

Petition, NC, Montgomery formation from Anson

Anson County, North Carolina

ABSTRACTS
OF
EARLY RECORDS

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Petition 1770 to Governor, Council and Assembly by Inhabitants of Anson County against the court at Salisbury, saying that they spent of necessity much gold and silver there which finds its way to Virginia and South Carolina from the Province of North Carolina; asks that a court at Campbellton be established for Anson, Orange and Cumberland Counties.¹

Signed by:

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| James Terry | David Cock |
| Shadrack Denson | William Rorie |
| D _____ Brown | George Collins |
| Thomas Baley | John Crowson |
| Hopkin Howell | William McDaniel |
| John Leverett | John Bound |
| William Leverett | James Bound |
| James Smith | Benjamin Barrett |
| William Seago | Luke Robinson |
| John Seago | Welcome Ussery |
| Joel Phillips | John Skinner |
| Lennard Webb | William Ussery Sr. |
| Silvestus Walker | Thomas Ussery |
| John Stuckberry | William Morris |
| William Lucas | _____ Morriss |
| Edward Morris | Heton Morriss |
| Jeremiah Stuckberry | William Morris |
| Charles Thomas | W. Smith |
| John May | John Ussery |
| John Smith [L.R.] | John Flower |
| John Lucas | Theophilus Williams |
| Joseph Harrison | John Simmons |
| Thomas Ward | Christopher Christian |
| James Allmond | Richard Downs |
| John Husbands | Samuel Parsons |
| William Bennett | William Parsons |
| John Swan | David Smith |
| George Carter | John Smith ² |
| Robert Webb | Thomas Fanning Jr. |
| Thomas Mitchell | James Adams |
| Thomas Fanning | Thomas Harper |
| Lewis Sowell | Arthur Pierce |
| Thomas Smith | Sampson Williams |
| Stephen Thomas | Roland Williams |
| William Moody | Robert Jarman |
| Benjamin Smith | John James Sr. |
| John Bailey | Jimney James |
| Nathaniel Ashley | Van Swearingen |
| Moses White | Lewis Lowry |
| Thomas Smith | Francis Jordan |

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| John Westmoreland | William Bonsall |
| William Bennett | Robert Poston |
| William Pratt | Jonathan Llewellen |
| Malachi Watts | Stephen Tutch ? |
| Jacob H_____ | John Henson |
| Isaac Falconbery Jr. | Samsom Peacock |
| Owing Slaughter | Isaac Falconbery |
| Abraham Busham | Joseph White |
| Richard Bushan | Charles Hines |
| Robert Rushing | Sylvanus Walker |
| James Langford | Jason Meador Jr. |
| Andrew Watts | Jason Meador |
| Andrew Watts Jr. | Joseph Martin |
| Isaac Belyeu | Thomas Lacey |
| _____ Belyeu | John Hamer |
| George Belyeu | Tilman Helms |
| Vick Moon | John McNath |
| Moses Witt | Henry McNath |
| James Cotton | Isaac Bolen |
| Benjamin Moorman | William Bond |
| Archelaus Moorman | Charles Weatherford |
| William Coleman | John Downer |
| Abraham Belyeu | William Hickman |
| Jacob Paul | John Hornbeck Jr. |
| William Holly | John Hamer Jr. |
| Charles Smith | Antho Hutchins |
| Isom Haley | George Wilson |
| Andrew Falconburg | Thomas Wright |
| Henry Falconberg | Samuel Snead |
| John McIlvail | James Denson |
| Thomas Fee | Francis Clark |
| Jonathan Hellams | Jeremiah Terrell |
| Jonathan Falconberry | |

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Petition of inhabitants of Anson County: 1777 Because of PeeDee River dividing the county, it is very inconvenient to many of the inhabitants; they ask for a division of the county with the river as the dividing line.

If you in your Wisdom should judge the division unnecessary then we pray that commission of disinterested persons be appointed to fix Court House in or near the center of the county, as conveniently as it may be. It now stands in ten or twelve miles of South Carolina and is extremely inconvenient.³

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| 1. Charles Robinson | 51. William Allman |
| 2. Daniel McDonald | 52. John Walters |
| 3. Ezekiel Benbrooke | 53. William Coleman |
| 4. John McKee | 54. John McRae |
| 5. (torn) w_____d | 55. Joseph Hines |
| 6. Samuel Usher | 56. Zechariah Smith |
| 7. Jacob Whitehead | 57. Edward Chambers |
| 8. William Castleberry | 58. Cornelius Robinson |
| 9. John Shepard | 59. James Phillips |
| 10. Charles Smith Sr. | 60. John Coatney |
| 11. Joseph Smith | 61. _____ Morley |
| 12. John Willson | 62. Moses Sanders |
| 13. Nathl. Lilly | 63. Richard Green |
| 14. _____ Hunt | 64. Francis Sanders |
| 15. Elija Thomson | 65. John Thomson |
| 16. James Hutchins | 66. William Morgan |
| 17. David Dumas | 67. Sollimon Williams |
| 18. John MacLeod | 68. Charles Harrington |
| 19. John Stevens | 69. Goen Morgan |
| 20. Henery Stevens | 70. William Smith |
| 21. Richard Downs | 71. John McLeod |
| 22. Benjamin Baird | 72. John Smith Little R |
| 23. Jonathan Hellams | 73. Joseph Chase |
| 24. William Smith [S.H.] | 74. William Maguire |
| 25. Ezra Bostick | 75. William Gowers |
| 26. Thomas Hadley | 76. William Jones |
| 27. James Price | 77. Thomas Jowers |
| 28. Jonathan Harry | 78. Win. Leak |
| 29. John Patterson | 79. Richard Pemberton |
| 30. John Cockerham | 80. William Newberry Jr. |
| 31. Jonathan New | 81. Stephen Pitcock |
| 32. James Bostick | 82. Vinson Davis |
| 33. David Collier | 83. Owen Slaughter |
| 34. Jobe Willson | 84. William Newberry Sr |
| 35. Thomas Deten | 85. William Bolton |
| 36. Richard Brassel Jr. | 86. Robert Poston |
| 37. Richard Brassel | 87. Noah Agee |
| 38. Lewis Hunt | 88. David Cordel |
| 39. Joseph (torn) H.... | 89. Charles Allen |
| 40. Benager Randol | 90. Edmond Newell |
| 41. Henry Deberry | 91. John Morris |

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| 42. Benjamin Dumas | 92. George Brien |
| 43. Dd. Smith [S.H.] | 93. Joshua Ussery |
| 44. James Terry | 94. Nathaniel Covington |
| 45. James Hellams | 95. Colin MacLennan |
| 46. William Chaplin | 96. Thomas Gowers |
| 47. John Bostick | 97. Nat. Powell |
| 48. Benjamin Phillips | 98. Anthony Mills Parrot |
| 49. Jonathan Gower | 99. Malcom MacLeod |
| 50. George Gower | 100. John Smith Sandhill |

[Signatures not numbered from here.]

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| Thomas Lacy | John Roland |
| Jerome Miller | Richard Ford |
| William Halley | William Mask |
| James Blunt | Moses Pearse |
| William Johnson | Reuben Hay |
| William Shepherd | William Medcalf |
| Jethro Weaver | John Dunn |
| Wright Peirce | George Clark |
| John Freeman | John Duncan |
| William Price | Jonathan Turner |
| John Newman | Jacob Hill |
| William Bleakney | Moses Tomlin |
| Thomas Bleakney | John Jenings |
| John White | Henry Tippins |
| William Smith | William Usher |
| Jacob Blunt | Arthur Pierce |
| Benjamin Fry | Benjamin Dicks |
| Fendal Roland | Sebastian Inlaws |
| Benjamin Underwood | Richard Leverett |
| Nathaniel Renfro | Robert Leverett |
| Abraham Miller | Thomas Ussery |
| John Rasbury | John Leverett |
| Nathaniel Biven | Christopher Butler Jr. |
| Jonathan Wever | Christopher Butler Sr. |
| Stafford Gibbs | David _____ |
| John Pelham | James Butler |
| John Wright | Alexander Baird |
| William Pace | Thomas Butler |
| Joshua Martin | John Jennings |
| Thomas Chivers | Soirle Macdonald |
| Ottwell Weaver | Richard Powell |
| John Redforn? | Samuel Shang |
| John Cole | Samuel Still |
| Thomas Truly | William More |
| J. P. Clark | Joseph Gad |
| William Nelson | Daniel McCray |
| Joseph Thompson | Thomas Bullock Jr. |
| Thomas Shelby | Reuben Holderness |

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| Jesse Cordell | Edwin Ingram |
| Isaac Ford | Samuel Ingram |
| William Bevin | Peter Ussery |
| William Nelson Jr. | John Sidum Jr. |
| Thomas Justice | Welcome Ussery |
| William Nelson Sr. | John Gross |
| John Perce | Joshua Gross |
| Jesse Cooper | John Braugh |
| Thomas Creel | Henry Burcham |
| Jonathan Jackson | Jesse Wallace |
| John Stanfill | Joseph English |
| Samuel Jackson | Joshua Butler |
| William Branch | John Sowell |
| Britten Branch | John Ward |
| Moses Griel | Joseph Allen |
| James Knots | Thomas McClendon |
| Joseph White | John Jones |
| John Edens | William Rusel [?] |
| Abram Hill | John Swan Jr. |
| James Stanfill | William Sowell |
| Jacob Stanfill | George Bruton |
| Charles Sisenbee | Thomas Lucas |
| Malachi Watts | William Henley |
| Abraham Strickland | William Mask Jr. |
| Andrew Dumas | Robert Price |
| George Walters | James Lionely |
| Benjamin Dumas Jr. | Thomas Runtle Jr. [or Huntle] |
| John Hutchins | Thomas Stanfill |
| William Ussery | William Rushing |
| James Almond | Rowland Rushing |
| John Mobery [?] | Jesse McClendell |
| John Sowell | Stephen Miller |
| Thomas Ward | Robert Rushing |
| Philip Raspbery | Joshua Hodges |
| Isaac Jones | William May |
| John Batt Baird | John Stanfill |
| William Powell | Isaac Nickols |
| Robert Kennon | Richard Rushing |
| Samuel Banton | Luke Langston |
| Alex. Cockerham | Frederick Gordon |
| John McGlown [?] | Mickel Tadrack [?] |
| John Almond | Philip Gathings |
| John Carpenter | George Hammons |
| William McCurry | Peter Watson |
| August McAuley | James Gorden |
| John McAuley | Thomas Huntle Sr. |
| Donald Bellou | John Beck |
| Collin McCray | Thomas Ford |
| Dudley Mask | Charles Clark |
| Jacob White | John Granade |

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| William Chambers | Abraham Jones |
| John Crouch | John Richards |
| William White | Abraham Rushing |
| Thomas Stainback | William Gullede |
| Daniel Maison [Watson?] | Joseph White |
| John Johnsend [Johnson] | Jesse Miller |
| John Taler | Cornelius Clark |
| Lachlin McKennox | Davis Lennard |
| Norman McLeod | James Tarlton |
| Donald McKenzie | Theoderick Webb |
| John Simmons | Johnson Rushing |
| Murdoch Macaulay | John Rushing |
| Stephen Touchstone | Thomas Meador |
| John Murchison | James Harrell |
| John Tarbutton Sr. | Jonathan May |
| John Robinson | William McDaniel |
| Luke Robinson | Peter Lowry |
| John Ferguson | W. Benton |
| John Meguire | James Webb |
| William Meguire Sr. | William Strickland Jr. |
| John Hews | William Strickland Sr. |
| James Yoe | Thomas Stanlill |
| Benjamin Ingram | Samuel Strickland |
| Nathaniel Dobbs | Job Benton |
| Robt. Hall | James Benton |
| John Branch | Gidden Bowen |
| Emanuel Tarleton | Absolem Ethredge |
| Reuben Phillips | John May |
| Martin Gonad | John Bennet Jr. |
| John J ebardgin [?] | Joseph Tarbutton |
| Mulvaney Beals | Jeremiah Hendrick |
| William Hamer | Thomas Fanning |
| William Bayles | Sampson Williams |
| James Hagood | John Powell |
| John Jackson | Alexander MacLennan |
| John Lisonby | Richard Tallear |
| Malcolm McDonald | John McRae Jr. |
| John Smith | Thomas Dockery |
| John Mask | William Leggett |
| Robert Webb | Benjamin Powell |
| Daniel McNeill | John Mason |
| Daniel MacAulay | George Slaughter |
| William Webb | Jeremiah Simpkin |
| Charles Harbert | Randal Cockerham |
| John Wilshur | Townsend Robinson |
| Henry Covington | James Pickett |
| John Long Sr. | John Kimbrough |
| John Long Jr. | John Skinner |
| Daniel MacCormick | George Carter |
| Daniel Thomas | Edmund Collins |

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| William Thomas | _____ner Eights |
| James Smith | Joseph Hoggs |
| Jacob Morris | Silious Overstreet |
| Daniel-Smith | Benjamin Maner |
| John Jenkins | B_____ McLean |
| Jacob Cockerham Sr. | Thomas Gibson |
| Jonathan Lewelling | David McKay |
| William Morris | Isaac Eights |
| Henry Taylor | William Taylor |
| John Dove | James Hayns |
| John Curry | George Collins |
| John Love | Ishmael Chavers |
| Nathan Herinton | Demsey Grant |
| Lawrence O'Bryan | Nelson Gibson |
| Cooper Clark | Thomas Collins |
| Elisha Collins | Moses Johnson |
| _____ Taler | William Williams |
| John McCalman | Elisha Sweeting |
| Absolem Hindes | Thomas Turner |
| James Phillips | William Lochler |
| Stephen Gestord | Thomas Smith |
| Patrick Sanders | Stephen Maner |
| William Baker | John Maner |
| William McDonald | Mark Deeds |
| Simon Hooker | John Umphreys |
| John English | William Smith |
| John Jenkins | Edward Smith |
| Jacob Cockerham Jr. | John Best |
| Farquard McCre | Joseph Hiett |
| Isaac Armstrong | Ezekiel Hiett |
| Thomas George | Thomas Wilson |
| James Conway | |

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Petition to Governor, Council and Assembly from the inhabitants of the upper end of the county for a division to form Montgomery County. [Two lists] February 1779.⁵

Thomas Wade, Marshall Digge, Lot Tallant, Joseph Howell, Isaac Fortenbery, Alexander McCaskill, Israel Snead, William Love, Henry Adcock, Burlingham Rudd, George Andrews, John Short, John Dinkins, Lawrence Franklin, John Wade, John Franklin, William Liles, Richard Farr, John Smith Francis Smith, Solomon Fisher, John Cole, Joseph Martin, Duke Glen, Thomas Slay, Thomas Vining, William Boggan, Patt Boggan, Cornelius Ross, Robert Segoe, John Segoe, Edward Smith, Shadrach Baggett, Daniel Murphy, Jabez Hendricks, Abraham Letavour, James Nubry [Newberry], John Crawford, John Auld, Delong Bass, Thomas Conner, William Bennett, Neavil Bennett, James Chiles, Thomas Thomas, John Maclendal, James Bogen, Thomas Baly, William Yoe, Theophilus Evans, James Langford, William Langford, William McDonald, George Loundesdell Rudd, Jeremiah Gullledge, John Smith, Robert Jarman, James Little, William Hickman, Micajah Stinson, George Lindsey, Charles Birmingham, John Newton, William Bennett, Jr., Daniel Low, Richard James, Abraham J egow [?], Thomas Tallant, Joshua Moses, Moses Tallant, Thomas Hall, Aaron Tallant, John Segar Sr., Jacob Falconberry, Will Watts, Peter Watts, Jonathan Davidson, William Rushing, John Murfee, William Fedricks, William Bales, William May, Pat Boggan Jr., John Street, Moses Greel, Thomas Jones, Mark Rushing, Sol Dearman, Arthur Dees, James Dees, _____ Bohxnan, Daniel Vines, Thomas Higdon, John Higdon, John Henricks, William Watkins, William White, John Crlsnel, Thomas Phillips, David Watts, Joseph Smith, Abraham Jones, William Gullledge, Benjamin Fuller, James Talton, Thomas Talton, James Gordon, Absolem Etherage, John Granade, Jesse Brown, John Auk, Jacob Jones, Thomas Ford, James Temple John Brooks, William Hall, Jacob Blue, James Long, John Edens, William Edens, John Bains, Hugh McCormack, John Dove, Loflin Curry, Donald McDonald, John Watson, Benjamin Merritt, Dempsey Grant, Aaron Turner, Nehemiah Randal, Angus Curry, Joseph Brooks

2nd list

William Pickett, Benjamin Baird, Thomas Pickett, Joshua Gross, Henry Mounger, Sias Billingsley, Joseph Henderson, Joshua Carter, James Gray, Zedekiah Ledbetter, George Newmane, Stephen Treadwell, Lawrence Bankson, Isaac Callaway, John Callaway, Colby Randal, Wilbun Gray, Gilbert Simpson, Flanery Rone, James Bankson, George Ramage, John Lunn, Peter Jackson, Bolton Sauls, George Tucker, Thomas Pitman, Thomas Vandyke, William Pitman, Samuel Carter, Mathew Jurden, John Martin, Moses Carter, William Wilson, Joseph McLester, Charles Jones, Buckner Kimball, Darby Henley, William Jackson, John Jordan, David Penington, Moses Curtis, William Bankson, Job Callaway, Charles J urden, David Hawke, Thomas Bankson, William Noble, John Bankson, Simpson Noble, John Bankson, William Loftin, Richard Parker, Thomas Barnes, Moses Loftin, Julius Nichols, Ethelred Harris, Howel Parker, Thomson Clements, West Harris, George Tucker, John Tucker, John Baker, Roland Harris, Nathaniel Bell, William Ballard, William Clemmons, John Galahon, Buckner Harris, Joseph Bell, William Denman, George Kirke, Jesse Clifton, Edward Corneil, Edward Henly, Rusel Curtis, Matthew Cogan, Arthur Harris, John Coggan, Moody Ingram,

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Jacob Bankson, John Rogers, Daniel Bankson, James Rogers Jr., Henry Harris, Arthur Harris son of Henry Harris, John Jeffry, Josais Wright, Mathew l-Iarrold, George Shankle, Humphrey Ballard, Drury Bennett, William Ballard, Mark Bennett, Cary Prichard, Charles Ledbetter, William Magreger, John Lankaster, John Harris, Bartlett Megreger, John Walker, Randle Jackson, John Randle, Isaac Allen, West Harris, son of Henry Harris, Adam Rone, James Johnson, Moses Gordon, James Bryant, J osias Randle, Joseph Vickery, Jacob Shankle, Thomas Simson, William Nobles, Sr., Andrew Dennis, Nathaniel Dennis, William Allton, James Runnels, William Morriss, Thomas Newman, Herbert Suggs.

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1. Legislative Papers, (1770) House of Commons, No. 6. Dept. of Archives and History, Raleigh, N.C.

2. This is the signature of John Smith, Sandhill, the same as in the following petition (1777), number 100. He signed, also, for his son, David Smith, who, born Oct. 9, 1753, was in his fifteenth year, but a man in size.

3. Legislative Papers, House of Commons, Nov. 20, 1777. Dept. of Archives and History, Raleigh, N. C.

4. The signature in this petition is the first preserved signature of David Smith yet found.* With two others, as Commissioner of an election in Montgomery County (N. C.) Mch. 10 and 11, 1779, it identifies him as the David Smith in the Natchez Dist. (Miss.) May 1782-1790, and throughout his colorful career as pioneer and Indian fighter. The name following his is that of his brother-in-law, James Terry, of Sav. Cr.

*Dept. of Arch. and Hist., Raleigh, N. C.

5. Legislative Papers (House of Commons), February 1779. No. 22, Dept. of Archives and History. Raleigh, N. C.

6. Legislative Papers (House of Commons) Oct. 18-25, 1779. No. 24, Dept. of Archives and History, Raleigh. N. C.

7. Legislative Papers. House of Commons. Apr. 26, 1783, L. P. 47, Dept. of Archives and History. Raleigh, N. C.

8. Legislative Papers (House of Commons) Nov. 3-13, 1789. L. P. 85, Dept of Archives and History. Raleigh, N. C.