

1801-032

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

JENKINS vs WILLIAMSON'S EXECUTORS

1/1801

other surnames: Stephens,
Tynes, Johnson, Jinkins,
Gale, Taylor, Coggin,
URguhart

To the worshipping Court of Southampton
county sitting, in Chancery, humbly com-
plaining, sheweth unto your worships your
Orator Allen Jenkins.

That many years ago,
a bond (for the payment of forty odd pounds)
to Thomas Williamson senior) was entered into
by Solomon Jenkins (your orator's father) as
principal, and by one James Johnson, as his
security. That subsequent to their giving the
bond aforesaid, Thomas Williamson demand-
ed of your orator's father, a mortgage on a
certain parcel of negroes, for the better securing
the aforesaid debt. That his father in com-
pliance with this strict demand, did mort-
gage to the said Thomas Williamson, eight
likely negroes; as well to gratify him, as to
exonerate James Johnson his security. That
some time afterwards a suit was commenced

upon the aforesaid mortgage, and then dismissed.
The reason of which dismissal, is unknown to
your Orator, unless it be that the debt secured by
the said mortgage was discharged. That Solomon
Jenkins your orators father, died in the actual
possession of the identical negroes, notwithstanding
the mortgage. That soon after this, the
said Solomon Jenkins died; upon whose
estate Robert Coggin administered, who in
consequence thereof took upon himself the
burthen of the execution of the said duty.

That being possessed of the personal estate of the
said Solomon Jenkins, by virtue of his said
appointment, he entered into an unfair contract
with the beforementioned Thos^d Williamson,
by which it appears, that the said Williamson
really got into his possession the aforesaid
eight negroes, without paying therefor, a good
sufficient, or valuable consideration. That
the said Williamson has since departed
this life, without returning the said negroes,

either to the aforesaid administrator of Solomon
Jenkins, or to his son and Heir. And your
Orator further states, that Thos^d Williamson
died leaving a will, wherein he nominated
John Taylor (who has married one of his
daughters) and ~~William~~ ^{William} Warguhart his executors,
who have proven the said will, and took upon
themselves the execution of the same. In
tender consideration whereof, and for as much
as your Orator is remediless in the premises,
except by the aid and assistance of this Hon^{ble} Court.
He prays that the said John Taylor and
~~William~~ ^{William} Warguhart and the rest of their confederates,
when discovered, may be compelled, direct, true,
and perfect answer to make to all and singular
the charges and allegations herein contained,
and that as fully and effectually, as if the
same were here again repeated; and more
especially, that they may respectively set forth
and discover according to the best of their know-
ledge, remembrance, information or belief,

if they are not the exors of Thomas Williamson
and whether their testator gave any consideration
to Robert Cosijn the administrator for the said
negroes? What? and When? Whether he paid
any cash for them? and how much? Whether
Thomas Williamson died in possession of them
how long he had them? and what is their
increase? and what ~~their~~ is their real value.
And your Orator further prays that your
Worships will order the said negroes to be im-
mediately delivered up to him; and lastly that
your Orator may have such other or further
relief in all and singular the premises, as
shall be agreeable to equity and good conscience
and as to your Worships shall seem meet.

May it please
Rich^d M. Byrd
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Jenkins

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Dec. 1798

ans.

The separate answer of William Tuguhart one of the executors of Thomas Williamson dec'd to the bill of complaint exhibited against him in the worshipful Court of Southampton by Allen Jenkins -

This Defendant saving and reserving to himself now and at all times hereafter all manner of benefit and advantage of exception to the manifold uncertainties and imperfections in the complainants said bill of Complaint contained for answer therunto saith, that he kept the books of Thomas Williamson for several years and knows that Solomon Jenkins Father of the complainant had a store account with Thomas Williamson which in 1763 amounted to forty one pounds two shillings and four pence for which he executed a bond which being unpaid in One thousand seven hundred and sixty seven amounting principal and Interest to forty nine pounds, seventeen shillings and four pence. If the said Solomon Jenkins having contracted other debts and being pressed by some of his creditors for payment & sued by them, proposed selling a Negro woman named Lucy and three small Children. Thomas Williamson made sundry advances of Money for the said Jenkins to satisfy the demands of the other more pressing creditors & purchased the said Negroes for the sum of One hundred pounds, which appeared at that time to be a sufficient consideration - This Defendant was not present at the bargain but was directed by Thomas Williamson to make entries in his books viz. credit was given the said Jenkins for the Negroes and he was charged for sundry advances made by the said Williamson as may be seen by a copy taken from the books of the said Williamson which this Defendant annexes to this his answer -

The said Thomas Williamson informed this Defendant that he had suffered the Negroes to remain in the possession of Solomon Jenkins on his paying a small hire annually, which hire was charged to Solomon Jenkins - This Defendant knows of no Mortgage between the parties & supposes there was none or this Defendant from his situation would have known it - This Defendant believes that the said Solomon Jenkins alleged that there was some defect in the bargain not withstanding his agreeing to pay hire for the Negroes some years & when Thomas Williamson wished to take the Negroes home Solomon Jenkins refused to deliver them in consequence of which Thomas Williamson ordered a suit-in Detinue against the said Jenkins This suit abated by the death of Solomon Jenkins & ~~it~~ was afterwards revived agnst. Nancy Jenkins administratrix of the said Solomon & was finally dismissed being agreed by the parties as appears by the records of Isle of Wight County Court but on what terms this matter was agreed the Defendant does not remember.

but he believes the Negroes was then given up by the said Nancy Jenkins
to Thomas Williamson. This Defendant believes that Robert Caggin
never acted as adm^r but only as adviser to his Daughter Nancy Jenkins
who was the adm^r of Solomon Jenkins. This Defendant knows of no
contract or connivance between the said Thomas Williamson and Robert
Caggin if any existed. This Defendant knows that Robert Caggin
came to the house of Thomas Williamson sometime after the death
of Solomon Jenkins accompanied by a certain Nathaniel Fleming who
was better informed in accts than the said Caggin. This Defendant
was not present at the examination but Nathaniel Fleming after
wards informed this Defendant that the account was fairly stated on
Thomas Williamson's books and that Solomon Jenkins heirs could have no
right or pretension to the Negroes in question. This Defendant knows
of no money being given to Robert Caggin by Thomas Williamson nor
does he know how long the Negroes have been in possession, nor their
increase or value. This Defendant observes in Williamson's books
a credit given for £100.0 the price of the Negroe Woman and
Children and a balance due from Jenkins to Williamson of £5.38
Jenkins credited for his bond to Williamson for that sum dated the
19th Dec^r 1770 entered in the hand writing of this Defendant which
affords the strongest presumption independent of other circumstances,
that there was no mortgage but an absolute sale of the Negroes.
This Defendant denies all combination and connivance with which
he is charged by the plaintiff in his bill and prays this worshipful
Court to be hence dismissed with his costs in this behalf ~~sustained~~
~~sustained~~ sustained.

Witness my hand

Santhampton July 26 1800
The above Ansⁿ sworn to -
before me

Jam. Salvest

McQuharts
Answer
to Allen Jenkins
Complaint.

Jan'y 1800

A Copy of Solomon Jenkins's Acc^t. as taken from the Books of Thomas Williamson & prayed to be paid of the Ans^r. of William Nughaart one of the Exors of Thomas Williamson to the Complaint of Allen Jenkins in a suit in Chancery now depending in the Court of Southampton

Solomon Jenkins		Dr	
1767	May 20	To H ^d Mr. Herring	£ 19. 15. 6
		To Capt. Bridger for self	22. 9. 2
		To Hamiltons Ind ^t	2. 17. 0
		To Clerks To ^t Costs	342. 2. 0
		To D ^r Sheriff Costs	72. 2. 0
		Your Bond & Interest	49. 17. 4
		To John Taylor Prison Fees	1. 2. 2 1/2
Oct ^r	25	Mine of a Negro Woman & Children	1. 0. 0
		D ^r	2. 10. 0
1768.	Oct ^r 25	D ^r	2. 10. 0
1769	Oct ^r 25	D ^r	2. 10. 0
1770.	Oct ^r 25	D ^r	2. 10. 0
			£ 105. 3. 3/4

1767	Apr ^l 20	By Negro Lucy & 3 Children	£ 100. 0. 0
1770	Dec ^r 12	By Bond for Balance	5. 3. 3/4
			105. 3. 3/4

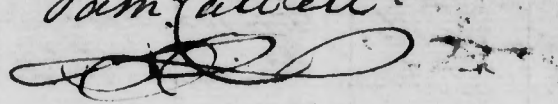
The Deft^t William Nughaart declares that although he is appointed in the Will of Thomas Williamson ^{as Exec^r} & qualified as such yet he is intirely disinterested in the event of this Suit having no Legacy or other Compensation by the Will of the said Thomas Williamson.

This Deft^t since the commencement of the present Suit has seen in the Hands of John Turner (Agent for Allen Jenkins) the Bond which closed the Acc^t. of Solomon Jenkins as stated above - The said Bond was a printed one & witnessed by one Samuel Nelson & this Deft^t who filled up the Blanks & saw it executed. The abovementioned Bond has the Signature not cancelled & no Credit or Assignment on the same. This Deft^t as before denies all Confederation & knows

not the number of Negroes or their value
& has never had any of them in his possession
or under his management they having passed
into possession of John Taylor by virtue of the
will of Thomas Wilmamson - This Deft.
prays to be dismissed with his costs in
this suit expended

Wm. M. Thurguthart

Southampton July 26th 1800 }
Sworn to before me }

Sam. Calvert


Mr. Thurguthart
Answers
to Mr. Jenkins
Complacent.
Jan'y 1800

Jenkins }
us } plea de
Taylor } by deft

The plea of John Taylor one of the executors of Thomas Williamson
decd, to the bill of complaint of Allen Jenkins Complainant
exhibited against him in the Worshipful Court of Southampton.

This Defendant by protestation not confessing
or acknowledging all or any of the matters and things in
the complainants said bill of complaint contained to be true
in such manner and form as the same are therein charged
and alledged for plea unto the said bill saith; That
if the Complainant either in his own right or as heir to
his Father Solomon Jenkins or in any right whatever had
any cause of suit against him this Defendant for or concern-
ing the said slaves or any the matters transactions and
dealings in the said bill mentioned (which this Defendant
in no sort admits) the same did accrue or arise above
five years before the filing the said bill and above five
years before the serving this Defendant with any process
to appear and answer the same; This Defendant denies the
Fraud charged in the said bill against his testator as far
as this Defendant knows or believes but insists that the
fraud, if any, was discovered above five years before the
filing the bill and above five years before the serving
this Defendant with any process to appear to and answer
the same, and therefore this Defendant doth plead in bar of the
complainants claim and demand the act and acts of the
Assembly of Virginia for the limitation of actions and prays
the benefit thereof All which matters this Defendant doth
aver and plead in bar of the complainants said bill and of
the complainants pretended demands for which he
seeks to be relieved by his said bill - And this Defendant
prays to be hence dismissed with his reasonable costs in
this behalf wrongfully sustained.

Jenkins
vs
Taylor } Plea

Jan'y. 1801

Heard & Sherrin
for both

separate answer of John Taylor one of the Executors of
Thomas Williamson Dec'd to the bill of Complaint exhibited
against him in the Worshipful Court of Southampton County.
The said Defendant, saving and reserving to himself now and
at all times hereafter, all and all manner of benefit and
advantage of exception to the manifold uncertainties and
imperfections in the complainants said bill of Complaint
Contained and not waving any advantage from the plea of
the statute of limitations, for answer saith That it is
true that John Taylor and William Urquhart are executors
of Thomas Williamsons Dec'd but this Defendant does not
believe that any such mortgage ever existed as is mentioned
by the Complainant in his bill nor has he any knowledge of
such a man as Robert Coggan Administrator of Solomon Jenkins
and does not believe that any unfair contract was ever made
between him and Thomas Williamson. This Defendant
believes that Thomas Williamson gave to Solomon Jenkins a
valuable and bona fide consideration for a Negro woman
and three Children of which the said Williamson Dec'd possessed
in the Year of One thousand seven hundred and Eighty Seven
and also knows he had them in possession some years
before his Death. Since which period, untill the spring One
thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Seven, The Defendant
John Taylor has been in the quiet possession of the Negro
Woman and her increase; now amounting to Eighteen.
Their value he cannot precisely ascertain, but it is considerable,
which circumstance operates strongly against a legal title
having ever been supposed, in Allen Jenkins, the present
Complainant; otherwise, it is presumed, a claim would have
been before made. This Defendant has found in Thomas
Williamsons books that Solomon Jenkins was indebted to
Williamson in several sums of Money paid at different times
by Williamson for Jenkins and that Jenkins has a credit
on his books for Negro Lucy and three Children at the value
of One hundred pounds which this Defendant conceives to have
been a full consideration for them.

The Complaint charges that Solomon Jenkins died
possessed of the Negroes, which this Defendant thinks
probably has been the case, as he finds Solomon Jenkins
charged in Williamson's books with the hire of a Negro Woman
and Children for 1768, 1769, 1770 but this Defendant
believes, that these Negroes were before this in the possession
of Williamson and by him hired to Jenkins — It is
difficult at this Distance of time for an Administrator
to prove that the several items charged in an Account on
his testator's books, long ago settled, are just, yet it is in
the recollection of William Nugent the other executor
and there are documents, even now, to prove the payments of money
corresponding to those charges in his books, which induces
the strongest belief that a full and bona fide Consideration
was given by Williamson to Jenkins for the Negroes —
This Defendant has found however that an action of Detinue
was instituted against Solomon Jenkins in his life time
which abated by reason of his Death and which was
afterwards revived against his Administratrix Nancy
Jenkins and this last suit was dismissed in consequence
of an agreement between the parties so that the Negroes
were restored to Williamson and he died legally possessed
hereof — And this Defendant denies all and all
manner of combination and confederacy where with
he stands charged in and by the said bill of Complaint
and humbly prays to be hence dismissed, with his reasonable
costs and charges in this behalf most wrongfully sustained,

Southampton County to Wit —

John Taylor personally appeared before me a
Magistrate of the County and made oath that the above
Answer is true so far as he speaks from his own knowledge
and where he speaks from the information of others
he believes it to be true —

Wm. Nugent
13th Jan'y 1799.

Jenkins
vs
Williamson's exors

Replication
to
Answer —

The Replication of Allen Jenkins Complainant to the
several answers of John Taylor and William Houghart
executors of Thomas Williamson dec'd. Defendants —

This Replicant saving to himself all and all manners of
advantage of exception to the mainbold errors and insuffi-
ciencies of the said answers, for replication thereto, saith
that he will aver and prove his said bill to be true,
certain, and sufficient in the Law to be answered unto,
and that the several answers of the aforesaid Defendants
are uncertain, untrue and insufficient to be replied
unto by this replicant: Without that, that any other matter
or thing whatsoever in the said answers contained, material
or effectual in the Law unto, confessed, and avoided, traversed
or denied, is true: All which matters and things, this replicant
is, and will be ready to aver and prove as this Worshippful
Court shall direct; And humbly prays as in and by his
said Bill, he hath already prayed

Jinkins }
25 } replication
Williamson's case } plea - -

The Replication of Allen Jenkins to the sepevate plea of John Taylor one of the executors of Thomas Williamson dec?

And the said Allen says, that he by any thing before alledged ought not to be precluded from having his suit against him the said John Taylor because he says that he on the day of _____ in the year _____ filed his bill and immediately had process served on him for answering the same which was within five years after his attaining the age of twenty one years. And therefore this Repliant craves the benefit of the proviso in the Acts of the Assembly of Virginia relating to the limitation of Actions & suits saving to infants the further time of five years for the prosecution of their just rights after their arrival to the age of twenty one years. And this he is ready to verify - And of this he prays the judgment of the Court ~~right~~

Desimus

Southampton Feb 5

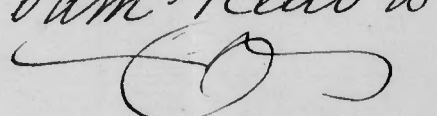
The commonwealth of Virginia
to Francis Boykin & Mills Eley — Gentlemen
greeting, know ye, that we trusting to your fidelity
Providens circumspection, in diligently examining
whatever witnesses you may be directed ^{as well}
on behalf of John Turner, ^{for alien} ~~power of attorney~~ ^{Antons}
as on behalf of John Taylor & William ^{Esq. Thomas Williams} ~~Ugghast~~
command you, or any two or more of you, that at
such time & place, as you shall appoint, you
assemble yourselves, and the witnesses, material
in the suit aforesaid, and diligently examine
them on the holy evangelist of Almighty God
and their examinations, into the Court of our
said County of Southampton without delay
do you send, certified under your hands
and seals, returning to us also this word wit-
ness Samuel Kells Clerk of our said Court
at his Office the first day of October 1798
and in the 23rd year of our foundation —

Sam. Kells.

Southampton towit

the commonwealth of Virginia to Francis
Baykin James Johnson & Mills Ely
gentlemen greeting know ye that we
trusting to your provident consideration
in diligently examining ~~West Jones~~
& Robert Stephens

witness as well on behalf of Allen Jenkins
as in behalf of John Taylor & William
Inghart exors of Thomas Williamson
and we do therefore give to you power
to call & cause to come before ^{you} the
witness - aforesaid when & where
you shall appoint & diligently
examine them on the holy Evangelist
of Almighty God & their examination
so taken that you distinctly & openly
certify us thereof under your hands
& seals returning to us also this writ
with the examinations enclosed
witness Samuel Kello clerk of our
said court at the court house the
18th day of June 1800 and in the
24th year of the commonwealth

Sam Kello D


Jenkins

vs

Taylor & Urquhart
vs Williamson

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To Sept^r 1798

Executed 7th July

1798

Rob^t Mabry

The commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff
of Southampton county greeting, You are
hereby commanded to Summon John Taylor
and William Nuguhart exors &c of Thomas
Williamson decd to appear before the
justices of our S^d Court at the Courthouse
of the said county on the third Monday
in September next to answer a Subpoena
in Chancery exhibited against them by
Allen Jenkins and this they shall in
no wise omit under the penalty of \$100
each and have then there this writ
witness Sam^l Kello clerk of our S^d Court at
the Courthouse the 22^d day of June 1790
and 22^d year of the Commonwealth

Sam^l Kello Jr. Decd
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Jas. Johnsons defunct
Lund Oct. 1799

The Deposition of James Johnson of full Age Taken in a Suit
in Chancery in Southampton County Court between Allen
Jenkins Plaintiff against John Taylor, & William Unghart Esq.
of Thomas Williamson dec. Deft.

This Depoant being first sworn upon the Holy evangelist of
Almighty God Depoeth & sayeth that he the Depoant was
Security for Solomon Jenkins in a Bond Due bet^o Thomas
Williamson in or about the sum of Forty pounds and after the
death of Solomon Jenkins a certain Robert Coggin who was
the Adm^r of said Jenkins said that the Depoant had
better go with him the said ~~Coggin~~ ^{Thinning} to bet^o Thomas Williamson
& he would see if he could not get release for me as being Security
for the afore said Jenkins & the Depoant went with the afore
said Coggin & Thinning to the said Williamson & after being
there some time either Williamson, Coggin, or Thinning informed
me that I was Discharged from standing Security as afore
said it being about the Year 1776 or 1777 but as to the exact time
I do not recollect & after being interrogated on the behalf of the Deft.
this Depoant answers and say; as follows that after being asked
whether there was any kind of settlement entered into between the afore
said Williamson & Coggin this Depoant answered not in his presence
& that this Depoant being ask also whether he supposed there was
any Money paid by R. Coggin to said Williamson on the same Day as
he the Depoant was informed that he was Discharged from standing
as Security to Solomon Jenkins this Depoant answered not in his
presence or whether the Estate of Solomon Jenkins was in such a situ-
ation to Advance Money without selling any property this Depoant
sayeth that he does not believe it was being asked whether he the Depoant
did not believe that Mr. Thinning being acquainted with accounts went

with said Leggin for the purpose of examining the Accounts &c.
of Williamson; this Depoant answered & said that he believed
it was and further this Depoant sayeth not

Ja^s. Johnson

Oct. 15th 1799 This Day the above was sworn to in the presence
of John Taylor & William Magubart Es^{rs} of Tho^s. Williamson &
before us

Thos^s Beap^{er} Seal

Mill^r. Clay Seal

Ja^s. Johnson, dep^o
sub Oct. 1799

Settlers Gale: depen
felic Oct 1799

The Deposition of Peter Gale of lawfull age taken
in a ~~the~~ ⁱⁿ ~~Chancery~~ ⁱⁿ Southampton Court between
Allen ~~and~~ ^{vs} John Taylor & William Meggus
Deft.

This Deponent being first sworn on the holy
Evangelists deposed & saith that somewhat over
Twenty Years a suit was brought in Isle of Wight
Court by Thomas Williamson against Solomon Jenkins
for the recovery of Four Negroes named Lucy Tim Will
& that this Deft. became Jenkins Bail in the
said suit. This Deft. was willing to have the suit
tried but Jenkins was not willing to have it tried
untill Williamson should see me by Jenkins request
This Deft. went to Williamson who gave this Deft.
some harsh Threats that if he the Williamson did
not get the Negroes he would have it out of this Deft.
Williamson said had it not been for this Deft. he should
have had the Negroes before now & added if this
Deft. would not concern any further in the Business
he should know what to do. This Deft. asked the
Williamson whether he would take his Money &
Int. if he would it should be ready. This Deft. informed
Jenkins that Williamson had charged him Nine for
the Negroes Jenkins said he would pay none as
the Negroes were his own. Williamson would not
take the money & Int. but said he would have
the Negroes. This Deft. promised he would return no
farther about it in a short time. The Deft. soon
instituted another suit for the said Negroes who
were by this time increased he believes & this Deft.
was acting as undersheriff at that time the
writ was put in his hands to execute Capt.

Pierce who was High Sheriff at that time went
with this Depon. to the said Jenkins & when they
went they were met by a Negro going forward
& informed them his Master was dying. Capt. Pearce
left it in this Deft. power to act as he thought proper.
This Deft. told Capt. Pearce as the month was not
far gone they would have time enough to execute
the writ before the return. Capt. Pearce carried
away the writ & before the writ was executed
Jenkins died. Robert Goggin acted as Adm^r
of Jenkins Est. This Deft. acted as Crier of the
Sale. All the Estate was sold except the Negroes.
This Deft. says it was in 1779 when last suit
was brought & Jenkins died & the sale was the
same year. Robert Goggin applied to this Deft.
to go to Williamson to count Five hundred pounds
paper money that Williamson agreed to give him
if he would let him ^{have} Jenkins's Negroes. This Deponent
told him no he would not go with him. In this Deft.
light he said are you going to give up your Grand-
children Negroes. he says I will go for the money
myself. if you will not go with me will you come
up to my house one day next week. This Deft. says
he would. This Deft. went at the day appointed
in the afternoon. Goggin came home late in the
Evening with a large bundle of paper money.
Goggin said Williamson had wrote on the back of
each bundle. This Deft. counted the money
& there was fully five hundred
pounds. This Deponent asked Goggin what he was going
to do with that Money he said he fed the children & they
might take place for him & the children might see

there rights & being asked on the part of the Deft. concerning
the threat, Williamson threw out against this Deponent
supposers they were in consequence of some report that
Jenkins intended to carry away the negroes & this
Deponent further sayeth on the part of the Deft. that he neither
saw any money or saw any carried or did he know what
the amount of the Debt was & further this Deponent
sayeth not.

Jethro Gale

On the 15. 1779. This Day the above was sworn to before John
Taylor & William Weymouth Esq. of the County of Middlesex
J. Weymouth

John Weymouth

M. P. C. l. y. S. a. d.

Almighty God.

The Deposition of West Tynes being of full Age & taken at James Johnson
in the County of Isle of Wight on Saturday the 19th of July, 1800 in a suit
of Chancery now instituted in the Court of Southampton in the name
of Allen Jenkins Complainant against William Murgahart & John
Taylor Executors of Thomas Williamson dec^d. Defendants this deponent
being sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposeth &
sayeth ————— that he the deponent knows nothing of his own
knowledge but that he the deponent heard said William Murgahart say
that the aforesaid Thomas Williamson dec^d. had left a will in his
Will that if M^r. Taylor should leave the Negro of Jenkins that she should
be made good out of the nest of said Williamsons Estate the deponent
further sayeth that he knows of his own knowledge that said Jenkins
had said Negroes in his possession when he died & further this depo-
nent sayeth not — but being interrogated on the part of the
Defendants this deponent sayeth what negro he meant by said Negro
was answered by the Deponent that he the ~~deponent~~ deponent was
informed by Jenkins that Williamson looked upon it that he
had a right to the Negro, & that said Jenkins said that Williamson
should not have them this deponent sayeth that he meant by say-
ing the said Negro that it was Negro that Solomon Jenkins had
in his possession & further this deponent sayeth not —
being asked by the defendant what time the conversation took place
between said deponent & William Murgahart he answered & said that
it was directly after test^r. Williamson died & further the deponent
sayeth not —

Pursuant to the above commission we have taken the deposition
of the afore named West Tynes & Roberts ^{Witness} given under our hand
this 19th Day of July 1800.

James Boykin
J. Johnson
J. C. Cley

The Deposition of Robert Stephens being of full Age & taken at same
time & place & for same purpose as the within contained

This Deponent sayeth that he & David Chalmers went with Solomon Jenkins to Col^l. Williamson, House & Solomon he tendered ^{when he mortgage the property as I understand} him the Money that he had of Col^l. Williamson & Col^l. Williamson would not take the Money said Deponent said that Jenkins told said Chalmers to count the Money & Interest & then they arose a Dispute between Jenkins & the Col^l. & said Williamson refused & further this deponent sayeth not

being interrogated ~~on the part of the Defendant~~ what sum of money
it was & what interest this deponent says he is not.

Q whether it was hard Money or Paper Money this deponent sayeth
that it was Paper Money about the first of Paper Money & what
Date this Deponent sayeth he dont know.

being asked what Jenkins did with the Money whether he left it or not this deponent says he does not know.

being interrogated on the part of the Complainant what he meant by saying he understood this deponent sayeth that he understood from the common conversation of Jenkins & Williamson that it was Money the said Jenkins had of Capt. Williamson when he mortgaged the Negro as he understood & being asked whether Jenkins demanded the Mortgage or not this deponent sayeth that Jenkins did ask Williamson for it & being further asked whether Williamson Acknowledged he had the Mortgage or not he answered & said he did not & further this deponent sayeth not

Leukins

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Wm. J. W. W.

} Com.

Jenkins was Twenty Seven Years Old this preceding August & for the the
deponent sayeth not as he believes
Question by John Taylor Esq. W. whether he the deponent knew what negro boy
that was to be given by said Jenkins to said Chalmers to pay of
his acc. with said Williamson & the deponent answered & said that it
was Tom aforesaid as he believes

Persuant to the Commission herunto annexed we the said Mills Eley
Robert Eley & James Johnson Justices of the Peace for the County
of Wilt. have taken the depositions of John Coggin Esq. Thomas
Johnson, & Valentine Jenkins given under our hands this fourteenth
day of June 1800.

Mills Eley Esq.

Robert Eley Esq.

James Johnson Esq.

N.B. I have to observe to the Court altho the deposition of Valentine Jenkins is here
taken in writing & testified by the Justices aforesaid that through a crowd & hur-
ry of Business the said Valentine Jenkins was not sworn to the said deposition
given under my hand this sixteenth day of June 1800.

Mills Eley Esq.

Jenkins
vs
Williamson &c.

The deposition of John Coggin Esq. being of full Age, & met at John Turner's on the
fourteenth day of June 1800. in behalf of Allen Jenkins Complainant in a suit
of Chancery now depending in the County Court of Southampton against John
Taylor & William Vaguant Executors of Thomas Williamson dec. Defendants;
this deponent being duly sworn upon the holy evangelist of Almighty God
deposeth & sayeth that he the said deponent happened at a certain Mr. Chalmers
& the said Chalmers said that he had been over to bot. Williamson with
Solomon Jenkins to pay a certain sum of money that he the said Jenkins
owed to said Williamson for money which the said Jenkins made over the
said Negro or Negroes for, to said Williamson with the Interest from the day
it became due & that bot. Williamson would not receive it & that said
Williamson intended to hold on upon the Negro or Negroes that the said
deponent does not recollect which & further the deponent says that the
aforesaid Chalmers told him that he had lent the said Solomon Jenkins
the money to pay bot. Williamson for the Negro or Negroes for it was a bill
for the Negro or Negroes to go for that sum of money which the depon-
ant believes to be about Twenty or Thirty Pounds & the deponent sayeth
that after the death of Solomon Jenkins that Ann Jenkins & Robert
Coggin went over to bot. Williamson & drew out a sum of money or Negroes
to said Williamson for five hundred pounds.

Question being asked by John Turner Agent for Allen Jenkins the complainant
to the deponent whether the said deponent never heard said Robert Coggin
say what he did apply the money to & the deponent answered & sayeth
not.

Question by John Taylor Esq. W. to said deponent whether the said Chal-
mers was not a Merchant & if the said Jenkins did not owe the said
Chalmers & at what period the money was offered to said Williamson
whether before, during, or since the late war between America & Great
Britain this deponent sayeth not. but he the deponent believes that
it was before the war.

Permanente

Southampton County to wit

The Commonwealth of Virginia to Mills Ely, Robert Ely,
& James Johnson

Gentlemen greeting Know
ye that we trusting to your fidelity and provident circum-
spection do empower you to call and come before you ^{whatsoever} ^{whatsoever} ^{whatsoever}
witnesses as well on behalf of Allen Jenkins complainant
as on behalf of John Taylor & William Meguhart execs of Thomas
Williamson dec. defendants and diligently to examine them on
the holy evangelists of Almighty God & their examination
so taken into our court of our county of Southampton
you are to send under your hands & seals enclosed return
to us this writ withup Sam Kello clerk of our S. court
at the courthouse the 6th day of June 1800 in the 24th
year of the Commonwealth

Sam Kello C

The deposition of Valentine Jenkins being of full age & met at John Turner
on the fourteenth day of June 1800 in behalf of John Taylor & William
Meguhart Executors of Thomas Williamson dec. defendants in a suit of Chancery
now depending in the County Court of Southampton of Allen Jenkins Compla-
inant against said John Taylor & William Meguhart &c. &c. the defendants
this deponent being duly sworn upon the holy evangelists of Almighty
God deponeth & sayeth that he the deponent heard his father Edmund
Jenkins & his Uncle Robert Williamson say that Solomon Jenkins
hired a Negro Woman called Lucy of Col^d Williamson for he the said
Jenkins could not keep house without her, as he was the most of his time
from home & after that the said Jenkins went a second time to Col^d
Williamson to hire said Negro again, & said ~~Williamson~~ Williamson said he
would not hire her to him for he had rather give him said Jenkins
something to keep the Negroes than to hire the said Negro Lucy to said
Jenkins as it was hard with said Jenkins as the Negro was expensive
& further the deponent sayeth not.

Valentine Jenkins

Southampton court June 18. 1800 Under the annexed
Commission to us directed, with the subscribers have
this day proceeded to examine Valentine Jenkins
who after being sworn, deponeth & saith that the
above writing is true

Sam Kello

Will. Commins

Southampton County to wit
The Commonwealth of Virginia to Henry A. Ward
and William Commins — Gentlemen greeting
Know ye that we trusting to your provident circum-
spection in diligently examining Valentine Jenkins

a Witness as well on behalf
of Allen Jenkins — as in behalf
of John Taylor & William Meguhart execs of Tho^s Williamson
And we do therefore give you power to call and come
to come before the witness — aforesaid when and where
you shall appoint and diligently examine them on the holy
evangelists of Almighty God and his examination so
taken that you distinctly and openly certify us thereof
under your hands and seals returning to us also this writ
with the examination enclosed Witness Sam Kello clerk
of our said Court at the C^thouse the 13th day of June
1800 and in the 24th year of the Commonwealth

Sam Kello C

Records of
Isle of Wight Court
in fact
Hobkins —

Records — certificates

per —

22nd June 1898.

6.2.6

3.10.0

6.13.10

16.6.4

6.2.8 *Oct 19*

22.9.0

Sale of Wight County
William Hamilton & Co.
against
Solomon Jenkins

June Court 1784

Plt.

In Debt.

Def.

Jud. confessed for £18.3.0 — But to be discharged by the payment of
£9.2.6 with int. &c. from the 11th. day of April 1784. till paid to
the Cls. —

Attest J. Young Clk.

Sale of Wight County

James Bridger
against

Solomon Jenkins

May Court 1784

Plt.

In Debt

Def.

Jud. confessed for £7.0.0 — But to be discharged by the payment of
£3.10.0 — with int. &c. from the 15th. day of June 1783. till paid to
the Cls. —

Attest J. Young Clk.

Isle of Wight County

James Bridger

against

Solomon Jenkins

June Court 1787.

Plt. }

Def. }

In Debt

This case is ordered to be dismissed: and that the Defendant pay
the costs thereof —

Attest J. Young Clk.

Biden
vs
Larkin } Copy

no 3

Williamson }
23 } Distance
Larkins - }
Record —

Isle of Wight County

Thomas Williamson

against

Solomon Jenkins

March Court 1774

Plt.

In Petition

Def.

The Attachment awarded at the last Court against the defendants estate
being returned executed & Robert Caggin & Peter Gale of this County
entered themselves ^{as} special for the Def. & the deft. saving answering to him
self all advantages of exception, as well to the Plt. Writ unto his declaration
prays & does leave to impart till the next Court & then to plead.

Attest
J. Young Clk.

Williamson

in.

Jenkins

Copy Will

Ex^o. Adolph. since dead

Jas. Will. Skiff

June 1777

Adol. before death

a Copy of the will of
Adolph. Skiff

The Commonwealth of Virginia, to the Sheriff of
Isle of Wight County, Greeting:

WE command you to take *Solomon Jenkins*

if he be found within your bailiwick, and him safely keep,
so that you have his body before the Justices of our said
County Court, at the court-house of the said County, on the first
Thursday in *May* next, to answer *Thomas Williams on Genl.*
of a plea of Detinue for the following Slaves to wit, Lucy of the price
of £15. — Wife of the price of £15. — Bop of the price of £15. —
Tim of the price of £15. — Pat of the price of £15. — & Tom of
the price of £15. — Damage two thousand pounds —

And have then there this Writ. Witness *Nathaniel Burwell*
J. Young, Clerk
of our said Court, at the court-house, the *sixth* day of
April 1779 in the 3^d year of the Commonwealth,

Nathl. Burwell

Attesty J. Young Clk.

Williamson
vs. Copy Writ
Pinkney's Admors

Ed. Robt. Coaggin bail
Jethro Gale Det
in the presence of John
Coaggin Juror.

October 1779
Court.

Sept 1782
Dismsd. agreed

Alexr. Young

The Commonwealth of Virginia, to the Sheriff of
Isle of Wight County, Greeting:

WE command you to take Nanny Jenkins Administratrix
re of Solomon Jenkins decd? _____

if she be found within your bailiwick, and — her safely keep,
so that you have her body before the Justices of our said
County Court, at the court-house of the said County, on the first
~~Monday~~^{Wednesday} in October _____ next, to answer Thomas Williamson
of a plea of Detinue for the following Slaves (to wit, Lucy of the
price of £15. — Will of the price of £15. — Bep of the price of
£15. — Tim of the price of £15. — Pat of the price of £15. —
& Tom of the price of £15. — — — — — Damage two thousand
pounds.

And have then there this Writ. Witness ^{Nathaniel Burwell} ~~James Young~~, Clerk
of our said Court, at the court-house, the fourth _____ day of
Septemb: _____ 1779 in the fourth year of the Commonwealth.

Trans: Young DEAN
Also by *John Young* CLK
D. C.

Willowinson

is.

} Copy Secim.

Jenkins's Address

Isle of Wight County

September Court 1782

Thomas Williamson

against

Nanny Jenkins Adm'r of Solomon Jenkins Esq.

Dismissed being agreed by the parties

Plt.

In Testimony

Attest

J. Young Clk.

Pinkens's fl.

to

Copy

Hamocke

date of
convey.

Lutkins age 25

Allen Jenkins & Ann Jenkins's Deed to Wm. Hancock
bears date 17th. August 1793. — proved & recorded
7th. October 1793. —

J. Young Clerk.
[Signature]

Club of L of W^{ts}—
Certificate

I do certify that, at the request of Capt. John Taylor, I have made
strict search for a Mortgage said to be given by Solomon Jenkins
to Col. Thomas Williamson, & can find no such writing on the
records of Hillsbrough County Office given under my hand
this 16th. day of October 1798.

J. Young Cl.
Clerk

S. Perkins Certificate

no 2

1767 in This Date Solomon Jenkins has
a Credit of Cap. Bridges New Books
for cash paid by the hands --

Capt. Williamson the sum of
Six Pounds Thirteen Shillings & 10 --

Oct. 22. 1790 Simon Boykin

Bridgers Ex-
to
Taylor - } Certificate

1767 In this date Solomon Jenkins has a credit
on James Bridger's 10th books for cash paid
by the Land of Cap Williamson the sum of Six
pound. Thirteen Shillings & 10th. Given under my
hand this 22nd Oct^r 1798

Simon Boykin Exor
of James Bridger's 10th
The above sworn to before me this day of

Isle of Wight County The above is sworn by Sim^r.
July 18 - 1800 - Boykin before me
The Seal of the Thing