

**LAURENS COUNTY
GEORGIA
LEGAL RECORDS
SUPERIOR COURT
1833-1857**

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FOREWORD

It does not seem possible that it was in November of 1990 that I was putting together the foreword for "LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA LEGAL RECORDS 1807-1832 ". Two and one half years later, " LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA LEGAL RECORDS, SUPERIOR COURT, 1833-1857" is ready for the press. You may wonder why does the current book only contain the records of the Superior Court of Laurens County.

Most county records come from three main sources; Superior Court, Inferior or Probate Court, and Tax Commissioner. During the 1807-1832 period of Laurens County, no tax digest records are available. Because of the limited scope of the records for these first 25 years, I was able to put all the abstracts for the county into one publication, although it took 907 pages that weighed 5 pounds and 4 ounces.

During the 1833-1857 period of the county's history, considerable growth took place in the court records. This fact, coupled with the tax digests that are extant from the 1840's, made it physically impractical to put all of the county records for the 25 years into one publication. A second publication will be necessary to present the tax digests and the records from the Probate Court. I anticipate that it will be about two years before this work will be available.

Twenty-eight volumes, totaling over 6600 pages, were abstracted for this presentation and only about half of these volumes have been microfilmed. Current plans are for the unmicrofilmed volumes to be photo-copied and a copy to be presented to the Laurens County Public Library. This will allow the public the opportunity to secure a copy without damage to the fragile original documents.

Over 8400 computer entrys were generated from the 6600 pages and these entrys have been sorted and printed alphabetically by the principal in each document. Non-principal individuals are indexed in the master index. While the basic format of this publication is the same as the format of "Laurens County, Georgia Legal Records, 1807-1832", an attempt has been made to improve on that book by adding some new features.

First, I have made an effort to be more detailed in the document contents section of each abstract. This should further reduce your need to see or handle an original document. Secondly, I have added a section of maps of each Land District and Militia District. These maps were added at the suggestion of one of Georgia's premier genealogists and were replicated from an original 1903 map of Laurens County. Thirdly, I have indexed as principals both the grantor and grantee in deed records. This will make it easier for you to see if a person bought in and sold out during the 25 year time period.

With rare exceptions, the master index at the back of the book is a people-only index. My continued objective is to make it easy for the genealogist or historical researcher to quickly find every legal action in which an ancestor may have been involved.

I am not going to include a lengthy explanation of the founding and early years of Laurens County. For those of you who are interested in such an account, I refer you to my earlier publication. Only about 24 copies of this book are available and they may be ordered from me at Box 1719, Dublin, Georgia 31040.

I apologize for the numerous errors in this book. Some of the errors are errors of commission and some are errors of omission. Please know that all errors are of the head and hands and that none are of the heart. I have attempted to be exact as to the records as they were found by me. No effort has been made to clean up the clerk's spelling, so remember to think phonetics.

It is my most humble hope that this book will be of real benefit to you in your research. I obviously do not have the time to do your research and even find it difficult to answer your letters. Please know that these publications are designed to assist many researchers and not just a few. Happy research to each of you.

Allen Thomas
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KEY # 77. PETITIONS AND WRITS 1845-1849. This 322 page volume contains approximately 117 different petitions and writs recorded during the period indicated.

KEY # 78. PETITIONS AND WRITS 1849-1852. This 529 page volume contains approximately 165 different petitions and writs recorded during the period indicated.

KEY # 79. PETITIONS AND WRITS 1852-1857. This 640 page volume contains approximately 347 different petitions and writs recorded during the period indicated.

A Subpoena Docket is a volume that records the names of witnesses that have been summoned to give testimony in a case, either civil or criminal. These dockets are invaluable in that many of the names recorded in these volumes will not appear elsewhere.

KEY # 50. SUBPOENA DOCKET 1828-1846. This docket is 75 pages in length and has the names of witnesses summoned in approximately 187 different cases.

KEY # 66. SUBPOENA DOCKET 1848-1857. This 67 page volume contains the names of witnesses summoned in approximately 246 different cases.

KEY # 67. SUBPOENA DOCKET 1857-1860. This docket book only contains the witnesses summoned in 8 different cases.

KEY # 68. JUSTICE DOCKET 1855-1872. This volume is a docket of Charles L. Holmes, a Justice of Peace in the 52nd General Militia District in eastern Laurens County. While not technically a Superior Court record, the volume is of much historical value and worthy of inclusion in this publication. The volume is 300 pages in length and the first 68 pages are included here. Approximately 96 cases are covered in the 68 pages.

KEY # 69. CERTIORARI DOCKET 1832-1856. This docket contains about 35 cases in 19 pages. Most of these cases had been tried at Justice of Peace courts and had been appealed to a higher court.

After a case has been tried and there has been a judgement awarded in the case, those judgements are recorded in Execution Dockets. The dockets provide notice that an award has been made to a party and the docket reflects whether that award is satisfied or is still owed. In addition, tax liens and other types of debts may be recorded in the Execution Docket.

KEY # 54. EXECUTION DOCKET 1832-1838. This docket is 145 pages in length and records the executions from approximately 212 separate actions. It may be that this docket is a docket from a Justice of Peace Court and that the Justice of Peace was Duncan D. Munroe.

KEY # 80. EXECUTION DOCKET 1839-1856. This 164 page volume contains the monetary executions from approximately 556 cases.

KEY # 81. EXECUTION DOCKET 1842-1846. This 56 page volume contains approximately 227 monetary executions recorded during the period indicated.

KEY # 82. EXECUTION DOCKET 1856-1857. This volume contains an estimated 101 monetary executions in the first 86 pages.

The official court minutes are the recorded doings and actions of the court. These minutes contain court cases, court orders, juries selected for future terms, grand jury presentments, and much more. All court records add completeness to the picture; but if you could only have one legal court record, the minute book is the one book you would want. It's kind of a summary of all of the court's actions.

KEY # 40. MINUTE BOOK E. 1832-1840. This 225 volume contains an estimated 635 different actions of the court for the period indicated.

KEY # 61. MINUTE BOOK F. 1841-1845. This excellent 184 page volume contains approximately 497 separate actions of the court for the period indicated.

KEY # 62. MINUTE BOOK G. 1845-1853. This 322 page volume contains an estimated 664 separate actions of the court for the period indicated.

KEY # 63. MINUTE BOOK H. 1853-1859. The first 322 pages of this 429 page volume were abstracted and contained therein were approximately 813 separate actions of the court for the period pre-1858.

PRINCIPAL	KEY--#PAGE #	DATE & YR.	DOCUMENT CONTENTS
Reynolds, William Jr.	72	326-328 03-23-1808	William Reynolds, Jr., of Burke County, sold to John Paramore of Screven County. For the price of \$300.00, land sold was 27th L. D., L. L. # 159. Also sold was 12th L. D., L. L. # 285. This last land lot was granted to Reynolds on Nov. 2, 1807. Deed witnessed by Jeremiah Purnall and Adam Brinson. Brinson attested, before Burke County Justice of Peace B. L. Perkins, to the deed on Nov. 26, 1850.
Rhue, A. M.	73	156-157 03-28-1856	David M. Long, of Macon County, Georgia, sold to A. M. Rhue of Henry County, Alabama. For the price of \$5.00, land sold was 17th L. D., L. L. # 19 in Laurens County. Deed prepared in Henry County, Alabama and was witnessed by John Tully and P. B. Kelley. Long attested, before Henry County Probate Judge George W. Williams, to the deed on Mar, 29, 1856.
Ricks, Arthur	80	107-108 09-00-1853	Plaintiffs were Milanthan Thigpen, Daniel H. Ricks, John Ricks, Florida Ricks, James Arline, Arthur Ricks, Richard Ricks, Mary Hicks, and Esther Ricks. Defendant was Jasper Hester, as administrator of the estate of Caswell Ricks. Judgement was for \$806.30. Fi-fa handed to Sheriff James M. Smith on May 17, 1853.
Ricks, Daniel	66	12-13 09-00-1851	Plaintiffs were Daniel Ricks and others. Defendant was Jasper Hester, as administrator of the estate of C. Ricks. Witnesses were H. Smith, Thomas Hart, and William Goff.
Ricks, Daniel H.	80	107-108 09-00-1853	Plaintiffs were Milanthan Thigpen, Daniel H. Ricks, John Ricks, Florida Ricks, James Arline, Arthur Ricks, Richard Ricks, Mary Hicks, and Esther Ricks. Defendant was Jasper Hester, as administrator of the estate of Caswell Ricks. Judgement was for \$806.30. Fi-fa handed to Sheriff James M. Smith on May 17, 1853.
Ricks, Elizabeth	62	55 03-03-1847	Ricks, the widow of the deceased Rutherford Ricks, petitioned the court for a committee to lay off her widow's dower from the estate of Rutherford Ricks. The court appointed Thomas Hart, Eli Warnuck, Young Keen, John G. Anderson, and Jeremiah Brantly to lay off her 1/3rd share. Her attorney was C. B. Guyton.
Ricks, Elizabeth	62	66-67 09-06-1847	Petition of Elizabeth Ricks, widow of the deceased Rutherford Ricks, to the court for a commission to lay off her widow's dower from the estate of her deceased husband's estate. Court appointed Thomas Hart, Young Keen, Stephen B. Hester, Hardy Smith, and Jeremiah Brantly to lay off the dower.
Ricks, Elizabeth	71	164-165 11-17-1848	Elizabeth Ricks, of Laurens County, sold to Jeremiah H. Yopp of Laurens. For the price of \$100.00, land sold was 100 acres which was her dower in the Old Ricks Place. Land lay on the east side of the Oconee River. Deed witnessed by C. B. Guyton and Justice of Inferior Court F. H. Rowe. ZZZ
Ricks, Esther	80	107-108 09-00-1853	Plaintiffs were Milanthan Thigpen, Daniel H. Ricks, John Ricks, Florida Ricks, James Arline, Arthur Ricks, Richard Ricks, Mary Hicks, and Esther Ricks. Defendant was Jasper Hester, as administrator of the estate of Caswell Ricks. Judgement was for \$806.30. Fi-fa handed to Sheriff James M. Smith on May 17, 1853.
Ricks, Florida	80	107-108 09-00-1853	Plaintiffs were Milanthan Thigpen, Daniel H. Ricks, John Ricks, Florida Ricks, James Arline, Arthur Ricks, Richard Ricks, Mary Hicks, and Esther Ricks. Defendant was Jasper Hester, as administrator of the estate of Caswell Ricks. Judgement was for \$806.30. Fi-fa handed to Sheriff James M. Smith on May 17, 1853.
Ricks, Florida	80	117-118 10-00-1854	Plaintiffs were Green Brantly and his wife, and Florida Ricks by her next friend Green Brantly. Defendant was Ira Stanley, as administrator of the estate of Jeremiah H. Yopp. Judgement was for \$497.06. Fi-fa handed to Sheriff John T. Duncan on May 25, 1854.
Ricks, Hampton	62	75 03-06-1848	Plaintiff was the State. Defendants were Hampton Ricks and Jackson Pope. Grand jury returned a true bill against the defendants on charge of Larceny from the person. Jury foreman was George M. Troup, Jr.

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Ricks, Hampton	62 77	09-06-1848	Plaintiff was the State. Defendants were Hampton Ricks and Jackson Pope. Larceny from the person. Solicitor General Augustus H. Hansel nolle prossed this charge, stating that the indictment was defective. The defendants were to remain in custody while a new indictment was drawn.
Ricks, Hampton	62 78	09-06-1848	Plaintiff was the State. Defendants were Hampton Ricks and Jackson Pope. Grand Jury returned a true bill against Ricks and Pope on charge of larceny from the person. Grand Jury foreman was George M. Troup, Jr.
Ricks, Hampton	62 85	09-08-1848	Plaintiff was State. Defendant was Ricks. Larceny from the house. Jury verdict of not guilty. Jurors were foreman John Weekly, Robert Faircloth, Lewis D. Smith, William T. Coleman, Edward Grinstead, Jared White, Jesse Bellflower, James Grayham, Edward Shepherd, Zachariah Ennis, Washington Baker, and John B. Williams. Solicitor General was Augustus H. Hansel.
Ricks, Hampton	71 129-130	03-21-1846	William F. Jones, of Laurens County, sold to Hampton Ricks of Laurens County. For the price of \$300.00, land sold was 151 acres on Shaddocks Creek, originally granted to Michael Dickson. Deed says it was the land where Hampton Ricks now lives. Land bounded by lands of Hezekiah Jones, and Henry Bush. Deed witnessed by James Hudson and Justice of Peace William Adams. ZZZ
Ricks, Hampton	71 130-131	03-28-1848	Hampton Ricks, of Laurens County, sold to Jeremiah H. Yopp of Laurens. For the price of \$40.00, land sold was a 1/3rd part of a 350 acre tract that Richard Ricks gave to Hampton Ricks in his will. Land was originally granted to William Oliver and was bounded by lands of William Bush, Sr., Solomon Williams and Richard Ricks at the time of the original granting of the land. Deed witnessed by Francis Thomas and Justice of Inferior Court F. H. Rowe. ZZZ
Ricks, Hampton	71 131-132	03-28-1848	Hampton Ricks, of Laurens County, sold to Jeremiah H. Yopp and John Lowther of Laurens. For the price of \$250.00, land sold was 184 acres, 150 acres that had been originally granted to Michael Dickson and 35 acres that was originally granted to William F. Jones. Land lay east of the Oconee River and was bounded by lands of Henry Bush and Harrison Bush. Deed witnessed by Francis Thomas and Justice of Inferior Court F. H. Rowe. ZZZ
Ricks, Hampton	73 199-200	01-01-1856	John T. Duncan, Sheriff of Laurens County, sold to Young J. Anderson of Laurens. For the auction price of \$41.00, land sold was 160 acres on Pughes Creek and bounded by lands of Molsey Townsend on the west, John Beasley on the east. This sheriff sale was result of fi-fa issued out of Justice Court in 52nd G. M. District in case of Francis Thomas versus Hampton Ricks. Deed witnessed by James F. Robinson and Ordinary F. H. Rowe. ZZZ
Ricks, John	68 29-30	09-00-1856	Plaintiff was Ricks. Defendant was William Bush, by note. Judgement by default for the plaintiff in the sum of \$7.00 principal, with interest from Jan. 1, 1856, and costs of suit. Justice of Peace C. L. Holmes.
Ricks, John	70 204-205	06-26-1839	John Ricks, of Laurens County, sold to Young Keen of Laurens. For price of \$1150.00, land sold was 300 acres on Oconee River and bounded by lands of Benijah Warren, Abel Stringer, and Shaddocks Creek. Also sold was another 300 acres tract, 1/4 acre excepted for graveyard, on Oconee River, part of a grant originally made to William McYaun, also sold was another 300 acre tract, which was half of of a tract originally granted to William McGehee and sold by Kiteral Warren to William Smith. Also sold was another tract of 219 acres on Oconee River. Also sold was 175 acres originally granted to Reuben Warren. Jeremiah Kemble and Solomon Williams mentioned. Deed witnessed by Thomas Hart and Justice of Peace Francis E. Flanders. ZZZ
Ricks, John	80 107-108	09-00-1853	Plaintiffs were Milanthan Thigpen, Daniel H. Ricks, John Ricks, Florida Ricks, James Arline, Arthur Ricks, Richard Ricks, Mary Hicks, and Esther Ricks. Defendant was Jasper Hester, as administrator of the estate of Caswell Ricks. Judgement was for \$806.30. Fi-fa handed to Sheriff James M. Smith on May 17, 1853.
Ricks, Richard	40 170	06-18-1839	Copy note. One day after date I Promise to pay Richard Ricks or bearer \$275.00 for value received. Dated January 1, 1838. Signed by William Z. Baily. The above note had been lost by Ricks and he petitioned the court to substitute a copy. He swore to the copy in affidavit before Clerk Francis Thomas. On a motion, it was ordered that Baily appear at next term of court and show cause why copy should not be used. Court also ordered the rule be published in a legal gazette in the state for 3 months, once per month.

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Ricks, Richard	40	191-192 12-18-1839	Plaintiff was Ricks. Defendant was William Z. Bailey. Rule to establish copy note in lieu of a lost original. In as much as a rule nisi was held and Bailey has not come forward to show cause why the copy should not be established, the copy is hereby substituted for the original in sum of \$275.00.
Ricks, Richard	70	346-347 06-06-1836	Richard Ricks, of Laurens County, sold to Russell Kellum of Laurens. For the sales price of \$144.50, land sold was 1st L. D., L. L. 260, containing 176 acres. Deed witnessed by James Hine and Justice of Peace Winfield Wright.
Ricks, Richard	70	347-349 05-06-1836	Russell Kellum, administrator de bonis non of the estate of Neill Munroe, sold to Richard Ricks. For the sales price of \$140.50, land sold was 1st L. D., L. L. # 260, containing 176 acres. This sale was a public auction, with order from the Inferior Court of Laurens County. Deed witnessed by James Hine and Justice of Peace Winfield Wright.
Ricks, Richard	80	107-108 09-00-1853	Plaintiffs were Milanthan Thigpen, Daniel H. Ricks, John Ricks, Florida Ricks, James Arline, Arthur Ricks, Richard Ricks, Mary Hicks, and Esther Ricks. Defendant was Jasper Hester, as administrator of the estate of Caswell Ricks. Judgement was for \$806.30. Fi-fa handed to Sheriff James M. Smith on May 17, 1853.
Riddle, William C.	73	267 08-16-1854	William C. Riddle, of Washington County, sold to James H. Gilmore of Washington County, as administrator of the estate of Hezekiah W. Gilmore. For the price of \$25.00, land sold was 25.00, land sold was 17th L. D., L. L. # 81. Land had formerly been owned by Georgia Lumber Co. Deed witnessed by James H. Oliphant and John N. Gilmore.
Riddle, William C.	73	265-266 08-16-1854	William C. Riddle, of Washington County, sold to James H. Gilmore of Washington County, as administrator of the estate of Hezekiah W. Gilmore. For the price of \$25.00, land sold was 25.00, land sold was 17th L. D., L. L. # 84. Land had formerly been owned by Georgia Lumber Co. Deed witnessed by James H. Oliphant and John N. Gilmore.
Riddle, William C.	73	268-269 12-29-1851	James M. Hall, of Washington County, sold to William C. Riddle of Washington County. For the price of \$250.00, land sold was 17th L. D., L. L. # 81 and 84. Land formerly owned by Georgia Lumber Co. Deed witnessed by E. A. Smith and Justice of Peace James R. Taylor in Washington Co.
Ridley, A. B.	40	88 09-16-1835	This case was merely listed on a list of cases on which former Solicitor General had not been paid his fees. Court ordered the clerk to pay Lott Warren his fees out of fine money on hand. The charge on the case was Assault with intent to murder.
Ridley, Archibald B.	40	24 04-08-1833	Plaintiff was the State. Ridley was defendant. Charge was assault with intent to murder. Defendant failed to appear and court ordered scire-fascias to issue against Ridley and his security Joshua McDonald.
Ridley, Archibald B.	40	39 10-11-1833	Plaintiff was the State. Defendant was Ridley. Assault with intent to murder. Defendant demanded a trail and one was ordered as soon as possible.
Ridley, Archibald B.	40	41 10-11-1833	Plaintiff was the State. Defendant was Ridley, with Joshua McDonald as Security. Aci-fa Returnable at Oct., 1831. Court ruled that judgement had not been entered up for costs in the case. Solicitor General given leave to enter nunc pro tunc in the case for the costs.
Ridley, Archibald B.	40	60 10-09-1834	Plaintiff as State. Defendant was Ridley. Assault with intent to murder. Bondsman Joshua McDaniel brought Ricley to court and came off bond. Ridley to remain in custody until he provided other bond for \$2,000.00.
Ridley, Archibald B.	40	81 04-09-1835	Plaintiff was State. Defendant was Ridley. Assault with intent to murder. The defendant again failed to appear in court and the court ordered scire fascias to issue against his security J. H. Yopp.
Riggs, Charles P.	73	347-350 05-13-1857	Isaac G. Hatfield and his wife Kate M., of New York, sold to Charles P. Riggs of New Haven Connecticut. For the price of \$1.00, land sold was lot # 46 and 47, each of 1000 acres in old Montgomery, now Laurens County. These two lots were part of 72,000 acres originally granted James Shorter in 1795. Deed witnessed by J. B. Nones, who was Commissioner for Georgia in New York. ZZZ (This land was part of the Pine Barren Fraud lands)

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Taylor, William	71 143-145	12-16-1805	Francis Jenkins, of Burke County, sold to William Taylor of Burke County. For the price of \$80.00, land sold ws 2nd L. D., L. L. # 117 in Wilkinson County. (This later became Laurens County) Deed witnessed by James Ree and Eli Clark. Deed also signed by Jane Jenkins and was recorded Nov. 9, 1848.
Tedder, Benjamin	70 33-34	03-02-1839	Benjamin Tedder, of Laurens County, sold to Edward Sills of Laurens. 13th L. D., L. L. # 19. Sales price was \$100.00. Deed witnessed by Abel Wright and Justice of Peace Calphrey Clark.
Terry, Jackson	40 200	06-15-1840	Plaintiff was the State. Defendant was Jackson Terry. True Bill on a murder charge returned by Grand Jury. Jury foreman was Hardy B. Stanley. Terry was arraigned an entered plea of not guilty. Solicitor General William W. Wiggins. Terry not able to employ counsel, court appointed Thomas C. Sullivan, Augustus Hansel, and Peter E. Love to defend him.
Terry, Jackson	40 202	06-15-1840	Plaintiff was the State. Defendant was Jackson Terry. Isham Saffold also appointed to represent Terry. Jury verdict of guilty. Jurors were foreman Stephen B. Hester, John Weekly James Archer, Patrick Fenel, William Allen, William Lock, Richard Herindon, Volitine Fullford, Samuel Bellflower, Henry Bellflower, Adison Roach, and David Branch.
Terry, Jackson	40 209-210	06-18-1840	Plaintiff was the State. Defendant was Jackson Terry. Sentence of the court was death by hanging. Sentence was to be carried out on Friday, July, 24, 1840, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M. at a place to be chosen by the sheriff. Judge Carleton B. Cole directed the sheriff to faithfully and mercifully carry the sentence into execution.
Thigpen, Joshua M.	54 29-30	04-00-1833	Plaintiff was Thigpen. Defendant was Edward Varner. CAsse involved a judgement for the plaintiff in the sum of \$4.75, a fi-fa was issued for that amount, and the debt was settled in full.
Thigpen, Melangthan	62 191	09-02-1850	Plaintiffs were Thigpen, his wife Barbary, James Arline and his wife Elizabeth, and Richard Ricks. Defendant was Jesse Hester, administrator of the estate of the deceased Caswell Ricks. In Equity and bill for distribution. Ordered that the plaintiffs have leave to amend their bill to correct the name of the defendant from Jesse Hester to Jasper Hester. They had incorrectly used Jesse Hester. Augustus H. Hansel was Judge.
Thigpen, Melangthan	78 492-509	07-19-1850	Plaintiffs were Melangthan Thigpen and his wife Barbary (formerly Barbary Ricks), John Ricks, Daniel H. Ricks, Florida R. Ricks who sued via her next friend Green I. Brantly, James Arline and his wife Elizabeth Arline who was formerly Elizabeth Ricks, Arthur Ricks, Richard Ricks, Nancy Hicks the widow of the deceased Nathaniel Hicks and who was formerly Nancy Ricks, and Esther Ricks. Their attorney was firm of Warren and Franks. Defendant was Jasper Hester, the administrator of the estate of the deceased Caswell Ricks. His attorney was Iverson L. Harris. Plaintiffs contended that in 1846 Caswell Ricks departed this life without a will and left a large real and person estate consisting of lands worth \$2,000.00, 10 slaves (See # 2 same book and pages)
Thigpen, Melangthan	78 492-509	07-19-1850	(# 2) worth \$5,000.00, hogs, horses, cattle, mules, sheep, carts, wagons, carriages, farming utensils, household furniture, etc worth \$2,000.00, cash of \$500.00, and monies owed to Ricks. They stated that Ricks died without wife or children surviving and that they were his half brothers and sisters on the paternal side of his family and that his whole brothers and sisters were Narcissa Hester, formerly Narcissa Ricks, Hampton Ricks and Rutherford Ricks. Plaintiffs contended that after the death of Caswell Ricks, Jasper Hester applied for letters of administration on the estate of the deceased and did take possession of the property of said Ricks in 1846. Since that time, the plaintiffs contended that Hester had not accounted (See # 3 same book & pages)
Thigpen, Melangthan	78 492-509	07-19-1850	(# 3) for his actions and doings on the case and that the estate should be divided into 11 equal parts, their being 11 heirs. Judge was Augustus H. Hansell. Clerk Francis Thomas. Deputy Sheriff L. M. Hudson served the papers on Jasper Hester on July 27, 1850. On Sept 3, 1850, Iverson L. Harris acknowledged service of the amendment to the bill that made Florida R. Ricks, a minor and the daughter of the deceased Rutherford Ricks, a party plaintiff by her next friend Green I. Brantly. Defendant Jasper Hester stated that he could account for this actions on the administration of the estate of the deceased Ricks, that he had reason to believe that the plaintiffs had some relationship to the deceased but he did not know the exact (See # 4 same book and pages)

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Thigpen, Melangthan	78	492-509 07-19-1850	(# 4) relationship, that he did not want to distribute the funds from the modest estate of the deceased without a directive from the court. He stated that in his five year marriage to his wife she had never confirmed that the plaintiffs were of the blood relationship claimed by them. Hester attested to his statement before Augustus H. Hansell, Superior Court Judge, on March 3, 1851. He attested, before Justice of Inferior Court F. H. Rowe, to his actions and doings on the estate of the deceased. In the case, the appraisement of the estate of the deceased is included. This appraisement was prepared by appraisers John G. Anderson, Jeremiah B. Brantly, and Eli Warnock, and included the effects of the deceased, including a 15 year (See # 5 same book & Pages)
Thigpen, Melangthan	78	492-509 07-19-1850	(# 5) unnamed negro girl valued at \$500.00. This appraisement was done on Feb. 11, 1849. An accounting of the sale, which took place on Feb. 12, 1847, of the effects of the deceased was also listed and in it purchases were made by Charles S. Holmes, Joseph M. Brantly, Keen Sandford, Elias Clements, Alexander Graham, Thomas Hart, John G. Anderson, John Smith, Mrs F. Jones, William Smith, William G. Rowland, W. R. Hester, John D. Gillis, Robert Hester, James Graham, Hardy Smith, Edwin Holmes, S. B. Hester, John Graham, E. Bush, Samuel Daniel, Jasper Hester, Eli Warnock, Hampton Ricks, Harrison Bush, Mrs Daniel, J. Brantly and William Smith. The sale of this personal property amounted to \$219.66 and 3/4 cents. On the first Tuesday (See # 6 same book and pages)
Thigpen, Melangthan	78	492-509 07-19-1850	(# 6) in Oct. of 1847, the 400 acres of land of Ricks was sold to Jeremiah H. Yopp for the price of \$530.00 and the negro girl was purchased by Jasper Hester for \$593.00. Debts of the estate amounted to \$724.94 and included bills of Grieve and Orme, E. Holmes, Hampton Ricks, Edward J. Blackshear, A. R. Kellam, Jasper Hester, J. H. Yopp, Keen Sandford, Francis Thomas and Hardy Smith. Justices of the Inferior Court F. H. Rowe, Hardy Smith and E. J. Blackshear approved the sales and accountings of the estate on July 2, 1849. On March 10, 1852 a jury verdict returned a verdict for the plaintiffs in sum of \$806.00 or \$76.50 for each plaintiff. (It appears the family connection was as petitioned in the complaint.)
Thigpen, Melanathan	62	306 03-08-1853	Plaintiffs were Thigpen and his wife Barbary, James Arline and his wife Elizabeth, Richard Ricks and others. Defendant was Jasper Hester, administrator of the estate of the deceased Caswell Ricks. Bill for Distribution. Jury verdict for the plaintiffs in the sum of \$76.50, that being the distributive share of each of the plaintiff, with the exception of Hampton Ricks and for him a share of \$38.40. Jury foreman was Kindred Partin.
Thigpen, Milanathan	62	249 09-03-1851	Plaintiffs were Milanathan Thigpen and his wife and Richard Ricks. Defendant was Jasper Hester, administrator of the estate of the deceased Caswell Ricks. Bill. By agreement, the case was transferred to the appeal court. Attorneys for the plaintiff were Warren and Franks and for the defendant the attorney was I. L. Harris. Judge Augustus H. Hansel ordered the case transferred to the appeal court.
Thigpen, Milanathan	80	107-108 09-00-1853	Plaintiffs were Milanathan Thigpen, Daniel H. Ricks, John Ricks, Florida Ricks, James Arline, Arthur Ricks, Richard Ricks, Mary Hicks, and Esther Ricks. Defendant was Jasper Hester, as administrator of the estate of Caswell Ricks. Judgement was for \$806.30. Fi-fa handed to Sheriff James M. Smith on May 17, 1853.
Thomas, Archibald	36	78-79 11-05-1834	Francis Thomas, power of attorney for Francis Thomas, John B. Thomas, Isaac Thomas, Owin Thomas, Richard Thomas, and Andrew A. Fuqua (All of Laurens) and Stephen Thomas and Bartholomew Thomas (both of Montgomery County, Alabama) sold to John B. Norrel of Laurens. For the purchase price of \$500.00, land sold was 17th Land District, Land Lot # 167 (originally granted to Mr. Cabot Sept. 13, 1813) and Land Lot # 194 (originally granted to Mr. Crumbly on Nov. 4, 1811), Land that Archibald Thomas had lived and died on. Francis Thomas took Norrel's promissory notes for payment of 1/2 of price on Jan. 1, 1836 and 1/2 of price on Jan. 1, 1837. Document witnessed by James L. Crawford (by mark) and Justice of Peace Newnan McBane.
Thomas Barret & Co.	42	186-188 02-10-1835	Plaintiffs were James N. Carter and Thomas Barret, merchants with the firm name of Thomas Barret and Co. Their attorney was Philip T. Schley. Defendants were Alexander Merewether and Henry C. Fuqua, merchants trading under the name of Merewether and Fuqua & Co. Case was for a debt on a \$102.14 promissory note the defendants gave the plaintiffs in Augusta on April 22, 1833. Judge James Polhill. Clerk Francis Thomas. Jury verdict for the plaintiffs at the March term, 1836 in sum of \$104.00 principal, \$21.18 interest, and \$13.62 costs. Jury foreman was William D. Young. Attorney for the plaintiff at the time of trial was William W. Wiggin.