State of North Carolina }
Iredell County }

Be it remembered that a Court of Oyer & Terminer was opened & held for the County of Iredell at the Court House in Statesville on the 3d monday in January AD 1868 Being the 20th day of said month in said year. The Honorable — Wm M Shipp one of the Judges in & for our said State was present & presided as Judge. By virtue of the following commission to him directed

State of North Carolina
To the Honorable Wm M Shipp Greeting,
The general assembly having vested in the Governor the power to direct Courts of Oyer & Terminer to be held for the speedy trial of "persons charged with Capital felonies, Crimes misdemeanors, or any offences against, or in violation of, the Statute Laws of the State, or any violation or offences whatever of the Criminal Laws, of which the Superior Courts at their regular terms, have jurisdiction" & good cause having been shown why such Court should be held in the County of Iredell You are hereby nominated appointed and commissioned to hold such Court of Oyer and Terminer in said County at such early time as you may appoint
In witness whereof His Excellency Jonathan Worth our Governor Captain General and Commander in Chief, has hereto set his hand, and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed
Done at the City of Raleigh, this thirteenth day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred & Sixty Seven & in the ninety second year of our Independance } Jonathan Worth.
By the Governor
W H Bagby Private Secretary }