

the county except in emergencies or by court order. (57) The law of 1802, which established the circuit court and abolished the quarter sessions court, provided that the clerk of the quarter sessions court deliver to the clerk of the new circuit court all records and papers of his office. (58) As Samuel Woodson, clerk of the court of quarter sessions, became the first clerk of the circuit court (59), the records continued as part of the circuit court no transfer being necessary.

The records of the court of quarter sessions and its clerk are housed in the vault of the circuit court clerk.

Actions at Law

Case Papers

134. DECREES (Suits of Quarter Sessions Court), 1799-1802. 5 f.b. (1-5).

Original case papers and documents filed in cases tried before quarter sessions court, from institution to final disposition, including petitions, citations, answers, motions, bills, notes, and other documentary evidence exhibited, exceptions, returns on process, and depositions; showing: docket number, style of suit, date filed, form of document, and signature of presiding official. Arr. numer. by case no. No index. Hdw.  $10\frac{1}{2}$  x  $5\frac{1}{2}$  x  $13\frac{1}{2}$ .

Dockets

135. RULE DOCKET QUARTER SESSIONS COURT, 1799-1809. 2 vols.

Docket of cases tried before quarter sessions court, showing: date, term of court, number and style of case, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, action taken, return on process, and steps at present term. Also contains: Judges Common Law Docket, 1803-9, entry 149. Arr. chron. by date of court term. No index. Hdw. Aver. 600 pp. 13 x 8 x 2.

Orders

136. ORDER BOOK QUARTER SESSIONS COURT, 1799-1806. 2 vols.

Record of orders issued in cases tried and administrative orders at each daily session of court, showing date, term of court, nature of order, and signature of presiding official. In cases tried, orders, rules, and judgments are among the items; each summary shows docket number, style of case, judgment rendered, action taken, and steps at present term. Administrative orders include appointments of officials, acceptance of resignations, calls of special court terms, and approval of reports; each summary shows date, term of court, name of principal involved, and nature of order. Also contains: Order Book (Civil), 1803-6, entry 154; Commonwealth Order Book, 1803-6, entry 176. Arr. chron. by date of court term. Alph. index direct by first letter of surname of principal or plaintiff and indirect by first letter of surname of defendant. Hdw. Aver. 800 pp. 16x14x2 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

57. LITTELL, VOL. 2, 1798, PP. 84, 85, 255.

58. LITTELL, VOL. 3, 1802, P. 45.

59. "ORDER BOOK QUARTER SESSIONS COURT," VOL. 8, P. 1, SEE ENTRY 136.