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Stewart County, Tennessee County Court Minutes, 1813 - 1819

Transcribed by Jim Long April 2014

Description: This 273-page publication is a <u>word-for-word transcription</u> of the third and fourth Minute Books of the Stewart County, Tennessee County Court (Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions), covering the years 1813-1819. Only portions of these minute books have been microfilmed. The minutes have previously been available in print form only via the 1930's WPA transcription available only at the Tennessee State Library and Archives.

This publication is a fresh transcription of the original records and not simply a re-issue of the WPA transcription, and also includes minutes for missing court sessions that can be reconstructed from available Loose Records of the Circuit Court and Register of Deeds offices.

County Court Minutes include, but are not limited to:

- Summaries of legal cases, both civil and criminal
- Road crew orders (an excellent source for pinpointing where someone lived in the county)
- Jury lists
- Recording of livestock marks (a predecessor to branding)
- Probate of deeds (the actual deeds being recorded separately in the Deed books)
- Probate of wills (the actual wills being recorded separately in the Settlements and Bonds books)
- Delinquent tax lists
- Elections/appointments of county officials

Therefore, County Court Minutes are an excellent source for proving early residency in the county.

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