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Last Name	First	Middle	Notes	Start date	Month	End Date	Month	Reference	Notes	Length of service
William	Wilson			1738	March	- 1741	June	1		3.3 yrs
Roberts	George			1741	June	- 1741	December	2,3		6 mths
Hannis	Joseph			1741	December	- 1743	before June	4		2.6 yrs
Mackelwean	James			1743	before June	- 1745	June	5		2.2 yrs
Powell	John			1745	June	- 1745?	December	6		6 mths
Bryan	John			1745	December	- 1749	April	7		3.4 yrs
Lane	Walter			1749	April	- 1751	June	8		2.2 yrs
Rew	Southy			1751	June	- 1754	February	9	died Nov 1753	2.5 yrs
Davis	James			1754	February	- 1755	May	10		1.3 yrs
Carruthers	Joseph			1755	May	- 1761	April	11		6.11 yrs
Cogdell	Richard			1761	April	- 1765	July	12		4.3 yrs
Blackledge	Richard			1765	July	- 1768	September	13		3.2 yrs
Bryan	William			1768	September	- 1774	June	14		5.9 yrs
Bryan	John			1774	June	- 1780	June	15		6.0 yrs
Bryan	John	Council		1780	June	- 1793	September	16,17		13.3 yrs
Henry	William			1793	September	- 1797	June	18		3.9 yrs
West	John			1797	June	- 1799	June	19		2.0 yrs
Harris	Stephen			1799	June	- 1802	June	20		2.0 yrs
Williams	Charles			1802	June	- 1807	June	21	resigned	5.0 yrs
West	John	S.		1807	June	- 1809	March	22	resigned	1.9 yrs
Jones	Reuben	Parker		1809	March	- 1815	June	23		6.3 yrs
Daves	Thomas	H.		1815	June	- 1824	May	24		8.11 yrs
Cole	James	C		1824	May	- 1825	May	25,26		1.0 yr
Clark	Elijah			1825	May	- 1830		27		≈ 5.0 yrs
Popular election of Sheriffs begins										
Cole	James	C.		1830		- 1832	February	28	resigned	≈2.0 yrs
Pasteur	Thomas	Jefferson	appointed	1832	February	- 1834				≈ 2.6 yrs
Dawson	John	B		1834	August	- 1846?				≈ 12 yrs
Prentiss	Francis	J.		1846?	August	- 1848				≈ 2.0 yrs
Chadwick	Samuel	W		1848	August	- 1854				≈ 6.0 yrs
Jackson	Norman			1854	August	- 1857			resigned	≈ 3.0 yrs
Latham	Alexander	C.		1857		- 1865				≈ 11.0 yrs
Harper	F.	M		1865	November	- 1867				≈11.9 yrs
Fleming	James	E.	appointed	1867	August	- 1868				≈9 mths
Dennison	A	R		1868	May	- 1870?				≈ 2.0 yrs
Hubbs	Orlando			1870?		- 1880				≈ 10.0 yrs
Hahn	Mayer			1880		- 1886				≈ 6.0 yrs
Stimson	Daniel			1886		- 1888				≈ 2.0 yrs
Stimson	Daniel		acting	1889	January	- 1889	April			3 mths
Lane	William	B	appointed	1889	February	- 1896	December			7.10 yrs
Hahn	Joseph	L		1896	December	- 1899	September		resigned	2.9 yrs
Kinsey	Joseph			1899	September	- 1901	March		resigned	1.6 yrs
Biddle	James	W	appointed	1901	March	- 1912		29		≈ 11.0 yrs
Lane	Richard	B		1912	December	- 1921		30		≈ 9.0 yrs
Williams	James			1921		- 1924		31		≈ 3.0 yrs
Lane	Richard	B		1924		- 1946?		32		≈ 22.0 yrs
Berry	Charlie	B		1946		- 1974	November	33		≈ 28.0 yrs
Edwards	Bruce			1974	November	- 1978	November	37		4.0 yrs
Bland	Calton "Pete"	Windley		1978	November	- 1994	November	34, 35		11.0 yrs
Monette	Jerry			1994	November	- 2018	November	36		24.0 yrs
Hughes	Fred	"Chip"		2018	November	- Present		38		

References: Note: 1-36 compiled by Victor T. Jones, Jr.; 37- by Craven County Board of Elections

1 On March 6, 1738, the Executive Council met and "Order'd that pursuant to the late Law appointing Sherifs instead of a Provost Marshal, Commissions issue for executing the Office of Sheriff." Cain, *Records of the Executive Council, 1735-1754*, 88.

2 Haun, *Craven County Court Minutes*, II:142; The court session is dated June 1741, but could be March 1741, as there are no minutes between December 1740 and June 1741, and there appear to be two June 1741 sessions. Roberts was appointed at the first June session, which is probably the March session.

3 "At a Court of Common Pleas began & held ...15th of Decr. Anno Dom. 1741...The Will of George Roberts Esqr. Was proved in open Court....," Haun, *Craven County Court Minutes*, II:147.

4 Haun, *Craven County Court Minutes*, II:148

5 "At a Court of Quarter Sessions began ...21 day of June anno dom. 1743...Whereas an Information was made to the Grand Inquest by James MACELWEAN Esqr. Sheriff that the County Gaole is Insufficient there upon they present the County." Haun, *Craven County Court Minutes*, III:28

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6 Haun, *Craven County Court Minutes* , III:65

7 Haun, *Craven County Court Minutes* , III:77

8 There appears to be a gap in the Court Minutes between December 1748 and September 1749, at which time John Bryan was replaced by Walter Lane as Sheriff. According to the minutes of the Executive Council, Walter Lane was appointed Sheriff on April 3, 1749, Cain, *Records of the Executive Council, 1735-1754* , 229-230.

9 Haun, *Craven County Court Minutes* , IV:15

10 Haun, *Craven County Court Minutes* , IV:53, "James DAVIS Esqr. Produced a Comission from Mathew ROWAN Esqr President Appointing him High Sheriff of the County of Craven in the Room of Southy REW Esqr. Decd..."

11 Haun, *Craven County Court Minutes* , IV:72

12 Haun, *Craven County Court Minutes* , V:85

13 Haun, *Craven County Court Minutes* , VI:32

14 Haun, *Craven County Court Minutes* , VI:95

15 Haun, *Craven County Court Minutes* , VII:82

16 Haun, *Craven County Court Minutes* , VIII:18

17 Bryan tried to resign in December 1792. William Henry was selected to replace Bryan, but failed to appear in Court to give his bond, at which time Edward Pasteur was selected by the Justices to fill Bryan's term. The following day, the Justices determined that Bryan could not resign until his term had expired, refused his resignation and cancelled the previous appointment of Pasteur. *Craven County Court Minutes*, December 1792.

18 *Craven County Court Minutes*, September 1793. The election of Sheriff by the Justices usually was held in June, but the Justices could not agree, splitting their votes between William Henry and Edward Pasteur. Henry was elected by a vote of 14 to 9 at the September term of court.

19 *Craven County Court Minutes*, June 1797

20 *Craven County Court Minutes*, June 1799

21 *Craven County Court Minutes*, June 1802

22 *Craven County Court Minutes*, June 1807, the minutes state Charles Williams tendered his resignation, then in the next paragraph erroneously state that Charles Williams was appointed Sheriff. The June 1808 minutes state that John S. West was "reappointed" Sheriff, while a court case in March 1808 refers to Charles Williams as "Late Sheriff."

23 *Craven County Court Minutes*, March 1809

24 *Craven County Court Minutes*, June 1815

25 *Craven County Court Minutes*, May 1824

26 *Sentinel*, May 15, 1825

27 *Sentinel*, May 15, 1825, *Spectator*, August 14, 1830.

28 *Sentinel* 15 Feb 1832

29 *North Carolina Year Books*, 1902-1912

30 *Craven County Record of Elections*, 1878-1950

31 *Craven County Record of Elections*, 1878-1950

32 *Craven County Record of Elections*, 1878-1950

33 *Craven County Record of Elections*, 1878-1950

34 *The Gazette*, December 31, 1980

35 *Sun Journal*, November 15, 1994

36 *Sun Journal*, November 15, 1994

37 *Craven County Board of Elections Abstract*, November 7, 1978

38 *Craven County Board of Elections Abstract*, November 6, 2018