

## *In Memory Of William Hampton*



Pictured here is Charles Wechsler, Acting Master of Hampton Lodge Number 235, F. and A. M. accepting on behalf of the lodge from Will Fearing the portrait of William Hampton, one of the founders of the Catlettsburg lodge, as Davis Martin, Sr., honor guest, looks on.

The portrait, as well as the Masonic Apron of William Hampton was the cherished treasure of the late Judge William J. Hampton, grandson of the founder of the Masonic body of Catlettsburg which bears his name. It was the desire of the late Judge Hampton that these treasures be presented to the Catlettsburg lodge, and this bequest was carried out in a fitting manner last Wednesday evening, when upward of a hundred Masons gathered in the hall of Hampton Lodge for the triple purpose of accepting these mementos, celebrating the birthday anniversary of one of the oldest Masons in the state who is a member of Hampton Lodge and to raise to the degree of a Master Mason two of their fellow citizens.

Many Masonic Lodges were represented at this meeting, which will go down in the annals of Hampton Lodge as one of the most memorable meetings of its history.

Judge Matt M. Prichard, in an

address that was fraught with philosophy and good humor and spiced with memorials common to himself as well as to the recipient, presented to Davis Martin with the best wishes of Hampton Lodge, on his ninety first birthday anniversary, appropriate gifts.

Will Fearing, in presenting the portrait in behalf of Mrs. William J. Hampton, widow of the Judge Hampton, recounted in a most interesting manner the history of Catlettsburg as well as Boyd county, which history was a portion of the life of William Hampton for whom the Catlettsburg lodge was named.

H. L. Ley, immediate past Master of Poage Lodge of Ashland, also on behalf of Mrs. Hampton, presented the lodge with the apron of the lodge's founder. In his address, Mr. Ley paid a glowing tribute to the founder and to his decedents and by allegory exhorted present day Masons to carry on the principles of the order as zealously as their predecessors.

Wechsler, a Past Master of Hampton Lodge presided over the proceedings of the lodge for the evening, and together with the other officers of the lodge exemplified the work of the Master Mason Degree in an impressive manner.

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These clippings taken from  
Huntington Advertiser, in March  
1932, sent to me by Ed M. Hampton,  
who writes: "I saw our 9-grandfather  
(William Hampton, son of Dr. Henry  
Hampton) name in the paper, from <sup>under</sup> records  
of 1814 and 1815, which  
sent to Dr. Clint Wilson in  
Calif, as Beatrice's ancestor  
— several of them on both sides —  
appearing in the notes. Her 9-grandmother  
was a Russell, married a Wilson  
and is descended from Mark Russell,  
Sheriff in those days. I notice  
the frequent occurrence of  
names of both Richard Brown and  
Benjamin Brown."

— W. J. H.

[William J. Hampton]

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A court held August 27, 1817 present Elisha McComas, Edmund McGinnis, James Holderby and Abia Rece, gentlemen.

Thomas Cartmill came into court and took the several oaths required by law as a justice of the peace for this county.

John Morris having produced the credentials of his ordination and being in regular communion with the Baptist church, and authority is granted him to celebrate the rites of matrimony in this commonwealth. Bond given.

Upon motion of Benjamin and Richard Brown, Peter Scales and William Buffington, it is ordered that a writ, in the nature of ad quad damnum do issue, directed to the sheriff of this county, to summon twelve lawful freeholders in this county, to assemble on Four Pole creek, on the land of the said Richard Brown, Benjamin Brown, Peter Scales and William Buffington, to ascertain the propriety of erecting a mill dam across said Four Pole creek, to establish a grist mill, and make their report to September court, next.

A court held August 28, 1817. present: Elisha McComas, William Buffington, Edmund McGinnis and Thomas Cartmill, gentlemen.

A court held September 25, 1817. Present: Elisha McComas, Wm. Fullerton, Edmund McGinnis, Levi McCormack, Gentlemen.

Thomas Morris granted leave to keep an ordinary in Cabell county. Bond given.

Joseph Barrett appointed overseer of the poor.

Ordered that Richard and Benjamin Brown, Peter Scales and Wm. Buffington have leave to build a mill dam across Four Pole creek on their land, 7½ feet high, at the place proposed for building the same.

A court held July 1, 1817. James Holderby, William Buffington, Edmund McGinnis, William Fullerton and Noah Scales, Gentlemen.

John Barrett recommended to the governor as captain in 120th regiment, Virginia Militia, in the room of William McComas, resigned;

James Hatfield as lieutenant, in the room of John Barrett, promoted.

Parker Adkins, as ensign, in the room of James Hatfield, promoted.

A court held October 26, 1817. Present: Elisha McComas and Edmund McGinnis. Forcible detainer case tried.

Richard W. Moore, Esq., who is licensed to practice as an attorney in the courts of this commonwealth, appeared in court and took the several oaths required by law as an attorney.

A court held October 26, 1817. Present: Elisha McComas, James Holderby, Noah Scales and Wm. Fullerton, Gentlemen.

Jesse Spurlock came into court and took the several oaths required by law as a justice of the peace, etc.

Upon motion of Dabney Overstreet, it is ordered that a writ in the nature of ad quad damnum do issue, directed to the sheriff of this county, to summon twelve good and lawful men of his bailiwick, to attend and meet him on the right-hand fork of Mud river, near the house of said Overstreet and William Fullerton, to view the place proposed by the said Dabney Overstreet, for the erection of a mill dam across said branch, on the 8th day of November, next, etc.

Ordered that James Holderby, Robert Holderby and William Buffington be taken from the precinct of the road of which John Chapman is overseer and place on the road of which Samuel McGinnis is overseer and that they do aid and assist him in keeping the same in repair. (Note.—There are many such changes noted on the records but I have only copied a very few of them).

It is ordered that the constable precincts in this county be laid off and bounded as follows: From the forks

ty, on the west side of Guyandotte to form another district.

Elisha McComas, sr., qualified as administrator of the estate of William McComas, deceased. Bond given. Appraisers appointed.

At a court held November 26, 1817. Present: Noah Scales, William Buffington, George Spurlock and Jesse Spurlock.

Thomas Hatfield, foreman; Chadwalder Chapman, John Bryant, Charles Payton, William Hatfield, Jacob Hite, Andrew Guinn, John Jordan, William Conner, Elisha McComas, jr., William Davis, Laven Booton, George W. Blankenship, Reuben Adkins, Samuel F. Clark, Daniel Witcher, Sr., Pellington Merritt, and Benjamin Davis, sworn a grand jury.

Hiram Shortridge, who is licensed to practice as a counsellor and attorney at law in the State of Kentucky, took the several oaths required by law as an attorney in this court.

A court held November 26, 1817. Present: Noah Scales, William Buffington, Geo. Spurlock, Thomas Cartmill and Jesse Spurlock, Gentlemen.

Commonwealth of Virginia, vs. —, a jury:—Mark Russell, Henry Cartmill, Brice Stokes, Edward Pauley, Ezekiel Smith, Obediah Bias, Hezekiah Adkins, William Heath, Andrew Huggard, Andrew Barrett, Leonard Sharp and Henry Peyton.

(Note:—You notice, of course, that I do not show the name of the defendant in any of these cases where one is being tried under an indictment returned by the grand juries.)

Additional jurors in a case:—William Allison, Daniel Witcher, Hugh Bailey, James Wilson, Thomas Clap and John Burton.

Brice Stokes appointed Constable. Gave bond and took oaths required by law.

It is considered by the court that Dabney Overstreet have leave to erect a mill dam upon the payment of the condemnation money to George Alford etc.

John Laidley, late Coroner of this county, presented his account for traveling to Kanawha Court House, a distance of forty miles, to compare the Congressional Polls of this District, crossing three ferries and returning \$5.49, allowed.

A court held November 27, 1817. Present:—Noah Scales, George Spurlock, Jesse Spurlock and Abia Rece, gentlemen.

Ordered that the lower precinct of the Constables, on the south-west side of Guyandotte, River, be divided as followeth, to-wit:—Beginning at the Narrows, on Big Sandy, between Prices Mill Creek and Cragston Creek and following the dividing ridge between said creeks to the dividing ridge between Twelve Pole and Sandy, and with it to the end of the big hill; with it to the Twelve Pole above George Spurlock's; then to Peter Blankenship's; with the road; then with the dividing ridge between Miller's Fork and the Beach Ford; then, on the ridge between Twelve Pole and Beach Ford, so as to strike the Guyandotte at the mouth of Four Mile creek above the Falls of Guyandotte, and that the constables confine themselves within their respective precincts.

A court held November 28, 1817. Present:—William Buffington, Thomas Kilgore, George Spurlock, Abiah Rece and Jesse Spurlock, Gentlemen.

At a court, held December 23, 1817. Present:—James Holderby, Noah Scales, Abia Rece and Thos. Cartmill, Gent.

Nathan Everett appointed Constable. Gave bond and took oaths required by law.

Joseph Barrett, a minister of the Methodist Church, authorized to celebrate the rites of matrimony. Bond given.

James McCormick, by attorney, asked permission to establish a ferry



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At a court held October 29, 1819.

Present: Hugh Bowen, Absolom Holderby, James McGinnis and John B. Hereford, gentlemen.

Patrick Keenan came into court and took the several oaths required by law as a Justice of the Peace for the county.

Stephen Spurlock qualified as administrator of the estate of Jesse Spurlock, deceased.

Peter Blankenship qualified as administrator of the estate of Archibald Blankenship, deceased.

Hugh Bowen this day appeared in court and took the several oaths as a Deputy Sheriff for James Holderby, sheriff, at the instance of the said sheriff.

Ordered that William Buffington, John B. Hereford, Patrick Keenan, John Laidley and John Samuels be appointed school commissioners in and for this county.

At a court held for Cabell county, November 23, 1819. Present: Elisha McComas, William Buffington, William Brumfield and Solomon Thornburg, gentlemen.

Frederick Moore, foreman; Solomon Hensley, Benjamin Drown, John Hatfield, Laven C. Swann, Adam Hatfield, Martin Moore, Peyton Newman, Obediah Merriitt, Pellington Merriitt, Samuel F. Clark, Joel Estes, Jr., Jesse McComas, Stephen Shelton, Robert Lilly, Malchor Strupe, Andrew Hugard and Thomas Childers, sworn a grand jury.

Burwell Spurlock, a minister of the Methodist church, this day appeared in court and was authorized to celebrate the rites of matrimony. Bond given as required by law.

John Laidley appointed treasurer of the board of school commissioners and this day appeared in court and gave bond.

At a court held for Cabell county, November 24, 1819. Present: Samuel Short, Elisha McComas, Absolom Holderby, and Solomon Thornburg, gentlemen. Several matters before the court.

At a court held for Cabell county, December 28, 1819. Present: Elisha McComas, William Buffington, Patrick Keenan and John B. Hereford, gentlemen.

Hugh Bowen this day appeared in court and resigned his office as deputy sheriff of this county.

Levi Shortridge qualified as administrator of the estate of William Hampton, deceased. 1919

Nathan Everett appointed as constable in precinct No.—. Gave bond with John Everett, Jr., as surety.

At a court held for Cabell county, December 29, 1819. Present: Elisha McComas, Abia Rece, James McGinnis, Solomon Thornburg, gentlemen: several matters before the court.

At a court held for Cabell county, January 25, 1820. Present: George Spurlock, Hugh Bowen, Abia Rece, Levi McCormack and William Brumfield, gentlemen.

Joseph M. Fulkerson granted leave to keep an ordinary at his house in this county. Bond with Thomas Ward, surety.

At a court held for Cabell county, February 22, 1820. Present: William Fullerton, Thomas Kilgore, George Spurlock and Hugh Bowen, gentlemen.

James Mays appointed a constable in precinct No.—. Bond given, etc.

At a court held for Cabell county, March 28, 1820. Present: Samuel Short, William Fullerton, William Buffington and Edmund McGinnis, gentlemen.

Benjamin Brown, foreman; William Allison, John Bellamy, Eli (I believe this should be Levi) McCormack, Thomas Johnson, George Hollenback, James Gallaher, John Chapman, John Briant, John Allison, William Pauley, Roland Bias, Chadwalder Chapman, Sampson Sanders, John McComas, Joel Estes, Jr., Absolom Stewart, James Wilson and Calen C. Swann, sworn a grand jury.

Ordered that William Toney, James Bias, Joseph Stratton, Phillip Ballard, Jr., and Peter Dingess be appointed commissioners to superintend the separate election directed by law to be held at the house of William Dingess, at the Islands of Guyandotte, for the purpose of electing delegates to the next general assembly of Virginia, for the county of Cabell and also a senator for this district.

Joseph McDaniel this day came into court and resigned his office as constable of this county.

Griffin Stallings appointed a constable in this county. Gave bond and took oaths.

At a court held for Cabell county, March 29, 1820. Present: Elisha McComas, Samuel Short, Hugh Bowen, and Absolom Holderby, Gentlemen.

Levi Shortridge appointed a constable in precinct No.— of this county. Bond given and oaths taken.

A court held March 30, 1820. Present: Levi McCormick, James McGinnis, Solomon Thornburg and Absolom Holderby, Gentlemen.

A court held for Cabell county, March 31, 1820. Present: Abia Rece, James McGinnis, Solomon Thornburg and Absolom Holderby, Gentlemen.

John Laidley this day came into court, who is nominated by John Samuels, clerk of this court, as a proper person to be a deputy clerk of this county, and appoints him as such. Thereupon the said John Laidley took the oath to support the constitution of the United States; the oath of fidelity to this commonwealth; the oath to prevent dueling and the oath of office as deputy clerk.

Ordered that the attorney for the commonwealth do commence suit against Thomas Buffington, on the bond for erecting and keeping Four Pole bridge in repair.

At a court held for Cabell county, April 25, 1820. Present: Hugh Bowen, William Fullerton, Solomon Thornburg, and John Wellman, Gentlemen. Several matters before the court.

At a court held for Cabell county, May 25, 1820. Present: Thomas Kilgore, William Fullerton, John Wellman, Abia Rece and William Brumfield, gentlemen.

A list of deeds admitted to record is shown on this page.

A deed from Daniel Douthat to Thomas Johnson acknowledged before the clerk. April 22, 1820.

Patsy Irwin qualified as administrator of the estate of Thomas Irwin, deceased.

Ordered that James Holderby, William Toney, William Fullerton be recommended to His Excellency, Thomas Man Randolph, Esq., governor and chief magistrate of the commonwealth and council as fit and proper persons to fill the office of sheriff of this county for the ensuing year.

Bounty paid on fifty-one wolf scalps, at \$4.00 for old and \$2.00 for young wolf scalps.

Allowances made to John Laidley, attorney for commonwealth \$120.00, James Holderby, sheriff, \$75.00 and John Samuels, clerk, \$75.00.

Ordered that the collector of the poll tax of this county do collect of each tithable 25c as county levy.

Ordered that any money that remains in the hands of the sheriff of this county, after defraying the levy of this year, be applied to the repairing of the court house of this county.

Victor LeTulle granted leave to keep an ordinary in Guyandotte. Bond given etc.

Leroy Newman is this day appointed a constable in precinct No.— of this county. Bond given and oaths taken.

Ordered that sheriffs, constables and other officers shall be allowed the following rates for keeping live stock taken under executions, etc., to-wit: For keeping each slave, per day, 20c, for each horse or mule, 17c, for each head of horses, cattle or hogs, 9c and 6c for every sheep or goat.

John Wellman this day came into court and took the oath as overseer of the poor for this county.



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Spring 1832

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A court, November 22, 1830. Present: John Everett, William Brumfield, Frederick Moore and Benjamin Drown, justices.

Valentine Herndon, foreman; Lewis Hutson, James Conner, Jr., Martin Ansel, Jacob Baumgardner, Thomas Hatfield, Thomas R. Swann, George McComas, John Dealthley, George Kilgore, Joseph Wintz, John Durney, Peter Newman, William L. Bellamy, Charles Wilson, William Hite, James Ferguson, Anthony Shelton and Isaac Hanley, a grand jury. 13 indictments.

A court, November 23, 1830. Present: Wm. Brumfield, Fredk. Moore, John Plymale and Wm. Spurlock, justices.

Ordered that William Buffington, Thomas Gilgore and John Everett, Jr., be recommended to the governor and council as fit and proper persons to fill the office of sheriff of this county the ensuing year.

Viewers appointed for a proposed road from Ambrose L. Doolittle's mill to intersect the turnpike near Robert Poor's, etc.

Ordered that —, an orphan boy, be bound out to John Mays, etc.

A court, held for Cabell county, at the court house thereof, on Monday, January 24, 1831:

Present: James Holderby, Patrick Keenan, Benjamin Drown and Allen A. McGinnis, justices:

Commissioners appointed to receive proposals for repairing the public jail; to make it comfortable for jailer to reside therein and also proposals for repairing the court house, and report to this court.

Viewers appointed for a road from Sampson Sanders' Mill to the Logan road and the said road is hereby established as reported.

John Morrison appointed overseer of the road leading from Patrick Keenan's ferry landing to the branch near the forks of the road near Patterson W. Thompson's, etc.

Frederick G. L. Beuhring, appointed overseer of the road from Cabell court house to the old fork of the road leading to Patterson T. Thompson's, in room of Peter Blake, etc.

John Porter appointed overseer of the road from Patrick Keenan's to the crossing of Betty Smith Shoals, to intersect with the Logan road.

John Peyton appointed overseer of the road this day established from the forks of the road near P. W. Thompson's to Sampson Sanders' mill.

Ordered that Patrick Keenan and John Porter leave to erect gates across the road as it passes through their lands.

William Davis appointed overseer of road leading from Asa Booten, Sr's, to the fork of the road on Four Pole, in the room of Benjamin Drown, etc.

John W. Hite, deputy for William Buffington, sheriff, returned the delinquent list of land tax, etc.

Thomas E. Hanley, deputy, as above, returned same sort of list, etc.

John W. Hite, deputy, presented list of delinquent taxable property, etc.

Wayne McMahan appointed a constable for Cabell county. Bond given and oaths taken, etc.

Charles W. Smith, who is a man of honesty and probity, this day appeared in court and took the several oaths required by law as a deputy sheriff of this county, etc.

Ordered that Solomon Thornburg and John Samuels be appointed as standing commissioners to settle with executors, administrators, etc.

A court, February 28, 1831. Present: Elisha McComas, John Everett, Jr., Patrick Keenan and Frederick G. L. Beuhring, justices.

Viewers appointed for a road from near John Morris' into the road between James Shelton and Jacob Merritt's farms, etc.

Ordered that John Morris have leave to change the road through his land so as to place the same along the line of the turnpike, etc.

Sampson Sanders appointed overseer of the road from his mill to intersect the Logan road, etc.

Shelton's lane, in room John Everett, Stephen Wilson appointed overseer of the road from Kouns to George Shortridge's Ferry, etc.

Wade Hampton, nominated deputy sheriff for William Buffington, sheriff, this day appeared in court and took the several oaths required by law as a deputy sheriff, etc.

John Hatfield appointed overseer of the road from the mouth of Lewis Russell's lane to Thompson's Mill, in room of William Haynie, etc.

A court, March 28, 1831. Present: Samuel Short, Wm. Brumfield, John Plymale and Allen A. McGinnis, justices.

William Love, foreman; Andrew Guinn, James Wheeler, Richard McCallister, Adam Hatfield, Patterson W. Thompson, John Deathley, Thomas Kyle, John Saxton, Valentine Herndon, Hiram Chadwick, John Garrett, John Low, Joel Ferguson, Isaac Bloss, Ferguson Booth, William Stuart, Charles Walker, Christopher Keezer, Joseph Stailey, and Allen Rece, a grand jury. Returned three indictments.

Suits are here shown brought against the James River Company, on suggestions, by James Poage, James Poteet, by Sarah Poteet and heirs. (Note: This would indicate that the James River Company began the construction of the James River & Kanawha Turnpike, early in the year 1831.)

William Buffington, who was commissioned as sheriff of this county, by a commission from the governor, under the seal of the commonwealth, dated the 27th day of December, 1830, this day appeared in court and entered into three several bonds, in the penalty of \$30,000.00 each, and took the several oaths required by law, etc., etc.

Three suits brought by A. Bierne & Co., shown on this page.

Ordered that the road made by the lower bank of Guyandotte river, at the mouth of Guyandotte, be established as the road and that James Buffington, supervisor of said banks, do, together with his hands, keep the same in repair.

Thomas E. Hanley and Wade Hampton being nominated by William Buffington, sheriff of Cabell county, as suitable persons to fill the office of deputy sheriffs, who are known to the court to be men of honesty, provity and good demeanor, thereupon the said Thomas E. Hanley and Wade Hampton took the several oaths required by law, etc.

John Merritt, this day came into court and took the several oaths required by law as jailor of this county.

A court, March 29, 1831, Present:—Elisha McComas, Samuel Short, John Everett, Jr. and Wm. Brumfield, Justices.

John Everett, Jr., vs. James River Company.

Absolom Holderby granted leave to keep an ordinary, in Barboursville, etc.

Charles Walker vs. James River Company. On a suggestion. A jury, to ascertain the damages the plaintiff, Charles Walker hath sustained by reason of the location of the within-named road and the investment of the land in the Commonwealth over which the same hath past, over and above the advantages and benefits accruing to the said Charles Walker by the opening and construction of the said road "Do say that the said Charles Wadker hath sustained damages to the amount of \$220.00, which is ordered to be certified to the president and directors of the James River Company, according to the act, entitled 'An act providing for the extension of the Kanawha road to Big Sandy river,' passed January 3, 1829." Memo:—Upon the trial of this case the defendants, by counsel, tendered a bill of exceptions, which is signed, sealed and made a part of the record in this case.

Martin Hull vs. James River Company. This case came on before a jury, upon the issue joined, and the jury, upon agreeing by consent of the

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A court, February 27, 1832. Present: John Everett, Jr., William Brumfield, Benjamin Brown and Frederick G. L. Beuhring, justices.

William Stuart appointed overseer of road from mouth of Russell's lane to Four Pole bridge, etc.

Ordered that the road from Richard Brown's to the mouth of Sandy be discontinued for the present and changed so as to run with the Turnpike.

The road from the mouth of Guyandotte to Samuel Russell's is established, etc.

Road from near Daniel Russell's to the Turnpike ordered viewed, etc.

The court being about the appointing of several constables in this county, the final vote of which election stands thus: (Vote shown). And William Heath, Nathan Everett, Sr., Mark Russell and Isom Adkins appeared in court, gave bonds and took the several oaths required by law, etc.

Peter Buffington this day appeared in court and took the several oaths required by law as a deputy surveyor in this county.

William Heath appointed overseer of road from the forks of the road near Henry Payton's to the mouth of Tyler's creek, in the room of Rowland Bias, etc.

Ordered that Sampson Sanders, Margaret Merritt, John Thomas, Eliza and Henry Dundas, John L. Chapman, John Turley and A. L. Doolittle, the legal heirs of David Harshbarger, Joseph Allen, Abia Rece, the legal heirs of Isaac Burke, dec'd., Pennell Blake, Daniel Love, William Love, James Burk, John Bryant, William Ellmore, Andrew Guinn, William Fullerton, Andre Jordan, Thomas Kilgore, James Webb and John Morris, be summoned to appear here at the first day of May court, next, to show cause why the road as reviewed through their lands shall not be established.

Silas McKeand appointed overseer of road from Cabell court house to the top of the dividing ridge between Long Branch and Davis creek, in the room of Philip Wintz, etc.

Viewers appointed for a road leading from Dundas' Mill to the Guyandotte road, etc.

A court, March 26, 1832. Present: Elisha McComas, Thomas Kilgore, Benjamin Drown, Andrew Barrett and Frederick Moore.

Daniel Love, foreman; James Webb, John L. Chapman, Valentine Herndon, William Morrison, William Hite, Alexander Newman, James Miller, James C. Black, Elias Humphrey, Adam Hatfield, Thomas Kyle, James Perdue, Elias Hite, John Vaughan, Martin Hull, John Gilkerson, James Poage, William Poage and Thomas Stribling, a grand jury. No indictments.

Thomas Kilgore, who is commissioned sheriff of this county, by a commission from the governor, under the seal of the commonwealth, this day appeared in court and gave the three several bonds required by law in the penalty of \$30,000.00 each, and took the oath to support the constitution of the United States; the oath of fidelity to this commonwealth; the oath to prevent dueling and the oath as sheriff of this county.

Wade Hampton and George Kilgore recommended as suitable persons as Deputy Sheriffs by Thomas Kilgore, sheriff, who appeared and took the several oaths required by law as deputy sheriffs, etc.

Anthony Shelton this day appeared in court and took the several oaths required by law as jailor of this county. Hugh Bowen, Anthony Plymale and Thomas E. Hanley took the several oaths required by law as deputy sheriffs, etc.

Alderson Bowen elected a constable by the court on vote taken, appeared, gave bond and took oaths, etc.

polls of the next election in this county.

John Wellman, Peter Fulkerson, Joseph Newman, Michael Burk and Samuel Webb be appointed to superintend the precinct election, at the Falls of Sandy, in the fourth Monday in April next.

Ordered that William Ferguson, Ferguson Booth, Reuben Booten, Jr., Isom Adkins and Jeremiah Lambert be appointed to superintend the precinct election, at Kelly Ferguson's, in April, next.

Ordered that Leroy Garrett, John Hatfield, John Thompson, William Haynine and Elias Hinds appointed commissioners to superintend the precinct election at the Buffalo Shoals, in April, next.

Ordered that Thomas McCallister, John Morris, William Simmons, William Fullerton and Andrew Jordan be appointed commissioners to superintend the election to be held at Thomas Kilgore's in April, next.

Ordered that James McComas, Andrew Hatfield, Andrew Barrett, Morris McComas and John Porter be appointed commissioners to superintend the precinct election at the Falls of Guyandotte, in April, next.

## An Old Issue

Here is a translation John Finley, instructor of Greek at Harvard, sends from the remaining fragments of a lost play—"The Autolycus" of Euripides, the great Athenian dramatist at the end of the fifth century, B. C.:

"Of all the countless evils throughout Hellas, none is worse than the race of athletes—slaves to their belly and jaw, they are ignorant of how to live well. In youth they strut about in splendor, idols of the city, but when bitter old age comes upon them they are cast aside like worn-out cloaks.

"I blame the custom of the Hellenes who gather to see such men honoring useless pleasure. Who ever helped his fatherland by winning a crown for wrestling or speed of foot or hurling a discus or striking a good blow on the jaw?

"Crowns should be given to the good and wise, to him who guides his city best, to a temperate and a just man, or to him who by his words drives away evil deeds, putting away war and faction."

The gap between Pindar, big athletic booster of ancient Greece, on one side and Euripides on the other was even wider 2,400 years ago than it is today. To Pindar they were gods or near-gods. To Euripides they were a bunch of professional loafers.

The Olympic games started out under religious auspices. The first awards were only olive leaves. But by 400 B. C. there was already much mutterings over the professional taint that had come upon an amateur sport, with so-called amateurs living at the city's expense and undoubtedly turning in a number of fancy expense accounts.

It is remarkable how little the situation has changed in 2,000 years. Human nature that got under slow headway something like a million years ago doesn't change much.—Grantland Rice in Colliers.

## STICK TO SELLING, LEST

Salt Lake City, Utah.—Lester Bei, candy salesman, believes that, after all, detective work is not his particular forte.

It seems that several days ago Mr. Bei, returning to his car after an absence of several minutes, discovered that two sets of golf clubs had vanished.

Indignant, Mr. Bei determined to apprehend the culprits. Placing a large number of candy sample cases in his machine as bait, he intentionally left his automobile door unlocked, and then watched from a window of his house.



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Wade Hampton, deputy for William Buffington, sheriff, presented delinquent list of lands to court, etc.

Celia Steel, the widow of William Steel, deceased, late a Revolutionary pensioner, this day appeared in court and proved to the satisfaction of the court that she is the widow of said William Steel, who departed this life on the eighth day of February, last, and that her husband, in his lifetime, was a pensioner of the United States, by oaths of Frederick G. L. Beuhring and William Mails, and is ordered to be certified.

A court, March 28, 1832. Present: Elisha McComas, Abia Reese, Frederick G. L. Beuhring and Solomon Thornburg, justices.

Ordered that the tavern rates in this county be fixed at the same prices as last year.

A court, April 23, 1832. Present: John Hannon, John Everett, Jr., Allen A. McGinnis and Benjamin Drown, justices.

Adam Black, with James C. Black, surety, gave bond \$1,000, for collecting and accounting for, according to law, the tolls authorized at the toll gate established at the house of said Black across the extension of the Kanawha Turnpike road.

Percival Smith, Robert Holderby, James Gallaher, Joseph Gardner and Henry Russell appointed commissioners to superintend the precinct election, directed by law, to be held at the mouth of Guyandotte, in this county, this day.

Ordered that the old road on the Ohio river, below Richard Brown's, to the mouth of Sandy, be opened from and after the 15th day of May, next.

Erastus Wellington appointed a committee for Nathaniel Webb, lunatic. Bond given, etc.

Tavern rates fixed by the court at same rates as heretofore.

A court April 24, 1832. Present: John Everett, Jr., Frederick G. L. Beuhring, William Spurlock and Allen A. McGinnis, justices.

Wade Hampton gave bond as toll collector across the turnpike near the mouth of Sandy, etc.

At a court, May 28, 1832. Present: Elisha McComas, John Everett, Jr., Abia Reese, Andrew Barrett, Isom Adkins, P. Keenan, Allen A. McGinnis, Benjamin Drown and Andrew Hatfield.

Allowances made county officers, etc.: John Laidley, attorney for commonwealth, \$100; Thomas Kilgore, sheriff, \$62.50; John Samuels, clerk, \$62.50; Anthony Shelton, jailor, \$20.83; John Merritt, for repairs on courthouse and jail, \$200. Bounty paid by county for twelve wolf scalps. Total expenditures, \$544.33.

Ordered that there be collected off of each tithable in this county 43% to defray the county levy this year.

The court being about recommending a suitable person to be commissioned as justice of the peace in Teays Valley, the final vote of which election stood: Thomas E. Hanley received 19 votes, Thomas McCallister, four votes. Ordered that Thomas E. Hanley be recommended to the executive of this commonwealth as a fit and proper person to fill the office of justice in this county.

Vote taken on four additional justices of the peace to be selected: Daniel Love, William R. Heath, Martin Ferguson and Charles W. Smith, each received the unanimous vote of the thirteen justices sitting at the time, and ordered recommended to the executive of this commonwealth as fit and proper persons to fill the office for the section of Mud River, Guyandotte River, the Forks of Twelve Pole and the Town of Guyandotte.

Election was held for a justice for

lock and Abraham Sayer, appointed overseers of the poor in this county, to continue in office for three years, who appeared and took oath as such.

On the application of William Spurlock, by his attorney, it is ordered that Daniel Love, Solomon Thornburg, Benjamin Drown, Joseph Fulkerson and Charles W. Smith be appointed commissioners to take the depositions in the contested election between Elisha McComas and William Spurlock for seat in the next general assembly of Virginia.

Asa Booten granted leave to keep a house of private entertainment at his house in Cabell county, etc.

Same order as to Richard Brown, Charles W. Smith, Adam Black, Isaac Reynolds, James Shelton, Abia Reese, to keep houses of private entertainment, etc.

William Buffington and John Laidley appointed commissioners of the roads and bridges along the Ohio river for the appropriation of \$600 allowed by law for repairing said roads and bridges. Bond given.

Absolom Holderby and John Merritt granted leave to keep ordinaries at their respective houses, etc.

A court, June 25, 1832. Present: Elisha McComas, John Everett, Jr., William Brumfield and Frederick Moore, justices.

William Masterson, Esq., who is licensed to practice law in the superior and inferior courts of this commonwealth, on his motion, hath leave to practice as such in this court and thereupon took the several oaths required by law.

Isaac Hanley, foreman; Greenville Newman, John Ferguson, William Bellamy, Charles Walker, Hugh Bailey, John Toney, Daniel Russell, Samuel Davis, Thomas McCallister, William Simmons, Patterson W. Thompson, Obediah Merritt, Andrew Jordan, James C. Black, James Miller, Andrew Guinn, Thomas C. Billups, John L. Chapman, James Conner, Jr., William Fullerton and Elijah Hatton, a grand jury.

Alexander Haslett elected and appointed a constable for Cabell county. Bond given and oaths taken.

William Cyrus, who hath a ferry, established by law, from his land to a point on the Kentucky shore, filed his bond, with Wade Hampton, his surety, etc.

Asa Booten, Sr., elected and appointed a constable for Cabell county. Bond given and oaths taken.

Harvey Lusher granted leave to keep an ordinary in the house he rents from Eliza Dundas, in the town of Barboursville. Bond given, etc.

James McComas, commissioner of the revenue, presented an account for his services as such. Allowed, etc.

John Samuels, clerk of this court, allowed \$20 for examining and certifying the books of the commissioner of the revenue for the year 1832.

A court, June 26, 1832. Present: Elisha McComas, William Buffington, Solomon Thornburg and Frederick G. L. Beuhring, justices.

John Keezer, who is by law, authorized to keep a ferry across Big Sandy river, from his land to the Kentucky shore, appeared in court and gave bond therefor.

Thomas McCallister granted leave to keep a house of private entertainment at his present place of residence.

Regarding the widening of the bridges along the Ohio river, also authorized former contracts, subject to the ratification of this court, for the bridge across the branch above the town of Guyandotte and the bridge across Four Pole, also the bridge at Daniel Russell's, P. Chapman's and P. Scales', also propositions for making a road without and instead of bridges from Daniel Russell's to Richard Brown's, etc.

George Kilgore, William Simmons and Jeremiah Kilgore vs. Sampson Sanders. Upon motion to record the non-cupative will of Martha Sanders. Continued until August court.



# Cabell County Records

in Spring 1932

Records of the court of Cabell county, from 1814 until 1863, have been compiled by R. S. Douthat, present clerk of the court. The Advertiser has agreed to reproduce these records in the interest of a broader knowledge of early Cabell county history. Sections of the transcript will appear each day in these columns that they may be cut out and arranged in chronological order.

July 23, 1832

July 23, 1832. Present: Thomas, John Everett, Jr., Andrew Barrett and Allen

William Buffington and John Laidley, commissioners appointed by the court to receive propositions for a road along the Ohio river, or making road without part of the Ohio, in this day submitted to the commissioners received by them, therefore, ordered by the said commissioners do to a contract with Daniel Russell, building the bridge across the town of Guyandotte, Ohio road, for the sum of \$240, which road the said commissioners in preference to the bridges, which would be the road immediately across the Ohio river and that the undertakers do proceed forthwith with the work.

A court, August 27, 1832. Present: Elisha McComas, Samuel Short, Patrick Keenan and Allen McGinnis, justices.

Isaac Hanley, foreman; Alexander Pine, John Russell, John Newman, Skelton Bradshaw, Hugh Bailey, George Peters, Gooden Lycan, James Wheeler, Patrick Morrison, James Brown, James Webb, Peter Blake, Thomas Kyle, Philip Wintz, Valentine Herndon, Robert Poor, Lewis Hudson and Henry Luther, a grand jury. Returned nine indictments.

A court, August 28, 1832. Present: Elisha McComas, William Brumfield, John Plymale and Frederick G. L. Beuhring, justices.

Thomas Laidley this day made declaration on oath, in the words and figures following, to-wit:

"State of Virginia, etc." And the court do hereby declare their opinion that the above-named applicant was a Revolutionary soldier and served as he states. (The declaration is not copied in the record.—Compiler.)

George Kilgore and others vs. Sampson Sanders, contestor. Upon motion to establish a non-cupative will of Martha Sanders. The court refused to probate the will. Appeal granted.

A court, September 24, 1832. Present: Elisha McComas, John Everett, Jr., Thomas Cartmill and Patrick Keenan.

James M. Laidley, Esq., who is licensed to practice law in the county and superior courts of this commonwealth, on his motion, hath leave to practice as such in this court.

Benjamin Drown, late commissioner of the revenue, presented an account. Allowed, etc.

Allen Rece this day presented his declaration, etc., in these words, to-wit: "State of Virginia, etc.," and the said court do hereby declare it their opinion, after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the Loan department, that the above-named applicant was a Revolutionary soldier and served as he states; and, the court further certifies that Elias Humphrey, who has signed the preceding certificates, is a clergyman, residing in the county of Cabell, and that Valentine Herndon, who has also signed the same, is a resident in the same county and is a credible person, and that their statement is entitled to credit.

The court, on the election of a commissioner of the revenue for the county of Cabell: Benjamin Davis and Anthony Plymale, stands thus: Anthony Plymale eight votes, Benjamin Davis six votes; and, Anthony Plymale having received a majority of the votes cast, is declared elected. Appeared; gave bond and took oaths.

Victor LeTulle granted leave to keep an ordinary at his house in town of Guyandotte. Bond given, etc.

Henry Peyton, on his application,

William Buffington and John Laidley, commissioners appointed by the county court of Cabell county, under the act entitled, "An Act making appropriations to certain counties for certain purposes," passed March 16, 1832, reported a contract with William Poage for building a bridge across Four Pole creek, at the mouth, where the county road crosses, on the bank of the Ohio, for the sum of \$145, which contract the court confirms.

Daniel Davis, a Revolutionary soldier, this day produced his declaration, on oath, in the words and figures, following, to-wit: "Virginia, etc." Whereupon, it is ordered to be certified as in the case of Allen Rece, etc.

John Stephens, a Revolutionary soldier, this day presented his declaration, on oath, in the words and figures following, to-wit: "Virginia, etc." Whereupon it is ordered that it be certified as in the case of Allen Rece, etc.

Edmund Ferguson, elected and appointed a constable for Cabell county. Bond given and oaths taken.

George Spears, elected and appointed a constable for Cabell county. Bond given and oaths taken.

Abraham Syrus took the oath required by law as overseer of the poor of this county.

A court, October 22, 1832. Present: Elisha McComas, John Plymale, Benjamin Drown and Allen McGinnis, justices.

Daniel Love, William R. Heath, Milton Ferguson, Hezekiah Adkins, Jr., and Thomas E. Hanley, who are commissioned as justices of the peace in this county, this day appeared in court and took the oath to support the constitution of the United States, the oath of fidelity to the commonwealth and the oath to prevent dueling and the oath as justices of the peace.

Ordered that William Buffington, John Hannon, Andrew Barrett, Benjamin Drown, Peter Fulkerson, Solomon Thornburg and John Samuels be appointed school commissioners the ensuing year.

James McGinnis, Frederick G. L. Beuhring, John Merritt and Solomon Thornburg appointed commissioners to report what is necessary to be done on the public jail of this county so as to make it secure for the safekeeping of prisoners that may be confined therein from time to time, etc., any two of whom may act, etc.

James Cox granted leave to keep a house of private entertainment, etc.

John McComas, a Revolutionary soldier, this day presented his declaration, etc., which is ordered to be certified as prescribed by the war department.

Henry Hampton, (Captain or Lieutenant). Same order as above as to him.

Hugh Paul, same order as to him.

John Hutson, same order as to him.

Isaac Roberts, same order as to him.

Thomas Roberts, same order as to him.

Ordered that the road as made from the mouth of Guyandotte to Daniel Russell's be established as the public road.

William McKeand petitioned the court for a mill seat at the old Falls of Guyandotte.

Delinquent lists presented by Hugh Bowen, deputy sheriff, or Thomas Kilgore, sheriff, etc.

James Shelton, Westley Ferguson and Henry Hampton took the several oaths required by law as deputy sheriffs.

Morris Blake, orphan of Isaac Blake, deceased, made choice of Peter Blake as his guardian, etc.

George Hatfield elected and appointed a constable over Benjamin Childers, John Bias and Andrew Johnson, to fill the vacancy caused by reason of the acceptance by William R. Heath of the office of justice of the peace.

Roosevelt's presentation of the power issue showed that he proposes to be fair to all interests affected, but he is determined that public con-