

Abstract of Petitions

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1846	George Jackson	Freedom of Slave
1848	Alford Stephenson	Remain in State + County
1848	David Stephenson	Remain in State + County
1848	David Stephenson	Emancipation of Slave
1850	Michael Clem	Emancipation of Slave
1850	J. C. Mitchell	For Sale of Slaves
1851	George Jackson	Emancipation of Slave
1851	R. F. Ferguson	Emancipation of Lewis Clark
1852	George Jackson	Emancipation of Slaves
1852	D. C. Rogers	Change School District
1852	Sally Chester	Emancipation of Slave
1852	Sally Chester	Remain in State + County

1853	John McCraken	Emancipation of slave
1854	L. W. Keen	Insolvent debts
1854	John McCraken	Emancipation of girl
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	George Bayles (Color)	Emancipation of slave
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" "	S. Jackson	Emancipation of slave
" "	George Bayles	Divorce
" "	Jacob Sabault	Commissioners
" "	John McCraken	Appointment of trustee
" "	Catherine Timley	Appointment of trustee
" "	Wm. Birdwell and	To build a mill
*	John Squibb	
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Petition to Establish Ferry

1800 To the Honorable Court of Washington Tennessee
 Your humble petitioners begs leave to
 recommend to your notice the great
 necessity of establishing a Ferry on the
 River whithout about half a mile above
 Beansford together with the necessary road
 to pass at said Ferry.
 It is well known to the Community
 at large the great good and valuable
 tendency Ferries has had in all places
 and parts where they have been
 established. The preservation of our fellow
 Citizens both lives and properties which
 has been the case in many instances
 at such places, ought to be a sincere
 consideration with mankind in general,
 useful road in all parts is known
 to have a good tendency towards the
 population of every Country through

which they pass, especially such as are in
 state. It is well known by those
 who are acquainted with the rapidity
 of Watauga River in time of high waters
 the danger of crossing without a flat.
 Our western Mail runs the risk of
 being lost otherwise be detained which
 has been frequently the cause emigrants
 has been disagreeable detained spending
 their money where by the assistance
 of a ferry boat at a small expence
 they might have pursued their journey.
 Many of our fellow Citizens whom had
 been detained under the necessity of
 attending our Superior Courts had
 lamented the want of a ferry at that
 place. It is well calculated for the
 business and will be we hope
 considered by our Honourable Court to
 be a useful and necessary establish-
 ment. As the popularity and welfare
 of our fellow Citizens and the people
 in general is the only motive which
 has induced your Humble petitioners
 to present this to the Honourable
 Court whom we flatter ourselves
 has at all times the welfare of the
 Community at heart. Submitting it to
 the Honourable Courts better Con-
 sideration we your Humble petitioners
 has the Honour of subscribing our
 selves your most devoted, most obedient.

May 5th 1800

Humble Servants

Moses Carson
 Thos. Whitson
 Jesse Whitson
 Nathan Lewis
 Geo. House
 Abraham Boren
 Chaney Boren

Leroy Taylor
 Henry Madenigill
 William King
 James King
 Alex. Porter
 George Nelson
 Edward Reams

Robb. Allen
Abraham Byer
John Fime
John Allen
John Carter
Jacob Hoss
Andrew Carren
Christopher Taylor
John Ehgle

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Petition for building a mill

1806 To the Honorable Court of Washington County
we the partitioners do humbly Crave
the attention of your honorable body
whereas we are lacking a mill in the
greasy Cove to do good work and not
mills amuff for the Customers there is
a grate part of the inhabitece of Buflew
Creek and the Limestone Cove is Customers
to the mill in this part and we the
petitioners do pray that your honorable
body would grant liberty to Lemard Swinge
for to bidd a mill on his land as their
is a convenient place and Claus to the
main road your Complacency with this
our humble petition will be
to the inhabitece of this part and we
your partitioners ever pray.

Ulrich Keener

John Keener
Joseph Barna
Jesse Laney
George Kieder
John Bogart
Joseph Keener
George Hains
Joseph Moran
Samuel Bogart
George Clous
Thomas Wright
Thomas Wright

Petition for Care of Child.

1812 State of Tennessee } August Session 1812
 Washington County }

To the worshipping the County Court of
 pleas and Quarter Session now sitting as
 a Court of pleas for said County greeting.
 The petition of Christina Watson humbly
 representeth to your worships that about
 three years since a certain Abraham
 Williams induced her to let her daughter
 Rachel Watson go to his house and live
 with him for some time, that she this
 petitioner consented to let said go and
 live with him for some time the child
 then being about ten years of age. Your
 petitioner further states that said child
 has been with said Abraham about
 three years and is now about the age
 off thirteen. Your petitioner further
 reproves both to your worships that
 said child was not bond to said
 Abraham but permitted to live with
 him. Your petitioner further states that
 said child is as she has been informed
 and believes evilly intreated by said
 Abraham and that said child a sufficiency
 of provision and clothing for its
 subsistence. Your petitioner further states
 that the said Abraham refuses to give
 up said child to her or let her have
 communication with the same. Your
 petitioner further prays that your worships
 will grant to her a writ of Habeas
 Corpus Commanding the said Abraham
 to bring the body of the said child into
 this worshipping Court to be delivered
 up and obay such order and further
 order as the Court shall make therein
 and your petitioner shall ever pray.
 Sworn to in open Court

August 7th 1812

Christina / Watson

Jas. Senior

Petition of release of tax on negro

1813

To the worshipful the County Court of Washington
Your petitioner humbly sheweth that he has a negro girl between the age of twelve and sixteen years, that his gone nearly blind and instead of being a help to him your petitioner she is an expence, and your petitioner hopes your Honors will release him from paying tax for him and your petitioner as his duty bound will ever pray

Archibald Blackburn
Feby. 5th, 1813

Petition to legitimize Abraham Tipton's Children

1814

To the worshipful Court of Washington County now sitting
Your petitioner Abraham Tipton a Citizen of the County of Washington respectfully represents to your worship that he has had four illegitimate Children by a woman formerly of the name of Polly Boren with whom he has lately intermarried. The names of which said Children has went by are Kitty Boren, Abraham Boren Isaac Boren and Jacob Boren. Your petitioner further represents that he has also had an illegitimate Child by a woman of the name of Hannah Cook, the name which the Child has went by is Amy Cook. Your petitioner is desirous of legitimizing said five Children so that they can inherit his estate in the same manner as if they had been born in lawful marriage & also to have the names

of said Children altered, he therefore prays that your worship will order that said five Children may be made his lawful heirs so that they can inherit & enjoy his estate in as full and ample manner as if they had been born in lawful marriage, he also prays that the names of said Children may be altered as follows that is to say the name of Kitty Boren to that of Kitty Tipton, the name of Abraham Boren to that of Abraham Tipton, the name of Isaac Boren to that of Isaac Tipton, the name of Jacob Boren to that of Jacob Tipton, and the name of Amy Cook to that of Amy Tipton.

Feb. 12th 1814

Abraham Tipton

Feby. Session 1814

1814

Abraham Tipton having presented the following petition to this Court to have certain illegitimate Children therein maintained legitimate & their names altered. It is the opinion of the Court that the prayer of the petition be granted the reasons in said petition contained being in the opinion of the Court sufficient for granting the same and it is further the opinion & judgement of the Court said petition be recorded & that the names of said Children be altered that is to say the name of Kitty Boren to that of Kitty Tipton the name of Abraham Boren to that of Abraham Tipton, the name of Isaac Boren to that of Isaac Tipton, the name of Jacob Boren to that of Jacob Tipton & the name of Amy Cook to that of Amy Tipton. It is further the opinion & judgement of the Court that the said Kitty, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, & Amy shall from henceforth, be heirs & joint heirs & heiresses to the said Abraham Tipton the

Petitioner + shall have the right + privilege
to inheritance + enjoy the estate of said
Abraham Lipton in as full + ample a manner
as if they + each of them had been born
in lawful wedlock.

Petition to prove Children legitimate heirs Robt Simpson

1816

To the worshipful Court of Washington County
Your petitioner Ezekiel Lyon Guardian of
Margaret Simpson, Nancy Simpson, Ezekiel Simp-
son, Hannah Simpson, William Simpson, John
Simpson, + Asher Simpson Minor heirs of
Robert Simpson deceased prays your worship
to admit him to produce evidence to prove
the before named Children are the legitimate
heirs of said Robert Simpson upon said
petition being presented it is ordered by
the petitioner that the prayer thereof be granted
whereupon Ezekiel Lyon + Hannah Lyon
personally appeared in open Court + make oath
that they saw Robert Simpson + Rebecca Lyon
joined together as man + wife by Jonathan
Mulkey a regular minister of the Gospel in the
County aforesaid that said marriage took
place in the year 1800 as well as the
recollect they further state that said were
born of the said Rebecca during marriage
+ that they are the legitimate heirs at law
of said Robert Simpson

16th July 1816 Sworn to in Open Court

Petition for Support of Children

1819

To the worshipful the County Court of
Washington now in session.

The prayer of your petitioner humbly
sheweth that she is the widow of the late
Hugh Faubush of this County that the said
Faubush at his decease left behind him
three small Children without leaving any
visible means for their support, also that
he had bound to him in this lifetime
a certain boy name Solomon Large, which

Boy now, as well as the Children of the said
Faubush are Strolling about the Country, and
likely to become a nuisance to Society. Your
petitioner therefore humbly hopes that your
worshipful body will make some order
respecting them, in such way as you in
your wisdom may think most conducive to
their and the public welfare and your
petitioner are in duty bound will ever pray.

January 18th 1819

Margaret Faubush

The following are the names of the
Children of Hugh Faubush above alluded to

Hugh Faubush
Sarah Faubush
Lucy Faubush

Petition for Election ground at Greasy Cove

1821

To the worshipful the County Court of
Washington County. The petition of the
undersigned humbly represents that owing to the
distance from their several places of res-
idence to the Court House of said County
and the interposition of mountains and
streams very often impassable they are
prevented from attending at Elections with
regularity and very often prevented from
exercising the rights and privileges of
suffrages and in as much as the elections
of legislative members is a matter of deep
interest to every man in this Elective
government we therefore pray that agreeably
to the act passed October the 3rd 1821 Shipman
ing the County Court so to do that your
worshipful would establish a precinct
Election ground and for the information
of your worshipful we the subscribers would
deem it most expedient and most convenient
for ourselves that said Election ground be

fixed at the house of Capt. William Brown in
the Greasy Cane and your petitioners as in
duty bound shall ever pray.

William Brown
David Carder
Poley Tilson
Abraham Linker
William Clause
William Tilson
Wm. S. Erwin
Jesse Linker
James Harris
Richard Deakins
William Murry
John Tilson
John Brown
Thomas Fortune
Joseph Tilson
George Moore
John Moore

William Moore
David Moore
Arnold Shelton
David Ambrose (?)
James Linker
Hardon Narvess
John Nelson
Harlen Ambrose
John Ambrose
James Ambrose
John Rosse
James Job
Joseph Sherrel
George M. Hains
Charles Barry

Petition for building a mill

1822 To the worshipful Court of pleas + Quarter
Sessions for Washington County now in
Session.

Your petitioner Charles Cox humbly sheweth
to your worships that he has now built
a saw mill and small grist mill on Sinking
Creek on his own land and is at this
time building an over shot grist mill at
said place and a Blacksmith's shop with
a bell hammer near said place and wishes
his mill to be deemed a publick mill
he therefore prays your worships to grant
him an order agreeable to law, and
your petitioner as in duty bound will
ever pray.

Charles Cox

We the undersign wishing to encourage
the Building of any mill or mills for the
publick good and as we think the within
Petitioner has expended a great deal of

labour which appear will be of publick utility we request the worshipfull Court within named to grant his petition.

Nathan Shipley
Jacob Billingsley
Foyd ford
Alexander ford
Thomas Barron
John Gatt
David Kitzmiller
Cnoch Job
James Cox
Isaac Elsea

John Billingsley
Joshua S. Hale
Richd. Hale Sen
Shadick Murry
Thomas Elsea
John Elsea
James J. H. Garret
Peter Newham

Petition for Security Bond

1830

To the worshipful Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting for Washington County.
The petition of Samuel Broyles respectfully represents to your worship that a number of years ago he became the security of Rosanna Broyles who administered on the estate of Reuben Broyles deceased in Washington County that his co security is dead & that he is fearful & terribly apprehends that he will become liable on his said bond as security aforesaid, he therefore prays that a summons may issue to the said Rosanna to appear at the next term of this court and give the security as the law directs.

January sessions 1830
Sworn to in open Court
Test

Samuel Broyles

Jas. Senior clk.

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Nathan Shipley
Jacob Billingsley
Foyd ford
Alexander ford
Thomas Barron
John Gatt
David Kitzmiller
Cnoch Job
James Cox
Isaac Elsea

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January sessions 1830
Sworn to in open Court
Test

Samuel Broyles

Jas. Senior clk.

satisfaction and ease them of the difficulty
 the new labour under in that respect as I
 Confide in your worship that your wish
 to promote the welfare of your subjects
 and grant me an order of Court for
 building a grist mill I shall ever pray.

William Birdsell
 John Squibb

Petition for Singing School in Jonesboro

1815 Robert Monday proposes teaching vocal
 Church music at the Court House in
 Jonesborough one Quarter 13 days for one
 dollar in money for each Scholar which
 we whose names are under written
 do promise to pay said Monday for his
 services as teacher witness our hands
 July 11, 1815

Subscribers names	num
John Kennedy	1 pd.
John A. Aiken	1 pd.
Alex M. Nelson	1 pd.
D. H. Vance	2 pd.
L. Anderson	1 pd.
Robert Church	1 pd.
Jno. C. Harris	1 pd.
Edward Mackin	1 pd.
J. B. Mc Clellan	1 pd.
John Gleason	1 pd.
David Thompson	1 pd.
Spencer E. Gibson	1 pd.
David Nelson	1 pd.
D. A. Deadrick	1 pd.
B. Brewer	1 pd.
Richd Smith	1 pd.
Sam'l Bayls	2 pd.
B. Beard	1 pd.
Mari Kinnard	1 pd.
John McAlester	1 pd.
Joseph Brown	1 pd.
Mrs. Mitchell	1 1/2 pd.
John H. Hicks	1 pd.
Thos. Carlton	1 pd.

P. Parsons	1 pd.
Samuel Lewis	1 pd.
John Hanna	2 pd.
Margaret Greer	1 pd.
Eliza Merl	1 pd.
James Seiner	2 pd.
Adelaide E. Jackson	1 pd.
Patrick Elliott	1 pd.
Isaac Lane	1 pd.
Samuel Maynell	1 pd.
John Cowing	2 pd.
Miss Rebecca Chester	1 pd.

Petition Debtor

1798 State of Tennessee } This day personally
 Washington County } appeared before us
 James Stuart + Samuel Woods acting Justices
 of the peace for said County John Allen an
 Insolvent debtor being confined in the Jail
 of said County on the account of writ being
 served on them the said John Allen from
 the County Court of Washington wherein
 Isaac Lebo is plaintiff + the said John Allen
 + John Brown Defendants + the said John Allen
 not being able to pay + satisfy the debt + Costs
 + Prays the benefit of the Act of the gen.
 assembly made + provided for insolvent
 debtors + presenting to us a Schedule of
 all his debts + property we do hereby
 certify that the said John Allen has taken
 the oath appointed for insolvent debtors
 And agreeable to the Power and Authority
 vested in us as acting Justices of the peace
 for said County do hereby release him
 the said John Allen from his present
 Confinement to his liberty in the said suit
 in our County Court of Washington wherein
 Isaac Lebo is plaintiff + John Allen + John
 Brown Defendant given under our hands
 + seals this 4th Day of April 1798

James Stuart
 Samuel Wood

we do hereby Certify that John Allen

has taken the oath of Insoolvency agreeable
to law on this 4th Day of April 1798, given
under our hands & Seals this Day & year
above written.

James Stuart
Sam'l Wood

Know all men by their presents that we
John Allen, John Waddill Jun, Charles Robertson
Sen. James Gordon are held & firmly bound
unto the Governor his successor in office
in the Sum of one thousand dollars each
to which payment will & truly be made &
now we bind ourselves & each of his own
Heirs & jointly & severally firmly by them
present sealed with our Seals & dated this
7th Day of Dec. 1798.

The Condition of the above obligation is
such that whereas several writs having
been served on said John Allen in the
County Court of Washington to wit Isaac
Lebo vs. said Allen also Sam'l Williams
vs. Allen and w^m. p. Chester vs. Allen John
Brown vs. Allen & the said Allen not being
able to give security for his appearance
& does now take the Oath now if the above
named John Allen do well and truly
keep the bounds laid off for debtors within
the town of Jonesboro and do not depart
the same while he doth pay or satisfy
agreeable to law or take the benefit of the
act of gen. Assembly allowed for debtors
that then the above obligation void & of no
effect otherwise to remain in full force &
virtue.

a test
Geo. Gillespie

John Allen
John Waddill
Chas. Robertson
Jas. Gordon

A Schedule of the estate of John Allen
James Cooper D Nov 96
as Book A/C of 13-0-21-13-0
John Allen (debt)
4th April 1798

W. George Gillespie Sheriff

Sir you requested to let Mr. John Allen
have his liberty and not Confine him to
the prison bonds in my suit Against him
7th. March 1794

Test
Jas. Seiner

John Brown

Mr. George Gillespie Sheriff

Sir you are requested to let John Allen
have his liberty and not Confine him to the
prison bonds in my suit Against him
April 3rd. 1798 in the County Court

Test
Joseph Brown

William P. Chester

Concerning Iron works

- 1816 Wm. P. Chester Petition
1816 Wm. Blair Petition
1820 Elijah + Eliza Ambree Petition
1824 Spencer C. Gibson Petition
1824 Wm. P. Chester Petition
1852 Bill of David Patterson's work at Cranberry Forge
Undated Landon Carter's Petition
These Copied in full below

1816 Petition for iron works

State of Tennessee } To the worshipful, the
Washington County } Justices of the Court of
Pleas & Quarter Session of
Said County

The petition of William P. Chester to your
worships respectfully sheweth that he is
now about to build iron works on
Bumpus Cove within said County that he
has a considerable quantity of granted land
there is immense boding of vacant and
unappropriated land unfit for cultivation he there-
fore prays your worship to grant him a
jury of view to lay off according to act of
Assembly three thousand acres of land
on each side of this the said petitioner's
land for the use of said works in said
Cove and make report thereof to the next
session of this Court of your petitioner

William P. Chester

Ruben Bayles
Daniel Bayles
John Hampton
John Shanhon
Jacob Brown
Wm. Colyer Sen.
Wm. Colyer Jun.
Jacob Kiser
William Temple
John May

Joseph Rodgers
Samuel Keplinger

To the worshipfull the Justice of the Court of pleas now sitting the petition of Wm. p. Chester to your worships respectfully repres that he is the propitior of a valuable seat for Iron works in Bumpus Cove Contingint to which are immense bddies of Iron ore that he is Desiresus of Improving said seat for that highly and usefull purpose & prays your worships to appont a Jury to lay off & Condemn for him three thousand acres of land unfit for Cultivation, adjoin to said seat according to act of assembly the same to be laid off on the East or Lemon line of Lemon tract and to run with Jonathan Tucker land so as to include vaddy Creek from the river to Embree upper Corner wa of Creek in two or more tract & return a report to the next Session of the Court & your petitioner will be in duty bound.

John. 12th. 1824

Jury
 Reuben Bages Sr.
 Samuel L. Bages
 Jacob Martin
 Wm. Colyer Esq.
 Alex Colyer
 George Huddley

Jan'y Term 1824

This prayer granted and Jury named appointed.

William p. Chester

Jury
 Isaac Hartsell
 Thomas More Sr.
 John Keplinger
 Reuben Rodgers
 John Shumard
 James Seiner
 Joseph Rodgers

John Patton
 Chairman

Petition for Iron works

1816

State of Tennessee } To the worshipfull the
 Washington County } Justices of the Court of
 pleas & Charter Sessions
 now sitting.

The petition of William Blair to your worship respectfully sheweth that he has now the Iron work built by William p. Chester on Nalichucky river that heretofore the said William former propitior favored

the Condemnation of three Thousand Acres of vacant & unappropriated land for the use of said works but on examination it is ascertained that such tract as was condemned on the north side of said River is principally covered by title of older date, he therefore prays your worship to appoint him a jury of view to lay off for the use of said works the residue of three thousand acres on Octers Branch on the mill stone branch or both and that said lot so laid off on the north side of said river so as aforesaid covered by older title be set aside and your petition prays.

William Blair

John Hampton
 Reuben Bailes
 Daniel Bailes
 John Shannon
 Wm. Colyer Sr.
 Wm. Colyer Jr.
 Jacob Brown
 Joseph Rodgers
 Jacob Fryer
 William Temple
 John May Jr.
 Wm. P. Chester

April Session 1816 ordered by Court that the prayer of the petitioner be granted and the above named persons be a jury to lay off the same.

Petition for Iron works

1820 To the honorable Court for the County of Washington Tennessee, now in session in Jonesborough.

The petition of the under subscribers humbly sheweth that they being engaged in the business of Iron works, in said County on Natchuckey river, wish to avail them selves of the benefits of an act of the general Assembly of this State passed Nov. 2^d 1809 to encourage the building of Iron works,

and for this purpose they pray your honorable body to appoint a jury of twelve freeholders, to view & lay off three thousand acres of such land as the law allows, for the use of their forge which is now in operation on Nolichucky river.

They also having it in prospect to erect a blast furnace for the purpose of making Castings & pig iron, in Bumpus Cove, about two miles distant from the said forge, wish the same jury to be authorised to lay off three thousand acres of land for the use & benefit of the said intended furnace
Elisha & Eliph Embree
4th Month 19th 1820.

Jury to wit the same as appointed

Elisha Embree's petition

1824 To the worshipfull Court of pleas & Quarter Session for Washington County
January term 1824

Your petitioner humbly represents that he intend building on Iron works in this County on the waters of Nolichucky river about eleven miles from Jonesborough in the vicinity of which there is large quantities of unappropriated land unfit for cultivation (to wit) near the land of John Dekins, Abram Bails, Jonathan Tucker, Phillip Parks and other land of your petitioner your petitioner therefore humbly pray your honorable body to appoint a jury of view & report three thousand acres of land in the vicinity of his intended Iron works agreeable to an act of the General Assembly of this State intituled an act to encourage the building of Iron works. Your petitioner has never applied for land for the benefit of the above named Iron works before. As in duty bound your petitioner will ever pray.
Elisha Embree

The prayer of the petition granted and the
 James Sewier
 John Shannon
 Alexander Colyer
 Isaac Williams
 John DeKins
 Jonathan Tucker
 Reuben Barnes Sr.
 John Booth
 Phillip Parks
 Joseph Rogers
 Jacob Hartell
 Jacob Brown Clin. be a jury to view the
 same.

Report of jury on Elijah Embree's petition

1824 we the jury summoned & sworn in per-
 suance of an order of the County Court of
 Washington County to view Three Thousand
 acres of land for the benefit of Elijah
 Embree's agreeable to an act of Assembly
 appropriating lands unfit for cultivation
 for the benefit of Ironworks have this
 day viewed the following tracts of land and
 do report them in our estimation unfit for
 cultivation and so such description as the
 law contemplated appropriating for the encourag-
 ement of Ironworks situate in the neighborhood
 of said Embree Bumpus Cove Ironworks &
 bounded as follows:

One Tract containing seven hundred acres
 beginning at the west corner of a fortycentury
 lately made by said Embree in Bumpus Cove
 running with the line of said entry East to
 an entry William P. Chester lately made thence
 along the line of said W. P. Chester's entry
 to the line of said Embree other lands &
 thence along said Embree's lands & the
 mountain for complement.

One Tract of three hundred acres beginning
 thirty poles from the second corner of
 a Tract of land known by the name of the
 Lemon Tract on the line of a three
 hundred acre Tract of said Embree East
 of W. P. Chester to be one hundred poles wide
 at the beginning and to include a grove of

Timber near the head of Wades Creek.

One Track Containing Seventy five Acres beginning at a Gum Saplin Corner to the above mentioned three hundred Acre Track to include a of the Mountain where a number of Gum Trees stand.

One Track Containing one hundred Acres adjoining a well entering lately made by said Embree on the North side of Bumpus Cove near the three forks of Bumpus Creek to run along the lines of a Track lately owned by Water King and a Track by said Embree Bot of W. P. Chester for Compliments.

One Track of Seventy five Acres adjoining the above Tracks near the three forks of the Creek on South side of Bumpus Cove. One other Track Containing Twelve hundred Acres including the Mill Stone Branch beginning on the North side of N. Blackberry River opposite Reuben Bayless Sawmill to run up a gap in the Buffalo Mountain on to the dividing Ridge between the Mill Stone Branch & Dry Creek and to keep on the Ridges that divide the waters of the Mill Stone Branch from other waters until it intersects John Deskins line thence with his line to the jump hill thence down the River to the beginning.

One Track Containing three hundred Acres beginning on John Deskins line and bounded by Isaac Lemon Claim & the Mountain running up the Branch on both sides for Compliments.

One other Track Containing two hundred & fifty Acres adjoining the lower end of nine hundred and thirty Acres bought of W. P. Chester on the side of the Mountain opposite near the lands of Saml Jackson this July 5th 1823.

Jacob Brown
Jos. Simier
Reuben Rogers
John Deskins
Wm. Colyer
John Shannon
George Hurley

Jonathan Tucker
John Barges
Joseph Crouch
Daniel L. Barges
Henderson Clark

Embree's Iron works location petition

For reason appearing to the Court from the petition of Eliza Embree. It is ordered by the Court that James Sevier, Daniel L. Barges, John Deskins, George Henry, William Colyer, John Shannon, Col. Jacob Brown, Jonathan Tucker, Henderson Clark, John Barges, Joseph Crouch, Reuben Rogers Be a jury to view and Report to our next Court of pleas & if there be any land in the neighborhood of Eliza Embree's Iron works in Budgens Cove in this County unfit for Cultivation to the end if so it may be adjudged and laid off for the use of the Iron works of the petitioner Eliza Embree according to acts of Assembly in such Case made and provided.

A true Copy from the Records
Test

Matthew Stephenson Clk.
By Robert McLin D.C.

I do hereby deputise William Batt to summons the within named jurors and make return there of.

July 1st 1823

Sam'l Hunt Sheriff
of Washington County

named the within jury to meet & view the land on the 5th July 1823.

William Batt

State of Tennessee
To the worshipful Court of Washington
County, now convened

Gentlemen:

Please to grant your petition, a jury of review, on the road running through

the land where Abraham Tipton formerly
lived, and leading from Jonesborough to
Embree's Iron works and to North Carolina
Gentlemen your Compliance will oblige your
petitioner, who will ever Be Bound July 8th, 1822
John Tipton

The prayer of the within granted and
ordered, that Abraham Jobe, Jas. R. Young,
Jas. Robinson, John Cleger, John Harward,
Chaney Boring, James Price & Thos. Price be
juror to view of said road.

Petition for Iron works

1824

State of Tennessee }
Washington County }

April Sessions 1824

Spencer C. Gibson having presented a
petition to the Court praying the appointment
of a jury to lay off & Condemn three thousand
acres of land for the benefit of his intended
Iron Works. It is therefore ordered by the
Court that Thomas ^xBrown, Alex ^xColgar, John ^x
Bayles, James ^xClord, Robert ^xMcKee, William
Stenmons, Jacob ^xBrown Jr., Gabriel Brown,
John Booth, Samuel ^xClord, Henry Siger, Resige
Hendley, Daniel ^xL. Bayles, Ruben Bayles Jr.,
Jacob ^xHartell, Isaac ^xHartell, David R. Bertson,
John ^xMay, William Temple Sen, & Philip
Kincaid be nominated out of whom the Sheriff
is to summons twelve to be a jury to
lay off and Condemn three thousand acres
of land unfit for cultivation on or near
Clark's Creek on the South side of Nolachucky
river Beginning at E. Embree's South west
line and running so as to include a site
on Clark's Creek and all other lines that
shall be adjudged by the jury binding on
the river tracks so far below John
Clark's town line as may be convenient
and back for Compliment in one or more
surveys including & excluding two small
surveys on Clark's Creek one of Henderson's

and the other of Wm. Clark's and one of B. Ambrose's according to the law in such case made and provided and make report thereof to the next term of this Court.

5th June 1824

A true copy from the records

Jas. Seiner Clk.

Bill of Saml Patterson's work Cranberry Forge

1852 Saml Patterson's Bill of work at Cranberry	
For work done on Sawmill	\$110.00
" Backing wheel + Trindle Head	15.00
" Hewing 2448 ft. timber @ 3 per F.	73.48
" Framing 800 ft. Forebay	\$16.00
" Planking the same 6670 ft.	13.40
" Framing the breast 180 ft.	3.60
For house over Forge	\$231.48
1030 ft. timber	\$30.90
Framing 4295 ft. timber	64.42
Covering Forge House	7.68
Planking side of Forge House	1.50
work done on Slogger House	33.58
" " Pavill House	36.29
Making 1 pr. Hay Ladders	6.00
" Bed Hauling Corn	5.00
" Sled	1.00
" 1 pr. waggon Hounds	1.00
Extra work	30.00
	\$218.37
	\$449.85

Col. Carter's Entries for 3000 Acres of land for Iron works

note Landon Carter Enters 1500 Acres of land as a Boundary for Iron works in the park of Wataugah and Oak River joining the land of of said Carter also Isaac Binkley, Godfrey Calger, Peter name Leonard Bowers, William Duggard, Blisban Humphrey, David Matlock, Decided and Emanuel Carter, Decided, also 1500 Acres on the South of Oak River joining the lands of Saml Tipton, Michael Fullis, David Matlock, Thomas Millsaps, William Sharp, Richd Kite, Isaac Aden, Seniam Bundy, Josiah Clarke, Ralph Humphrey

+ Joshua Houghton Sen.

A Copy
Test

John Carter E.T.

Jurors

Jonathan Buck, Julius Conner, Pharaoh Cobb,
Abraham Seiner, Geo. Emmert, Andrew Greer Sen.,
Andrew Greer Jun., Alex'd Greer, Godfrey Carreger
Sen., Nicholas Carreger, Michael Carreger, &
Godfrey Carreger Jun.

The demand on Cap. Cocke for the afore
said Carter but he said that he
would not let him have it and gave for
reason why he did not let him have it
that his Brethren John Seiner and Wm. Cocke
was not at a good understanding and
that he did not like to have Cocke pushed
on words to that Effect —

This defenant further saith that the
arrayed are the same he presented
and Red to the aforesaid Defendant as herein
before set forth.

The above paragraph does not seem
to have any connection with the
foregoing. It was on the back of the
sheet.

Revolutionary war Papers

1788 A list of Certificate's Recd of Capt. Joshiway Hadley at Hills August 1st 1788. The names of the persons to whom granted the date. Signed their number are to have ant. in L. S. D.

Persons named	when Signed	Number	Ant. Indent in pounds Shillings + pence			
Wm. Woolley	1 Sept. — 84	1984	29	5	0	X
Aron Benley	31 August 84	1958	20	5	0	X
Joseph Senior	12 June 83	3321	6	19	6	X
Henry Muske	16 Aug. 82	2949	2	0	0	X
John Smith	12 June 83	3327	6	19	6	X
Joseph Brown	12 June 83	3312	6	19	6	X
John Hopton	12 June 83	3233	—	12	0	X
Joseph McMurtha	19 Feb. 84	6928	13	14	6	X
Littlton Brooks	30 June 84	4289	12	14	6	X
Fedrick Stump	30 June 84	4287	30	0	0	X
Jacob Albright	14 Nov. 83	5232	—	0	0	X
P. Cobb	12 June 83	3268	8	16	0	X
			138	15	6	

These Indents Recd from Capt. Hadley for Lardner Clarke Nashville

on back: "Tickets Recd from Capt. Hadley for Lardner Clark —
138 - 15 - 6

to what Hadley says he should have."

Note: A Rev war Record discovered by I.E.R.A project June 1935.
Copied by Mary Hardin McCown
Supervisor

A List of Names on the Pension office at
Jonesboro which are the Clerk of the County
Court for Seal of Office.

Robt. Henry	50
Wm. Barron	50
Nathan Perren	50
John Edwards	50
Casemore Mary	50
Francis Hugh	50
Adam Ingle	50
Michael Leffer	50
George House	50
Richd Kelly	50
Adam Hartman	50
John Douglas	50
Amos Hale	50
Wm. Smith	50
Loyd Ford	50
Thos. Bell	50
John Scott	50
John Blalock	50
Andrew Taylor	50
Charles paiter	50
Joseph Wilson	50
Wm. Kendle	50
John Morrison	50
Jacob Brown	50
Samuel Vance	50
Jacob Brown B. S.	50
Jacob Brown	50
Thos. Bryant	50
Wm. Copas	50
John Greer	50
Joseph Duncan	50
Andrew Hannad	50
Seth Bass	
Isaac Taylor	
James Mc Hill	
John Wilson	
Andrew Lilburn	
Wm. Clod	
Wm. Breckway	
James Jack	
Charles Morland	
Philip Waler	
James Campbell	
Leroy Taylor	

Note: by M. H. Mc Cown
This list is undated
but it is evidently made
out by the County Clerk
and is dated before
1836 - as Casamore Mary
died about that year.
It was likely made
out after the pension
Act of 1832 - and
Jonesboro was ~~likely~~
the pension office for
East Tenn. as several
names thereon are
Carter Co. names and
several are Sullivan
County names.

The writing seems to
be that of Samuel Greer
Clerk 1836-1844 but he
served as deputy for
James Seimer Clerk 1832-36

Note:
There is no sum opposite
these names, but they
begin a new column.

Robert Treadway
 Ben Birdwell
 Nathan Hann
 Asariah Doty
 George Brown
 Henry Long
 Wm. Slaughter
 Leonard Bolvers
 Charles Howell
 John Strain
 Michael Bridges
 Flower Mullins
 Mary Taylor
 Sol Henderson *Hendrix*
 Adam Painter
 Wm. Good

Thos. King
 Ben Dillard
 Paul Cremer
 Gilbert Evans
 Peter Kent
 Jeremiah Campbell
 John Ross
 John Miller
 John Smithpeter (John Michael)
 John King
 Jacob Haduk

Vincent Tapp Declaration for pension

1819

State of Tennessee } July Session 1819
 Washington County }

Be it remembered that on this 20th day of July 1819 personally appeared in open Court the Subscriber Vincent Tapp. Aged Seventy Two years & being desirous of availing himself of the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons who were engaged in the Land & Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary war & after being duly sworn according to Oath made & Subscribed the following declaration to wit that he the said Vincent Tapp served true & faithfully in the Revolutionary war at what precise time he cannot recollect enlisted into the

Continental Service in the County of State
of Virginia in the 12 Regiment of the Virginia
line under Captain Ashley Col. James Wool
Command which Regiment belonged to the
Brigade Genl Scott & was in the following
battle to wit Brandywine, Germantown & Moun-
mouth Court says that he was discharged
in West point after having faithfully in
Service two years in Continental Service which
discharge he kept for sometime but owing
to some Casualty or accident he lost from
which Circumstances he has it not in his
power now to produce it he also states
that he has no other means in his power
to prove his Services now except by his
own oath that he is now in reduced
Circumstances and stands in need of his
Country's Gracious Assistance for Support &
has never been placed on any pension
list of the United States nor has he ever
been without the of the same that he
now resides in the County of Washington
State of Tennessee.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court
this day a written

Test

Jas. Senior Clk.

his
Vincent X Tapp Seal
mark

State of Tennessee } July Session 1819
Washington County }

we the Subscribers being the Select
Justices of the Court of pleas and 3 for
said County do certify that we are satisfied
the foregoing applicant did (?) state by
him in the foregoing declaration & also
he is in reduced Circumstances and stands
in need to his Country's Assistance for sup-
port in testimony of which we have
here unto set our hands & seals in open
Court this the 20th day of July 1819

Test

Seal
Seal
Seal
Seal

1821

Original Claim

District of Washington S.S. Washington County on the 11th day of October 1821 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County aforesaid Reuben Lisenby aged 70 years, Resident in the County of Washington which first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818, & 4th of May 1820 which Lisenby entered for the term of of ten months in the year 1779 or 80 which he is not now positive in. Capt William Huteson Company of Col William Polks Regiment under General Sumpter in the North Carolina line of Continental Troops that he served out faithfully his term of ten months & obtained a discharge from under the hand of Wade Hampton, which discharge was burnt in his house with his other effects that he has never before applied for a pension and assigns as his reason for not earlier applying that he was wholly ignorant how to proceed, that he has a family of eight children & destitute of property & crippled that he was in the Battles of Hanging Rock & Rustoe with other scouting parties and in pursuance of the act of 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of any property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to debar it or to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary war, passed on the 18th day of March 1818 & that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due me nor have I any income other than what is on the annexed. Schedule hereto annexed by me subscribed no property of any kind or description and

has been refused the provisions of a
pauper because of his being entitled to a
pension.

Ruben X Lisenby

I do hereby Certify that the ^{mark} foregoing
oath declaration & Schedule are ^{truth} Copied
from the Record of the said tenant; I also
Certify that the Court were satisfied that the
Claimant served for the term of nine
months under one engagement on the
Continental establishment & I do further
Certify that it is the opinion of the Court
that property exhibited on the foregoing
Schedule is ~~nothing~~ - - - - -

where
the
Seal
was

In testimony whereof I have hereto
set my hand & affixed my seal of
office this 12th Oct. 1827.

James Senior Clk.
By David Green D.C.