

SMITHFIELD JUSTICE OF THE PEACE RECORDS

Flora L VerStraten met Delma McCourt many years ago while Flora was the Director at the LDS Family History Center, in Wintersville, Ohio. They soon learned they were related through their CHANEY and HOLT family lines and stayed in touch from then on; preceding Delma's passing on June 1, 2005. Delma gave Flora photo copies of the ledger pages, listed below. It is with much honor, that I share, just a small portion from these copied pages. It was later donated to our chapter compiled & titled, *John Morton Esq., Justice of the Peace of Smithfield Twp., 1810-1846*.

Please note that the complete original ledger was donated to the Harrison County Genealogical Society in 1992 and librarian, Sarah Sall transcribed the entire ledger and a copy of it was donated to our chapter in 2005. The compiled booklet includes an index.

NOTE – Flora has made no attempts to altar or correct the surname spellings from the copied pages. Many times the same surnames appeared and were spelled differently. This is partial list...

- ❖ Some of the earliest pages began June 15th, 1810 between William Jeffers vs. Benjamin Harden. They found the plaintiff was fined \$2.00 in damages. The names James Vaughan, Abner Hutton, and James Evans are listed, with Robert Ellet, bail on behalf of Harden if he fails to make payment. Robert signed with his mark "X."
- ❖ Joshua McKinsey appeared on the 26th day of June 1810 for charges of feloniously taken or stolen...Mattock, John Himes also referenced in the hearing. Warrant was issued on the 26th of June. It seems that Joshua McKinsey was violently beaten and abused by John Himes and Thomas Huse.
- ❖ Charles Maxwell vs. William Gilaspie – dated July of 1809 a debt.
- ❖ Joseph McAdams vs. Jesse Jones on Aug. 10th, 1810 for a debt.
- ❖ Charles Shook vs. John Chadock for a debt.
- ❖ Edward Jack and James Arnold owed John McMillen money in the sum of \$7.50, dated September 6th, 1810.
- ❖ William Coletrap vs. Jesse Jones for a debt owed, September 8th, 1810.
- ❖ Ridley Kinsey vs. John Dougherty for a debt owed, December 4rd, 1810.
- ❖ Eresmus Northcraft vs. Smallwood Congelton for a debt on Sept 28th, 1810.
- ❖ John Chadick vs. Josiah Glover, a debt owed of \$1.55. Fees were settled by Abel Carry, dated November 2, 1810.
- ❖ Thomas Fleming, assignee of Benjamin Stevens, vs. William Farmer, a debt. on March 13th, 1811 for \$5.75.
- ❖ On December 10th, 1810 – David Finley came forward and brought a line from Rebekah Burris which certified that the suit was settled between him and her concerning the bastard child which she charged him with. And he said Finley, confessed to pay the costs. Justice warrant 25 cents, swearing plaintiff, 4 cents, depositions 11 ½ cents, commitments, 25 cents, discontinuous 10 cents. Total of 75 ½ cents owed
- ❖ James Copeland, assignee for Samuel Starret, vs. George Criss, Dec. 26th, 1810, on a note of debt for \$25.00.
- ❖ Joshua Clow vs. Mordecai Cole by confession, debt of \$37.22, Jan. 3, 1811.
- ❖ James Folton vs. William Bolen, Jan 4, 1811 for a debt.

- ❖ Robert Maxwell vs. Isabel Maxwell, Feb 1, 1811, judgment for the plaintiff by confession on note dated 18th May 1799, and due 3 months after that date for \$2.22. Abner Hutton, bail.
- ❖ William White vs. Josiah Glover, a debt Feb. 1, 1811.
- ❖ Robert Crosson vs. Samuel Armspoker, Feb. 5, 1811, to pay costs.
- ❖ Ephrim Fisher vs. Isaac Henry, confession of debt, William Henry, bail on May 6th, 1811.
- ❖ Samuel Fulton vs. Nathaniel Smith, Abel Carey and Josiah Glover, Mar. 5th, 1811 a \$3.00 debt.
- ❖ Rolen Crage vs. William Henry, on a transcript from Esq. Barrett's docket, March 25th, 1811. Three months was allowed to execution of debt and interest. Isaac Henry, bail, William Henry fails to make payment. Aug 2, 1811 plaintiff said he received the whole debt owed. September 12th, paid Esq. Barrett his fees owed.
- ❖ Joseph McGrew May 15, 1811, \$2.80 for use of Hugh O'Hara. Hugh's mark "X."
- ❖ Simon Fisher, assignee for Elias Pegg, vs. James Glass, Apr 19th, 1811, debt owed.
- ❖ Robert Richey use of William Chambers vs. Isaac Naylor, a debt. Jun 15th, 1812.
- ❖ Nathan Updegraff vs. Lewis Rubel and Isaac Wickersham, a debt, David Pervions, bail, Nov. 22nd, 1811, \$11.25.
- ❖ Joshua Lemon vs. Josiah Glover, July 22nd, 1811, debt. sent to the plainff's son, John for \$9.45.
- ❖ Rebecah Tipton, a single woman of the township, of Wain [Wayne] in Jefferson County brought suit against a certain Jarret Tipton of said township for having begotten bastard child on her body and Tipton was recognized to constable. The parties came forward on the 9th day of Aug. and settled the business among themselves and the defendant paid the costs and lifted the ?. Aug. 17th paid the Constable fee.
- ❖ John McColloch vs. James Burns and John Proctor, Aug 23, 1811. Referees award was \$56.10, signed John McLaughlin, Aaron Hogland, Isaac Webb. Witnesses: John Humphrey, James Fulton, John Chance, David Evans, John Parr, John McMillen Jr. Benjamin Rouse, John Burns Sr., John Burns Jr., Isaac Webb, George Lamb, John Meeter, Thomas Burns, and James Gatton, dated Aug. 23, 1811.
- ❖ James Wheeler vs. John Pate 30th Sep 1811 for a debt.
- ❖ Peter Blue vs. Charles Shook and Aaron Rubel, Oct. 29th, 1811, debt owed.
- ❖ William Leech vs. Nathaniel Smith Nov. 30th, 1811 debt owed. John McMillen, bail for Nathaniel Smith.
- ❖ Thomas Johnson vs. Assignee James Johnson vs. Joshua Clow, Dec. 31st, 1811, debt, to William Wood, Aug. 3rd, 1812.
- ❖ John Chadick vs. Josiah Glover, debt. paid to John Chaddock, June 23rd, 1812, recorded
- ❖ John Mick Stonehocker vs. Richard Price, debt owed, Emanuel Malance, bail, Aprile 6th, 1812.
- ❖ Sarah Tipton vs. Robert Dickey and William Dickey, Jan 14th, 1812 debt due for one year in favor of Sarah Tipton, signs her mark, "X."
- ❖ William Leech vs. John Humphrey, Feb 27, 1812, debt owed. 37 ½ cents, paid Jeffers and paid Foster, witnesses.

- ❖ James Hammon for use of Robert Laughlon in Saint Clairsville, March 12th, 1812.
Paid above to Mr. Seward of Belmont County.
- ❖ Malachi Jolley for the sum of \$40 for the use of Ann Morton, June 8, 1812.
- ❖ On a account of Smith's money: Jan. 6th, 1813, paid to Elizabeth Smith 81 cents for
to by tea and coffy[ee], Elizabeth Smith 25 cents to be paid for school mistress. Jan
13th, paid for two gallons of whiskey....

Ledger of John Morton, Esq. continued:

March 25, 1816

Samuel Spragg - \$20 price for horse

John McLaughlin – note due \$8.10

Jacob Porter, trespassing, \$3.06 ¼

Lewis Camp – for not sensing trespassing

James Carr – steer \$9.00

April 18, 1819

Robert Lefler - .50 cents

Wm. Blackston - \$4.00

Joshua Carter - \$1.28

John McCormick - .48 cents

May 15, 1820

Abel Carey – settlement \$6.93

James Glover - \$2.97

March 5, 1821

William Stoneman - \$23.70 tax

Nathan McGrew - \$7.00

Leonard Evans - \$1.00

Isaac Pearce - \$3.50

John Judkins - \$5.00

Nathan McGrew - \$3.50

James Frances - \$3.32

William Mathews - \$3.00

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Thomas Evans – 5, 12

James Davis - \$3.15

William Stoneman – .35 cents

William Simkins - \$5.32

James McCoy - \$1.00

Ambrose Updegraff - .65 cents

William McCance - \$3.50

James Frances - .65 cents

Joshua Barkhurst - \$3.50

William Stoneman - \$2.00
William Mathews - \$9.00
Isaac Pearce - \$10.00
Robert Henderson - \$7.50
David Chambers - \$1.00
John Fulton - \$3.00
John Leech - \$1.50
Isaac Pearce - \$1.50
Nathan McGrew - .50 cents
Josiah Glover - \$2.37

March 4th, 1822

James Naylor - \$9.09
William B. Cackiston - \$9.25
Henry Carter - \$3.00
Thomas Burton - \$2.00
John Jolley - \$1.62

March 4th, 1822, continued:

John Fulton - \$11.00
John Sutherland - \$1.20
James McCoy - \$1.39

Aprile 16th, 1829

Abner Hutton - \$6.37
John Humphrey - \$1.31
Charles Noble - \$7.12
Robert Minter - \$2.62
Jonathan Talbott - \$3.00
John Landis - \$8.25
Charles Noble - \$4.50
William Scott - \$6.00
Jacob Parlenow - \$4.12
Jacob McGrew & Hugh Thompson - \$1.00
Thomas Albert - \$4.87
William Cuppy - \$2.25
Charles Chaney - .50 cents
John Rabe - \$2.75
John F. Morton - .75 cents
Isaac Naylor - \$7.50
Stephen Kinsey - .75 cents

March 1st, 1830

Finley B. McGrew, treasurer paid out on orders:

James McCoy - \$1.50

Nathan McGrew - \$8.62
William Scott - \$6.41
Thomas Gorsuch - \$4.55
Jonathan Talbott - \$5.25
Caleb Woods - \$7.25
Isaac Ong - \$5.25
Henry Newton - .75 cents

April 16, 1831

Samuel Carr – township clerk, \$2.00 paying a fine of \$1.71 of an old order of 1824.

April 19, 1831

James Wheeler – paid fine

April 24 to May 7, 1836

Nathan McGrew, judge - .75 cents

Joseph Newton, clerk - .75 cents

William Carter, clerk - .74 cents

Nathaniel Moore, trustee - .75 cents

Charles Burns - \$5.50

Robert Graham - \$1.50

John J. Leslie - \$1.50

David Burson - \$1.87

April 16, 1836:

Enoch Dye, .75 cents

Nathaniel Moore - .75 cents

John Crambett - \$9.73