

Prince William County, May 6th 1834

Magistrate Nomination

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Virginia Governors Executive Papers – Littleton W. Tazewell

Prince William County Court, May 6th 1834 – Ordered that the Sheriff summon the Justices of this County to attend on the first day of June Court next, for this purpose of electing and making a recommendation of other persons to be appointed and commissioned Justice of the said County to supply vacancies in the Commission of the Peace.

A Copy

Teste – Jno Williams Cl Cur

Sheriffs Returns – “Executed on J. B. T. Thornton, Redmon Foster, Benjamin Johnson, Robert Hamilton, Albert Newman, S. G. Thornton, G. G. Tyler, Thomas B. Hamilton, William H. Tebbs, Charles Ming, James B. Ewell, John Hutchinson, Jesse Ewell and John Hooe Jr.

Thos. J. Shaw, deputy sheriff
for M. Cleary, Sheriff

“Executed on Robert Williams & Charles S. Carter by leaving a copy at their residences.

Thos. J. Shaw, deputy sheriff
for M. Cleary, Sheriff

“Executed on Thomas Nelson, Jno Fitzhugh, Lawrence G. Alexander, James Foster, George Weedon, John Fox, John W. Williams, William S. Colquhoun and Jesse E. Weems.

Jno C. Weedon, deputy sheriff

And at a Court of Quarterly Sessions held for Prince William County the 2nd day of June 1834. The Court proceeded to elect proper persons to be appointed & commissioned Justices of this County & the following Poll was taken and ordered to be recorded to wit:

“ A Poll taken by the County Court of Prince William this 2nd day of June 1834 for the election of proper persons to be commissioned as Magistrates for the said County of Prince William.

CANDIDATES

Allen Howison	John F. Jackson	Andrew Chancellor
Jesse Ewell	Jesse Ewell	_____
Robert Hamilton	Robert Hamilton	_____
Jas Foster	Jas Foster	_____
John Hutchison	John Hutchison	_____
Redmon Foster	Redmon Foster	_____
James B. T. Thornton	James B. T. Thornton	_____
John Fitzhugh	John Fitzhugh	_____
James B. Ewell	James B. Ewell	_____
William H. Tebbs	William H. Tebbs	_____
Albert Newman	Albert Newman	_____
George Weedon	George Weedon	_____
Jesse E. Weems	Jesse E. Weems	_____
William S. Colquhoun	William S. Colquhoun	_____

Whereupon Allen Howison and John F. Jackson are nominated to the Executive as proper persons to be commissioned as Magistrates for this County.

Copies

Teste – Jno Williams Cl Cur

The following is a list of Magistrates now in the County of Prince William Viz: John Fox, Charles Ming, John Hooe, Jesse Ewell, Robert Hamilton, James Foster, John Hutchison. Law G. Alexander, Thomas Nelson, Redmon Foster, Charles S. Carter, Stuart G. Thornton, James B. T. Thornton, John Fitzhugh, Thomas B. Hamilton, Benjamin Johnson, James B. Ewell, George G. Tyler, John W. Williams, William H. Tebbs, Albert Newman, George Weedon, Jesse E. Weems, Robert Williams, & William S. Colquhoun.

Teste – Jno. Williams Cl Cur

Prince William County, May 7th 1834

Hugh Davis application for Land Bounty

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Virginia Governors Executive Papers – Littleton W. Tazewell

State of Virginia, Prince William County

On the 26th day of February 1834 Hugh Davis a soldier of the Revolution aged 79 years appeared in person before me James Foster a Justice of the Peace for aforesaid County and being first duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists states as follows Viz: That in 1776 he enlisted in the Continental Army for 3 years under Captain Geo. McCormick of the 13th Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. John Gibson – that they marched to Fort Pitt (now Pittsburg) in the State of Pennsylvania and after

remaining in that Neighborhood some time were marched to the Main Army under Washington in the Neighborhood of Philadelphia and attached to the division of General Mechlenburg, that he was in the Battles of Germantown, Brandywine, Mammoth &c and continued in the Army till the end of his 3 years enlistment in 1779 and was discharged and started home with others of his company – That in Philadelphia he met with H. Lee to whom he was well known – that Lee asked him where he was going – he replied he was going home. Lee then proposed to him that if he would join his Legion and induce the two men with him to join also for and during the War, he should have a sergeants command and a promotion as soon as a vacancy occurred – to this he agreed and they all enrolled themselves for and during the War, and he assumed the command of a sergeant and retained it until he was wounded by a Ball thru his knee in a skirmish with enemy near Trenton in Jersey and rendered unfit for further duty and discharged – that he is a cripple from said wound to this day said Davis states that he was a sergeant under Captain McCormick during his first 3 years enlistment and service and was paid and drew land (200 acres) as a sergeant as will appear by a reference to the public records at Richmond, but that for his last enlistment under Lee's for and during the War he has not received anything in any shape. He would further state that during his service in Lee's Legion he acted as a sergeant in Capt. Rudolph's Company of Horse – after he was wounded which was in the fall of 1779 and placed in the Hospital, Lee came on to the South leaving orders for him and others, then unable to March should if able come on to Virginia, in the Spring and be reported to an officer (he thinks a Mr. Lewis) in Leesburg in Virginia – that in the spring he having got something better was brought on to Leesburg and reported and examined, declared disabled permanently and discharged as unfit for further duty – He says he had at one time written testimony to prove all he here states but that it has all being since been lost or destroyed – He now asks to be allowed the Bounties and emoluments provided under the Law of October 1780. He expects the Land already received (200 acres) to be divided from any bounty now allowed him in Land.

Hugh Davis

Sworn and subscribed before me this day & was above written.

Jas. Foster

I John Williams clerk of the Court of Prince William County, certify that James Foster is a Magistrate in and for Prince William County, in the State of Virginia, and that the foregoing signature purporting to be his is genuine.

On testimony whereof I have hereinto affixed my seal of office and subscribed my name this 6th day of March, in the year 1834.

John Williams

State of Virginia, Prince William County

On this 1st day of December 1833 personally appeared before the subscriber a justice of the peace for aforesaid county Benjamin Strother a Revolutionary soldier aged 80 years who being first duly sworn according to law testifies as follows Viz – that he was a soldier in Maj. Henry Lee's Legion for the War, and well knew Hugh Davis in said service as a Sergeant in Captain Rudolph's company of Horse in said legion – said Davis entered said legion in 1779 in the Neighborhood of Philadelphia for the War and acted as a sergeant until he was disabled in the latter part of said year by a Ball thru his knee, which so crippled him as to render him unfit for service and he was finally discharged – Having known said Davis ever since said deponent states that said Davis is a cripple to this day from the wound then received in the service.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me.

Benjamin Strother

Jas Foster

Petition – Alfred Arrington

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Virginia Governors Executive Papers – Littleton W. Tazewell

Prince William County, May 19th 1834

To His Excellency L. W. Tazewell Esq.

Governor of Virginia

The undersigned citizens of Virginia and inhabitants of the County of Prince William most humbly represent to your Excellency that sometime in May 1832 a certain fellow citizen whose name is Alfred Arrington was committed to the Penitentiary of said state for the alleged crime of maiming or otherwise injuring George Redmond another citizen of this commonwealth and for brevity's sake we omit troubling your Excellency with the circumstances connected with the Reencounter, but as the said George Redmond now in his calm and cool consideration sees and knows that he himself was partly the instigator which prompted the said Alfred Arrington to act in self defence. He the said George Redmond having entirely recovered from his wounds and through a conscientious conviction of his being in part the aggressor most humbly entreats to have his name recognized among the signers that your Excellency with the most confidence would take this our humble petition under your most compassionate consideration and issue an order for his release and your humble petitioners as in duty bound will ever Pray.

George Redmond
Thompson Gossom
Thos H. Steele

Francis Egan
William Windsor
John M. Clark

Hugh C. Davis
William P. Selecman
Thomas Davis
James Johnson
Callahan M. Carty
William Patterson
Basil Brawner

William Gossom
John G. Austin
Presly Davis
John Coulter
William Lewis
John Gossom

(Note on back 23 May 1834 – Advised that no pardon be granted.)

Occoquan Va., May 19th 1834

Petition for pardon of James Smith (convict)

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Virginia Governors Executive Papers – Littleton W. Tazewell

To His Excellency L. W. Tazewell Esq.

The petition of James Smith respectfully sheweth that he (Petitioner) has at the present term of the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the County of Prince William, been found Guilty of passing a counterfeit half dollar to a certain Mrs. Davis of said county which will appear of record for which offence he has been sentenced to confinement in the Penitentiary of said State for the term of ten years. Petitioner further states, that at the time he passed the said counterfeit he was in company with a certain John McNamee, at the house of said Davis, and that your petitioner being without money applied to said McNamee to pay his (petitioner's) bill for lodging, and that your petitioner paid to the said Davis, the money then loaned to him by the said McNamee which is the same charged as base, and counterfeit. Your petitioner further sheweth he was not acquainted with said McNamee until a short time before he met with him at the house of said Davis, and that he was entirely ignorant of the quality of the piece of money then borrowed, and that there was no Evidence before the jury to prove any base connection between your petitioner and said McNamee other than that they lodged together at the house of said Davis and are seen together, on the next day. Your petitioner does not presume to contradict the verdict finding him guilty. He prays your Excellency to consider the circumstances which under it possible that your petitioner may not be guilty of the offence of which he is now convict. That your petitioner was in company with a stranger, and that as he your petitioner is a foreigner, and altogether ignorant of the value of the different coins current in the Commonwealth and may be easily imposed upon – Your petitioner further sheweth that there was no money found on him at the time he was apprehended, and that it is scarcely probable that any rational being would hazard his personal liberty, and what is dearer than life itself his character for the small sum of Half a Dollar. Your Petitioner would further present that if the sentence about to be pronounced against him be fully executed, his wife and helpless child, who are now with him in a strange land, will be poor and friendless, exposed to all the horrors of poverty, not being entitled to even the benefit of the Poor Laws which are in force in this Commonwealth. Your petitioner, therefore respectfully prays the benefit of that wholesome provision of the law which places in your hands meet in those cases when there is a doubt as to the Guilt of those who are under sentence of punishment, or where their case may be one of extreme hardship as is your petitioner's – Your petitioner prays your Excellency to direct (by your warrant) the proper officer to permit your petitioner to go at large, quiet and discharged of the condemnation before named.

We the undersigned members of the Bar, Officers of the Court, Jurors in the above case and Citizens of the County of Prince William &c consider the case of the petitioner above named to be one of extreme hardship, and do therefore recommend him to the clemency of the Executive of Virginia.

William B. Tyler	N. Tyler	John W. Tyler
Geo. H. Carter	James Hooe	Arrington Evans
Redmon Foster	Jno Williams	Thos. Nelson, J.P.
John F. Deakins	Law. S. Waugh	Wm. Goodwin
Alexander Evans	John Simpson	H. Molair
Chap Renoe	Jas Norman	Mason French
P. Norvill	Baylis Grigsby	Allen Blackwell
George Robinson	John Windsor	William W. West
Jesse McIntosh	Jesse Green	William S. Fewell
A. Sinclair	William F. Matthews	James Fewell
James Purcell	Thos. B. Gaines	Wm. B. Harrison
Jas Keys	William Florance	Jno Fitzhugh J.P.
Robert Bates	John J. Beavers	James B. T. Thornton J.P.
Robert Hamilton J.P.	Obed. Cornwell	John Tansill
Thomas Davis	John Brawner	John W. Williams
James A. Colquhoun	Henry Chapman	Horace Weybourn
Richard W. Weedon	William Calvert	Alexander H. Wartars
Henry Love	Washington Journell	Hiram King
Foushee Tebbs	Richard P. Scott	Moses Copin
Robert B. Merchant	Saml. J. Tebbs	G. H. Cockrell
Lawrence Cole	Richard Anness	Thomas Key
Thomas Mountjoy	John Anness	Uriah Mitchell

James Lee
Henry Brawner
Robert Alexander
Allen Able

Alexander Beevers
Clarkson Colbert
John Carney

John Matthews
Samuel Botts
John Stone

Petition of James Smith
To the Governor of the State of Virginia

Upon the trial of the within named Petitioner it appears that he was traveling in company with the within named John McNamee that they arrived at the Town of Occoquan in the evening and the petitioner went to the Tavern of Davis and engaged lodging for himself and McNamee whom he called his comrade. He then left the Tavern and after an absence of sometime returned in company with McNamee. They lodged together and on the following morning the Petitioner gave to the wife of Davis the counterfeit fifty cent coin mentioned in the Indictment in payment for the lodging and received twenty five cents in change. The Petitioner & McNamee left Occoquan together and took the Fredericksburg Road to which place they had previously inquired the way. Mrs. Davis in a short time after their departure gave the half dollar which she had received by the petitioner to her husband who immediately pronounced it a counterfeit. The Petitioner & McNamee were pursued and arrested, No money was found on the petitioner but some twenty counterfeit fifty cent pieces were found in possession of McNamee a part of which were an unfinished state and all including the pieces passed to Mrs. Davis were palpable counterfeits. No attempt was made on the trial to prove that the acquaintance between the petitioner and McNamee was recent and casual. Had that fail been proved he would doubtless have been acquitted and if he can now make the appeal of respectable testimony I would recommend him to mercy.

Jno Scott

The petitioner is a native of Ireland.

Sheriff Nominations

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Virginia Governors Executive Papers – Littleton W. Tazewell

Prince William County, March 23rd 1835

To His Excellency L. W. Tazewell Esq.

I do certify that at the November term of the County Court of Prince William in 1834. Robert Hamilton, James Foster and John Hutchison were nominated to the Executive, either of whom might be commissioned as sheriff of said County of Prince William, and also that by a commission under the hand of the Governor of this Commonwealth dated the 19th day of November 1834 said Robert Hamilton was commissioned to execute the said office of Sheriff for the said county, “to take effect from the expiration of the term of the present sheriff, and to continue in office until the first Quarterly Court to be holden for the said County, in the year one thousand, eight hundred and thirty six” – as appears from the commission to that effect now in this office. – that the said Robert Hamilton failed (on account of sickness) at March term 1835 to qualify and enter into all the Bonds directed by law to be executed – and also that I have received intelligence from respectable persons that said Robert Hamilton departed this life on Thursday the 19th of the present month. I further certify that James Foster one of the Gentlemen Justices nominated to the Executive, was at September Court 1834 duly elected to the Office of Commissioner of Revenue for this County for the year 1835, and that at October Court 1834 said Foster qualified to the said Office and entered into Bond accordingly. I also further certify that it has been the custom of the County Court of this County to appoint persons Commissioner of the Revenue, who were at the same time holding the office of Justice of the Peace, and I believe they think the office not incompatible with each other.

Given under my hand at the Clerks’ Office of

Prince William County Court this 23rd day of March 1835

J. Deakins, Deputy Clerk of
Prince William County Court

Brentsville, Prince William County, March 23rd 1835

Sheriff Nominations

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Virginia Governors Executive Papers – Littleton W. Tazewell

Brentsville, Va. May 5th to Littleton W. Tazewell Esq. Governor of Virginia, Richmond Va.

Prince William County Court, April 7th 1835 – Ordered that the Sheriff summon the Justices of this County to attend on the first day of May Court next, for the purpose of electing and making a recommendation of other persons to be appointed and commissioned Justices of the said County.

Sheriffs Returns – “Executed on C. Ming, John Hooe, Jesse Ewell, John Hutchison, R. Foster, S. G. Thornton, J. B. T. Thornton, T. B. Hamilton, B. Johnson, J. B. Ewell, G. G. Tyler, W. H. Tebbs, A. Newman, R. Williams & Allen Howison

Thos J. Shaw, deputy for J. Foster, Sheriff

“Executed on Jno Fox, M. Cleary, L. G. Alexander, Thos Nelson, Jno Fitzhugh, Jno W. Williams, George Weedon, Jesse E. Weems and William S. Colquhoun.

William S. Fewell, Deputy for James Foster, Sheriff

And at a Court held for Prince William County, the 4th day of May 1835. Then the Court proceeded to elect proper persons to be appointed and commissioned Justices of this County, whereupon the following Poll was taken and ordered to be recorded as follows to wit: "A Poll taken by the County Court of Prince William this 4th day of May 1835 for the Election of proper persons to be commissioned as Magistrates for the said County of Prince William.

CANDIDATES

William H. Dogan	Samuel H. Janney	James W. Tyler	Frederick Foote	Alfred Ball	Zebulon A. Kankey
Allen Howison	Allen Howison	George Weedon	Allen Howison	Wm. H. Tebbs	Jesse E. Weems
Jesse E. Weems	Wm. H. Tebbs	Wm. H. Tebbs	Jesse E. Weems	James B. Ewell	George Weedon
George Weedon	Benjamin Johnson	Benj. Johnson	James B. Ewell	John Fitzhugh	James B. Ewell
Benj. Johnson	John Fitzhugh	S. G. Thornton	John Fitzhugh	Stuart Thornton	Thomas Nelson
Thomas Nelson	Stuart G. Thornton	Thomas Nelson	Redmon Foster	Redmon Foster	
Law. G. Alexander	Redmon Foster	John Hutchison	Law G. Alexander		
John Hutchison	Law G. Alexander		John Hooe		
John Hooe	John Hutchison				
	John Hooe				

Whereupon Samuel H. Janney, William H. Dogan and Frederick Foote are nominated to the Executive as proper persons to be commissioned as Magistrates of this County.

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Teste – John Williams Cl Cur

The following is a list of the acting Magistrates, now in Prince William County Viz: John Fox, Charles Meng, John Hooe, Jesse Ewell, Michael Cleary, James Foster (Sheriff), John Hutchison, Lawrence G. Alexander, Thomas Nelson, Redmon Foster, Stuart G. Thornton, James B. T. Thornton, John Fitzhugh, Thomas B. Hamilton, Benjamin Johnson, James B. Ewell, George G. Tyler, John W. Williams, William H. Tebbs, Albert Newman, George Weedon, Jesse E. Weems, Robert Williams, William S. Colquhoun, Allen Howison.

Teste – John Williams Cl Cur

Prince William County, June 4th 1835

Brentsville Election – Militia Officer

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Virginia Governors Executive Papers – Littleton W. Tazewell

To the Executive of the State of Virginia

At the recent election held at Brentsville in Prince William County, on Saturday the 23rd day of May 1835, to supply the vacancy in the office of Major of the 26th Regt. Virginia Militia occasioned by the removal, out of state, of Major John Johnson, there were eighteen officers entitled to vote present, including the Colonel and Lt. Colonel of said Regt. Of those present nine voted for Capt. Robert Williams to fill said vacancy. The law requires that a candidate shall receive a majority of the votes of the officers present. I was absent at Baltimore at the time of the election though presented by a friend as a candidate for the suffrages of the officers present at that time, and the circumstance will account for my delay in making this communication. These are the material facts of the case, and I respectfully request of the Executive that they may be taken under consideration, and that such course and decision be taken and had thereon as are demanded by law and my rights in the premises.

George W. Macrae

Capt. Arty. 2nd D. Va. Ma.

Attached to 36th R. V. M.

P. S.

I understand that the Colonel and Lt. Colonel of 36th Regt. declined voting at the election mentioned in the reverse page, stating at the time that they did not think they had a right to vote for officers of an inferior grade.

G. W. Macrae

Capt. &c.

I was present at the above mentioned election, and I certify that the facts represented on this and the preceding page is truly & correctly stated.

William S. Fewell, Lieut of

Arty. Attached to 36th Regt.

June 4th 1835

Prince William County, May 14th 1834

Petition for Bounty Land – Hugh Davis

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Virginia Governors Executive Papers – Littleton W. Tazewell

To his Excellency Littleton Tazewell, May 14th 1834

This soldiers name is on the wrong register. Col. Grayson received for Hugh Davis, a certificate for 74. 8. 6 the balance of his full pay as soldier of Infantry, of the Continental line, July 2nd 1784 (an auditors certificate.)

Hugh Davis has received 200 acres of land, for 3 years service as sergeant

The declaration, or oath of the said Davis has been filed which sets forth, that he enlisted and served 3 years in Gibson's Regt. &c and after his discharge re-enlisted, in Lees Legion in 1779 for the remainder and acted as sergeant in the said Legion, until he got wounded and disabled – in 1780 he was discharged, as unfit for duty &c.

Benjamin Strother says that Hugh Davis enlisted for the remainder in Lees Legion, in 1779, and was wounded, and finally discharged from the service.

Respectfully submitted
John H. Smith coroner &c