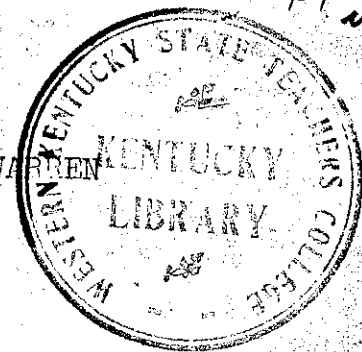


MEMORANDA FROM THE RECORDS IN THE WARREN  
COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK'S OFFICE.

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Apr. 4, 1797. Court of Quarter sessions formed. Burwell Jackson, John Shannon, Jno. Hall, Esq., judges; Wm. Chapline elected clerk, and Edwin L. Harris, county attorney. E. M. Covington was appointed sheriff. Admitted as attorneys at this term, Allen M. Wakefield, W. M. Reading, Havelah Crump. Five indictments for fighting returned at this term, one against Daniel Boone.

Sept. 5/1797. Wm. Blackburn, Jas. Dougherty and Wm. P. Anderson were admitted as lawyers. Indictment against John Lucas at this term for swearing, "By God, he would whip Michael Hart". Lucas is recorded as living on "Cumberland Trace at the Big Spring". Robt. Hamilton was admitted as a lawyer at this term.

Apr. term, 1798. Agreeable to Act of Assembly, passed January 1798, ordered that Tennessee attorneys be precluded from practicing in this Court.

June 5, 1798. Court held at "Court House". Indictment for playing cards.

Sept. term, 1798. Robt. Coleman elected Commonwealth Attorney. Joseph Boone indicted for assault, said to be "late of this County".

Apr. Term, 1799, inquiry made into the death of Frederick Stump, Jr. Two men discharged.

On Apr. 24, 1799, at this same term, Ninian Edwards was admitted to practice law in this Court.

Feb. 4, 1800, John Curd commissioned as Judge of the Court of quarter sessions.

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March 7, 1803, Circuit Court established with Jackson & Curd as associate Judges. Wm. Chapline, Clerk, and Isaac Baldwin, Commonwealth's Attorney. With a number of unknown attorneys admitted to the bar.

June Term, 1803, Ninian Edwards presented his allotment by the General Court for Logan, Muhlenberg, Warren and Christian Counties. Edwards became judge, Court of Appeals Dec. 13, 1806-Ct. J. Jan. 5, 1808. At this term, a question of law adjourned to the General Court for decision was certified back accordingly, to-wit: Whether after the empaneling of the jury and the trial being entered on, if the indictment was dismissed, the prisoner had been placed in jeopardy and it was a bar to further prosecution.

Sept. Term, 1803. Circuit Court first held; Ninian E. Edwards, judge, with Burwell Jackson and John Curd, associate justices, Henry Chapline, Clerk.

June Term, 1804, Ninian Edwards presented his certificate of allotment from the General Court for Circuit Courts to be held in Logan, Livingston, Warren and Christian Counties.

Sept. 1804, at this term, orders signed by Burwell Jackson and Jas. Brown.

May, 1806, Alexander Adair admitted to practice on production of license. Ninian Edwards, with Jackson and Brown, run as judges down to 1806.

In Sept. 1803, there is a reference to the "Ball Alley of Robt. Moore."

Henry P. Broadnax ceased to be judge in 1830. A. W. Graham began Feb. 1831.

Prior to 1800 the following names are found in the record:  
Hugh McGary, Oct. 1800; Benjamin Cullens, Price and Daniel Curd,  
Samuel Coombs, Benjamin Hampton, Henry Grider, Thomas Chapman,  
Robt. McGinnis, Jesse and James and Jonathan Boone, Lewis Potter,  
Phineas Cox, Samuel Goode, James Campbell, Roland Madison, Wm.  
Renick, Henry Gorin.

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CONTINUED MEMORANDA  
FROM EXAMINATION OF RECORDS IN  
WARREN CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE.

October, 1806, Solomon P. Sharpe produced his license and was admitted as an attorney at law. Presley Edwards admitted as an attorney.

February 1807, William Wallace begins to act as Circuit Judge, Jackson and Brown as associates. William Chapline is clerk and Jonathan Hobson at this term acts as his deputy. David Wallace, Jr., admitted to the bar; Jesse Kirby foreman of the grand jury; Samuel Work, Commonwealth's Attorney; frequent indictments for profane swearing.

October 5, 1807, Martin Grider mentioned; who is he?

October 8, 1807, Jacob Skiles produced his commission as associate judge, but there being no vacancy, his presence was not entered of record.

February 4, 1808. Warning order against Andrew McFadden as a non-resident of the Commonwealth, and ordered to be printed eight weeks in the Mirror of Russellville, Ky.

May 2, 1808, Jacob Skiles of record as associate judge, with Burwell Jackson, also associate. James Brown disappears.

October 1808, Court held at Court House in Jeffersonville. By order of County Court at its September term, John McNeel permitted to remove the Court House from Bowling Green to Jeffersonville.

October 8, 1808. Samuel Work, Attorney for the Commonwealth, allowed \$200 for the year.

February 9, 1809, John Crittenden admitted to practice at this bar.

February 14, 1809, John McNeel moved that pursuant to act of the General Assembly on February 1808, a Circuit Court now sitting in Bowling Green, adjourned to sit in Jeffersonville Court House. Nothing found that it was ever passed upon, but in 1809, March, Circuit Court met at the house of Williamson Gatewood in Bowling Green, and thereafter continued to so meet until 1811, when the new Court House was in course of erection, when it met at various places until February 1812, when it permanently met in the new Court House.

March 1810. George M. Ribb, John Breathitt and Robert Bailey admitted to practice at this bar.

June 9, 1810. Samuel Vance vs George Thomas. Defendant recovers of plaintiff 150 pounds of tobacco for his damages. Many judgments recovered not only in money, but in tobacco, pounds and shillings during this period.

September 13, 1810. John Smith convicted of stealing wagon chains, wagon wheels and tires; convicted and sentenced to receive 20 lashes on his bare back at the public whipping post, or if none, at some convenient place on the public square. Larceny appears to have been universally punished by whipping, and horse stealing almost universally from four to five years in the penitentiary.

March 4, 1811. Court met in the house of Williamson Gatewood and adjourned to the new Court House. Evidently, however, it was not quite completed, as later Court met again at the house of Gatewood. William Chapline is recited as being dead, and

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Jonathan Hobson appointed clerk. Jess Young sentenced to receive five stripes for larceny. More indictments for profane swearing. Alexander Graham mentioned as a merchant. Court uses a room of Jas. Vance in the house of William Reading, two days, for which an allowance was made for \$1 per day.

June, 1811, Court met at the house of Williamson Gatewood. Convicted of horse stealing, punished, four years and four days in the penitentiary.

September, 1811. Court met at the Court House and an allowance was made to Jas. Riggins as the undertaker of some, that is to say, evidently, the contractor.

February, 1812. Court met in the new Court House.

MEMORANDUM FROM COUNTY & CIRCUIT RECORDS.

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William Wallace, Burwell Jackson and Jacob Skiles, as judges, disappear September, 1814.

February 1815, Benjamin Shackelford is acting as judge alone. Of what county is he? He continues to act as sole judge until March 1819, and is succeeded by H. B. Broadnax, who holds the first Court May 1819. At the last date, agreement is recited between Shackelford and Broadnax, for Shackelford to preside in Muhlenberg and Hopkins Counties, and the first week in Logan County, while Broadnax is to preside in Warren County and the second week in Logan County.

February 28, 1820, E. M. Ewing and Asher W. Graham admitted to practice.

August 1819, court met at the house of John and James Keel and at private houses down to August 1820, while repairs were being made on the Court House. James Keel threw all the court records into the street while the county court was at dinner and was cited for contempt.

May 6, 1819, Susanna Skiles, mother of James Rumsey and widow of Jacob, granted ferry privilege at the foot of State Street. Lawless excepted.

Bowling Green Bridge Company granted the right in February 1819 to build a bridge at the foot of College Street and across

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the bottoms. On the same day, trustees of Bowling Green given privilege to build a market house on the north side of the public square, to be as far from Graham's as the clerk's office is from Reese's, and to be 90 feet from Keel and Vance's, or the lines of their houses.

July, 1819, Henry Grider admitted to practice. Samuel Work died before 1820.



HISTORY OF KENTUCKY COUNTY COURTS

DATE AUTHORIZED	DATE ABOLISHED	NAME OF COURT	NAME OF PRECEDING OR SUCCEEDING COURT
6-28-1792		Justice of the Peace	
6-28-1792	12-20-1803	Quarter Sessions	Circuit Court
6-28-1792	12-19-1795	Court of Oyer and Terminer	District Court
12-19-1795	12-20-1802	District Court	Circuit Court
12-20-1802		Circuit Court (Court of Common Pleas (Chancery Court	
6-28-1792	1852	County Court (J.Ps.)	(County Court (County Judge) ( " " ( " " and J
1852		County Court (Co. Judge)	
6-28-1792	1892	(County Court of Claims)	Fiscal Court
1892		Fiscal Court	
1852		Quarterly Court	
1906		Juvenile Court	

\* When the County Judge and the Justices met after 1852 the court was known as the County Court of Claims and Levy which was succeeded in 1892 by the Fiscal Court. From 1852 to the present the County Judge presides over the County Court when holding court and is the only person who serves the court in a judicial capacity. Prior to 1852 the County Court, composed of the Judge selected by the Justices of the Peace, who with the other justices, passed on all claims against the county and made the county levy which practice was continued from 1852 to 1892, although the County Judge was elected by a popular vote of all legal and qualified voters of the county.