

Ab White

At a Monthly Court convened by agreement and held for Rockbridge County
at the Courthouse, on Wednesday the 1st day of April 1851, and in the 75th
year of the Commonwealth,

Seargent Adolphus White, Robert A. Barton, William Donisthorpe, John A. Clegg,
and William H. Carrington, Prothonotary Justices

A Deed from Samuel L. McCling to James McCling, Rachel McCling
and Phoebe McCling was produced in court acknowledged by said Samuel L
McCling and ordered to be recorded.

James Anderson and Mary ^{Anderson}, his wife, late of this County, were again led to
the bar in custody of the jailor of this County, charged with having on the 16th
day of December 1846 in this County, killed and murdered Mary Ann Pittigrew,
Jane, Sarah Pittigrew, Margaret Ann Pittigrew, Letitia Pittigrew, John P.
Pittigrew, and Margaret Pittigrew, and the arguments of counsel being ended
on consideration whereof it is the opinion of the Court that the said James
Anderson and Mary ^{Anderson} his wife be further tried for said offense before the
Judge of the Circuit Court for this County at the Courthouse, at the next
term thereof. And the prisoners are remanded to jail.

Dr. William A. Wilkinson, a witness for the Commonwealth says that he attended the coroner's inquest on the bodies of the Pittigrew family on Monday in December 1846 at the house of John Wilson that at the request of the jury he, together with Dr. Rogers, examined the bodies of Mrs Pittigrew and the dead daughter there were two wounds on Mrs Pittigrew; one on her temple & the other on her throat, from which he concluded she must have had foul violence, the wound on the temple was a bruise apparently produced by the stroke of a stick the neck seemed to have been grasped by a hand so as to produce strangulation.

George Wilson, another witness for the Commonwealth, says that on Sunday evening about the 22nd December 1846 he was sent for to bury his wagon to haul the corpse of the Pittigrew family from their then late residence, he went with his two horse wagon and the corpse of Mrs Pittigrew & his four children now lying on the west side of where the house stood in which they lived the house seemed to have been burned some time they were lying in ten or fifteen feet of the house. Mrs Pittigrew was sitting on something, partly draped, with her son, her youngest child, on her lap with nothing but big shirt on and she had over him the dead daughter was lying on her side, with one leg stretched out in the rung of a chair, with her night dress and shoes on two other girls were lying near them.

mother with her face towards each other partly dressed, with shov' on. The
other girl was lying or partly lying on a log & leaning against a stump partly
dressed with shoes on. There was a deep snow on the ground, drifted in places which
was rolled around as far as the heat of the bodies could warm it. The weather
was cold and the bodies were all frozen. Some bed clothes were lying where Mrs.
Pettigrew said her mother had seen them about by the road and a ^{broken} ~~bottle~~
bottle about one hundred yards in coming down the mountain with the
lodging they passed in sight of the passing horses about 400 yards off on a
level head the dogs bark but saw no one at which place he with 18 or 20 persons
on horseback & then were some fifteen or twenty with the wagon. The bodies were
taken in horses of Mr. Wilson. The bodies were yellow like iron on & dust sticks
ashes on them.

William Wilson, another witness for the Commonwealth, says that he went with
his son George on Monday evening to bring the bodies of the Pettigrew family on
nearing the house, found a feather bed covered in the snow with more snow
about one hundred yards from house and another bed about fifty yards further,
in same situation, where witness thinks they must have been carried, as they
were not in the situation for the wind to blow them. They found the bodies as
described by Hugh Wilson. The horses fed on Wednesday night, knowing when the
horses must have been buried. The bodies were brought to witness house & an inquest
held on Monday.

James Smith, another witness for the Commonwealth, says that on Sunday
the day of December 1846, a deep snow having fallen on the Wednesday night before
the dogs barked, he went out heard some one howling who appeared to be in distress
whom he found to be Mr. John Pettigrew who seemed to be out of breath walking
thru the snow he called and asked me to get some fire and go with him, that
his house was burned and his family was all frozen. He got the fire that
his wife went with him. He found the house burned & the bodies of Mrs.
Pettigrew & five children lying near the burnt house. Mrs. Pettigrew was
sitting on the end of some bed clothes, leaning forward, with a split bottom
chair back against her back. Her head hanging forward & her young
est child, her only son, lying across her lap the oldest girl lying four or
five yards from her mother on her side, one leg stretched out among the
ruins of a chair and the other drawn up the next girl was sitting on a
log rather leaning against a stump her head hanging forward one
foot under her and her right foot stretched down in the ground & frozen
in so that the ground had to be chopped to get her foot out. The other two girls
were lying at the root of a stump with their faces on the ground & leaning
each other. The bodies all seemed to be in their night clothes or partially and
hurriedly dressed. There was no trace of persons the dog had staid with the
bodies and had made a path to the spring the bodies were frozen stiff and
blackened much with the ashes and dust from the burnt house.
some time in the summer before witness saw James Anderson, the

Mrs Nancy Smith, wife of James Smith, another witness for the Commonwealth, says the same as that of her husband except as to the threats when Mrs Anderson was going for her cow said to be in the old house she told witness that she would have satisfaction about her cow in some way, and she would let them see that she would she said she could see Mrs Rutherford's heart bleed as far as she ever saw any thing in her life witness knowing the colored prostitute in Court to have been Mrs Anderson saw it in her house & sat on the bed on which it was spread not long before the house was burned and she today found dead also two pillow cases now in Court now on the pillow on the same bed at the same time

Mrs Polly Robinson another witness for the Commonwealth, says that she went to Pittsgrove late yesterday evening saw the bodies of Mrs Pittsgrove and five children as described by Anna Smith. the bed on which Mrs Pittsgrove was sitting was burned under her, which must have been done before she was on it, the more under the bed just covered the ground, as the house must have been burned the night the snow fell near the girl who sat on the log there was a basket of egg shells laid, the basket was burned on the side next the house and the egg shells on that side were burned. the corral now in court was the property of Mrs Pittsgrove she often slept in her corral as to the other things which has been made during Mr Pittsgrove's house but cannot be positive.

FANNY M. CHILTON, widow witness for the Commonwealth, says that her
husband at his brother Wm J. Chilton's that on Tuesday in December 1846 he saw
the house in which Mrs. Belligan lived standing on Wednesday night & day
over five or Thursday after 12 o'clock he saw the chimney standing alone
without the appearance of smoke or fire he supposed that Belligan had
moved as he heard her was no person about that time.

Zerubbabel Wilson, another witness for the Commonwealth, says that he lives near Fair Castle. That he told Mr. Anderson, the prisoner, some time last summer, after a letter was received from Rocklinsey stating that he

had incurred a family, that he had better leave or the people would
abuse his way he replied if he had incurred a family he was as
good as the people of New Castle and Bishop for me

John H. Robinson, another witness for the Commonwealth, says, that
he went with the officers to the residence of the prisoners to arrest them,
he saw there the covered and other articles now in Court, he heard the
prisoner Mrs. Anderson say the Pittigrew family were styled

William Reynolds another witness for the Commonwealth, says
that he was out in the mountain the night the snow fell in
December 1846 hunting and was up several times and did not
suffer with the cold.

Sampson F. Moore, another witness for the Commonwealth, says
that he went to the residence of the prisoners to search for goods, the property
of his deceased brother in law John Pittigrew and his sister, whose home
was burned in December 1846 and the family found dead, witness said
he believed the covered maw court was Pittigrew. Mrs. Anderson said
she was at Rockbridge he found other property afterwards which he
believed to be Pittigrew & which is now in Court.

Ois Calonell, another witness for the Commonwealth, says, that he
saw the covered now in Court at Pittigrew house on the bed, when Sampson
F. Moore first came to New Castle to search.

Mrs. Rachel Pittigrew, another witness for the Commonwealth, says, that
she believes the covered, two pillow cases & a table cloth now in Court to have
been the property of her father and mother and to have been in their possession
shortly before their house was burned and all the family but her father
and herself were found dead.

William A. Wilkinson, William Wilson, Hugh Wilson, James
Smith, Mrs. Nancy Smith, Mrs. Polly Robison, Mr. Bryant, James McWilliam,
Zachariah Wilson, John H. Robinson, Wm. Reynolds, Sampson F. Moore,
Ois Calonell, Rachel Pittigrew, Mr. W. Campbell, Thomas F. Moore
and Joseph Robison came into Court and severally acknowledged themselves
to be indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia the sum of one hundred dollars
each, to be levied of their goods & chattels, lands and tenements and to the use
of the Commonwealth rendered.

Upon this conviction, that if the said Wm. A. Wilkinson, Mr.
Wilson, Hugh Wilson, James Smith, Nancy Smith, Polly Robison, Mr.
Bryant, James McWilliam, Zed Wilson, John H. Robinson, Wm. Reynolds,
Sampson F. Moore, Ois Calonell, Rachel Pittigrew, Mr. W. Campbell,
Thomas F. Moore and Joseph Robison should severally make their
personal appearance before the Judge of the Circuit Court for Rockbridge
County, at the courthouse, on the first day of the next term thereof,
then and there to give evidence on behalf of the Commonwealth.

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against James Anderson and Mary Anderson his wife charged with failing
to discharge their obligation to be married to remain in full force

Injunction Valley Turnpike Company v. Matthew & Robert White

* By consent of parties, it is ordered, that judgment be entered for the
defendants against the plaintiffs for one hundred and thirty two dollars and eighty
cents damages, and that the defendants recover of the plaintiffs their costs by them
in their defense expenses. It is understood between the parties that the plaintiffs
are to restore to the defendants the nail then sprung which was injured by the
works of the plaintiffs.

A deed from William White Commissioner to Daniel Brown, was
produced in Court, acknowledged by said White, and cause to be record.

Ordered that this court be adjourned until the next court in course



In Rockbridge County Court Clerk of April 3rd 1851,

William A. Morris

Plaintiff

In debt

against

Madison Kerney

Defendant

This day comes as well the plaintiff as the defendant, in person
who acknowledges the plaintiff's action for the debt in the sum now mentioned
with legal interest thereon from the 11th March 1851 till payment, and the costs.
It is therefore considered that the plaintiff recover against the defendant
fifty dollars, with legal interest thereon from the 11th day of March 1851 till
payment, and also his costs by him about his suit in this behalf
expended. And the said defendant in money ^{case} teste David Hutchens D.C.

In Rockbridge County Court, Officer 18th April 1851

John F. Shields

Plaintiff

In debt

against

The same

Defendant

Serves over and judgment for \$107 85 on a debt with
legal interest thereon from the 18th April 1851 till paid & costs
teste

David Hutchens D.C.

James D. Hanson Commissioner To James F. Taylor	March 10 1851 Deed P. Sale	Same 8	104 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres pitched land being a lot in Derryfield.
Samuel McKeon Court of Robert M. McKeon to John W. Miller	1848 April 26 Deed P. Sale	Same 16	2 acres & 88 poles of land
John M. Goodwin & Jane his wife To Sarah Ann Haylett	10 April 1851 Deed P. Sale	Same 16	42 acres of land
James B. Conner To Joseph F. Conner	12 April 1851 Deed P. Sale	Same	Unrecorded interest in whole tract of land
William B. Black To Joseph S. Reed in trust for Vincent Simpson & others	16 April 1851 Deed P. Sale	Same	Personal Property
Isaac Lusk & Elizabeth his wife To William Miller	17 April 1851 Deed P. Sale	Same 17	Unrecorded ownership of 497 acres of land, water Terra Creek
William R. Scott & Louisa V. his wife To John P. Anderson & Francis J. Anderson	February 25 Deed P. Sale	Same	Interest in 546 1/4 acres of land Arnold Valley of which Chas. B. Bailey died seized
Survivors of the late firm of Shanks & Anderson	1851 Deed P. Sale	Same	
Isaiah Kinkaid & Sarah his wife & Sam. 10 October 1851 110 Kinkaid & Martha D. his wife To Deed P. Sale	Same 19		22 1/2 acres of land watered by Buffalo
Samuel Kake & Michael Kake Madison Kinkaid To James G. Paxton 23 April 1851			Real & personal property
No. 10 for securing any sum in hand Deed P. Sale of constable, Sheriff C. L. S. Land & others	Same 23		
James B. Dammer, William B. Dammer, David P. Curry & Amanda	21 April 1851 Deed P. Sale	Same 24	3 acres & 110 poles land Whistle Creek
C. M. his wife To John W. Price			
John W. Price & Elizabeth his wife To James B. Dammer, William B. Dammer & David P. Curry & Amanda his wife	21 April 1851 Deed P. Sale	Same	4 acres & 110 poles of land watered N. River
William L. Davis Conner To William Conner	1851 April 24 Deed P. Sale	Same	400 acres of land each Pasture River
John Dickman Senior To John Dickman Jr.	1 Jan 1851 Deed P. Sale	Same	200 acres of Land
Samuel D. Melting To Samuel McMoor in trust for John P. Baldwin and others	24 April 1851 Deed P. Sale	Same	Personal property and all interest grantor may have in real estate