

State of Tennessee)
Sevier County)

I have on this 7th day of April 1843 at the House of Richard Lanning in the Town of Sevierville in the County of Sevier, proceeded to take the depositions of Andrew Lawson senr. about the age of 59, Andrew Lawson Jr. about the age of 32 years, Jonathan M. Hammer about the age of _____ years, John Mullendore about the age of 42 years, John Cannon about the age of 66 years & Ira H. Hill about the age of 38 years & John McMahan about the age of 36 years to be read as evidence in a Suit now pending in the Chancery Court of Sevier County wherein John Brabson Charman of the Board of new Trustees of the Nancy Academy, and others are complainants, Thomas Hill Chairman of the Board of old Trustees of said Academy are Respondents- in the presence of John Brabson, Samuel Pickens & George McCown complainants and James P.H. Porter, Alexander Preston & William Henderson Respondents. The Said witnesses being sworn on the Holy Evangelist to Speak the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth concerning the matters in dispute between the parties deposes as follows.

Andrew Lawson Jr being first called deposed & saith:

1 quest. By Respondent, Porter. Had you the copies of the Bill & subpoena against all the defendants put in your hands at the same time. Answer- I recollect of the Clerk & Master Duggan- handing me the copies of the Bills together with the Subpoenas all- that he did give me at the same time, and I also recollect that he sorted them out and directed me to give them out to certain ones of the Complainants and- that if he give all of the Bills and Subpeneas to me I have lost oen of them(to wit, the one vs. Col Rogers and it seems to me that if I had lost one of the Proseses I should have lost all of them, for I was verry carefull in keeping all of them together and tied in a Book to themselves.

2nd quest by Respt. Porter- State whether or not at any time while the processes were in your hands in this case, that you Stated that you had none against M.C. Rogers and did you enquire the reason. Answer: Said he served Bill and Subpoena on Major James P.H. Porter Senr., and saw none for Col. M.C. Rogers.

3rd quest. by Respt. Porter, Did M.C. Rogers one of the respondents at any time apply to you, to know whay Process had not been served upon him and wished it to be done. Answer. I recollect that M.C. Rogers came to me in Sevierville, I think at the door of Mr. Lannings Tavern, and asked me the reason that I had not served a Bill and subpoena upon him, and I told him that I had _____ in my possession for him- and he said that he was sorry for that- or some language to that effect, for he wauld glad to have an opportunity to answer the Bill- and I also recollect that M.C. Rogers at the same time or shortly after- either brought the Clerk and Master to me, or was there at the same time, and we all talked about the Bill and subpoena, and the Clerk said he would issue one for him, M.C. Rogers.

1 question by Complainat Brabson: I want to know of you how long it was before Col. M.C. Rogers made application to you for this writ- that he left the Country. Ans. I do not recollect how long it was before he left the Country, but not a great lenth of time before I should suppose.