

1843-002

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

BRANCH'S ADMINISTRATOR

VS. BOOTH et al
4/1843

other surnames: Pond, Rollings,
Hill, Hancock

April 1943.

Branches two

to Papers

Booth & Co

1842 Jan. - Bill filed. Sp^a Ex^a on all
except John & Booth. Same in Bond
& Jan. Bond. new Sp^a v. Thoms.

Feb. Sp^a Ex^a on John & Booth & J. M.
Bond. & M. Bond not found.

Mar. Set for hearing ante Bauclings. Bill
Branch & Booth - New Sp^a v. J. M.
Bond

Apr. Dierce for an account.

Oct. Report recommended

1843. & Sp^a J. Dierce. Confing Rep.
&c.

Colk	9.37
Shiff.	11.42
Com.	10.00
Saw &c.	17.41
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Peterson's ^{2nd} ^{3rd} } Bids

Booth & alies } Exhibits

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To the Hon Richard H Baker judge of the
Cir Supr Court of Law & Chancery for the County
of Southampton - Your Complainant Tho Pettus
Sheriff, and as such admr. de bonis mor with
the will annexed of Lewis H Branch and

Allegedly complaining shews unto your honor
that Lewis H Branch departed this life in
the year 1839 - having first made and publish-
ed his last will and Testament, which was
admitted to probat at June Court 1839, of
the County Court of Southampton; and the Exr.
John H Booth, qualified as admr. with the will
annexed, and entered into bond conditioned as
usual, and J H Pond, P H Robbins, John
A Hill Marmaduke H Branch, Samuel M
Pond, and B M Hancock, became his bondsmen,
a copy of which bond marked (A) is herewith filed
and prayed to be taken as a part of this
bond - That the said Hancock departed
this in the year 1840 and W D Hood qualifi-
ed at Term of the County Court of Southampton
as his admr. in and by a certificate of which qualified
marked (B) is herewith filed. That the
P. Booth admr. with the will annexed, took
possession of the Est. of Lewis H Branch and
made sale of the property &c. but never
discharged during his administration the debt
due from his Testator, which remains still
unpaid - That the said John H Booth
was removed as admr. at May Term ¹⁸⁴⁰ of Southampton
Court, and the estate admitted to your complt.
as admr. de bonis mor with the will annexed
of the said Branch. That the said Booth
as admr. aforesaid, rendered an acc. of his
transactions to the June Term of Court 1841 by which
a balance of \$ 1513.65 ^{of principal, \$ 33.35 int.} ~~appeared~~
with interest on the principal from 31. Dec. 1840,
appears due from him

A copy of which acct marked (G) is herewith filed
him to the estate of the said Lewis H Branch
\$422.66 cents of which he paid on 25th Mar: 1841.
and the further sum of \$328.46 cents on the 21st February 1842 -
to your complainant. The balance still
due, he refuses to pay you, altho frequently
cited to do so. * Whence, your complainant
is unable to discharge the debt due from his
testator, upon many of which, judgments
have been obtained against your compt.
as admr. de bonis non with the will annexed.

In view of all which
and for as much as your complainant is
unable to do in the premises except in a court
of Equity, when &c. - To the End therefore
that justice may be done, he prays
that John H Booth admr. with the will annexed
of Lewis H Branch, J. H. Pond, J. H.
Rollings, John A Hill, Marinda H Branch
Jand. H Pond, and W. D. Hood admr. B. M.
Hancock decd may be made parties defendant
to this bill, and they answer make to
its several allegations - That your honor
will decree ^{against the said admrs.} to your compt. the balance due
upon the acct. returned by the said Booth as
admr. with the will annexed of the said Branch
subject to the audit as stated in the foregoing part
of this bill, and grant to your compt.
such other and further relief, the premises
considered, as justice and equity may
require. And your compt. as is duty
bound, will forever pay it. May it
please your Honor to grant it.

John H. Compt.

* And your complainant further shews to your honor
that, since the rendition of the said acct. the said Booth
or Exor. has sold the slaves of the estate for which he
has never accounted.

* And grant an order of acct. for the settlement of the heirs of said
and a decree for it because which may appear due upon
said acct.

Petlow shiff
or
Booth } answer
of
Sam M Pond

Gholson

To the Hon. Rich^d. M. Barker judge
of

The answer of Sam. M. Pond to a bill
exhibits in this court against John H
Brook adm. of L. N Branch & others
by Thos. Patton sheriff &c.

This respondent saving to him self &c.
for answer, says that he is not advised
as to all the facts stated in the complaint
bill - that it is true he is one of the
deputies of said John H Brook as adm.
of said Branch. That he does not
know the amount due from him,
as adm. as aforesaid. That this respondent
acknowledges his liability as one
of the deputies, and asks nothing more
than the amt. may be justly allowed.
He & having answered all prayers
to be here dismissed &c.
S M Pond

The Clerk may set the cause in
which the above is my answer, for
hearing, as I have no objection to
its being heard - but prefer it -

Teste

Wm. L. Dventt

S M Pond

Pittman, Skiff & Co.
v.
Booth & others } Wacm

To be entered

R. H. B.

Report of Compt. con-
firmed and decreed agt.
Booth the admet. for
the balance, reserving
ability to apply hereafter
for further relief agt.
the sureties.

R. H. Baker

Patterson Sheriff &c
vs
Booth et alias

} In Chancery

This day came the Plff
by his attorney, and the subpoena awarded in this
cause being returned executed on the defendants
John H Booth admr. Jas H H Pond - P. H. Rottbruff
W. H. Wood, admr. John A Hill, & Marmaduke
H Branch, and they, still failing to appear
and answer, at the two months have elapsed
as well since the Plff filed his bill as
since the service of the Plff, upon the said
defendants. On motion of the Plff his bill is
taken for confessed as to those defendants.
And thereupon this cause came on to be heard
on the bill, answer of the defendt. Sam H Pond
and application made and the consent of
the said Sam H Pond, and was argued
by counsel: On consideration whereof
the court doth order that the defendt
John H Booth, ^{late} admr. of the Will annexed
of Lewis H Branch decd under an
acct. of his ^{administrations} ~~transactions~~ of the estate
of Lewis H Branch decd before L. R.
Edward, a comr. especially appointed for
that purpose, who is directed to state
and settle the same and make report
thereof to court with any matters specially
stated deemed pertinent by himself, or
which may be required ^{by equity} to be so stated.
And it is agreed by the parties that the Dft Booth may at any time hereafter file
his answer to the Plff bill.

Branks adad.

as

Broth, V.

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Branchi auct.
or
Booth v.
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This case this day came
on again to be heard on the papers formerly
read and the report of the court made
in obedience to the order of Oct term 1842
recognizing the report formerly made, to
which last report, there is no exception
and was argued by counsel - The court
- iduation of the court confirming the
said report, with a judge order and
decree, that the default John H Booth
pay to the Pff the Pensions shff, and
as such advt. de bonis non with the
bill annexed of Lewis N Branch and
the sum of \$884.09 with interest there
- on from Dec 14 February 1842 till paid
and that he pay ~~the costs~~ to the
Pff his costs - and liberty is reser-
- ved to the Pff to apply hereafter to the
court for further relief against the other
defendants, in the event that this decree
is not satisfied by the said deft. Booth.

Branch adv.

is. } or am

Brother. Adv.

Octo. Year 1842.

Enter this diary

R. H. B.

Branch: adv. }

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Brook & al.

This way this cause came on to be again
made on the papers formerly read, and on the
Report of Com. Edwards. made under a decree
of this Court. pronounced at April Term 1842 -
and by consent of parties, the said Court with
adjourns over and orders, that the said account
be recommitting to the same Court - who is directed
to settle the same. and report to Court, with any
matters specially stated being pertinent by himself
or which may be required by the parties to be so
stated.

b. 86

Branches adm

~ } Sp. in Chy.

Booth & Co

1842 January Rules

Executed upon William

D. D. adm^{or} of B. M. Hancock, Ltd

John A. Dico & Patrick & Rowley

Exoth 229-1841, & upon Marmaduke

H. Branch Exoth 229-1841. Samuel M. Bond

James H. Bond & John H. Bond not found

C. V. M. Service Co.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the ^{Clerk}~~Sheriff~~ of Southampton County, Greeting:

We command you that you summon *John H Booth adm. with the will annexed of Lewis N Branch dec. James H H Pond. Patrick H Rollins. Wm D Hood adm. of B. M Hancock dec. John A Hill Mark Adair H Branch and Samuel M Pond*

to appear at the Clerk's Office of our Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the County of Southampton, at the Rules to be holden for the said Court on the first Monday in

January — next, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against *them* in the said Court by *Thomas Preston Sheriff & as such administrator of Lewis N Branch dec*

And unless *they* shall answer the said Bill within four months thereafter, the Court will take the same for confessed, and decree accordingly. And this *they* shall in no wise omit, under the penalty of £100. And have then there this writ. Witness, LITTLETON R. EDWARDS, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-house, the *22* day of *December* 184*1*, in the *166* year of the Commonwealth.

L R Edwards

[One Copy to be delivered each Defendant.]

Branches are

2. } Sp. in Chy

Booths & ad

1842 February Rules

Execution upon John H
Booth Jan: 17-1842 +
upon Jas H. H. Bond Jan:
23-42. S. M. Bond not
found. N. M. Schell Cor.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the ^{Coroner} ~~Sheriff~~ of Southampton County, Greeting:

We command you that you summon John H. Bartholomew, admored with the will
annoyed of Lewis N. Branch, dec^d. James H. H. Pond and
Samuel H. Pond

to appear at the Clerk's Office of our Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the County of Southampton, at the Rules to be holden for the said Court on the first **Monday** in *February* — ^{and others} next, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against *them* in the said Court by *Thomas Pridgen Sheriff & as such administrator of Lewis N. Branch Sr.*

And unless *they* shall answer the said Bill within ~~four~~ ^{four} months thereafter, the Court will take the same for confessed, and decree accordingly. And this *they* shall in no wise omit, under the penalty of £100. And have then there this writ. Witness, LITTLETON R. EDWARDS, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-house, the 3rd day of January 1842, in the 16th year of the Commonwealth.

L.R. Edwards

[One Copy to be delivered each Defendant.]

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v { Span. Chy

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1842 April Rules-

Executed by delivering
Samuel M. Bird in copy
of the within March 29/1842
Jas H. Schull Dep. of
Nels Schull corner

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

^{Coroner}
To the ~~Sheriff~~ of Southampton County, Greeting :

We command you that you summon

Samuel M Pond

to appear at the Clerk's Office of our Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the County of Southampton, at the Rules to be holden for the said Court on the first Monday in *April* next, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against ^{others} *him* in the said Court by *Thomas Drellow Sheriff* and as such administrator of *Lewis N Branch dec^d*

And unless *he* shall answer the said Bill within ^{*two*} ~~four~~ months thereafter, the Court will take the same for confessed, and decree accordingly. And this *he* shall in no wise omit, under the penalty of £100. And have then there this writ. Witness, LITTLETON R. EDWARDS, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-house, the *7* day of *March* 1842, in the *66th* year of the Commonwealth.

L R Edwards Clerk

[One Copy to be delivered each Defendant.]

Branches admo
w. } Com. Report

Booth Feb.

Reported September 25 1842.

The Estate of Lewis N Branch dec^d

In account with John H Booth administrator with the will annexed.

			Dr.	Cr.	Int.
1839					
Aug. 19	By sales of negroes Amey & Jenny			586 00	
"	" Cash of William LePond in part of bond			11 00	
"	" " W L Dacew "			14 00	
"	" " W. Scammell "			12 00	
"	To paid J. Meran Cryer		3 00		
"	" " Taxes on land		2 05		
"	" " J. O. Clayton Const. Exam.		6 28		
"	" " J. Drewry Cryer		1 50		
"	" " for Sundries for the family		19 32		
"	" " ditto ditto		3 38		
"	" " Jeph Davis for Services rendered the estate		3 81		
"	" my Services in attending to the farm &c after Testators death		75 00		
"	" Commissions on \$623. at 5 p cent.		31 15		
Dec. 31	" Balance due the estate		477 51		
			\$ 623 00	623 00	
"	By balance brought down			477 51	
1840	To paid William J Lebrill acct.		4 76		
"	" " S. L. Williams "		1 00		
"	" " William B Parker atto.		10 00		
"	" " P. St Rollings acct.		20 10		
"	" " Ditto "		21 75		
"	" " Ditto bond		39 95		
Aug 15	" " J. Drewry in part of J. Warrens acct.		50 00		
"	" " Clarks ticket		6 12		
"	" " Samuel Booth Sons acct.		24 98		
"	" " Thomas & Adams		18 38		
Sep 2	By amount of Sales due this day			1162 93	
"	By amount of sales of negroes this year			165 25	
"	To paid for keeping expensive negroes		20 00		
"	" Commissions on \$1328. 18. Cents. at 5 p Cent.		66 90		
Dec. 31	" Balance due the estate		1521 75		
			1805 69	1805 69	
"	By balance brought down			1521 75	
"	Int. on \$477. 51 from December 31/1839 to December 31/1840				28.65
"	Int. on \$1521. 75 from December 31/1840 to March 25. 1841				21.55
				50 20	
	Am't. Carried over		\$	1571 95	

1841	Mar	25	Amount brought over	1571	95
"	"	"	By this amount paid Thomas Dretton Shff: & admr. de biens non de J ^e of Lewis St Branch due ^d	422	66
"	"	"	Balance due the estate	1149	29
1842	Feb	21	Int. thereon till February 21/1842	63	21
			By this amt. paid Thomas Dretton Shff: & admr. de biens non of Lewis St Branch due ^d	1212	50
			Wat. due the estate	328	41
				\$ 884.09	

Pursuant to a decree in the case of Dretton admr. J^e of Branch against North & others I have examined stated and settled the account of John St North's administration on Lewis St Branch's estate a find a balance, as the account annexed shows, due the estate of Eight hundred and eighty four dollars and — nine cents with interest thereon from the 21st day of February 1842 till paid. A decree of the time and place appointed for taking the account was served upon all the parties and the plaintiff (represented by Edward Butts) and the Defts. John St North & J. St. Rollings attended.

Respectfully Submitted.

L R Edwards Spl. Comr

Commissioners fee. \$5.00
 Sheriff for executing notices 4.00

Branches asms

v. } Com. Report

Booth Feb

Reported February 25th 1843.

At a Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery held for the County of South-
ampton on the 4th day of November 1842.

Thomas Bretton Sheriff and as such administrator de bonis non with the will annexed
of Lewis A Branch dec'd. Jiff.

Ref.

against

John A Booth administrator with the will annexed of Lewis W Branch dec^d J. A. H. Pond
P. A. Rollings, John A. Hill, Marmaduke A Branch, Samuel M Pond and William
D. Hood administrators of Benjamin M Hancock's dec^d Defts.

Depts.

This day this cause came on to be again heard on the papers formerly read and the report of Commissioner Edwards made under a decree of this Court pronounced at April Term 1842 and by consent of parties the Court doth adjudge order and decree that the said account be recommittd to the same Commissioner who is directed to settle same and report to the Court with any matters specially stated deemed pertinent by himself or which may be required by the parties to be so stated.

Copy Inst. L.R. Edwards' life

The Estate of Lewis N Brunch dec^d

In Account with Thomas Prethor Sheriff and Administrator

1839			Dr.	Cr.	Int.
Aug 19	By sales of negroes Amey & Jenny			586 00	
"	" Cash of Williams Bond in part of bond			11 00	
"	" " W. G. Drew "			14 00	
"	" " R. Seammill "			12 00	
	To paid J Devan Cryer,		3 00		
"	" " Taxes on hand		2 05		
"	" " J. E. Clayton Const. exp.		6 28		
"	" " J. Drury Cryer		1 50		
"	" " for sundries for the family		19 32		
"	" " ditto ditto		3 38		
"	" " Jesse Davis for services rendered the est.		3 81		
"	" my services in attending to the farm &c after Testator's death		75 00		
"	" Commissions on \$123 at 5% Cent.		31 45		
Dec 31	" Balance due the estate		477 51		
			623 00	623 00	
"	" By balance brought down			477 51	
1840	To paid William J. Sebell adt.		476		
"	" " S. J. Williams "		1 00		
"	" " Wm C Parker cts.		10 00		
"	" " B. A. Rollings adt.		20 10		
"	" " Ditto "		21 75		
"	" " Ditto bond		39 95		
Aug 15	" " J. Drury in part J. Warrens exp.		50 00		
"	" " Clerk's ticket.		6 12		
"	" " Saml North Hons acct.		24 98		
"	" " Thomas & Adams		18 38		
Sep 2	By amount Sales due this day			1162 93	
"	" amount Sales of negroes this year			165 25	
	To paid for keeping expensive negroes		20 00		
"	" Commissions on \$1228. 18 at 5% Cent.		66 90		
Dec 31	" Balance due the estate		1521 75		
			1805 69	1805 69	
"	" By Balance brought down			1521 75	
	Int. on \$477. 51 from Dec. 31/1839 to Dec. 31/1840				28.65
	Int. on \$1521. 75 from Dec. 31/1840 to March 25/1841.				21.55
				50 20	
	Amount carried over			1571 95	

1841

Mar 25

Amount brought forward

To paid Thomas Britton Sheriff for L. A. Bennett.

Balance due the Estate

Int. Theron till February 21st 1842

1842

Feb 7

To David Thomas Prillout Siff. & son. S. A. Bernich

Balance due the estate is

1571	95
422	66
1149	29
63	21
1212	50
328	41
884	09

Agreeably to the decree in the suit of Patton ^{vs} Branch & Booth & others
a copy of which is hereto annexed I settled the account ^{de} committed that is to say John
H Booths ^{vs} now: on Lewis N Branches estate and find a balance due the estate
of Eight hundred & eighty four dollars & nine Cents with interest thereon from the
1st day of February 1842 till paid -
Respectfully Submitted

Respectfully Submitted

Correspondence fee \$5.00
Charged to the Jeff

L. R. Edwards Sp. Comm.

Statement

Good Hancock's life \$502.51

Taxes & Duties. 17.17. 17.17

Expense of Dawson 7.50

Gr. N. Booths note 145. \$527.18

Gr. 9.65

By sale of Dawson \$490.00 \$536.83

" Cash rec. of James

Gray sale of woman 370 \$560.00

den. I. H. Booth \$28.17

Ref. given Gr. N. Booth as

I. H. Branch due for 28.17

L. A. Branch's
est. In. a. c.
with J. W. B. out
\$ 100.00

1839 } The estate of Lewis A Branch

To Jon. A Booth Dr.

Services rendered, attending to farm &c. \$100.00

John H Booth

6.12
1.50
2.00
9.62

1839	John H Booth admor: of Lewis N Branch dec ^d	D ^r
	To the Clerk Southampton County Court	
June	To probat of Will &c. - - - - -	2.00
Sep:	Copy of Will - - - - -	3/4
Oct.	appearance 8. order 18. copy 18. to settle L. N Branches } guardian account of Rebecca Branch - - - - -	4 4/4
"	Same fees to settle L. N Branches for acct. Edna Branch - - -	4 4/4
"	Same fees to settle L. N Branches admr. acct. Geo Branch - - -	4 4/4
Nov:	Entering attorney & plea 15. order 18. ad Rich's ad - - - - -	4 1/4
"	Same fees in another suit. ad Riches - - - - -	4 1/4
"	Same fees in 4 cases ad Gurley - 4 1/4 ad - - - - -	1.6 1/4
		<u>\$ 6.12</u>

L. R. Edwards lkb

Notes of A N Branches negroes 1840

Harrison	\$18.00		
Isaac	35.00	Expensive ones	
Calvert	75.00	Mother & 3 Children	\$18.00
Lewis	15.00	Sally & Children	1.00
Mary	<u>22.25</u>	Same Children	1.00
	165.25		

✓ 75.00

820	✓ calls ticket	6.12
39	✓ Jafe Davis for services to Est	3.87 1/4
40	✓ Same Both Homs. for negroes	24.98
"	✓ Thos. J. Adams	18.38

Mr. Lewis & Branch
also with
J. Swaney 1838

Mr Lewis & Branch

1838

In ac with Thomas & Adams

July 18.	To 2 Bbl Herringe @ 30/-	10. 00
Oct 7	" 6 th Coffee @ 1/-	1. 00
" "	" 8 th Sugar @ 9 ^o .	1. 00
Decr 23	" 6 th Cheese @ 7 1/2 Coffee Pot 3/-	1. 28
1838 April 24	" 2 Bu. Potatoes @ 4/6	1. 30
Sept 26	" 6 th Coffee @ 1/- 8 th Sugar @ 9 ^o	3. 00
" "	" 1 st Pepper 1/6	" 25-
" "	" 1 st Powder 2/3 6 3/4 Shot @ 10c Bag 4 1/2	1. 11
" "	" 1/2 Bu. fine salt @ 10 th Soap @ 10c	1. 50
" "	" 43 Indigo @ 1 1/2	75-
Decr 11	By Cash on ac	11. 35-
1839 April 13	To 2 Bu. Potatoes @ 81 cts J. H. Booth order	1. 63
Decr 7	" 51 st mid Bacon @ 12 1/2 cts do	6. 38
	2 Bu. Potatoes @ 4/- p. Duvo	1. 33
		29. 73
1840 Feb 25	Recive Payment through the hands of J. H. Booth Administrator	11. 35-
		18. 38
	J. H. Clarke	
	for Thomas & Adams	

Paid the sum of one Dollar and 50/100 Cents
December 3rd 1839

1840 Paid the sum of three dollars
March 8th

October 3rd 1839
Aunt Jeph Davis the sum of three
dollars and 8 1/4 Cents it being for work
he done in time of ^{Saying} Gilder

John McSporth
Clerk of L. S. Branch

Mr. John H. Booth admrs of Lewis W Branch - decd
1839

Oct. 18th To Samuel Booth Hund & Co
To 103^{lb} bacon @ 9.²/pound \$ 12.88
12^{lb} pepper 9.² ————— 13
Nov 22nd 69 1/2^{lb} Bacon 11 ————— 793
1 hide poli leather — 14 3/4^{lb}. 24 — 3524
1st shoe three 3/ ————— 50
\$ 2498

1840

Oct 8th Recd payment by note on demand

Sam Booth Hund

Received March 25.th 1841 of John
N / South admr. of Lewis N Branch
Sec^y the sum of Twenty Three
dollars and Seventeen cents in
part of the amount due on his
administration account of said
N Branch

Edw. Butts clerk of
The. Putten suff^y &
Committee of Lewis
N Branch Sec^y

List of sale bonds received of John H. Booth
former admr. of Lewis N. Branch died as
follows March 25/1841

William Willens & J. H. H. Pond	note due Sept. 2/1840	\$75.25
Jno Goodrum & J. B. Little	do do	50.35
J. H. Kollmeyer & J. H. H. Pond	do do	39.88
J. A. Jarrett & W. B. Jarrett	do do	48.40
Wm J. Brille & B. Brille	do do	26.10
Thos Harris & Jas Harris	do - do	21.52
Jacob Snow & S. Seim	do do.	19.55
E. W. Skilds, Jas. Hill & J. H. H. Pond	do do	12.75
Bing a Branch & E. W. Branch	do do	12.75
Robertson Kolt. J. S. Bailey	do do	12.00
Elbert N. Branch & J. Canol	do do	10.75
Goodman Warrick & J. S. Spurg	do - do	10.90
M. H. Branch & J. H. H. Pond	do do	6.06
John Mottson	do - do	53.00

Int. fr. Sept. 2/1840 to Mar. 25/1841 \$386.46

Recd March 25/1841 of John H. Booth former
admr. of Lewis N. Branch died. The sum of
three hundred and ninety nine dollars and
forty nine cents in sale bonds and interest received
in part of the amount due on his administra-
tion amount of said Branches estate.
\$399.49

Edw & Pugh Secy of
Wm. Patterson & Co.

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$$\begin{array}{r} 399.49 \\ 23.17 \\ \hline 422.66 \end{array}$$

Received March 15th 1841 of John
H. Booth by the sale of his negro boy
Dorson, and in Cash the sum of
five hundred and two dollars and
fifty one cents in full of an Execution
in favor of Ebenezer Hamersley against
Samuel Mc Pond and the said John
H. Booth.

Echo & Briths duly of
Thos. Puttons staff

Map? Edin and

Southampton
Va

Dear Sir

In making up John H. Booth's account on Lewis N. Branch estate, had you not better give him credit for the several amounts which the Sheriff and committee of Lewis N. Branch estate has received of John H. Booth, the former agent, and you will find in my last account that I have credited the estate with \$399.49 and \$23.17 March 25/1841. ^{I have up to} and \$328.46 of John H. Booth as of Branch July 25/1842. I think you had better give the credits as above, and these credits being taken from the first acct. made up will show the net balance which he owes the estate, think on it, and I will see you at Court when we will talk more on the subject.

With dear regards
Yr obt. Serv^t

E. Butler

Branches adms

to } Exch. with bill

Birth & ad

(ed)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we *John H Booth*
James H A Pond, Patrice H Rollings, Benjamin M Hancock, John A Hill
Marmaduke Branch, Samuel M Pond
are held and firmly bound unto *William L Everett, Jacob Barnes, Jephtha Darden, &*
Benj^c Griffin

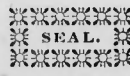
gentlemen justices of the Peace for the County of Southampton now sitting, in the sum of *Twenty*
Thousand dollars; to the payment whereof,
well and truly to be made unto the said justices and their successors, we bind ourselves, and each
of us, our, and each of our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by
these presents: sealed with our seals, and dated this *17th* day of *June* 18*39*-

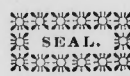
The condition of the above obligation is such, That if the said
John H Booth ~~admiror: with the will annexed of Lewis N Branch~~
~~Executor of~~

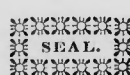
deceased, do make a true and perfect inventory of all, and singular the goods, chattels and credits of
the said deceased *together with an Inventory of the real estate which by the*
said will may be subject to the authority of the Executor and

which have or shall come into the hands, possession or knowledge of *him* the
said *John H Booth* or into the hands or possession of any other person or per-
sons, for *him* and the same so made, do exhibit to the County Court of Southampton, at
such time as *he* shall be thereto required by the said Court, and the same
goods, chattels and credits *and real estate* do well and truly ad-
minister according to Law, and make a just and true account of *his* actings and doings
therein, when thereunto required by the said Court, and further, do well and truly pay and deliver
all the legacies contained and specified in the said Will, as far as the said goods, chattels and cre-
dits *and real estate* will extend, according to the value thereof,
and as the Law shall charge—then this obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force.

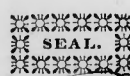
Signed, Sealed and delivered }
in open Court.

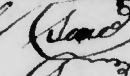
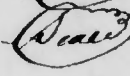
John H Booth 

James H A Pond 

P H Rollings 

Benj^c M Hancock 

John A Hill 

Marmaduke H Branch 
S M Pond 

Attesty *John L R Edwards* *Secy*

Branches ad

to { Cyph. with bill

Booth & ad

B,

Southampton County Court January 26th 1840

A writing bearing date the 11th day of December 1839 purporting the last Will and Testament of Benjamin M Hancock dec^d was produced in Court and there being no subscribing witnesses, A D H Burges Robert Drury Samuel M Pond & John A Mill being sworn severally deposed and said they are well acquainted with the hand writing of the Testator that they verily believe the said writing as well as the signature thereto to be in the hand writing of the said Benjamin M Hancock whereupon it is ordered that that the said writing be recorded as and for the last will and Testament of the said Benjamin M Hancock dec^d and on the motion of William D Nord, who is appointed administrator of the said will, who made oath and with Samuel Drury, Nicholas M Sebrell and James D Mapenburg his securities entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of twenty thousand dollars Conditioned as the law directs Certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of administration on the said Benjamin M Hancock's estate with his said will annexed in due form.

Attest. Teste. J R Edwards Ck

We acknowledge legal service of the within Notice
August 6th 1843

P^r H. Rollings

Jos. A. Rice

John W. Booth

James M. Pond

Wm. F. Branch

Wm. D. Hardy

James M. Pond

Booth

} Court Notice

Branches adm.

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August 9th 1842

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At a Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery held for the County of Southampton
on the 6th day of April 1842.

Thomas Bellow Sheriff and assuch administrator de bonis non with the will annexed of
Lewis N. Branch dec^d.

against.

John H. Booth administrator with the will annexed of Lewis N. Branch dec^d.

J. H. H. Pond, P. H. Rollings, John A. Hill, Marmaduke H. Branch Samuel

M. Pond and Wm. D. Hood administrators of B. M. Hancock dec^d.

Plffs
In Chancery

Defts

This day came the plaintiff by his attorney and the subpoena awarded in this cause
being returned executed on the defendants John H. Booth J. H. H. Pond P. H. Rollings.
William D. Hood administrator John A. Hill and Marmaduke H. Branch and they still
failing to appear and answer altho' two months have elapsed as well since the plain-
-tiff filed as since the service of the subpoena upon the said defendants. On motion of the
plaintiff his bill is taken for confessed as to those defendants and thereupon the cause
came on to be heard on the bill. answer of the defendant Samuel M. Pond and replica-
-tion thereto and the consent of the said Samuel M. Pond and was argued by counsel.
On Consideration whereof the Court doth order that the defendant John H. Booth
late administrator with the will annexed of Lewis N. Branch deceased render an
account of his administration of the estate of Lewis N. Branch deceased before Littleton
R. Edwards a Commissioner specially appointed for that purpose. who is directed to
state and settle the same and make report thereof to Court with any matters spe-
-cially stated deemed pertinent by himself or which may be required by either of the
parties to be so stated. And it is agreed by the parties that the Defendant Booth
may at any time hereafter file his answer to the plaintiffs bill.

Attest

Test L. R. Edwards. Spl. Com.

The parties to the foregoing decree are hereby notified to attend at the Courthouse
of Southampton County on the 10th day of September next at 9 O'clock A.M.
furnished with the evidence necessary to enable me to execute the said decree

L. R. Edwards. Spl. Com.

July 8/1842

This day personally appeared before me William
 A. Bell and made oath that John A. Booth a known
 agent service of this notice January 7/1843 James M.
 Pond and M. H. Branch January 20/1843 and
 William D. Hood and T. A. Rollings January 31
 1843 given under my hand this 6th day of
 February 1843 — G. W. Merwin J.P.

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 Booth had
 Come sworn
 Come Notice

At the acknowledgment legal service of the within notice
 January 15 1843
 John A. Booth
 J. M. Pond
 M. H. Branch
 James M. Pond
 T. A. Rollings
 Wm. D. Hood, Agent, B. M. H.

At a Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery held for the County of Southampton
on the 4th day of November 1842.

Thomas Pettor Sheriff and as such administrator de bonis non with the will annexed
of Lewis N Branch dec^d }
Plff.

against

John H Booth administrator with the will annexed of Lewis N Branch dec^d, J. H. Pond,
P. H. Rollings, John A Hill, Marmaduke A Branch, Samuel M Pond & William D
Hood administrators of Benjamin M Hancock dec^d. }
Defts.

This day this cause came on to be again heard on the papers formerly read and
the report of Commissioner Edwards made under a decree of this Court pronounced
at April Term 1842 and by consent of parties the Court doth adjudge, order and
decree that the said account be re-committed to the same Commissioner who is directed
to settle same and report to Court with any matters specially stated deemed perti-
nent by himself or which may be required by the parties to be so stated.

Copy Teste L. R. Edwards Clk

Southampton Clerks Office. December 30th 1842.

The parties will please to take notice that I have appointed the 10th day of Febru-
ary next to commence taking the account directed by the above decree, on which day
between the hours of 10 A.M. and four P.M. they are required to attend at this
Clerks Office of Southampton County with such evidence as is necessary to enable me
to execute the said decree.

L. R. Edwards Spl. Comr

Account Current of
Lewes & Branches East

Branches as

2. } Exhibits with bill

Booth & Co

The Estate of Lewis A Branch decd.

In account with John A Booth adm^r

		Dr	Cr
1839			
Aug ^t	19 By sales of negroes Amy and Jimmy	" "	586. 00
	By Cash of M ^r E Pond in part Bond	" "	10. 00
	" do B L Draw	" "	14. 50
	" " C Hammell	" "	12. 00
	To Commissioners ord pp 623-	31 15-	
	" paid T Bevard Cryer.	3 00	
	" " Taxes on Land	2 05-	
	" " J E Clayton Const Exon ^t	6 28	
	" " J Drury Cryer	1 30	
	" " Summary for family	19 30	
	" " Dito Dito	3 38	
			623. 00
			64. 58
Dec ^r	31 By Balance due the Estate	" "	556. 42
1840	To paid M ^r J Solrell acct	4 76	
	" " S L Williams "	1 00	
	" " M C Parker ditto	10 00	
	" " P H Hawkins acct	20 10	
	" " Dito "	21 75-	
	" " Dito Bond	35 95-	
		50 00	
Aug ^t	15 " " J Drury in part of Warren Exon ^t	" "	1162. 93
Sept ^r	2 By amount sales due this day	" "	55 14
	To Commissioners ord ditto		
			1715. 35
			205. 70
			1513. 65
Dec ^r	31 By Balance due the Estate	" "	
also of 33. 34 of interest the principal to carry interest from this date till paid -			
The following is a list of bonds inclosed to the Com ^r . by Edwards Bates who informed me they were bonds put in his possession by John A Booth the adm ^r . and as he could not ascertain the solvent from the inclosed he requested the Com ^r . to return a list of the bonds in his report and that in a future report they are then to be accounted for. They are the bonds found in the - of the intestates house -			
	George Branch bond (no date, taken down		286 00
	Hawkins Pond "		78 25
	Eli Davis of "		18 25
	Hawkins Pond bal "		20 00
	Eliza M Blow "		26 50

P. H. Hawling	"	52 00
Ditto	"	22 00
Elbert Bradshaw	"	4 00
John Fivush	"	3 80
John E. Nicholson	"	7 70
Emma Branch	"	6 53
Edwin Trautz	"	12 46
Thos. M. Collins	"	20 00
George Gay	"	15 00
Amos Branch	"	83 40
Haris Morris	"	2 00
Joshua Weston	"	19 84
Lilliberry Jones	"	2 49
Ditto	"	10 83
Henry Faison	"	6 75
Ditto	"	11 00
Thos. Kitchen	"	3 99
Rich. P. Stephenson	"	1 25
Am. C. Pond	"	19 00
Orson Branch	"	12 00
John H. Booth	"	7 72
Thos. A. West	"	3 26
Thos. Atkinson against	"	9 93
Charley Scamwell	"	11 18
Jeremiah Lane	"	9 30
Ditto	"	8 80
Haris Hollenman against	"	14 00
William C. Pace	"	13 00
Quinn Morris	"	18 00
Amely Scurlough	"	3 40
Airam Faison	"	1 25
James Briddle	"	200 00
Ditto	"	3 00
Ditto	"	19 50
Ditto	"	17 40
Ditto	"	8 50
Peter Babin	"	10 00

Henry Booth " " 16 00
Ditto " " 123 28
Ditto Shiff Root " 36 89
Rich. L. Thomas " 6 36
Com. for off. charged
Edwardus Bula Duff off. charged }
Respectfully Submitted
Jere Cobb Comr.
At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 21st day of June 1841
This account current and Commissioners report of John H. Booths administration was
Laid on Branchs table was returned and ordered to lie on Term for exceptions -
And at a Court held for the said County on the 19th day of July 1841 The said account
having been on Term and no exceptions being filed was confirmed and
ordered to be recorded -
Test L. R. Edwards C. C.
Attest J. L. R. Edwards C. C.

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Fls by peffe Mar 2/1812

Mar: 25/1841 Recd of Geo H. Booth late admr
of Lewis N. Prun of ^{the} sum of \$422.66

Recd July 21/1842 of Geo H. Booth by
Wm. D. Hood the sum of ~~\$328.46~~
\$751.12

The above sum of seven hundred and fifty
one dollars and twelve cents is on acct.
of the said Geo H. Booth's administration
account as per report, on Lewis N. Prun's
estate

Edw. D. Butts Cypd
Thomas Fulton shff