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1 Clerks Bible 1 Psalm & Hymns, 1 Watts Hymns, family Instructor 1 Doddrids Sermons, the Gospel Mystery of Sanctification A Sacramental Catechism or family Instructor, An Alarm to the unconverted Sinners 1 of the Confession of faith, Johnson's Dictionary 1 of the Desenting Gentleman Ant'n (sic) 1 of Hervey's Meditations."

**EBENEZER WILSON** (signs by mark) Will, dat. Dec. 15, 1766, prob. Feb. Ct. 1767. To sister **LUCY TUCKER** balance of a bill due from **JOSEPH PEACE** Sen'r. deed; and (2) to **CORNELIUS COOPER** sundry personalty. Ex: **CORNELIUS COOPER**. Wit: **NATHAN MCGEHE**, **JOSEPH HILL**. Id. p. 48. Inv. ret. to **MAY** Ct. 1767; among other items: "one Sword"; small est. Id. p. 56.

**WILLIAM WILSON**. Admn. No will or **BOND** on record. Inv. ret. to **MAY** Ct. 1771, by **SUSANNA WILSON**, Admrx; among other items: "2 Bibles, 2 old Books", and 2 negroes. Id. p. 176. Ret. to Aug. Ct. 1771 of sales of est. made by Sheriff June 10, 1771 on 6 mos. credit; among others, **MICHAEL WILSON** purchases "1 set of Taylors (sic) Tools", **WILLIAM PARKER** 1 Silver watch, **JOHN WHITE** I sword, 1 bible, a prayer book and a slate; 2 negroes sold; amount of sales £71 163. 2d. Id. p. 197. Additional ret. of sale to Nov. Ct. 1771. Id. p. 215. Power of Atty, Oct. 7, 1772, **SUSANNA WILSON**, Admrx of **WILLIAM WILSON**, to **GEORGE ALSTON**: general powers given in the matter of collecting claims and winding up est. of **WILLIAM WILSON**. Id. p. 261.

**WINSTON, ISAAC**. Will, dat. Oct. 17, 1761; prob. Nov. 10, 1761. To wife (no name given), £10 Va. money "to pay for the finishing of a House that was begun to be Built", sund. personalty, "the manor plantation whereon I live" of 178 A. during life, and "What Brandy I have"; (2) to son **GEORGE**, stock, furniture, 100 A. of land lying along Morgan's line, "and all my slay tools"; (3) to son **JOHN**, stock, household goods, "all my Carpenters Tools", and after the decease of tests wife the land, 178 A. devised her; (4) to dau. **MARY**, household goods and stock; (5) to son **ANTHONY**, 5 s. Va. money; (6) to son **WILLIAM**, same; (7) to son-in-law **WILLIAM DAVIS**, same. Exs: wife and **JOHN POPE**. Wit: **HANNAH THOMAS**, **SARAH THOMAS**, **BENJAMIN HARDY**. Id. p. 46.

**WOOD, JOHN** (signs by mark). Will, dat. Jany 11, 1761; prob. Aug. 11, 1761. To wife **ANN**, houses and plantation during life, and the use of all his goods and chattles; (2) to oldest son **WILLIAM**, 150 A. land and sundry personalty; (3) to son **BRITTON**, 150 A. of "the plantation which I am now posset and sund. personalty; (4) to eldest dau. (no name given) certain stock for use; and (5) to "younger" dau. **SELAH** and **ELIZABETH**, certain goods. Exs: wife, and friend **WILLIAM GANT**. Wit: **WILLIAM GANT**. **JOHN BARFOOT**. Id. p. 32.

**GEORGE WOODLIEF**, of Gr. Co., "Planter". Will, dat. March 26, 1765, prob. Nov. Ct. 1766. To wife **MARY** "my best feather bed and furniture" and all remainder of his personal est. to her during life for support and education of his 5 children: **GEORGE**, **AUGUSTINE**, **ELISABETH**, **MARY** and **MARTHA**, and at her marriage or death it is to be equally divided among said children; (2) to son **GEORGE** all of the plantation of test. on West side of Tabbs Creek; and (3) to

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son **AUGUSTINE** the plantation whereon test. now lives on East side of Tabbs Creek. Exs: **JONATHAN KITTRELL, DANIEL HUNTER, JOHN WHITE**. Wit: **SAMUEL BENTON, CHARLES BRUCE, THOMAS SANDERS, JAMES KIRKPATRICK**. ld. p. 33. Inv. ret. To May Ct. 1767; includes a list of accounts against **JOHN WHITE, DANIEL HUNTER, WILLIAM SPEARS, ABRAHAM ESTES, THOMAS WOODLIEF, CHARLES MOORE, JOHN HARRIS, THOMAS YORK, NAT SMITH, JOHN FINCH, JUSTICE PARISH, JOHN DUGGAR, RICHARD CLAPTON, and SAMUEL SMITH**. ld. p. 55.

**DAVID ZWILLING**, of Gr. Co. Admn. **BOND**, Aug. 16, 1764: **JOHN WILLIAMS** Jr. Admr.; to Gov. Dobbs, pen. £100. Sur: **WILLIAM BULLOCK, STEPHEN JETT**. Wit: **SAMUEL BENTON**, Clerk Ct. ld. p. 6!. Inv ret. to Aug. Ct. 1764; among other items: "1 pair. Saddle bags x 1 Sett of Silver Shoe buckles. 1 Gold Ring x a Quantity of Doctors means." ld. p. 7]. "An account of the Sail (sic) of the Estate of Doctor **DAVID ZWILLING** Deceased as sold by the Sheriff of Granville the [5th Decem'r. 1765" (probably 64); £32 10s. 6d., and among other items sold: "2 small boxes of Doctors drugs £1 5s. 6d., 1 parcel of Vials &c sold in Lot 158. 0d., 1 parcel of drugs sold in Lot 10s. 9d., 1 horse & saddle &c £7 ls. 0d., 1 watch £10 0s. 0d." Gr. Co. Rec. 1765-72. p. 2.

**WRIGHT, JOSEPH** (signs by mark), of St. **JOHN'S PARISH**. Gr. Co. Will. Dat April 19, 1762; prob. **MAY** Ct. 1762. To son **JOHN**, £10 Va. money; (2) '0 "**ZACHARIAH WRIGHT** son of **JOHN WRIGHT**", 180 A. of land on Crooked Creek in Gr. Co.; (3) to son **JOSEPH**, £10 Va. money; (4) to son **SAMUEL**. £10 Va. money, 180 A. of land on Crooked Creek, and "my Shoemaker tools"; (5) to son **WILLIAM**, £10 Va. money, 180 A. of land on Crooked Creek; (6) "To **JEPHTHA WRIGHT** son of **LIDIA WRIGHT**" 107 A. of land on Crooked Creek; (7) to dau. **ANN HUNNYCUT**, £10 Va. money; (8) all remainder of personally to div. bet. "my daughter **LIDIA WRIGHT** and my daughter **ELIZABETH WRIGHT** Ex: son **JOSEPH**, and **JOHN HUNNYCUT**. Wit: **JESSE ADAMS, ELIAS SMITH**. ld. p. 70. Inv. ret. to **MAY** Ct. 1762; among other items: "6 Books X 1 Pa" Shoe buckles x 1 Stock to wear round neck." ld. p. 71.

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Arbirtators in favor of the Deft. Stovall, as having continued no trespass on land of Plff. p. 23.

100. **ROBERT MITCHELL**, of Gr. Co. to **CHARLES BRUCE**, of same. Sale, Aug. 27, 1765. Cons: £65 proc. paid **HADEN PRYOR**, Dept. Sheriff. for execution held vs him. Conveys: negro boy (aged 20) "Jack". Wit: **HADEN PRYOR**, **JAMES DAVENPORT**. p. 25.

101. **JAMES MITCHELL Jr.** to **DAVID MITCHELL**, both of Gr. Co. Sale, Aug. 30, 1766. Cons: £182. 9. 3. proc. Conveys: stock & furniture. Wit: **RICHARD HENDERSON**, **JOHN KITTRELL** (sic). p. 25.

102. **SAMUEL** (mark) **HICKS** to **SAMUEL KITTRELL**. Sale, Feby 4, 1767. Cons: £100 proc. Conveys: negro wench "Rose". Wit: **THOMAS MUTTER**, **DANIEL HUNTER**. p. 48.

103. **JOSEPH MONTFORT**, "of Halifax" N. C. to **SAMUEL FULLER**, of Gr. Co. Sale, March 5, 1767. Cons: £80 proc. Conveys: negro wench "Haisty" "late property of **JOHN CAMPBELL** of Chowan". Wit: **ROBERT REID**. p. 58.

104. **SARAH HARP**, "the Elder", "Single Woman of Granville County" to **JOHN HARP**, "aged about six years old", to **GEMIME HARP**, and to **SARAH HARP "Jun'r."** Sale, Aug. 3, 1767. Cons: "Divers good Causes and Valuable Considerations." Conveys: stock & furniture, among others: "One Grey Horse Branded with a *fleur de luse*, on one of his Buttocks". Wit: **THOMAS BRUMMET**, **THOMAS ADDISON**. p. 59. (She was evidently a mother of these children, although such descriptive language is not used).

105. Micajah **BULLOCK**, "of Hanover Co. Va. to **THOMAS PERSON** of Granville Co. N. C. "Gent". Power of Atty. April 15, 1767. To collect debts etc. Wit: **JOSEPH TAYLOR** & **LEONARD SIMS**. p. 69.

106. **NATHANIEL HALL**, of Brunswick Co. Va. to **JONATHAN KITTRELL**, of Gr. Co. Sale, Dec 5, 1760. Cons: £45 Va. money. Conveys: negro boy "Jacob". Wit: **JONATHAN BOWIE**, **SAMUEL KITTRELL**, **SOLOMON FULLER**. p. 71.

107. **JOHN** (mark) **GEER** to "WILLIAM BURFORD Esq'r." "Lie Bill" Disclaimer of Slanderous words by former, March 6, 1767. Wit: **BENJAMIN PERSON**, **WILLIAM MOORE** (Bute), **SAMUEL BENTON**, **NATHANIEL HURT**.

108. **BENJAMIN GOODMAN** to **JOSEPH WILLIAMS**, both of Gr. Co. Sale, Aug. 21, 1767. Cons: £50 proc. Conveys: large number of cattle. Wit: **BROMFIELD RIDLEY**, **THOMAS HENDERSON**. p. 73.

109. **JOHN HERNDON** to son **PUMFRETT**, both of Gr. Co. Deed of gift, Aug. 8, 1767. Gives: negro woman "Sue" & cattle & crops. Wit: **HUMPHREY HERNDON**, **PRISCILLA LANGFORD**. p. 74.

110. **EDWARD MOORE** to **THOMAS MUTTER**, both of Gr. Co. Sale, March 5, 1767. Cons: £75 proc. Conveys: negro woman "Moll" & 1 pen knife. Wit: **JONATHAN HAMILTON**. p. 78.

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aforesaid, the said **SPRINGFIELD** Did hang Himself and thereby was Guilty of his own Death." Ret. to November Ct. 1768. Id. p. 103.

Nov. 1, 1768. "**SAMUEL HENDERSON** Coroner having held an inquest on the Body of **THOMAS SPRINGFIELD** (who did on the 20th Day of September last Hang himself and was thereby guilty of his own Death) returns the same. A pocket Book with Twenty Shillings proc. Money one Bible one Mare one Saddle & one Bell Together with sundry accompts & other papers." Vol. 4, Minutes.

This is preceded by two orders appt'g. his children masters: Aaron, aged 8 yrs Jany 1, 1769, bound to **JAMES CURRIAN** to learn trade of blacksmith; 21 yrs, **ELIZABETH**, aged 6 yrs Dec. 4, 1768, bound to **CHARLES EATON** to learn art of spinster; 18 yrs.

**HENRY MATLOCK**. Inquisition "taken at or near the South side of Fishing Creek" in Gr. Co., Dec. 18, 1770, on said H. M. Jurors: **ROBERT ALLISON, CARTER HUDSPETH, JOHN HAMPTON, MALACHIA REEVES, JOSEPH LANGSTON, JAMES WILLIS, NICKLESS MATLOCK, GHILES HUDSPETH, JOHN TUDER, MICHAEL WILSON, JOHN STAINBOCK, WILLIAM WILSON, JOHN WHITE**. Before **SAMUEL HENDERSON** "Coroner". Verdict: "that the said **HENRY MATLOCK** appear'd to have shot him self by accident and that no person nor persons did kill him, and that he did not lay violent Hands on Himself." Ret. to Jany Ct. 1771. Id. p. 173.

Unknown. Inquisition, "taken at or near Hatches Run" in Gr. Co., Dec. 16, 1770, "upon View of the Body of a Strange Man late of the said County." Jurors: **REUBEN SEARCY, WILLIAM HICKS, EPHRAIM HAMPTON, MALICHI REEVES, WILLIAM HOMSBEY, CHRISTOPHER HARRIS, JONATHAN PARKER, GEORGE ALSTON, WILLIAM OGLEVIE, JOHN STAINBOCK, JOHN HAGRIES, THOMAS HARRIS, ABRABAM COOK, JOHN VERNER, JAMES WILLIS, WILLIAM HOWEL, JONATHAN KITTRELL, JOHN HARRIS**. Before **SAMUEL HENDERSON**, "Coroner." Verdict: "that the said Stranger appear'd to be Murdered by some person or persons, but not find who and that He did not lay Violent hands on himself and don't find that he hath any Estate." Id. p. 17\_. Ret. to Jany Ct. 1771.

#### Miscellaneous Items

June 7, 1754. "It being represented to the Court that a Still belonging to **JOSEPH SIMS** Orphan of **JOSEPH SIMS** dec'd. is in Danger of being impaired it is therefor Ordered that **WILLIAM MASSEY** (Sec'y. for the Guardianship) take the same into his possession. "

June 7, 1754. "Honorable **JONATHAN RUTHERFORD** Esq'r. his Earmark Rec'd. an Under & Over Keel on Right Ear. Brand I R." (who was he?)

Sept. 5, 1754. "Order'd that the Hands belonging to the Hon. **JOHN RUTHERFORD** Esq. living at the Quar'r. on Fishing Cr. be added to the Hands under **THOMAS HOWELL** Over'r."

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Present: **ROBERT HARRIS, JAMES YANCEY, REUBEN SEARCY, DAVID MITCHEL**, Justices.  
**MEMUCAN HUNT, JOHN WALKER, SAMUEL SNEED, JOSEPH WILLIAMS**. Freeholders.

The aforesaid Justices and Freeholders being Summoned and Qualified Proceeded to Examine Witnesses as Well on behalf of our Sovereign Lord the King as the Prisoner at the Bar, Says that he is guilty of felony for which he stands Charged and that the Sheriff take him to the Public whipping Post and give him fifteen lashes well laid on upon his bare (sic) Back & then to be Discharged on paying fees.

**ROBERT HARRIS, JAMES YANCEY, REUBEN SEARCY, DAVID MITCHEL**, Justices. **MEMUCAN HUNT, JOSEPH WILLIAMS, JOHN WALKER, SAMUEL SNEED**, Freeholders. Vol. 4, Minutes.

1770 North Carolina Granville County. At a Court called for the Tryal of a Negroe Man Slave called **DANIEL**, the property of **JOHN BEARD**, and held at Oxford in the said County, the 22nd Day of October 1770.

Present, **ROBERT LEWIS, THORNTON YANCEY, HADEN PRYOR, THOMAS PERSON**, Esq'rs. **HOWELL LEWIS, EDWARD BOND, SOLOMON FULLER Jun.** Freeholders.

The aforesaid justices & freeholders being duly summoned & qualified proceeded to examine witnesses as well on behalf of our sovereign lord the king as the prisoner at the barr, find the same prisoner **DANIEL**, guilty of a trespass in riding one bay gelding the property of **JOHN ROE**; of stealing one hatt the property of **SAMUEL ADAMS**, & of stealing one coat the property of **JAMES MAY**; order'd that the sheriff carry him to the public whipping post & give him twenty lashes on his bare back; also put him in the pillory, nail one of his ears, let him stand half an hour, then draw the nail & keep him in custody until the fees are paid.

**THOMAS PERSON, HOWELL LEWIS, SOLOMON FULLER, EDWARD BOND, ROBERT LEWIS, THORNTON YANCEY, HADEN PRYOR**, Vol. 4, Minutes.

1773, At a Court Call'd and Held in Granville County at the Court House of the said County for the trial of Certain Negro Slaves &c on Thursday the let day of October Anno. Domini 1773.

Present: **ROBERT HARRIS JONATHAN KITTRELL SHERWOOD HARRIS** Esquires Justices &c. and **THOMAS CRITCHER, CHRISTOPHER HARRIS, SAMUEL WALLER** and **WILLIAM HUNT** freeholders, all being sworn in due form of Law took their Seats accordingly.

And **ROBERT HARRIS** Esq'r. Chairman Order'd that the Slaves having committed any felony or Misdemeanor should be brought to the Bar And accordingly one **SANDERS** a Negro man Slave the property of **JOSEPH MCDANIEL** was brought to the Bar and being Ask'd whether he was guilty of Murdering one **WILLIAM BRYANT** or not guilty, Answer'd and said not guilty, on Which the Witness's was introduced, and being Examined, to wit, one **NED** the property of the said

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**WILLIAM BRYANT** decess'd being first Examined prov'd that the said Negro **SANDERS** had a gun in the night and had utter'd some threatenng language, tho did not mention any person in particular. Then **JACOB** a man Slave the property of **JONATHAN KITTRELL** Esquire, was next Examined, prov'd the said **SANDERS** having a gun in the night &c.

Ben the property of **SAMUEL WALKER** being Exam'd. prov'd a Coat which the said **SANDERS** had on to be his the said Ben's property.

Also Ben the property of the said dec'd. being Examined said that **SANDERS** said he would kill somebody.

**JOHN HOGAN JOSEPH MCDONALD & JOHN BRENNON** were Sworn. **JOSEPH MCDONALD** was Examined prov'd his Confessing the killing **WILLIAM BRYANT** with many other Concurring (sic) circumstances (sic) &c.

**JOHN HOGAN** proves the same.

**JOHN BRENNON** proves his Confessing the Shooting, **WILLIAM BRYANT**.

Then the Court proceeded to pass Sentence agreeable to the Evidence & circumstances which was, to the following Substance, that the said Negro man Slave **SANDERS** is guilty of the Murder of the said **WILLIAM BRYANT**, and therefore Order'd that the Sheriff take the said Negro **SANDERS** to the Gaol of the County and there to Keep him safely until Saturday the 23'd. Instant and then to take him and Carry him to the place of Execution between the hours of Ten o'Clock in the forenoon & three in the afternoon there to be Bum'd alive until he shall be dead & Consum'd. The said Slave is Valued by this Court to be worth £80. proc. money.

Then Ned a Negro man Slave the property of **WILLIAM BRYANT** decess'd was brought to the Barr, and many circumstances (sic) appearing much to the disadvantage of the said Ned the Court proceeded to pass Sentence against him, that he be carried to the public whipping (sic) post and there to Receive thirty nine Lashes on his bare back well laid on.

**JOHN PEACE** came into Court upon his Recog. for the appearance of two Negro's the property of the said **PEACE** and was Relas'd on his the said **PEACE** motion &c. **ROBERT HARRIS, JONATHAN KITTRELL, SHERWOOD HARRIS**, Justices. **WILLIAM HUNT, CHRISTOPHER HARRIS, SAMUEL WALKER, THOMAS CRITCHER**, freeholders. Teste **REUBEN SEARCY C. C.** Vol. 5, Minutes. Streams and Drainage. -- 1746 Hycoe river. Grassey Creek. Great Fishing Creek.

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