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The first eight volumes of the *Early Records of North Carolina* included abstracts and editing of the variety of materials found in the Secretary of State papers from the colonial and early-state period. This middle volume of three continues my Early Record series, yet these volumes are abstracts and editing of another collection of early papers for North Carolina colonial's period.

EARLY RECORDS OF

NORTH CAROLINA

This collection is labeled *Colonial Court Records - Estate Papers, 1665 - 1775* in the North Carolina State Archives. It consists of a number of fiberdex storage boxes, with individually labeled folders in each box. The collection is most part, the microfilm has been my main source. A number of the documents within the collection are water-stained, faint, and otherwise difficult to read on film; thus, I spent the majority of a week in Raleigh consulting pages and pages of the original documents. (I still get "goose bumps" when I think about handling some of the oldest pieces of North Carolina's written history!)

The collection was brought to the archives in 1963 from the Chowan County Courthouse. The foreword to follow will explain the nature of the courts that generate the papers in the collection. You will find a variety of materials in the collection: Wills, inventories, depositions, suits. It is an exciting collection.

Volume 10

Colonial Court Records - Estates Papers

The material assigned a unique number to each case and, in a number of cases, I divided the case, again by assigned number, indicating continued. The indices are indexed by these assigned numbers, not by page number.

1665 - 1775

Gilbert - Owen

The abstracts include the following indices: Full Name, Women's Christian Name, Slave Name, Place Name, and Miscellaneous.

I want to thank C. Edward Morris of the North Carolina State Archives for writing the foreword to these volumes. Ed's a good guy. He says he is from Wilson, North Carolina, but I know he is really from Rock Ridge. He is a historian and researcher in his own right. I thank him for his career, which he has given to historical endeavors and to many, many persons over the years who have benefitted from his help.

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indebted to the sd Joseph in the sum of £15 for goods & merchandise. Signed John Doe, Richd Roe.

119. JOHN LAWSON

Lawson's Case against Kirk

Undated: To the Generall Court. Wm Kirk of Craven Precinct had been summoned to answer Hannah Smyth executrix of Jno Lawson dec'd late of Bath County of a plea of detinue. It was stated that sd Jno Lawson was possessed of a haire trunk containing several writings belonging to him & died leaving sd Hannah the executrix of his will; that the will was worthless & sd Wm had plotted how to defraud him of the hair trunk & the writings in it. J. Palin, Clk Cur.

16 Dec 1712. Order to the Provost Marshall or deputy to summon Wm Kirke to appear in Generall Court at the house of Capt Jno Hecklefield in Little River the last Tuesday in Mar next to answer Hannah Smyth executrix of Jno Lawson dec'd. J. Palin, Clk Cur. On back: "Executed pr me Daniel Mcfarlan pro. marshll."

Hecklefield's Case against Lawson

21 Jan 1712/13. Order to the Provost Marshall or deputy of Bath County to summon Hanah Smyth executrix of Jno Lawson dec'd to appear in Generall Court at the house of Capt Jno Hecklefield in Little River the last Tuesday in Mar next to answer Jno Hecklefield in a plea of the case. J. Knight, Secry.

Miscellaneous

Undated. "Mr Snoden: Mr Lawson being dead, have sent us to enter a Caveat agt. any one handing Lres of admton. & to demand ym my selfe as Cheifest Crtr. Yr Friend & Servt. C. Gale."

120. Col. JOHN & ANNA LEAR

Undated. Edward Mayo vs Capt Thomas Godwin & Majr Lewis Burwell excrs of Col John Lear dec'd. The sd plts complained that the deft was indebted to them in the sum of 30 shillings. W. Glover Cl Cur.

Undated. Capt Thomas Godwin & Majr Lewis Burrel excrs of Col John Lear excr of Anna Lear stated that Wm Duckenfield was indebted to sd Anna Lear for 3 bags of money sealed in another bag: 1 bag to the value of £60 sterling; 1 bag to the value of £10 sterling.

Undated. Certification to General Court that Col Thos Pollock began his suit against Maj Lewis Burrell & Capt Thomas Godwin who were excrs of Col Jno Lear dec'd in a plea for £53s11p3 in pork; that at Chowan Precinct Court in Jan 1696/7, the commission returned a non Est Inventory; that sd Col Thomas Pollock would have an attachment against the estate of Maj Lewis Burrill & Capt Thos Godwin excrs of Col John Lear for the sum of £53s11p2 in pork. Na. Cheven Clk of the Prectt.

Undated. Maj Lewis Burrill & Capt Thomas Godwin excrs of Col Jno Lear exhibited a bill in the Court of Chancery against Col Thomas Pollock, in which they state their objections.

1694/5. Account by the executors of Col Lear. Named within the account:

Daniel Akehurst	Nat. Chevin	Mr Hawkins	Ramon
Wm Blaney	Jno Davis	Henry Lsyle	Mr Stephens
Jno Blunt	Wm Gaskins	Capt Luten	Jno Watkins
An Braxum	Tho. Gillum	Alex Mackfarland	Lues Williams
Cannon	Mr Glover	Pierre	Frank Wmson