

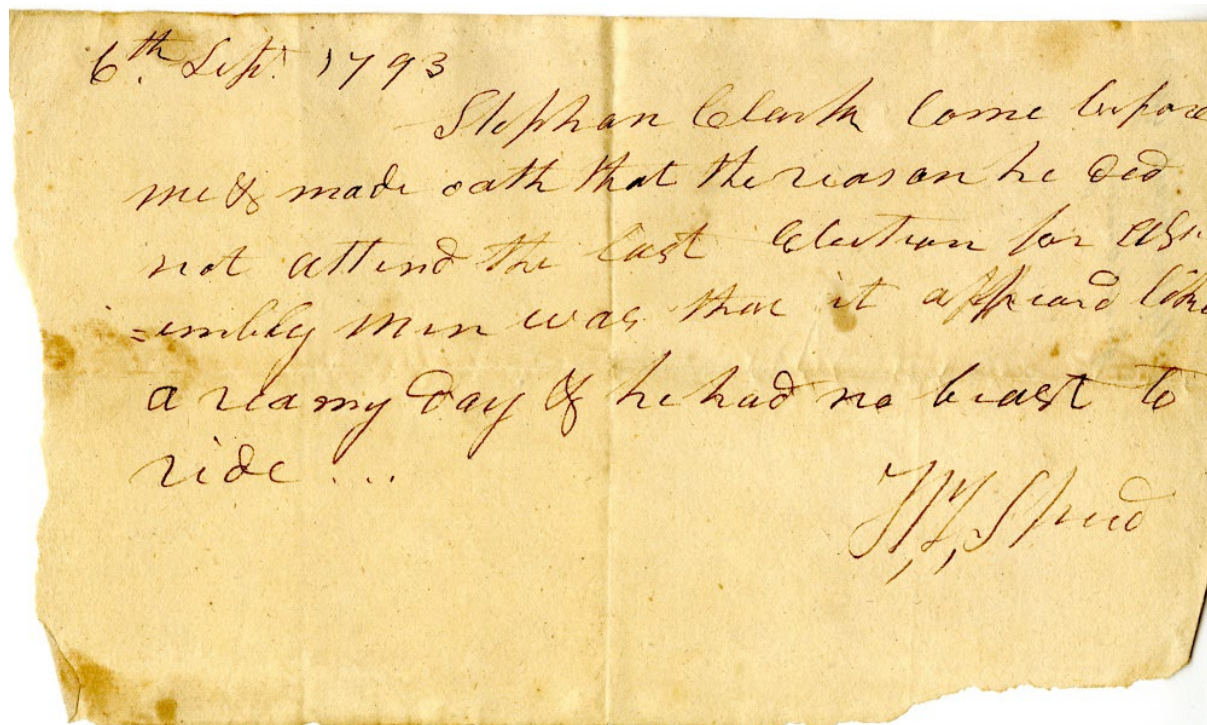
Documents & Transcriptions: “What’s Your Excuse?” Exploring Mecklenburg County Election Excuses

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Document 1

Election Excuse 1: Stephen Clark



Document 1: Transcription

6th Sept. 1793

Stephen Clark Came before me & made oath that the reason he did not attend the last election for afsembly man was that it appeard like a reany day & he had no beast to ride... [N,Y, Sperr]

Document 2

Election Excuse 2: Richard Fox

Mecklenburg County ~~to~~

Richard Fox this day came before me and made oath that he did not know of the day appointed for choosing a representative in Congress for this district until the evening before, when he had left home to go ~~to~~ fishing to the Horseford a fishing and that if he had known of the appointment before he left home he would have attended the election. Given under my hand this 7th day of October 1793. Saml Goode

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Document 3

Election Excuse 3: James Garner

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This day James Garner came before me
a Justice of the peace and Maed Oth that
He did not know there was any fine for
Such Election for members of Congrefs.
Given from Under My hand this 9th day
December 1793. Thompson Foulkes*

Document 3: Transcription

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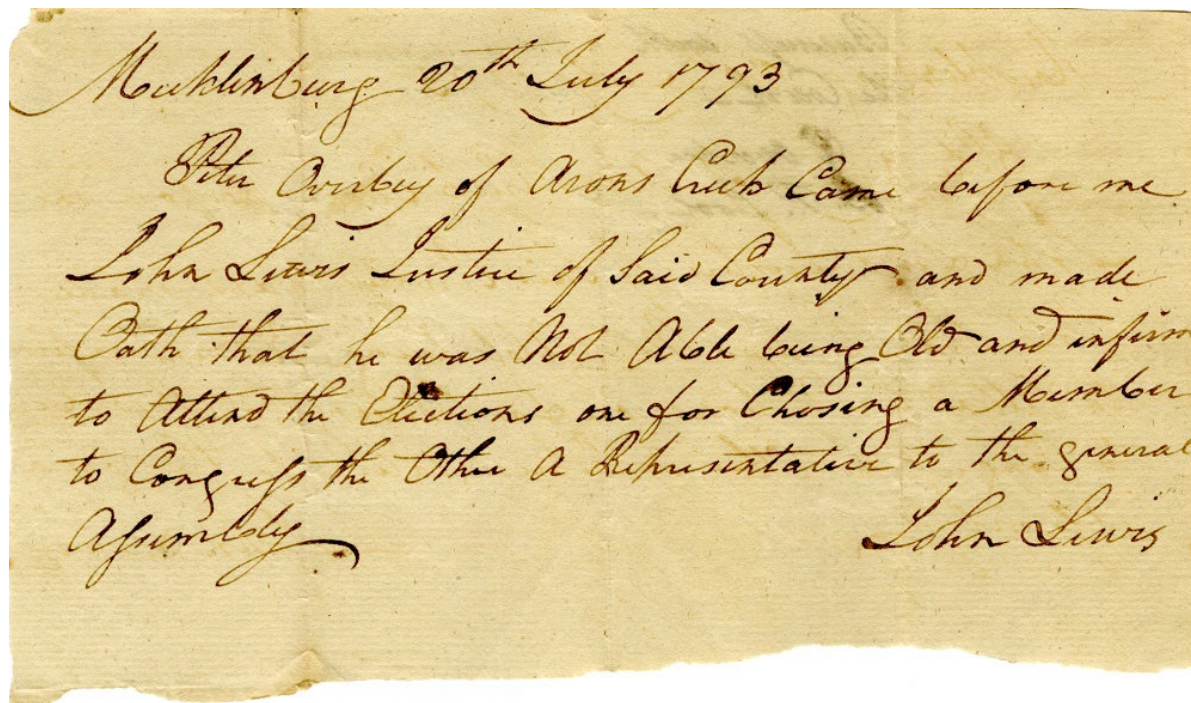
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Thompson Foulkes

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Election Excuse 4: Peter Overby



Mecklenburg 20th July 1793
Peter Overby of Arons Cub Came before me
John Lewis Justice of Said County and made
Oath that he was Not Able being Old and infirm
to Attend the Elections one for Chosing a Member
to Congress the Other a Representative to the general
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John Lewis

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Election Excuse 5: Benjamin Pool

Mecklenburg 21st September 1793
Benjamin P. Pool came before me John Lewis
a Justice of the peace for Said County and made oath
that he was Out of the County and knew nothing
of the Election for Chosing a ~~Member to the~~
~~general Assembly at the in April last~~
a Representative to Congress, — John Lewis

Document 5: Transcription

Election Excuse 5: Benjamin Pool

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Benjamin P. Pool came before me John Lewis a Justice of the peace for Said County made oath that he was Out of the County and knew nothing of the Election for Chosing (sic) ~~a member to the general~~
~~Assembly at the in April last~~ a Representative to Congress,

John Lewis

Document 6

Election Excuse 6: Reuben Puryear

Mecklenburg County
I came Reuben Puryear before me Clausel Clausel a
Justice of the Peace for the said county and made oath, that
he understands he was presented by the Grand jury of this
county for Non-attendance to vote at the last Election for
a Member to Congress. And also for Non-attendance to vote
at the last Election for Representatives to serve in the General
Assembly of this State. He further saith that he never
considered himself a Freeholder, his late Father John Puryear
having devised a certain tract of land to be equally divided
between him & his Brother Samuel Puryear at the death or

Marriage of his Mother who is now in possession of said land
and still remain undivided. Witness the 9th day
of December 1793.
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Clau. Clausel

Document 7

Election Excuse 7: William Smith

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This 9 Dec 1793 came Wm Smith before
me ~~this day~~ and made oath that the reason
he did not attend the election last spring
for a member to congress was the want of
shoes, being disappointed in getting—Given
under my hand, date above—
T Bedford

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Document 8

Election Excuse 8: Thomas Wilson

Gentlemen, The reason, why I did not Vote at the two Elections for which I was presented by the Grand Jury, was, in the first place I was one of the Clerks at each Election, and lastly was not possessed with the Qualifications the Law required as a proper person to Vote. I am Gen^l.
your most ob.^d Serv^t.
The Worshipful Court }
of Mecklenb'g County } Thomas Wilson
9 Dec^r '93

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