

## LOUISA COUNTY ROAD ORDERS 1742-1748

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The roads are under the government of the county courts, subject to be controuled by the general court. They order new roads to be opened whenever they think them necessary. The inhabitants of the county are by them laid off into precincts, to each of which they allot a convenient portion of the public roads to be kept in repair. Such bridges as may be built without the assistance of artificers, they are to build. If the stream be such as to require a bridge of regular workmanship, the court employs workmen to build it, at the expence of the whole county. If it be too great for the county, application is made to the general assembly, who authorize individuals to build it, and to take a fixed toll from all passengers, or give sanction to such other proposition as to them appears reasonable.<sup>1</sup>

The establishment and maintenance of public roads was an important function of the County Court during the Colonial Period in Virginia although in at least one case, that of Saint Paul's Parish, Hanover County, the Vestry exercised road authority for almost forty years. Each road was opened and maintained by an overseer or surveyor of the roads charged with this responsibility and appointed by the Gentlemen Justices. He was usually assigned all the "Labouring Male Titheables" living on or near the road for this purpose.

Major projects, such as bridges over rivers demanding considerable expenditures, were executed by commissioners appointed by the Court to select the site and contract with workmen for the construction. Where bridges connected two counties, commissioners were appointed by each and they cooperated in executing the work.

The Road Orders contained in the first Louisa County Court Order Book covering the period 1742-1748 are the only extant evidence concerning the early roads of the County since there are no surviving Order Books for the period 1748-1766, and the early Hanover records have been destroyed. Approximately one third of the present Albemarle County was in Louisa until 1761. The County line before 1761 extended from about where the Fluvanna-Louisa line intersects the eastern boundary of Albemarle in the northwesterly direction, crossing the point where Ivy Creek enters

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<sup>1</sup>Thomas Jefferson, *Notes on the State of Virginia*, 1781.

Rivanna River, to the crest of the Blue Ridge just south of Brown's Cove in Albemarle County. Before 1742 this area had been the westernmost part of Hanover County.

In the following Road Orders those which lie within the present configuration of Albemarle County are marked with an asterisk. Insofar as possible, all the Orders were extracted verbatim and the capitalization, spelling, and punctuation have been reproduced.

### LOUISA COUNTY ORDER BOOK 1742-1748

*13 Dec. 1742 O.S.<sup>2</sup> p. 5*

Ordered That all Surveyors of the Roads in the County appointed by Hanover Court be continued as such until it shall be otherwise ordered by this court and that the Sheriff give public notice thereof.

Benjamin Dumas is appointed Overseer of the Road in this County where of Joseph Bickley was appointed Overseer by Hanover Court

*\*10 January 1742 O.S. p. 7*

At the motion of Samuel Dalton It is ordered that he be overseer of the Road from the Mountains to Hudson's bridge including the sd. bridge and no further.

Ordered that that part of the Road from Hudson's bridge to Camp-creek bridge be added to the Road whereof Charles Moreman is Overseer.

*14 February 1742 O.S. p. 10*

John Rhodes and David Cosby at the motion of Charles Barret Gent: are appointed to view the way from Stephen Pettus's plantation to John Estes's Race Gound and report to the next court where the most convenient road may be made.

*\*14 March 1742 O.S. p. 17*

On the petition of Henry Bunch, John Snow, Samuel Wells, Joseph Keaton, James Keaton, John Enes, Alexander MacKoy, Martin Hacket, John Hacket, William Davis, Thomas Vernon James Frances, Beasell Maxwell, James Carney, Andrew Rey, John Cook, John Thompson and William Oens It is ordered that a Road be laid off and Cleared from Coursey's Road up to Rocky Creek and Henry Bunch is appointed Overseer of that part above Buck-mountain Creek and John Snow of that part below the same And all the petitioners and their Labouring Male tithables that live above Buck mountain Creek are allotted to Henry Bunch and those below to John Snow to assist in clearing the sd. Road and keeping the same in repair.

*14 March 1742 O.S. p. 18*

John Rhodes and David Cosby being appointed last Court to view the way from Stephen Pettus's to John Estes's Race Ground and to report where the most convenient Road might be made, and now reporting that they find the sd. Road must be carried along William Harris's Cartway over the Horse-pen swamp, and then to follow some blazed trees to the left hand till it comes to the Mill path, and then to follow the same across the River just above the Old Dam, and from thence to

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<sup>2</sup>Old Style.

keep in or near a path that leads up to the sd. Race Ground: It is therefore Ord. that a Road be laid off and cleared accordingly, And James Nuckols is appointed Overseer thereof, And the labouring Male Tithables belonging to Charles Barret Gent, John Estes, Nicholas Gentry, John Cosby - Quart.r, William Harris, Richard Yancey, James Nuckols, & John Henson are allotted the sd. Overseer to assist in clearing the sd. Road and keeping the same in repair.

*\*14 March 1742 O.S. p. 18*

On the motion of Ambrose Joshua Smith Gent. It is ordered that William Coursey's Company on the Road be divided as follows, be the sd. Wm. Coursey to keep all the hands on the North side of the North fork of James River & to keep that part of the sd. Road in repair which leads from Goochland County line to the branch next below the sd. Smith's plantation, And that the hands between the North side the branch called Turkey-run & Orange County line to keep the Road in repair from the aforesd. branch next below the sd. Smith's plantation to the extent of the County Road of which William Ogilvie is appointed Overseer.

*\*14 March 1742 O.S. p. 19*

Gideon Carr is appointed Overseer of the Road whereof William Maybe was formerly Appointed Overseer by Hanover Court.

*14 March 1742 O.S. p. 19*

On the motion of Lancelot Armstrong Overseer of a Road It is ordered that the labouring Male Tithables belonging to William Gooch, & to Doctr. Dixon where David Woodroof is Overseer, also to Mr. Wm. Gray where Benjamin Spencer is Overseer, do assist in keeping the sd. Road in repair.

*14 March 1742 O.S. p. 19*

William Allen is appointed Overseer of the Road from the County line to that part of the Road whereof Thomas Christmas was Overseer, also to that part of the Road whereof Anthony Waddy was Overseer, And the labouring Male tithables at the Quarter where Christopher Berryman is Overseer, and at Doctr. Dixon's quarters where Benjamin Johnson & James Whitlock are Overseers, and also at his Fork Quartr. are allotted the sd. Overseer to assist in keeping the sd. Roads in repair.

*11 April 1743 O.S. p. 26*

John Kendrick is appointed Overseer of the Road from the Elk Creek to contrary including the bridge.

*11 April 1743 O.S. p. 26*

William Taite is appointed Overseer of the Road from Contrary to Christophers Run including the bridge.

*11 April 1743 O.S. p. 26*

Samuel Thompson is appointed Overseer of the Road from Christopher's Run to Foxbranch on Hickory Creek and the labouring Male tithables at Mr. Temple's and Majr. Morris's quarters and the sd. Thomsons two hands which used to serve on Champnes Terry's road are added to his Company to assist in keeping the sd. road in repair.

*11 April 1743 O.S. p. 27*

Champnes Terry is appointed Overseer of the road from the bridge over the North Anna into the Road at Ellis Hughes's and the labouring

Male Tithables belonging to John Chiles, William Biggars, & Wm. Thomason are added to his Company to assist in keeping the sd. road in repair.

*11 April 1743 O.S. p. 27*

James Robinson is appointed Overseer of the Road from the mouth of Starke's branch to Aylett's branch and the labouring Male tithables belonging to Thomas Starke are added to his Company to assist in keeping the sd. Road in repair.

*11 April 1743 O.S. p. 27*

On the petition of Richard Bullock, Harper Ratcliff, Edward Lane, Robert Garland, Benjamin Brown, James Scolson, and Richard Yancey, praying for a Road from little River road against the head of Great Rocky Creek & thence crossing the little River at the most convenient place near a Foard called the Rocky Foard thence to Mr. Barret's Church path on the North side of Rocky branch, David Cosby and John Rhodes are appointed to view the place and lay off a Road the most convenient way without prejudice to any person and report their proceedings to the next Court.

*11 April 1743 O.S. p. 27*

John Gentry is appointed Overseer of the Road in the stead of James Nuckols, And French Haggard & John Saxon are added to his company to assist in repairing the sd. road in the stead of John Estes and Nicholas Gentry who are discharged from that Road.

*13 June 1743 O.S. p. 34*

On the Petition of Charles Mooreman Overseer of a Road Forest Green is appointed in his stead.

*13 June 1743 O.S. p. 34*

On the Petition of Richard Wright Overseer of A Road Thomas Lipscomb is appointed in his stead.

*12 September 1743 O.S. p. 73*

Upon the motion of Abraham Venable Gent: it is ordered that Owens Creek bridge be added to Mr. Thompson's precinct.

*12 Sept. 1743 O.S. p. 73*

Ordered that William Brown be Surveyor of the road from Owen's creek bridge to the County line and all the inhabitants between Owens creek & the County line of the South Side of the River be added to Mr. Thompsons Gang towards clearing the said road.

*10 Oct. 1743 p. 80*

On the petition of Anne Johnson Love Statham James Watson & Peter Curry for a road to be cleared into a road called Christmas's road in this County its Ordered that the said road be cleared according to the prayer of the petitioners and Love Statham is appointed Overseer and all the Labouring male tithables belonging to the said Love Statham Anne Johnson & Richard Wilburn are allotted to assist in clearing the said road and keeping the same in repair.

*10 Oct. 1743 O.S. p. 80*

John Estis is appointed Surveyor of the highways in the room of Richard Estis deceased.

*\*10 Oct. 1743 O.S. p. 80*

On the petition of Robert Thompson David Epperson Martin Hackett George Pearse Richard Bennet Richard Madors its ordered that a road be laid of and cleared from the road in Orange that extends to the dividing line between this County and Orange on Linches river to the upper north fork of Buck mountain creek along the track that leads to Robert Thomson & Martin Hacket is appointed Overseer and all the petrs: & their Labouring male tithables are allotted to assist in clearing the said road and keeping the same in repair.

*19 Dec. 1743 O.S. p. 84*

Thomas Hardy is appointed Overseer of the Church Road Down to the County Line.

*19 Dec. 1743 O.S. p. 85*

Joseph Clarke is appointed Overseer of the Road from Fork Creek to Deep Creek and all the Labouring Male tithables between the said Creeks are allotted to assist in clearing the said Road and keeping the same in repair.

*19 Dec. 1743 O.S. p. 85*

Upon the petition of Henry Mills and others, Setting forth that they want a road from Elk Creek and Little River in this County, Ordered that Griffey Dickerson John Roads and Robert Estis do view the same and report their proceedings herein to the next Court.

*\*19 Dec. 1743 O.S. p. 85*

Upon the motion of John Carr Gent. to have a road to go out of (blank in O.B.) road to Mountaine road through Turkey Run Saggs and into the road the West side the mountains it is ordered that Benjamin Hensley Joseph Martin and John Dickerson meet at Some convenient before the next Court, and view the same, and make report of their proceedings herein to the next said Court.

*9 Jan 1743 O.S. p. 89*

Ordered that the Lands from Gilbert Gibsons Mill creek up to Orange County line be added to Benjamin Johnson's precinct.

*9 Jan 1743 O.S. p. 89*

Ordered that the Lands from Christophers Run to Contrary Run and between the north River and Ridge Road be added to James Estis precinct.

*\*9 Jan. 1743 O.S. p. 89*

John McCawley is appointed overseer of the road in the room of Gideon Carr.

*13 Feb. 1743 O.S. p. 93*

Ordered that Mr. Terrils Richard Thormond Cleverius Dukes Mr. Anderson & Thomas Jones hands be added to Thomas Hardy's Gang.

*13 Feb. 1743 O.S. p. 94*

On the petition of Joseph Martin & Benjamin Hensley for a road, Ordered to be referred till John Carr Gen: be heard.

*13 Feb. 1743 O.S. p. 95*

On the petition of Henry Mills & others for a road it is ejected.

*13 Feb. 1743 O.S. p. 97*

On the petition of Nathaniel Dickenson Adam Jones Jno: Harris & others for a Road that leads from the Mine road over the Little River

to Locust Creek road it is Ordered that Richmond Terrill be Overseer of the said Road & that all his Labouring male tithables belonging to the sd. Richmond Terrill, Richard Thormons, John Moss, Adam Jones, James Simes are allotted to assist in clearing the said road and keeping the same in good repair and the aforementioned persons are to keep the County road from the Line to Duke upper line.

*12 March 1743 O.S. p. 98*

On the Petition of Charles Allen for a License to keep an Ordinary at his house on the Three notch road in this County and he offering Thomas Paulett for his Security whom the Court doth approve order him Granted him for the said License to continue and be of force for one year only from the date of this order,

*12 March 1743 O.S. p. 98*

On the Motion of George Webb Gen: to have a road from Roundabout Creek to Fosters Creek in this County, it is ordered that John Smithson Henry Tate and John Davis do meet at some convenient time before the next Court and view the Said road and see wether its convenient or not and report their proceedings herein to the said next Court.

*12 March 1743 O.S. p. 98*

On the petition of Mosias Jones William Thompson James Merideth & Robert Thompson Setting Forth that the road from the River to the top of the Hills below the Little creek is very hilly & that a much better & nearer way may be had & &. and praying to be relieved it is Ordered that David Mills & John Cook do meet at some convenient time before the next Court and view the same and Report wether it is convenient or not to the next Court.

*12 March 1743 O.S. p. 98*

On the Petition of David Meriwether Gent. to have a road from Goodalls Lower ford to Henson's Creek church, it is Ordered that Mr. Glen Mr. Jackson & Mrs. Thompson do meet at some convenient time before the next Court and view the same & make report of their Proceedings herein to the said next Court.

*12 March 1743 O.S. p. 99*

William Ogilvie on his Petition is discharged from being any Longer Surveyor of the highway and Richard Durret is appointed in his Room

*\*12 March 1743 O.S. p. 99*

On the Motion of John Carr Gen: to have a road to begin at the Chestnut Ridge it is ordered that John Meriwether & Doctr. Walker do meet at some convenient time before the next Court and Lay off the said road accordingly.

*12 March 1743 O.S. p. 99*

On the Motion of John Poindexter Gen: to have a way viewed from Estis race Ground into the north River road called by the name of Overton's Quarter, it is Ordered that John Roads Charles Bickley & William Saxon & John Estis do view the same & make report of the most convenient way to the next Court.

*12 March 1743 O.S. p. 99*

Ordered that Richard Palmer be Overseer of the Indian Creek Road in the room of William Sled.

9 April 1744 O.S. p. 102

On the Petition of Mosias Jones Willm: Thompson James Merideth Robert Thompson for a Road to be laid off etc. it was Ordered that David Mills & John Cooke should view the same & make report wether it was convenient, which report is in the following words. "Pursuant to an order of Louisa County Court bearing date the 12 Day of March 1743 We have viewed & marked away which is better & nearer than the way the road is pr. David Mills John Cook" Therefore it is Ordered that the Said road be decayed & taken as a Publick road for the future

9 April 1744 O.S. p. 102

The Return of a view for a road at the request of John Poindexter is rejected

9 April 1744 O.S. p. 102

On the Petition of John England [?] John Carr Jno: Poindexter & divers others for a road on the North River Road by the Plantation that was formerly James Overton's Quarter along the ridge between the South & North forks of Elk Creek & crossing the branches of Contrary to the ridge, between the branches of Christophers' Run, Ducking hole, Gold Mine and the branches of East & Bever Creeks into the Mountain Road, it is granted and Griffith Dickenson is appointed Overseer of the said Road.

9 April 1744 O.S. p. 103

On the Petition of David Meriwether Gen: for a road, it was Ordered last Court that Mr. Glen & Mr. Jackson should view the same & make report to the next Court. And this day the Report was returned which is in the following words "Pursuant to the within order we have viewed the way and find there may be a rode had from Cattale bridge in Blalocks rode to Church and that it is convenient Jer: Glen Thomas Jackson" Therefore it is considered & accordingly ordered that there be a road from the place aforesaid according to the sd. report.

9 April 1744 O.S. p. 104

On the Motion of George Webb Gent for a road to be laid off from Roundabout Creek to Foster's Creek, it was ordered at a Court held for this County on the 12 day of March last, that John Smithson Henry Tate & John Davis should view the same & make report to the next Court, and this day the sd. report was returned being in these words "In obedience to the within order we have viewed the Road & do find that it is convenient for Mr. Webb the new way being by Computation Six Miles out of his way, ye. road that Mr. Webb motions for is seven Miles & has Three Creeks, the Gang could not keep bridges over without a County charge. John Smithson Henry Tate & John Davis Therefore it is considered by the Court & accordingly ordered that there be a road cleared according to the Sd. report.

14 May 1744 O.S. p. 106

Ordered that William Allen Surveyor of the Road from the County Line to that part of the road whereof Thomas Christmas was Overseer and to the head of Long Creek be summoned to appear at the next Court to answer the Presentment of the Grand Jury this day made against him for not keeping his roads in Good repair according to Law.

*11 June 1744 O.S. p. 108*

On the Petition of Richard Bullock and others for a road from Little River road against the head of Great rocky creek and thence crossing the little River at the most convenient Place near a Foard called the rocky Foard, then to Mr. Barrets Church path on the north side of rocky branch, John Rhodes and Samuel Mcgehee are appointed to view the Place and lay of a road the most convenient way without Prejudice to any Person and report their proceedings to the next Court.

*\*11 June 1744 O.S. p. 108*

The order for John Meriwether & Thomas Walker Gen: to lay off a road from the chestnut ridge etc. not being performed the same is continued till next Court.

*11 June 1744 O.S. p. 108*

Charles Bickley is appointed Surveyor of the highways from Elk creek to contrary including the bridge in this County in the room of John Hendrick

*11 June 1744 O. S. p. 108*

Samuel Ragland is appointed Overseer of a road (called Elk creek Road) in the room of Samuel Mc:gehee.

*11 June 1744 O.S. p. 108*

Wm. Allen case continued

*11 June 1744 O.S. p. 108*

John Rhodes is appointed Overseer of the road from Elk Creek to the Church in the room of Henry Bibb

*11 June 1744 O.S. p. 108*

Ordered that the Several Surveyors of the highways in this County (except those discharged today) be continued as they were last year and where two or more crossroads or highways meet they forthwith cause to be erected in the most convenient place, where such ways join a stone or Post with inscriptions thereon in large letters directing to the most noted Place, to which each of the Said joining roads Leads

*9 July 1744 p. 112*

On the petition of Richard Bullock Sr. for a road continued till the next Court

*9 July 1744 p. 112*

On the Petition of Joseph Bickley Gen: setting forth that the Bridle road to the Church at Hinsons creek in St. Martin's Parish Runs very near his fence on one side of his Plantation and other roads on the other side so that it is very prejudicial to him and praying to have the said Path turned farther off from his plantation it is Ordered that John England William Davenport Samuel Mcgehee do meet at some convenient time before the next Court and view the same & make report of their proceedings herein to the sd. next Court.

*9 July 1744 O.S. p. 113*

On the motion of William Allen, it is Ordered that Charles Barrett & Joseph Fox Gen: do meet at Some convenient time before the next Court & view the road from Locus creek road to Christmas's road & make report of their Proceedings herein to the sd. next Court.



9 July 1744 O.S. p. 113

On the motion of William Allen, it is ordered that Richard Walker Michael Smith and Robert Harris & the Labouring male Tithables belonging to each of them are allotted to the said Allen's Gang.

9 July 1744 O.S. p. 113

Grand Jury vs. William Allen, this day the sd. Deft. appeared & being fully heard it is ordered that the suit be dismissed

13 August 1744 O.S. p. 115

On the petition of Joseph Bickley Gen: setting forth that the Bridle road to the church at Henson's creek in St. Martin's Parish runs very near his house on one side of his Plantation & other roads on the other side; so that it is very Prejudicial to him & Praying to have the said Path turned, it was Ordered at the last Court that John England William Davenport & Samuel Mcgehee should view the same and this day the viewers aforesd. have made their report, which report is in the following words "Aug. 10th: 1744 "Persuant to the within Order we the subscribers have viewed the within mentioned rode and do find that it must begin at the burnt School house crossing the head of Cabbin branch thence down the sd. branch to Arche:s Yancey Path where it crosses the branch below Bickleys Plantation thence into the former road: Jno: England, Wm. Davenport, Sam: MacKgehee" Therefore it is considered and accordingly Ordered by the Court that the Path be turned according to the viewers report.

13 August 1744 O.S. p. 116

On the motion of William Allen for a road the order made at the last Court not being Performed it is Ordered that Joseph Fox & Charles Barret Gen: do meet at some convenient time before the next Court and Perform the same & make report of their Proceedings to the sd. next Court.

\*8 October 1744 O.S. p. 119

On the Petition of James Merideth, Samuel Wells & John Garrison for a road to be cleared from Jones's road along the ridge to the green Mountain and that the Petrs: be appointed a Gang to clear the same; therefore, it is ordered that the Petrs. clear the road according to the Prayer in the Petition. and Samuel Wells is appointed Overseer of the said road

8 Oct. 1744 O.S. p. 119

Ordered that Charles Bickley Surveyor of the road from Elk creek to contrary have for his Gang Henry Bibb, John Poindexter's quarter above the said creek Mr. Winstons two Quarters above ditto & the Governor's Quarter where David Cosby now lives

8 Oct. 1744 O.S. p. 119

Ordered that the Road out of the north River road to Mills Path there be appointed under Griffith Dickeson Overseer, the following hands Vizt, John Carr, John Poindexter, Joseph Terrell, David Cosby, William Saxon, James Overton, Armistead Quarter Under Robert Ellis Overseer of the same road Smiths Quarter, John Mcdowel, Thomas Gresham, Moses Estis, Robert Estis, James Johnson, William Hendrick, John Shelton's quarter, Edward Stringer, James Hower's quarter, William

White Maj.r Morr's quarter & John Say; and it is Ordered that they be exempted from all other roads.

*8 Oct. 1744 O.S. p. 120*

On the Motion of William Allen for a road the order made at a Court held for this County on the ixth day of July last not being Performed it is Ordered that Charles Barret & Joseph Fox Gent: do meet at some convenient time before the next Court and Perform the same

*\*12 November 1744 O.S. p. 122*

Ordered that a road be cleared from the old Mountain road near the old chaple into Capt: Clark's road; thence up to Capt: Thomas Meriwether's Smiths' Shop; thence a long the same to Goochland County line; and all the Labouring male tithables belonging to Collo: Robert Lewis Capt: Clark; Micajah Clark; Anthony Tate, John Harlow on the Bever damm fork and Mr. Meriwethers' are allotted as a gang to clear the same & to Keep it in good repair & Thomas Meriwether Gen: is appointed Overseer of the same

*\*12 Nov. 1744 O.S. p. 123*

Ordered that John Snow be summoned to appear at the next Court to be held for this County on the xxiid day of January next to answer the Presentment of the Grand jury this day made agt: him for not keeping his road in good repair according to Law.

*\*22 January 1744 O.S. p. 128*

John Snow upon his Motion is discharged from being any Longer Surveyor of the highways from Henry Bunches road at Buck Mountain Creek in this County to Coursey's Road and Andrew Rae is appointed surveyor of the said highway in the room of the said John Snow.

*\*22 January 1744 O.S. p. 131*

John Snow this day appeared to answer the Presentment of the grand jury made against him for not keeping his road in good repair, and what he could Say in excuse for himself being fully heard; it is considered by the Court the sd: Presentment be dismiss.

*26 February 1744 O.S. p. 134*

Upon the Petition of Nicholas Gentry & Samuel Gentry Setting forth that the road below dirty Swamp as it now Runs is very prejudicial to them, and they having cleared a new Road; turning out between their Plantations and thence into the road about three quarters of a Mile below; and Praying that the said road May be turned the new way &c. it is Ordered that the road now cleared by the Petitioners be deemed & taken as a public road.

*26 Feb. 1744 O.S. p. 134*

Upon the Petition of William Hudson Setting forth that he is in want of a road through Capt. Holland's Land into Gibson's road he having no outlett to carry his Tobacco to the Public Warehouse & praying that a road may be cleared as aforesd: it is Ordered that a road be laid off & cleared according to the Prayer of the Petitioner

*\*26 Feb. 1744 O.S. p. 135*

On the Motion of John Carr Gent: to have a road to begin at the Chesnut ridge; at a Court held for this County on the xith day of June last; it was Ordered that Thomas Walker & John Meriwether Gent. should meet and lay off the said road and make report to next Court; and now this day the viewer made their report as follows & to wit "In obedience to the within order Wee have viewed & laid off the road therein Mentioned John Meriwether Thomas Walker" Therefore it is Ordered that the said road be cleared through the Turkey Sags; and that the hands belonging to Madame Meriwether Nicholas Meriwether Thomas Walker John Meriwether Robert Lewis Thomas Meriwether & Christopher Clark Gent: are allotted to clear the same and Andrew Tate is appointed Overseer Likewise the hands that William Coursey is Overseer of Richard Durret & John Mccollay to clear from his road; to meet the other gang on the top of the mountains & Richard Davis is appointed Overseer of the Same.

*\*23 April 1745 O.S. p. 145*

Upon the Motion of Richard Hammack it is Ordered that John Mccauley's, Richard Durret's, William Coursey's and Thomas Ballard's Gang do make a bridge over Pritty's Creek below Ambrose Joshua Smiths Mill

*\*23 April 1745 O.S. p. 146*

Upon the Motion of Richard Hammack Benjamin Hensley John Hensley George Davis Gideon Carr Timothy Moony Stephen English John Moony John Hammack Charles Smith; John Maccauley Joseph Martin Samuel Hensley William Maib Richard Davis; John Wilmer James Hoderurds John Wood & John Dowell for a road to be cleared from the sd: Richard Hammack's Plantation to Ambrose Joshua Smith's Gent. it is Ordered that the Petitioners clear the same.

*28 May 1745 O.S. p. 151*

Charles Smith James Yancey and Archelau Yancey at the Motion of Thomas Prestwood are appointed to view the way from the road that crosses at Dickerson's Mill to the new church and report to the next Court where the most convenient road may be had

*28 May 1745 O.S. p. 152*

Ordered that the Surveyors of the roads from fork creek to Owens Creek, And overly dirty Swamp by Richard Haggard's, and Samuel Dalton be Summoned to appear at the next Court to answer the Presentment of the Grand jury this day made against them for not keeping their Roads in repair according to Law.

*28 May 1745 O.S. p. 152*

On the Petition of John Estis, it is Ordered that John Gath and the negroes under his care French Haggard and Nicholas Gentry Senr: be added to the road whereof John Estis is Surveyor

*28 May 1745 O.S. p. 152*

On the Motion of Abraham Venable Gent: Matthew Watson and Philemon Childers be added to his road

*(To be continued)*