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**Report of sale** of land, Fall Term 1852. Sold 21 Apr 1852. Milton HENSHAW bought the tract with 49 acres and Allen M. Osborn the 77 acres tract.

**Guardian account**, Feb Term 1835, Mary FREE, gdn. for the heirs of Joel FREE.

**Administrator's bond**, 4 Aug 1828, Samuel TROGDON & William FREE with security Elijah? SWARINGEN.

**Notice**, 11 Mar 1856, to Samuel FREE, Joshua H. FENTRISS & wife Arsenath, Calvin SWAIM & wife Susannah that J. WORTH, C.M.E. will execute Order of Reference on 22 Mar 1856. Another notice to Calvin SWAIM & wife Susannah, Samuel FREE, Solomon FREE & Alfred D. TROGDON.

**Decree** confirming Master & Referee's report, Spring Term 1886.

**Petition for dower**, Feb Term 1843, Mary FREE. Land on Deep River by Adam YORK, John PRITCHETT & others, containing about 330 acres, and also half of another tract adjoining the first, containing about 250 acres.

**Guardian account**, Feb Term 1836. Uree TROGDON, Jr., guardian for the heirs of Joel FREE, viz. Susana, Samuel, Daniel and Arsenith FREE. Also account for Feb 1835.

**Writ of dower**, Feb 1843.

**Guardian account**, 4 Feb 1839, John C. ALLRED, gdn. for heirs of Joel FREE.

**Receipt** by Solomon FREE for \$50 from Joel FREE, 7 Feb 1826.

**Memo** to J. WORTH from Wm. HINSHAW to make the deed to Mary FREE instead of Sam FREE. 24 Jan 1853.

**Mary (X) FREE**, upon payment of the bond given by her for the purchase of one of the tracts of land belonging to the heirs of Joel FREE, directs the clerk & master to make the title to James COBLE. 25 Oct 1852.

**Receipt** of \$50 by John FREE from Joel FREE, for his part in the land devised in the will of his father, Daniel. Oct 1822.

**Slip of paper**, no date. "In Equity Priscilla FREEs land sold. Joel FREE & John FREE's part to Mary FREE."

**FREE, MEBANE C. – 1867**

**Petition for partition**, 7 May 1867. Joseph SPOON & wife Sarah, and Priscilla A. FREE agst. Mebane D. FREE, Solomon H. FREE, Milton W. FREE & Marey M. J. FREE, minors heirs of Mebane C. FREE, dec'd., Sarah E. CAMPBELL and Matrey M. CAMPBELL, minor heirs of Addison CAMPBELL, who intermarried with Louisa, who is dead. Petitioners and defendants are tenants in common of about 360 acres, by Daniel TROGDON, William PUGH & others.

**Writ of partition** (order appointing commissioners to divide land), May Term 1867. Another dated Aug Term 1867.

**Report of partition** of land, Nov Term 1867. Divided 7 Oct 1867. Z. F. RUSH, sheriff, by G. WINNINGHAM, deputy, Tyson TROGDON, John C. ALLRED, Milton HINSHAW, A. A. BARKER. Minus HINSHAW, surveyor.

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## GLEANINGS FROM RANDOLPH COUNTY CRIMINAL ACTIONS 1842

*This is the thirty fourth segment in an ongoing series<sup>38</sup> sampling from the contents of sixty five boxes of*

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*criminal actions for our county. It is by no means an exhaustive abstraction. Only cases in which a definite charge can be established are included. If there are several instruments regarding a single case, only the most informative one might be listed. All bills of cost appearing in the folders have been eliminated, along with some more mundane issues.*

*Recognizances, capias writs, presentments, witness testimony, and search warrants are frequently found among criminal actions. When a researcher pays particular attention to the names of witnesses, accusers, and sureties associated with a particular family, he/she soon becomes aware of recurrent patterns of association which frequently betoken blood relationships or blood enmities. The names of younger members in the household, often minors who are veiled in the pre-1850 census records, are also sometimes revealed. These records may be the only ones in which those persons are identified. Witness testimony is particularly useful in revealing the day-to-day habits and concerns of our ancestors. I have also discovered that bastardy bonds and accusations of adultery/fornication frequently show up in this series. These examples have direct implications for our genealogy and may cast doubt on paternities. It is my hope that all of you will eventually find something useful and, at the same time, not overly embarrassing in these records. [For a more detailed description of Criminal Action Papers, please consult the first segment in this series.]*

*NOTE: BEWARE OF THE DATES OF OFFENSE IN THIS BOX. It seems to have become conventional to make the first of the month in which the complaint was made the date of the offense, regardless of the actual date. Bills of complaint often contain the correct date, while presentments sometimes use the convention.*

*Taken from C.R. 081.326.34 at North Carolina State Archives in Raleigh*

### 1842 (1)

Presentment (Feb 1842) of Zebulon PRITCHETT (waggoner) of Guilford County on a charge that he did remove and deface the arm of a post set up in the fork of the public road commonly called the Salem Road near the widow HINSHAW's, specifically the post pointing to Fayetteville and Asheboro, by burning it, 1 Jul 1841. Elias PRITCHETT bound surety for his appearance, 14 Jul 1842. James ANDREW bound surety in May of 1842. w/ Jesse WALL, Tristram HINSHAW, Calvin SWAIM, John HINSHAW, Thomas HINSHAW.

Bill of complaint (12 Nov 1841) against George GADDIS and Lyndon GADDIS by Clement ARNOLD, alleging that they assaulted him near Clement ARNOLD's home, 22 Oct 1841. Dixon M. CARMACK and James GADDIS were sureties for Lyndon GADDIS, 7 Jan 1842. George GADDIS escaped to Lincolnton, whence Paul KISTLER (the sheriff?) offered to capture and send him back again, 24 Jul 1842. Another warrant issued 11 Jun 1842. w/ Gilliam JONES, Patsy CASHATT, Clement ARNOLD, Thomas DAVIS, Michael RUSH, Bishop HICKS, Hannah DELK, Richardson FINCH

Presentment (Feb 1842) of John PUGH, Lemuel STOUT, John GOINGS and Solomon MCMASTERS on a charge of assaulting Jesse E. PUGH, 10 Nov 1841. w/ John LANE, Peter SPOON, Robert D. BEESON, Robert WILSON, John LANE, John CRAVEN, William JONES, Elisha COFFIN, Demmet BEESON, Robert WILSON, Samuel ALLRIDGE. MCMASTERS' sureties for appearance were Emsley MCMASTERS, Elisha MCMASTERS and David ALLRED (1 Jun 1842); Lemuel (X) STOUT's surety was William ALLRED.

Presentment (Aug 1841) of John ELLIOTT for stealing a bank bill on the Bank of the Cape Fear worth \$10 from John PATTERSON, 1 Apr. w/ Levi B. BRANSON, Sampson B. GLENN, John PATTERSON.