

At the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace holden at the court house in the Township of Adolphustown in and for the Midland District, on Tuesday, the twenty-sixth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six

Present: John Macaulay, Esq., chairman, Christopher German, Colin McKenzie, Wm. Holditch, Samuel Casey, Samuel Dorland, G[eorge] H. Detlor.

Proclamation made and the Commission of the Peace with the Precept for the Sessions openly read.

The Grand Jury called and the following were sworn: Henry Hagerman, foreman, Henry Rose, Elijah Jenny?, Caleb Gilbert, Stephen Goldsmith, Stephen G. Gilbert, Samuel Vandevoot, John McMullen, Philip Jones, Anthony Crouter, Henry Bonestiel, Duncan Irvine, George Vandevoot, Peter Graham, William Phillips, Gideon Turner¹, Joseph Merritt.

Jeptha Bradshaw sworn as a constable to attend the Grand Jury.

CASE	The King vs. the inhabitants of Sidney
CHARGE	a contested road reported by G[ideon] Turner
JURY	James Dale, John Brown, Hugh Milligan, Alexander McMullen, Peter Akins, Cornelius Kelly, Caleb Parry, Abram Phillips, Jacob Hess, Jacob Hogle, John G. Smith, Ira Billings
VERDICT	It appearing to the Court that the road reported on is curved through an orchard, with the alleged consent of the owner, but of which the Court has no proof in writing, the matter is dismissed in consequence.

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WITNESSES	John Simmons, John Huffman
VERDICT	The jury, without retiring from the court, say that they confirm the surveyor's report for that part of the road reported from lot 39 to the middle of lot 18, and annul the rest of the report.

¹ the clerk of Sidney Township. He was arrested twice on suspicion of being a rebel, once in December, 1837 and again in February, 1838, spending about three months in total in gaol.

CASE	Samuel Darling vs. W. Walker
CHARGE	an appeal from a conviction under the Summary Punishment Act
JURY	Gilbert Goldsmith, James Westfall, Samuel Maybe, Jno. W. Myers, Peter Smith, George Brown, Patrick Clarke, George Parry, Rufus Thomas, Levi Parry, William C. Shorey, Jacob Barragar
VERDICT	The appeal is dismissed, it appearing to the Court that no legal notice had been given of the intention to appeal.

CASE	The King on the prosecution of Jacob Darling and others vs. Thomas Crawford
CHARGE	larceny
JURY	Robert Grass, John Coon, Gilbert P. Sharp, John Fretts, Stephen H. Hogle, Jonathan Knight, Jacob Johnson, John Purdy, George Parry, Peter Maybee, John J. Roblin, John Brower
PLEA	not guilty
WITNESSES	Jacob Darling
VERDICT	The jury, without retiring from the court, say that the defendant is not guilty.

The medical attendant presented his quarterly report, which was read; and an order made for the payment of his allowance.

The report of the gaoler, to October last which, in consequence of his absence, was not then presented, was now brought up and approved of.

The gaoler made a report of the damage done to the court room on the occasion of the holding of the last town meeting there, whereupon a committee was approved to investigate the same, who reported thereon as follows: 1st, they recommend that the sheriff of the district request the township commissioners to make good the damage done to the court room and furniture at the last township meeting. 2nd, that in future, the privilege of transacting township business in the court room should be withheld unless the former request be complied with.

Signed, Matthew Allan, chairman of committee

Approved and ordered to be acted upon by the sheriff.

Application was made for aid in erecting a bridge across the river front, opposite Cold Creek, which was refused on the grounds of no funds.

The Clerk of the Peace presented his annual account which was audited and ordered to be paid.