

Upon the application of Davis Bryant and Henry L Williams for leave to erect a water
grist mill on the lands of the said Bryant on the north side of the Cypress Swamp between the mills
of Allen and Rockhill at an old mill site in this County. This day came the said Bryant &
Williams by their Attorney and the Sheriff returned an inquest taken pursuant to a writ of ad
quod damnum awarded at January Court last, which inquest is in these words to wit,
"By virtue of the annexed writ of ad quod damnum we Alexander Myrick, John D Hart,
Henry Bishop, Manney Nugget, Thomas Everett, Caleb Everett, Darius Beale, Jesse Ferguson,
John Wilson, Joshua Vick, Richard S Darden and Josiah Worrell the jury sworn and
charged by Wm I Seibell Deputy of James W Mappenburg Sheriff of Southampton County agreeable
to law do say that by allowing Davis Bryant & Henry L Williams to hold steam feet water
on the shoals, we assess to Robert Williams twenty five dollars & also assess to Jas Hart seven-
ty one dollar. We also condemn one acre of land on the north side of the Cypress Swamp
as abutment to the mill dam belonging to William Owens and assess the value thereof to
four dollars. If we further report that the health of the neighbourhood will not be annoyed, nor
any of their houses, offices, outbuildings, gardens and orchards will not be overflowed, nor
the passage of fish be obstructed & the mill will be of great public utility. Given
under our hands. Seal this 14th day of February 1839. Alex. Myrick Secy. John D
Hart Secy. Henry Bishop Secy. Manney Nugget Secy. Thomas Everett Secy. Caleb
Everett Secy. Darius Beale Secy. Jesse Ferguson Secy. John Wilson Secy. Joshua
Vick Secy. Richard S Darden Secy. Josiah Worrell Secy. Wm I Seibell Deputy
of J W Mappenburg Sheriff." Whereupon it is ordered that William Owens the
proprietor of the tract of land located by the jury and Robert Williams and John
Hart proprietors of the land found liable to damage, be summoned to appear here
at the next Court, to shew cause why the said Davis Bryant and Henry L Williams
should not have leave to build the said Mill and dam.

The Register of Lindy Whitfield Grunners. was examined and certified to be truly made.

On the motion of Thomas B Deale It is ordered that Master Commissioner Cobb examine
State and settle an account of the said Thomas B Deale's administration on the estate
of Margaret P Deale dec'd. and report the same to the Court with any matters specially
stated deemed pertinent by himself or which he may be required to state.

On the motion of William L Everett for leave to alter the road leading from flat Swamp
bridge to Hales bridge. This day came the said William L Everett by his Attorney and
the persons appointed to view the way proposed for running said road as well as the
present way, this day made the following report. "Pursuant to the annexed order we the
undersigned having been duly sworn before a Justice of the Peace for Southampton County
have this day met for the purpose of viewing the way proposed by William L Everett,
do make the following report (or) we do not deem it proper to move the old road
from its present location from the route here proposed as the community will be discom-
moded, but the way being shut up which has been a long standing pathway to Sturgens
meeting house for many years, the shutting up of which inconveniences people living north
of said meeting house 287 yards, and the said William L Everett has to go 180 yards
further to get to said road, or to the place where the old path intersects the road, in
addition to this it also inconveniences persons travelling a public path called the ridge
road, going either towards Hales bridge or the flat Swamp bridge. We the undersigned
therefore unanimously agree in opinion that the old pathway be pinned and made a
public way to the said meeting house, that it should turn out of the road near the old