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On the motion of Matthew Gilliam and for reasons appearing to the Court he is exempted from the payment of taxes and levies in future on account of age and bodily infirmity.

On the motion of Wm M Beaton security for E. B. Beaton on his official bond as constable in Boykins Township in this County and desires to be relieved therefrom. It is ordered that the said E. B. Beaton be summoned to the first day of the next Term of this Court and show cause if any he has why he should not be required to give a new bond according to law.

On the petition of R P Pope & Joseph B Pope for leave to build manufacturing machinery on their lands on Myricks Swamp in this County ^{of which they are the owners in fee simple} and to erect a dam across the said stream near the road leading from Newsums Depot to the Crawford road. This day ^{came} as well the said R. P. Pope & Joseph B Pope as James I Darden by their attorneys and the Sheriff returned an inquest taken pursuant to a writ of ad quod damnum to him issued, which inquest is in these words to wit:

"We the undersigned jurors summoned by virtue of a writ of ad quod damnum awarded at April County Court 1874 of Southampton County on the petition of R P Pope and Joseph B Pope setting forth that they wish to build a manufacturing machinery and for that purpose to erect a dam across a stream near the road leading from Newsums Depot to the Crawford road, met on the premises on the 11th day of May 1874 and after being sworn by the Sheriff of said County, proceeded to view the lands on which the said dam is proposed to be built, and also to inquire whether the mansion house of any person or the outhouses, yard, garden or orchard, will be overflowed or taken, and whether the health of the neighbours will be annoyed by the stagnation of the waters or otherwise and also the damages any person may sustain whose lands shall be overflowed by the erection of said dam: do agree upon and render the following verdict: No mansion house, yard, garden or orchard will be taken or overflowed; the health of the neighbours will not be annoyed. The dam will be built entirely on the lands of the petitioners, R P Pope & Joseph B Pope, the overflow of the water will cover no land except that owned by the petitioners except the lands of Lenna Beale and James I Darden. Lenna Beale has given to the petitioners her written statement in satisfaction for her damages, seven yone fourth acres of the lands of Jas. I. Darden will be overflowed & taken and we assess his damages at one hundred dollars - Tho. Vaughan, Amos S Pope, Jno W. Beaton, Parker D. Story, James T. Hill, Ben F. Knight, James S. Morrell, John Pope, Elbert D. Ferguson, J. J. Deyer, Giles Pope, Miles ^{hus} Morrell - W. W. Briggs Sheriff."

Whereupon the motion of the petitioners and ^{made} for reasons appearing to the Court it is ordered that the writ of ad quod damnum awarded at the last Term of this Court and all the proceedings had thereunder be quashed and that James I Darden & Lenna Beale the proprietors of the land that will probably be affected by the overflow of the water be summoned to the next Term of this Court to show cause if any they have, why another writ of ad quod damnum should not be issued according to law.

The Court doth assign John H. Atkinson guardian of Eliza Atkinson who was Eliza Hart, and an heir of Thomas Hart dec^d and thereupon the said John H. Atkinson together with Atticus W. Atkinson his security (who justified on oath as to his sufficiency) entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of One hundred dollars conditioned according to law.

The last Will and Testament of Jordan Edwards deceased and the Codicil thereto were proved by the oath of J. F. Bryant one of the subscribing witnesses thereto.