

GENEALOGY SOCIETY FUNDS PURCHASE OF COUNTY SUPREME COURT CASES

Through a generous \$500 donation from the Watauga Association of Genealogists, the archives recently purchased copies of selected court cases having their origins in either Washington County Circuit Court or Chancery Court, which were appealed and heard by the Tennessee State Supreme Court. The Tennessee State Library and Archives in Nashville has completed a long-term project to scan and digitize state Supreme Court cases held by the TSLA. The project includes a total of 1,259 Washington County cases heard by the court between 1812 and 1987.

Sixteen Washington County-related cases were selected for this initial purchase. Two additional cases were purchased and donated to the archives by Betty Jane Hylton and Donna Cox Briggs, respectively. The cases selected cover a broad timespan from 1841 to 1936. A variety of court cases were selected, including cases involving murder, debt, church disputes, slave ownership, Civil War actions, divorce, land disputes, estate settlements, etc. As more funds become available, the archives will order more of these cases.

The cases form part of Record Group 24: Tennessee State Court Records and may be viewed in the archives' Reading Room. A listing of these cases is found on our website: <https://wctnarchives.org/record-groups/>.