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## LOUISA COUNTY ROAD ORDERS 1742-1748

by Nathaniel Mason Pawlett  
Charlottesville, Virginia

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25 June 1745 O.S. p. 155

Hugh Hester is appointed Overseer of the road from Contrary to Christopher's Run including the bridge in the room of William Tate.

25 June 1745 O.S. p. 155

William Rice is appointed Surveyor of the highways in the room of Jeremiah Glen

25 June 1745 O.S. p. 155

Thomas Lipscomb on his petition is discharged from being any longer Surveyor of the highways from the County Line to Harris's branch and Godwin Trice is appointed in his room

25 June 1745 O.S. p. 155

Samuel Ragland on his Petition is discharged from being any longer Surveyor of the highways from Harris's branch to the north fork of Elk creek; and Thomas Kimbrow is appointed in his room

25 June 1745 O.S. p. 155

John Smithson on his Petition is discharged from being any longer Surveyor of the highways in this County and John Davis is appointed in his room.

25 June 1745-O.S. p. 155

Roger Thompson Gent. on his Motion is discharged from being any longer Surveyor of the highways from Owen's creek bridge to Deep creek; and David Shelton is appointed Surveyor in his room.

25 June 1745 O.S. p. 155

Ordered that the Several Surveyors of the highways in this County be continued as such (except those discharged today)

25 June 1745 O.S. p. 155

On the Motion of Thomas Prestwood for a road & c. The viewers this day made their report in these words "In obedience to the within order we have diligently viewed the road within mentioned & do believe the old way formerly granted to be the nearest & most convenient way to the church. Cha: Smith James Yancey. Archelus Yancey" Therefore it is Ordered that the old road be cleared and kept open for the use of the Publick & c.

25 June 1745 O.S. p. 155

Joseph Gooch Gent. and Thomas Jackson at the Petition of James Graves John Hill & others are appointed to view the way from the main road that leads to Charles Allens Ordinary to Henson's creek church, and report to the next Court where the most convenient road may be had

25 June 1745 O.S. p. 155

Roger Thompson Gent: Samuel Dalton and John Estis Surveyors of the highways in this County this day appeared to answer the Presentment of the grand Jury made against them for not keeping their roads in goods repair according to Law; and what they could Say in excuse for themselves being fully heard, it is Ordered that the Presentment be dismissed.

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*27 August 1745 O.S. p. 164*

On the Motion of William Waller Gent. on behalf of the Court of Orange to have a road cleared from the old Line of Orange County; at the end of a new road on the Top of the Ridge of the Great Mountains through this County to the road near Martin Hackets leading to the falls of Rappahannock; it is Ordered that Robert Thomson Martin Hacket and John Keaton; do meet at Some convenient time before the next Court; and view the Same; and make report to the sd. next court where the most convenient road may be had

*26 November 1745 O.S. p. 173*

William Hudson is appointed Surveyor of the highways in the room of Benjamin Johnson

*26 November 1745 O.S. p. 173*

To John Mccolly for Setting up Posts of directions to be paid by Joseph Bickley (sherif) 80 (lbs of tobo.)

*28 January 1745 O.S. p. 175*

Thomas Walker Gent. is appointed Surveyor of the highways from the top of the Little mountains in this County to the old Road

*28 January 1745 O.S. p. 175*

The hands belonging to Michael Holland & William Hudson; are added to William Hudsons Gang.

*22 April 1746 O.S. p. 182*

On the Petition of David Mills, John Fike, David Epperson, George Pearce, John Consolver, Thomas Ballard, Robert Thomson, Martin Hacket Henry Current; William Couhur William Land; Lewis Davis David Thomson John Bryson John Bryson Junr. Mosias Jones, Richard Bennet William Vauhan, Matthew Davis, Charles Mills, Ambrose Joshua Smith & Richard Searcy; for a road to be cleared on the ridge between the south & North Rivers to Todds pass; its Ordered that Benjamin Hensley John Davis & Samuel Dalton do lay off the said road & that the Petitioners & their Gangs clear the Same

*22 April 1746 O.S. p. 182*

Champness Terry upon his Motion is discharged from being any Longer Surveyor of the highways in this County and John Starke Gent: is appointed in his room

*22 April 1746 O.S. p. 183*

On the Petition of Benjamin Brown for a bridle way to be cleared from Doyles River down into Ennis's road; it is Ordered that Henry Bunch Joseph Keaton James Carney & Andrew Rea; or any three of them; meet at the said road and view the same; and report to the next Court; where the most convenient bridle way may be had

*22 April 1746 O.S. p. 183*

On the Petition of Richard Philips & others for a road to come out of Blalocks road into the ridge road; near the Window Estis's; its Ordered that Thomas Ballard Smith & Philip Timberlake view the same; and report to the next Court where the most convenient road may be had

*27 May 1746 O.S. p. 188*

On the motion of William Waller Gent: in behalf of the Court of Orange to have a road cleared; from the Augusta County Line at the end

of a new road on the Top of the ridge of the Great Mountains; through this County to the road near Martin Hackets; it is Ordered that Robert Thomson, Martin Hacket, Joseph Keaton and Henry Bunch, do meet & view the Same; and make report to the next Court

*27 May 1746 O.S. p. 189*

Ordered that the Overseer of the road from Harris's old Mill; to the road by the Church be summoned to appear at the next Court to answer the Presentment of the Grand jury this day made agt. him for not keeping his road in repair.

*27 May 1746 O.S. p. 190*

Ordered that the Overseer of the road; leading from the Main road by Thomas Sheltons to Henson's creek church be summoned to appear at the next Court to answer the Presentment of the Grand jury; for not setting up a Post of directions and for not keeping the said road in repair

*27 May 1746 O.S. p. 190*

Ordered that the Overseer of Turkey Run road be Summoned to appear at the next Court to answer the Presentment of the Grand jury; for not keeping the sd. road in repair

*27 May 1746 O.S. p. 190*

On the Petition of Gilbert Gibson to have a bridle way through Capt: Hollands Land; at Green Spring & Thomas Moremans Land, it is Ordered that John Smithson & Charles Moreman do view the same; and make report of their proceedings herein to the next Court

*27 May 1746 O.S. p. 193*

On the Motion of John Starke Gent. it is Ordered that Joseph Pulliam, Richard Holt Richard Wilborn & William Mcdowell & the Labouring male Tithables belonging to each of them; be added to the road whereof he is Surveyor

*27 May 1746 O.S. p. 193*

On the Motion of Samuel Thompson it is Ordered that Benjamin Bibb, Garfield Brown Archebald Carver Robert Anderson & Elisha Estis & the Labouring male Tithables belonging to each of them; be added to the road whereof he is Surveyor

*24 June 1746 O.S. p. 194*

On the Motion of Joseph Bickley Gent. it is Ordered that Henry Dickenson William Dickenson's Quarter; Barclay's quarter John Rhodes Dabney Pettus & the Labouring Male Tithables; belonging to Each of them; do clear the Church road; from the North River road to the Little River; and John Rhodes is appointed Overseer of the Same

*24 June 1746 O.S. p. 194*

Ordered that Benjamin Dumas Temperance Yancey Widow, Benjamin Harris Goodmans Quarter and William Crenshaw & the Labouring Male Tithables belonging to each of them; do clear the road from the Little River to the church & William Crenshaw is appointed Overseer of the Same

*24 June 1746 O.S. p. 194*

Ordered that Robert Garland Joseph Bickley, Archelus Yancey Daniel Maupine, James Yancey, Charles Smith, Henry Morris, Richard Brock John Morris John Tisdale William Chils & Charter Mitchel & the Labour-

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ing Male Tithables belonging to each of them do clear the road from Cleverius Duke's upper path to the fork of the road by Dabney Pettus's & James Yancey is appointed Overseer of the Same

*24 June 1746 O.S. p. 194*

Ordered that Samuel Dalton, Thomas Walker & John Meriwether do View from the Orange County Line to the Albemarle County Line below the Little Mountains & make report to the next Court; where the most convenient road may be had

*24 June 1746 O.S. p. 195*

William Hudson is appointed Overseer of the road from Gibsons Foard up to Samuel Dalton's path

*24 June 1746 O.S. p. 195*

Thomas Walker Gent: is appointed Overseer of the road from Samuel Dalton's path to the Top of the Turkey Sagg Mountains; and it is Ordered that he have all the hands; that was formerly under Saml: Dalton & Francis Meriwether

*24 June 1746 O.S. p. 195*

Ordered that John Carr John Poindexter Joseph Terril, David Cosby Griffith Dickeson James Overton & John Saxon; and the Labouring male tithables belonging to each of them do clear the road from Elk creek road to the upper end of Christopher Smith's Orphans new plantation & Griffith Dickeson is appointed Overseer of the Same

*24 June 1746 O.S. p. 195*

Ordered that Wm. Armistead Smiths Orphan's James Johnson Thomas Vowel William White, William Hendrick and John Kendrick and the Labouring male Tithables belonging to each of them; do clear the upper end of the road from Smiths Orphans New plantation; to the round slash between the branches of contrary & North East creek & James Johnson is appointed Overseer of the Same

*24 June 1746 O.S. p. 195*

Ordered that Robert Estis Moses Estis, Benjamin Wright; John Snelson, James Powers, Alexander Freeman, Edward Stringer John Say Henry Milles, James Roach & David Roach; and the Labouring male Tithables belonging to each of them; do clear the road from the round slash into the Courthouse road & Robert Estis is appointed Overseer of the Same

*24 June 1746 O.S. p. 195*

Thomas Ballard Smith & c. being appointed to view the way out of Blalocks road into the ridge road near the widow Estis's; and to report where the most convenient road might be had; and now reporting that they find; a road may be conveniently carried to the place aforesaid; it is therefore Ordd: that a road be laid off and clear'd accordingly; and Thomas Balld: Smith is appointed Overseer thereof and the Labouring male Tithables belonging to Beverly Randolph Gent: John Winston John Powers Sylvanus Jouett & Richard Phillips are allotted the said Overseer to assist in clearing the sd: road & keeping the Same in good repair

*24 June 1746 O.S. p. 196*

Ordered that the following persons be added to the road from the Turkey Sagg to the road above the Mountains, Viz: Joseph Wood Richard Briggs John Dowel Thomas Collins Ambrose Smith & William Hall & the

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Labouring male tithables belonging to each of the & John Maccaulay is appointed Overseer of the Same

24 June 1746 O.S. p. 196

Richard Hammack is appointed Overseer in the room of John Maccaulay

22 July 1746 O.S. p. 197

John Tate is appointed Surveyor of the highways from Hensons Creek church to the County Line in the room of Thomas Hardy

22 July 1746 O.S. p. 197

Ordered that Richard Durrett; with the assistance of his own Gang, Richard Hammacks, John Mocaualys Thomas Ballards & William Courseys make a bridge over Pritty's Creek in the Most convenient place between Capt: Smith's plantation & his mill.

26 August 1746 p. 198

On the Petition of John Brison for a bridle way from the County Line to Martin Hackets; it is Ordered that Robert Thomson Lewis Davis & David Milles; do view the same & report to the next Court; were the most convenient road may be had; doing the least prejudice to any person

26 August 1746 O.S. p. 198

Ordered that John Ennis be added to the other persons appointed to view a road on the petition of Henry Downs

26 August 1746 O.S. p. 200

Charles Moreman & John Smithson being appointed to view the way through Capt. Hollands & Thomas Moreman land to Gilbert Gibsons mill & now reporting that the way aforesaid will not be prejudicial to anyone therefore it is ordered that a bridle way be laid off and cleared accordingly

23 Sept. 1746 O.S. p. 203

Grand Jury

agt:

The Overseer of the road from Harris's old Mill to the Church

23 Sept. 1746 O.S. p. 208

Presentment

Dismist & Richard Yancey is appointed Overseer thereof

The Petition of John Brison for a bridle way is continued till the next Court

23 Sept. 1746 O.S. p. 208

The Petition of Henry Downs for a bridle way is continued till the next Court

25 Nov. 1746 O.S. p. 211

Philip Timberlake is appointed Overseer of Indian Creek road in the room of Richard Palmer

25 Nov. 1746 O.S. p. 212

To Richmond Terril for Setting up a Post of directions 80 (lbs. tobo.)

25 Nov. 1746 O.S. p. 212

To William Allen for setting up a post of directions 30 (lbs. tobo.)

27 Jan. 1746 O.S. p. 217

The Petition of John Bryson for a bridle way is continued till the next Court

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27 Jan. 1746 O.S. p. 218

The Petition of Henry Downs for: a road continued till the next Court  
24 Feb. 1746 O.S. p. 219

Ordered that Majr: Meriwether Micajah Clark, Christopher Clark, Bolen Clark & William Harris; and the Labouring male Tithables belonging to each of them do clear the road from Albemarle Line to Colo: Lewis's mill; and Micajah Clark is appointed Overseer of the Same

24 Feb. 1746 O.S. p. 219

Ordered that Colo: Lewis's people & Anthony Pates do clear the Road from Colo: Lewis's mill to the new road; and Robert Lewis Gentleman is appointed Overseer of the same

24 Feb. 1746 O. S. p. 219

Ordered that James Meriwether, Colo: Lewis Qur. Jno: Moore, George Eastham and five of Samuel Daltons hands; do clear the road from the new road to the Orange County Line & John Meriwether is appointed Overseer of the same.

24 Feb. 1746 O.S. p. 220

On the Petition of John Brison for a bridle way through Josias Woods' land; into Martin Hackets road; its granted

24 Feb. 1746 O.S. p. 220

Ordered that the road whereof Richard Durrett is Overseer be divided into two Precincts; Vizt. from the bridge above Capt. Smith's plantation, to the fork of the road; and Thomas Henry is appointed Overseer of the Same. And the other from the fork of the road; to the County Line; the said Durret is appointed Overseer of the Same

28 April 1747 O.S. p. 224

Ordered that Abraham Allen be Overseer of the road; called Milles's road in the room of Thomas Ballard.

28 April 1747 O.S. p. 224

Ordered that the hands belonging to John Powers be discharged from Serving on the road whereof Thomas Ballard Smith is Surveyor

28 April 1747 O.S. p. 224

Ordered that John Thomson be added; to the order for clearing a road from the Augusta County Line

26 May 1747 O.S. p. 227

Ordered that the Surveyor of the road from Christophers run to Mr. Starkes road be Summoned to appear at the next Court to answer the Presentment of the Grand jury made agt: him for not Setting his road in repair

26 May 1747 O.S. p. 227

Ordered that Benjamin Henson be Summoned to appear at the next Court to answer the Presentment of the Grandjury made agt: him for not Setting up a Post of directions on his road leading to Elk Creek

26 May 1747 O. S. p. 227

Ordered that Thomas Ballard Smith be Summoned to appear at the next Court to answer the Presentment of the Grandjury made agt: him for not Setting up a Post of directions according to Law

*26 May 1747 O.S. p. 227*

Ordered that the Surveyor of Richard Hammacks road; be summoned to appear at the next Court to answer Presentment of the Grandjury made against him for not Setting up a Post of directions according to Law

*26 May 1747 O. S. p. 227*

Ordered that the Surveyor of the main County road be summoned to appear at the next Court to answer the Presentment of the Grandjury made against him for not keeping the Lower Bridge over Bever Creek in repair.

*23 June 1747 O.S. p. 232*

Ordered that the Road whereof John Gentry was formerly Surveyor be divided thus from the main road by the church down to the path, where Mr. Barrets path crosses to John Cosby's Quarter; and James Nuckolls is appointed Surveyor of the Same; and the Labouring male tithables of John Cosby's upper quarter Charles Barrets, Benjamin Henson & James Fears are allotted to the said Surveyor to keep his road in repair; and Overton Harris is appointed Surveyor from the path that crosses to Mr. Cosbys; and the Labouring male tithables of John Cosby's Lower quarter, Benjamin Bibb, Richard Yancey & William Brown are allotted to the sd: Surveyor to keep his road in repair

*23 June 1747 O.S. p. 232*

Robert Estis is appointed Overseer of the road from Harris's creek to Elk creek in the room of Thomas Kimbrow.

*23 June 1747 O.S. p. 232*

David Cosby, William Saxon & Griffith Dickenson, on the Petition of John Poindexter Gent: are appointed to view the way from Elk Creek up to the Courthouse into the road that leads from Harris's old Mill; to the new church and report to the next Court where the most convenient road may be had

*23 June 1747 O.S. p. 232*

Charles Bickley on his Motion is discharged from being any Longer Surveyor of the road from Elk creek up to contrary including the bridge and James Winston is appointed in his room

*23 June 1747 O.S. p. 232*

Daniel Williams is appointed Surveyor of the highways from Indian creek to the old road including the bridge in the room of Abraham Venable Gent.

*23 June 1747 O.S. p. 232*

Thomas Paulet is appointed Surveyor of the highways from Indian Creek up to the head of the road in the room of Abraham Venable Gent

*23 June 1747 O.S. p. 232*

Ordered that all Surveyors of roads in this Country (except those discharged today) be continued as Such for this Year

*23 June 1747 O.S. p. 234*

The Petition of Benjamin Brown pr. a bridle way is Continued till the next Court

*23 June 1747 O.S. p. 234*

Henry Downs Gent. pr. a road Continued till the next Court



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*23 June 1747 O.S. p. 234*

Ordered that James Watson & his hands be added to the road whereof Benjamin Henson is Surveyor

*28 July 1747 O.S. p. 235*

Ordered that all the hands belonging to Mr. Venables road above north East creek be allotted to the road whereof Thomas Paulet is Surveyor.

*28 July 1747 O.S. p. 235*

Ordered that all the hands belonging to Mr. Venables road below north East creek be allotted to the road whereof Daniel Williams is Surveyor.

*28 July 1747 O.S. p. 235*

Ordered that Roger Mcguire be Overseer of the road from Cub Creek bridge to the County Line.

*28 July 1747 O.S. p. 236*

Ordered that Thomas Gresham be Overseer of the road that turns out of the road just above Smith's Quarter, thence to keep the ridge between little river and Contrary into the road from Harris's mill a little below the Church & that the Labouring male Tithables belonging to Snelsons Quarter, William White, William Hendrick James Overton, William Saxon, Griffith Dickenson, David Cosby, Joseph Terrils quarter, John Poindexter, Armisteads quarter & James Winston be allotted to assist in keeping the said road in repair.

*28 July 1747 O.S. p. 236*

The Court having under their consideration, the building of a Bridge over fork creek in this county; are unanimously of opinion that there ought to be a bridge over the Same; Therefore it is Ordered that Joseph Fox, Joseph Shelton, & Roger Thompson Gent: do agree with workmen for the building of the Same

*25 August 1747 O.S. p. 237*

Thomas Walker & Joseph Martin Gent: on the Petition of divers inhabitants of this County; are appointed to view the way; were Mr. Martins roling path comes into the road over the north river; below Wm. Carrs quarter into Buck mountain road; and report to the next Court

*25 August 1747 O.S. p. 239*

The Petition of Henry Downs for a road Continued till the next Court

*25 Aug. 1747 O.S. p. 239*

The Petition of Benjamin Brown for a road Continued till the next Court

*27 Oct. 1747 O.S. p. 244*

The Petition of Henry Downs for a road is continued till the next Court

*24 Nov. 1747 O.S. p. 248*

On the Motion of Robert Anderson for a road from hiccory creek bridge to the Lower Church; its Ordered that Samuel Thompson, R'obert Anderson Robert Estis & George Thomason or any three of them; do meet and view where the most convenient road may be had & report their proceedings herein to the next Court.

*24 Nov. 1747 O.S. p. 248*

Ordered that John Mccolly turn the road that leads from Albemarle County to Orange County

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24 Nov. 1747 O.S. p. 248

On the Petition of Divers Freeholders of this County for a road from Mr. Martins roling path over the north River below William Carrs' quarter into Buck mountain road; its Granted, and Ordered that Thomas Henry's Gang, Jno. Mccollys, Richd. Hammack & William Coursey's do meet & open the Same & David Watts is appointed Overseer thereof.

24 Nov. 1747 O.S. p. 248

On the Petition of Divers inhabitants of this County to have a road to pass out of Elk creek near Mr. Smith's quarter; running thence into the road near Benja: Bibbs; its Ordered that John Rhodes, Griffith Dickenson, William Sexton, & James Overton or any three of them meet & view the Same & make report to the next Court.

25 Nov. 1747 O.S. p. 248

To Thomas Balld: Smith for Setting up a post of directions	20
To John Storke for Setting up a post of directions	20
To Thomas Gresham for two posts of directions	40
To John Estis for two posts of directions	40
To Thomas Henry for two posts of directions	20
To Richd. Hammack for two posts of directions	40

23 Feb. 1747 O.S. p. 249

Robert Davis is appointed Surveyor of a road in this County in the room of John Davis

23 Feb. 1747 O.S. p. 249

Ordered that William Hudson be Overseer of the road from Gibsons foard to Daltons path & that the hands of Mrs. Morris & James Flanacan be added to his Gang

23 Feb. 1747 O.S. p. 250

On the Motion of Samuel Thompson it is ordered that he turn the road according to Mr. Starks directions

23 Feb. 1747 O.S. p. 250

On the Petition of divers freeholders of this County for a Bridge to be built over the Northanna River, its continued till the next Court.

23 Feb. 1747 O.S. p. 250

On the Motion of James Winston; it is ordered that his hands be taken off of the road whereof Thomas Gresham is Surveyor

23 Feb. 1747 O.S. p. 250

Ordered that Richmond Terril & Richard Thurman & their hands be taken of, off the Church road & added to the road whereof John Tate is Surveyor.

23 Feb. 1747 O.S. p. 250

Adam Jones is appointed Surveyor of a road in this County in the room of Richmond Terril.

23 Feb. 1747 O.S. p. 250

On the Petition of Richard Walker & others for a bridle path; from Walkers ordinary to Thomas Ballard Smiths Mill; it is Ordered that Thomas Jackson & Jeremiah Glen do view the Same; and make report to the next Court.

*23 Feb. 1747 O.S. p. 250*

On the Petition of Divers inhabitants of this County for a bridle path; to turn out of the road between Christophers run & Tommahuck; it is Ordered that William White & Robert Estis do view the same; and make report to the next Court.

*23 Feb. 1747 O.S. p. 250*

On the Motion of Robert Anderson it is Ordered that a road be laid off and cleared from hiccory creek bridge to the Lower Church & that it be divided at James Roaches plantation & Robert Anderson is appointed Overseer of the upper part, thereof & all the Labouring male Tithables belonging to Joseph Pulliams quarter, Samuel Thompson, John Starke, John Poindexter's quarter, Robert Estis Junr: William Mcdoel, Richard Wilburn, Temples quarter, Willm. White's quarter & Elisha Estis are allotted to the sd. Anderson to keep the Same in repair. And Alexander Freeman is appointed Overseer of the Lower part thereof & all the Labouring male Tithables belonging to Garfield Brown, James Roach, David Roach James Powers Qur: Snelsons quarter, Henry Milles, Edward Stringer, John Garland & William Bennet are allotted to the sd. Freeman to keep his road in repair.

*26 April 1748 O.S. p. 265*

The Petition of Henry Downs for a road & c. not being returned; is Dismist

*26 April 1748 O.S. p. 265*

On the Petition of Sundry Freeholders & inhabitants of this county to have a bridge Erected over the Northanna or Pamunkey river, which devides this & the County of Spotsylvania; at Some convenient place between the mouth of great rocky creek & Franks' run, the petition is granted. And it is Ordered that Charles Barret, Robert Harris, John Carr, & Joseph Bickley Gent: or any two of them, do meet Commissioners to be appointed by the said Court of Spotsylvania & with them do agree and fix on the most convenient place within the Limits aforesd: for erecting the sd. bridge & make report of their proceedings to the next Court./.

*24 May 1748 O.S. p. 266*

John Goodall is appointed Overseer of the road from Buck mountain creek to the upper fork of rocky creek

*24 May 1748 O.S. p. 267*

William Thompson is appointed Overseer of the road from the North fork of Willis's road to Highgate./.

*24 May 1748 O.S. p. 267*

The view of the bridge over the Northanna River being returned; it is ordered that Charles Barret, Robert Harris, John Carr & Joseph Bickley Gent. or any two of them do agree with Workman for the building of the Same between this & the next Court./.

*28 June 1748 O.S. p. 272*

Thomas Gresham is discharged from being any Longer Surveyor of a road & William Hendrick is appointed in his room./.

*28 June 1748 O.S. p. 279*

The Persons appointed by this Court to meet Commissioners appointed by the Court of Spotsylvania returned that they have with the

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said Commissioners agreed with Benjamin Davis of the County of Spotsylvania to Erect a bridge at the place mentioned in the former return for the Sum of thirty Seven pounds ten Shillings which is to be paid to him by both the sd. Counties; in proportion to the number of Tithes in each of them, the said Davis is to maintain the said bridge for Seven years and the said Comconrs of Spotsylvania is to take bond for the performance of the Same; which is ordered to be recorded.

**CIVIL WAR LETTER OF SAMUEL R. NUCKOLS<sup>1</sup>**

Mt. Jackson, Va.  
August 27th, 1864

Mr. L. R. Swift,

Dear Brother, you doubtless have heard this of my being wounded and there is no chance of getting away only on wagon to Staunton, and I will start for Staunton in a few days, or as soon as I can travel. You will do me a favor if my wife has not heard of my being wounded to send her word as soon as you receive this. And if any one comes for me, they will come direct to Staunton as they are giving furlough from that place. I stand a very good chance to get one. I received my wound the 20th day of this month and I am glad to say it is doing well. I received a gun-shot in my wright (sic) should (sic) and arm all with the same ball. The ball is in my arm as yet - in the elbow. But don't suffer any uneasiness about me, as I am doing finely, and hope to be home soon.

And truly I remain your until death.

Saml. R. Nuckols

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<sup>1</sup>Minutes Fork Baptist Church, W. B. Meredith, Clerk.