

RECORD GROUP 4:
CLERK AND MASTER RECORDS
(Chancery Court Case Files)
GUIDE

Sub-Group 4.2: Chancery Court Records, 1792-1973

Series A: Case Files, 1792-1942
242 linear feet (373 boxes and 1 map folder)

Series Description

The documents in this series are related to cases concerning estate and property settlements, divorce, debt, damages, and delinquent taxes, among other matters. Cases are arranged alphabetically by the plaintiff's surname. Some later cases were assigned case numbers and the corresponding number has been included. Records include correspondence, depositions, decrees, subpoenas, transcripts, and exhibits, among other types. Many historical issues can be studied in these cases, including family history, slavery and emancipation, domestic relations, business affairs, the Civil War, and many other topics. Although Chancery Court began in 1836 in Washington County, there are various exhibits in these files dated much earlier. There are additional court case files that are currently unprocessed and not identified here.
Court case files are permanent records.

1831 - 1839

DATE	CASE NAME	BOX/ FOLDER	NOTES	ROW/ SHELF	
1831	Stuart, Montgomery vs. Thomas Stuart, et al	1	Debt; case was heard in Greene County Supreme Court	1A	1-1
1834	Allison, John and Samuel Latture, administrators of John Allison vs. John Stuart, et al	1	Debt	1A	1-1
1834	Gibbs, George W., et al vs. Montgomery Stuart	1	Bond forfeiture; appeal to the Supreme Court, originally tried in the Rogersville Chancery Court	1A	1-1
1835	Elsey, Isaac vs. George Crow	1	Debt; folder 1 of 2	1A	1-1
1835	Elsey, Isaac vs. George Crow	1	Debt; folder 2 of 2	1A	1-1
1835 – 1837	Jobe, John vs. James O’Brien, et al	1	Garnishment	1A	1-1

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1835 - 1839	Houston, Mary (Polly) vs. John Houston and William Houston	1	Alimony dispute	1A	1-1
1835	Love, Robert C. vs. James R. Love	1:8	Land dispute	1A	1-1
1835	Scott, John vs. Isaac Lamb and Joseph Scott	1	Debt; Case from Sullivan County	1A	1-1
1836 - 1837	Carlton, Blake vs. Mark Chester	1	Debt	1A	1-1
1836 – 1837	Carter, George W. vs. Daniel I. Ward, et al	1	Debt; Case from Carter County	1A	1-1
1836 – 1841	Cooper, Stephen vs. James Cunningham, et al	1	Land dispute	1A	1-1
1836	DeVault, Jacob and wife vs. John Scott, Samuel Scott, Isaac Scott and Robert Rhea	1	Debt; Case from Sullivan County	1A	1-1
1836	Fulkerson, John vs. William White	1		1A	1-1
1836	Green, John, et al vs. Hezekiah Bayless, et al	1		1A	1-1
1836	Greene, John and John Hoss vs. Thomas Stephens, et al	1		1A	1-1
1836 – 1837	Keith, William vs. Merry Webb	1	Land title dispute	1A	1-1
1836	Lynn, William vs. Lucinda Lynn	1	Divorce	1A	1-1
1836	McGinnis, Thomas, et al vs. Christian Zetty, and others	2		1A	1-1
1836 - 1840	Miller, Abraham, guardian of Matilda Dearman vs. William Carter and Reuben Miller, administrators of Jeremiah Miller's estate	2	Estate dispute over a slave named Rachel; includes a countersuit; case from Carter County: folder 2 of 2	1A	1-1
1836 - 1840	Miller, Abraham, guardian of Matilda Dearman vs. William Carter and Reuben Miller, administrators of Jeremiah Miller's estate	2	Estate dispute over a slave named Rachel; includes a countersuit; case from Carter County: folder 1 of 2	1A	1-1
1836	Nichols, Thomas vs. John Green and James Fulton	2	Debt; case from Carter County	1A	1-1
1836 – 1837	State vs. McCans	2		1A	1-1
1836	Smith, Robert vs. John Stuart, et al	2	Land dispute	1A	1-1
1836 – 1843	Watkins, Susan vs. A. E. Jackson	2	Siblings; suit regarding "Sister's Row" in Jonesborough	1A	1-1
1836 – 1837	William Vance and Sons vs. Mary Bean and Clark Hunter	2	Debt	1A	1-1
1836 – 1856	William K. Vance and Sons, and James H. Vance, et al vs. Brown, Blair and Willett	2	Debt	1A	1-1
1836 – 1841	Wright, John and John Williams vs. Taylor McNabb, et al	2	Debt; case from Carter County	1A	1-1

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1837 – 1843	Baltzell, David vs. Jacob Merchant, et al	2	Debt; Sullivan County	1A	1-1
1837 – 1838	Board of Common School Commissioners of the State of Tennessee vs. Washington Henshaw, and John Williams	2	Escheated property for Common School funding	1A	1-1
1837- 1838	Bowers, Levi vs. Thomas Williams and William Williams	2	Debt	1A	1-1
1837 – 1838	Brooks, Mary vs. Reuben Brooks	2	Divorce	1A	1-1
1837	Caruthers, Johnathan vs. Samuel Caruthers	2	Covenant broken. Caruthers had an agreement with his son, Samuel to give him land in return for caring for his parents in their old age, which his son failed to do.	1A	1-1
1837 – 1839	Cass, Benjamin W. vs. William C. Emmitt and James F. Cass	2	Debt	1A	1-1
1837 – 1838	Cloyd, John vs. William Cloyd, et al	2	Estate and property dispute	1A	1-1
1837	Crump, Benjamin vs. Abraham Tipton, et al	2	Slave dispute; case from Sullivan County	1A	1-1
1837	Gammon, William, and A. L. Gammon vs. Benjamin F. Crump and Abraham B. Tipton	2	Debt; case from Sullivan County	1A	1-1
1837	Haines, David, and Ezekiel Smith vs. Taylor Allicin (Allison) and William McNabb, heirs of David McNabb, deceased	2	Debt; case from Carter County	1A	1-1
1837 – 1838	Hartsell, Isaac vs. Henry McCray	2	Trespass; land dispute	1A	1-1
1837 – 1844	Hoss, John, and John Greene, administrators of James Barnes vs. Thomas Stephens, et al	2	Debt	1A	1-1
1837	Ireland, Thomas vs. James Simpson, John Davis, and Sarah Davis, his wife	3	Dispute over the estate of Giles Brooks	1A	1-1
1837 – 1839	Jobe, John vs. Christian Carriger, et al	3	Debt; case from Carter County	1A	1-1
1837	Jones, James H. vs. W. K. Blair, et al	3	Debt	1A	1-1
1837 – 1842	Jones, James H. vs. James N. Draper and Jeremiah M. Smith	3	Debt	1A	1-1
1837	Jones, Nancy, et al vs. Darling Jones, et al	3	Partition of land	1A	1-1
1837 – 1839	Jones, William D. vs. Charles Lewis, et al	3	Debt; case from Carter County	1A	1-1
1837	Kennedy, John, et al vs. James Anderson	3		1A	1-1

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1837	Leonard, Obediah vs. Trueman Hilton and Jordon Jones	3	Land title dispute; case from Carter County	1A	1-1
1837	M. H. Hobbs and Company vs. Benjamin Crump and Polly Snapp	3	Debt	1A	1-1
1837	McKinney, Robert J. vs. Benjamin Crump and A. B. Tipton	3	Debt	1A	1-1
1837 – 1842	McLin, Joseph, et al vs. Mary Snapp, et al	3	Dispute over the estate of Lawrence Snapp; case from Sullivan County	1A	1-1
1837 – 1838	Rowe, Nancy vs. Thomas Rowe	3	Divorce; case from Carter County	1A	1-1
1837	Ruble, John vs. Peggy Ruble	3	Failure of daughter to support her father, as agreed	1A	1-1
1837	Stuart, John vs. Jacob Harkleroad	3	Case from Sullivan County	1A	1-1
1837	Stuart, John vs. Stephen Taylor	3		1A	1-1
1837 – 1845	Tipton, Abraham B. vs. William B. White, et al	3	Land sale of George W. Rutledge, deceased; property in Sullivan County	1A	1-1
1837 – 1845	Toncray, Jackson C. vs. Castilian Fitzsimmons and Jeremiah Boyd	3	Suing over the purchase of a defective slave	1A	1-1
1837 – 1848	Waterford, Walter vs. Adam Waterford and John Baker	3	Emancipation; case from Sullivan County; 1 of 2	1A	1-1
1837 – 1848	Waterford, Walter vs. Adam Waterford and John Baker	3	Emancipation (copies only); case from Sullivan County; 2 of 2	1A	1-1
1837	Webb, Merry, for the use of James H. Jones vs. John L. Williams and Ephraim Buck, executors of David Grant, deceased	3	Debt; case from Carter County	1A	1-1
1837	Work, Jacob, et al vs. Thomas Whiteside, et al	3	Dispute over the estate of Robert Work; case from Sullivan County	1A	1-1
1838	Barkley, Daniel B., et al vs. William McCall and Asa Glasscock, administrators of Archibald Glasscock	4	Estate dispute	1A	1-1
1838 – 1842	Barkley, Daniel B., administrator of the estate of John D. Guin vs. the widow, heirs, and creditors	4	Estate settlement; 1 of 2	1A	1-1
1838 – 1842	Barkley, Daniel B., administrator of the estate of John D. Guin vs. the widow, heirs and creditors	4	Estate settlement; 2 of 2	1A	1-1
1838 – 1842	Blackmore, Owen vs. Rachel Blackmore heirs	4	Estate settlement of the estate of James Blackmore	1A	1-1
1838 – 1842	Emmerson, Thomas B., executor of Thomas Emmerson vs. Alexander McGhee, et al	4	Debt	1A	1-1
1838 – 1839	Bradford, Abraham K. and Theoderick J. Bradford vs. Robert C. Patilla and John Yancey	4	Debt	1A	1-1

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1838	Carter, Alfred M. vs. William D. Jones	4	Furnace partnership dispute; case from Carter County	1A	1-1
1838 – 1839	Cloud, Benjamin vs. James P. Thompson, administrators of Thomas Hopkins	4	Debt; case from Sullivan County	1A	1-1
1838 – 1839	Deakin, Daniel, Daniel Barkley and Ebenezer Barkley vs. Robert Beard, et al	4	Debt	1A	1-1
1838	Ellis, Clark vs. William Ellis, et al	4	1827 – 1840; settlement of the Jacob Ellis estate; 1 of 2	1A	1-1
1838	Ellis, Clark vs. William Ellis, et al	4	1827 – 1840; settlement of the Jacob Ellis estate; 2 of 2	1A	1-1
1838	Gammon, Nathan vs. Harriet Gammon	4		1A	1-1
1838	Gammon, Nathan vs. James Gammon	4		1A	1-1
1838 - 1841	Gammon, William, et al vs. Nathan Gammon, et al	4	Estate settlement of George Gammon; case from Sullivan County	1A	1-1
1838 – 1841	Greene, Ira, et al vs. Adam Broyles, et al	5	Estate settlement of Reuben Broyles; 1 of 2	1A	1-1
1838 – 1841	Greene, Ira, et al vs. Adam Broyles, et al	5	Estate settlement of Reuben Broyles; 2 of 2	1A	1-1
1838 – 1844	Jobe, John vs. John Hodges	5	Debt	1A	1-1
1838 – 1844	Kennedy, John, et al vs. Elijah Embree, et al	5	Debt	1A	1-1
1838	Kratzer, Joseph, Mary Hoss, et al vs. Alfred Hoss, et al	5	Debt	1A	1-1
1838	Lowry, William M., and others, administrators of John G. Eason, deceased vs. the widow, heirs, and creditors of said Eason	5	Estate settlement; 1 of 2	1A	1-1
1838	Lowry, William M., and others, administrators of John G. Eason, deceased vs. the widow, heirs, and creditors of said Eason	5	Estate settlement; 2 of 2	1A	1-1
1838 – 1844	Lowry, William M., et al vs. John Green, et al, creditors of John G. Eason, deceased	5	Debt	1A	1-1
1838 – 1844	Lowry, William M., William E. Eason, and Seth J. W. Lucky, administrators of John G. Eason, deceased vs. the Union Bank of the State of Tennessee	5	Estate Settlement	1A	1-1
1838	Mariott, Richard W. and Richard S. Hardesty, of Baltimore vs. Levi Bowers, et al	5	Debt	1A	1-1

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1838 – 1847	Massengill, Henry vs. William Massengill, and others	5	Partnership dispute; case from Sullivan County	1A	1-1
1838	McCall, William, et al, administrators of the estate of Archibald Glasscock, deceased vs. Sarah and Robert Beard, et al	6	Debt	1A	1-1
1838 – 1856	McLin, Joseph, et al vs. James Blackmore, et al	6	Estate settlement of Robert Blackmore	1A	1-1
1838	McQueen, Samuel vs. William McNabb, et al	6	Debt	1A	1-1
1838 1831 – 1840	Slaughter, William vs. Richard Stuart	6	Breach of contract; Stuart, a former slave agreed to care for Slaughter in his old age, but failed to do so.	1A	1-1
1838	Stout, Henry vs. Daniel Reese, et al	6	Land dispute; case from Johnson County	1A	1-1
1838	Tipton, John B.	6	Garnishment	1A	1-1
1838 – 1840	White, William vs. John Fulmer, et al	6	Land dispute	1A	1-1
1838	Williams, Thomas vs. William Williams	6	Business partnership dispute	1A	1-1
1839 – 1841	Allison, Jesse vs. John R. Dulaney, et al	6	Land dispute; case from Sullivan County	1A	1-1
1839	Anderson, James V. vs. Thomas Stuart	6	Trespass with damages, cutting trees on property	1A	1-1
1839	Barkley, Daniel B., administrator vs. Jane Roberts	6	Debt	1A	1-1
1839 – 1840	Barkley, Daniel B., et al vs. Sarah Beard, et al	6	Property dispute	1A	1-1