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State of Kentucky, Grant County April Court 1820.

State of Kentucky
Grant County Jc.

Be it Remembered, That agreeably to an act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, passed on the twelfth day of February one thousand eight hundred and Twenty entitled "An act for the division of Pendleton County," Sediah Ashcraft, William Layton, Samuel Simpson, Nathaniel Henderson, John Sipple, William Woodyard and Benjamin McFarland Gentlemen, Justices, named in the Commission of the Peace, met at the house of Henry Childers on the dry Ridge road in the County of Grant on Monday the tenth day of April one thousand eight hundred and twenty, it being the time and place designated in said ^{act} of the General Assembly for holding the first Court for the said County of Grant, and produced their Commission as Justices of the Peace for said County, from his Excellency Gabriel Haughton Lieutenant and acting Governor for the Commonwealth aforesaid, and severally took the oaths required by the Constitution & Laws of this State, and thereupon a Court was formed.

Present

Sediah Ashcraft

William Layton,

Samuel Simpson

Nathaniel Henderson,

John Sipple

William Woodyard

& Benjamin McFarland Gent.

William Arnold Esq. Produced in court a Commission from the Governor appointing him Sheriff of this County for the ensuing two years, and thereupon he took the several oaths required by the Constitution and Laws of this ^{State} and together with, William Woodyard & William Maustjoy his securities, entered into and acknowledged their bonds in open Court, one in the

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Penalty of Ten thousand Dollars, and the other in the Penalty of three thousand dollars, Conditioned as the Law Directs.

Ordered that Hubbard B Smith be & he is hereby appointed Clerk to this Court (during good behaviour) he having produced to the Court his certificate from all the Judges of the Court of Appeals, that he has been examined by their Clerk, in their presence and under their direction, and that they deem him well qualified to discharge the duty of Clerk to any County Court or Court of Equal dignity within this Commonwealth, which is deemed sufficient, whereupon he took the several oaths required by the Constitution and Laws of this State and together with William Sanders and Griffin P. Theobald his Securities entered into and severally acknowledged bond in the penalty of Ten thousand Dollars conditioned as the Law directs; which is ordered to be recorded, and is in these words of figures following to wit: "Know all men by these presents that we Hubbard B Smith, William Sanders and Griffin P. Theobald are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the just and full sum of Ten thousand dollars current money: To the payment of which well and truly to be made we and each of us bind ourselves and every of our heirs Executors & administrators Jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed and Dated this 10th day of April 1820. The Condition of the above obligation is

such that whereas the above bound Hubbard B Smith hath this day been appointed Clerk of the Grant County Court. Now if the said H. B. Smith shall duly & faithfully execute the duties of his said office, and shall not remove or carry or suffer to be removed or carried out of the County the records or papers of the said Court or any part thereof except in cases allowed by Law; then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force & virtue

Signed & acknowledged }
in open Court } }

Hubbard B Smith Seal
Wm Sanders Seal
G. P. Theobald Seal

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Simon Nichols Esq. Produced in Court a Commission from the Lieutenant and acting Governor of this Commonwealth appointing him Coroner of Grant County who thereupon took the several oaths required by the Constitution & Laws of this State, and together with Sediah Ashcraft and Hubbard Pymith his Securities entered into and acknowledged bond in the penalty of one thousand pounds, in open Court, Conditioned as the Law directs.

On the motion of Samuel Simpson Esq. Ordered that he be permitted to continue to keep a Tavern at his house in this County under the License which he holds under the Pendleton County Court, untill that License expires according to Law, which will be on the third Monday in December next.

License is Granted William Pierce to keep a Tavern at his house in this County, whereupon he entered into and acknowledged bond in open Court in the penalty of one hundred pounds with Bennett Williams his security, Conditioned as the Law directs.

Ordered that the County be laid off into four Constable Precincts in the manner and form following, To wit:

1st Precinct, Beginning at William Fugates, thence with the ridge road to Arnolds horse mill, then up the dry ridge road to James Hawes, thence down Grassy run to its mouth, thence to the Gallitara County line, thence with the Grant County line Millions on the dry ridge road, thence down Crooked Creek to Robinsons saw mill, thence with the Grant line to said Fugate at the place of Beginning.

2^d Precinct, Beginning at said Fugates and running with the Grant line to the Broad ridge road near G. Childers, thence up the Broad ridge road to the dry ridge road, thence down the Fords road to Robert Wilsons Trace, thence with the trace to Clarks Creek thence down Clarks Creek to its mouth, thence in direct course to the Gallitara line, thence with the Gallitara line to join the Precinct N^o 1. to form the 2^d Precinct.

3^d Precinct, Beginning on the broad ridge road near G. Childers, thence running with the Grant line to the Campbell line, thence with the Campbell line to the dry ridge road, thence with the Boone County line to John Kennedys, thence on a straight line

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Robert Wilsons trace so as to strike the trace at Fords road, thence Eastwardly with the line of Precinct No. 2. to the Beginning, to form the 3^d Precinct.

4th Precinct, To run with the second and third Precincts & end bounded by the Boone and Gallitaw lines to form the fourth Precinct.

Ordered that Lewis M. Simpson be appointed Constable in Precinct No. 1. who took the oath required by law and together with Samuel Simpson and William Arnold his securities entered into and acknowledged bond in Open Court in the penalty of \$2000. Conditioned as the Law directs.

Ordered that James Childers be appointed Constable in the 2^d Precinct, who took the oath required by Law and together with William Arnold Simon Nichols and William Little his securities entered into and acknowledged bond in open Court in the penalty of \$2000. Conditioned as the Law directs.

Ordered that Joseph Childers be appointed Constable in the 3^d Precinct, who took the oath required by law and together with James Childers and William Childers his securities entered into and acknowledged bond in open Court in the penalty of \$2000 Conditioned as the Law directs.

Ordered that Robert Ellison be appointed Constable in the 4th Precinct who took the oath required by law and together with John Stippie and James Ellison his securities entered into and acknowledged bond in open Court in the penalty of \$2000 Conditioned as the law directs.

Ordered that Abisalom Shirwin be he is hereby appointed Commissioner of the County Tax for the present year, in the Constable Precincts No. 1. and 2.

Ordered that Robert Gibson be and he is hereby appointed Commissioner of the County Tax in the Constable Precincts No. 3 and 4 for the present year.

License is granted James Gange to keep a tavern at his house in this County, who entered into and acknowledged bond in the penalty of £100 with James Stewart his Security Conditioned as the Law directs.

License is granted William Arnold to keep a tavern at his house in this County & together with John Clarke Berry his security entered into and ack. bond in the penalty of £100. Conditioned as the Law directs.

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License is granted Henry Childers to keep a tavern at his house in this County on the dry ridge road, who together with Simon Nichols his Security entered into & acknowledged bond in open Court in the penalty of £100. Conditioned as the Law directs.

Ordered that the tavern rates for this County shall hereafter be as follows To wit: "For Breakfast, Dinner and Supper 25 Cents each, Lodging 12½ Horse to fodder or hay per night 25 Corn or oats per gallon 12½ Pasturage per night 6¼. Whisky or Brandy per half pint 12½, Rum French Brandy or wine per half pint 30. Cyder or beer per Quart 12½ Cents.

Ordered that William Mantjoy and John Marksberry be recommended to the Governor of Kentucky as proper & fit persons to fill the office of County Surveyor, one of whom to be commissioned, all the Justices of Peace being present and concurring in the Recommendation.

Ordered that Robert Faulkner be appointed overseer of the road leading from the dry ridge road near the house of Samuel Simpson Esq. towards Westersville and new Liberty, commencing at said ridge road and ending at the County line and to have Edmund Clepton & hands, James Stewart and hands, Thomas Dewees & hands and his own hands to keep the same in repair as the Law directs.

Absent Jed. Ashcraft, Wm Layton & Sm. Supple Esqrs

Ordered that Sally Frakes who is now in her 13th year of age be bound to Robert Childers sen. untill she be 18 years old to learn the business of Spinster & Seamstress.

Ordered that Court adjourn untill Court in Course.

(Signed) J. Simpson J. P. C.