with good working apparel, & diet & Lodging during his apprenticeship & give him 12 months schooling, and at the expiration of his servitude pay him one hundred dollars & a good suit of clothes as his freedom dues.

On application of MARTHA WRIGHT, daughter of JOHN WRIGHT dec'd praying her Mother ALSEY WRIGHT, her Guardian - And the Court appointed the said ALSEY WRIGHT Guardian of CASSANDER WRIGHT & JAMES CARR WRIGHT, two other orphans of the said JOHN WRIGHT dec'd.

It is therefore ordered that the said ALSEY WRIGHT be & she is hereby appointed Guardian of the said MARTHA WRIGHT, CASSYANDER WRIGHT & JAMES CARR WRIGHT, she giving bond and security in the sum of One thousand dollars.

WILLIAM WADSWORTH & SALLY WADSWORTH, orphans of THOMAS WADSWORTH dec'd came into Court and prayed their brother JOHN WADSWORTH be appointed their Guardian. It is therefore ordered that he be appointed their Guardian or giving bond & security in the sum of one thousand dollars.

It is therefore ordered that JOHN WADSWORTH & THOMAS WADSWORTH be and they are hereby appointed Guardian of JAMES and SEABORN WADSWORTH Orphan Children of THOMAS WADSWORTH dec'd under the age of 14 years, they giving bond and security in the sum of One thousand dollars.

It being represented to this Court by the affidavit of several respectable persons of this County that THOMAS SHOCKLEY of this County that THOMAS

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SHOCKLEY of said County through Age & infirmity, is about to squander away his property being actually insane.

It is therefore Ordered that GIDEON SHOCKLEY be appointed his Guardian, and that he take an Inventory of all his estate and take the charge of the person and property of said THOMAS SHOCKLEY, and that he give bond and security for his performance as Guardian. DAVID WITT, JAS. DAVIS, CHARLES VENABLE.

At an Inferior Court held for Ordinary purposes in & for the County of Jackson in the town of Jefferson on **Monday the 3 day of January 1814**. Present their Honors DAVID WITT, CHARLES VENABLE, SAML. HENDERSON & JOSEPH DAVIS.

On the petition of ROBERT CUMMINS (a legatee of DAVID McCULLERS) in right of his wife RIDLY CUMMINS, formerly RIDLEY McCULLERS Daughter of the said DAVID McCULLERS dec'd for a division of the Estate of said deceased agreeable to his last will and testament and it appearing that LEVI LOWRY the Guardian of the Orphans of said deceased had been duly notified agreeable to law of said application. It is ordered that Doct. WILLIS POPE, GEORGE MINAFEE, EDMUND GRESHAM, WILLIAM PENTECOST & JOSEPH SHIELDS be, and they are hereby appointed Commissioners to divide the same and that they report their proceedings to the next Court of Ordinary of said County.

On application of EDWARD COWAN Orphan Son of ELIJAH COWEN late of this County dec'd praying the Court to appoint JOHN STOVALL, his uncle his Guardian - and the Court having appointed BENJAMIN STOVALL Guardian for STEPHEN COWEN an others of the Orphans of said deceased under the age of fourteen years. It is ordered that letters of Guardianship be Granted them for their respective wards, on their giving bond & Security.

POLLY WARD & PETER ZACHERY WARD Orphans of (blank space) WARD dec'd came into Court and chose THOMAS WATSON for their Guardian, and the Court having the said THOMAS WARD Guardian for THOMAS WARD an others of the Orphans of said deceased. It is therefore ordered that letters of Guardianship be Granted that the said THOMAS WATSON on his giving the necessary bond and Security.

Court adjourned till tomorrow 10 oclock. Ex'd CHARLES VENABLE, S. HENDERSON, DAVID WITT.



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therefore ordered that he be appointed her guardian and that letters of guardianship issue accordingly.

On application of William Wadsworth the Court appoints him Guardian of JAMES JACK POLLY JACK, WILLIAM JACK & MARGARET JACK Orphan Children of WILLIAM JACK late of this County dec'd. It is Ordered that letters of Guardianship be granted him.

Ex'd THOMAS HYDE, GEORGE SHAW, SAMUEL BARNETT.

**Monday the 6th day of January 1823.** Court met according to adjournment. Present the honorable THOS. HYDE, SAMUEL BARNETT, & WILLIAM D. MARTIN.

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The Court proceeded to the appointment of Clerk of the Court of Ordinary & EDWARD ADAMS SENR. was duly Elected as appears by the following Statement.

ADAMS 1111 No opposition.

Ex'd SAMUEL BARNETT, THOMAS HYDE, WILLIAM D. MARTIN. Court adjourned till tomorrow 10 Oclock.

**Tuesday the 7th day of January 1823.** Court met according to adjournment. Present the Honorable WILLIAM D. MARTIN, SAMUEL BARNETT & THOMAS HYDE, Esqrs.

Rule absolute. It appearing to the court that at July Term of this court there was a Rule Ni Si obtained requiring the representatives of JOHN COLEMAN Dec'd to make titles to certain property therein & for which at or before this court or shew cause to the contrary - and no cause having been shewn to contrary and said rule having been published agreeable to Law. On motion it is now ordered that said rule be made absolute and that said Representatives of said JOHN COLEMAN do proceed to make titles to said property immediately.

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Rule Absolute. It appearing to the Court that PRESLEY KNIGHT has heretofore obtained a Rule Nisi and published the same agreeably to Law for the administration of JAMES BOYD dec'd to shew Cause why they should not execute titles to a tract of land Containing one hundred and fifty acres in the County of Jackson Joining CAMP HILL WHITE FULLER & ROAN & no person appearing to object - It is ordered that the Admrs. execute the titles to the said KNIGHT agreeably to the bond of the said JAMES BOYD.

It appearing to the Court that LEWIS PYRON has given the notice required by law of his intention to apply for letters of administration on the Estate of CHARLES PYRON late of this County dec'd and no objection being made - It is ordered that letters of Administration be granted him he having been Sworn & given Security.

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On the application of STEPHEN BORDERS, Esqr. praying to be appointed guardian for his son JOHN McDOWAL BORDERS a minor under the age of fourteen years it is ordered by the Court that he be and is hereby appointed accordingly the said STEPHEN BORDERS giving bond & security as the law directs.

It appearing to the Court that ROBERT HAMPTON has given the notice required by law of his intention to apply for letters of administration on the Estate of JOHN JOHNSON late of said County dec'd and no objection being made It is ordered that letters of administration be granted him he having been Sworn and given security.

It appearing to the Court that SARAH ROBERSON has given the notice required by law of her intention to apply for letters of administration on the Estate of DAVIE ROBERSON later of this County dec'd and no objection being made It is ordered that letters of administration be granted him he having been sworn and given security.

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HIRAM PERRY Administrator of the Estate of SOLOMON PERRY dec'd having given the notice required by law to sell Lot No. 15 in the 18th District of Monroe It being the real Estate of said dec'd. It is ordered that he have leave to sell the same at the Court house where the land lies he giving the notice required by Law.

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Court adjourned till last day of this month.

**31st day of March 1823.** Court met according to adjournment. Present the honorable THOMAS HYDE, GEORGE SHAW, HUGH MONTGOMERY.

Ordered that AMISA NORWOOD a boy of colour be & he is hereby bound to LEVI LOWRY untill he shall be of the age of 21 years which will be on the 21st Oct. 1842.

Ordered that letters of administration on the estate of JOSEPH YARBROUGH late of this County dec'd be granted to AMBROSE YARBROUGH & THOMAS BOWEN they having given the notice required by law.

Ordered that letters of administration on the estate of JOHN TODD late of this County dec'd be granted to WILLIAM TODD & LUCINDA TODD they having given the notice required by Law.

The last will & testament of PROSER HORTON was exhibited in Court, proven by the Oaths of the Subscribing Witnesses & Ordered to be recorded. The executor therein named being sworn according to law.

Ex'd H. MONTGOMERY, G. SHAW, THOMAS HYDE. Court adjourned till Court in Course.

At a meeting of the Honorable the Court of Ordinary for Jackson County on **Monday the 5th day of May 1823** - Present their honors GEORGE SHAW, THOMAS HYDE, SAMUEL BARNETT & WM. D. MARTIN.

It is ordered that the Administratrix of the estate of JAMES ROGERS dec'd have leave to sell all the real estate of said deceased she having given the notice required by Law.

Ex'd THOMAS HYDE, W. D. MARTIN, GEORGE SHAW, SAMUEL BARNETT.

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Court adjourned till Court in Course.

At a meeting of the honorable the Court of Ordinary for Jackson County on **Monday the 7th day of July 1823.** Present the honorable GEORGE SHAW, HUGH MONTGOMERY & SAMUEL BARNETT.

The last will & testament of MATHIAS BOSTAIN was proven in Court & ordered to be recorded.

PARKS CHANDLER one of the Executors of LEWIS BARKER made his return which was allowed & ordered to be recorded.

Ordered that the Adms. of JAMES ROGERS Dec'd do proceed to advertise & expose to sale agreeable to Law all the negroes belonging to said estate.

SAMUEL CHAPMAN having given the notice required by law that he should apply to the Court for letters of administration on the estate of JOSEPH CHAPMAN dec'd. Ordered that letters be granted to him.

Ex'd H. MONTGOMERY, SAML. BARNETT, GEO. SHAW. Court adjourned till the 15th of this month.

**15th July 1823.** Court met agreeable to adjournment. Present the Honorable H. MONTGOMERY, SAML. BARNETT, GEORGE SHAW, & WILLIAM D. MARTIN.

On application of WILLIAM WADSWORTH the guardian of the Orphans of WILLIAM JACK dec'd stating that he has instituted a suit against the administratrix of said dec'd & her Security in the Superior Court of Gwinnett County & that it is necessary to have the original bond given by the said admx. & his security to enable him to prosecute said such. It is therefore Ordered that the said Original bond be given up to said WADSWORTH a copy being retained in this Office.

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ELI BATCHELOR presented his acct. against the estate of HENRY SPELLER amounting to the sum of \$794.98  $\frac{3}{4}$  for the board fe of the Orphans of said dec'd Which is allowed Only to be paid out of the proceeds of the estate when the same