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This is an artificial collection, in essence, a sampling of the case files from the Justice, County, and District courts of Harris County (called Harrisburg County until 1839) from its first three decades, 1837-1867.

After the Republic of Texas gained its independence from Mexico in the spring of 1836, it spent the rest of the year establishing a system of functioning government. Among the most critical activities were organizing the courts and the counties. There was a flurry of activity in December when Congress and President Sam Houston established the counties, passed statutes setting forth the responsibilities and powers of both county government and the court system, and appointed the first set of officials and judges. In 1837, Harrisburg County was a reality, and the courts began dispensing justice.

Initially, each county had three levels of courts—the justice courts, the county court and the district court. Over the thirty years represented here, the responsibilities and structure changed as the Congress and Legislature enacted new legislation and Texas adopted three new constitutions.

The Justice Courts are at the lowest level of the court system, but their importance was emphasized in a Grand Jury report from near-by Washington County in March 1839:

“All know and admit that such officers [justices of the peace] are necessary as conservators of the peace and their courts indispensable for the administration of justice in cases where either from the nature of the demand, or the smallness of the amount in dispute, an investigation before the higher courts of the country is precluded.”

Presided over by a justice of the peace, it was (and is) the venue to which citizens could bring their civil disputes to be litigated without the expense of hiring an attorney or the delay of awaiting the next sitting of a higher court. Although justice courts had no criminal jurisdiction until the Constitution of 1845, even during the era of the Republic, as conservators of the peace, justices served as magistrates incarcerating suspects and referring their cases to the Grand Jury. Being a justice of the peace was a part-time job and the pay came from fees due from the litigants for each official duty performed.

Unlike today, Republic of Texas justice of the peace courts were courts of record although precious few justice court records have survived, so we know less about the workings of those courts even though it is probable that more cases were filed and disposed of in justice of the peace courts than in any of the other courts—just as it is today.

The County Court, created by Congress in 1836 as a local civil court, occupied an intermediate level between the justice and the district courts even though its authority in civil cases was not particularly inferior to the district court. The county’s chief justice presided, assisted by two justices of the peace while the county clerk served as clerk of court (in addition to being the county recorder). After Annexation to the United States in 1845, the county court ceased until the Constitution of 1866 resurrected it, assigning to it both civil and criminal jurisdiction. During the second period of its existence, the county clerk initially served as clerk court until the Constitution of 1869 abolished the office of county clerk and assigned its responsibilities to the district clerk.

The District Court, created by the Constitution of 1836, has been in continuous existence since the first sitting in 1837. Throughout the period represented by this collection, Harris County was in the Second Judicial District although subsequent growth required the creation of additional courts and has moved the Second Judicial District away from Houston. A district judge presides, and the district clerk has always been clerk of court. During this era, the judge was elected from a district composed of several counties but each county elected its own district clerk.

Harris County has always been a dynamic, growing community which tends to be good for the economy, but, ironically, hard on the records. Between 1837 and 1910 the county constructed five different courthouses and frequently rented additional and temporary space. The 1910 Courthouse has gone through two major renovations and other purpose-built courthouses have been required to accommodate the third most populous county in the United States. (For a brief history of Harris County Courthouses, see <http://www.historicalcommission.hctx.net/courthouse.aspx>.)

Complicating the problem with files being relocated every few years has been the issue of custody for the county court records. It is unclear whether the county clerk or the district clerk

was responsible for county court records from the court's abolition under the Constitution of 1845 until the Constitution of 1866 reestablished it. But, when the office of county clerk was abolished under the Constitution of 1869, the files became the responsibility of the district clerk until the Constitution of 1876 reestablished the office of county clerk. Old files are most at risk when they are being moved from one place to another because it is always easier to discard unneeded files than to relocate them.

Over the course of these moves and reorganizations, most case files were lost. The district clerk does have civil cases dating as far back as those in this collection, but they are incomplete and there are virtually no criminal documents.

Fortunately, the bound minutes for both the county and district courts have survived in the archives of the county and district clerks. (The Harris County Archives also has seven Justice Court dockets (1846-1870). Minutes are invaluable because they document when cases were heard and the outcome but they provide no details on the issue. We may learn that A recovered a judgment from B but without the court documents we will not know what the suit was about or the names of other parties involved. Similarly, contemporary newspapers sometimes carry legal notices from a case and, on rare occasions, will even report on an issue. Also, many of the names found in these files also appear in the newspapers—especially of the merchants who advertised even more regularly than they sued one another; however, these sources are no substitute for case files.

We will probably never know who put this collection together or why, but we are grateful that these case files have survived to give us insight into Harris County's distant past. And we are fortunate that in 1980, when newly-elected County Court at Law Judge Tom Sullivan found them in his courtroom, he took personal custody and safeguarded them until October 2010 when he returned them to Harris County for deposit at the Harris County Archives.

Scope and Contents Note:

Case files are the very essence of criminal and civil litigation. It is here that one finds the particulars of the matter in contention. Who did what to whom, when, how and sometimes where. They include the names of witnesses, the officials involved, and occasionally the names of jurors.

While most case documents are from the Republic of Texas (especially 1838), there are several from the 1850s and a small sampling from Reconstruction, but none from the Civil War period. Together the files create an incomplete picture of early Harris County, although some images are clear and dramatic. Lawsuits over the loss and spoilage of goods shipped from New Orleans illustrate that in 1837 the escalating population of Houston could not feed itself or even purchase sufficient produce from other Texas communities and had to import corn and other provisions from the United States.

The documents also show that modern problems are not actually new. Speculators and settlers eagerly purchased land that they could not pay for, so the creditors and subsequent holders of the

debt hauled them into court to force payment or seize the property. Thus, there are several promissory notes representing the first sales of lots and blocks in the oldest sections of Houston.

Similarly, purchasers, especially failed merchants, were also frequently unable to pay for goods obtained on credit. As a result there are a few mercantile accounts listing items purchased or seized by the sheriff. From those inventories it can be learned what consumer goods were available to early Texans and at what cost. This includes an amazing quantity and variety of liquor—a not especially earth-shaking revelation—but one that provides contemporary evidence to reminiscences of our earliest citizens.

Economists and historians will find examples of the resourcefulness of citizens during Reconstruction when dealing with money they had learned not to trust. In 1867 Adolph Klein promised to pay a debt to George Morgan in Mexican silver dollars or “its equivalent” in United States paper dollars. And, in the same year, Alfred Margoratti promised to pay a debt to Carl Körtge in U. S. gold coins. The pleadings showed that a gold dollar was worth \$1.35 in paper currency.

As noted above, however, this gives an incomplete picture of society of the era. The principals in these legal dramas are overwhelmingly men—and white men of property at that. Other sources reveal that society included many women, numerous blacks, a few Mexicans, and Native Americans. Yet the women in the documents are usually secondary players. The only Hispanic is Lorenzo De Zavala (son of the more famous Lorenzo De Zavala, first vice president of the Republic of Texas), who translated during a deposition for Francis Arnau, who spoke English “imperfectly.” The named black Houstonians are all slaves, either the subject of a suit or property seized to satisfy a judgment. And Native Americans do not appear at all. Still, accounts of the era seldom mentioned minorities, so these bits of information, although unsatisfying, add to the little that we do know.

Although there was much overlap, the jurisdiction of each court determined what type of cases it heard.

COUNTY COURT PAPERS, ca. 175 Cases, 1837-1842 & 1867-1869:

From 1837 until it was abolished by the Constitution of 1845, the county had concurrent jurisdiction with the District Court in civil disputes in excess of \$100 but had no criminal jurisdiction. Consequently, this collection consists of suits involving promissory notes, bonds, debts, damages for loss of property, collections on accounts, delinquent taxes, and so forth.

Worthy of special note for this period are a subseries of ca. 100 executions (*fi fas*) described starting on Page 36, in which the former county clerk sued the former sheriff over fees due for services in different cases in county court. Jointly, these cases demonstrate the workings and problems of the fee system of official compensation prevalent in the Nineteenth century. After Annexation to the United States in 1845, the County Court ceased to exist until Reconstruction when the Constitution of 1866 resurrected it giving it “jurisdiction of all misdemeanor and petty offenses” and in civil matters not exceeding \$500. The six cases included in this category are all civil.

DISTRICT COURT PAPERS, 17 Cases, 1838-1841:

During this era, the District Court had concurrent civil jurisdiction with the County Court in civil cases in disputes in excess of \$100 and sole jurisdiction in admiralty and maritime matters. (It should be noted that despite that provision, the County Court heard at least two cases involving ships' cargoes.) The District Court also had jurisdiction in all criminal cases.

The seventeen district court cases in this collection are mostly over monetary matters although there are some criminal documents. These supplement the civil case files held by the Harris County District Clerk.

JUSTICE COURT PAPERS, 20 Cases, 1839-1841, 1855-1858:

The Justice of the Peace cases in this set, especially when combined with the seven Justice Court Dockets, also in the Harris County Archives, are an important addition to manuscript resources available to the study of Texas legal and social history. In most respects they differ little from similar cases in the district and county courts, but they are unique in that the litigants apparently dispensed with professional legal counsel and made the arguments themselves.

Archivist's Note:

Over the years, much of the original order had been lost. Most of the documents were in plain, highly acidic envelopes manufactured many years after the documents were originally created. Typically a case number in pencil or colored pencil with "County" appeared on them. The contents were usually associated with the case number written on the jacket, but there were many exceptions. Some contained documents from several different cases, and some cases were in several scattered envelopes. In addition, other documents were loose, perhaps never having been in an envelope, perhaps having become separated. Moreover, many of the jackets with "County" written on them actually contained papers from the justice or district courts.

The numbering of case files and documents is inconsistent and not yet fully understood. Many papers have more than one case number which is also associated with other files. Some documents have no number at all. This phenomenon has been observed for other Texas courts during the same era suggesting that the numbers may be associated with now long lost court dockets and case numbers may have been changed with each new court sitting. Consequently, the arrangement of the cases is, so far as possible, chronological and thereafter in case number order.

The literacy and penmanship of the creators varied greatly, so some documents, especially those deteriorated, are well-nigh indecipherable. This is particularly a problem with names because one must contend not only with marks that may be one (or more) of several different letters, but also of variant spellings. It is not unusual for the same name on a document to be spelled clearly several different ways or for there to be multiple possible interpretations of a scrawl.

Most documents are in good physical condition as the paper of the period tended to be high quality and able to withstand long periods of benign neglect—but not abuse. Some sheets have

been damaged by water, mold, vermin and abrasion while ink has faded on some and eaten through others. A professional conservator repaired, cleaned, and stabilized the collection.

Finally, case files seldom tell the full story. Then, as now, litigation often ended before the court handed down a decision and some papers must have been lost. Nevertheless, this is a rich source of economic, social, family, and legal history for the Republic of Texas in general and Harris County in particular.

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From the *Matagorda Bulletin*, June 28, 1838:

AN ACT

Illegible. . . of Sheriffs.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Texas in Congress assembled,* That if any sheriff shall fail to return an execution within the time prescribed by law, or shall neglect to pay money recovered upon an execution, to the counsel of record upon an execution, there shall be rendered against such sheriff, a judgment for the account due upon the execution with ten per cent, damages and also ten per cent. interest per month until the whole amount be paid; ***provided*** that they party moving for such judgment shall have given to the sheriff at least three days notice, before the motion made, which judgment may be rendered before any court of record in the county where such execution was issued.

Sec. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That in any case where the sheriff is a party to the suit, all processes shall be executed by the constable of the township where the court is held in cases where there is no coroner in the county, or if he be absent from the seat of justice of the county, at the time the process is obtained, and in such case the constable shall have jurisdiction co-extensive with the county.

JOSEPH ROWE,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Inventory

Arrangement

Each "Title" consists of the name(s) of the plaintiff followed by the name(s) of the defendant and represents a folder containing all the documents in a case. The cause of action, if known, appears immediately beneath the title.

Following the title is a listing of each document, often with a brief description identifying the most important individuals.

At the bottom are listed "Other Names" where all other individuals who can be identified are listed. The names of the attorneys appear before the double colon (::) and the names (surname first) of the other persons listed, including witnesses, jurors, and officials.

The location consists first of the box number separated by X from the file number.

COUNTY COURT

Title	Date	Location
<i>Syndics of Harris & Wilson v. John Moore and William Monroe</i>		1672-X-01
Debt on Note		
Promissory Note and Petition – Department of Brazos Jurisdiction of Austin.	1835	
Petition – Frayed; Note executed in 1835; Aldridge is White's administrator.	Undated	
Petition – Department of Brazos, Jurisdiction of Austin; apparently a transcript of proceedings in 1835; document includes transcribed copy of promissory note and pleading.	[1838]	
Other Names: Wymys & Lawrence::Wilson, Robert; White, W. C.; Aldridge, W. B. ; Williams, Samuel M.; Harris, William P.		
<i>Mosley Baker v. Richard Best and James Thompson</i>		1672-X-02
No Cause of Action		
Petition	1837	
Promissory Note – Purchase of Lot 12, Block 22	1837	
Other Names: Gray, W. F.; Briscoe, A.; Allen, John R.; Morton, John V.; Harris, Lew B.; Hubbard, Zadock		
<i>J. G. Morrow v. John Hoffman & Co.</i>		1672-X-03
No Cause of Action		
Subpoena – Zadock Hubbard subpoenaed to appear for plaintiff; John V. Morton is sheriff of Ft. Bend County	1838	
Other Names: none		

<i>Elisha Floyd v. A. J. Ephraim</i>	1672-X-04
Suit for Damages	
Petition –	1838
Corn shipped from New Orleans on Steamboat <i>Leonidas</i> now known as the <i>Sam Houston</i>	
Interrogatories –	1838
Shipment of corn to Scott & Floyd on Steamboat Constitution by Beard, Pitts, & Co. of New Orleans; Embossed Court Seal.	
Bill of Costs -	[1838]
Answer of A. J. Ephraim –	1838
Mentions Steamboat <i>Leonidas</i>	
Interrogatories –	1838
Copy of Interrogatories; Delarue is in New Orleans; Delarue Commanded Schooner <i>Helen</i> ; Hanna Commanded Schooner <i>Leonidas</i> .	
Interrogatories –	1838
Interrogatories to Charles Pitts of House of Bean & Pitts of New Orleans;	
Notice of Interrogatories –	1838
Interrogatories to Charles Pitts formerly firm of Bean, Pitts & Co. of New Orleans;	
Subpoena –	1838
Subpoena for Joseph Waterman, J. W. White, and William Cockburn to appear as witnesses for plaintiff.	
Amended Petition –	1838
Bill of Lading attached by wax; Firm of Thomas Scott & Floyd has been dissolved; suit over corn shipped on Steam Boat <i>Leonidas</i>	
Account due officials and county	1840

Other Names: SS & Tomkins, Tomkins & Scott; B & M & W & S; Burnett & Moreland; Wymys & Lawrence::Pitts, Charles; Bona, T. B.; Beard, Joseph A.; Kidd, Thomas H.; Briscoe, Andrew; Harris; D. W. Clinton; Moore, J. W.; Harris, Lewis B.; Delarue; Hanna, Benjamin F.; Pitts, Charles; Waterman, Joseph; White, J. W.; Cockburn, William; Allen, C.; Fitzgerald, John

<i>Francis W. Thornton v. Wymys & Lawrence (& Lovridge?)</i>	1672-X-05
Suit on Note	
Petition and Answer –	1838
Francis W. Thornton is a resident of Galveston County; \$200 note "for value received"; case non-suited; "Archibald," "William" and "Lovridge" inserted into petition	
Summons –	1838
"23" marked out, "18" inserted.	
Fee Bill –	1838
"Ordered by Court that if security is not filed in 60 days suit to abate"	

Other Names: Herndon, J. H.; Jarman::Briscoe, Andrew; Wymys, Archibald, Lawrence, William; [Lovridge]; Allen, C.; Harris, Lew B.; Southmayer, J. A.

<i>James Pickup v. Joseph Merrill</i>	1672-X-06
Debt	
Attachment –	1838

Sequestered building and lot of Block 15 on corner of Fannin & Texas (?).	
Petition & Order of Court – Signed by Briscoe and others.	1838
Summons –	1838
Bond –	1838
Mentions attachment on house and lot 15 at corner of Franklin and Travis;	
Summons –	1839
Fee Bill –	1839
Fee Bill –	1839
Petition –	1839

Other Names: Burnett & Morland; Wynns & Lawrence::Moore, J.; Harris, Lewis B.; Briscoe, Andrew; Punchard, Samuel; Southmayer, J. A.; Hand, M. D.; Moore, James W.; Conger, Jas.; Briscoe, G. C.; Harris, D. W. Clinton; Fitzgerald, John.

Lorenzo Brown v. John Hoffman & Co. 1672-X-07

Suit on Note	
Subpoena – John O'Brian subpoenaed to appear for plaintiff	1838
Jury Verdict – Jury finds for plaintiff	1838
Subpoena – Henry Kessler subpoenaed to appear for plaintiff.	1838
Subpoena – George Lively subpoenaed to appear for defendant	1838
Promissory Note – John Hufmann & Co. to Lorenzo Brown for value received in good.	1838
Petition With Court Order – Zadoc Hubbard and John Hoffman are surviving partners of firm of John Hoffman and Company; Leman Keley was other partner and is dead; Hubbard has left the Republic; Judge Briscoe appointed Isaac N. Mooreland curator for Hubbard.	1838
Answer –	1838
Subpoena – Thomas J. Gagley summoned to appear for defendant	1838

Other Names: Gagley, Thomas; Mooreland, Isaac N.; Burnett & Moreland::Allen, C.; Harris, Lew B.; Hubbard, Zadoc; Briscoe, A.; Lively, George W.; Kessler, Henry; Birdsall, M. L.; O'Brian, John; Moore, J. W.

Lubbock v. Connelly & Coughlin 1672-X-08

Action on Note	
Promissory Note – Purchase of Block 45, Lot 9 in town of Houston; it appears that there were two or more notes on this sheet and this one was neatly torn off.	1837
Answer –	1838
Bond – Sequestered: Lot 9 Block 45 of Houston, buildings, improvements, carpenter's tools, tinker's tools, and cooking	1838

utensils.
 Subpoena – 1838
 Appeal Bond – 1838

Connelly & Coughlin are appealing decision to District Court

Other Names: Wyms & Lawrence::Lubbock, Francis R.; Coughlin, John; Connelly, Michael; Miller, Charles; Cooper, James; Wilson, Wm. R.; Moore, John; Harris, D. W. Clinton

Lee v. Bodman 1672-X-09

Suit on Account
 Petition – 1838
 Dismissed Spring 1840; Includes list of goods purchased.
 Defendant's Answer – 1838
 Affidavit for Continuance – 1838
 References goods purchased of plaintiff.
 Subpoena – 1838
 "Mr. Harris at Lee's Store."
 Summons – 1838
 Fee Bill – 1838
 Affidavit for Continuance – 1838

Other Names: Wyms & Lawrence (Defendant) and Tomkins & Scott (Plaintiff)::Lee, William D.; Lee, Robert M.; Bodman, A. R.; Southmayer, J. A.; Briscoe, Andrew; Harris, Lew. B.; Mr. Harris; Shea, John; Harris, Thos.; Lee, George; Moore, John ; See, W. Douglas; Lee, George

Wyms & Lawrence v Whiting 1672-X-10

Cause of Action
 Interrogatories – 1838
 Appealed from Justice Shea's Court; Miles and Roberts reside
 in Liberty County
 Judgment/Bill of Costs – 1838
 Judgment/Bill – 1838

Other Names: ::Whiting, Samuel; Moore, John; Harris, L. B.; Miles, George; Roberts, A. S.; Evans, William T; Shea, John

Harlan v. Smith et. al 1672-X-11

Suit on Note
 Petition – 1837
 Note and Receipt – 1838
 Smith & Allen promise to pay Joseph Harlan \$1,050 and
 endorsements indicate partial payments
 Answer – 1838
 Firm of Henry R. Allen & Company consists of Henry R. Allen
 and Harvey Allen; Requests Harvey Allen be made a defendant
 Subpoena – 1838

Other Names: Gray, W. F.; Gorley & Birdsall::Harlan, Joseph; Smith, Niles F.; Allen, Henry R.; Allen, Harvey; Moore, J. W.; Allen, C.; Harris, Lew B.; Baker, William R.

<i>Wolfe v. Backman</i>		1672-X-12
Suit on Note		
Petition –	[1838]	
Note executed in New York.		
Statement –	[1838]	
Statement of Samuel A. Porter, Notary Public of New York regarding promissory note; New York Chemical Manufacturing Company and Chemical Bank are printed on form.		
Defendant's Answer –	1838	
Answer –	1838	
Promissory Note –	1838	
Note executed in New York June 1836; George Backman to Rowland Davies, assigned to Michael B. Wolfe.		
Summons –	1838	
Jury Verdict –	1838	
John Woodruff is foreman; Jury found note illegally obtained from Mr. Davies.		
Other Names: Wyms & Lawrence::Wolfe, Michael B.; Backman, George; Davies, Rowland; Porter, Samuel A.; Briscoe, A.; Harris, Lew B.; Moore, J. W.; Woodruff, John		

<i>Burnham v. Ros & Huffman</i>		1672-X-13
No Cause of Action		
Proceedings in County Court –	1838	
Transcript of documents filed in this case. Pages bound with ribbon running through them.		
Other Names: ::Burnham, James; Ross, Jno E.; Huffman, John; Harris, Lew B.; Archer, B. T.; Woodruff, John		

<i>Harbert v. Carlos</i>		1672-X-14
Action on Account/Collection on Debt		
Petition –	1838	
House Rental		
Answer –	1838	
Bill –	1838	
Bill for room rent, 1837-1838		
Bill –	1838	
Account for 1837-1838 including charges for rent of house, window sash, clothing, and carpenter tools and supplies.		
Bill –	1838	
Bill for room rent, 1837-1838		
Summons –	1838	
John Carlos summoned to answer complaint.		
Subpoena –	1838	
George Stevens subpoenaed to testify for plaintiff		
Subpoena –	1838	
George W. Stevens and William H. Hyronemous subpoenaed to testify for defendant.		
Subpoena –	1838	
William Rosenbury, Marshall McKeever, S. R. Boyce, John Shea, and James McGee subpoenaed to testify for plaintiff		
Jury Verdict Type of Document –	1838	
Jury finds for plaintiff.		

Other Names: Burnet & Moreland::Harbert, D. S.; Carlos, John; Fitzgerald, John; Allen, C.; Harris, Lew B.; Stevens, George; Hyronemous, William H.; Moore, J. W.; Harris, Lew B.; Rosenbury/Rosenberg, William; McKeever, Marshall; Boyce, S. R.; Shea, John, McGee James; Boyce

Syndics of Harris & Wilson v. Shipman 1672-X-15

Debt on Note
 Petition – 1838
 Large portions vermin damaged.
 Dilatory Plea – 1838
 Two sections vermin damaged. Moses Shipman was father to David Shipman. Mary Shipman was Moses Shipman's Widow; John M. Shipman was Moses Shipman's son; Mary and John Shipman were administrators of Moses Shipman's estate and are residents of Ft. Bend County. Moses Shipman “has been in his grave for about eighteen months.”
 Summons – 1838
 Vermin damaged.

Other Names: Tomkins & Scott::Williams, Samuel May; Shipman, Moses; Shipman, David; Shipman, Mary, Shipman, John; Fitzgerald, John; White, W. C.; Moore, J. W.; Harris, Lew B.

Harris v. Welschmeyer & DeChaumes(2 Cases) 1672-X-16

Debt on Note
 Petition Type of Document – 1838
 Suit for \$2,000
 Promissory Note – 1838
 J. G. Welschmeyer and Michael De Chaumes to D. W. Clinton Harris for unspecified tract of land; John Fitzgerald and William M. Burch are witnesses. Payable March 1, 1838
 Summons – 1838
 J. G. Welschmeyer and Michael De Chaumes summoned to appear in court.
 Petition Type of Document – 1838
 Suit for \$2,000
 Promissory Note – 1838
 J. G. Welschmeyer and Michael DeChaumes to D. W. Clinton Harris for \$2,000 for purchase of a tract of land; witnessed by John Fitzgerald and William M. Burch. Payable September 1, 1838
 Summons – 1838
 J. G. Welschmeyer and Michael De Chaumes summoned to appear in court.

Other Names: Gagle, T. P.:Harris, D. W. Clinton; Welschmeyer, J. G.; DeChaumes, Michael; Fitzgerald, John; Burch, William M; Southmayed, J. A.

Wyms v. Miller 1672-X-17

Suit on Note
 Petition – 1838
 Note specified payment in "Government military drafts."
 Summons – 1838
 Charles Miller summoned to appear in court; notation indicated

issue settled.		
Fee Bill –		1898
Document appears to be complete but extraneous writing indicates that the rest of the sheet was used for another document.		
Other Names: Burnet & Moreland; Tompkins & Scott ::Wyms, A.; Miller, Charles; Briscoe, A.; Southmayer, J. A.; Moore, J. W.		
<i>Waterman v. Levenhagen & Co.</i>		1672-X-18
Debt on Account		
Transcript –		1839
Transcript from Justice Court; noted judgment upheld.		
Appeal Bond From Justice Court –		1839
Levenhagen appealed decision in favor of Joseph Waterman to County Court.		
Subpoena –		1839
Subpoena for Gravis, Pryor Pebbles, John Shea, Maj. Western, Williams, Wilson, and Walker to testify for the plaintiff; Only Shea and Western were found in the County.		
Other Names: ::Shea, John; Levenhagen, Henry; Harris, D. W.; Waterman, Joseph; Moore, J. W.; Western, John Maj.; Graves (Gravis elsewhere) Theobald; W. L. Wilson; Walker; Williams; Rowe(?), L.(?); Barr, Maj.; Izod, J.		
<i>Burnett v. Boice</i>		1672-X-19
Collection on Note		
Petition –		1838
Petition –		1838
Promissory note from John Boice to Richard B. Williams to J. H. Perry to David G. Burnett. Payable at Bank of Newburg.		
Summons –		1838
Boice summoned to appear.		
Writ –		1838
Other Names: Burnett & Moreland::Burnett, David G.; Boice, John; Williams, Richard B.; Perry, J. H.; Briscoe, Andrew; Harris, Lewis B.; Williams, Richard B.; Moore, J. W.; Fitzgerald, John.		
<i>Lewis v. Welschmeyer</i>		1672-X-20
Debt		
Summons –		1838
Summons for J. G. Welschmeyer.		
Other Names: ::Lewis, Hamilton W.; Welschmeyer, J. G.; Moore, J. W.; Harris, Lew. B.; Holman, James S.; Winfield, G.		
<i>Halpen & Jones v. Hofmann & Co.</i>		1672-X-21
Suit for Payment of Goods		
Petition –		[1838]
Steamboat <i>Branch T. Archer</i>		
Statement –		[1838]
Goods Bought of Halpern & Jones		
Summons –		1838

Other Names: Wyms & Lawrence::Halpen, P.; Jones, William; Hoffman, John; Moore, John W.; Harris Lew. B

Brown & Loveridge v. Bigelow 1672-X-22
Unknown
Appeal Bond From Justice Court – 1838
Brown & Loverridge appealing ruling to County Court.
Transcript Type of Document – 1839
Appealed from Justice Shea's Court.

Other Names: ::Bigelow, Charles; Loveridge, John B.; Brown, William;; Shea, John; Woodward, C. C.; McGee, James W.

Baker v. McClellan 1672-X-23
Action on Debt
Petition – 1838
Note – 1838
Purchase of Lot 12, Block 21
Summons – 1838

Other Names: Gray, W. F.::Baker, Mosley; McClellan, Samuel; Briscoe, A.; Allen, John R.; Holman, James; Moore, J. W.

Harris & DeChaums v. Wyms & Follet 1672-X-24
Debt on Note
Petition – 1838
Harris is Assignee of DeChaums; Follet is beyond jurisdiction of court.
Summons – 1838

Other Names: ::Harris, D. W. Clinton; Dechaums, Michael; Wyms, Archibald; Follet, Frederic; Moore, J. W.; Harris, Lew. B.; Briscoe, A.

Heddenberg & Vedder v. Randall 1672-X-25
Debt on Account
Petition – 1838
Includes lists of goods purchased
Answer – 1838
Summons – 1838
Subpoena – 1838
Tarsus Y. Duffau summoned as witness for defendant.

Other Names: Portis & Tarpley; Burnet & Moreland ::Hedenberg, Charles J; Vedder, Phillip V.; Randall, John T. (Randel); Briscoe, Andrew; Moore, J. W.; Harris, Lew B.; Fitzgerald, John

Doswell, Adams & Co. v. Brown, Loveridge, & Co. 1672-X-26
Suit for non-payment
Petition – 1838
Account of Purchases –

Other Names: Birdsall, J.:;Doswell, James T.; Adams, William; Brown, William; Loveridge, John B.; Shaw, John C.

McNeill v. Wheeler 1672-X-27
Debt on Note
Petition – 1838
 McNeill sues for use of Doswell & Adams
Promissory Note Type of Document – 1838
 Includes receipts for partial payments.
Summons Type of Document – 1838

Other Names: Tomkins & Scott::McNeill, John D.; Wheeler, J. O.; Moore, J. W.

Andrews v. Hatton & Floyd 1672-X-28
Debt on Note
Petition – 1838
Summons – 1838

Other Names: Burnet & Mooreland::Andrews, Joseph W.; Hatton, F. D.; Floyd, William L.; Briscoe, A.; Moore, J. W.; Allen, C.; Harris, Lew B.

Casler & Co. v. Brown, Loveridge, & Co. 1672-X-29
Debt on Draft
Petition – 1838
 The name on the petition is A. Piets while the note was signed
 A. Diets.
Draft – 1838
 Draft dated 1838; A. Diets Directs Brown, Leveridge & Co. to
 pay \$695.36 to Casler & Company and charge it to his account.
Summons – 1838

Other Names: Tompkins & Scott::Casler, Charles; Mason, James; Brown, William; Diets/Piets, A.; Briscoe, Andrew; Loveridge, John B.; Shaw, John B.; Moore, J. W.; Harris, Lew B.

Baker v. Woodruff 1672-X-30
Action on Debt
Defendant's Answer – 1838
 Defendant claims to have been defrauded.
Note – 1838
 Purchase of Lots 1, 2, & 11--Block not specified.
Type of Document – 1838

Other Names: Wym & Larson::Baker, Mosley; Woodruff, John; Allen, John K.; Allen, A. C; Holman, James S.

Yates v Porter 1672-X-31
Debt on Note
Petition – 1838
 A. J. Yates sues W. N. Porter over a note originally issued to J.
 K. Allen, Agent of the Houston Town Company, to purchase
 lots 8 & 9 in Block 12; Porter absent, W. F. Gray appointed

curator.	
Promissory Note –	1837
W. N. Porter to John H. Allen for purchase of Lots 8 and 9 in Block 12 dated March 3, 1837.	
Summons Type of Document –	1838
W. F. Gray summoned as curator <i>ad litem</i> .	
Subpoena –	1838
John K. Allen summoned as witness.	
Subpoena –	1838
John Allen summoned as witness.	

Other Names: Gray, W. F.; Burnett & Moreland ::Yates, A. J.; Porter, W. N.; Wilson, W. K.; Allen, John K.; Moore, John W.; Harris Lew. B.; Holman, James S.; Shea, John; Wilson, W.; Grap, W. F.

Honnings v. Palmes 1672-X-32

Collection on note	
Petition –	1838
Account of Purchases –	1837
Answer –	1838
Note was for lots in Harrisburg	
Subpoena –	1838
Subpoena –	1838
Summons –	1838
William Jones was Auctioneer. Dismissed at plaintiff's costs Dec. 1841.	
Execution –	1838
Palmes prevailed in the suit and this is an 1842 execution from District Clerk to collect costs.	
Bond Title/Deed of Sale –	1838
For Lots 5 & 8 Block 14, Corner Partition #7 on Buffalo Bayou in South Harrisburg.	
Fee Bill	1838

Other Names: Burnet & Moreland; Tomkins & Scott::Honnings, Elijah; Palmes, John; Jones, William; Moore, J. H.; Harris, L. B.; Lubbock, F. R.; Weeks, Wm. F.; Southmayer, J. A. ; Rodgers, Magnus T.; Fitzgerald, John; Dobie, Sterling N.; Allen, C.

Brown & Loveridge v. Cronican & Foreman 1672-X-33

Debt	
Summons –	1838
Payment Order –	1838
P. Riley directs Foreman & Cornican to pay Brown & Loveridge \$116.23.	

Other Names: ::Brown, William; Loveridge, John B.; Cronican, Michael; Foreman, B. W.; Moore, J. W.; Foreman, B. A.; Harris, Lew. B.; Riley, P.

Brown & Loveridge v. Cronican & Foreman 1672-X-34

Debt on Note	
Petition –	1838
Promissory Note –	1838
Included receipts for partial payments	

Summons – 1838
Other Names: Wyms & Lawrence ::Brown, William; Loveridge, John B.; Cronican, Michael; Foreman, B. W.; Allen, C.; Harris, Lew B.; Briscoe, A.

McFarlane v. Wyms 1672-X-35

Suit on Note

Petition – [1838]

Manual McFarlane is administrator for William McFarlane. Manuel McFarlane gave Archibald Wyms a \$257 note from Jesse Cartwright for hire of slaves in William McFarlane's estate; Wyms sued Cartwright in Ft. Bend County and obtained judgment which was satisfied; but Wyms has not turned proceeds over to McFarlane.

Answer – 1838

Writ – 1838

Defendant summoned to appear; "non-suit" on document.

Fee Bill – 1838

It appears that someone neatly tore sheet of paper in half; the name "Josiah Peebles" is written in pencil in a different handwriting, apparently as an exercise.

Other Names: Tompkins & Scott; Wyms & Lawrence::McFarlane, Manuel; McFarlane, William; Cartwright, Jesse; Briscoe, Andrew; Cartwright, Jesse H.; Moore, J. W.; Harris, Lew B.; Southmayer, J. A.; Peebles, Josiah

Long v. Cook 1672-X-36

Debt

Petition – 1838

William Long sues for the benefit of the owners of the Schooner *Henry*. March 1838 cargo thrown overboard to prevent loss of ship on north breaker of Galveston. Long is master of the Schooner and Cook is a merchant.

Summons Type of Document – 1838

William M. Cook summoned to appear in court.

Defendant's Answer – 1838

This is a maritime case and the Court has no jurisdiction.

Subpoena – 1838

Thomas M. League and Thomas N. Borden summoned as witnesses for defendant.

Subpoena – 1838

Pilot of Galveston subpoenaed to testify for the defendant; Pilot not named but the name "McKane" is on front of page and is likely the subject of the subpoena.

Subpoena – 1838

John Viven; R. M. Breakenridge; John Hutchinson; John O'Brian; R. D. Johnson, and G. W. Hanchett subpoenaed to testify for defendant.

Continuance – 1838

W. M. Cook asks for continuance because B. D. Johnson, Gail Borden, and Thomas M. League are absent and will testify for him.

Other Names: Gray, W. F.::Long, William; Cook, William M.; Hutchinson, James G.; League, Thomas M.; Borden, Thomas H.; Borden, Gail; Moore, J. W.; Harris, Lew. B.; Southmayer, J. A.; McKane; Allen, C.; Harris; Johnson, B. D.

Barr and McClanahan v. Reiley and Tuttle 1672-X-37

Action on Note
 Petition – 1838
 Robert Barr and John McClanahan are administrators for Henry
 Foley, deceased.
 Promissory Note – 1838
 Note payable to estate of Henry Foley
 Summons – 1838
 Phillip Reiley and Ashael Tuttle summoned to answer
 complaint; Summons for Reiley delivered to Mr. King at the
 Union House and summons for Tuttle delivered to Mr. T. D.
 Allen "who occupies the Shakespeare House."

Other Names: Tompkins & Scott::Barr, Robert; McClanahan, John; Foley, Henry; Reiley, Phillip; Tuttle, Ashael; Links, G. W.; Moore, J. W.; Allen, T. D.; Harris, Lew B.; King.

Angier v. Richardson 1672-X-38

Debt On Note
 Petition – 1838
 Stephen Richardson delivered a promissory note in November
 1837 at Chocolates Bayou.
 Summons – 1838
 Stephen Richardson summoned to appear in court
 Fee Bill – 1838

Other Names: Wyms & Lawrence::Angier, Samuel T.; Angier, Permelial/Pamelia; Richardson, Stephen; Southmayer, J. A.; Moore, J. W.; Harris, Lew B.

Bryan v. Western 1672-X-39

Debt
 Petition – 1838
 Note – 1836
 Note dated May 18, 1836; Goldsmith's, Hubbell's, and
 Rondeau's signatures are marked out; note originally to
 Goldsmith.
 Summons – 1838
 T. G. Western summoned to appear in court.
 Public Instrument of Protest – 1838
 Printed form for the State of Louisiana.
 Plea – 1838

Other Names: Gray, W. F.; Wyms & Lawrence::Bryan, William; Western, Thomas G.; Rondeau, C. A. F.; Cenas, Hilary Breton; Taylor, R.; Wickes, J. J.; Goldsmith, Daniel; Hubbell, Levi; Rondeau, W. H.; Briscoe, A.; Moore, J. W.; Harris, Lew B.

Hoyl v. Moreland 1672-X-40
 Action on Debt
 Summons – 1838
 J. M. Moreland summoned to answer complaint
Other Names: ::Hoyl, J. W.; Moreland, J. M.; Moore, J. W.; Harris, Lew B.

Dixon v. Mock 1672-X-41
 Debt
 Promissory Note – 1838
 William N. Mock to John K. Allen for value received, May 1837; Transferred to Mosely Baker and then to John Dyson.
 Summons – 1838
Other Names: ::Dixon, John; Mock, William N.; Moore, J. W.; Allen, J. K.; Holman, James; Baker, Mosley, Dixon, John

Hinds v. Levenhagen & Co. 1672-X-42
 Damages (?)
 Transcript of Proceedings.– 1838
 Captain Hinds for the Owners of the Sloop Harriet. Appealed from Judge Shea's Justice Court.
 Bill of Lading – 1838
 For six bags of coffee shipped from New Orleans.
 Bill of Lading – 1838
 For eight barrels of flour shipped from New Orleans.
Other Names: ::Hinds; Levenhagen, Henry; Dickerson, B. B.; Guttschout, G. W.; Shea, John; McGee, James M.

McKinney v. Mock 1672-X-43
 Action on Debt
 Petition – 1838
 Note – [1838]
 To Houston Town Company for "value received."
 Summons – 1838
 Very good embossed court seal.
Other Names: Burnet & Moreland ::McKinney, Thomas F.; Mock, William N.; Briscoe, A.; Allen, John R.; Holman, James S.; Moore, James; Harris, Lew B.

Reed v. Dunman 1672-X-44
 Action on Debt
 Transcript of Proceedings – 1838
 From Judge Farley's Court in Liberty County and Judge Shea's in Harrisburg.
 Appeal Bond – 1838
 Appealed from Judge Shea's Justice Court.
Other Names: ::Reed, John C.; Dunman, Joseph; Shea, John; Eaves, Burell; McGee, James M.; Rogers, Samuel; Farley, Henry Wise; Slaydon, Arthur; Western, T. G.; Shea, John; Wilson, Robert

Doswell, Adams, & Co. v. Stockbridge 1672-X-45
 Debt on Account
 Summons – 1838
 Answer – 1838
 Subpoena – 1838
 Christopher Bangal summoned as a witness for the defendant.
 Receipt – 1838
 Mosley Baker bought 2,022 ft. of pine flooring at 8¢ a foot.
Other Names: Burnett & Moreland ::Doswell; Adams; Stockbridge, Calvin; Baker, Mosley; Bangal, Christopher; Allen, C.; Harris, Lew B.

Waples v. Beldin 1672-X-46
 Debt on Note
 Petition – 1838
 John Beldin gave a note to J. H. Stevens who endorsed it to J. Waples.
 Summons Type of Document – 1838
 Dismissal – Note directing clerk to dismiss suit as debt has been paid; 1838
 signed W. Lawrence.
Other Names: Wymys & Lawrence::Waples, J.; Beldin, John; Stevens, J. H.; Lawrence, W.; Harris, Lew B.; Moore, John W.

Unknown v. Unknown [Too Damaged for Inspection] 1672-X-47
 Unknown
 Writ– 1838
 Crumbling. Placed in mylar unopened.
Other Names: ::Moore, Jas.; Ross, J. E.; Huffman

McCraven v. Huffman & Co. 1672-X-48
 Debt on Note
 Petition (copy) – 1838
 William B. McCaven sues the company consisting of John Huffman, Leman Keley, and Zadok Hubbard. Seman Keley is dead and Samuel Powell is administrator of his estate
 Promissory Note – 1838
 Found inside Petition; Note for \$166 for "Value received in goods from Coney (?) Branon(?); \$20 received in January 1838.
 Petition Type of Document – 1838
 Petition similar to first but for \$140.
 Petition (copy) – 1838
 Copy of Petition, appears to be the same as the one for \$140.
 Summons – 1838
 Summons to John Huffman; Samuel Powell
 Defendant's Answer – 1838
 Articles of Co-ownership 1838
 Agreement among John Huffman, Josiah T. Harrell; Leeman Kelsey; and Zadoc Hubbard to form a partnership to retail groceries, liquors, wines, confectionaries and other articles;

spells out duties of partners; Harrell's given name also shown as Jonah;

Fee Bill – 1838

Other Names: Wyms & Lawrence; Burnett & Moreland ::McCraven, William B; Huffman, John; Powell, Samuel; Harris, Lew B.; Southmayer, J. A.; Branon, Coney (?);Fitzgerald, John; Harris, D. W. Clinton; Harrell, Josiah (or Jonah) T.; McKeever, Marshal M.; Moreland, J. M. NOTE: At various places the same name is spelled Kelsey, Kelcy, and Keley. Similarly Zakok is spelled Zadoc.

Stiff v. Holland

1672-X-49

Suit on Damages

Appeal Bond – 1838

A. G. Holland appealing verdict of Justice of the Peace William G. Evans; Endorsement shows that judgment was reversed in January

Transcript – 1838

Transcript from Justice Court of William G. Evans, September 1837; includes testimony of James Lighthall that Stiff said he would pay for a music box and articles lost when trunks broken open; L. B. Sweeney testified that the music box was a common one and that the miniature was well executed. He had seen them in August in Galveston. This is an exceptionally detailed and well preserved legal paper.

Subpoena – 1838

S. B. S. Sweeney, Q. N. Kinman, James Lighthall, and Porter subpoenaed to testify for plaintiff; Sweeney not found.

Subpoena – 1838

James R. Cheek and Clement subpoenaed to testify for defendant.

Request for Continuance – 1838

James R. Cheek and Clement have been subpoenaed but not available; he never had possession of the trunk and its contents.

Attachment Bond – 1838

Bond of Edward Stiff for \$140 in "current money of this Republic;" Stiff procured "summary process" against goods and chattel of A. G. Holland and James Cheeke; before Judge John Shea.

Bond – 1838

Bond of A. G. Holland and James McGee for \$140 in "lawful money of this Republic;" Constable McGee attached one yoke of oxen and one cart belonging to A. G. Holland.

Other Names: ::Holland, A. G.; Cheek, James R.; Clement; Wilson, William K; Southmayer, J. A.; Evans, William G.; McGee, James M.; Shea, John; Harris, Lew B.; Stephens, George

Briscoe v. Price et al.

1672-X-50

Debt on Note

Petition – 1838

W. W. Hall has left Republic

Petition to amend petition – 1838

Answer – 1838

Mosley Baker's Answer

Answer – 1838

Answer of Henry Matthews as sworn before J. Benton Johnson, County Clerk of Austin County.		
Statement of Facts –		1838
Signed by Baker and Matthews.		
Bill of Exceptions –		1838
Statement –		1838
Statement of amounts received from Col. Gray to satisfy a judgment in favor of Andrew Briscoe.		
Receipt –		1838
Unidentified party bought 1/2 of Lot 7, Block No. 20 (on Travis street) and 1/2 of 1/3 of Block 88 (corner of Brazos & Rusk Streets) that were property of James H. Price at the April 1838 term of County Court.		
Execution –		1838
Satisfied by selling 1/2 of 1/3 of Block 88 at corner of Brazos and Smith to W. F. Gray.		
Transcript –		1838
8 pages of a transcript of the proceedings in this case apparently being appealed to District Court; the first page of this section begins with "the purchase of a Share in the town of Galveston; last line is in the appeal bond.		
Other Names: Gray, W. F.; Briscoe, Andrew; Matthews, H., Price, T. H.; Baker, Mosley; Robertson, S. C.; Hall, W. W.; Shea, John; McGahy, James S.; Moore, John W.; Harris, Lew. B.; Allen, C.; Polk, W. C.; Johnson, J. Benton; Shea, John; Southmayer, John; Carlos, John; Johnson, J. Benton.		
 Moreton v. Smith		0673-X-01
Suit on Account		
Transcript –		1838
Eight (8) pages (2 pages blank), one sheet torn in half; this document prepared for appeal to District Court; Suit over board for Shelby Smith and others and horses; account includes charges for corn, meat, meal, ferryage, board, and cash; some proceedings in County Court, Ft. Bend County; one of orders of court was for Deputy Sheriff James M. McGee to turn over to Sheriff Moore an execution he had collected.		
Other Names: Wymys & Lawrence; Smith, Jackson (NOTE: Jackson Smith was defendants twin brother)::Moreton, John E.; Smith, Shelby; Moore, John W.; McGee, James M.; Southmayer, James M.; Briscoe, A.; Smith, Jackson; Boys; Fowett; Martin, Wesley; Harris, Lew B.; Allen, C.		
 Marshal v. Ferguson		1673-X-02
Suit for damages forbidden to use barroom on the Steamer <i>Correo</i> .		
Transcript of Proceedings –		1839
Endorsement stated that County Court has no jurisdiction, apparently appealed to District Court; Ferguson owns Steamer (Steam Boat) <i>Correo</i> .		
Fee Bill –		1839
Other Names: Tompkins & Scott; Wymys & Lawrence::Marshall, Henry; Ferguson, Hamlet; Briscoe, Andrew; Gedge; Harris, Lew B.; Southmayer, J. A.; Moore, J. W.; Allen, A. C.; Swett; Dibble; Summers; Powell, George W.; Wells, James; Woodruff, John; Newman, Felix P.; Scott, G. W.' Shea, John; McGahey;		

<i>Court v. Moore</i>		1673-X-03
Contempt of Court		
Copy of Proceedings –	1838	
Stephen S. Tomkins sent to jail for 6 hours for contempt; Sheriff Moore reported he had complied with court's order; court held Moore in Contempt for failing to comply with order; appealed to District Court.		
Other Names: Tomkins, A. M.::Moore, John W.; Southmayer, John A.; Briscoe, A.; McGahey, James S.; Shea, James; Burr, Robert; Stanley, S. C.		
<i>Frost v. Kinman</i>		1673-X-04
Debt		
Transcript -	1839	
Proceedings started in Justice Court; transcript included promissory note to Frost for payment in cash or cart wheels; second note is for lots 9 & 10 of block 8 of "his property" (i.e. Frostown).		
Appeal Bond –	1839	
Bond to appeal case to County Court		
Plea –		
Defendant's plea written in pencil.		
Subpoena –		
W. R. Baker subpoenaed to appear for plaintiff.		
Other Names: Spriett, J.::Frost, Samuel M.; Kinman, D. N.; Shea, John; McGee, James M.; Smith, John; Cunningham, James; Baker, William R.; Wilson, W. R.; Southmayer, J. A.; Lewis, F. F.		
<i>Cummings v. Bronson</i>		1673-X-05
Debt		
Transcript –	1839	
Transcript for appeal from Justice Court to County court.		
Promissory Note–	1839	
To Evans & Cummings, Attorneys, for services in Austin County District Court, Bronson vs. Charles Bigelow. This document was in Case Jacket #63 with papers for Honnings v. Palme, but was apparently misfiled.		
Summons –	1839	
J. R. Cummings, surviving partner of firm of Evans & Cummings summoned; Appealed from Justice to County Court.		
Answer –	1839	
Statement of Charles Cleland that Cummings is too ill to attend court; that the account was offset by services by plaintiff; moves for new trial.		
Other Names: ::Cummings, J. R.; Bronson, Zeno; Shea, John; Cleland, Charles; Harris, Lew B.; Evans, Mr.; Harris, D.W. Clinton; Bigelow, Charles; Owen, L. R.; McKean, Timothy; Bland, D. M.		
<i>White v. Reynolds and Wilson</i>		1673-X-06
Debt over Damages		
Execution –	1840	
Reynolds is principal, Wilson is security; Judge Shelby stayed the order because of an imperfection.		

Other Names: Wyms & Lawrence::White, James F.; Reynolds, F.; Wilson, Robert; Walker, Robert; Shelby, A. B.; Moore, John W.; Fitzgerald, John; Southmayered, J. A.

Dorr v. Nevels and Balthrop 1673-X-07
Debt over Damages
Execution – 1840

Nevels was principal, Balthrop was security; Deputy Busby
"Levied this execution on one negro boy named Aaron about
fifteen years old."

Other Names: Tomkins::Dorr, John; Nevels, William; Balthrop, B. G.; Moore, John; Busby, D.; Aaron (slave)

City of Houston v. Brannaugh 1673-X-08
Non Payment of Taxes
Execution – 1841

Taxes on Lot 1, Block 19 and Lot 11 Block 10. Sold to A. Levi

Other Names: ::Brannaugh, W. N.; Baker, W. R.; Culp, Daniel D.

City of Houston v. Burgess et al. 1673-X-09
Non Payment of Taxes
Execution – 1841

Levied Lot 10 in Block 41 with improvements

Other Names: ::Burgess, W. H.; Rodgers, Magness T., Fitzgerald, John; Culp, D. D.; Buckley; Baker, W. R.

City of Houston v. Capon 1673-X-10
Non Payment of Taxes
Execution – 1841

City of Houston collected on a judgment against "G. W. Capon
and one female slave."

Other Names: ::Capon, G. W.; Rodgers, Magnus T.; Fitzgerald, John; Culp, D. D.; Baker, W. R.; unnamed slave woman.

City of Houston v. Davis 1673-X-11
Non Payment of Taxes
Execution – 1841

Property sold to Mayor and Aldermen; Half lot 13 and lots 14,
15, and 16 in Beauchamp's Property .

Other Names: ::Davis, R. N.; Rodgers, Magnus T.; Fitzgerald, John; Culp, D. D.; Baker, W. R.

City of Houston v. Daniel et al. 1673-X-12
Non Payment of Taxes
Execution – 1841

Lot 6 Block 46 with improvements and Lot 12 Block 56 seized
and sold to Thomas League.

Other Names: ::Daniel, Joseph; Rodgers, Magnus T.; Fitzgerald, John; Culp, D. D.; Baker, W. R.; League, Thomas M.

City of Houston v. Everett 1673-X-13
 Non Payment of Taxes
 Execution – 1841
 Lots 6, 7, and 8 in Block 63 seized and sold to H. H. Cone.
Other Names: ::Everett, M. A. E., Mrs.; Rodgers, Magnus T.; Fitzgerald, John; Culp, D. D.; Baker, W. R.; Cone, H. H.

City of Houston v. Hassett & Graves 1673-X-14
 Non Payment of Taxes
 Execution – 1841
 Thomas League purchased Lots 9 & 10 in Block 172 and another piece of property.
Other Names: ::Rodgers, Magnus T.; Fitzgerald, John; Culp, D. D.; Baker, W. R.; League, Thomas M.; Parker, J. A. NOTE: No given names for Hassett or Graves.

City of Houston v. Hall 1673-X-15
 Non Payment of Taxes
 Execution – 1841
 City of Houston collected on a judgment against "J. Hall and N. E. part of Lot 1 in Block No. 2"; property sold to J. D. Andrews.
Other Names: ::Hall, J.; Rodgers, Magnus T.; Fitzgerald, John; Culp, D. D.; Baker, W. R.; Andrews, J. D.

City of Houston v. Hall 1673-X-16
 Non Payment of Taxes
 Execution – 1841
 Property sold to Mayor, Aldermen, and Inhabitants of Houston; Block 19, Lot 8.
Other Names: ::Hall, J. L.; Rodgers, Magnus T.; Fitzgerald, John; Culp, D. D.

City of Houston v. Levenhagen & Co. 1673-X-17
 Non Payment of Taxes
 Execution – 1841
 Embossed County Court Seal; Printed Form by Houstonian Press
 Receipt – Undated
 Receipt for City of Houston Taxes for 1840.
Other Names: ::Levenhagen, H.; Busby, Daniel; Culp, Daniel D.; Baker, W. R.; Rodgers, Magnus T.; Fitzgerald, John

City of Houston v. Morrel Crawford & Co. 1673-X-18
 Non Payment of Taxes
 Execution –
 Lots 9 and 10 in Block 10 with improvements sold to Alexander Levi.
Other Names: ::Rodgers, Magnus T.; Fitzgerald, John; Culp, D. D.; Levi, Alexander NOTE: It is unclear whether Morrell Crawford is one person or two surnames. Alternate spellings are Morrill, Morell, and Crowfford.

City of Houston v. Morrison 1673-X-19
 Non Payment of Taxes
 Execution – 1841
 Lot 11 Block 65; Embossed County Court Seal; Printed Form
 by Houstonian Press
Other Names: ::Morrison, Pauline; Rodgers, Magnus T.; Fitzgerald, John

City of Houston v. Munn 1673-X-20
 Non Payment of Taxes
 Execution – 1841
 District Court document used in County Court without
 alteration; Seized Lot 2, Block 21 and improvements.
Other Names: ::Munn, Thomas (deceased); Rodgers, Magnus T.; Fitzgerald, John; Culp, Daniel D.; Baker, W. R.

Documents in subseries ***Harris v. Moore*** located in Box 1673, Folders 21-23, are calendared at the end of the inventory beginning on Page 36.

Hohenthal & Hamilton v. Kaule 1673-X-24
 Debt on Note
 Petition – 1867
 Citation – 1867
 Execution with Bill of Costs – 1867
 Not executed.
Other Names: Crosby & Terrell::Hohenthal, S. L.; Hamilton, James; Kaule, John G.; Proudfoot, J. R.; Garrison, J. H.; Fisher, Sterling; Daly, W. A.

Körtge v. Margoratti 1673-X-25
 Debt on Note
 Petition – 1867
 Name sometimes written Koertge but signed Körtge; Debt
 secured by mortgage on horses, etc. recorded in Mortgages
 Vol. 2; documents value gold coin against U. S. Currency.
Other Names: ::Körtge, Carl; Margoratti, Alfred; Brashear, John; Fisher, Sterling; Rupne, H. Lewis; Zrik, O. F.

Howard & Burkhardt v. Roemer 1673-X-26
 Debt on Note
 Petition – 1867
 Attached to petition is a statement dated February 1864 from
 Hempstead possibly from a Thomas "Hempstede" to credit the
 account for making a pair of pants and coat.
 Promissory Note – 1860
 Note to Howard & Burkhardt in Galveston dated October 9,
 1860.
 Summons – 1867
 C. G. Roemer summoned to appear in court.
 Execution with Bill of Costs – 1867
Other Names: Wilson::Howard, John; Burkhardt, J. F.; Roemer, C. G.; Fisher, Sterling; Proudfoot, J. R.; Wilson, W. C.; Fisher, Sterling; Daly, W. A.; Hall, A. B.; Sherwood, Z. P.

<i>Lunday & McDonnell v. Neitch</i>	1673-X-27
Collection on Medical Bill	
Petition etc. in Attachment –	1867
Subpoena –	1867
J. C. Conliff subpoenaed to appear for Plaintiff	
Subpoena –	1867
Jno. L. Stevenson and J. C. Conliff subpoenaed to appear for Plaintiff.	
Subpoena –	1867
J. C. Conliff subpoenaed to appear for Plaintiff.	
Subpoena –	1867
J. C. Conliff subpoenaed to appear for Plaintiff.	
Bond of Indemnity –	1867
Citation of Garnishment –	1867
Embossed Court Seal	
Affidavit for Attachment –	1867
Bond for Attachment –	1867
Execution with Bill of Costs –	1867
Order to sheriff to sell block "near the Catholic burying ground."	
Other Names: ::Lundy, R. W.; McDonnell, George; Neitch, Theodore; Butt, F. N.; Hay, A. J.; Proudfoot, J. R.; Railes, R. G.; Fisher, Sterling; Garrison, J. N.; Hall, A. B.; Stevenson, Jno. L.; Conliff, J. C.; Daly, W. A.; Sherwood, T. P.; Frazier, G. W.; Hancock, Brad; Pulen, Jas.; Butt, F. N.; Hay, A. J.; Metcalf, E. A..	

<i>Morgan v. Klein</i>	1673-X-28
Debt on Note	
Citation –	1867
Promissory Note & Jury Verdict –	1867
Adolph Klein promises to pay George Morgan in Mexican silver dollars or the equivalent in U. S. paper currency.	
Execution –	1867
Other Names: Stewart & Barziza; Sherwood, F. P.::Morgan, George; Klein, Adolph; Fisher, Sterling; Daly, W. A.; Morn, A. C.; Proudfoot, J. R.; Hall, A. B.	

<i>Hearne v. McClellan & Lee</i>	1673-X-29
Debt on Account	
Petition –	1867
Lee and McClellan being "retail grocer merchants."	
Exhibit A–	1867
List of goods McClellan purchased from Hearn, mostly alcohol.	
Other Names: Baxter & Adams ::Hearne, Columbus C.; McClellan, William H.; Lee, Mark D.	

DISTRICT COURT

<i>Taylor v. Young</i>	1674-X-01
Appeal	
Order–	1839
"On motion of J. A. Lovett Esqr., the Court ruled that the	

	Sheriff deliver up to the deft. his wearing apparel & tools of trade which he may have attached of deft."	
Mandamus –		1839
	District Judge orders County Judge to send Statement of Facts in this case.	
Answer to District Court Mandamus –		1839
	Justices unable to make a statement in this case.	
Other Names: ::Taylor, Edward; Young, James A.; Franklin, B. C.; Holeman, James; Moore, J. W.; Southmayered, J. A.; Lovett, J. A.; Briscoe, Andrew; Hanna, Benj. F.; Shea, John		
<i>Punchard v. Randel</i>		1674-X-02
	Debt	
Petition –		1839
	Non-payment for purchase of slaves.	
Cash Receipt –		1839(?)
Other Names: ::Punchard, Samuel W; Punchard, Mary C.; Randel, John G.; Platt, S. H; Rusk, Thomas J.; Mills, John T.; Henry (slave); Priscilla (slave); Kitty (slave)		
<i>Holman v. Clarke</i>		1674-X-03
	Suit on Note	
Petition with Defendant's answer and judgment. –		1838
	James S. Holman is agent for Houston Town Company. P. C.	
	Jack appointed to answer for Henrietta Clarke	
Promissory Note –		1838
	H. Clarke to James Holman, August 30, 1837, \$1,500	
Other Names: Tompkins & Scott; Jack, P. C.::Holman, James S.; Clarke, Henrietta; Winfield, E. H.		
<i>Smith v. Briscoe & Jarvis</i>		1674-X-04
	Unknown	
Summons –		1838
	B. B. Triplett summoned to appear for the defendants.	
Summons –		1838
	Jame McGee summoned o appear for the defendants.	
Summons –		1838
	Sidney A. Murphy summoned to appear for the plaintiff.	
Fee Bill –		1838
Other Names: ::Smith, Benjamin D.; Briscoe, George C.;Wilson, William K.; Holman, James S.; Winfield, E. H.; Wilson, W. K.; Fitzgerald, John; Murphy, Gideon A.		
<i>Whiting v. De Chaumes</i>		1674-X-05
	Debt on Note	
Petition Type of Document –		1839
	claims De Chaumes issued note to James Austin who passed it to W. D. C. Hall	
Note –		1838
	DeChaumes' promissory note to Austin	
Summons Type of Document –		1839
Answer –		1839

Plea –	1839	Whiting sued "M. C. De Chaumes" and Michael De Chaumes argues that is not his name so the action is fatally defective.
Other Names: Portis & Portis; Reid, John R.:Whiting, Samuel; De Chaumes, Michael; Austin, William T.; Moore, John W.; Fitzgerald, John; Franklin, B. C.; Holman, James; Whitfield; McClanahan, James; Hall, W. D. C.		
Haynes v. Crawford and Rayburn	1674-X-06	
Debt		
Petition –	1838	Defendants owe plaintiff \$1,000 for his work and labor.
Summons –	1839	Alexander C. Crawford and John K. Raymond summoned to answer petition.
Summons –	1839	A. B. Robinson and A. H. Winn summoned to appear for defendants.
Other Names: Morris & Davis; Wyms & Lawrence::Haynes, Ephraim M.; Lubbock, F. R.; Scott, John; Holman, James; [??]ling, John; Moore, J. W.; Fitzgerald, John; Raymond, John, K.; Winfield, E. H.		
Larson v. Moore	1674-X-07	
Unknown, (Likely for rent of barroom)		
Commission to Take Deposition –	1840	Embossed Court Seal
Interrogatories –	1840	Francis Arnau was a bar keeper; John Fitzgerald is Coroner.
Deposition of F. Arnau –	1840	Arnau "speaks English imperfectly"; Lorenzo de Zavala (the younger) serves as translator.
Wrapper for Deposition	(1840)	
Other Names: ::Larson, Andrew; Moore, John W.; Fitzgerald, John; Winfield, E. H.; Arnau, Francis; Gray, William Fairfax; de Zavala, Lorenzo (Jr.); Gray, William F.; Gray, Peter; Holman, James; Winfield(?), E. H.		
Stanley v. Oates	1674-X-08	
Debt on Note		
Petition –	1840	John L. Stanley asks for payment of a note from James. W. Oates.
Promissory Note –	1839	James Oates to J. L. Stanley.
Capias –	1840	James W. Oates ordered to appear to answer complaint.
Defendant's Answer –	1840	
Receipt –	Undated	Receipt from attorney's for payment from District Clerk.
Continuance –	1840	George W. Toliver, a material witness, is absent.
Fee Bill Type of Document –	1840	Receipt for court fees.
Other Names: Tomkins, J. J.; Tomkins, A. M.; Scott & Gray::Stanley, J. L.; Oates, James W.; Winfield, E. H.; Moore, J. W.; Merry, P.; Holman, James		

<i>Hailey v. Reynolds</i>	1674-X-09
Unknown	
Execution –	1840
Seized 100 acres of land fronting on Buffalo Bayou.	
Other Names: ::Hailey, Thomas T.; Reynolds, Fabricious; Moore, J. W.; Fitzgerald, John; Shelby, A. B.; Porter, D. Y.; Holman, James S.; Winfield, E. H.	
 <i>Conger v. Hadenberg</i>	 1674-X-10
Debt on Note	
Petition & Verdict –	1838
Jury decision for Plaintiff, signed by foreman; States that Adams and Douglas died on September 20	
Promissory Note –	1838
Assigned to W. M. Brannaugh marked out.	
Defendant's Answer with Promissory Note attached –	1840
Promissory note is N. H. Andrews to James Conger	
Writ –	1838
Hadenberg is administrator of Andrews & Douglas	
Bill of Exceptions –	1840
Certificate –	1841
Certificate of Tom Green that the papers are on file at the Supreme Court in Austin; Bears Tom Green's signature	
Document wrapper –	1840
Appears to be the original container for the file.	
Other Names: Sewell & Phillips; Franklin::Conger, James; Hadenberg, Charles, T.; Fitzgerald, John; Moore, J. W.; Barkley, D. S.; Brannaugh, W. M.; Andrews, N. H.; Green, Tom; Douglas	
 <i>Republic v. Massey</i>	 1674-X-11
Grand Larceny	
Indictment/True Bill –	1840
Theft of Horse owned by Thomas H. Mulryne.	
Capias –	1840
Document printed with "County of Harrisburg" with "burg" marked out.	
Bond –	
Bond –	1840
Blank Sheet of Paper –	N/A
Associated with Republic v Massey.	
Other Names: ::Massey, Jesse; Murlyne, Thomas H.; Bigelow, Charles; Moore, John W.; Busby, D.; Holman, James; Winfield, E. H.; Israel, B.; Jarvis, E. M.; Davison Jonas; Lawrence [torn]; Merrys, Prettyman; Williams, Eli; Portis, David; Woods, William; Holman, James S.; [Illegible], John; J. L. (foreman)	
 <i>Beavers v. Johnston</i>	 1674-X-12
Collection on Promissory Note	
Original Petition –	1839
Summons –	1839
Summons for Alexander Johnston	
Other Names: Reid, John R.:Beavers, Wm. E.; Johnston, Alexander; Moore, J. W.; Winfield, E. H.; Franklin, Benjamin C.	

Courtney and Scott v. Smith 1764-X-13
 Unknown
 Summons – 1840
Other Names: ::Courtney, William J.; Scott, James W; Smith, Shelby; A. W.; Holman, James; Winfield, E. H.; Moore, J. W.; Perry, P

Hail v. Jarvis 1764-X-14
 Debt for Rental of Slaves
 Petition – 1840
 Jarvis rented Isaac and Matilda for 6 months or until Hail returned from the United States; Isaac and Matilda were husband and wife.
 Summons – 1840
 Jarvis to appear in court.
 Answer – 1840
 Defendant denies being indebted in the manner and form set forth.
 Agreement – 1840
 Subpoena – 1840
 Henry Kessler, William Peterson, and A. H. Moore subpoenaed to testify for defendant.
 Summons– 1840
Other Names: Buckley, C. W.; Hoover, G. W.:Hail, Gatewood; Jarvis, E. M.; Isaac (slave); Matilda (slave); Moore, J. W.; Murry, P.; Shelby, Anthony B.; Horton, Frederick; Kessler, Henry; Peterson William; Osborn, A. H.; Holman, James S.; Winfield, C. C.; Moore, A. H.

City of Houston v. Whiting 1674-X-15
 Tax Suit
 Execution – 1841
 No property seized, improperly issued.
Other Names: ::Whiting, Samuel ; Lubbock, F. R.

Republic of Texas v. Pilout 1674-X-16
 Assault and Battery
 True Bill – 1842
Other Names: ::Pilout, Josiah W.; Terry, Eliza; Baskins, S. P. (Dr.); Babcock, D. W.; Raymound, Amelia; Andrews, J. C.; Holman, Jas. S; Rawlings, John (?).

Republic of Texas v. Moffat 1674-X-17
 Assault
 Indictment – 1841
 defendant no billed; alleged assaulted John Carr with "a billet of wood," a dangerous weapon; Andrew Browne and Sol Myrick witnesses; billet grazed Carr and broke out several panels of glass in the grocery door; A. C. Allen foreman of grand jury.
 Complaint – 1841
 Statements of Andrew Brown and Sol Myrick; assault

apparently took place on Dec. 24, 1840 at May and Moffat's grocery; assault started with Moffatt slapping Carr; grabbed "a billet of wood and started at Carr and grazed his head and broke several frames of glass in the windows of the door in Way and Moffat's grocery"; arrest made by unnamed deputy marshal.

Appearance Bond – 1841

Moffatt charged with "a breach of peace"; Gamble Dawson and William Wood are sureties; D. W. Babcock signs as Justice of the Peace.

Other Names: Gray, P. W. (District Attorney)::Moffatt, James; Carr, John; Browne, Andrew; Myric, Sol; Myrick; May; Allen, A. C.; Dawson, Gamble; Wood William; Lamar, M. B.; Babcock, D. W.;

JUSTICE COURT

County of Harrisburg v. Boyce 1674-X-18

Non-payment of Taxes

Execution – 1839

May be earliest surviving Harris County JP form.

Other Names: ::Boyce, Robert P.; Fitzgerald, John

Republic of Texas v. Cole 1674-X-19

Non-payment of Taxes

Execution – 1841

Sheriff Rodgers seized 4,428 acres on both sides of East San Jacinto and sold it to James Morgan.

Other Names: ::Cole, John; Rodgers, W. T.; Fitzgerald, John; Morgan, James; Balthrop, B. G.; Belden, Samuel C.; Blackman.

Republic of Texas v. Clarkson 1674-X-20

Non-payment of Taxes

Execution – 1841

Other Names: ::Clarkson, James; Rogers (sic), M. T.; Bal_____, B. J.; Morgan, James; Fitzgerald, John

Lillie v. Graham 1674-X-21

Unknown

Execution – 1855

Reeves is Justice for Beat No. 3

Other Names: ::Lillie, J. E; Graham, John H.; Reeves, W. B.; Hogan, T. M.; Williams, W. L.

O'Driscol v. Barnon 1674-X-22

Debt

Execution – 1855

Judgment for \$35 principal plus costs and interest; no property found in Harris County.

Other Names: ::O'Driscol, W. C.; Barnon, Samuel; Reeves, W. B.; Hogan, T. M.

<i>Crenshaw v. Griffith</i>	1674-X-23
Debt	
Execution –	1856
Other Names: ::Crenshaw, Anthony W.; Griffith, J. M.; Reeves, W. B.	
<i>Scherer v. Hermann</i>	1674-X-24
Unknown	
Execution –	1856
Returned not satisfied; withdrawn by plaintiff	
Other Names: ::Scherer, F. (or John); Hermann, John; Reeves, W. B.; Hogan, T. M.; Williams, W. L.; Smith	
<i>Starman v. Hartmann</i>	1674-X-25
Unknown	
Execution and return –	1856
No property found in Harris County	
Other Names: ::Starman, Henry William; Hartmann, Henry; Reeves, W. B.; Hogan, T. M.; Williams, W. L.	
<i>House & Co. v. Pecore</i>	1674-X-26
Debt	
Execution, return, & certification –	1856
Sheriff J. B. Ca_____ of Grimes County found no property subject to execution; County Clerk Baker certified that Reeve's signature was legitimate.	
Other Names: ::House, T. W ; Pecore, John; Reeves, W. B.; Baker, W. R.	
<i>West v. Galveston & Red River Railway Co.</i>	1674-X-27
Debt.	
Invoice –	1856
Galveston & Red River Railway, balance due on Contract of Nov. 9, 1853, made with General Willie Clark.	
Summons –	1856
Other Names: Battle, W. W.; Harrison [Thomas] & Earles, of Waco::West, Alex M.; Clarke, Willie; Bremond, Paul; Baker, William R.; Lockhart, Robert; Kosse, Theodore; Reeves, W. B.	
<i>Rankin v. Garner</i>	1674-X-28
Debt	
Judgment –	1857
Precinct 2 form with "4" handwritten over the "2."	
Other Names: ::Rankin, John J.; Garner, James; Reeves, W. B.	
<i>Stromann v. Serger</i>	1674-X-29
Debt	
Affidavit –	1857
Affidavit that account is just and correct; "Lives on White Oak Bayou;" \$7.50 for Surveying	

<p>Summons & Deputation – Henry Lergger summoned; William Stanley deputized to deliver summons; "Lives on White Oak."</p> <p>Other Names: ::Stromann (or Starmann), Henry William; Serger, Henry; Reeves, W. B.; Stanley, William</p>	<p>1857</p>	
<p><i>Anders v. Willet</i> Debt on Note Summons – Court held at courthouse in Houston; A. B. Reeves is Deputy Sheriff</p> <p>Other Names: ::Anders, William; Willet, David; Grymes, J.; Reeves, A. B.; Reeves, W. B.</p>	<p>1857</p>	<p>1674-X-30</p>
<p><i>Coleman & Levy v. Ferguson</i> Debt Execution – Printed Precinct 2 form with "4" written over the 2 and signed by Judge Reeves</p> <p>Other Names: ::Ferguson, William; Reeves, W. B.</p>	<p>1857</p>	<p>1674-X-31</p>
<p><i>Blount v. Daley</i> Debt Execution – Printed Precinct 2 form with "3" written over the 2 and signed by Judge Reeves</p> <p>Other Names: ::Blount, R. S.; Daley, William A.; Reeves, W. B.</p>	<p>1857</p>	<p>1674-X-32</p>
<p><i>Parker & Blake v. Burk</i> Debt Execution –</p> <p>Other Names: :Burk, James W.; Reeves, W. B.</p>	<p>1857</p>	<p>1674-X-33</p>
<p><i>Parker & Blake v. Burk</i> Debt Execution –</p> <p>Other Names: ::Burk, James W.; Reeves, W. B.</p>	<p>1857</p>	<p>1674-X-34</p>
<p><i>Dickinson v. Howe</i> Debt on account Execution –</p> <p>Other Names: ::Dickinson, Z.; Howe, D. L. F.; Reeves, W. B.</p>	<p>1857</p>	<p>1674-X-35</p>
<p><i>Dunn v. Thompson</i> Debt— Summons –</p>	<p>1858</p>	<p>1674-X-36</p>

Phillip Thompson summoned to appear. Account was for \$100 and involved a wagon. Sued Case settled before trial.

Other Names: ::Dunn, George T.; Thompson, Phillip; Reeves, W. B.; Capron, G. W.

State v. Monroe 167X-37

Offense not determined

Subpoena –

1858

J. R. Proudfoot is deputy; Sam Barrow, E. Barrow, Mrs. Ransom, Z. Runnels, Mrs. Rohenmiller and Jas. Rohenmiller subpoenaed to testify for State; This may be the only surviving 19th Century Harris County JP Criminal case paper.

Other Names: ::Monroe, W. L.; Frazer, G. W.; Proudfoot, J. R.; Barrow, Sam; Barrow, E.; Ransom, Mrs.; Runnels, Z.; Rohenmiller, Mrs.; Rohenmiller, Jas.

COURTS NOT DETERMINED

Clark v. Hall & McKeever 1674-X-38

Debt (?)

Inventory –

1839

Inventory of Goods in House on the corner of Franklin & Farmer (*sic*) Streets. Document also called inventory in store on corner of Travas (*sic*) and Franklin Streets attached by Sheriff John Moore; 4 pages of inventoried goods.

Other Names: Sumner & Cummins::Clark, C. L.; Hall, John L; McKeever, M. B.; Moore, John; Clark, C. C.; McGee, James M.; Gordoux, J. L.; Fitzgerald, John

Unknown v. Unknown 1674-X-39

Unknown

Jury Verdict –

Undated, ca.

Jury Verdict for plaintiff for \$250 + costs; Woodruff is foreman. No other information on the document but it was found with the Whiting v. De Chaumes and the Yates v. Porter cases.

1838

Other Names: ::Woodruff, John

Unknown v. Unknown 1674-X-39

Unknown

Jury Verdict–

Unknown, ca.

Jury verdict in favor of plaintiff, signed by J. T. Carlos; \$454.50 may be amount awarded; various scribbles including John Bryan apparently practicing his signature.

1838

Other Names: ::Carlos, J. T.; Bryan, John

Unknown v. Unknown 1674-X-40

Unknown

Promissory Note –

Unkwnown,

Undated Note, J. W. Pillout to J. G. Welshmeyer; Paper
creased but sound; some endorsements are too faint to read.

ca. 1838

Other Names: ::Pilout, J. W.; Welshmeyer, J. G.

**COUNTY COURT
HARRIS V. MOORE *FI FAS***

The documents described below form a sub-series of the County Court files. Although each represents a distinct County Court case, they all have the same plaintiff and defendant and were executed together in batches.

PROBABLE EXPLANATION: The causes for these executions (*fi fas*) originated from when DeWitt Clinton Harris was County Clerk and John W. Moore was the Sheriff. In that era county officials were compensated on a fee basis and each earned a fee for every service performed which, for litigation, was normally paid for by the loser. If the loser did not come forward to pay any judgment and court fees, the sheriff would seize property (if there was any), sell it at auction, and then distribute the proceeds.

It seems likely, given the number and consistent format of these executions, that Sheriff Moore failed to pay Clinton the fees he was due. To collect his fees, therefore, Clinton filed this series of suits in County Court against Moore and Moore's sureties to collect his due.

NOTE: Users are advised to consult original documents when details matter. At times, for instance, the endorsement shows that property in Block 83 was seized, at other times it is Block 84, and upon occasion it appears that 84 was written over 83.

<i>Harris v. Moore</i>	1673-X-21
Collection of Judgment and Court Fees	
Houston	
3 Templates	1673-X-21
Template #1: "Executed this the 17 th day of Decr 1840 By levying on one Negro Boy named Peter and on Block No. 5 South Harrisburgh & on Lots 4 & 5 Block 83 & Lot No. 12 Block 44 City of Houston and on Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 Block No. 3 South Harrisburgh and Lots 1, 2, 3, 18 and half of lot 17 in Block No. 8 North Harrisburgh being the property pointed out by the Plaintiff/J. W. Niles, C.H.C./Jan 8 th 1841 Farther proceedings stopped by order of the Plaintiff/J. W. Niles C.H.C."	1840/1841
Template #2: "Executed this the 17 day of Decr. 1840 by Levying on	1840/1841

one Negro Boy named Peter and on blocks No. 5 South Harrisburgh and Lots 4 & 5 Block 83 and Lot No. 12 Block 44 City of Houston and Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, & 12 Block No. 3 South Harrisburgh and Lots No. 1, 2, 3, 18 & half of 17 in Block No. 8 North Harrisburgh being the property pointed out by the plaintiff/J. W. Niles, C. H.C./ Jan 8th 1841 Farther proceedings being stopped by order of the plaintiff/ J. W. Niles C.H.C.”

Template #3: Ret. April 5th, 1841 Executed this the 17 th day of Decr by levying on one Negro Boy named Peter and on Blocks No. 5 South Harrisburgh & on Lots 4 and 5 Block 84 and Lot 12 Block 44 City of Houston & Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 Block No. 3 South Harrisburgh and Lots 1, 2, 3, & half of Lot 17 Block No. 5 Noth Harrisburgh being property pointed out by the Plaintiff/ J. W. Niles, C.H.C./January 8, 1841 Farther proceedings stopped by order of the Plaintiff/ J. W. Niles C.H.C.	1840/1841	
Original Case: R. Bartlett v. Milton Perry – <u>Case #:</u> 173 Order addressed to the "coroner," "Sheriff" marked out.	1840, 12/15	1673-X-21
Original Case: - Jones, Anson v. McKenzie, M. A. <u>Case #:</u> 208 Order addressed to the "coroner," "Sheriff" marked out.	1840, 12/15	1673-X-21
Original Case: - Holland, A. G. v. Holland and Chick <u>Case #:</u> 209 Order addressed to the "coroner," "Sheriff" marked out.	1840, 12/15	1673-X-21
Original Case: - Smith & Allen v. Winfield, E. H. and Wife <u>Case #:</u> 210 Order addressed to the "coroner," "Sheriff" marked out.	1840, 12/15	1673-X-21
Original Case: - Shea, John v. Pratt, S. <u>Case #:</u> 211 Order addressed to the "coroner," "Sheriff" marked out.	1840, 12/15	1673-X-21
Original Case: - Lawson, A. v. Ferguson, J. <u>Case #:</u> 212 Order addressed to the "coroner," "Sheriff" marked out.	1840, 12/15	1673-X-21
Original Case: - Couldrey, J. v. Holland, A. G. <u>Case #:</u> 214 Order addressed to the "coroner," "Sheriff" marked out.	1840, 12/15	1673-X-21
Original Case: - Patrick, G. M. (curator?) v. Harris, William P. <u>Case #:</u> 274 Proceedings stopped by order of Plaintiff.	1840, 12/15	1673-X-21
Original Case: - Woodruff, J. v. Holland, A. G. <u>Case #:</u> 360	1840, 12/15	1673-X-21
Original Case: - Harris County v. Moore, John W. <u>Case #:</u> 361	1840, 12/15	1673-X-21
Original Case: - McCorkle & Dobie v. Hall, A. G. <u>Case #:</u> 362	1840, 12/15	1673-X-21
Original Case: - Dixon, John v. Mock, W. N.	1840, 12/15	1673-X-21

<u>Case #:</u> 363		
Original Case: - McKinney & Williams v. Roberts & Phillips	1840, 12/15	1673-X-21
<u>Case #:</u> 364		
Original Case: - Yates, A. J. v. Davy, Thomas	1840, 12/15	1673-X-21
<u>Case #:</u> 365		
Original Case: - Crawford, Jacob v. Harbert, Daniel J.	1840, 12/15	1673-X-21
<u>Case #:</u> 366		
Original Case: - Republic of Texas v. Cook, William M. and others	1840, 12/15	1673-X-21
<u>Case #:</u> 367		
Original Case: - McKinney, T. F. v. Mock, W. N.	1840, 12/15	1673-X-21
<u>Case #:</u> 368		
Original Case: - Harbert, D. S. v. Carlos, John	1840, 12/15	1673-X-21
<u>Case #:-</u> 369		
Original Case: - McKenzie, M. A. v. Winfield, E. H.	1840, 12/15	1673-X-21
<u>Case #:-</u> 370		
Original Case: - Baker, Mosley v. Best & Thompson	1840, 12/15	1673-X-21
<u>Case #:-</u> 371		
Original Case: - Brands, E. T. v. Bundick, M. H.	1840, 12/15	1673-X-21
<u>Case #:-</u> 372		
Original Case: - Huffman, John v. Chambers, T. J.	1840, 12/15	1673-X-21
<u>Case #:-</u> 376		
Original Case: - Patrick, G. M. (curator?) v. Huffman, John	1840, 12/15	1673-X-21
<u>Case #:-</u> 377		
Original Case: - Doswell & Adams v. Branaugh, W. N.	1840, 12/15	1673-X-21
<u>Case #:-</u> 382		
Original Case: - M_____, G v. P_____, W_____	1841, 8/4	1673-X-21
<u>Case #:</u> 45		
Returned not satisfied.		
Original Case: - Crawford, Jacob v. Harbert, Daniel J.	1841, 8/4	1673-X-21
<u>Case #:</u> 46		
Original Case: - Illegible v. [Torn]	1841, 8/4	1673-X-21
<u>Case #:</u> 48		
Original Case: - Illegible v. Illegible	1841, 8/4	1673-X-22
<u>Case #:</u> 49		
Returned not satisfied.		
Original Case: - _____, Geo. v. C_____, J. H.	1841, 8/4	1673-X-22
<u>Case #:</u> 50		
Returned not satisfied.		
Original Case: - Woodruff, John v. Holland, A. G. & Co.	1841, 8/4	1673-X-22
<u>Case #:</u> 51		
“This execution returned to the clerk of the county court not satisfied having found no more property of defendants to levy upon in this county than what was returned on Executions from No. one (1) to No. Twenty-one (21) which was only sufficient to satisfy the amount of said executions...”		
Original Case: - Classon, R. v. Holland, A. G.	1841, 8/4	1673-X-22
<u>Case #:</u> 52		

Returned not satisfied.		
Original Case: - B[torn], M. v. McClelland, S.	1841, 8/4	1673-X-22
<u>Case #:</u> 53		
Returned not satisfied.		
Original Case: - Wray, E. et al. v. Burnett, D. G.	1841, 8/4	1673-X-22
<u>Case #:</u> 54		
Returned not satisfied.		
Original Case: - Powel, J. v. Niles, J. W	1841, 8/4	1673-X-22
<u>Case #:</u> 55		
Returned not satisfied.		
Original Case: - Holman, James v. Welschmeyer, J. G.	1841, 8/4	1673-X-22
<u>Case #:</u> 56		
Original Case: - Richardson, George v. Harris, David	1841, 8/4	1673-X-22
<u>Case #:</u> 57		
Returned not satisfied.		
Original Case: - Foley, H. (estate) v. Riley & Tuttle	1841, 8/6	1673-X-22
<u>Case #:</u> 59		
Returned not satisfied.		
Original Case: - McNeal (?), Hugh v. not named	1841, 8/6	1673-X-22
<u>Case #:</u> 61		
Returned not satisfied.		
Original Case: - Beldin, John v. Chamberlain, Charles	1841, 8/6	1673-X-22
<u>Case #:</u> 62		
Returned not satisfied.		
Original Case: - Doswell, Adams & Co. v. Stockbridge, C.	1841, 8/6	1673-X-22
<u>Case #:</u> 64		
Returned not satisfied.		
Original Case: - Ewell, J. L. v. Woodruff, John	1841, 8/6	1673-X-22
<u>Case #:</u> 65		
Returned not satisfied.		
Original Case: - Spellman, James v. not named	1841, 8/6	1673-X-22
<u>Case #:</u> 66		
Returned not satisfied.		
Original Case: - Floyd, E. v. Fisher & O'Brian	1841, 8/6	1673-X-22
<u>Case #:</u> 67		
Returned not satisfied.		
Original Case: - Crawford, J. v. McKenzie & Obrien	1841, 8/6	1673-X-22
<u>Case #:</u> 69		
Returned not satisfied.		
Original Case: - Vince, R. v. Woodruff, J.	1841, 8/6	1673-X-22
<u>Case #:</u> 70		
Returned not satisfied.		
Original Case: - Huffman, John & Co. v. Barney, R. C. & Co	1841, 8/6	1673-X-22
<u>Case #:</u> 71		
Returned not satisfied.		
Original Case: - Ramsey, S. v. Johnson, J. W.	1841, 8/6	1673-X-22
<u>Case #:</u> 72		

Returned not satisfied.		
Original Case: - Henderson, W. P. v. Wilson, Robert	1841, 8/6	1673-X-22
<u>Case #:</u> 75		
Returned not satisfied.		
Original Case: - Knight, J. v. Ewing, A.	1841, 8/6	1673-X-22
<u>Case #:</u> 76		
Returned not satisfied. Side note: "From No. 59 to No. 76 inclusive, \$305.97 principal \$30.53 damages & \$74.60 costs."		
Original Case: - Lewis, H. v. Welschmeyer, J. G.	1841, 8/6	1673-X-22
<u>Case #:</u> 77		
Returned not satisfied.		
Original Case: - Andrews, A. A. v. Chenoweth, J.	1841, 8/6	1673-X-22
<u>Case #:</u> 79		
Returned not satisfied.		
Original Case: - Bigelow, C.v. Brown & Loveredge	1841, 8/6	1673-X-22
<u>Case #:</u> 80		
Returned not satisfied.		
Original Case: - Beldin, John v. Chamberlain, Charles	1842, 2/4	1673-X-22
<u>Case #:</u> 41 & 62		
"Returned satisfied by overpluss from sale of land made to satisfy executions from No. 1 to 40, inclusive, March 2, 1842." This was returned by Sheriff John V. Morton of Fort Bend County.		
Original Case: - Doswell, Adams & Co.v. Stockbridge, C.	1842, 2/4	1673-X-22
<u>Case #:</u> 43 & 64		
"Returned \$15.30 fifteen 30/100 Dollars of principal of the within execution. Satisfied by overpluss from Sale of Land sold to satisfy execution from No. 1 to 40 inclusive-no property in my county to satisfy the balance. March 2, 1842." This was returned by Sheriff John V. Morton of Fort Bend County.		
Original Case: - Ewell, J. L. v. Woodruff, John	1842, 2/4	1673-X-22
<u>Case #:</u> 44 & 65		
Returned not satisfied from Fort Bend County.		
Original Case: - Spellman, James v. not named	1842, 2/4	1673-X-22
<u>Case #:</u> 45 and 66		
Returned not satisfied from Fort Bend County.		
Original Case: - Floyd, E. v. Fisher & O'Brian	1842, 2/4	1673-X-23
<u>Case #:</u> 46 & 67		
Returned not satisfied from Fort Bend County.		
Original Case: - Crawford, J. v. McKenzie & Obrien	1842, 2/4	1673-X-23
<u>Case #:</u> 48 & 69		
Returned not satisfied from Fort Bend County.		
Original Case: - Vince, R. v. Woodruff, J.	1842, 7-26	1673-X-23
<u>Case #:</u> 49 & 70		

Returned not satisfied.		
Original Case: - Huffman, J & Co. v. Barney, R. C. & Co.	1842, 7-26	1673-X-23
<u>Case #:</u> 50 & 71		
Returned not satisfied.		
Original Case: - Ramsey, S. v. Johnson, J. W.	1842, 7-26	1673-X-23
<u>Case #:</u> 51 & 72		
Returned not satisfied.		
Original Case: - Phillips, G. E. v. Winfield, E. H. and Wife	1842, 7-26	1673-X-23
<u>Case #:</u> 52 & 73		
Returned not satisfied.		
Original Case: - Wright, J. D. & Co. v. Smith, ??ona	1842, 7-26	1673-X-23
<u>Case #:</u> 53 & 74		
Returned not satisfied. Addressed to Sheriff of Colorado County but returned by Sheriff and Deputy Fitzgerald of Harris County.		
Original Case: - Henderson, W. P. v. Wilson, Robert	1842, 7-26	1673-X-23
<u>Case #:</u> 54 & 75		
Returned not satisfied. Addressed to Sheriff of Colorado County but returned by Plaintiff.		
Original Case: - Knight, J. v. Ewing, A.	1842, 7-26	1673-X-23
<u>Case #:</u> 55 & 76		
Returned not satisfied. Addressed to Sheriff of Colorado County but returned by Sheriff and Deputy Fitzgerald of Harris County.		
Original Case: - Lewis, H. v. Welschmeyer, J. G.	1842, 2/14	1673-X-23
<u>Case #:</u> 56 & 77		
Issued to Sheriff Colorado County; Returned by Plaintiff.		
Original Case: - Stiff, E. v. Holland, A. G.	1842, 2/14	1673-X-23
<u>Case #:</u> 57 & 78		
Issued to Sheriff Colorado County; Returned by Plaintiff.		
Original Case: - Andrews, A. A. v. Chenoweth, J.	1842, 2/14	1673-X-23
<u>Case #:</u> 58 & 79		
Issued to Sheriff Colorado County; Returned by Plaintiff.		
Original Case: - Bigelow, C. v. Brown & Lovedge	1842, 2/14	1673-X-23
<u>Case #:</u> 59 & 80		
Issued to Sheriff Colorado County; Returned by Plaintiff.		
Original Case: - McKinney & Williams v. Hughes & Irwin	1842, 2/4	1673-X-23
<u>Case #:</u> 60 & 81		
Issued to Sheriff Colorado County; Returned by Plaintiff.		
Original Case: - Dunman, J. v. Reed, C.	1842, 2/14	1673-X-23
<u>Case #:</u> 61 & 82		
Issued to Sheriff Colorado County; Returned by Plaintiff.		
Original Case: - Turner, B. F. v. Chenoweth, J.	1842, 2/14	1673-X-23
<u>Case #:</u> 62 & 83		
Issued to Sheriff Colorado County; Returned by Plaintiff.		
Original Case: - Garvis, J. S. v. Woodward, C. C.	1842, 2/14	1673-X-23
<u>Case #:</u> 63 & 84		

Issued to Sheriff Colorado County; Returned by Plaintiff.		
Original Case: - McKinney & Williams v. Rebin, George	1842, 2/14	1673-X-23
<u>Case #:</u> 64 & 85		
Issued to Sheriff Colorado County; Returned by Plaintiff.		
Original Case: - Ward, T. W. v. Allen, A. C.; Allen, J. R., et al.	1842, 2/14	1673-X-23
<u>Case #:</u> 65 & 86		
Issued to Sheriff Colorado County; Returned by Plaintiff.		
Original Case: - Dibble, C. C. v. Brown & Loveredge	1842, 2/14	1673-X-23
<u>Case #:</u> 66 & 87		
Issued to Sheriff Colorado County; Returned by Plaintiff.		
Original Case: - Swett, J. A. v. Loveredge, J. B.	1842, 2/14	1673-X-23
<u>Case #:</u> 67 & 88		
Issued to Sheriff Colorado County; Returned by Plaintiff.		
Original Case: - Norvill, W. v. Ewell, J. S.	1842, 2/4	1673-X-23
<u>Case #:</u> 68 & 89		
Issued to Sheriff Colorado County; Returned by Plaintiff.		
Original Case: - Conn, H. v. Martain, M.	1842, 2/4	1673-X-23
<u>Case #:</u> 69 & 90		
Issued to Sheriff Colorado County; Returned by Plaintiff.		
Original Case: - Waterman, J. v. Levenhagen, H.	1842, 2/4	1673-X-23
<u>Case #:</u> 71 & 92		
Issued to Sheriff Colorado County; Returned by Plaintiff.		
Original Case: - Merlin, C. v. Smith, J. W. N. A.	1842, 2/4	1673-X-23
<u>Case #:</u> 72 & 93		
Issued to Sheriff Colorado County; Returned by Plaintiff.		
Original Case: - Rouark, P. O. v. Hamilton, H. H.	1842, 2/4	1673-X-23
<u>Case #:</u> 73 & 94		
Issued to Sheriff Colorado County; Returned by Plaintiff.		
Original Case: - Rouark, P. O. v. Hamilton, H. H.	1842, 2/4	1673-X-23
<u>Case #:</u> 75 & 96		
Issued to Sheriff Colorado County; Returned by Plaintiff.		
Original Case: - Levenhagen, H. v. McGee, James M.	1842, 2/4	1673-X-23
<u>Case #:</u> 76 & 97		
Issued to Sheriff Colorado County; Returned by Plaintiff.		
Original Case: - Heddenburg & Vedder v. Wherley, J.	1842, 2/14	1673-X-23
<u>Case #:</u> 77 & 98		
Issued to Sheriff Colorado County; Returned by Plaintiff.		
Original Case: - Frost, S. M. v. Kinion, Q. R.	1842, 2/14	1673-X-23
<u>Case #:</u> 79 & 100		
Issued to Sheriff Colorado County; Returned by Plaintiff.		
Original Case: - Cummings, J. R. v. Bensen, Z.	1842, 2/4	1673-X-23
<u>Case #:</u> 80 & 101		
Issued to Sheriff Colorado County; Returned by Plaintiff.		
Original Case: - Briscoe, A. v. Wilkinson, F.	1842, 2/4	1673-X-23
<u>Case #:</u> 81 & 102		
Issued to Sheriff Colorado County; Returned by Plaintiff.		

Original Case: - Kesler, H. v. Barkins, S. P. <u>Case #:</u> 82 & 103 Issued to Sheriff Colorado County; Returned by Plaintiff.	1842, 2/4	1673-X-23
Original Case: - McGee, J. M. v. Compton, A. G. <u>Case #:</u> 83 & 104 Issued to Sheriff Colorado County; Returned by Plaintiff.	1842, 2/14	1673-X-23
Original Case: - Turner, R. v. Daniels & Muncas <u>Case #:</u> 84 & 105 Issued to Sheriff Colorado County; Returned by Plaintiff.	1842, 2/14	1673-X-23
Original Case: - Darley, John v. Chenoweth, J. <u>Case #:</u> 85 & 106 Issued to Sheriff Colorado County; Returned by Plaintiff.	1842, 2/4	
Original Case: - Roberts, J. A. v. Townsend, B. D. <u>Case #:</u> 86 & 107 Issued to Sheriff Colorado County; Returned by Plaintiff.	1842, 2/4	1673-X-23
Original Case: - Lubbock, F. R. v. Connelly & Coughlin <u>Case #:</u> 87 & 108 Issued to Sheriff Colorado County; Returned by Plaintiff.	1842, 2/4	1673-X-23
Original Case: - Lubbock, F. R. v. Connelly & Coughlin <u>Case #:</u> 88 & 109 Issued to Sheriff Colorado County; Returned by Plaintiff.	1842, 2/4	1673-X-23
Original Case: - Wilson, R. v. Shaw, J. M. <u>Case #:</u> 89 & 110 Issued to Sheriff Colorado County; Returned by Plaintiff.		1673-X-23
Original Case: - Lupus, W. B. v. Caughlin, J. <u>Case #:</u> 91 & 112 Issued to Sheriff Colorado County; Returned by Plaintiff.	1842, 2/4	1673-X-23
Original Case: - Worthington, A. v. McConnel, D. B. <u>Case #:</u> 92 & 113 Issued to Sheriff Colorado County; Returned by Plaintiff.	1842, 2/14	1673-X-23

Other Names: Sureties: Smith, Benjamin F.; Lawson, A., Walker, R.; Carraher, B.; Bowman, Charles; Stevens, George. Officials: Southmayer, J. A.; Baker, W. R.; Niles, J. W.; Culp, D. D.; Morton, John V. (Sheriff of Ft. Bend County); Rodgers, Magnus T.; Fitzgerald, John. Property: Peter (Slave)