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The books also contained transcriptions of bastardy bonds, financial receipts, and in some cases, trial dockets. The original records transcribed into these books by the County Court Clerk - the bonds, wills, settlements and tax lists themselves - would have been filed in the office of the County Court Clerk after being transcribed into the bound volumes. However, the original records do not survive – only portions of the bound volumes into which they were transcribed. Some of the original Settlements, Wills and Bonds books are at the Stewart County Courthouse in Dover and are available on microfilm at the Stewart County Public Library in Dover and the Tennessee State Library and Archives (TSLA).

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