

[At the General Quarter] Sessions [of the Peace held at the courthouse in the Village of Picton on Tuesday,] 2nd October, 1838

Present: James Cotter, chairman, Henry Vanduzen[, Esqs.]

Commission [of the Peace] read.

Grand Jury sworn.

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| 1. Samuel Pettingill, foreman | 9. James Carpenter |
| 2. John Abraham | 10. Stewart Wilson |
| 3. James Collier | 11. Isaac Dempsey |
| 4. Nicholas Lazier | 12. William Giles |
| 5. Peter Lazier | 13. Thomas Raddick |
| 6. David Conger | 14. Simon Delong |
| 7. John McIntosh | 15. David Gibson |
| 8. William Babcock | |

The charge was then given to the Grand Jury. William Cahill [constable] sworn to attend upon them.

Deed from Willet Casey, where the witnesses were found to be dead, was proved before the Court and certificate to Rulif Pit[?] ordered.

Court adjourned at four o'clock for $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour.

Court met pursuant to adjournment. Present: James Cotter, Esq., chairman, John Lane, Henry VanDusen[, Esqs.]

The Grand Jury came into Court and presented true bills against George Black.

Ordered that the front allowance on the township line between the 2nd concession broken front of Sophiasburgh and the 5th concession of Hillier, from the road leading to Frayr's mill [i.e., Allisonville] to the road leading to the Carrying Place, be opened.

At 11 o'clock, Court adjourned until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

[Wednesday, 3rd October, 1838]

Court met pursuant to adjournment. Present: James Cotter, Esq., chairman, John Lane, Henry Vanduzen, Esqs.

CASE	The Queen vs. George Black
CHARGE	Larceny

JURY	1. James Yerwood 2. William Kerr 3. William Simons 4. James Hart 5. Huron Loveless 6. Patrick Managhan	7. John Ellis Jr. 8. Francis Dunning 9. Daniel Cassady 10. William Macauley 11. Neil Shannon Jr. 12. Patrick Holland
PLEA	[not guilty]	
WITNESSES	Thomas Ray, James Pye Jr., Clarendon Lamb, William Cahill, Abraham Mastin, Roda Johnston, Joseph Johnston	
VERDICT	The jury, having retired from the Court and again returned into Court, by James Yerwood, their foreman, say the prisoner at the bar, George Black, is not guilty.	

CASE	Appeal by Joseph Rousseau Sr. and Joseph Rousseau Jr.	
CHARGE	Conviction for trespass before John Lane[, Esq.], and under the Summary Punishment Act	
JURY	1. John Armstrong 2. James Porter 3. John Corcoran 4. Thomas Corcoran 5. Simon L. Haney 6. Reuben Reynolds	7. Patrick Downey Jr. 8. Andrew Wycott 9. James Yerwood 10. William Kinny 11. Michael Murphy 12. Garret Pie
WITNESSES	Benjamin Hicks, Franvay[?] De Watty [i.e., Dewitta], Joseph De Moore, John Lane, -[?] Clark	
VERDICT	The jury, having retired from the Court and again returned into Court, by John Armstrong, their foreman, say they annul the conviction.	

Thursday[, 4th October, 1838]

Court met at nine o'clock pursuant to adjournment. Present: James Cotter, chairman, William Dougall, David Stinson and David B. Stevenson, Esqs.

CASE	The Queen vs. Elias Werden
CHARGE	[not stated]

JURY	1. William Simons 2. Walter Gibson 3. Joseph Swan[?] 4. James Hart 5. Ira Spafford Jr. 6. John Osterhout	7. Patrick Manghan 8. John Ellis Jr. 9. Daniel Cassady 10. Samuel Low 11. William Macaulay 12. Neil Shannon Jr.
PLEA	[not guilty]	
WITNESSES	John Dougall, Henry VanDusen, Esq., D[avid] B. Stevenson, Esq., David W. Parr, John W. Putnam, Owen Richards, Isaac Huyck, Platt Huyck, William Huyck, George Werden	
VERDICT	The jury, having retired from the Court and again returned into Court, by their foreman, William Simons, say the defendant, Elias Werden, is guilty.	

The defendant was then put to the bar and fined 20 shillings and the costs, which were levied as follows: Justices, 3/3, constables' fees, 24 miles haul, 8/, and 2/6, assistant[?] 8/, paid for hire of wagon, 7/6, indictment of fine, 20/, £1.10s.0d. Received defendant's note with[?] Isaac Huyck for £2.19s.9d.

[The Court adjourned.]

[The Court met.] Present: James Cotter[, chairman], Simeon Washburn, David Stinson, Daniel Hare, Andrew Deacon, Henry Vanduzen & William Dougall, Esqs.

Ordered that in consequence of John Wilson, the [tax] collector of Sophiasburgh, having absconded from the Province and the rates remaining unpaid, a duty has devolved upon the Magistrates in Sessions to supply his place by a new appointment. Therefore, on motion of David Stinson, Esq., seconded by William Dougall, Esq., it was unanimously resolved that William Henry Cotter¹ be appointed collector in the room and stead of the said John Wilson for the present year, and that the treasurer be directed to give up to the sureties of the said John Wilson the bonds filed by him for the present year. And that he instruct[?] thereof soon[?] from the said William Henry Cotter sufficient bonds for the due collection of the said rates. Done in upon Sessions, 4th October, 1838.

[Signed,]James Cotter[, chairman]

Court adjourned until the first Wednesday in December next.

¹ William Henry Cotter was a son of the chairman, James Cotter, Esq., and his wife Magdalena Huffman.