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FOREWORD

Two years ago the compiler made some extracts from the Salem Messenger and Public Advertiser, from a bound file, beginning with the issue of January 1, 1823 and ending with that of December 20, 1826.

At that time it was not known that there were any earlier numbers of the newspaper in existence but since then Mr. Walter Hall, President of the Salem County Historical Society has found and permitted extracts to be made from another fairly complete file of the "Messenger" beginning with Number 1, Volume 1, September 17, 1819 and ending with Number 171, Volume 4, December 25, 1822 or the issue immediately preceding the first mentioned file.

The issues noticed as missing from the second file are numbers 41 to 52 inclusive and numbers 119, 120, 126, 127, 130, 132, 140, 141, 144.

There was no issue of Friday, October 8, 1819, but the one of Wednesday, October 13, 1819, was number four and the publication day had been changed without comment.

The first numbers down to Number 73, February 14, 1821 were "Conducted by Elijah Brooks", Numbers 73 to 99 of August 15, 1821 were "Edited and published by Elijah Brooks".

Numbers 99 to 155 September 4, 1822 were "Printed and published by Elijah Brooks".

Numbers 155 to 171 inclusive, the end of the file, December 25, 1822, were "Published by Elijah Brooks".

These four different expressions on the title pages without explanation seem to show some concealed motive for them and it is quite evident that

Brooks was not the sole owner of the Messenger.

The title page of the first number was dated Friday, September 18, 1821, an obvious mistake because the 18th of September was Saturday. It is therefore proper to state that the first date of publication was September 17, 1821.

Brooks in his editorial referred to another paper lately published in Salem but did not give its name.

He wrote he was a stranger in Salem, N. J., and that "a file of newspapers preserved is the best history of the times that can be had".

The subscription price of the Messenger was two dollars a year, one half payable in advance. The charge for advertisements was one dollar a square for the first three times and twenty-five cents a week thereafter. It was a four page, four column sheet— $17\frac{3}{4}$ "x $11\frac{1}{2}$ ".

In "Salem A Century Ago" printed in the Salem Standard and Jerseyman last year it was shown that the name of the Messenger, in March 1834; was changed to the Weekly Visitor and almost immediately thereafter was merged with the American Statesman and Literary Journal which in turn, April 16, 1834 became the Freeman's Banner of which the Standard and Jerseyman is a lienal descendent.

It will be noticed that Editor Brooks considered his paper a successor to another Salem newspaper because he delivered his first issue "as nearly as practicable, in town and by stage, to the supporters of the other paper lately printed here.

"Editor William H. Chew states the Messenger succeeded the Salem Gazette established 1816, so it is practically assured that Editor Brooks acquired its printing plant and good will and this undoubtedly explains the four changes on the title pages noted above.

The compiler has made an exception in his usual method and has copied for publication all of the deaths and marriages of a local character because he has found that a fair percentage of the marriages are not to be found elsewhere.

Frank H. Stewart

Salem More Than a Century Ago

The genealogy of the Salem Standard and Jerseyman is as follows:

1816—Salem Gazette, Isaac A. Kollock, Editor.

1819—September 17, Salem Messenger, Elijah Brooks, Editor. Changes to Weekly Visitor, March 1834.

1830, May 22—American Statesman, Henry H. Elwell, editor.

1834, April 5—The Visitor and the American Statesman were consolidated under the title of Union.

1834, April 16—Freemans Banner, Sisty and Prior, Editors.

1836—Union consolidated with Freeman's Banner, Samuel Prior, Jr., Editor.

1840—Name of Freeman's Banner changed to National Standard. Charles P. Smith, Editor.

1881, June 14—South Jerseyman, D. Harris Smith and Charles N. Bell, Editors.

1904, October—National Standard and South Jerseyman united under the title of Salem Standard and Jerseyman.

The First Issue of the Salem Messenger

The Editor to His Readers

Without the usual ceremony of a Prospectus preceding the first number, the subscriber has ventured to commence a weekly newspaper in Salem, N. J. under the above name or title; the first number of which he circulates, as nearly as practicable, in town and by stage, to the supporters of the other paper lately printed here: and he hopes that none will determine by this number whatever may be its demerits, to decline receiving and accounting for six months, or at least three months; and thus give it a fair trial. The want of different publications, which he expects soon to receive, makes this number deficient in that kind of miscellaneous variety with which mankind are ever pleased.

He intends to devote the columns of the Messenger to the public good, in publishing the latest interesting news of the times; selections on Agriculture, Manufactures, Arts and

Science, Politics, Morality, and miscellaneous articles, such as he may deem sufficiently pleasing and interesting; original communications on subjects of general interest, which are free from personal invective, and which he thinks worthy of public notice; and Advertisements in business of all kinds, with his thanks and good wishes for the fortunate success of the advertisers thereof.

Being a stranger to the people of this section of the State, he expects nothing more of their friendship at the commencement, than as it respects an establishment of the kind among them; and so much he thinks he has reason to expect from those who see the utility of such an establishment, if conducted with propriety, in the populous county of Salem, and from those whom the favour of the people have elevated to places of public trust and profit.

Much might be said in favour of the establishment of a press in every county as populous as this is (and there are very few, if any, without one): and much might be said in favour of the head of every family taking a newspaper: it informs him of what is transacting of importance in every part of the civilized world; and thus assimilates mankind in distant countries to the same train of ideas and actions, which may, perhaps, be the means of bringing about universal peace: it informs him of the improvements in arts, sciences, and mechanism, and dispels superstition; and it is perhaps the most powerful incentive that can be introduced into a family, to bring children forward in reading and a knowledge of the world.

Next in importance to the establishment of the Christian religion may be ranked that of printing; and next to the Bible in usefulness may be reckoned newspapers. Printing seems to be a necessary attendant of the Christian religion; for although at its commencement its Founder and his apostles established it through a vast population, yet, after they were gone it

declined, and in a few centuries the true spirit of Christianity seems almost to have departed from man. Those who had pretensions to it for supporting and extending it by the sword, in direct contradiction to the precepts of Him they professed to follow: but since printing has been introduced reformers have risen up, and the idea appears to be coming prevalent, that the most successful way of extending the principles of Christianity is, by proclaiming peace and practicing the precepts of Him who taught us to love our enemies.

It has, perhaps, been for want of the influence of the press, that individuals have had the lives and fortunes of whole nations of people at their disposal; and it is probably to its influence that we are indebted for having been raised from Subjects to Citizens, and thus to the enjoyment of civil and religious liberty.

As a citizen of such a republic, and for the manner in which our national and state governments are administered, the editor is well pleased, and will be emulous to perpetuate them.

The editor therefore thinks he may, with propriety, impress upon the minds of such as have not considered the importance of the press, as a duty they owe to themselves, their families, and their country, to have a newspaper in their house: they will find much to amuse and inform them in their leisure hours. There are but few families that do not have luxuries, or spend money to a greater amount than the price of a newspaper, for what they might do without, with less abridgment of pleasure or advantage, than without a newspaper.

A file of newspapers preserved is the best history of the times that can be had; and a file of them printed 40 years ago would probably sell for double their original cost.

Those who receive this paper are requested to read these remarks to such of their neighbors as do not take any paper, and advise them of the usefulness thereof.

In fixing the conditions the Messenger, he thinks it necessary to follow the rules of other printers generally, so far as respects payments

for the paper and advertisements; and he has accordingly fixed the price of the paper at the moderate yearly in advance. Persons living on the stage road, and out of the town of Salem willingly to become agents for receiving, distributing and accounting for the Messenger, without expense to the editor, shall for so doing receive for the first nine papers, a tenth paper gratis; and for every succeeding paper, one tenth of the money; and for persons living out of town and off from the roads where papers can be delivered by stage, willing to become agents for sending, distributing, and accounting for papers shall receive for so doing for the four first subscribers, a fifth paper gratis, and for every succeeding paper one fifth of the money.

Advertisements inserted three times for one dollar a square, and continued for 25 cents per week.

On these principles and conditions the public will ever find itself obligingly served by its well wisher,

Elijah Brooks.

Salem Messenger

Friday, September 18, 1819

An article about a balloon ascension copied from the "Union" of September 10, 1819 said the affair was not a success. A few days before a disappointed mob had destroyed a balloon and other property at Vauxhall Garden in Philadelphia.

The marl pits at Middletown, New Jersey, were rich with the remains of antediluvian reptiles.

The local deaths reported in the first number were: Andrew Sinnickson, Esq., Stephen Hutchens and wife, Elizabeth, Joshua G. Thompson, Richard Tyler, Casper Hall, Miss Mary Hall, Miss Eliza Maul, child of Daniel Garrison, Esq., child of Edward Louge.

First Advertisements

The first issue contained three advertisements. The New Jersey Navigation Lottery, C. & G. Fletcher, Jewelers of Philadelphia and John Mason's boarding house between Hackett's Tavern and the printing office.

Salem Prices Current

Grain	Wholesale	Retail
Wheat, bu.	\$1.12	\$1.25
Corn, bu. ....	.60	.62
Rye, bu. ....	.62	.75
Oats, bu. ....	.40	.50
Flax Seed, bu.	1.25	
Flour		
Wheat, cwt.	3.50	4.00
Rye, cwt.	2.25	2.50
Corn Meal ....		.80
Potatoes, bu.	1.00	1.25
Merino Wool, lb. ....	.50	
Common Wool, lb. ....	.40	.45
Flax ....	.20	
Lard, lb. ....	.10	.12
Hams, lb. ....	.12	.15

H. S. Tanner was engaged in the preparation of his National Atlas and desired information of a local character about roads, boundary lines, etc.

It was proposed by the Legislature that the State Constitution be amended.

A Celebrated Sea Serpent

The Sea Serpent of Nahant, near Boston, was described in a matter of fact way in a letter of August 9, 1819, from Samuel Calbot to Col. T. H. Perkins. The serpent was seen by a multitude of people and was fully visible for several minutes. Its head was elevated from six inches to two feet above the surface and moved from side to side. Its body was undulating with six or eight bunches and was estimated to be about eighty feet long. It remained near the beach two hours or more and was of the same general character as one that was seen at Gloucester, Mass., in 1817.

Post Route of the Messenger

In the second number of September 24, 1819 the Messenger advertised for a person to deliver the paper on a route from Salem to Quinton's Bridge and from thence to Allowaystown and the ferries at Penns Neck.

Nine men were in the insolvent debtor's prison in Salem.

William Glennly wove double coverlets, carpets and diapers near the Methodist Meeting House in Lower Penns Neck.

The following were nominated for political offices in accord with the law of February 22, 1797.

List of persons nominated as candidates to be voted for at the ensuing Election for Members of the Legislative Council and General Assembly, Sheriff and Coroners, for the County of Salem, for the ensuing year.

For Council

Henry Freas, Samuel L. James, John Dickinson, Zac. Ray (declines), Hedge Thompson, Jerediah Dubois, Samuel Miller, Isaiah Shinn, Merri-man Smith.

Morris Hall, Sen., Morris Hancock, Eleazer Mayhew, Robert G. Johnson, Israel R. Clawson, Thomas Murphy, Daniel Richman, Samuel Clement.

Assembly

Zac. Ray (declines), John Mayhew, Hudson Springer, John Hall, Stacy Lloyd, Richard Cravin, Samuel Miller, Peter Bildrback, Morris Hancock, James Serron, Jun., Samuel Humphries, Andrew Alston, Benj. Archer (declines).

Abraham Swing, James Newell, William Walker, Thomas Yarrow, Peter Souder, Jeremiah Foster, Richard G. Kindall, Jos. S. Risley, Jeremiah J. Erwin, Hedge Thompson, John Nichols, Daniel Garrison, Thomas Murphy, Samuel Lynch, Eleazer Mayhew.

Samuel Lippincott, Daniel Richman, Samuel L. James, Thomas Bradway, Philip Fries, Henry Fries, Joshua Smith, Anthony Nelson, Morris Hall, Samuel Clement, Jediah Allen, Sal, William White.

James Butcher, Samuel Gilmore, Joseph Cook, John Nicholson, Thomas Sinnickson, Furman Mulford, Jeremiah Wood, Gideon Scull, John Mulford, Samuel Segrave, David Bowen, John Tuft, William Waddington, Harman Richman, William J. Shinn.

Sheriff

William Harvey, Richard Craven, Stacy Lloyd, Samuel L. James, John Nichols, John Smith, Mannington; Morris Hancock, John Hackett, William J. Shinn, Jonathan Richman.

John Hall, Mannington; David Dubois, Esq., Thomas Sinnickson, Robert H. Vanmeter, James Butcher, Edward B. Gibbs, Anthony Nelson, Wm. Mulford (declines), Joseph Kille, Isaiah Shinn.

Coroner

Isaac Smart, Edward B. Gibbs, Samuel Lippincott, Andrew Aston, Samuel Applegate, Sen., John Smith, Jun., Benjamin Thompson, Michael Hackett, James Butcher, Robert H. Vanmeter, Jonathan Riley, Joseph Morey, John Elwell, Jeremiah Erwin, Howell Powell, Daniel Vanneman, Isaac Johnson, Samuel Copner, George Thomas.

John Jaquett, Samuel Clement, Thomas Dubois, John Diver, Edward Waddington, Edmund Gibbon, Joseph Lippincott, Joel Haines, James Logue, John Sinnickson, Walter Beesley, Jacob Madeira, Benjamin Dindall, Dalamore Harris, James Patterson, William J. Shinn, Henry Guest, John Hackett, William Walker.

Salem Messenger

Friday, September 24, 1819.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Post Office at Salem, N. J., October 1, 1819.

A—Charles Alpin, William Adaws, Aaron Antrim, Thomas Accoo.

B—Joseph Bassett, Peter Bilderback, Jr., Thomas Brown, Shepard Blackwood, Elisha Brown, Valentine Balenger.

C—Thomas Counsellor, John Cravin, Jr., 3; John Cravin, 2.

D—William Daniels, Jacob Davis, Margaret Darling, 2.

E—Martha English, Catherine Eft, Elizabeth Edelman, Frances E. Edelman.

F—Allen, Ware & Freas, James Frazer.

G—Namiiah Garison, David Gartin, William Griscomb, Samuel Griscob.

H—James Holeton, Jusan Harris, Mr. Hains, Miss Ann Hall, William Hains, Abbe L. Harker.

J—Joseph B. Johnson, H. Johnson.

K—David Keen, Thomas Kitts, Stacy Kille.

L—Ephraim Lloyd.

M—Hannah McCrief, Lewis Mairs.

N—Jacob Nelson, Mary Nickeson.

O—Patience Omen.

P—Margaret Price.

S—Samuel Smalley, Evi Smith, Jaushua Scattergood, Jonathan Steelman, Isaac Sutton, Odeph Sheldon, Mark Stewart, Samuel Stephenson.

T—Robert Tuft, Thomas Truss, Samuel Teel.

Y—William Young, Michael Yoneson.

Samuel Sherron, P. M.

Salem Messenger,

Wednesday, October 13, 1819

The reason for so many undelivered letters was because they were sent "collect".

Joseph Ellis Bloomfield, Esq., was married to Mary Frances Barbarroux, of Burlington.

J. Kinsey advertised the new brick store at the Lower Penns Neck steamboat ferry for rent.

Four convicts escaped from State Prison, at Trenton. One was shot dead, two were recaptured and one was not found.

Marriages

Adam Sickler—Harriett Brown.

Thomas Dunn—Elizabeth Pedrick.

Joseph P. Groff—Mary Adams.

Elisha Waters—Rachel Hillman.

Deaths

Joseph Thorn died at Camden, aged 89 years. He was the father of six children, grandfather of twenty-four, and great grandfather of thirty children.

Sophia, wife of John Crippen died in Salem and the wife of J. Powers died in L. P. Neck.

The new Methodist Church at Fairfield, Cumberland county, was consecrated, October 9, 1819.

A Methodist Quarterly Meeting was held at Murphy's meeting house, October 16-17.

Benjamin Franklin Bache was one of the graduates of the College of New Jersey. (Princeton)

A New Newspaper in Woodbury

A paper called the "Columbian Herald" and published by Philip J. Gray & Co., has recently been commenced at Woodbury, N. J. The Gloucester Farmer printed by John A. Crane, at Camden, has been enlarged; thus does the County or Gloucester give support to two printing establishments among them.

The "Columbian Herald" was established September 23, 1819. Extracts from it have been printed in Volume two, Notes on Old Gloucester County, by the Constitution of Woodbury.

The ferriage rates between the Green and Anderson ferry and the

New Ferry in Camden kept by (Randall) Sparks charged 6¼ cents each for passengers.

Job Ridgway opened a new store in Woodstown next to John Hackett's tavern. Hackett was an agent for subscriptions to the Messenger.

The Rural Magazine was a new periodical published in Philadelphia by R. Cards and Caleb Johnson.

Charlotte, the widow of John Wistar, died October 26, 1819, in her 56th year at Salem. She was a directress of the Female Benevolent Society.

Bacon Ware, clock and watch maker, advertised for an apprentice.

There was no paper issued October 8th or November 3d. The publication day was changed from Friday to Wednesdays.

The canal between Utica and Rome, New York, was opened.

Mary Clungeon sold camels hair, merino, lace and silk shawls at the corner of Main and New streets, Salem.

A Startling Meteor

A large meteor startled the people of Salem county, November 21, 1819. It was about a foot in diameter and produced so much light that one could see a pin on the ground. It with its train of flame was visible for eight or ten seconds and about two minutes after its disappearance the sound of its explosion was heard. Windows were rattled and the earth trembled slightly. The difference between the speed of light and sound would indicate it fell about thirty miles distant. It was seen at Trenton, Norristown and Baltimore.

Marriages and Deaths

Robert Lippincott—Mariah Iredle
 John Odom—Mary Kinsey
 Samuel Cozens—Sarah Richards.
 John Thorn—Mary Glover.
 Joseph Hancock—Sarah Carpenter.
 Jacob Evans—Elizabeth Vickery.
 Capt. Joseph Woodman died at Cheeseman's Landing, Gloucester county.

Isaac Moss died in Salem.

The New England Glass Manufactory located at Leachmere Point, near Boston, employed ninety-six persons. It made an urn for the President which was exhibited in Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Isaac Nicholson advertised stoves for sale or rent.

The plantation of Richard Tittermary in Pilesgrove, adjoining the lands of Thomas Yarrow, Christopher Morris and others was advertised to be sold at the inn of John Dyer in Sharptown. Tittermary made an assignment of his properties.

Delzil Keasbey advertised water proof hats.

The Female Benevolent Society offered to exchange home spun linen, table linen and bagging for flax. Their store room was opposite Friends Meeting House.

Dr. Thomas Yarrow was elected a member of the Assembly.

Delaware River Bridge

The Pennsylvania Legislature refused at first to grant the privilege of a bridge between Camden and Smith's or Windmill Island. A paper for signatures was at the house of James Sherron, Esq. It afterward approved. The bridge was to be five-eighths of a mile long and to be built with arches two hundred feet apart with a roof and walks for foot passengers on the top.

Marriages

Strange N. Palmer, junior editor of the New Jersey Mirror and Burlington County Advertiser, was married in Wilkesbarre, Pa., to Jane D. Maffet.
 Job Ridgway—Rebecca Elbon
 Apraham Johnson—Mary Conroe
 Bacon Ware—Anna Jane Rumsey

Deaths

Judge Jacob Rush died in Philadelphia.
 Clement Acton, Esq., died in Salem.
 Sarah, widow of Joseph Lloyd, died in Salem, also Helen Richey.
 William Ellery, Esq., aged 93, a signer of the Declaration of Independence died.

Napoleon's Brother's House Destroyed

The fine mansion of Joseph Bonaparte, at Bordentown, was destroyed by fire January 3, 1820.

Sixteen pirates captured by one of our war vessels were found guilty at New Orleans. The issue of January 19, 1820 gave a list of forty three vessels robbed by pirates.

John S. Wood advertised the Stoe Creek Woolen Manufactory for rent. It was on the main road between Salem and Bridgeton.

Oliver K. Freeman, Attorney-at-Law, opened his office in Woodstown.

Noted Chair Maker

Announcement was made by William G. Beesley in a double column wide advertisement, March 1, 1820, that he had announced the chair making business in Salem, in the shop lately occupied by Robert Gestner. He offered to buy poplar plank in exchange.

The compiler has three arrow back Windsor chairs made by Beesley.

Under the above James W. Mulford advertised that he occupied a part of Beesley's shop as a cabinet maker. The shop was opposite the market house.

Camp & Collins, blacksmiths, sold patent ploughs, in Old Bridge street, opposite Clement & Scull's store.

Isaac English and Robert Gestner both advertised they wished their accounts settled.

Joseph Durrell was a house and sign painter also a glazier and paper hanger in Salem.

The issue of March 15, 1820 completed the first six months of the career of the Messenger.

The Windmill Island or Camden Bridge bill was signed by the Governor of Pennsylvania but it was almost one hundred years later before a Camden bridge was built.

The Gloucester Farmer printed in Camden was transferred to Edward G. Dorsey and Isaac W. Crane, Esq.

Maine was admitted into the Union. Patterson and Craven auctioned off their entire stock of dry goods, crockery, hardware, groceries, lumber, medicines, etc., beginning March 17. The sale lasted several days.

John Tuft advertised a blacksmith shop for rent.

Commodore Stephen Decatur was killed in a duel by Commodore Barron. Decatur was a student at Academy School in Woodbury. No school in South Jersey has ever equaled it.

Joel Fithian, Jr., was married to Sara D. Sinnickson, daughter of the late Andrew Sinnickson.

Josiah Steward, of Mannington, was married by Rev. Joseph Sheppard, to Elizabeth Mulford, of Greenwich, Cumberland county, March 25, 1820.

Samuel Leake, Esq., a noted attorney died at Trenton, aged 72 years.

Joshua Stretch opened a school in a new house opposite Thomas Thompson's house in Salem.

Horatio Lawrence was a house and sign painter in Salem.

The Chestnut street Theatre, Philadelphia, was destroyed by fire.

Joseph Reeve and the wife of Joshua Thompson both died.

Job Lecroy, of Mannington and Rachel Simpkins, of Lower Alloways Creek, were married by Rev. Joseph Sheppard.

List of Letters

Remaining in the Post Office in Salem, N. J., April 1st, 1820.

A—Tamor Ayars, Nancy Accao, John Anderson, Samuel Abott, Ann Accao, Aaron Antem.

B—Deborah Brick, Rebecca Blackwood, Rev. Wm. H. Biddle, Thomas Brown, Mary C. Blake, Asher Bordon, Anthony Brown, Mary Bordon.

C—David Cline, William Craig, Widow Cauley, Charles C. Coxe, Isaiah Conklin.

D—Peter Davis, John Dickenson, Edward Dare, Susan Dawson, Mariah Dubois, Elanor Dubois, Daniel Dorrel, Rachel Dorrel.

E—Peter Errickson, William Emery.

F—George Fowler, John Findley, L. C'k; Sarah Farrow.

H—James Harris, Margaret Husetted, Sam'l Hilyard, Sarah Hilman, John Harris, John Heritage, Eliza A. Hope.

J—Matilda R. Jones, James Jessup, Peter C. Johnson.

K—Isaac A. Kollock, Joshua Kirk, 2; Jonas Keen.

L—Job Lackroy.

M—James G. Maunary, 3; James Miers, Catharine M. Gill, Sarah Murphy, Wm. Mauganery.

N—John Nelson, William Newcomb.

P—Henry Pratt, Rev. Edward Page, Mr. H. Poughton.

R—Cornelius Renolds, Dr. Thomas Rowan,

S—Allen Smith, John Smith, T. M., 2.

T—Benjamin Tindall, Mary Thompson.

W—Elizan'h Wheaton, William Whatters, Hannah Willet, Ebenezer Wright, 2; Charles Wentzell, David Weatherman, Benjamin Wright, Joseph Walters.

Y—James H. Young.

Samuel Sherron, P. M.

In future persons calling for letters at this Office will bring the change with them, as no letters will be trusted after this date.

Those indebted for News-papers and letters are requested to call and settle on or before the 20th instant and save cost.

Samuel Sherron.

April 4.—28.

Salem Messenger,

Wednesday, April 5, 1820. ✓

Engush and McCalla established a general store at Canton. Aaron Bavis was a tailor in Salem. Stephen Mulford sold both boots and shoes in Salem.

Thomas Ramsey and William Wilson rented the John S. Wood woolen mill at Stoe Creek and did a carding, weaving, spinning, fulling, dyeing and dressing business.

Mary Mason sold porter and spruce beer in Salem.

John Smith died at the Tide Mill in Mannington. Betsy, wife of Hanse Jaquette died in Sculltown. (Auburn)

Craven's Ferry Established

Richard Craven acquired the ferry of James Kinsey, Esq., and procured a new horse boat, sail boat and row boats to take passengers, horses and carriages to New Castle and Wilmington. The Union Line steam boat left Philadelphia for Craven's ferry. A carriage conveyed passengers to Salem.

Regulations of Farm Wages

It was suggested that a general meeting of the farmers of the central part of Salem county be held for the purpose of fixing the price of day laborers doing certain kinds of work during stated months of the year.

Simon Sparks plowed up seven silver dollars.

The Salem Company of Infantry met at Sherron's Hotel, June 3, 1820.

The Schooner James Lawrence, Capt. Alex Lawrence, sailed with passengers from old Bridge, Salem to the Baptist Yearly meeting at Wilmington, June 3, 1820. The American Bible Society celebrated its fourth anniversary in New York.

John Tuft sold lime at his kiln near Quinton's Bridge on Alloway's Creek.

Harmon Richman was executor of the estate of Joseph Sutton.

Ramster and Tracy operated the grist mill formerly known as Crags Mill.

A Wellknown Clock Maker

Albertus Somers, clock and watch maker, commenced business in the store formerly occupied by George Hollingshead, in Woodstown.

List of persons nominated as candidates to be voted for at ensuing Election for Members of the Legislative Council and General Assembly, Sueriff and Coroners, for the County of Salem.

Council

Samuel Miller, Zacheus Ray, Hedge Thompson, Isaiah Shinn, John Nichols, Esq., Robert G. Johnson, Morris Hall, Thomas Sinnickson, Peter Bilderback, Philip Freas, John Dickinson.

Assembly

Abraham Swing, Daniel Vanneman, Morris Hancock, Benjamin Thompson, Henry Freas, John Nichols, John Dickinson, William J. Shinn, Thomas Murphey, Samuel L. James, John Ellet, Thomas Yarrow, William F. Miller, John G. Mason, Vining Hill, Anthony Nelson, Joseph Cook, Joseph Kille, Philip Freas, Samuel Gilmore, Jeremiah Dubois, Jeremiah J. Ervin, John Hall, Stacy Loyd, Zacheus Ray, Peter Bilderback, Nehemiah Garrison.

Sheriff

Jonathan Richman, Zacheus Ray.

Coroners

Jeremiah Ervin, David Bowen, John Gosling, John Elwell, Robert H. Vanneter, Joshua More, James Ray, John Freas, Hudson Springer, Dalymore Harris, Vining Hill, Joseph Lippincott, Samuel Linch, William Waddington, Clement Hall, Joseph Money, Howel Powell.

Salem Messenger,

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 1820.

The issues of the Messenger from July 5, 1820, to September 21, 1820, inclusive are missing from the bound file.

Thomas Sinnickson, 2d, was married to Clarissa Stretch also Thomas Elbin to Sarah Cheeseman, September 21, 1820.

Clement Smith and his mother both died. Lewis Mulford died at Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Brigade Board of the Salem Brigade of Militia met in Dyer's tavern, Sharptown. Thomas Yarrow, M. D., was judge advocate.

Fifty-two men applied for release under the insolvency law.

The Union of Philadelphia with its printing establishment was transferred to James G. Watts & Co.

Robert Lippincott was captain of the sloop New Construction, which carried passengers to the camp meeting at the Cove, October 10, 1820.

Calvin Belden, formerly of Connecticut, was married to Mary Shoemaker, both of Salem, October 11, 1820.

The Gloucester Farmer, of Woodbury, October 3, 1820, stated William Fish produced an apple that weighed twenty-three and one-half ounces and measured fourteen inches.

William Conner was married to Clarissa Hoffman, October 21, 1820.

Balloon Reached a High Altitude

Charles Guille made a balloon ascension from Vauxhall Garden, Philadelphia. He landed at Hopewell, eight miles from Trenton, after a voyage of one hour and fifteen minutes. He estimated he reached a height of 35,000 feet. He fell asleep.

Charles Rumsey sold jewelry, plate and novelties in Salem.

A Salem County Eagle Killed

John Lath shot a grey eagle at Deepwater Point. It measured six feet tip to tip of its wings.

Rev. Richard F. Cadle was ordained in the Salem Episcopal Church, by Rev. Bishop John Croes, November 7, 1820.

Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, rector of Trinity Church, Swedesboro, was married to Sarah A. Johnson, of Delaware Co., Pa.

Col. Daniel Boone, the first settler in Kentucky, 1775, died in Missouri, aged 89 years.

Dr. Theophilus G. Beesley was married November 22, 1820, to Hannah Wistar.

General Joseph Bloomfield was married to Mrs. Isabella Macomb. Col. Recompense Stansbury, of Scotch Plains, N. J., was married to Ann Curry, of Salem.

John Tuft was married to Rebecca Hill.

Jonathan Stretch and Joseph Brown died.

Guille, the balloonist, released a parachute containing a live monkey which reached ground uninjured.

Smith and Fithian moved into the store formerly occupied by Thomas Sinnickson and kept a general stock of merchandise.

Richard Craven's store at the ferry in Penn's Neck was robbed.

Marriages

Benjamin Johnson-Maria Mayhew.

William Simkins, Jr.-Rachel Moore.

Nathaniel Evans-Dorcas Moore.

Grant Gibbons-Eliza Garrison

Elisha Barrett-Ruth Stretch.

Clement Acton was a buyer of muskrat hides.

James W. Mulford removed his cabinet shop to his dwelling in New Bridge street and Wm. G. Beesley, his chair business to the stand formerly used by Isaac English opposite the Friends' Meeting House.

Theophilus Holding was a weaver of coverlets, damask table linen and twilled bagging at the Tide Mill near Salem.

Education at a Low Cost

Joseph Stretch charged fifty cents a month for evening tuition, from 6.30 to 9 P. M., at the Salem Seminary. The scholars had to furnish candles and wood.

S. Davis and T. Sayre were Salem tailors in the shop formerly used by Aaron Bavis.

List of Letters Remaining in the Post Office in Salem, N. J., January 1st, 1821.

George Abbott, Ellis Ayrs, Elizabeth Brown, Jesse Bond, Shepard Blackwood, Ephraim Beckett, Jonathan Belton, Ellis C. Butler, 3; Margaret

Samuel Edwards succeeded to the business of McAltoner & Edwards.

Furnan F. Cook walked six miles on the road between Salem and Sharp-town in eighty minutes.

The issue of February 14, 1821 mentioned the death of an ox, weight 1511 lbs., belonging to Job Tyler. The tallow saved weighed 700 lbs.

On the above date without any comment the title page stated that the Messenger was edited and published by Elijah Brooks. Before that it was simply conducted by him.

Wild Hog Captured

A posse of 18 men with a pack of dogs captured a wild hog, estimated to weigh about 300 lbs., in a maple swamp near B. Seely's mill, Stoe township, Cumberland county. The hog was lean and speedy. It was exhibited at Whenton's tavern in Greenwich.

The partnership of Jediah Allen, Henry Frens and Samuel Denn was dissolved, February 6, 1821.

James Logue was captain and Michael Nail was orderly sergeant of the Salem Light Infantry.

John T. Fithian and Isaac Z. Coffey formed a partnership in the cooperative business.

Franklin B. Frost made an assignment to Peter Bildcrack.

The corner stone of the new Presbyterian Church, in Salem was laid March 5, 1821.

Marriages and Deaths

David Thine-Hannah B. Robinson
Benjamin Bessey-Susan Brown

Edward Hall-Ann Lloyd

William Sherron-Mary House

Joel Bodine-Phoebe Forman

Joseph Tindall-Phiza Hancock

William Batty-Ann Smick

Hannah Andrews, an Egg Harbor Quakeress, died age 85. Nathan Finley, died in L. P. Neck aged about 30 years. Joseph W. Rogg, died aged about 35 years.

A Forgotten Farm Product

A three column article about the cultivation of hax, published by order of the Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture was copied, from the American Daily Advertiser, in the issue of March 14, 1821.

Brown, Samuel Brick, Tho's Bratway,

Esq.; 2; Richard Bildcrack, Mary-Ann Carpenter, Ann Curry, Thom.

John Dickenson, Thomas Denn, John Cleaver, Hannah Collins, Bavid Cole,

Donneison, Catherine Drayton, Isaac Davis, Mary Ellet, Peter Ereksson,

Jacob Evans, Margaret Fox.

David Fogg, Mrs. Gems, John Garrison, 2; Jonas Sterne, William Good-

win, Mary Garrison, Rachel Hall, Robert Hurcans, Clement Hall, Sam-

uel Hogate, John Holmes, Morris Hall, Jr., Aquilla Hutchens, Andrew Harm,

Isaac Johnson, Charles Jenkins, 2; George Lawrence.

Edward Logue, 2; Samuel Lloyd,

Samuel Lunnie, Stacy Lloyd, Esq., Richard Miller, Saunders & Moffet,

Martha A. Mankins, Jacob Moore, Rev. William Mulford, William

Maires, Esther Mowers, Jonathan McPherson, 2; Josiah H. Nicholson,

Daniel Nicholson, 2; Eliza B. Nichol-son, Elizabeth H. Neilson, William

Palmer, Henry Peerpoint, Henry C. Pedrick, Samuel E. Park, John Pisan-

Josiah M. Reeve, John Redstreak, Zaccheus Ray, Esq., Gibbs & Ray, 3;

Joshua Smith, Esq., Mrs. E. W. Shep-ard, Peter T. Shaw, Kezia Smith,

James Smith, James Thompson, John Tatum, Jr., Mrs. E. Tindell, Dr. Rob-

ert Vanmeter, Elizabeth Valentine, Aaron Webster, Smith Willis, Daniel

Woodruff, Varney Willis, John Yar-

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Samuel Sherron, P. M.

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S. S.

Salem Messenger,

Wednesday, January 3, 1820.

Jane, wife of William Fowser died at Quinton's Bridge, Feby 6, 1821.

J. S. Wood advertised the tavern occupied by Isaac Sutton, on the Salem-Bridgeton road, in Stoe township, for rent. The cabinet maker's shop occupied by Isaac Fleming and the

turner's shop occupied by Andrew Johnson, both in Salem, were also for

rent. G. Barr and H. Plowman sold boots and shoes and accepted country pro-

duce in exchange.

Slaves For Sale

Four boy and two girl slaves, the property of John Craven, were sold at public vendue by his assignee, William Swing.

Dr. Israel R. Clawson, Samuel Somers and Samuel Dickeson advertised for a teacher in the Woodstown School.

Marriages

James Vernon-Hope Lippincott
Paul K. Hubbs-Rebecca A. Brick
Wm. B. Mankin-Sarah A. Test
David English-Ann Harris
Thackara Dunn-Hannah Elwell
Samuel Stratton-Sarah Bryant

Deaths

Jacob Hoover, aged 61 years.
William Adams
James English, aged 85 years
John Camp.

The packet sloop Sarah, ran once a week from Salem Old Bridge to Philadelphia.

Thomas Lippincott opened a school in the school house formerly occupied by Joseph Brown.

Editor Brooks carried a stock of books and household remedies for sale.

Benjamin Robinson and Sinnickson Dilmore, of L. P. Neck dressed 115 lbs. of flax between sunrise and sunset.

Marriages

Robert Cooper-Kitturah C. Wood
Isaac Reeves-Mary Proud
Charles Fithian-Elizabeth Redin

Deaths

Elijah Ayres, aged 35 years.
Sarah Rose, wife of William Rose.
Levi Leake, aged 68.
Mason G. Seeley.

Elizabeth, wife of Richard Seeley.
The packet sloop Milton, of which Robert Lippincott was captain, made weekly trips between Salem, New Bridge and Philadelphia. It left Salem on Mondays and returned Thursdays. James Mason was captain of the packet sloop Sarah, which also ran to Philadelphia.

Bavis & Bailey, tailors, removed to a shop opposite Joseph Clement's. Benjamin Riley and John Bailey were also tailors in Salem.

A share in the Salem Library was advertised for sale.

John Tuft advertised twenty acres of woodland, in lots, located in Bush-town, for sale at auction.

Marriages

John Haines-Martha Fithian
March 26, 1821
Edward Smith-Rebecca Sinnickson
Peter String-Jane Kigar
John Gamble-Deborah Bowers
Wilson Harker-Hester Vernon
William Lippincott-Elizabeth

Lampson

Benjamin Strong-Abigail Hillman
William Stoms-Phoebe Hewes
Obadiah King-Mary Owen
William Somers-Elizabeth Stanton
Arthur H. Green-Ann Springer
May 29, 1821.

Deaths

Mrs. Alice Morris, U. P. N., April 2, 1821.

Ann Mower, wife of William.
John Findlay.

Maria, wife of Samuel Fisher.
Madalena Shock, widow of Simon.
Elisha Nicholson, of Salem, son of William Nicholson, merchant of Philadelphia.

Cann & Williams boot and shoe makers removed to the shop next to the printing office.

Henry Plowman succeeded Barr & Plowman, boot and shoe makers and removed to the shop formerly occupied by Dr. Beesley, near William Beesley's chair store.

Elisha Collins, blacksmith and patent ploughs, removed from near the old bridge to the new building near the market house.

James L. Camp continued the business formerly conducted by Camp & Collins.

Thomas Andrews was a general store keeper, in the new brick store, near Elijah Dilkes hotel in Woodstown, opposite the Salem main stage road.

Editor Brooks on May 2, 1821 gave notice he had erected a building near the jail for his newspaper and printing business. This was on county property.

Mary Mason commenced the sale of porter, ale, spruce beer and cider, opposite the Salem Market.

John Redstreak lost some live stock presumably by hydrophobia.

Clayton Wistar advertised some marsh land, in Mannington, on the north branch of Salem creek, for sale.

William Groff was a wheelwright and carriage maker in Salem.

Stacy Lloyd was president of the Board of Trustees of the Salem County Almshouse.

Wife Advertised

Micajah Dungan advertised his unwillingness to pay bills contracted by his wife, Mary, or his children, without his written order.

A Disappointed Crowd

It was estimated that five-thousand persons had congregated in Woodbury to witness the execution of John Gooby. He was reprieved for the time being.

The Baptist meeting house at Dividing Creek, Cumberland county, was consumed by fire, April 21, 1821. The rebuilt sloop New Construction was launched, May 22, 1821.

The Port of Salem

The sloop Economy arrived from Boston in ballast and was expected to return to Boston loaded with Indian corn.

The sloop James Lawrence from Egg Harbor with lumber and the schooner Dash from Norfolk loaded with shingles, coal, etc., also arrived at Salem.

John T. Fithian established himself in the cooperage business, in Salem, in the place formerly occupied by Clement Hall, near the Old Bridge.

Stoughton & Beldon advertised for 2000 lbs. of fresh butter. Smith and Fithian offered cash for a few hundred weight of wool also for black oak bark.

Editor Brooks advertised almanacs.

The schooner Dash carried four passengers to Norfolk.

Edward Colins sold oysters, under the printing house, in Salem.

The schooner Mars from Great Egg Harbor arrived at Salem with rails, lath and shingles and left with a cargo of grain.

Salem County Bible Society

Public notice is hereby given, that the Managers of the Bible Society of Salem county, will meet by appointment at the Baptist Meeting House, in Woodstown, on the 4th of July next, at 3 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of organizing their Board, and carrying into effect the objects of the Society.

The following is a list of the members chosen by the Society at the last annual meeting, held in Salem on the 12th, inst.

For the township of Pittsgrove—Jerediah Dubois, Eleazer Mayhew, and George W. Janvier.

For Pilesgrove—Isaiah Shinn, Daniel Sheppard and John Nichols.

For Upper Penn's Neck—Gideon Scull, Hudson Springer and Samuel Linch.

For Lower Penn's Neck—Edmund Wright, James Johnson and Samuel Gilmore.

For Mannington—Furman Mulford, Robert M'Millan, and William Seagraves.

For Salem—Daniel Garrison, Joseph Sheppard and William Mulford.

For Upper Alocs Creek—William Walker, Jacob Ayres and Thomas Guest, Jr.

For Lower Alocs Creek—John Mulford, William Waddington and Barzillai Jeffers.

And for Elsenborough—Morris Hall, Anthony Nelson and Samuel Pancoast.

Members are respectfully requested to give punctual attendance.

Published by order of the Society.

George W. Janvier, Sec'y.
Salem, June 12, 1822.

Salem Messenger,

June 26th, 1822.

List of Letters

Remaining in the Post Office at Salem, N. J., July 2, 1821.

Samuel Austen, Benjamin Acton, 4; Capt. Jacob Armstrong, Peter Andrews, James Butcher, Esq., Joseph Black, Daniel Boons, 2; George Barr, Sarah Bache, Rachel Britain, Benjamin Barber, Rebecca Blackwood, Barbara Boon, George Bowan, James Campbell, John Crippen, William Conner, Clarence Davis, Wm. Dick, Peter Erickson, Asa Euple, Ann Fox, Isaac Fowler, Hannah Fogg, Sarah Ford, Gean Fox, Jr., Andrew Griscomb.

Benjamin Griscomb, Ananias Garrison, Thomas Hancock, Charles Hubbs, Philip F. Howell, Elijah Jefferis, Isaac Johnson, John Krippin, John Morgan, Peter D. Murray, William M'tire, William McDanols, Catherine M'Ferson, Hannah Mulford, William Palmer, James Paterson, Mrs. M. Robinson, Cornelius Reynolds.

Dr. Charles Swing, Sam'l Sharp, John Stevenson, Rebecca Somers, John Shimp, Richard R. Spain, Reubin Sayre, William Stratton, Paulser Smith, Seneca Sinnickson, 2; Enoch Sheppard, Valentine Schussler, John Sparks, Jr., Benjamin Tomlinson, Job Tyler, Jr., Wilham Webb, Smith Willis, Aaron Webster.

Sam'l Sherron, P. M.,
Salem Messenger,
July 4, 1821.

The new Baptist Church was dedicated at Woodstown, July 4th, 1821.

Joseph Sheppard was president of the Bible Society of Salem County.

Ten men were in Salem jail, for debt, and applied for release.

A steam boat plied between Philadelphia and the steam boat ferry and hotel at Lower Penns Neck. Connections were made by stage with Salem.

The Grand National Lottery advertised in the Messenger. The capital prize was \$100,000. Total \$500,000.

The Presbyterian Meeting House in Salem was opened July 14th, 1821.

David Smith was an inn keeper in Sharptown also Harmon Richman in Pittsgrove.

Marriages

John Williams-Hester Harris, June 21, 1821.

William Martin-Charlotte Hilyard.

William Smith-Mary Carle.

Samuel Pawner-Mrs. Letitia Gardner.

Joel Bower-Drusilla Stiles.

James Holliday-Rachel Smith, June 28th, 1821.

Deaths

Mary Ellet, aged 38 years, in New York.

Elijah Dilks, Woodstown, from the kick of a horse.

William Paulin.

Joshua Scattergood, in Delaware.

Thomas Lippincott.

Thomas Clement.

General John Noble Cumming, died at Newark, July 6, 1821. He was well known in Salem.

Thomas Jenny and Hannah, the wife of Thomas Hannah also died.

J. R. Clawson was captain and John Adams was orderly sergeant of the Independent Company of Woodstown.

William Renshaw was a tailor in Salem.

William Kelty, a farmer in Mannington, offered a reward of six cents for the return of his runaway apprentice, Richard Vinsent.

The death of Napoleon Bonaparte was reported in the issue of August 8, 1821. At this time Editor Brooks started a circulating library.

British Raiders in Salem County

In the August 15, 1821, issue was the famous demand of Col. Charles Mawhood and the equally famous patriotic reply of Col. Elijah Hand, of March 22, 1778. The interesting feature is the list of the men with addresses. This is the first time the compiler has ever seen the addresses of the men branded by Mawhood for punishment but never inflicted. John Bowen should be John Rowand, Edmund Keesby should be Edward Keesby and Nicholas Skene should be Nicholas Keen.

The following correspondence, which passed between the commanding officers of the British troops and American militia, at this place, in the time that "tried men's souls", in the revolutionary struggle, was handed us by a venerable old man, who bore the fatigues and privations of a soldier in those days. It was presented for publication, for the purpose of reviving and keeping alive our gratitude to those who so nobly contended for Liberty, and adoration to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, for causing the seemingly just, though apparently weaker power, to prevail. The proposal of the British commander is cruel and insulting; the answer ingenuous and bold. They are as follows:

Col. Mawhood's Letter

"Colonel Mawhood, commanding a detachment of the British Army at Salem, induced by motives of humanity, proposes to the Militia at Quinton's Bridge and the neighborhood, as well

officers as private men, to lay down their arms and depart, each man to his own home; on that condition he solemnly promises to reembark his troops without delay, doing no further damage to the country, and he will cause his commissaries to pay for the cattle, hay and corn, that have been taken, in sterling money.

"If on the contrary, the militia should be so far deluded, and blind to their true interest and happiness, he will put the arms which he has brought with him, into the hands of the inhabitants well affected, called Tories; and will attack all such of the militia as remain in arms, burn and destroy their houses and other property, and reduce them, their unfortunate wives and children to beggary and distress.—And to convince them that these are not threats, he has subjoined a list of the names of such as will be the first objects to feel the vengeance of the British nation.

"Given under my hand at Head Quarters, at Salem, 21st., day of March, 1778.

"CS. MAWHOOD, Colonel".

"Edmond Keesby, Salem

"Thomas Sinnickson, Salem

"Samuel Dick, Salem

"Whitton Crips, near Salem.

"Ebnezer Howell, Salem.

"Edward Hall, Mannington,

"John Bowen, Salem.

"Thomas Thompson, Haines' Neck.

"George Trenchard, Penn's Neck.

"Elijah Cattle, near Salem.

"Andrew Sinnickson, Penn's Neck.

"Nicholas Skene, Salem.

"Jacob Hufty, Blacksmith.

"Benjamin Holmes, Elsinburg.

"William Shute, Pilesgrove.

"Anthony Sharpe,

"Abener Penton, Upper Aloes Creek".

Answer of the Colonel of Militia
(Col. Hand)

"Sir—I have been favored with what you say humanity has induced you to propose. It would have given me much pleasure to have found that humanity had been the line of conduct to your troops since you have come to Salem. Not only denying quarters, but butchering our men who surrendered themselves prisoners, in the skirmish at Quinton's Bridge last Thursday; and bayonetting yesterday

morning at Hancock's Bridge in the most cruel manner, in cold blood, men, who were taken by surprise, in a situation in which they neither could nor did attempt to make any resistance, and some of whom were not fighting men, are instances too shocking for me to relate, and I hope for you to hear. The brave are ever generous and humane! After expressing your sentiments of humanity you proceed to make a request, which I think you would despise us if we complied with. Your proposal, that we should lay down our arms, we absolutely reject. We have taken them up to maintain rights, which are dearer to us than our lives, and will not lay them down till either success has crowned our cause with victory, or like many ancient worthies, contending for liberty, we meet with an honorable death. You mention, that if we reject your proposal, you will put arms into the hands of the Tories against us. We have no objection to the measure, for it would be a very good one to fill our arsenals with arms. Your threat to wantonly burn and destroy our houses and other property and reduce our wives and children to beggary and distress, is a sentiment which my humanity almost forbids me only to recite and induces me to imagine that I am reading the cruel order of a barbarous Attila, and not of a gentleman, brave, generous and polished with a genteel European education. To wantonly destroy will injure your cause more than ours. It will increase your enemies and our army. To destine to destruction the property of our most distinguished men, as you have done in your proposal, is in my opinion unworthy a generous foe, and more like a rancorous feud between two contending barons, than a war carried on by one of the greatest powers on earth, against a people nobly struggling for liberty. A line of honor would mark out that these men should share the fate of their country. If your arms should be crowned with victory, which God forbid, they and their property will be entirely at the disposal of your sovereign. The loss of their property, while their persons are out of your power, will only make them desperate, and, as I said before, increase your

foes and our army; and retaliation upon Tories and their property is not entirely out of our power. Be assured that these are the sentiments and determined resolution not only of myself, but of all the officers and privates under me.

"My prayer is, sir, that this answer may reach you in good health and great happiness.

"Given at Head Quarters, at Quinton's Bridge, March 22d, 1778.

Elijah Hand, Colonel.

"To Cs. Mawhood, Col."

Salem Messenger,
August 15, 1821.

Marriages

William Stretch-Elizabeth Gage.
August 1, 1821.

Philip Hoffman-Amelia Cann

David Bradway-Hannah Woodrough

Thomas Patterson-Rachel Elbin.

David Grier-Jael Stretch.

John Waters-Sarah Gilmore.

Charles Garrison-Hannah F. Fithian

John Bacon-Rebecca Winchester.

John Tuft-Sarah William, October 29, 1821.

Deaths

David Maul, August 1, 1821.

Major Joseph Budd, aged 66. at Burlington, a soldier of the Revolution.

Thomas Bradway, Salem merchant, aged 58 years.

Sarah Thompson, widow.

Josiah Hewes, August 17, 1821, aged 88 years, in Philadelphia, a native of New Jersey.

Atkinson Conrow.

Rev. Uriah DuBois.

William Anderson

Vining Hill, Esq.

Mrs. Margaret Woodnut

John G. Holmes.

Archibald Dare.

Hon. Elias Boudinot, L. L. D.

Abraham Hunt, Trenton, aged 80.

Daniel Stanton.

John Tatum, Woodbury.

Catharine Day, wife of Isaac.

Joel Fithian, Esq., aged 73.

Mrs. Abigail Simons, November 25, 1821.

Salem Creek Canal

Notice was given of intention to ask for the repeal of part of the act of November 6, 1818, authorizing John Denn to shorten the navigation of Salem Creek by cutting a canal.

Ephraim Lloyd advertised for ten wood cutters.

William Lambert, Exc'r, of estate of Benjamin Thompson, dec'd at Thompson's Bridge, advertised cabinet makers tools, seasoned boards and a hearse, together with household items and farming equipment.

Thirteen men were in the debtor's prison.

The expenses of the county for the fiscal year were about \$12,000.

Thomas Gordon's map of New Jersey 33x57 inches was nearing completion.

List of Letters

Remaining in the Post Office at Salem, N. J., October 1, 1822.

Joseph Allen Carpenter, Clement Acton, James Akins, Francis Armstrong, Ann Buzby, Adam J. Bancher, Esq., Isaac Cooper, Peter Conover, Asa Couch, Thomas Cleaver, Jesse Conard, Martha Curby, Jacob Clinker, Catherine M'Danick, William A. Dick, Thomas Dickenson, John Dickenson, Esq., 2; Elmer Erwin, John Ewen, Joseph Fogg, Samuel Flanagan, Harris Flanagan, 2; Malchon Fried, 2; Allen, Freas and Ware, Joseph Fogg or John Moore.

Rebecca Griscomb, Abigail Goodwin, Sarah Griscomb, Elizabeth Garrison, Henrietta Hancock, Joseph Hilliard, Morris Hall, junr., Gardon Harvey, Isaac Hamstead, James Harriss, Emson Haines, Charles or Rebecca Hubs, William Hill, George Harley, George Hall, Margaret Hilliard, Thomas Jones, Jr., Thomas B. Inskeep, Samuel Johnson, Philip Johnson, Gardner Kendall, Richard G. Kendall, Stacy Kille.

Lois Lawrence, Charles Loveland, William F. Miller, Lewis Maires, Tamson Mulford, J. Madrah, Elizabeth Moore, Lydia Mower, Eleazer Mayhew, Joseph Pancoast, Isaac Pedrick, William Plummer, Daniel Peatts, Peleg Parker, Sarah Pedrick, William Parris, Henry Rulin, Elisha Ray, Rebecca Roberts, Rev. Samuel Ridley, Joseph Ross, Seneca Sinnickson, Susan Smith, Temperance Smith, James Smith, Andrew Shields, Sarah D. Sparks, David Scull, Rebecca Somers, John Stevenson, David Shepard, Seth Stephens, John Shimp.

Mary Thompson, Miss E. Thompson, James Thompson, 3; Job Tyler, Job

Tyler, Jr., Mark Townsend, Daniel Tayler, Frederick Frellenger, Daniel Tracy, William Taylor, Isabella Vanhorn, Martha Woodnutt, Susanna Willis, Sarah Wetherby, Ann White, William Walters, Robert Walker, Daniel Woodruff.

Samuel Sherron, P. M.

Salem Messenger, October 2, 1822.

A Salem Tobacconist

Joshua Kirk made cigars and sold tobacco in his dwelling in Old Wharf street.

Nehemiah Garrison was orderly sergeant of the Salem Artillery.

Josiah H. Nickolson was orderly sergeant of the Salem Troop of Horse.

David Griscom conducted the Clermont Boarding School about four miles north of Philadelphia.

Samuel Sherron was postmaster at Salem. Jonathan Richman was Sheriff of the County.

The store goods and the sloop New Construction belonging to Bradway and Dunlap were sold at public vendue October 16, 1821.

Joseph Strode conducted the East Bradford Boarding School in Chester Co., Pa.

Notice was given of intention to set off a new township to be called Centreville, from Pittsgrove township and add it to Cumberland county.

A long list of piracies committed on the commerce of the United States was printed, October 17, 1821.

The Female Benevolent Society held its annual meeting.

The semi-annual meeting of the New Jersey Medical Society was held at Herbert's Tavern, Trenton.

The lawsuit about the will of John Sinnickson was finally arbitrated.

Reeve's Nursery

Samuel Reeve, nurseryman of Mannington township advertised a long list of fruit trees. Among the apples were Roman Stem, Redstrake, Pearmain and Early Lippincotts.

The compiler has seen the following on at least two other occasions while searching ancient newspaper files. The statement is practically true and appeared in the issue of October 31, 1821.

A Large Family of Patriots

"It is stated in the Gloucester Farmer that 'old Powell' of Gloucester county raised twenty-one sons and one daughter from one wife. Seventeen of them all that were old enough, served in the Revolutionary army at the same time and at one harvest the father led twenty-one sons in the field the youngest of whom was able to make a hand".

On the mother's tombstone was this: "Some have children, some have none, Here lies the mother of twenty-one".

Jonathan Richman was major 2d Battalion, 1st Regiment and James Logue was major 1st Battalion 2d Regiment Salem County. Both appointed by the Legislature.

Proposals for publishing by subscription, the several trials in connection with the will of John Sinnickson, Esq., were advertised. This contest was before the Salem Orphans Court, Prerogative Court and the Circuit Court of the United States. The most distinguished New Jersey Lawyers of the time participated.

The execution of John Gooby of Woodbury, was set for December 14, 1821, by the Legislative Council of New Jersey.

The Methodist meeting house of Antuxet, Cumberland county (no state given) was burned down, October 22, 1821.

Militia Officers

Robert L. Armstrong was major of the 2d Battalion, 2d Regiment, Gloucester county. Job Prickett, of Burlington county was Major 1st Batt., 1st Regiment.

Daniel Elmer was Brigadier General. Abel Bacon, Colonel, 2d Regiment. Wm. Sheppard, Major 1st Batt., 2d Regiment. John Rose, Major 2d Batt., 2d Regiment.

A meeting was called at Michael Hackett's hotel for the purpose of forming a fire engine company.

Josiah Stewart was administrator of the estate of Nathan Wooley.

The will of Elias Boudinot, L. L. D., former director of the U. S. Mint and distinguished patriot and citizen was printed on the first page of the issue of December 12th, 1821. He bequeathed a large fortune to charitable and religious societies.

A Benevolent Society was contemplated in Salem.

Stretch and Mongar dissolved partnership. Wm. B. Stretch continued the tailoring business.

C. A. Rodney was elected to the U. S. Senate from Delaware. He was attorney general under Jefferson and figured in the trial of Aaron Burr.

The mail between New York and Philadelphia was robbed near Princeton, N. J.

Clement Acton sold hats and bought muskrat, otter, mink and raccoon skins.

Esther Smith advertised a two story brick house and lot for sale or rent facing on the main street leading from Hackett's hotel to Penny Hill.

The editor had a riding chair and harness for sale.

The tavern of William Gosling near Mullica Hill was consumed by fire, January 26, 1822.

Marriages

Francis Philpott-Sarah Holsten, November 29, 1821.

John Wood Maske/Sarah Ann Mulford.

Dr. Samuel Risley-Hannah Pan-coast.

Jacob Parks-Sarah Duffield.

Philip J. Gray-Rachel Glover.

George Kirkpatrick, Jr.-Margaret Snitcher.

Jacob Diver-Jane Bacon

John Woodsides, Jr.-Sarah Smith.

Rev. Joseph Kurling-Sarah Hunter.

John Burch-Naomi Johnson.

Wells Springer-Rachel Green

Thomas Wright-Ann Ridgway, January 19, 1822.

Deaths

Sibyl Ogden, December 1, 1821, aged 40, wife of Joseph Ogden.

Daniel Smith.

Josiah Miller, age 62.

Mrs. Rhoda Mulford, aged 63.

Sarah Mulford, wife of James W. Mulford.

James Wainwright commenced a cabinet making business in the shop formerly used by James Brooks.

Aaron Burr Burnett and Samuel Reed, tailors dissolved partnership. The last named continued the business.

Stacy Lloyd was executor of the estate of David Lloyd, dec'd.

Thomas W. Cattell advertised his new, centrally located brick store in Salem for sale. It was 29x44 feet, on the main street, near the Academy lot.

Patience Hillman advertised the plantation of Samuel Hillman, adjoining the Fenton Farm, two miles from Sculltown for sale.

Joseph R. Chew and William Groff formed a partnership in the wheelwrighting business and continued at the shop on Old Bridge street formerly used by Groff. Chew was the grandfather of William H. Chew, editor of the Standard and Jerseyman.

Philip Heisohn was a barber located in Sherron's tavern.

Disastrous Flood

The large dam on the Cohansey creek erected to supply B. & D. Reeves nail factory and rolling mill and D. P. Stratton's grist mill was washed away. Moore's, Seeley's, Ireland's, Elmer's, Connor's and other dams in Cumberland county were broken by the great freshet.

John Congleton, Samuel Teal, Joseph Milliard and Damon Taylor advertised real estate for sale.

The Union Fire Company met in their room at 6 P. M., March 14th, 1822.

Profitable Trapping

One man caught two hundred and ten muskrats in two nights. Jonathan Hildreth took one hundred in one night. The high price was forty cents each for their skins. His catch for the season was twelve hundred and eighty rats.

The township of Salem ordered that all cattle, horses, sheep and hogs, running at large on the streets should be impounded.

Deaths

Rachel Woodnut, widow of Preston Woodnut died in Mannington. Feb'y 24, 1821.

Elizabeth Newman.

Caleb Wood.

Jonathan Steelman, aged 60 years, April 5, 1822.

Marriages

Wm. Hampton-Mrs. Mary Hewitt,
March 2, 1822.

David Hewitt-Mrs. Hannah Stiles.

John Clever-Rachel Murray.

Josiah Holmes-Rebecca R. Abbott.

John Gifford-Ann Smith.

Jeremiah J. Erwin-Jane Springer.

Martin Miller-Elizabeth Brown.

Samuel Shinn-Charlotte Howey.

George Anby-Martha Abbott.

Leonard Stanton-Hannah Chester,
April 4, 1822.

Continental Army Pensioners of the Revolution

There were 17,730 pensioners of the Revolution placed on the rolls under the act of March 1818. 11,392 were continued under the Act of May, 1820 and 2369 were dropped because of it.

A meteor seen in Salem County, March 9th, 1822 was also observed at New York and many towns to the eastward.

The firms of Bavis & Williams and Riley and Bailey dissolved partnerships, April 2, 1822.

Education Cost Less in 1822

Edward Borton, of Burlington, was the teacher of the Friends' School at Woodstown. Common tuition was \$2 a quarter; grammar and geography \$2.50; Mathematics etc., \$5 a quarter.

The Salem Seminary, Joseph Stretch, Principal charged \$2 a quarter for reading and spelling lessons. Arithmetic, grammar, geography and book-keeping \$3; Reading and writing \$2.50. Geometry, navigation, mensuration, algebra, natural philosophy, etc., \$4. Britannia Tittermary conducted a boarding school for girls, five to twelve years old, at Swedesboro. Board and tuition were \$1.75 a week.

The cloth dressing mill of Jno. T. Glover near Mt. Ephraim, Gloucester County was destroyed by fire.

Caleb Costill opened a ready-made clothing store and employed Aaron Bavis.

Adam Urban taught instrumental music at Sherron's tavern.

Guille the aeronaut and his wife died in Havana, Cuba.

Wm. J. Shinn opened a general store in Salem, April 23, 1822, in the place formerly occupied by Bacon & Wood.

The Medical Society of New Jersey met at Runyan's tavern, New Brunswick.

Brown & Bassett opened a store in the place formerly used by Thomas W. Cattell.

Aaron Antrim, Edward H. Mulford John Test all made assignments.

Marriages

Wm. Mulford-Grace Carle, April 25, 1822.

James Thomas-Lydia Banks.

Henry Dennis-Sarah Blackwood.

Charles Johnson-Hannah Baker.

George Oakley-Mrs. Deborah Robinson.

Joshua Somers-Susanna Lloyd.

John Harding-Rebecca Guire.

George Morris-Ann Johnson, June 20, 1822.

Deaths

Ebenezer Dunn, aged 28 years, April 28, 1822.

Commodore Thomas Truxton, in Philadelphia.

Dr. James Tilton, aged 76, prominent Delawarian and surgeon of the Revolution and Surgeon General of the United States.

Furman Mulford, Jr., aged 22 years, June 18, 1822.

Archibald Little was a clock and watch maker in Salem.

A farmer in Gloucester County made posts of small stones, lime and sand in a sheet iron, removable mould where the posts were required. Editor Brooks commended them as a neat improvement.

The Messenger Enlarged

On June 5, 1822 the title of the Salem Messenger was changed to the Salem Messenger and Public Advertiser and the size of the sheet was slightly enlarged.

It was proposed that a steam mill be erected in Salem.

David Shute was preceptor of the Salem Academy.

The ship Delaware was launched at Jehu Eyre's ship yard in Kensington.

The speech of U. S. Senator Dickerson, about the rights of New Jersey in the controversy existing with the State of New York about the waters and navigation between the two states

was printed in the issue of June 26th, 1822. Dickerson was from New Jersey.

Six insolvent debtors were in Salem prison.

James Wainwright added the sale of carpets to his cabinet business.

Salem, Bridgeton and Centreville celebrated the 4th of July in a fitting manner.

Francis S. Wiggins issued proposals for the publication, at Trenton, of the Religious and Moral Miscellany, a semi-monthly periodical.

Bennet & Walton, Philadelphia, proposed to publish Brooks Gazeteer, improved, of nine hundred pages.

Enoch Boon was master of the packet sloop, New Construction, recently overhauled, plying between Salem Old Bridge and Philadelphia. Sailings were on Mondays from Salem and Thursdays from Philadelphia.

Prices Current, Salem

Wheat, \$1.25
Rye, .70-.75
Corn, .75-.80.
Oats, .35
Butter, .14
Cheese, .06
Hams, .10
Lard, .10
Pork, .05-.06
Molasses, .44
Sugar, .10-.12
Potatoes, .75.
Wool, .50
Feathers, .40

Marriages

Lieut. (—) Gilbert, U. S. A.,—Caroline Zantzinger, July 11, 1822 at the home of Col. Johnson, Salem.

Thomas Glandon-Henrietta Horner.
Benjamin Hamilton-Elizabeth Craig.
Jonathan Smith-Mary Lolly.
Josiah Mongar-Morilla Belden, August 14, 1822.

Deaths

Ebenezer Copner, July 14, 1822.
Isabella VanHorne, aged 85 years.
General Isaiah Sninn.
Joseph Henry.
Miss Phoebe Elwell
Richard Hancock.
John Cadle, surgeon, U. S. N.
Mary, wife of William Smith.
William Cooper.
Mrs. Sarah Potts, aged about 90 years.

Rebecca, wife of Edward Collins.
Joseph Applegate, August 12, 1822.

The following in Gloucester county during the month of July, 1822.

John Ferrol, aged about 83 years.

Rachel Saunders, aged 70.

Mary, widow of Arthur Reeves, aged 89.

Mary, wife of Wm. Matlack.

Mary, wife of Thomas Carpenter.

Robert Sinnickson was a cooper, in Salem, Old Wharf street.

Sea Serpent Versus Jersey Devil

The Nahant, Mass., sea serpent was mentioned again, this time it was seventy or eighty feet long and raised its head seven or eight feet above the water. It seemed to have a publicity advantage above that of the later "Jersey Devil". The "serpent" appeared during the summer season in daylight. The "Devil" when the snow was on the ground, at night. Some time ago the compiler had an honest enquiry from a gullible correspondent about the "Jersey Devil" which had been hibernating for several years. The only genuine sea serpent known to the compiler was a fossil about one hundred feet long found in Texas. The photograph looked like the real thing at least.

A Militia Court Martial

Captain Erasmus Morton was court martialled at Brundyge's Tavern at Sharptown, June 20, 1822. Thomas Yarrow was judge advocate, Major Howel Powell was president. The other members of the Court were:

Major Samuel Gilmore
Major James Logue
Major Jonathan Richman
Capt. Sherry Garton
Capt. Sam'l Lippincott
Capt. Daniel Woodruff
Capt. Judah Foster
Capt. James Daily
Capt. Wm. N. Jeffers
Capt. John Collins
Capt. Jacob Fox
Capt. Richard Sparks

The accusation was that he in violation of the act of February 15, 1815, did not in the years 1821-22 enroll several persons residing within the bounds of his company and a number of other offenses pertaining to muster-

ing, training, etc. He was acquitted of some of the charges but was however dismissed from his office as Captain of the First Company, of the second battalion, of the second regiment of the Salem Brigade. The sentence was approved by J. DuBois, Brig. General according to the Messenger.

A Printed Vision

The Vision of Butler Newcomb, Cumberland county, N. J., deacon of the Baptist Church at Dividing Creek was for sale at the Messenger office at 12½c a copy.

Salem County Ship Lumber

A large log drawn by thirteen horses to help form the keel of a one hundred and forty gun ship passed through Salem. Between seven and eight hundred oak trees had been cut down within a few years for naval ships. The compiler remembers seeing large white oak logs on the way to the Coles saw mill in Woodstown in his young boyhood days.

Samuel L. James, Esq., and Benjamin Griscom, who had been appointed to visit the steam mills at Baltimore and Annapolis made their reports at a meeting held at Hackett's tavern, September 7, 1822. A steam mill was ultimately built in Salem.

Marriages

Robert Hewett-Batsheba String, September 18, 1822.

Peter Sparks-Deborah Hoffman.

Samuel Reed-Mrs. Rachel Tyler.

Joseph R. Chew-Maria Sinnickson, late of Gloucester county, October 3, 1822.

Samuel Fowser-Mary Taylor.

John Fox, Jr.-Rebecca Paulin.

Samuel Cawley-Rebecca Waters.

George Morrison-Rebecca Derrickson, October 26, 1822.

Deaths

Job Shreve, Sept. 13, 1822.

Henry Zantzinger, U. S. N., Hornet.

Susan, wife of Henry Dennis.

Miss Elizabeth Strong.

Grace, widow of Richard Wheat Craven, aged 65 years.

Charles Allen.

Joseph Mench, aged 20 years.

Martha, wife of Thomas Jones, aged 78.

Mrs. Phillis Dunn said to be 115 years of age.

Mrs. Barbary Hampton upwards of 80 years.

Samuel Lippincott.

Jacob Ciinker.

Mary Ann Ridgway, wife of Joseph Ridgway, October 7, 1822.

The fee for use of the circulating library of Editor Brooks was one dollar a year or six cents a volume. There were about fifty books in the library, all enumerated in his advertisements.

A report of the New Jersey litigated oyster rights, in Maurice River Cove, cost 12½c a copy.

John Tracy sold bricks near Quinton's Bridge.

The Saturday Evening Post paid some attention to a criticism of editor Brooks.

William Hall was executor of the estate of John Wetherill, dec'd.

Thomas Lippincott was proprietor or principal of the Salem Free School which charged tuition fees, December 4, 1822.

Philip J. Gray was appointed post master at Woodbury in place of William Sailer, dec'd.

Tories' Estates—Map of New Jersey

The Legislature passed an act to repeal the one respecting forfeited estates in Gloucester county also an act to encourage the formation of an accurate map of New Jersey.

Wm. N. Jeffers, Esq., was appointed State's attorney for Salem county.

Ten men were in the debtor's prison in Salem.

Marriages

Jesse Carle-Mary Sheppard, October 17, 1822.

— Goodenough-Mrs. Rebecca Derrickson.

Wm. H. McCalla-Jane Harrison McCalla.

John Sheppard-Hannah Ward.

Emlen Foszer-Clarissa Jenkins, November 25, 1822.

Deaths

John Mayhew, Esq., Assemblyman, October 26, 1822.

Mrs. Rachel Clark.

William Sailor, Postmaster at Woodbury.

Mrs. Priscilla Wright.

Andrew Winsor, of Carpenter's

Landing, drowned in the Delaware River.

Rev. Jonathan Freeman, Bridgeton.
Major John Pissant.

Benjamin Tindall.

Lieut. Sam'l A. Eakin, U. S. N.

Lieut. Walter Newcomb, U. S. N.

Elizabeth Garrison, wife of Nehemiah Garrison, December 11, 1822.

Alphonzo L. Eakin and James D. Wescoat, Jr., were admitted as attorneys at law and Solicitors in Chancery by the Supreme Court of New Jersey. Attorney Eakin opened his office in Woodstown at the house of Dr. Bowen.

The Messenger Post Route

A post route was established by the Messenger from Salem to Alloways-town, Pittstown (Elmer) to the Pole Tavern, Dare's store, Woodstown, Sharptown, Sculltown, Pedricktown and return by the Cove, Denny's tavern and the ferries.

Wild Bees

Charles Ludlow cut down a tree near Dennis Creek, five and one half feet in circumference, which contained eighteen feet of honey comb filled with honey.

The number of December 25, 1822, contained an advertisement of ten insolvent debtors who had applied to the Judges of the Inferior Court for a hearing for or against their liberation from confinement.

L. Q. C. Elmer had been appointed prosecuting attorney, for the State in Cumberland county.

Thomas W. Cattell, Joseph E. Brown and Samuel Bassett formed a co-partnership and continued in the "New Store" formerly occupied by Brown and Bassett. They sold dry goods, groceries, glass and queensware, ironmongery and mackerel by the barrel or half barrel.

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Our Earliest Court

Also
Gloucester County
Ear Mark Book

1686-1728

Woodbury, New Jersey, Nineteen Hundred Thirty



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INTRODUCTION

This is the second publication of the Gloucester County Historical Society made possible by the income of the following Trust Funds:

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It contains the organization agreement of the Proprietors, Freeholders and Inhabitants of Gloucester County recorded at the meeting held at Gloucester, May 28, 1686 and the full official minutes of the courts held at the following times and places:

1st 7th mo [Sept.] 1686 at Gloucester.
10th 10th mo [Dec.] 1686 at Red Bank.
1st 2d mo [April] 1687 at Gloucester.
1st 4th mo [June] 1687 at Red Bank.
1st 7th mo [Sept.] 1687 at Gloucester.
1st 10th mo [Dec.] 1687 at Gloucester.
1st 1st mo [March] 1687/8 at Gloucester.

In addition to the above some loose papers pertaining to our earliest Courts, including a few dockets of civil suits and the first known coroner's inquest of the county follow.

The ear-mark book of Old Gloucester County, which is contemporaneous with our first court record book, is also contained herein except the illustrations which are omitted.

For certain reasons this publication will be copyrighted, but all are privileged to make use of its contents as they may desire, providing credit is given to it as the source of information.

Our first publication was, "Foraging for Valley Forge by General Anthony Wayne in Salem and Gloucester Counties, New Jersey, with Associated Happenings, and Foraging in Salem County for the British Army in Philadelphia by Colonel Mawhood and Major Simcoe—1778." Three thousand copies of this pamphlet, thirty-pages each, were printed.

The publications of our Society, from unpublished original sources as a rule, are intended to help create a greater civic pride in our Community because of the outstanding history of Old Gloucester County, which included the three present counties of Gloucester, Camden and Atlantic. Every current publication paid for by the income of the Trust Funds devoted to that purpose, will be given free as heretofore, to each school teacher under the jurisdiction of our County Superintendent of Schools,

Mr. Daniel T. Steelman, because of the very noteworthy co-operation of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Gloucester County. They will also be distributed to the members of our Society and to various institutions which are on an exchange basis with us.

It was a great satisfaction to have the Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders co-operate with us and cause the publication, "Foraging for Valley Forge, etc.," to be distributed among the school teachers of Salem County.

The Board of Education of Woodbury, of which Marshall Diverty, Esq., is President, also took considerable interest in our efforts and likewise gave a copy of our pamphlet of thirty-two pages to each student in the History Class of our local High School.

The State Normal School at Glassboro also obtained thirty copies for use in its reference library.

Other historical publications of the Trust Fund Series will follow from time to time, as the income permits. Up to date all of the labor of compilation has been donated and the only expenses have been the bare cost of printing.

It is sincerely hoped that additional Memorial Trust Funds may be received for various kinds of work on behalf of our Society, whereby our field of usefulness may be enlarged. It is also desired that interested persons, everywhere, will join our Society. The dues are Three Dollars per annum. Life Memberships Fifty Dollars.

It is well to mention here that a thirty-two page pamphlet concerning the Battle of Red Bank, near Woodbury, was compiled by the editor for the Sesqui-Centennial celebration of that event in 1927, which was also given to the school teachers of our county by our Board of Chosen Freeholders. Washington visited Red Bank, also Billingsport, on a tour of inspection of the Delaware River forts on August 1, 1777. The 1928 Year Book of the New Jersey Society of Pennsylvania contained eight maps of forts and engagements of the Revolution in Old Gloucester County.

Many questions have been asked of the editor concerning the origin of our educational plan and its purposes and, in deference to the suggestions that an outline should be given, the editor takes pleasure in explaining them briefly as follows:

Several years ago we, through the generosity of several friends, were presented with our present twenty-room home, now used as a Museum and Library, which was the residence of the famous Rev. Andrew Hunter, who sold it to John Lawrence, Esq., the brother of Capt. James Lawrence of "Don't Give up the Ship" fame, who lived in the house while attending the celebrated Academy School of Woodbury.

One of the gentlemen who gave the property to our Society, two or three years ago called on the editor one Sunday morning while he was at a late breakfast and said, "Frank, I want to do something for the Gloucester County Historical Society; how much do you want?" After

recovering from the surprise, the editor told him anything he gave would be welcomed and declined to suggest any amount. Within a very few minutes he wrote and gave us a substantial check and then ran away without any explanation. To that noble, generous friend, James Cooper Griscom, is due our everlasting thanks.

It was decided to use his contribution for the creation of our first Trust Fund, which was done. The writer then saw some other friends of our Society, one of whom was John W. Sparks, a Gloucester countian by birthright and he generously offered to create a Trust Fund of Ten Thousand Dollars providing we would raise an equal amount, which was accomplished by means of the hearty co-operation of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of our County and others.

It is a pleasure to pay tribute to our Board of Chosen Freeholders, of which E. Arlington Jones is now Director, for their public-spirited attitude towards our ancient records during the past fifteen years. More has been done by them in taking care of our valuable and fascinating public records in that time than was done in two centuries previously.

If the other Counties of New Jersey could have the liberal and whole-hearted co-operation that exists between the Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Historical Society of our County, it would not be long before the whole State of New Jersey would receive the proper recognition and appreciation due to it historically as a Colony and a State and possibly bring about a comprehensive State history for use in our Public Schools.

It would be an injustice at this point not to mention Dr. Carlos E. Godfrey, Director of the Department of Public Records of the State of New Jersey, who, by his herculean interest and indefatigable work, has made a land mark of achievement of his Department. He possesses a rare combination of many qualities for his work. Year after year he has plodded along and the prodigious results he has brought about are really amazing to those who have watched his work and ideals.

During the year 1918, the writer tried to make extracts from our first Court Record Book for Volume One of "Notes on Old Gloucester County." The result was very unsatisfactory, because at that time every sheet was covered on the under side with a piece of tracing cloth which made it impossible to read the pages that were covered.

The "restoration" of the priceless book had almost destroyed its value, and to make matters worse, the ink used in some of the years between 1688 and 1694, had eaten through the sheets and for that reason many of the visible pages were damaged beyond repair.

About three years ago Dr. Godfrey, in co-operation with County Clerk Oliver J. West, took advantage of the present quite satisfactory method of restoring old manuscripts and had the book restored as far as possible by removing the worthless cloth and placing all of the pages between transparent silk. The task was so well accomplished that outside of the fatal damage done by the ancient ink, it is now just as easily

read as when John Reading was Clerk of the Court, but, unless the editor is much mistaken, the handwriting is that of Thomas Sharp.

It is not likely that any other person has ever copied the first Court Records of Old Gloucester County verbatim. By eliminating a possible slight immaterial error here or there, the copy is an exact one even to the obsolete spelling, which is not an indication of ignorance but of lack of uniformity in spelling at that time.

The Court held on the 1st day of 7th month, 1687, was adjourned to meet on the 9th instant, but no mention of a Court on the latter date appears in the official Court Record Book. From the loose papers, it seems that the reason for the adjournment was to allow time for the appearance of William Warner before the Court to answer for his acts concerning the trial of Henry Treadway, a prominent citizen, before the Court at Burlington where he had been taken. The reason for this is rather obscure, unless he had to be confined, and Gloucester County then had no jail. Inasmuch as the case was again mentioned at the regular term of Court three months later, one must surmise Sheriff Warner did not appear on the adjourned date.

Ink damage manifests itself in the latter part of the record of the Court held the first day of the first month 1687, which transposed to current reckoning would be March 1st, 1688. It will be noticed that this term of Court followed that of 1st day of 10 mo 1687, or December 1st, 1687. At that time the year began on March 25th, which was New Year's Day. This placed March 24th in one year and March 25 in another. The calendar was changed in 1752.

It is very apparent that the Grand Jury and Justices exercised powers that in some respects seem autocratic, when judged by the standards of modern times. The Grand Jury dominated the Justices. Anyone desiring to get a good background of the Court proceedings should consult "Leaming and Spicer." On pages 503-4 of that work are the names of the forty men representing the Third and Fourth Tenths in the West Jersey Legislature at the Session beginning 25th 9 mo 1685, also the Justices for the same tenths, viz: Thomas Thackeray, Francis Collins, Andrew Robinson and Richard Lawrence. In the official manuscript records of May 12, 1686, which were omitted by Leaming and Spicer, Richard Lawrence asked to be dismissed because of his deafness and the fact that he was seventy years of age. The representatives of the Fourth Tenth proposed John Wood, who was chosen in his place on May 14th. It was at this session that permission was granted to the Two Tenths to organize a Court, which was done, as is shown in the pages following later.

The Third Tenth, now practically Camden County, extended from Pensaukin Creek to Big Timber Creek, and the Fourth Tenth from Big Timber Creek to Oldmans Creek, the northern boundary line of Salem Tenth or Fenwicks Colony. established in 1675.

The General Assembly specified that the Courts should be held at Gloucester and Newton, but it will be noticed that Red Bank was substi-

tuted for the latter place, and very shortly all of the Court Sessions were held at Gloucester where the Court House and Jail were finally built. Prior to that time the Courts were held in the dwellings of prominent citizens. Woodbury became the County seat in 1786.

Law suits over land titles, water rights, timber, contracts, debts and terms of servitude; fines for absentee jurors; punishment for misdemeanors; the building of roads and bridges; the levying of taxes and their collection, payment for which could be made in cereals; ferry licenses across the Delaware River; the purchase of constables' staves; the ear-marking and unlawful killing of hogs; arbitration of disputes and numerous other things naturally made their initial appearance in these first court minutes.

If there had been such a thing as title insurance with its present-day safeguards and precautions, it is safe to say that much litigation appearing in our first court records would have been avoided.

The expenses of our very first Court were paid for by fines imposed on delinquent jurors and the value of three hogs belonging to unknown owners whose ear-marks had not been registered. The shooting of wild hogs was a common sport, judging from our early court records.

A part of our first Court Book page is reproduced herein by half-tone process, to give a faint idea of the old -style penmanship and spelling of what Isaac Mickle in his "Reminiscences" named the "Constitution of Old Gloucester County." If death had not cut short his commendable historical contributions, we probably would be much better informed than we are today. The editor possesses his interleaved copy of his work but the manuscript additions are very few in number. He was the first historian of Old Gloucester County.

When the Third and Fourth Tenths of West New Jersey were formed into Gloucester County May, 28, 1686, it was ordered that the ear-marks of the swine and cattle should be registered in a book to be kept for that purpose. This ancient book still survives and it has been thought best to print the owners' names and brief descriptions of the ear-marks in this pamphlet. For the sake of expense and brevity, the ear-mark book illustrations are eliminated, but the first page is reproduced by photographic process to show their quaint appearance. At the time the ear-mark book was started, there were few, if any, fences and nearly all of the land owning settlers had hogs and cattle that were permitted to roam at large. The ear-mark book is conceded to be a practical directory of the chief inhabitants of the period it covers. The first three ear-marks recorded were those of the Judges who officiated at the first term of our Gloucester County Court.

Woodbury, N. J.
June 23, 1930.

FRANK H. STEWART, President,
Gloucester County Historical Society.

**The Organization and Minutes of the Gloucester
County, New Jersey, Court,
1686-1687**

"Gloucester ye 28 May 1686

"By the Proprietors Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Third and fourth Tenths (alias County of Gloucester) then agreed as followeth

"Inprims That a Court be held for the Jurisdiction and Limmits of the aforesaid Tenths or County, one Tyme at Arwamus alias Gloucester and another tyme at Red Bank

"Item That there be fouer Courtes for the Jurisdiction aforesaid held in one year at ye dayes and tymes hereafter mensioned viz

"Upon the first day of the first Month, upon the first day of ye fourth month, on the first day of the Seaventh month and upon ye first day of the Tenth month

"Item That the first Court shall be held at Gloucester aforesaid upon the first day of September next

"Item That all warrants and summons shall be drawne by the Clarke of the Courte: and signed by a Justice and soe delivered to the Sheriff or his Deputy to Execute

"Item That the bodye of each warrant &c shall contayne or intimate the nature of action

"Item That a Cobby of the Declaration be given along with ye warrant by the Clerke of the Court, that soe the Defendant may have the longer tyme to consider the same and prepare his answer

"Item That all sumons, warrants &c shall be served, Declarelations given, at least ten days before the Court

"Item That the Sheriffe shall give the Jurors summons six dayes before the Courte be held before at which they are to appear

"Item That all persons within ye Jurisdiction aforesaid bring into the next Courte ye markes of thier Hoggs and other Cattell in order to be Approved and Recorded"

The Minutes of the First Court

"At this Court held at Gloucester on ye 1st day of 7 month 1686

"Justices present on ye Bench

Francis Collins

Thomas Thackera

John Wood

Reproduction of the First Page of the First
Court Record Book

Gloucester 7th 28th May 1701

By the Proprietors Freeholders and
Inhabitants of the Third and fourth Wards
(alias County) of Gloucester their Oathes as fol-
-loweth

Imprimis That a Court be held for the Juris-
-diction and Limits of the aforesaid County
of County, one Term at Christmas alias Year-
-end, and another time at Red Bank

Item That there be four Courts for the
Jurisdiction aforesaid held in one year, to wit
Days and times hereafter mentioned, to wit
Upon the first day of the first month upon
the first day of the fourth month, on the first day
of the Seventh month, and upon the first day
of the Tenth month.

Item That the first Court shall be held
at Gloucester aforesaid, upon the first day of
September next.

Item That all warrants and Summons
shall be drawn by the Clerk of the Court
and signed by a Justice, and transmitted to the
Sheriff or his Deputy by the Clerk.

Item That the Clerk of each Court shall
shall contraine or submitt the refusal of
debtors

"Returned by ye Sheriff for Jurors

William Hunt	Daniel Reading
Wm. Bate	John Ithell
Will. Albeson	John Bethell
William Lovejoy	Tho. Matthewes
Henry Wood	Will. Dalboe
Jonathan Wood	Antho. Neilson
Richard Arnold	John Matson
John Hugge	Thomas Bull
James Atkinson	John Taylor
Thomas Sharp	Will Sailsbury
Tho. Chaunders	Math Medcuff
George Goldsmith	William Cooper
John Ladde	

"The following were attested on ye Jury

William Hunt	Geo. Goldsmith
Will: Alberson	Daniel Reading
Hen: Wood	John Ithell
John Hugge	Tho. Matthews
Ja: Atkinson	Will: Dalboe
Tho. Sharp	John Taylor
Tho. Chaunders	Will: Sailsbury

The First Fines Against Absent Jurors

"These fouer Will: Bate, Will: Lovejoy, John Matson and Will: Cooper not appearing the jury did Present and with ye concurrence of the Court fyne each and every of them, Ten shillings a peice for thier non appearance and the Clerk was ordered to give the Sheriff a warrant for the speedy gathering of the said fines.

The Court adjourned for one houer and a halfe

The First Law Suit

"Upon ye Complaynt of Rebecka Hammon against her late Master Robert Zane for want of nesessary apparel as allsoe his failure in some covenants that he was obliged by Indenture to perform

"It was ordered yt ye said said Rob: Zane before ye first day of month next should finde and give ye said Rebecka Hamman apparell to the value of three pounds, seaven shillings, and six pence and allsoe 50 acres of Land to her and her heirs for ever and in case ye sd Rob: shall dislicke this order then to stand to and abide by ye Act of Assembly in the like case provided. Whereupon ye said Rob: Zane did at last declare that he would comply with ye aforesaid order and answer ye same

Ear - Mark Registrations Ordered

"Notwithstanding all persons keeping Hoggs within this County of Gloucester were summonened to appear at this Court and give in the

markes of thier hoggs and other Cattel in order to be approved and Recorded yet there be many that appeared not nor made any Returne of thier markes, and therefore the Clerk was ordered to warne in those wech had made default, to his owne house and there take account and Register thier markes by severall sumons written and fixt on the moste usuall and publick places in this County before the last day of 8 month next.

The Sheriff Wanted His Fees

“Upon William Warners desire of an order for his ffees in serving a summons on Hen: Treadway. It was ordered that Jno. Test plaintiff in yt action and Imployer of ye Sheriff should pay ye said Sheriff his ffees and in case he should Refuse, The Clerk was ordered to give ye Sheriff a warant in order to Compel ye sd Test thereunto

The Records of the Second Term of Court

“At the Court held at Red Banke on the 10 day of ye 10 month by adjournment from the first day of the same month (there being then not a full Bench) for the Jurisdiction of the County of Gloucester Ano. Dom. 1686

Justices present upon ye bench

Andrew Robeson
Francis Collins
Thomas Thackera
John Wood

“Returned by ye Sherriffe upon ye Grand Inquest

Thomas Matthews	Fred. Hopman
Daniel Reading	Mons Johnson
William Bate	Juste Justeson
Benja: Bramon	John Watkins
John Bethell	Phill: Pawle
Christ: Watkins	Math: Medcalfe
Will Cobb	Peter Matson
Hance Hopman	

These all appeared and were attested except William Cobb

The First Indictment for Theft

“The Grand Jury returne and finde a Bill against one Andrew Wilke for stealing severall goods of Tennis Lins from a house in Philadelphia

The Grand Jury Complained About the Justices

“The Grand Jury present the neglect of Magistrates for their not making a full bench on ye 1st day of this Instant for which cause ye Court was adjourned till this present 10 day

The First Lawsuit About Land

"William Dalbo Complaynes agst Peter Matson in an Action of ye case for that ye said Peter ye defend. denyeth to make ye sd Woolley ye plaint. a Title to Land purchased of ye defend. by the said plaint. and by contract obliged thereunto to wch ye def. pleads ye purchase money not paide

"Returned by the Sheriffe upon ye Traverse Jurye

William Cooper	Jno Woolerston
John Ashton	Tho: Gardiner
Jonath. Wood	Jnon Browne
John Orion	Hance Peterson
John Hopman	Tho: Green
Benja: Holt	Edw: Eglinton
Martin Holt	Tho: Sharpe
Tho: Bowman	James Atkinson

"The following appeared and were attested well and truly to try ye Cause depending betwixt Woolley Dalbo plnt. and Peter Matson def.

William Cooper	Thomas Bowman
John Ashton	Thomas Gardiner
Jonath: Wood	Thomas Green
John Orion	Edw: Eglinton
John Hopman	Thomas Sharpe
Martin Holt	James Atkinson

Verdict

"The Jury after some tyme of Withdrawing to consider of thier verdict they brought in for the plaint according to Declaration with Costes of Suit

Judgment

"The Court awards that Peter Matson the defend shall make and seal the plaint Woolley Dalboe a firme Deed and good Asshureance of ye Lande and that Woolley Dalboe shall pay the Remynding parte of ye purchase money if any behinde at the executing of ye deed and that Peter Matson shall allowe the Cost of Suite according to the verdict"

The First Conviction and Sentence to Servitude for Theft

"Andrew Wilke brought to ye bar and the Indictment against him for ffeloney being read, he pleaded guilty in maner and forme

"The aforesaid Jury was Impaneled and Attested upon his Triall and true deliverance to make between our Lord the King and the prisoner at the Bar &c"

Verdict

"The Jury brought in Andrew Wilke the prisoner guilty in maner and forme and that the said prisoner ought to make pay to the prosecutor the sume of sixteen pounds."

Sentenced

"The Bench Appoints that ye said Andrew Wilke shall pay ye aforesaid sixteen pounds by way of servitude viz: If he will be bound by Indentures to ye prosecutor then to serve him ye terme of four years, but if he condescended not thereto then ye Court Awarded that he should be a servant and so abide for the term of five years and to be accommodated in the tyme of his Servitude by his Master with meat, Drink, Cloathes, Washing and Lodging according to ye Custome of ye Country and fitt for such a Servant."

Another Land Suit

"John Reading plaint Complaines against John Ithell def. in an action of ye Case for that he the said defend hath unjustly claimed the estate of ye said plaint and hath severall tymes publickly scandalized and defamed the title of ye sd plaintiffe to his house and plantation

"The Jury which was Impanelled and attested well and truly to try this cause was ye same with ye former onely Thomas Bowman was excepted against by the Defend: and Will: Salsbury was attested in his roome

"The Defend: pleads a Justification of ye wordes as in ye declaration and puts ye plaint upon proof of his Title in order to Invallditate wch the defend: gave unto Court the following attestation

The Testimony

"Philadelphia Sept ye 10 1686

These are to Certify whome it may Concerne that ye day above written appeared before me Wm Goodbody and then attested as followeth viz That about June last was two year, he was Requested by John Ithell to assist him and Thomas Sharpe with an Indian to run a line on ye upper side of his plantation (in Timber Creek) to secure a certain peice of Meaddow grounde and further declares that about March or April following, understanding the Surveyor was there Surveying Land for John Ithell Came thither to demand a 100 acres he bought of ye said Ithell and was promised to be surveyed to him joyneing to Ithell in ye sd Creek. I attending ye Surveyor to have it laid out according to promise but John Reading and ye Surveyor went out from us together and surveyed the sd Lande to ye use of ye said Reading Contrary to knowledge or consent of John Ithell to his great dissatisfaction and trouble

William Goodbody

Attested before me the day
and year above written

Humphrey Morrey

"The Plaintiff then proceeded to prove

1. The English Title by producing a large conveyance from the grand proprietors in England
- 2 The Indian purchase money paid by the evidence of Tho: Bowman
- 3 His right of survey by a warrant from ye Commissioners for ye tyme being
- 4 And that the land was laid out and surveyed both in pursuance of an order by the governor and Agreement made betwixt ye sd plaintiff and def: at Burlington Consonant to the Rules and orders of ye province in ye Case made and allsoe with the knowledge, consent and good likeing of the said Defendant he ye said plaintiff proved by the following attestation

"Tho: Bowman being attested saith as followeth

That it was agreed at Burlington between John Reading and John Ithell that if John Reading would permit John Ithell and the Surveyor to goe down and run the line according to the governors order and then come down a day after he the said defend: would be willing to permit the land to be set out pursuant to the governors order whereto the said John Reading did consent and the said John Ithell and the Surveyor accordingly went down together"

"Daniel Reading attested saith as follows

That John Ithell, John Reading, William Stone, the Surveyor and others being at John Ithells house the sd John Reading said that he and the Surveyor would goe see to find some land adjacent to his that might please the said John Reading whereupon the said John Ithell said that he was freely willing that he should doe soe and told him yt he was well-come to it, and if a certaine peice of Meaddow lyeing on a Branch of ye Creek would doe him any kindness he the said J. Reading might have yt too. And when the land was surveyed to the said John Reading, and that the said John Ithell was acquainted therewith. he related that he was well pleased that we were like to be neighbours and he hoped all former differences would be forgotten and that we should live for the future neighbourly and lovingly together and treated the said John Reading and Company with drams and such provision that he had in his house

"William Stone being attested saith ye same with Dan: Reading

"Thomas Sharpe being attested saith as followeth

That whereas John Ithell saith yt the house where John Reading and the plantation which he now enjoys is William Steels I the said Thomas Sharp affirme that that Tract of land was never legally surveyed to Will: Steel nor to John Ithell in his behalfe before it was surveyed to John Reading"

"Justice Collins affirmed that the said John Ithell declared that the said John Reading were satisfied and agreed Concerning thier Landes"

Verdict

"The Jury withdrew to Consider of thier verdict and after some tyme they brought in for the Plaintiff two pence Damage with costs of suit

Judgment

"The Court awards The defend to make pay according to the verdict
"The Court adjourneth till ye 8th houer on ye morrow morning

More Jurors Fined

"December 11th. The Court being Sate these three persons following viz William Cobb, John Browne and Hance Peterson were by ye bench fined each and every one of them ten shillings apiece for thier non appearance upon the Jury and the Clark ordered to give the Sherif a warrant for the speedy gathering in of the said fines

How the Court Expenses Were Paid

"An Account being given in Court of Severall persons that have killed Hoggs without any knowne owners although marked Namely William Cooper one Hogge worth twelve shillings John Hugge one hogge at ten shillings and William Warner one Boare at Seaven shillings. It was ordered that the said sums of twelve, Ten and Seaven shillings should be paid respectively by the three aforesd persons and the Sheriff to collect ye same and it with the severall fines of sundry persons not appearing upon the Jury to be paid in order to defray the publick charge of the Court both at Gloucester on ye 1st of ye mth last and this present tyme at Red bank now

Peter Matson Refused to Pay Court Costs

"Whereas there is a verdict and judgment had and obtained against Peter Matson of little Mantua Creek at the suit of Wooley Dalboe plnt and the said Peter Matson denying to pay Court Charges although requested thereto by the bench, the Clerk was ordered to give a warrant to the Sheriffe to leavy the same by way of distress upon the goods and chattels of ye aforesd Peter Matson and make sale thereof returning the over plus to owner [if any be]

Four Public Appraisers Appointed — Their Fees Fixed

"The Court appoints Tho: Gardiner, John Bethell, William Alberson and George Goldsmith to be publick Appraisers within ye County of Gloucester of all such goods and chattels which shall be Distrained either by the Sherrif or other officers and come to their view and of trespasses betwixt party and party and such other things wherein appraisers shall be wanted or their help and judgment requested and alsoe order if the aforesd Appraisers shall Travell above two miles to make any

appraisement of goods &c they shall be paid for thier labour three pence for each mile and twelve pence in ye pound for every twenty shillings in value of goods. And so they were attested to Discharge thier Duty faithfully making true appraisements according to the Just and equall value of such goods and things Comitted to thier Charge without any favour or Affection but to the best of thier knowledge, skill and understanding

“The Cause depending between Rich: Laurence and Will Warner def: is with consent of both partyes to be continued till the next Court which shall be held at Gloucester on ye first day of ye Second month next”

Minutes of the Third Term of Court

“At the Courte held at Gloucester for the Jurisdiction of ye County of Gloucester on the first day of the 2nd Month 1687

“Justices present upon ye Bench

Andrew Robeson
Thomas Thackera
Francis Collins
John Wood

“Returned by ye Sherriffe in ye Grande Inquest

Henry Wood	Antho: Neilson
Casper Fish	Tho: Chaunders
Marcus Lawrence	Tho: Sharpe
Benja: Braman	John Ladde
Phill: Paule	Dan'l: Reading
Woolly Dalboe	John Bethell
Will: Higgins	John Hugge
Math: Medcuffe	Woolly Derickson

These all appeared and were attested except Thomas Sharpe

“The Grand Jury haveing thier Charge given they withdrawe

“Returned upon the Travers Jurye

Will Hunt	Rich: Russell
James Atkinson	Steph: Penston
Wm Cooper	Tho: Gardiner
John Ashton	Wm Salsbury
Jonath Wood	James Thomas
John Taylor	George Goldsmith
John Key	Andrew Robeson Ju
John Willis	Richard Arnold

“They all appeared except Andrew Robeson Jur and were attested upon ye Tryalls following all except Wm Salsbury, Geo: Goldsmith and Rich: Arnold”

A Double Penalty Enforced

"James Hill plnt complains against Peter Matson in an action of debt for that the sd Peter Matson ye Defend neglected to pay to ye sd Plaintiff: the sume of ffive pounds and eleaven shillings current silver money according to ye tenour of one penall Bill of the sume of Eleaven pounds and two shillings and payable at or before the 21st day of ye 8th month 1686

"These following were attested on ye Jury well and truly to try ye Cause depending betwixt James Hill, plaint and Peter Matson defendt. according to thier evidence &c

"The declaration being read the defend. acknowledges the Debt And the Jury for a short tyme went aside to consider of thier verdict and soon brought in as followeth

Verdict

"We of ye Jury findeth for ye plaintiff with costs of suite"

Judgment

"The Bench awards that payment be made according to ye verdict"

"The Defendt Refusing to pay ye Courte Charge or any more than the just and single debt the Clarke was ordered to give a warrant for the Sherriffe to make distress for the penalty of ye Bill with Costs of Suite according to ye verdict

More Land Title Contention

"Richard Wright Plaintiff complains against Thomas Howell defendt in an action of ye Case for yt ye said defendt. Refuseth to sett out and assure one hundred acres of Land to ye said plaint: according to a Contract made with the defendt. in or about the 12 month 1686

"The Jury impanelled and attested upon this tryall were the same with ye former onely William Cooper by a request made by himselfe he was excused from being on the Jury and George Goldsmith attested in his room

"The Declaration being read the defendt pleads that ye Declaration is uncertaine, repugnant and Insufficient to be answered unto in this Viz: That the defendant the tyme and place in ye Declaration mencioned for ye sume therein specified did contract with and sell to ye saide Defendant the Tract of Lande in the Declaration expessed. And this the def. offers as Cause of Demurrer wch was acknowledged soe to be by ye Bench, and accordingly a Demurr and Barr to the sd action was ordered to be entered

The Courte adjourned till two a clock in the afternoon

The First Suit Concerning Water Rights

"The Grand Jury present Thomas Howell for stopping the water course in a certain Creek or Branch of Coopers Creek contrary to ye lawes of this province &c

"The Court orders and appoints these fouer persons viz: Thomas Thackera, Stephen Penstone, John Key and John Willis to view the sd stoppage and make thier Reporte of ye same at ye next Courte

The First Assault and Battery Case

"Upon ye Complaynt of Thomas Willarde against Caspar ffish for a breach of the Kings peace in assaulting and strikeing of ye Thomas Willarde severall blows &c. The Clark was ordered to bind the said Caspar ffish to the peace wch was accordingly don

"The Courte dissolved but the Grand Jury haveing something under consideration that Requires a longer tyme to deliberate thereof they were adjourned till the 14 day of ye same mth at which time appearing they agreed and ordered as followeth

The First Tax Levied by Gloucester County, Payable in Cereals at Fixed Prices. Assessors and Treasurers Appointed

"That for ye Publick use and concerne for ye County of Gloucester there should be a Tax Leaveyed and Raised upon ye Inhabitants thereof in manner following

"That every owner or posessor of Lande shall pay for every 100 acres of Lande that shall be possessed, taken up or surveyed the sume of one shilling. And that every person keeping cattel within the said County of Gloucester whether oxen, horses or coves being two years of age shall pay for every head of such Cattell the sum of two pence. And allsoe that all free men having neither lande nor Cattell being sixteen years of age shall pay for their owne heads one shilling P peice.

"The Asessors appointed for ye taxing of every mans estate as aforesaid are Richard Heritage, John Key, Thomas Sharpe, Andrew Robeson Jur and Anthony Neilson whoe are to meet together on or before the twentyeth day of the third month next in order to assess and leavy ye said Tax

"The Treasurers appointed are Henry Wood and Anthony Neilson to whome every person concerned shall bringe in their several Taxations by or before the Twenty ninth day of September next either in silver money or in Corne at the prices following viz

	S	d	
Wheat at	4	0	
Rye	3	0	
Barley at	3	0	P Bushll
Indian Corne at	2	6	
Oates at	2	0	
Indian Peas at	5	0	
Buck wheat at	2	6	

Penalty for Non-Payment of Tax and Fee for Collection

"And in case any person shall Refuse or neglect to bring in thier Tax as aforesaid it shall be lawfull to distriene uppon them for double the vallue with all such charges that shall acrewe for or by reason of distress soe made and any one that findes himself wronged shall repaire to ye next Justice whoe hath power to Redress thier Agrievance. And the Treasurers are hereby ordered to have for thier Receiving and dispo-fall of ye pay two shillings in the pound And that this Tax when Received shall not be disposed on but by the Consent, knowledge and appointment or Approbation of ye Grand Jury for the tyme being"

"This was seen and approved on the 14th day of Aprill by the Justices aforesaid and soe ye Jury was discharged

Early Settlers Fined for Not Helping to Build a Road

"Whereas there were severall persons sumoned to make the Roade betwixt Salem and Burlington by Woolly Dalbo one of the surveyors within the lower Division of ye County of Gloucester and these persons following Refusing and neglecting to appear or doe their proportion of that work viz Martin Holt, Edward Eglinton, Thomas Matthews, Thomas Gardiner James Thomas, John Test and the occupyes of James Sanderlins plantation The Grand Jury did present and with the consent and concurrence of the Court ffine each and every one of the foresaid persons six shillings a peice and the Clark was ordered to give a warrant to leavy ye same by way of Distress to be had and taken upon thier goods and Chattells that should Refuse to make pay of his or thier severall and Respective ffines aforesaid"

Minutes of the Fourth Term of Court, the Last One at Red Bank

"At the Court held at Red-bank for ye Jurisdiction of ye County of Gloucester on ye 1st day of the 4th month Anno 1687

"Justices present on ye Bench

Andrew Robeson
Francis Collins
Thomas Thackera
John Wood

"Returned P. Sheriffe on the Grand Inquest

Wm Hunt	Wolley Dalboe
Wm Bate	John Ithell
Jonathan Wood	Antho: Neilson
Dennis Lynch	Edw: Eglinton
Tho Sharpe	Andr: Robeson Ju
John Hugge	Wm Cobb
James Thomas	John Willis
John Anderson	

"All appeared and were attested

"Returned upon ye Travers Jurye

Tho: Gardiner
Martin Holt
Israell Helme Ju
John Ladd
Wm Alberson
Jno Ashton
Geo. Goldsmith

Juste Justeson
Tho: Green
Wm Bromfield
Steph: Penstone
John Taylor
Rich: Arnold

All appear and were attested upon ye tryalls following except Wm. Bromfield"

The Plaintiff Wanted Land Boundaries Definitely Fixed

"Richard Wright plaint: Complains against Tho Howell deft. in an action of ye Case

"The declaration being read ye deft plads he hath conveyed ye hundred acres of Land mensioned in ye Declaration according to Contract by his allready sealing a deed for ye same to ye Plaintiff. The Plaintiff moves that forasmuch as that deed is deficient and wants ye boundaries &c of the lande. That ye defendt may Execute another deed prepared and tendered by the plaint wch Contaynes ye severall Boundaries and Courses according as it is now Surveyed wch ye deft Refuses to doe

"The Jury after withdrawing and some tyme of consideration Returne and finde as followeth

Verdict

"The Jury finds for ye plnt, according to survey with 5 lb damages, Costs of Suite and ye Defent signing of ye deed offered by ye plnt

Judgment

"The Bench awards that Asshurance be made and ye money paid according to verdict"

More About the Burlington - Salem Road

"The Grand Inquest Returne and have agreed that the upper Division of Gloucester County shall meet together on ye 10 day of 7 mth next in order to make Bridges and the Roads good within thier limmits leading from Burlington to Salem and whosoever shall Refuse or neglect to give their attendance then haveing lawfull Summons (Except such persons which have allready done thier proportion of yt worke) Shall be fined for each and every day of thier so neglecting the sume of ffive shillings. To which ye [Bench] consents"

The Court adjourns for 2 houers

A Lawsuit About Logs

"Walter Price Plaintiff complains against Daniel Lyndsey defendt in an action of ye Case

"The Declaration being read the deft plads ye loggs mensioned in

the declaration were delivered to ye plaint: and the Bill obliging ye delivery thereof was given up to ye defnd and by him cancelled. The plaint proves the Defent to have noe right to ye loggs, that they were never legally delivered but detained and kept from ye plaint"

Verdict

"The Jury find for ye plaint Eight pounde debt Three pound intrest and damages with Costs of suite"

Judgment

"The Bench awards the defendts payment of ye severall sums according to Verdict and order ye Clerke to give out Execution if ye defendt neglects payment of ye plaint above ye space of ffourteen dayes next following"

Minutes of the Fifth Term of Court

"At the Court held at Gloucester for the Jurisdiction thereof on the first day of ye 7 mth 1687

Justices present upon the Bench are

John Songhurst
ffrancis Collins
John Wood

The Grand Inquest

Tho Matthews	Samll Tombes
Tho Thackera	James Thomas
Jno Bethell	John Roberts
Rob: Zane	Dennis Linch
Tho: Dennis	Rich: Arnold
Jno: Ithell	Rich: Heritage
Pet Matson	Jno: Robberts
Woolley Dalbo	Steph: Penston
Wm. Alberson	Timothy Hancock
Rich: Wright Ju	Math. Medcalfe

The Travers Jury

William Hunt	Benj. Whitehead
Tho: Gardiner	Geo: Goldsmith
Sam: Coles	James Atkinson
John Key	Wm Bate
Tho Howell	John Hugge
Jno: Willis	James Thomas

**The Construction of A House Delayed by Scarcity of Nails
Arbitrators Appointed**

“The aforesaid Jurors were attested upon the cause depending between Jno. Test and Wm. Salsbury defendt for ye defents not building of a house by ye tyme agreed on

“The Declaration being read the Defendt pleads ye house remaind unfinished for want of nails from ye plnt and the he is not fitted for a Tryall by reason of ye sickness of those witnesses he desired to have at Court

“After several debates both partyes agree to chuse four honest men for ending all differences betwixt them depending viz Francis Collins and William Hunt for ye plaint and Thomas Matthews and Tho: Gardiner for ye defendt to meet at Gloucester on ye 10 day of Instant

“The Defendt to pay all court charge hitherto contracted and both partyes oblige themselves to stand to ye Award of the 4 persons aforesaid under penalty of fifty pounds to be forfeited by him yt shall Refuse

“The Court adjourns till 3 ho. in the afternoon”

Two Indentured Servants Complained

“Upon ye Complaint and Petition of John Ashbrook agst James Atkinson his former Master for want of Land and other nesesityes according to the tenour of his Indenture it was ordered that ye said James Atkinson should procure within ye space of one month an order for ye setting out of 50 acres of lande for ye said John Ashbrook within the Province of Pensilvania and allsoe should allow and give to him one good new wastecoate and two Hoes

“Upon ye Complaint and petition of Rebecka Hammon agst Robt. Zane her former Master for want of Land and other nesesityes according to the tenour of her indenture she was refered to a former court order made upon ye same Complaint the 1st of 7 Ano 1686”

A Time Limit Fixed for Completion of the Salem Road

“The Grand Jury Returne and Agree that ye Overseer of ye High wayes doe not fail to cause the Roade leading to Salem to be well Repaired the twelvth of this Instant

Sheriff Wm. Warner and John Wood Indicted

“The Grand Jury present Wm Warner ye late Sherriffe for his default in not appearing at Court he haveing several Concernes in his hands thereunto belonging and sundry accompts there to make up

“The Grand Jury present Jno: Wood and William Warner as betray-ers of the Rights and privillidges belonging to the County of Gloucester by being concerned and assisting in ye conveyance of Henry Treadway a notorious criminal of this County (where he was obliged to appear and receive his tryall) unto the Court at Burlington Contrary to the Trust

in them reposed to ye perverting of justice to ye ill example of others &
"The Bench orders the Clerke to give a Sumons to ye Sheriffe to be served upon William Warner to oblige his appearance at ye Courte on ye 9 day of Instant 7

"The Court adjourns till the 9th day of this present 7 mth"

Minutes of the Sixth Term of Court

"At the Court held at Gloucester for the Jurisdiction thereof on ye first day of ye 10 Mth 1687

"Present on ye Bench

Andrew Robeson
ffran: Collins
Christ: Watkins
Sam: Spicer

"The Grand Jury consisted of the persons following

Tho: Thackera	Marcus Lawrence
John Test	Tho: Green
Rich Heritage	Rich'd Wright
John Key	Charles Springer
John Hugg Ju	Wm Cobb
Jno: Willis	Juste Justeson
Tim: Hancock	Antho: Neilson
Casper ffiske	

"The Travers Jury

Wm Hunt	Geo: Goldsmith
Tho Gardiner	Steph Penston
Jam. Atkinson	Thomas Sharpe
Wm Bate	John Robberts
Jno Hugge Se	Rob Zane
Sam: Coles	James Thomas

The Sheriff Was Fined

"The aforesaid Jurors were attested well and truly to try the cause depending between James Hill plnt and William Warner defent. late Sheriffe for ye County of Gloucester wherefore the Sd defendt Refused to levey an Execution to him directed to be served upon ye goods & of one Peter Matson

"The Declaration being read the defendt pleaded the insufficiency of the writt but yt being over Ruld the Jury went out to Consider of their verdict, at thier Returne finde as followeth

Verdict

"We finde for ye plaintiffe wth costs of Suite

Judgment

"The Bench awards the defendant to pay to ye plaint the sume of two pounds two shillings and six d with costs of Suite

One Suit Postponed, Three Withdrawn

"The Cause betwixt Nathaniel Lukins and Woolley Dalbo plaints against John Ithell being called and ye said Dalboe not appearing the said Lukins craved a Refference till next Courte which was granted him by ye Bench

"The Action of Ralfe fretwell plaint against Daniel Lyndsey withdrawnne

"The Action of George fforman plaint against Peter Dalbo alias Matson defendt withdrawne

"The action of Geo: fforman plnt against Edward Eglington defendt withdrawne

"The Court Adjourns till 3 houer in ye afternoon"

A Bridge and Road to be Built at County Expense

"Francis Collins engageth to ye Grand Jury to make a sufficient Bridge over ye upper Branch of Gloucester River and allsoe to marke out ye way playnely and sufficiently fro from ye said Bridge to and through the Indian ffield in ye uper side of the said Bridge. The Countery paying him for his labour in doing the same.

Five More Bridges on the Salem Road Ordered to be Made

Serviceable Within Four Months Under Penalty

"Complaynt being made to ye Grand Jury for ye want of sufficient Bridges in five severall places in yt pte of ye Road leading to Salem which ought to be made good by Andrew Robeson Ju and Woolley Dalboe overseers of ye Highwayes wch said persons ye Grand Jury do present for thier neglect and default therein. The Court orders that if ye Bridgges be not made good and ye way passable without danger on or before ye 10th day of ye 2d mth next the overseers shall be severely fined at ye discretion of ye Court.

Two More Tax Receivers Appointed—One in the Third Tenth and One in the Fourth Tenth

"There appearing necessity of appointing two persons more for the Receiving ye Tax to suit ye Conveniency of ye people The Grand Jury nominate Andrew Robeson Ju for ye lower parte of ye County and Tho: Sharp for Newton Creek wch ye Bench assents to and likewise order yt the sd Tax be brought into ye Receivers at or before ye first mth next upon penalty laid by ye Courte and Grande Jury at ye first leveying thereof

Constable Staves Ordered

"The Grand Jury order Anthony Neilson to provide two Constable Stave for ye use of ye County to wch the Bench assents

John Wood and William Warner Indicted Again

"The Grand Jury present John Wood and Will Warner for Conveying forth of this County two persons Thereof namely Henry Treadway and Mary Driver to receive thier Tryalls at Burlington Court Contrary to ye Rights and privillidges of this County to ye perverting of Justice &c

"The Bench orders this presentment to be referred till next Court at wch tyme ye sd John Wood is ordered to appear

Defiant Jurors Fined

"These five persons following viz Tho: Chaunders, Wm. Hewlin, Wm Matlock, James Justeson and Geo Goldsmith being summoned and Refusing to appear as Jurors at this present Court the Grand Jury did present and with the concurrence of ye Bench fyne each and every of them ten shillings a peice for thier severall defaults and ye Clerk was ordered to give out Warrants to leavy ye same by way of distress upon his or thier goods or Chattells that should refuse to make payment thereof.

Minutes of the Seventh Term of Court

"At ye Court held at Gloucester (for ye Jurisdiction thereof) on ye first day of ye first month Ano 1687*

Present on ye Bench

Andrew Robeson

ffrancis Collins

Justices

Jno Songhurst**

Christ: Watkins

"The Grand Inquest

Thomas Matthews

Will: Hunt

Will: Alberson

Robt Zane

Will: Warner

James Thomas

Will Salsbury

Rich: Wright

Sam'll Tombes

Benja: Braman

Antho: Neilson

Rich: Arnold

Martin Holt

Woolley Dalboe

Peter Matson

Tho: Dennis

"The Travers Jury

Tho Thackera

Wm Royden

Jno Test

Jno Hugge

Will Bates

James Atkinson

John Bethell

Thomas Sharpe

Geo: Goldsmith

Jno Ashton

Wm Cooper

Rich: Heritage

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**A passenger on the Welcome

"These fouer Geo: Smith, Jno Appleton, Will Hewlin & Will: Matlock were summoned for Jurors but appeared not

John Ithell Confessed Judgment

"The cause between Nathaniel Lukins & Woolly Dalboe against John Ithell being Called The sd Deft John Ithell Confesseth Judgment agst himselfe for ye debt of seaven pounds and ten shillings according to Declaration And upon ye defts moveing for ye suspension of Execution The Bench Awards (According as ye Plaint & defendt agree) that Execution shall be granted against ye defendt if ye said debt be not paid to ye plaint within ye space of two months next following in Silver Coined money and current in ye province of West Jersey

John Wood Apologized

"The presentment of ye Grand Jury the last Court against John Wood for ye Conveying of Henry Treadway and Mary Driver two notorious delinquents forth of this County to Receive thier Tryalls at Burlington to ye betraying of ye Countyes privillidges &c being read the sd John Wood spake as followeth:

"Since I understand that this County hath taken offence at & with my proceedings concerning Henry Treadway & Mary Driver, I am hartily sorry that I ever gave them that cause of offence against the County nor any therein but that it was my ignorance that occasioned the same. I do desire that ye sd County would be pleased to Remitt and pass by ye Same

Witness my hand

John Wood"

The First Ferry Across the Delaware River

"It is proposed to ye Bench yt a fferry very needfull & much wanted from Jarsey to Philadelphia and yt William Roydens house is lookt upon as a place convenient and the said William Royden a person suitable for that Employ and therefore an order desired from ye Bench that a fferry may be there fixed &c To which ye bench Assents and refer it to ye Grand Jury to Methodize ye same and fix ye Rates thereof

John Reading, Clerk of the Court, was Plaintiff In A Suit

"The Cause of Jno Reading plt against John Loyd Ju & Obadiah Loyd defendts in an action of Trespass being called John Key in place of John Reading was Constituted Clerk during ye said Tryall

"After ye declaration Read & ye Case opened the Defendts move for a suspension of ye Cause until ye next Courte

"The Court Adjournes till—a clock in ye afternoon

A Suit About A Bill of Exchange

"The Court being met ye Cause betwixt Samull Coles plnt & Henry Wood defndt being called the persons before mencioned * * * ported on ye Jury

"The Declaration being read ye defendant pleads ye first bill of Exchange paid for as much as it was not Returned protested and that Eliz Coles had noe right to demand ye money of Sarah—ay haveing noe order from Clemonds to Receive ye same and likewise that ye Bills were not lawfully dilligently and in due time presented to Sarah Cassway for payment thereof

Verdict

"The Jury returne and finde for ye defendt with costs of Suit

Judgment

"The Bench awards Judgment according to ye verdict

John Reading Won His Lawsuit. Jurors and Testimony

"— former Cause between John Reading and Jno & Obadiah Loyd being again Called ye Plaintiff John Reading moves for a Tryall — Bench condescendeth to ye sd plnt — provided in ye sd Tryall finding noe Reasonable cause to oppose it in point of Justice

"The Jury attested to try ye Cause are as followeth

Tho: Thackera	Thomas Sharpe
Wm Royden	Geo: Gouldsmith
John Test	Jno: Ashton
John Hugge	Wm Cooper
Wm Bate	Rich: Heritage
James Atkinson	John Bethell

"The Declaration being read & ye defts refusing to plead ye plaint proceeded to prove his Title to ye Lande by ye Evidence of Daniel Reading & William Stone according to their several attestations

"The testimony of Dan: Reading

"John Reading said to John Ithell in or about ye year 1684 that he & the Surveyor viz. Dan: Leeds would goe out to find some lande adjoining or near to ye said Ithells that might be Conveynient for a plantation to wch ye said John Ithell bid him doe soe for he was freely willing saying Survey any where you have a minde for I will not be to your hinderance at wch ye Surveyor and ye said John Reading went forth and liked ye lande soe well that he immediately Surveyed it, when don ye sd Jno Reading came back and informed ye above mencioned Jno Ithell what he had don how that he had surveyed a Tract of land on ye lower side of his adjoyneing to his lower line at wch ye sd Jno Ithell was mighty well pleased saying he was Satisfied therewith & hoped for ye future they should live loveingly and be good neighbors and treated ye said John Reading with drams & c.

Daniel Reading"

"The Testimony of Will Stone

"The night before my Master Jno Reading's land was surveyed we did lodge at Mr. Ithells house, in ye morneing my master said he would goe see wt land he could find to wch Mr. Ithell did answer goe take where you will & wellcome for I have done we did then goe & look upon ye land and afterward surveyed it, haveing soe don we did returne to Mr. Ithells house. My Master told Mr. Ithell wt land he had taken up & that he did Joyne to him and that we would be his neighbour to wch Mr. Ithell did Answer it is very well I hope we shall be good neighbours and live lovingly together

Will Stone"

"The said William Stone gives in his Evidence to ye Trespass as followeth viz The he saw ye sd Defends viz John Loyd Jur & Obadiah Loyd working upon a Lyne betwixt Jno Reading & John Ithell they being upon John Readings Land notwithstanding they being discharged by ye sd John Reading

Verdict

"The Jury returne & finde for ye plaint with cost of suit & fouer shillings dammage

Judgment

"The Bench awards Judgment according to ye Verdict

The Defendants Appealed to the General Assembly

"* * * Craves an Appeal to ye Assembly and the Court admitts it John Songhurst & Will * * * and * * * that ye denfts shall appear at ye next Assembly holden at Burlington to prosecute ye appeal against Jno Reading plaintiff

Delinquent Taxes Ordered to be Collected

"The Grand Jury desire that ye Bench would please to order ye Constables of the County of Gloucester to take an account of ye Receivers of ye late County Tax assessed upon land and cattell for the defraying of publick charges & give notice to such that are behind in thier payment that they bring it in to ye Receivers appointed for that purpose and in case of failure to grant warrants of distress The Bench orders ye Constables to goe to the severall Receivers and know of them whoe is behind and hath not paid ye sd tax and then give notice to ye partyes to bring in thier severall & respective proportions of ye Tax within ye space of fourteen dayes after Int—given them thereof by ye Constables or otherwise to be distriened on for double the vallue and the Clerke to give out warrants & order of Court for yt purpose for all except such that have served on ye Assembly & thereby Ctrs to ye County.

**John Ithell Indicted for Cutting Down Trees
on Unsurveyed Land**

"The Grand Jury present John Ithell for cutting or causing to be cutt about twenty Timber Tree upon land untaken up & carrying ye same away about ye later end of ye 11 mth 1687 contrary to ye lawes of this province &c

"The Bench orders that this presentment be Referred till next Court against wch ye Clerk is ordered to draw an indictment against sd Ithell in order to bring him to tryall for ye same

Francis Collins Employed by the Grand Jury. Jurors Fined

"Francis Collins engageth to ye Grand Jury to furnish * * * at ye head of Gloucester River within three weeks * * * Geo * * * Jno Appleton, Wm Hewlin Wm Matlock were fined for default as jurors

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Some Loose Papers Pertaining to Our Earliest Courts

The Grand Jury Ordered the First County Tax

"We the Grand Jury doth order and agree that forty pounds be levied upon the County of Gloucester for the defraying of public charges of the said County to say upon all lands in possession and all handicraft men that hath noe land and all laboring men by their powles [polls] that hath noe land."

Gloucester ye
1:2 mo. 1687

Henry Wood, foreman.

A Summons for Daniel Linsey and Another for Ex-Sheriff Warner

To ye high sherriff for ye county of Gloucester or his Deputy greeting:

These are by the King's authority in the name of Edward Bylling Governor of this province to require you to the summons Daniel Linsey of the Lower Hook planter in an action of a case personally to appear at the court to be held at Red Bank for ye jurisdiction of ye county of Gloucester on ye first day of ye fourth month next then and there to answer the suit and complaint of Walter Prise? of in an action of a case and make return hereof ye doings herein at the same court wherein this shall be your sufficient warrant given under my hand and seal this day of the third month Anno Dom 1687

C Prov.

[On the reverse side of this appears the following:]

TO YE HIGH SHERRIFF, ETC.

Whereas ye grand jury at ye last court held at Gloucester did present William Warner late sherriff for his default in not appearing at ye sd court having several accounts and concerns there to make and deliver up and likewise him ye sd William Warner did present for sundry other miscarriages and misdemeanors by him committed, to ye betraying of ye rights and privileges of ye county of Gloucester to ye perverting of justice and contrary to ye trust in him reposed this is therefore by ye King's authority and in ye name of Edward Billings Governor of this province to require you upon sight hereof to give summons to sd Wm. Warner for his personal appearance at ye court to be held at Gloucester on ye 9th day of this instant or he will answer the contrary at his utmost perrill then and there to make answer to such things which shall be

alleged against him and to be proceeded against by due course at law and whereof you are not to fail and for your so doing this shall be your warrant given under my hand and seal this third day of seventh month 1687.

John Reading, Clerk
Per order of Court.

The Grand Jury Mentioned the Authority for the Establishing
of the Gloucester County Court and Resented
Infringements of Its Rights

County Gloucester ye first of ye 7 mo 87.
The Grand Jury presents, etc.

That whereas ye Govr and General Assembly hath given their assent for ye holding of several Courts in this Province in particular yt of ye county aforesaid haveing there by Jurydistion for ye tryall of all mallifactors therein and that a heanious and notorius act having of late been committed by Henry Tredway of ye said County who was apprehended and was to have received his tryall in ye aforesaid County according to ye English laws and those of this xxxx [one whole line missing] and William Warner bin convead to Burlington and hath received his said tryall contrary to rights and priviledges belonging to this County we can doe no less but signifiye our resentment of so grate and unsufferable [word gone] abuses and breach of priviledges.

Thos Matthews

Delinquent Taxpayers Ordered to Make Payment

The Grand Jury desires ye bench would be pleased to order ye constables of this county to take and account of ye receivers of ye late tax and rate assessed upon land and cattle for ye defraying of public charges and to give notice to such as are behind in their payment that they bring in to ye receivers appointed for that purpose and in no case fail to grant warrants of distress.

Tho. Mathews, foreman

On the reverse side the following is written.

The Bench orders that the constables go to ye several receivers and know of them who is behind and hath not paid the tax and then give notice to ye said persons to bring in their several and respected proportions of the tax within ye space of fourteen days after information given them thereof by the constable or otherwise to be distrained or double ye value except such persons that are creditors to ye Gloucester County by their services on ye assembly.

Salem Road Ordered Repaired

County of Gloucester ye 1 day ye [7] mo 1687 the Grand Jury orders ye overseers of ye highway leading to Salem to bee forth with

repared and that they beegon in hand with ye 12th of this instant.
Tho. Mathews

Complaint of Rebecca Homan

The Humble petition of Rebaca Homan

Whereas the Court held here in the year 1686 did order Robert Zane to pay unto me fifty ackers of land with aparell which he refuses to pay therefore I desire my redress from this bench.

Rebaca Homan

Referred to a former Court order made ye the 7th mth. 1686.

The First Docket

For Tryall ye next Court held at Gloucester for the Jurisdiction thereof, on the first day of September 1686.

By writ the
22nd of
June

} John Test of Anokaning, yeoman, against Edward Eglington of Great Mantoes Creek Mason in an action of ye case.

By summons ye 25th
of June
By summons ye
26th of July the 1st
summons not being
executed.

} John Test of Anokaning plaintiffe, against Henry Treadway of Red Bank defendant in an action of Trover and Conversion.

The Second Docket

For Tryall ye next court to be held at Red Bank for the jurisdiction of Gloucester the first day of December 1686.

By summons the
13th day of
Nov. 1686

} Henry Treadway of Red Bank, yee. against Daniell Lyndsey of ye lower hook planter in an action of the case Agreed before tryall.

By summons
ye 15th of
9th month
1686

} John Reading of Gloucester River against John Ithells of Steele branch in an action of ye case.

By summons
ye 16th day
of 9th 1686

} Richard Lawrence of ye lower hook gent., against William Warner of Woodbury Creek Sheriff in an action of debt by consent to be continued till ye next court.

By summons
ye 17th of
9th mo. 1686 } John Shin of Springfield yeo. against Richard Arnold upon Delaware near Gloucester planter in an action of the case. Agreed before tryall.

By summons
ye 17th of
9th month 1686 } William Dalboe of little Mantoe Creek yeo. against Peter Matson of ye same place yeo. in an action of the case.

By summons
ye 19th of
9th month 1686 } William Coles of Oldmans Creek, carpenter against Daniell Lyndsey of the Lower hook planter in an action of the case. Agreed before tryall.

The Third Docket

For Triall the next Court to be held at Gloucester on the 1st day of ye second month 1687.

By summons ye 16th
of ye 9 month
1686 agreed by con-
sent to be continued
from ye last court
to this } Richard Lawrence of ye lower hook gent. plaintiff against William Warner of Woodbury Creek, sheriffe defendant in an action of debt. Agreed

By summons the
day January
1686 } James Hill of Burlington sheriffe, plaintiffe against Peter Matson of little Manto Creek defendant in an action of debt.

By summons the
3 day of
March
1686 } John Hollingshead of Northampton River yeo. planter against John Dalboe of great Mantoe Creek planter defendant, in an action of the case. Agreed.

By summons the
10 day of the
1st month 1686 } Andrew Robeson of New Stockholme, yeoman plaintiffe, against Lacy Hooman alias Anderson of Rapapock Creek planter, defendant in an action of ye case. Agreed.

By summons 15
day of 1st
month
1686 } Robert Turner of Philadelphia merchant against Benjamin Whithead of Coopers Creek yeoman defendant in an action of ye case. Agreed.

By summons
the 17th of 1st
month 1686. } Richard Wright of Coopers Creek yeo. plaintiffe against Thomas Howell of ye same plaintiffe in an action of ye case.

The Widow of Wm. Frampton Gave Testimony

First of first month 1687

I Elizabeth Frampton relict widow of William Frampton deceased do testify and declare that to my certain knowledge Samuel Coles of West Jersie did sell to my said husband a bill of exchange and that he was to be paid for it in rum but my said husband after he had kept ye said bill a considerable time not having rum to pay returned the said bill with a valuable consideration to take ye said bill

Elizabeth Frampton

Attested before me
the day above written
John Shillson?

Assemblymen's Pay to be Used as Bounty Money for Wolves

Whereas, Divors complayntes has been presented to us of the Grand Jury, censoring the great annoyance and damage that ye doe and commonly sustayne by reason of the wolves and that noe way or meanes hath bin rased to prevent the same: by raysing—A publique bank to encorage those whoo should make it theyer business to destroy them: And whereas there was a tax leyved by the Grand Jury some time past to defray publique charge viz such as this may be and that by some meanes it hath been soe ordered that those whoe have been as members in the generall Assmby should take theyer respective shares of the said tax as part of theyer payment for theyer sd service and complaynte being made of the Inequality of the sd proceedor these are therefore to desyer that all without respect of persons may pay it in without any regarde of Assembly men or others; fynding that for raysing another tax will bee difficult and that the immergency of this afayer requires more dilligence for the accomplishment thereof then the paying of Assemblyment doeth at present depending some other way shall be founden out for defraying that charge, therefore we think fitt that the treasurer of our County shall upon sight or receavell of any wolves heades that may be brought unto him by any person or persons that hath killed the same within our County shall have power to defray the same.

The First Coroner's Inquest

The Jurrors impaneled by John Wood Corroner to make inquiry of the death of Easter Thackerey late wife of Thomas Thackerey are as follows:

Will Roydon
Will Cooper
Geo. Goldsmith
Will Beates
Jo Atkinson
Robt. Zane

Will Alberson
Tho Dennis
Will Hunt
Rich Arnold
Jo. Ashton
Isac Hollingam

The above mentioned Juriors doe give their Vardett unanimously that upon the 5th day of the month called May 1688 the above mentioned Easter Thackery by the accidintall landing of a Sturggon in the River Dillaware and Falling upon the cornew that she was then in caused the same to fill with water and to turn over was the cause of her being drowned in ye river.

Will Roydon Foreman
John Wood Coroner

- John Hugge
Both swallow tailed
Sam'l Harrison had this mark
- John Reading
L Swallow tailed
R Cropt
John Gill had this
- William Warner
L Slit with cut on under side
R Cropt
- John Browne
L Slit
R Half moon on the under side
Taken by Levi Peirce ye grandson
in-law of Browne March 28, 1732
- William Salsbury
L A piece cut out on under side
R cropt with a hole
- Andrew Robeson Ju
L A crop and slit
R Foremost half cut off
- Anthony Neilson
Both ears a halfmoon out
of undersides
- Woolley Dalbo
L Cropt
R A swallow tayle
- Peter Dalbo
L Whole
R A swallow taile
- Benja Braman
A square fork out of both ears
- Israell Helme
L Slit
R Slit and foremost half cut off
- Lacye Coleman
L Two half moons on ye
hinder side
R Whole
- James Justeson
L Whole
R A crop with a cut in the
hinder side
- John Henderick
Both ears two slitts apeice
- William Cobb
Blank—No description
- Mathew Medcalfe
R Cropt
L A peice out of the underside
Taken by his son Jacob Medcalfe
6th 4 mo 1722
- Jno Test at Jeoff Wainwrights
L Cropt
R a hole
- Jno Lad
L Cropt
R Whole
Taken by John Ladd Jr. on the
death of his father and then by
his widow Hannah Ladd
- Wm Hunt
L A half moon on ye upper side
R Slitt
- Richard Laurence
L Slitt
R Slitt, hindermost side cut off
- John Anderson
L Cropt
R Cropt and slitt
- Richard Russell
L Half moon in the upper part
R Cropt
- William Cooper
L Cropt
R Two holes over against
one another
- Robert Tate
L A half moon on under side
R A half moon on ye under side
and a crop became John Thorn's
- Martin Holt
L Slit
R Cropt and slit

- William Sharman
L Whole
R A slit third part down and the
hindermoste half cut away with
a notch under on ye same side
- Hance Peterson
L Slitt
R Slitt with a cutt on ye up side
- Wooley Derickson
L Cropt and ye upperside a
half moon out
R Cropt hole in middle and
half moon under side
- Hance Hopman
L Swallow taile
R Slitt $\frac{1}{2}$ way and outmost
half cutt off
- John Matson
L Cropt and slitt
R Whole
- John Orrion
L A third part slitt and a peice
on ye under side cut off
R Slitt
- Juste Justeson
L Cropt and slitt
R A cut on ye under side
- John Hopman
L A Swallow taile with a half
moon on ye under side
R A swallow taile
- Freddrick Hopman
L A swallow taile
R A swallow taile with a half
moon on ye upper side
- Thomas Mathews
L Cropt
R A large half moon on ye
upper side
- Thomas Gardner
L Cropt
R A large half moon on ye under
side
Thomas Gardner being dead and
none to claim this mark taken by
John Derickson of Greenwich
June 29, 1761
- Charles Springer
L Cropt with a hole
R Slitt
- John Anderson
L A halfe moon on ye under side
R Slitt
- Lacey Holton
L Cropt and ye half moon on
ye under side
R Whole
- Mons Janson
L A small crop and a square peice
cut out of ye under side
R Whole
- Thomas Denny
L A swallow taile
R Whole
- John Ithell
Both ears a spade on
ye under side
- Phillip Paule
L Cropt and the rounding part of
the under side cut square down
R Half moon on top another
on side
- John Hugge Ju
L A swallow taile
R Slitt half way and ye inner-
most $\frac{1}{2}$ peice cut off
- Samuel Taylor
Both ears a small crop and each
ear a half moon on ye upper side
- John Ashbrook
L A crop and slitt on ye under side
R Half moon on ye under side
- John Burroughs
L A half moon on ye under side
R A crop and a slitt on ye
under side
- William Bates
L A half moon out of ye
under side
R A half moon out of ye
upper side

- Marcus Laurence
 L A half moon on ye under side
 R Cropt and a notch on ye under side
- Daniel Reading
 L Cropt and a halfe cut away on ye under side
 R A swallow taile
- Thomas Gibson
 L Slitt and a half moon out of ye under side
 R Slitt
 Thomas Gibson became Joseph Gibsons
- Andreas Anderson
 L Whole and a hole in the middle
 R A crop and a hole in the middle
- Isaack Pearson
 L Cropt and a square forke
 R Cropt and a slit in ye middle
- Elthen Cornock
 L Cropt and two slitts
 R A spade upper side
- James Thomas
 L A spade on ye under side
 R Cropt and slit
- John Tatum
 L Cropt and slit
 R A half moon on under side
- John Willis
 L Cropt and two slitts on under side
 R Two slitts on ye under side
- Thomas Buckman
 L Cropt and slitt
 R A square peice out of the under side thereof
- James Whitehall
 Both ears cropt and each a hole under
- Moses Lakin
 L Crop and slitt
 R A notch on ye under side
- John Parker
 L A spade on ye upper side
 R A half moon on ye upper side
- Robert Parker
 L A spade on ye upper side
 R A half moon on upper side and a hole in the middle
- James Parker
 R A spade on ye upper side
 R A spade on ye upper side
- Josuah Lord
 L A halfe moon on ye under side
 R Cropt and slit in ye middle
- John Parker Jur
 L A spade on ye upper side
 R Cropt and a half moon on each side
- Edward Burroughs
 L Cropt a half moon on each side
 R A spade under side
- John Rambo
 L Whole
 R Slitt
- John Siddon
 Both ears cropt with two slitts in middle
- Isaac Wood
 L Cropt and notch on ye hinder side
 R Cropt
- Kathrine Howell
 L Cross slitt on ye fore side
 R Cropt and a cross slitt on ye foreside
 Jonathan Bell took this mark
- Andrew Hopman
 L A halfe moon on ye fore side
 R A swallow taile
 Lawrence Hopman had this mark
- Woolley Peterson
 R Halfe moon on ye upper side
 L Slitt

- Paule Paulson
L A halfe moon on ye undermost
side
R Cropt and two slitts
- Phillip Paul
L Cropt cut square down
underside
R Cropt and a square peice cutt
out of ye underside and a cross
slit on the same side of the ear
- George Webb
Both ears cropt and a halfe moon
on each side under
- Henry Treadway
L A crop
R A slitt and Robert Zane to alter
his mark p order of Court
- Samuel Tomes
L Cropt and a hole
R Whole
- Archibald Mickell
L Whole
R Cropt and a hole in it
- Henry Wood
Both ears a half moon out of ye
under side and ye near cropt
- Jacob Cozens
L A spade on ye upper side
R A slitt and a half moon on
upper side
- Charles Crosthwait
L Whole
R Two half moons on upper side
- Thomas Nixon
L Whole
R Cropt two slitts down and one
cross on ye under side
- Henry Johnson
L Cropt and a slitt
R A half moon on ye upper side
- Joseph Tomlinson
L ye left cropped
Right ear two slitts
- Richard Heritage
Both ears a small swallow tail on
ye top and a half moon on ye
underside of ye right
- William Chester
L Cropt and a hole
R A peice cut out of under side
- Thomas Nixson
L A notch on ye foreside
R A crop and slitt
former mark void
- Israel Ward
L A half moon on ye under side
and a slitt
R A halfe moon on ye under side
- John Ireson
L A spade on ye under side and
a halfe moon on ye upper side
R A spade on ye under side
- John Willis
L Whole
R A hole
This became Robert Zane's
- Thomas Bull
L A swallow taile
R Cropt and a hole
- Elias Hugg
L A swallow taile
R A hole
- George Ward
L A half penny on ye under side
R A half penny on ye under side
Both ears slitted
- Garratt Van Ima
L A spade on under
R A crop
- John Worthington
L Crop'd and a half penny on
under side
R A cropp
- Charles Crosthwait
L A half moon on ye foreside
R A swallow taile
Charles Crosthwait former mark and
that of Andrew Hopman to be void

- William Ward
 L Half moon on each side
 R A Slitt
- John Hedger
 L A cut on ye under side
 R A cropp and a slitt
- Joseph Tyndal
 L A half penny on ye under side
 R Three slits
- Richard Bromley
 A diamond in each ear
- Phillip Paul
 Two half moons on ye under side
 of each ear
 Former mark void
- Robert Lord
 L Crop'd with two slitts
 R A spade on ye up side
 Elthen Cornock's mark void
- Edward Williams
 A half moon on each side of
 both ears
- Robert Parker
 L A spade on upper side
 R A half moon and slitt under side
 Former mark void
- William Sharp
 L Crop'd and a half moon on
 ye under side
 R Crop'd and swallow tail
- James Ward
 Both ears cropped—ye left slit and
 ye right two slitts
 Feb'y. 21, 1745 Moses Ward had his
 father's mark recorded to him
- John Richards Jr.
 Both ears crop'd and a half moon
 on underside of each ear
- John Hutchinson
 L Crop'd and two slitts
 R Whole
 [This obliterates a former name
 recorded]
- Peter Long
 L Crop'd and slitt
 R Half moon on upper side and
 cross slit under it
- Richard Bull
 L Whole
 R Two slitts
- Michael Laycon
 L A spade on upper side
 R Crop'd
- John Gibson
 Mark crossed off same as
 George Webb
- Peter Cock
 L Crop'd, slitt and a half moon
 under side and a slit under it
 R Whole
- George Green
 L Two Slitts
 R Whole
- John Roe
 L A swallow tail and a half moon
 on ye upper side
 R Whole
- John Hinchman
 L A half moon on upper side
 R A half moon on lower side
 His mark taken by his son John
 Jr. January 9 1727
- Joseph Nicholson
 L Whole
 R Swallow taile and half moon
 on ye under side
- John Haddon
 Both ears crop'd and slitt and
 Thomas Sharps mark to be void
- John Gray
 L Cropped and two slitts
 on under side
 R Two slitts on upper side
 John Willis mark void
- Edward Clements
 L A slitt and half moon on
 upper side
 R Crop'd

Reproduction of the First Page of the Gloucester County Ear Mark Book

		The names of such persons that gave in the marks of their Hogs at the Court held at Gloucester the 1st of 2 nd month 1712 1837 20 which next there shew'd of and agreed to be Rogations, and a publick Rogation day to be kept by the Court of ye said County	Left	Right
Francis Collins	The left ear a hole of right (Crest)	1712 1837 20		
Thomas Chackera	The left ear a slott of right (Crest)			
Jr. Wood	The left ear a notch of right (Crest)			
Henry Wood	It have on y ^e under side of both ears			
Samuel Coles	The left ear a small (Crest) a small			
Samuel Spencer	The left ear 2 slott of right (Crest)			
John Taylor	The left a small tagle and a slott in the right the right a small tagle			
Thomas Howell	A square fork in the left ear and a long piece out of y ^e poor side of right			
Daniel Howell	The left ear whole of right (Crest) a slott			
Thomas Chauiners	The left ear a notch on y ^e under side the right ear a (Crest) and slott			
Henry Bise	The left ear 2 notch of right (Crest)			

William Laton

- L Crop'd and a half moon on upper side
- R A swallow tail and a half moon on under side

Henry Wood

A slit in each ear

John Dole

- L A half moon on ye under side
 - R A swallow tail and a nick on under side
- This mark taken by his son Joseph
14—1 mo 1720

Ephraim Bee

Both ears a spade on ye upper side

Isaac Sharp

- L Cropp'd, slitt, half moon on under side
- R Cropp'd and a swallow tail

William Bryan

- L Cropp'd and half moon under side
- R Cropp'd and slitt

William Smith

- L A half moon on under side with a hole
- R A hole

Thomas Stevens

- L Slitt
- R A half moon on each side

Samuel Driver

- L Whole
- R A slitt and half moon upper side

John Hillman

- L A cut on ye fore side
- R Cropp'd

John Rakestraw

Both ears crop'd and ye left a hole

This is the last of the names and ear marks recorded without dates
by Clerk Thomas Sharp.

John Richards

Crop on both ears and half moon
on inside of each
July ye 5th 1706

William Tatum

- L Crop'd and two slitts
- R A halfe moon on ye under side

Constantine Wood

- L A slitt
- R A slitt and half moon on ye under side

John Hopper

- L Slitt and half moon on ye under side
- R Whole

Charles Smith

- L Crop'd and a cut on under side
- R A hole

Jonathan Ladd

- L Whole
 - R Cropp'd
- Richard Arnolds mark void

John Cock

- L Whole
 - R Crop'd, slitt and a half moon on ye under side
- Sold by him March 28, 1733 to
Jacob Focerman [?]

Nicholas Laycon

- L A half moon on under side
- R A spade on underside

John Spey

- L Three slitts
- R A half moon on ye upside

Jacob Clement

- L Two slitts
 - R a half moon on ye upper side
- Became Jacob Rylands

John Eastlack

- L Slitt
- R Crop'd, slitt, Martin Holt's mark to be void

Thomas Ashbrook

Feb'y 19 1706/7
Sketch, no description

- Edw Eglington
Mark sketched no description
- Joseph Estlacke
L A crop in near ear and nick
on outside
R Whole
- Amos Ahead
L Crop
R Slit downward on the offside
John Ashton's mark void
- David Brin
L Two Slitts
R One Slitt
April 22, 1708
- Wm Hampton
Formerly John Burroughs
- Thomas Bee
Two slits in each ear—being the
former mark of John Hendricks
- Joseph Hinchman
L A half penny
R A cross slit
Dec. 17, 1709
- Erick Cox
L Whole
R A crop, a slit and half moon
- Ralph Sutton
Two slits in near ear
A slit and half moon in other
Dec. 2, 1710
- Joseph Liddon
L A swallow fork
R Crop'd and a square piece out
Feb 24 1710/11
- John Atkins
L A small slit down; a square
out of the upper edge and a
square out of the under edge of
the same ear
R A square piece out of the
under edge
- James Lord
L A spade in the side of near ear
R Cropt
March 30, 1711
- James Dilks
L Two slitts
R One slitt
- Lawrence Cocks
L A spade in upper side
R A half penny
- Benjamin Richards
A slit in near ear Both ears cropt
and a half penny out of middle
- Luke Gibson
L Slit and half pennv
R A crop and slitt
Sept 7 1711
- Joseph Gibson
Crossed out
- Michael Lycon
A swallow fork and a hole in
middle of each ear
Nov 10 1711
Taken by Joseph Heritage Feby
13, 1745
- David Wenwright
L A crop and half penny
R A slit and half penny
- John Lord
A slit in each ear half penny out
of upper edge of the left ear
- John Ladd Jr.
L Cropt and a hole in the middle
R Whole
Feby 14 1711 Formerly Sam'l Toms
- Robert Bryan
L A cropp and slitt
R A crop and half penny
- Patrick Flaningham
A swallow fork in each ear and a
half penny out of upside edge of
each ear. This mark Rob't Minors
- Philip White
Both ears cropt and a half penny
each side of both ears
April 25 1712
- Valinteen Rowell
L A square peice like a spade
R Cropt and slitt

John Van Ima

L A spade and half penny
R A crop and slitt

Nathaniel Chew

A slitt in each ear and half penny
each side of each ear
8 br 25 1712

Joseph Langley

L A slitt
R A half penny out of each side
Taken by Joseph Perce
May 10, 1759

John Brown

L Two half penny's on
each side
R A slitt
March 24, 1712

Robert Zane

L Whole
R A hole
6 - 5 mo 1715

Sam'l Harrison

Two swallow forks in each ear
21 - 5 1715
Taken by Moses Ward Dec. 2 1756

Jonathao Belton

L Whole
R A slit
Formerly Daniel Howells
This proved to be the mark of John
Kay and he chose another

Isaac Hollingham

L Whole
R Cropt
10th 3 mo. 1715 formerly Richard
Arnolds taken by Jos. Loe

John Thorn

L A half moon on ye under side
R A half moon and a crop
10-2 mo 1715 had the mark of
Robert Teatt

John Inskeep

L Slitt
R Whole

Wm Harrison

L Swallow fork
R Swallow fork and half penny

Wm Thorn

L Half Penny
R Half Penny

John Smallwood

L Cropt
R Notched Crosswise
2 - 1 mo 1715

Richard Gray

L Cropt and half penny
R Whole with two slitts outer edge

John Gibson

Both ears cropt
25 - 2 mo 1716

Tho: Holden

L Cropt
R A slitt—Altered March 15, 1715

Timothy Eglington

L Whole slit on the near side
half penny on the other side
R A swallow fork and slitt on
side of ear

Joseph Yong

L Whole and half penny taken
out of the far side
R Whole and two half pennys
taken out of the off side
9th 7 mo 1716

Will Hewitt

L Whole, half penny on the
near side
R Cropt half penny off side

Isaac Jennings

L Cropt
R Cropt & Slitt
11 - 6 mo 1716

Jonathan Bolton

L Whole slit on side
R Whole slit on side
6-8-1716 the mark of Catherine
Howell, dec'd

John Gill

L Swallow fork
R Cropt
19th- 8 mo 1716 the mark of
John Reading

- Robert Minor
A swallow fork in each ear and a
half penny in each ear
Tobias Bright had this mark
June 15, 1730
Taken by Dan Cooper Dec 1741
- Arthur Powell
A half penny on the under side
of each ear
- Joseph Collins
L A hole
R Croppt
- Jacob Rylands
Both cropt and a half moon on the
inside of each.
10th - 12 mo 1717 formerly
John Richards
- Tho: Dennis
L A hole
R A slitt
Taken by Thos. Kimsey Jr
Feb 16 1740
- William Albersen
L Two slitts
R Whole
- William Huntt
L Crop and half penny
R A spade and half penny on
inside
- Jonathan Sell
L Cropt and slit on side
R Whole
- Lawrence Hopman
L A half moon
R A swallow tayle
- John Hill
L A crop
R A slitt
19 - 6 mo 1718
- Robert Champion
L Whole and a slit
R Cropt and two slitts
- Jno Dukemineer
L Cropt and a half penny out
of near side
R Cropt and two slitts
11 4th mo 1720
- Thomas Atmore
L Cropt and two holes
R A slitt and one hole
- Joseph Cooper
L Slitt
R Cropt
- George Birch
Both whole with hole in each
12-7 mo 1720
This mark taken by Ed. Richardson
- Daniel Cooper
Partly illegible—Swallow tail in
each ear and a half moon in each
- William Dickinson
L Cropt and a half penny
R Whole slit on each side
- Wm Cooper
L Whole one slit
R Whole two slitts
12 7 mo 1720
- Alexander Randall
Left ear cropt
R Slit in right on side
21 - 7 mo 1720
- Simeon Ellis
L Cropt
R A hole
- Simon Breach
L Whole
R A half penny out of under side
- Joseph Loe
L Whole
R Cropt
The mark of Isaac Hollingham
- Wm Vaughan
L A hole
R A crop and notch
- Peter Long
The near ear (left) a slit and half
penny under the slitt
The off ear (right) a half spade
and half penny
March 15 1725/4

Gervas

L A crop
R One slitt

Nathaniel Tylee

L A crop and slitt
R A hole

Thomas Holden

Both ears a spade on the upper side
and a half penny on the under
side of the right

Abraham Chatwin

A slitt in the tip of each ear
Apr. 4 1726

John Matson

L Whole
R Cropt and slit
Aug. 20 1726
Taken by Benj. Ward
July 19, 1758

William Chester Jr

A hole in the near ear and a crop
in both ears
Taken by James Hennesey
May 20 1755

William Arell

A half penny out of the under side
of each ear and a hole in the
right ear formerly Wm Thorns—
Aug 23 1726

George Whitbrook

A crop in each ear
Aug 11 1726
Taken by Wm Ward of Woodbury
Creek Apr 9 1731

George Howill

A crop in each ear and half penny
out of right ear
Aug 28 1727

William Van Culling

The mark of Gervas who was not
known

L A crop
R A slit
Dec. 12, 1728
Mark taken by John Down Apr.
11 1750

Christopher Taylor

L Cropt and a slit on ye upper
side
R Whole
Dec. 18 1728
Taken by Wm White Apr 24, 1749

Edward Richardson

Both ears whole with a hole in each
The mark of George Bird, dec'd.,
Dec. 27, 1728

This is the last entry in the book and evidently the subsequent ear marks were recorded in another book which is now missing or it may be the townships rather than the county recorded the ear marks.

On the blank page at the beginning of the book are the ear marks of John, Levy and George Peirce 1775-6.

Another mark is that of Obadiah Gibson 10th 11 mo 1732 which was later taken by Hab. Ward.

A facsimile manuscript copy of the ear-mark book, including illustrations, was deposited in the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania by the editor.

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