

Transcript of Minutes from the March, 1792 Meetings of the Commissioners  
Who Chose Joel Lane's Land for the Location of the State Capital

North Carolina Wake County

At a meeting of the Commissioners appointed by the General Assembly to carry into effect An Act to carry into effect the Ordinance of the Convention held at Hillsborough in July 1758 entitled an Ordinance for Establishing a place for holding the future meetings of the General Assembly and the place of Residence of the Chief Officers of the State.

Present in the House of Isaac Hunter on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> of March 1792 from the District of

New Bern      Frederick Hargett Esq

Edenton        William I Dawson Esq

Morgan,        Joseph McDowell Esq

Salisbury      James Martin Esq

Halifax        Thomas Blount Esq

Adjourned to the Home of Col. Joel Lane at Wake Court House

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>--Began to view the several places nominated by persons residing within the limits presented by the above mentioned Ordinance of Convention & viewed the Lands of Nathaniel Jones at the cross-roads near the Western part of the circle\_\_Same day Willie Jones Esquire ninth commissioner arrived at Wake Court House

Thursday

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>—Viewed the Lands of Theophilus Hunter Senior one mile to the southward of his dwelling house on the road leading to Fayetteville\_ the Lands of Theophilus Hunter Junior two miles South of Wake Court House\_\_the Lands of Col. Joel Lane at Wake Court House and the Lands of Henry Lane one mile North of Wake Court House\_\_

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>\_\_Viewed the Lands of Isaac Hunter in the Centre of the Circle\_\_the Lands of Nathaniel Jones adjoining\_\_the lands on both sides the River Neuse at the great Falls\_\_the Lands of Thomas Crawford on the north side of Neuse three miles below the great Falls\_\_and the Land of Dempsey Powell on the south side of Neuse at Powell Bridge Seven miles from Isaac Hunters.\_\_\_

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>\_\_viewed the Lands of Etheldred Rogers on the north side of Neuse River at the Roger's ferry\_the Lands of Michael Rogers, Hardy Deane & John Ezell adjoining\_\_and the Lands of John Hinton & David Hinton on the North side of Neuse one mile below John Hinton's dwelling House\_\_

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>\_\_Viewed the Lands of Kimborough Hinton on the north side of Neuse River near the Eastern part of the Circle\_\_

Monday 26<sup>th</sup>\_\_Viewed the Lands of Lovett Bryan & others lying on the south side of Neuse between Crabtree & Walnut Creeks\_\_

Tuesday

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>\_\_Took another view of the Lands of Joel & Henry Lane

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>\_\_Viewed the Lands of William Jeffreys\_two places both on the South side of Neuse River one opposite & adjoining to Roger's ferry\_the other three miles from the Centre spot on the road leading to Powell's Bridge

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>\_\_Having viewed all the places in nomination, Frederick Hargett Esquire was unanimously appointed Chairman of the Board then proceeded to Ballot for the place most proper to be purchased for the purpose intended by the act of assembly under which we are acting and upon casting up the Ballots there were for John Hinton's on the north side of Neuse River Three for Col. Joel Lane at Wake Court House, two and for Nathaniel Jones' at the Cross-roads near the Western part of the Circle One. Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'Clock\_\_

Friday 30<sup>th</sup>\_\_Met according to adjournment present the same Commissioners as yesterday and proceeded again to Ballot when upon counting the Ballots there were found for Col. Joel Lane's place at Wake Court House, Five and for John Hinton's on the north side of Neuse River, One

Whereupon

Whereupon it was unanimously Resolved, to purchase one thousand acres of Land for the use of the Public & the purposes intended by the aforementioned Act of Assembly, of the said Col. Joel Lane who has agreed to Sell to us at the rate of Thirty Shillings p acre for the Woodland & fresh ground, and Twenty Shillings Currency p acre Currency of the State for the old Field\_\_Then appointed William Christmas Surveyor and order'd that he proceed immediately to Survey the Land & lay off the plan we shall give him\_And that he be allowed the Sum of Four Shillings Currency for each Lot contained in the City as a full compensation for all his

Services among which shall be reckoned the setting & numbering the posts & making for each Commissioner one fair & correct plan of the City\_

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>\_\_Employed in Surveying the Land\_\_

Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup>\_\_Completed a Survey of the Land purchased\_the quantity One thousand Acres contained within the Lines described in the annexed plot, viz Seven hundred & fifty Six (756) acres of Woodland & fresh ground; and Two hundred & forty four (244) acres of old field\_\_same day began to lay off the City\_\_

Tuesday 3<sup>d</sup>\_\_Employed in running lines of experiment to ascertain the City bounds & a place for the State House.\_\_\_

Wednesday

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>\_\_Adopted the annexed plan of a City & gave to the Square on which the State House is to be erected the name of Union. Then proceed to call the several Streets by the names following viz, The Street leading from the East to Union Square we called New Bern Street.

The Street leading from the West to Union Square we called Hillsborough Street.

The Street leading from the North to Union Square we called Halifax Street.

The Street leading from the South to Union Square we called Fayette Street.

The Street leading from North to South by Union Square & backing on the East side of it we called Wilmington Street The Street leading from North to South by Union Square & touching on the West Side of it we called Salisbury Street. The Street leading from East to West by Union Square & touching on the North Side of it we called Edenton Street. The Street leading from the East to West by Union Square & touching on the south side of it we called Morgan Street. The outside street on the East quarter of the City running from North to South we called East Street.

The Street next to East Street & parallel therewith we called Bloodworth Street.

The Street next to Bloodworth Street on the west side & parallel ether with we called Person Street.

The Street next to Person Street on the West side & Parallel therewith we called Blount Street.

The outside Street on the West quarter of the City running from North to South we called West Street.

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The Street next to West Street & parallel therewith we called Harrington Street.

The Street next to Harrington Street on the East side & parallel therewith we called Dawson Street.

The Street next to Dawson Street on the East side & parallel therewith we called McDowall Street.

The outside Street on the north quarter of the City running from East to West we called North Street.

The Street next to North Street & parallel therewith we called Lane Street.

The Street next to Lane Street on the South side & parallel therewith we called Jones Street.

The outside street on the South quarter of the City running from East to West we called South Street.

The Street next to South Street on the north side & parallel therewith we called Lenoir Street.

The Street next to South Street to the north side & parallel therewith we called Cabarrus Street.

The street next to Cabarrus Street on the north side & parallel therewith we called Davie Street.

The street next to Davie Street in the north side & parallel therewith we called Martin Street.

The Street next to Martin Street on the north side & parallel therewith we called Hargett Street.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> \_\_Joel Lane executed a Deed of Sale for the Thousand Acres of Land purchased of him to Alexander Martin Esquire Governor for the time being & his successors in office for the use of the State\_\_

And

And it was ordered that the Chairman draw on the Public Treasurer in favor of the said Joel Lane for the Sum of One Thousand three hundred & seventy eight pounds being the Sum to which the said one thousand acres of Land amount at the prices agree on. Now it being the opinion of the Board that two Commissioners will be sufficient to attend to all the Business necessary to be done prior to their next meeting & that there is a necessity for the longer attendance of that number of them agree that Mr. Blount and Mr. Dawson attend till the Surveyor shall complete his Business in laying off the City & that in the mean time they employ Laborers & cause them to clear the Square on which the State House is to be created & the Streets leading thereto & touching thereon in such manner as to them shall seem proper\_\_And it is ordered that the Chairman draw a Warrant on the Public Treasurer in favor of the said Blount & Dawson or one of them for the Sum of one hundred & twenty pounds to be appropriated to the Payment of the Surveyor and such other persons as they may find it necessary to employ- and that they be accountable for the same. Then Resolved that the Commissioners meet a this place on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June next to dispose of the City Lots agreeably to Law & that the chairman cause the same to be advertised in all the Gazettes

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in this State and in the Gazettes at least in each of the adjoining States\_\_the condition of Sale nine months Credit for all Sum of Ten pounds & upwards with Bond & approved Security\_\_

Joseph McDowall Esq. Commissioner for Morgan District was allowed for Seventeen days attendance 480 miles travelling and Expenses coming & returning thirty Eight pounds--£38.00

James Martin Esq. Commissioner for Salisbury District was allowed for Seventeen Days attendance, travelling 250 miles, & expenses coming & returning Twenty nine pounds\_\_£29.00.

Willie Joes Esq ninth Commissioner was allowed for Fifteen days attendance, travelling 160 miles & Expenses coming & returning Twenty-one pounds nineteen shillings\_\_£21.19.0

Joel Lane was allowed for entertaining the Commissioner fourteen days Forty four pounds Sixteen Shillings of Account rendere'd\_order'e'd that the Chairman draw on the Public Treasurer in his favor for that amount.

Adjourned to Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> day June next

[Signed]

Fred \_ Hargett Chair

Willie Jones

John \_owell

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W J Dawson

Ths Blount

Transcribed by Belle Long, April 2009