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Abstracts of Deeds:
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Books M and N (1812-1818)

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Introduction

This book contains abstracts of the deeds in deed books M (1812-1817) and N (1816-1818) for Pendleton District, South Carolina. The original books are in the office of the South Carolina Archives.

Pendleton District was formed in 1789 primarily from Indian land in Ninety-Six District. By 1826 Pendleton District was abolished to create Anderson County and Pickens County. In 1868 Oconee County was formed from Pickens County. Earlier deed books (A through H or 1790-1807) for Pendleton District were published by Betty Willie. It is also helpful to consult the publications by Pauline Young for earlier records.

In addition to deeds for land in Pendleton District, a Charleston County deed is in item 1702; several deeds were recorded 15 to 19 years after the witness oath, examples are 1875, 1879, 2251, 2254, & 2558; man of color as grantee is in 1798 & 1799; Methodist church is in 1863; emancipation of slave in in 1954, 2000, 2453; ore banks are mentioned in 201; par of public square in Pendleton is sold in 2110 & 2111; land in Union District is in 2160; a guardian being dismissed is in 2164; deed written in Cherokee Nation is 2247 [for more information see Whites among Cherokees by Mary B Warren]; a Baptist church is in 2250; Oolenoy Baptist Church is in 2699; a marriage is in 2412; land in Greenville District is in 2493; soldier as grantee is in 2544; a grant is in 2601; a mother renouncing dower is in 2642, 2903, & 3069; land held under statute of limitations in in 2651; sale of runaway slave is in 2715; overlapping land is in 2726; Lowther is in 2734 [for more information see Pendleton Legacy by Beth Ann Klosky]; a poor school is mentioned in 2817; land including Pickensville (county seat for Washington District) is in 2193 & 2838; land in Jul. 31, 1816 cession is in 2932; man losing part of an ear is in 2972; land granted to heirs of a man is in 3006; & land in and near Mobile, Alabama is in 3072.

Following is the format of the abstracts:

1. A number is assigned to each abstract; the number is only for the index and doesn't appear in the deed book.
2. The date of the deed.
3. Name of grantor(s) followed by his occupation (when indicated) and county of residence.
4. After "to" is the name of the grantee(s) followed by his occupation (when indicated) and county of residence; "same" means grantee and grantor are from the same county.
5. After "for" is the amount of the consideration; for lease & release deeds amounts in both parts were combined.
6. After "sold" is the number of acres sold or a description of what is sold. Next is the creek, river, or road on which the land is located.
7. After "border" are names of neighboring land holders or other notable features mentioned in the description of the land.
8. Information about the grant is included when it is mentioned in the deed. Grant books are mentioned, BUT these book "numbers" have been changed since the 1790s; so one should consult the South Carolina Archives' index for the location of the grant.
9. After "signed" the name of grantor is indicated, as signed. Sometimes a woman's name appears at the end of the deed even though she isn't mentioned in the deed (as wife, sister, or mother of the grantor). Often there appears to be little difference between an "X" or a "+" for people who "mark" rather than sign their names.
10. After "witness" are names of witnesses. After "wit. oath" is the date deed was proved in court, name of person who proved the deed, and judge who heard the oath (when indicated). "acknowledged" indicates the grantor proved the deed. Frequently, the name of the person who proved the deed is omitted; sometimes the witness is named but the name of the judge is omitted.
11. After "recorded" is the date the deed was recorded. Following this date is the number of the page where the deed begins.

Following the abstracts is an index. The index is divided into two parts: (a) names of people and (b) names of creeks, rivers, locations, etc. The numbers in the index are the numbers assigned to each abstract, NOT the page numbers. Pendleton District was omitted from the index since it appears in almost every deed.

This book is dedicated to William Hoyt Pruitt, a native of Anderson County, the best and only husband of my mother and the best father the author could have had. He was not perfect, as he would be quick to add. He was known more for the people he helped, when they really needed help, than for large sums of money left behind or large organizations he lead. The author also thanks the people who produced affordable computers and printers without which it would have taken much longer to produce this book.

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1717. dower renounced Oct. 17, 1812 by Rachel Gassaway, wife of "within" Henry Gassaway, before John Grisham QU, for deed to Samuel Maverick & Major Lewis (signed) Rachel "Gassaway's" mark "X"; [note at end] for deed see book L p. 3; Nov. 21, 1812 recorded; book M p. 25.

1718. Aug. 25, 1812 Henry Gassaway, planter (Pendleton Dist) to Samuel Maverick & Major Lewis, merchants (same); for \$80 sold 2 tracts: (a) 148 ac on Prators Cr & branches of same, a branch of NW "side" of Twelve mile R waters of Keowee R; border: begins at a "P O", joins Maverick & Lewis James Rutherford, McCann, Wm Kinsey, Maverick & Major Lewis' land formerly Robt "Coob's", & Saml Cherry; being the part occupied by [blank]; being N part of 718 ac survey Dec. 1, 1806 by John Grisham, DS, for John Prator granted May 1, 1809 to Henry Gassaway; the part now sold was laid out May 3, 1811 by Major Lewis DS; & (b) 1,000 ac on E fork of Woolenoy Cr waters of Saluda R; border: begins at a "B O" & crosses the creek; surveyed Aug. 28, 1810 by Robert Stribling, DS, for Henry Gassaway and granted Feb. 4, 1811 to me. (signed) Henry Gassaway; (witness) Rt Anderson jr & John McMillian; dower renounced Oct. 17, 1812 by Rachel Gassaway, wife of Henry, before John Grisham JQ (signed) Rachel Gassaway's mark "X"; wit. oath Nov. 21, 1812 by John McMillion before John T Lewis, cc & ex. off. QU; Nov. 21, 1812 recorded; book M p. 26.

1719. Oct. 12, 1812 Hugh Callaham (Pendleton Dist) to James Rogers (same); for \$65 sold 32 ac on waters of Twenty-three mile Cr; joined on E by land sold to John Martin, on S by land belonging to Jonathan West, on N by land belonging to Hugh Callaham, & on W by Cuffy Cr [reference of "annexed" plat for metes & bounds]; part of tract sold by Saml Taylor & Cherry to me. (signed) Hugh Callaham; (witness) William Sword & Eleanor Rogers; dower renounced Nov. 24, 1812 by Sarah Callaham, wife of Hugh, before John Willson QU (signed) Sarah Callaham; wit. oath Nov. 24, 1812 by Eleanor "Robinson" before John Willson QU; Dec. 1, 1812 recorded; book M p. 27.

1720. Oct. 6, 1812 John Watson (Pendleton Dist) to Solomon Rainwater (same); for \$150 sold 387 ac on Kenunores [or Keuuous] Cr waters of Twenty-six mile Cr waters of Savannah R; border: begins at a post oak and joins Abraham Padgett. (signed) John Watson; (witness) Jno McMillion & James Liddell; dower renounced Nov. 20, 1812 by Elizabeth Watson, wife of John, before P Keys JQU (signed) Elizabeth Watson; wit. oath Dec. 7, 1812 by James Liddell before A J Liddell JP; Dec. 7, 1812 recorded; book M p. 28.

1721. Nov. 4, 1812 Horatio Reese (Pendleton Dist) to Ezekiel Pickens (same); for \$31.44 sold lot #49 in village of Pendleton; border: joined on N by lot owned by Elane Sharpe, on W by lot owned by Col. John B Earle, on S by lot owned by Ezekiel Pickens, & on E b6 a public street. (signed) Horatio Reese; (witness) A Lawhon [or Lawhow] & George W Reese; wit. oath Dec. 9, 1812 by A Lawhon before John T Lewis, CC & Qu ex off; Dec. 9, 1812 recorded; book M p. 29.

1722. Dec. 15, 1812 Robert Anderson sr (Pendleton Dist) to Daniel Mason (same); for \$20 sold 68 ac on N side of Martins Cr waters of Keowee R; border: begins at a stake, joins the creek, & a branch; part of 300 ac laid out by John C Kilpatrick. (signed) Robert Anderson; (witness) Richard Harris & John Maxwell; wit. oath Dec. 19, 1812 by Richard Harris before John T Lewis, cc & QU; Dec. 19, 1812 recorded; book M p. 29.

1723. Mar. 18, 1807 Rachel Cunningham, executrix of estate of Francis Cunningham (Pendleton Dist) to Elizabeth, Sarah, Paul, Agness, Rachel, & Alexander Cunningham, my children & heirs of Francis Cunningham; for [no amount mentioned] gave Negro woman Milley & Negro woman Violet and their increase, Negro man San, & Negro man Solomon "now" in said state. (signed) Rachel Cunningham's mark "C" [or "E"]; (witness) William McKee & Aaron Holston; [following written sideways on page] wit. oath Sept. 1, 1813 by William McKee before John T Lewis, cc & QU ex off; Sept. 7, 1813 recorded (signed) Jo Grisham, cc; book M p. 30.

1724. Dec. 3, 1812 Thomas Stanton to Elijah Pepper; for \$400 sold Negro boy Joseph. (signed) Thomas Stanton's mark "Thos"; (witness) Jeremiah Williams jr & James Halbert; wit. oath Dec. 25, 1812 by Jeremiah Williams before Aaron Broyles QU; Dec. 26, 1812 recorded; book M p. 30.

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