

Wayne County Petitions – Compiled by Hugh Buckner Johnston
Record found at NC Archives & History, Mezzanine, Wayne County Folder

Wayne Court House

April 26, 1784 – To the Honb.le the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina now Sitting at Halifax – The Humble Petition of Sundrie of the Inhabitants of Wayne County Humbly Sheweth – That Whereas the General Assembly Sometime Past did appoint a Certain Sett of Commissioners to fix upon a Covenant Place as near Centrical as Possible for erecting & Building the Court House Prison & Stocks, &c. in Said County.

Which Said Commissioners does Refuse or Neglect to Act, to the Great Prejudice of your Petitioners &c. Therefore we your Petitioners begs that your Honors will Appoint New Commissioners in Stead of These Heretofore Appointed - and your Humble Petitioners - as in Duty Bound will ever Pray &c. &c. &c.

[State Archives-Legislative Papers-Senate April 1784-Wayne County Petitions]

Samuel Bartlett	Isaac Lamb	Mager Hillerd	Jesse Bardin
Jesse Brown	Theophilus Alford	Abram Peacock	John Bardin
Abram Lamb	Benja Alford	Thos Jerel	Jacob (x) Parrish
Benja Fort	Isom (x) Watson	Brigman Rowel	Thomas Wiggins
John Dickison	Samuel (x) Watson		

[An original petition bearing the same date and wording as that given above contains the names of a great many more petitioners from Wayne County for the aforesaid purpose]

Hardy Hooks	Josiah Peelle	Isaac Woodard	Jas Edmondson
W. Rentfro	Noah Yelverton	Thos Sanders	John Daniel
William Phelph	Raiford Fulgum	John Yelverton	Jacob Lamb
Jeremiah Case(y)	Daniel Lofley	Jesse Acock	Benja Camel
Passco Peelle	Ezekiel Daniel	Cornelius Durdne	William Andrews
Simon Pecock	William Fort	William Parnell	Edmund Maudlin
James Bardin	Gabril Coly	Thomas (x) Aycocke	William Lancaster
Benja Durdene	Benja Coley	Edmond Love	Samuel Pecock
Wm Alford	Jesse Pecock	Wilis Bryant	John Sharod
Bartlet Rouse	Richard Durdiens	William (x) Barnes	Hardy Yelverton
Levy Pecock	Benja (B) Alford	Uzias Beaman	Levy Lancaster
Joseph Daniel	William Powel	Joab Spivey	John Daniel
John Barnes Sr	Ephraim Daniel	John Fulghum	John Barnes Jr
William Newsom	Mark Bogue	Jas Cobb	Joseph Boon
Wm Outlaw	Richard Ham	Wm Bridgers	Jesse Peelle
Luke Woodard	David Cobb	John Evins	William (x) Branch
Matthew Turner	Arthur Bryant	William Richards	Thomas Wilson
Joseph Arnold	Solomon Parsons	Wm Radford	Jesse Woodard
Arthur Branch	William Watkins	Benja (x) Benson	Abraham Peacock
John Pitman	Vaughn (x) Hilburn	John Holland	John Peacock
John Applewhite	John Evins	James Simms	Jacob Rentfro
William Fo(l)kes	Thos Resons	Joel Dickinson	Wm Hood

To the Honble the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina – whereas your Petitioners are informed that the Commissioners (to wit) – Mess'rs Stephen Cobb, Joseph Pipkin and Needham Whitfield appointed by the General Assembly for the Purpose of fixing on the most Convenient Place, nearest the Center of the County of Wayne, to erect the Public buildings on, and agree that the same should be at the Plantation whereon Mr. John Sasser, lately deceased, which give Satisfaction to your Petitioners, and the County in general. Your Petitioners are also well assured that two of the said Commissioners, (to wit) Mr. Pipkin and Mr. Whitfield have taken the burthen of the said appointment, and without the knowledge of the other Commissioner, to wit, Mr. Cobb, and have agreed to and appointed that the said buildings shall be erected at a Place Called West Point on Neuse River, and have taken a deed of Conveyance from Doc.t Bass for three Acres of land for that Purpose, which place your Petitioners humbly Conceive to be inconvenient and burthensom to the Inhabitants of our said County in general, and far distant from the Center of our said County, which is Contrary to directions in the Act of Assembly under which they were appointed, your Petitioners therefore humbly beg that the general Assembly will take the said Greavances into Consideration and direct and appoint Some Person or Persons to survey and run the lines of said County in order to find the Center thereof and make Provision that the Court House and other Public buildings be erected at the Center, or the nearest Convenient Place thereto, or other wise as you in your wisdom may think most Convenient to the Inhabitants in the said County, all which your Petitioners humbly submit to your Consideration, and as in duty bound will ever pray &c 1st March Anno Dom. 1784

John Barefoot	Joseph Boon	Thomas Thompson	William Lancaster
Seany Langston	William Roberts	Mark Pearson	Ichabod Pearson
William Langston	Benjamin Chance	George Bradbury	William Branch
Mikajah Parker	Henery Hamm	Ransom Adkams	Mark Bogue
Jonathan Pearson	Joseph Edgerton	Henry Nowell	James Edgerton
John Smith	Thomas Davis	Hopkin Howell	Moses Branch
Cornelius Outland	Thomas Overman	Joseph Hollowell	Thomas Boyt
John Burly	John Howell	Joseph Howell	Robert Toler
James Wise	James Boon	Joel Gurley	John (x) Burke
Eysom (Isom) Evans	Roberson Maddux	Thomas Brookins	Green Rogers
Readick Lovet	Jesse Barnes	Samuel Peacock	John (§) Evans
Robert (x) Hooks	John (S) Sherod	David Newsum	James Barnes
Thos Butcher	James Grace	Elisha Uzzell	Peter Gelt
William (x) Lovin	S(amuel) Blyth	John Pitman	Simon Bardin
Wm Howell	Lewis Gardner	Esau (x) Bass	Abraham (x) Bass
Laurence (x) Doughtry	Uriah (x) Peacock	George (x) Mitchell	William (x) Hooks
Arthur Bass	Ebenezer Combs	David Herring	Thos Fletcher
Arthur Bryant	Noah Yelverton	David Evins	John Fulghum
Samuel Chance	Robert Crawford	Isome Rogers	Richard Davis
Charles Croom	Benja Sherard	Jethro (x) Thompson	John (x) Denson
Elisha Uzzell	William Fort	Edmund Maudlin	Joseph Arnold
John (x) Hanks	David Beman	Nathan (x) Pike	James (x) Shaden
Jacob Lamb	George (x) Jernigan	Elisha (x) Denning	Hardy Yelverton
Wright Lancaster	John Phillips	Silas Hollowell	Charles West
Joel Gilbert	George Langston	James Pate	Abraham (x) Howell
Passco Peelle	Jesse Bogue	John Smith	Andrew Fulmore

Jacob Page	Joseph Carter	Moses Musgrave	Thomas Boykin
Miles (x) Langley	Henry (x) Nowell (?)	Oswell (x) Langley	Isom Pate
Cornelius Durdano	Uriah Langston	Charles (x) Davis	Daniel Deans (?)
Shaderick (x) Boyet	James Davis	Benja Harrison	Fountain Jordan
Benjamin Smith	Richard Bracewell	Ezekiel Daniel	John (x) Sasser Sr
Josiah Beman (?)	Benja Walding	A(rthur) Pearce	

Another original document with the external date of April 26, 1784, and an internal date of February 28, 1784, (where the first document used the date March 1, 1784), contains the same statement concerning the Commissioners having bought three acres from Dr. Bass.

On the reverse side there are three notations: Wayne Petition read and referred, Benjn Williams, Mr. Coor, Mr. Clinton, Mr. Hargit

In Senate April 26, 1784. Read & ref.d to a joint Committee the Members chosen on the part of this House Mr. Ben Williams, Mr. Clinton & Mr. Harget – By order, J. Haywood

In H Comns 26 Apl 1784 read and referred to Mr. Bryan, Mr. Gillispe, Mr. Herritage, Mr. Sherrod Gray, Mr. Payne Bloodworth – By order, J. Hunt, CHC

[These preliminaries were followed by another list of signatures of Wayne County citizens who were adults in 1784. The historical importance of these lists of signatures is readily apparent]

Stephen Cobb	Robt Simms	Burwell Moring	John Handley
Daniel Lofley	Jesse Herring	Joseph Boyte	J. Powell (?)
Jesse Bardin	John Applewhite	William Watkins	Willis Bryant
Thomas Scott	Thos Chambers Bradbury		Wm Howell
Josiah Boyte	David Worrell	Jesse Brown	Henry Wilson
Reuben Mitchel	John Smith	Benjn Alfred	James Worel
Jacob Boyt	James Thomson	Thomas Boyt	Benja Rowell
Augustin Wasdin	Wm Roberts	James Buntin	Grifin Lewis
Wilm (?) Harel	Admiral Howell	John Thomson	John Applewhite
James Spray (?)	Hardy Pope	John Worrel	Noel Howell
Levin Vinson	Thomas Paid (Pate)	James Deens	John Hares
Shadrack Pate	John Bardin	Thomas Grace	Charles Whitmore
George Herring	Daniel Deens	Josiah Jordan	Daniel Howell
Wm Worell	John Benson	(Joseph) Winfield	William Bun
Thos Burk	William Bourn	Archelaus Howell	Joshua Howell
Elias Ballard	James Handley	William Howell	William Williams
Jonathan Wasdon	Jonathan Standley	Elias Pate	James Howell
William Thompson	Thomas Reasons	Rowling (?) Williams	Gabrel Coley
William Grace	Frederick Bun	Jesse Burn	James Burn
Stephen (?)	William Sasser	Charles Pope	Thos Resons
J. Fleetwood (?)	Demcey Deans	John Davis	Vaughn (x) Hilburn
William Radford	Mills (x) Jernigan	William Richards	John King
Saml Hollimon	David Cobb	Joseph Martin	James Simms
Joshua Woodard	John Dickenson	Robert Simms	William Tomelin(son)
Thomas Brookins	Joel Dickinson	Isaac Woodard	John Peacock
John Daniel	Joseph Daniel	W. Rentfro	John (x) Durdin

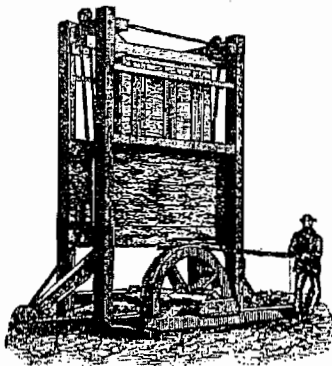
Benja Forte	Israel (§) Robertson	Beary (x) Peacock	Benjamin (x) Cook
Jacob Dickenson	Jeremiah Case	Benja (?)	Simon Barne(s)
Jacob (x) Durdeno	John (x) Bass	John (x) Durdeno jun	James (x) Hall
David Dickinson	Elisha (x) Davis	Wm (x) Durdeno	Thomas (T) Waters
Absolum (x) Ellis	Solomon (x) Foakes	Matthew Turner	Morriss (x) Satchell
Abraham (x) Daniel	Jonathan Rogers	Isaac Dickinson	Joel Evins
Isaac Daniel	James Bardin	Daniel (x) Dickinson	Jacob (x) Rentfroe
Claiborn (x) Bateman	Hardy Roberson	Samuel Barns	Solomon (S) Rouce
James Holland	Isome (x) Watson	Winburn Dickinson	Edward Hood
Absolum (x) Brookins	John Sherard	Joel Dickinson	George Mitchell
Joel (§) Newsome	Shadrack Dickinson	Shadrack (x) Simms	Abraham (x) Lamb
Phillip (x) Pipkin	Michajah (x) Johnson	John Barns	Isaac Daniel
William Sanders Landcaster		Jacob (x) Lamb Junr	Thomas (x) Aycokk
John Grimes	Josiah (x) Ellis	Hardy Hooks	Richard (D) Durdeno
Britain Simms	Jesse (x) Peacock	John Daniel	Samuel (x) Saint
Isaiah (x) Hall	Jas Cobb	Wm Bridgers	Nathan Cobb
Ephraim Daniel	Etheldred Bridgirs	Thos Ferrell	Reuben Hay(s)
Lewis Gurley	Josiah Wise	Barnabas Hamilton	Duncan Hamilton
Majar Howell	Guy Hamilton	William Rayford	Arthur Jernigan
Joshua Davis Junr	Simon Boswell	Arthur Smith	Benjamin Smith
William Bell	Reman Sols (Sauls)	James Bell	J. Jones
John Bell	William Hamm juner	Erestus Hamm	Richard Hamm
Everitt Baggett	John Robertson	Uzias Bemon	William Malaby
Isham Lain	Zachariah Hamm	Jacob Datry	William Andros
Wyt Worril	William Dawson	Isaac Parker	Edmond Reavell
William Taylor	John Watts	Wm Moring	Thomas Outland
Drury Reaves	Isham Lane Senir	Thomas Grace	Willson Watkins

[Legislative Papers – Senate April 1784 – Wayne County Petitions]

"Carolina Star Cotton Press."

This Press is manufactured and warranted by us. County rights for sale.

The strongest Press in use



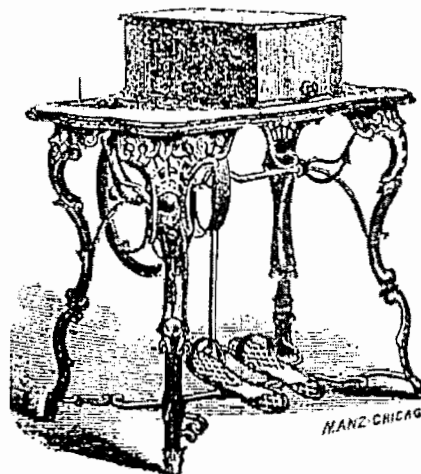
Durable and Simple.

Buckeye Reapers and Sweepstakes Threshers

Still stand above all others.

Orders taken for all kinds of Castings made at the Goldsboro Foundry.

FLORENCE SEWING MACHINE



MADE IN CHINA