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OF THE

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Common Pleas

OF

BUCKS COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA

1684-1700

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The iith $\frac{10}{mo}$ 84

Minuts of the Court (1)

Robt Lucas declared in

in

this Court that agt he did

Bucks County

lieve in his contionce the Caufe
was Just

The iith $\frac{10}{mo}$ 1684

Robt Lucas plt agt Thomas Bowman deftd in an
action of the Cafe for wth holding Seven pounds w^{ch} was
due to the fd plt in the 3 month Laft paft

Summone granted for Tho Bowman —

County of Bucks in the provinc of Pennsilvania
Thefe are to Require thee to Summone Thomas Bowman
if he Shall be found in thy Balywick that he be and
appeare att the next Court to be held in Bucks County
afforefd on the 19th $\frac{11}{mo}$ next enfueing then and there to

Anfwer

to the Complt of Robt Lucas for wth holding of feven
pounds w^{ch} will be made appeare to be due to the faid
Robt Lucas in open Court & hereof Thou art not
to faile given undr my hand & Seale the iith day

of the $\frac{10^{th}}{mo}$ being the 36 yeare of the kings Raine

& the 4th of the propriatorys govrmt 1684

To the Sherrif of the fd Willm Beakes
County or his Deputy Thefe

The Sherrifs Returne

This Summone was executed according to direction

The iith $\frac{10}{mo}$ 1684

p Luke Brindley deputy Sherrife

The declaration of the Said Robt Lucas plt

Robt Lucas plt agt — } The iith 10 month 1684
Thomas Bowman deftd } Robt Lucas of the County of Bucks
in the Provinc of Pennsilvania makes Complt agt Tho:
Bowman of weft new Jarfey, that he the Said Thomas
Bowman detaines from him the Sum of Seven pounds w^{ch}
he the fd Robt Lucas will make appeare in open Court
to be due Sinc Spring laft therefore the fd plt prays

Sidwell hath found of his goods to the value of fifty Shillings & refuses to deliver them to the fd plt tho the Said plt demanded them upon the i9th Infant & there fore the Said plt prays Judgment of Court agt the Said deft for his goods & damages & Coft of Suite

A Summonce granted for the fd Ralph Sidwell

Cou: Bucks

To the Sherif Thefe By vertue of the kings

Authority in

the name of the propriatory & govrnr Thefe are to Require thee

to Summone Ralph Sidwell, Carpenter if wthin thy Balywick

to appeare att the next Court to be holden for this County the

iith day of the i2th month att the falls to Anfwer Such things as

Shall then & there be objected agt him & there have this Summonce given undr my hand & feale the 26th ii month 1684

being the 36 yeare of the kings Raigne & the 4th of the propriatorys govrmt

A writ grantd for A Jury

The Sherrifs Return

The 29th $\frac{ii}{mo}$ 84

This Summonce was executed

the 26th $\frac{ii}{mo}$ 1684

8 County of Bucks in the provinc of Pennsilvania At A monthly Seffions held by the kings Authority in the name of Willm penn propriatory & govrnr of the Said provinc & Territorys thereunto belonging att the Court houe of the faid County the iith day of the i2 mo i684 in the 37 yeare of the kings Raigne & the 4th of the propriatorys govrmt

The Justices then prfient

James Harrifon Prfident

Tho Janney Willm Biles

willm Beakes wm yardley

John otter

John Brock Sherrife

Luke Brindley his deputy

Phinehas pemberton Clarke

This day was acknowlit in open Court one mortgage from Jon Acker

man to willm Beakes

This day willm Beakes

Signed and fealed one

letter of Attorney to A man in London

w^{ch} was Certifyed under my hand & County

feale

Return This was executed the 25th day of the 12th month
 1685 p Luke Brindley Deputy Sherrif

witneffes A fumm granted for Jofuah Boare to give in
 evidenc in the action depending betwixt Rogr
 Hawkins plt & g wheeler deft
 this was executed the 2nd i 85 p L Brindley
 mo

ioth i 1685 Rogr Hawkins declared that
 mo
 he wold
 have the above action with drawn &
 accordingly

it is with drawn

The 12 day of the 11th month 1685
 willm Hague appeared before James Harrison one of
 the Juftices
 for this County & then oblidged him Self in the fum of
 20 £
 to the propyatory & govrnr for his appearance att the
 next
 Court to be held for this County the 10th i next & to
 be of good mo
 behavior in the meane time as allfo Robt Lucas & Jon
 wood
 have as fuertyes for the fd willm Hague in like manner
 oblidged
 them felves in 20 £ Apeice for the appearance of the fd
 will and
 for his good behavior in the meane time

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At A Quarter feffions held by the kings authority in the name
 of wm Penn Propyatory and govrnr of Pennsilvania and the
 territorys thereunto belonging for the County of Bucks
 att the Court houfe the 10th day of the 1st month 168 $\frac{6}{5}$

being the 6th yeare of the propyatorys govrmt

The Juftices then prfent

James Harrison	Thomas Janney	Edmund Bennet
william yardley	willm Biles	Jon Otter
willm Beakes		

Nicholas walm Sherrif
 Luke Brindley his deputy
 Phinehas Pemberton Clark

the Court being Called the Court adjorns untill
 the ellection of the reprtentatives to serve in
 Counfell and Affembly for this County
 be Ended

poft meridian

i deed of 100 Ackers of Land Conveyed by Jeffry
 Hawkins to his brother Rogr was this day deld
 & acknowledged in open Court by phinehas =
 pemberton Conftitute attorney by the fd Jeffery
 unto the fd Rogr Hawkins

i deed of 130 Ackers of Land Conveyed
 by Tho woolf unto Elizabeth gibbs was
 this day dld & acknowledged in open Court
 unto Edmund Lovet Conftitute Attorney by the
 fd: Tho woolf

willm Hague having this day appeared in Court
 the Court difcharges him & his baile none
 Coming to pfectute him.

Jon Brock plt appears to the action agt
 Charles pickring,

Charles pickring appears not

appeared In as much as y^e: fd Charles pickring hath not this day
 according to Summonce this Court gives Jugmt
 agt him by default & it is adjudged the fd
 Charles Shall pay the fd fum of 5 £: 12^s: 6^d
 & the Coft of fute

The Court adjorns for 2 houres

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In as much as Complt hath beene made this day to this
 Court that the new road is not Layd out fo well as
 it may be this Court orders that Robt Lucas Henry
 Baker Sam Dark Rich Hough Thomas Stackhouse
 & Jon Brock with the Affittance of John Swift &
 Henry marjorum Henry pointer Robt Hall Nich
 walm & Ifreal Taylor do lay out the fd Road
 to the ut moft of Extent of the fd County

payd upon demand as will appeare by
 A
 bill undr the hand of the fd deft
 bearing date
 the 27th of 8^{ber} 1684 and all tho the fd
 plt
 hath divers times made demand of his
 fd monys yet
 the fd deft unjuftly detaines the fum of
 12 £ 04^s: 10^d being pte of the fd Debt
 wherefore the fd plt brings his action
 of Debt
 and prays Judgmt of Court agt the fd
 deft for
 the fd Sum of twelve pounds Sixteen
 fhillings
 and tenpence damages & Coft of fuite

Summouce granted 22 3 mo 1686 agt gilbert
 Wheeler to anfwr the
 Complt of Nicholas moore att the next
 Court
 to be held for this County att the Court
 houfe the 9th of the 4th mo next

Return this was Executed the 23 day of the 3
 month
 1686 p Luke Brindley Deputy Sherrif

with drawing The 9th of the 4th month 1686
 Nicholas moore defired to have the
 action with drawn

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At A Court of Quarter Seffions held by the kings
 Authority in the name of Wm penn propriatory
 and govrnr of Pennfilvania and the territorys
 thereunto belonging for the County of Bucks
 at : the Court houfe the 9th day of the 4 mo
 1686 being the 6th yeare of the propriatorys
 govrmt

The Juftices then prfent

Thomas Janney
 willm yardley

Willm Biles
 John otter

Sherrif
 Nicholas waln
 Luke Brindley deputy
 phinehas pemberton Clark

Abraham Cocks plt being called to profecute his fuite
 agt Micheal

Huff deft appeared
 Micheal Huff being calld appeared

The Jury Attefted John Clows foreman John Brock
 Rich Hough

Lyonel Brittan Jon wood Tho: Tunneclif H: Baker
 Samuel overton Tho: woolfe Robt Heaton wm: Paxfon
 Tho: Stakehouf fen^r

the declaration of Abraham Cocks being
 Read & proved by the teste mony of ffrancis Roffell &
 phinehas pemberton who fay the law the leafe fealed &
 delivered on

the premises & after saw the fd Micheal Huff to Enter
 the fd houfe

& Land

after Micheal Huff being Calld to Anfwer fd he had no tittle
 to the fd houfe or Land & therefore Shold yeild it up
 the Jury returned & Calld over do fay they find for
 the plt

Therefore the Court gives Judgment & it is adjudged
 that

the fd Abraham Cocks Shall have poffeffion accordingly
 delivered to him

this day was delivered and acknowledged in open Court
 one deed of 50 ackers of land fold by Jon Bainbridge
 of this County to James Clay poole of Philadelphia
 by Rich Hough Conftitute attorney to Thomas Woolfe
 Conftitute attorney to the fd James Clay poole of
 Philadelphia bearing

date 7th 3 month 1686

this day was returned and acknowledged in open Court
 by Shadrach walley Conftitute attorney by Robt Holgat
 one deed of 250 ackers of Land bearing date 19th of
 the 3 month 1686 unto Robt Heaton of this County

this day was delivered and acknowledged in open Court
 by phinehas pemberton Conftitute attorney
 to Thomas Holmes of Philadelphia one deed
 of one hundred and 18 ackers of land bearing

true & pfect acct unto phinehas pembedton
before the first day of the iith mo

next

this day was deld A deed of 5000 Ackers of Land
fold by Tho Rudyard unto Andrew Robinfon by
Robt

Lucas & Luke Brindley Conftitute attorney by
Thomas

Rudyard unto Lyonel Brittan Conftitute attorney by
Andrew Robinfon

this day was deld & acknowledged in open Court A
deed of 200 Ackers of Land fold by

Ann milcome to willm Biles

this day was deld & acknowledged in open Court A
deed of 50 Ackers of Land Sold

by Ann milcome to philip Conway

this Court adjorns untill the first third of the
first month next

A Summonce for David Davis to appeare att the
orphants

Court to be held the 2 i next then & there to give
mo

an acct of the Eftate of Henry Comley orphant &
to give Secury for the fd Eftate

Whereas Complt hath beene made to me by Joane the
wife of Jofeph

Englilh Senior of the County of Bucks & Province of
Pennfilvania how that David Davis

of this County was nominated Executor to the laft will
& testament of Henry Comley late

of this County deceased & former Husband to the fd Joan
& that the fd

David hath adminiftered on the fd Eftate & taken
the Same into his poffeffion

& that Shee is afraid that if Some Speedy Courfe be not
taken for the fecuring of the fd Eftate now in the hands
of the fd

David, that Henry Comley orphant & Son to Henry
Comley

aforefd will Sustain loffe in his Eftate by the fd David

These are therefore by the kings Authority in the name
of the

Proprietary & govrrr to require thee to Summonce the fd
David Davis that he be & appeare att the next orphans
Court

to be held for this County the 2nd day of the first month

Thompkins unto Rich Ridgway attorney to grifith
 Jones dated the 22 day $\frac{6}{mo}$ 87

wm Smith } agt }	appeares	} The Jury atteted
Tho millard } agt }	appeares not —	
Anthony Burges } agt }	this with	} declaration read & the bills therein mentioned and one letter & petition from T millard
Luke Brindley } agt }	drawn —	
Richard Thatcher } agt }	appeares	} declaration read referred as on the other fide
Sam: Abott } agt }	appeares	
Joseph Chorley } agt }	} with drawn	
mathew pugsley }		
Henry grub } agt }	} with drawn — { Charge 5 ^s : 9 ^d — {	
David Lilly }		

one conveyance of 500 ackers of land in fee acknowledged
 and delivered in open Court by Robt Doue attorney
 to Tho: Adkinfon, unto Jofeph kirkbride dated the
 i2 day 8 mo 87

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delivered and acknowledged one releafe of lands
 by Richard Lundy to his father in law Thomas williams
 of 200 ackers of land dated i2th day of 9 mo 1685
 Richard Thatcher and Samuel Abbot have refted
 their action to be Ended and arbitrated by Jofeph
 growdon & nicholas Waln provided they give in
 their award within twenty days after
 this day for pformance whereof the fd Rich Thatcher
 & Samuel Abbot do oblidge themfelves
 their Executors adminiftrators & affigneis Each
 to other in the Sum of 20 £ to be pd upon defa
 to y^t: part pforming

adjourned for one houre

The Court gives Judgmt by default and it is adjudged that
 Thomas millard Shall pay to willm Smith 3 £ : 14^s : 0^d and i^s
 damage wth Coft of Suite

A petition of wm black Read

ordered that J growdon to Speake wth the magiftrates of
 philadelphia to know what they have done about fd black
 & what they Expected

A true Bill this bill return found
 arrainemt upon w^{ch} Bill the Said Collins was arrained
 pleading and upon his arrainemt pleaded not guilty
 request but craved A few houres time of the Court to give in what he had
 Anfwer further to Say in anfwer w^{ch} was granted by the Court

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grand Jurys } The i2th ioth mo: i688
 prfentmt } we the grand Jury do Prefent it needfull that A Suffitient
 } Cart Roade Shall be layd out from the upper plantations
 } above the falls unto the fferry houfe where the Common
 } landing is over agt Burlington
 } Richard Ridgway fforeman

Action } gilbert Wheeler agt Luk Brindley in A plea of debt
 wheeler }
 agt }
 Brindley } gilbert Wheeler appeared
 non appearance } Luke Brindley appeared not

Sherrifs } { w^m Croffdale deputy Sherrif made Return that he had given
 Return } { him lawfull
 Declarat } { Summonce
 } { Pennsylvania County Court ff: Bucks

gilbert wheeler }
 agt } &c: Read
 Luk Brindley }

Bond and the bond therein mentioned proved by the Evidence
 Evidences of w^m Biles attested the other wittnefs to the fd bond being
 Robt Jeffs deceafed proved by the writeing
 The penal Sum of the bond and the Sum declared for

Question } { being 31 £ & the real debt being but i5 £ i2^s the Justices
 } { on the bench asked of fd gilbert wheeler whether
 } { he Expected Judgment for any more yⁿ: the reale debt

Anfwer { To w^{ch} fd g wheeler made Anfwer he Expected Judgmt
 } { for no more then i5 £ i2^s with Coft of fuite

Judgmt } Whereupon the Court gave Judgment by default &
 by default } it was adjudged that Luke Brindley Shold pay to
 } gilbert wheeler the Sum of i5 £ : i2^s with Coft of fuite and that

Irael Taylor being Calld into Court upon the prfentmt for the
 abufe done to Thomas Tunneclif he Confest the fact
 whereupon the Court orders he give bond for his
 peace & appearance at the next Court

Recognizance Irael Taylor oblidges him felf in 8 £
 to be pd to the proppy
 & govrnr his heirs & succeffors to be levied on his
 lands tenemts goods & Chattles Conditionaly for the
 appearance of Irael Taylor at the next Court of
 Quarter feffions & to keep the peace in the meane time to all

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James Shippey	} Jury returned & Calld over do fay they find for the plt w th 4 ^d damages & Coft of fuite
agt	
Irael Taylor	

A deed for 150 acres of land in fee
 Dated the 10th day of february 1689 by Robt
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Heaton Attorney to Henry fflower
 grantor to Tho: Harding grantee

Henry marjorum Calld for felling Liquors upon the
 grand Jurys prfent mt he defired to have what
 was done paft by & he wold for the future he wold forbear

Henry marjorum upon the prfentmt of his fwearing by
 god fubmitted to the Court for w^{ch} the Court fines
 Eftreat him 5^s

philip Conway Indicted for ftealing i mare
 Indictm read
 pleaded not guilty for tryal puts him felf
 upon the Cuntry

Chaleng agt g wheeler

Jury attested

Indictmt read

John Swift aged about 43 yeares faith that he tooke up a
 mare Supposed to be about 3 yeares of age un marked of Colours
 bl mealy mouthed about
 4 yeares paft in the 2nd month next of w^{ch} mare he gave

to receive the Same, the Said Ridgway having this day in open Court promised to answer all the Charges that has been out upon the negro & allowed by the Court

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ordered that a request be drawn to the Govrnr that a register may be appointed in this County for the probat of wills and granting letters of Administration that people be not put to the extraordinary Charge of going to Philadelphia

a deed of 50 acres of land in fee dated the first day of the 7th month 1689 acknowledged and delivered by Richard Wilfon grantor to John Gibbs Grantee

a deed of about 90 acres of land in fee dated the 8th day of the 4th month 1688 acknowledged and delivered by Luke Brindley — grantor to Peter Worrall Grantee

Isaac Burges being Calld none appearing agt him the Court discharges him paying his fees

Jury returned Calld over Say they are not agreed therefore were returned back againe

Grand Jury Ezra Crosdel James Sutton James Crosley

John Clement Stephen Beakes Luke Brindley

Jon: Brearley Rich Wilfon Tho: Stakehoufe

Henry Siddal Andrew Heath

} attested
feur:

petit Jury return againe not agreed wherefore the Court returned them back

Recognizance John Swift being bound by Recognizance to — appeare at this Court appeared accordingly & nothing appearing agt him the Court discharges him

Recognizance Philip Conway being bound to appear at this Court & to be of good abearing in the meane time appeared — accordingly & nothing appearing agt him the Court discharges him paying his fees

action John Swift plt
 agt
 Philip Conway deft } both appeared

