

A Document from the 1863 Sampson County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions: "An Oder for Sale of slaves"

I have an order granting permission for John N. Jackson to sell Harriet and her son, Thomas, two enslaved individuals who belonged to Jackson's ward, Mary J. Bagget [also spelled Baggett]. Here are pictures of the document. (See attached photos.) It is a petition from the Sampson County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions that was heard during its November 1863 Term. The Court granted permission for Jackson to sell two of Ms. Bagget's enslaved people, Harriet and Thomas, Harriet's child, if Jackson announced his intentions at three or more public places for no less than ten days. The following is the transcription of the original document:

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John N Jackson Gdn [Guardian]  
of M J Baggett  
Ex Parte

Order for Sale of  
Slaves  
Harriet & Tom  
Nov Term 1863

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State of North Carolina	}	Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions		
Sampson County		Nov Term 1863		
John N Jackson Gdn	}	Petition	}	This cause coming on to be heard & being heard the
of M J Baggett		for sale		
Ex Parte	}	of Slaves		

Prayer of Petition is granted & on  
Motion it is ordered that John N Jackson Gdn of  
Mary J Bagget have leave to sell the negro woman  
Harriet & her child Thomas after ten days notice in  
three or more public places upon six months credit  
with interest from the sale & report to next court  
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The following is the transcription with modern spelling and punctuation:

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Sheriff of Sampson

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From the Minutes

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