

1846-004 SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

HART

VS. HART'S ADMINISTRATORS et al

11/1846

other SURNAMES: Doles, Williams,
Doyle, Vick, Everett, Davis,
Doyal, Griffin, Boykin,
Bailey, Drumwright

~~57~~ ~~20~~ Nov 12.

Hart

r. } Papers.

Harts adm^r &c

1846 Nov Dismissed

Dfts costs \$25.24

Dfts- Bailey & Drumrights costs.

clk - \$ 1.50

Dfts. Williams, Doyal & Davis } clk 23

Dfts. Hicks - clk - 23

Dfts. Williams. Law - 5.00

Dfts. joint costs - clk - 1.62

Saw - 16.65

\$ 25.24

Hart

v. { Stat: Rules.

Harts adm. &c

Bill dismissed
with costs.

R. H. B.

Almon 13 Hart

v.

- Jose L Bailey & Thomas J Drumright admrs of Ruffin Hart dec. Patrick Doles, Joseph Davis, Edmund Williams, David Doyal, James Wick & Wm J Everett Shff: Southampton County
- 1844 Apr. 16. Sup^a issued retble to Mary Rules.
- " May - Rules - Subp^a ret^d? Not found
- " June " - Bill filed Sup^a awarded
- " July " Subp^a ret^d? Ex^d on Bailey, Doles, Williams, Doyal Wick - Drumright, Davis & Everett not found - New Subp^a awarded to Drumright Davis & Everett.
- " Aug. " Subp^a ret^d? Ex^d on Everett - Drumright & Davis not found - New Sup^a awarded to Drumright & Davis.
- " Sep: Subp^a ret^d? Ex^d on Davis - not ret^d as to Drumright - New sp^a to him - and Cause set for hearing as to Bailey, Doles, Williams, Doyal Wick.
- " Oct. Subp^a Ex^d on Drumright. - Cause set for hearing as to Everett.
- " Nov. " Cause set for hearing as to Davis -
- " " J. Decree for an account -
1845. March 31st Report.
- " May J. Report re committed -
- " Oct 4th Report returned
- 1846 Nov. J. Bill dismissed with costs -

Hunt
as 3 Bill
~~Wick~~ Father
Hunt adm. Gen.

1814 June Rules Apr.

To the Hon. R. H. Baker Judge of the Circuit
Sup. Ct. of Law and Chancery for Southampton
County -

Your Complainant Almon B. Hart
humbly complaining, sheweth unto your Honor
that in the year 1840 his father Ruffin
Hart of this County died intestate, seized
and possessed of a considerable estate both
real and personal, and that Jesse L. Bailey
and Thomas S. Summery qualified as his
Administrators, (a copy of whose qualification is
hereto annexed as a part of this Bill) - That they
proceeded to settle up said Estate, and made
a return of their settlement to this County
Court of Southampton, showing a Balance
due the estate of Ruffin Hart on the 1st of May 1843
of \$491-71 - which belonged to your Complain-
ant, his sister Georgiana Hart, and
stepmother Margaret A. R. Hart widow and
relict of Ruffin Hart dec. - making three
persons interested in said Estate - a copy of
which account is also annexed as a part of
this Bill marked B - and no inventory and
appraisement being returned with said account,
there was a Bill filed and decree obtained
for the division of the lands and slaves
belonging to the estate of Ruffin Hart
dec. among his heirs a copy of which decree
is herewith filed and prayed to be taken as a
part of this Bill marked C - ^{your Complt. further}
^{sheweth that} Patrick Dales qualified as his guardian
with Benjn Griffin and John Boykin as
his securities, ^{a copy of which qualification bond is hereto annexed} who ~~has~~ never made
any return of his guardian's account.
Your Complainant further sheweth

Upon this return, the plaintiff then sued out

a Ca. Sa. under which your complainant was compelled to deliver up his entire interest in his father's estate - consisting of 100 acres of land in fee worth about \$400 - 50 acres of poorer land, together with an interest in slaves held by his step mother, and besides this, an interest in money about sufficient to pay the debt - and a horse - which was delivered up, and not sold) the whole above interests selling for \$200, and purchased for that sum by James Vick the beneficiary party - whereby your complainant has been deprived of all the estate left him by his father, of his landed estate when there was no necessity for selling it - your complainant admits that his land when sold was covered by a deed of Trust for about \$80 - to Joseph Davis who was perfectly satisfied to wait with him any length of time, and would not have forced a sale, and charges your complainant charges that the whole sale, even were he not entitled to the indulgence with which courts view the acts of persons just arriving at age, was contrary to every principle of justice and equity - ~~and fraudulent in fact~~ ^{and fraudulent in fact} ~~your complainant~~ ^{wherefore} in consideration of the premises your complainant prays that Jesse L. Bailey Thos V. Drumwright administrators of Rufin Hart dec. Patrick Sales his Judge with ~~Bruce Griffin and John Griffin~~ ^{Joseph Davis} ~~and John Griffin~~ ^{James N. Williams in whose possession the said land now is} ~~David Single, James Vick, Wm L. Everett~~ ^{James N. Williams in whose possession the said land now is} Sheriff of Southampton, be made defendant to this Bill, and their answers make to all the allegations of ~~the bill~~ ^{your request}, as fully

as though they were specially interrogated ^{as to each} -
That Peter M. Sales be required to render
an account of his transactions as Guardian,
and that your Honor would set
aside the sale here complained of
upon your complainant's paying
the debt, costs and interest, and that
you would grant such other and
further relief as Equity may dictate
and the nature of the case may require
And so &c

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Hart- Anson of
to } Williams. Doyle
2 Davis

Veck & others

To the Hon Judge of the Circ. Sup. Court of Law & Ch. for
the County of Southampton, in Chancery sitting,

The joint and separate answers of Edwin St. Williams
Daniel Doyle and Joseph Davis to a bill of complaint
exhibited against them &c. by Almond B. Hurt, in the
Circ. Sup. Court of Law & Chancery for the County of South-
ampton, on the Chancery side of said Court.

These respondents avow and reserving to themselves
&c. for answer to so much of said bill as they deem
it material for them to answer. Say - that it is true
Almond B. Hurt's interest in his father's estate was sold
to satisfy an execution in favor of one James Vick
that said interest at the time it was sold, was sub-
ject to a deed of trust, to secure the payment of a bond
against said Hurt, held by your respondent, Davis
that your respondent Edwin St. Williams purchased
said interest when sold by the sheriff, at the sum
of \$200. and has since redeemed the property, subject
to the deed of trust, by discharging the debt for
which it was bonded, amounting to about \$90.

These respondents state, that so far as they know
or have reason to believe, there was no fraud in the
sale of said Hurt's interest or in any matter connec-
ted with it. that it was given up by said Hurt in
his schedule, when he took the benefit of the in-
solvent law, and sold by the sheriff at public
auction after due notice according to law.

These respondents say that they have no interest in Pat-
rick Dole's guardianship of Almond B. Hurt, or in
the adm: of Jesse L. Bentley & Thomas J. Drumwright
on the estate of Buffin & Hurt, and object to the
complaints. bill for those reasons, and praying answer
prayer to be dismissed the Court with their
reasonable costs in this behalf expended -

Ridley Howard Cary
attys -

Southampton County to wit -

This day personally appeared before me a justice of the
Peace for the County aforesaid. Edwin St. Williams

David Dayle and Joseph Davis, and made oath that
the facts stated in the above answers are true to the
best of their knowledge and belief - Given under
my hand this 21 day of October 1844.

Ann P. Nichol J. P.

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Answer of

2 $\frac{3}{3}$ James Vick

Vick & others

B. L.

To the Hon. Judge of the Circ. Sup. Court of law & chancery for the County of Southampton, in Chancery sitting -
Sheweth of James Vick to a bill of complaint exhibited against him and others, by Almond B Hart, in the Circ. Sup. Court of law & chancery for the County of Southampton, on the Chancery side of said Court -

This respondent saving and reserving to himself defence to so much of the said bill as he deems it material for him to answer, says that he knows nothing of the facts charged in the bill, save those relative to the sale of the said Almond B Hart's interest in his father's estate and the deed of trust to Joseph Davis - That sometime since one Daniel Doyle held a bond against the said Hart, which he assigned to one Patrick Brown who afterwards assigned the same to this respondent with instructions to make the money due thereon as soon as possible - that this respondent immediately instituted suit on said bond against the complainant the said Hart, recovered judgement, and had issued a fieri facias execution which was returned "et cetera" that, in the meantime the said Hart conveyed by deed of trust, all or a part of his interest in his father's estate to secure the payment of a bond against him held by the said Joseph Davis - that subsequently this respondent had issued a ca. sa. execution against the sd Hart on his judgement above named, under which the sd Hart took the benefit of the law for the relief of insolvent debtors, and gone up in his schedule, his interest conveyed in the above deed of trust, which was afterwards regularly advertised and sold by the Sheriff according to law, and purchased by one Oliver or Williams for the sum of \$200. (and not by this respondent as is stated in the bill) by means of which sale this respondent secured his debt against the said Hart - This respondent denies that there was fraud in the sale so far as he knows or believes or in any other transaction connected with it? And further states that he is no manner interested in or connected with Patrick Dolan's guardianship of Almond B Hart, and the administration of Jesse L

Bailey and Thos J. Drumwright on the estate of Rufus
G. Hart; and that he objects to the bill on those grounds
And having answered prayer hence to be dismissed the
Court with his reasonable costs in this behalf expended

Nichley Goodwyn

Atty for Victor

Southampton County to wit: —

This day personally appeared before me a justice of the
peace for the County aforesaid, James Victor and made oath
that the facts stated in the above returns, are true to the
best of his knowledge and belief. Given under my
hand this 21 day of October 1844.

Geo P Nicholas J. P.

We acknowledge service of the within notice

E. N. Williams

March 15/1845

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Comd of Executive of
St. Paul
Almon B. Hart

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Hart to a dms: & others

March 19th/1845

Southampton Circuit Superior Court Nov: 8th 1844.
Almond B Hart

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against

Joseph L Bailey & Thomas J Drumright administrators
of Rufus Hart decd, Patrick Dolan, Joseph Davis
Colman et Williams, Daniel Doyle, James Vick
and William L Everett Sheriff &c.

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In Chancery

The above named parties are hereby notified, that pursuant to an order of the Superior Court for the County of Southampton, made on the 8th November 1844, I shall proceed to take the several accounts then required at the Commissioners office in Jerusalem on the 19th day of March next, at 10 o'clock, at which time and place the parties are required to attend with the necessary evidence

William S Goodenough
Comm: in Chancery

January 10th 1845^d

Hart

to. } Copy Done

Hart's adm. of

Set for March 19/1845

Southampton Circuit Superior Court. November the 8th 1844.

Almon B Hart

against

Sepe L Bailey and Thomas J Drumright administrators of Ruffin Hart dec.
Patrick Ddes. Joseph Davis. Edwin N Williams. David Doyal. James Vick
and William L Everett Sheriff of Southampton County

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The Subpoena in this cause having been served on the defendants Sepe L Bailey and Thomas J Drumright administrators of Ruffin Hart dec. Patrick Ddes. William L Everett Sheriff of Southampton County and the bill filed more than two months and they still failing to answer, on the motion of the plaintiff his bill is taken for confessed as to them and the cause thereupon came on to be heard on the bill answer of the other defendants general replication thereto and exhibits and was argued by Counsel: On consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge. order and decree that a Commissioner of this Court settle an account shewing what was the interest of Almon B Hart and the value thereof in the estate of his father Ruffin Hart dec and what amount or interest has been received by Edwin N Williams who claims to have purchased at the sale made by the Sheriff of the interest of the said Hart of the property mentioned in his Schedule on his taking the oath of insolvency: also the amount paid by the purchaser of the property thus purchased: also what amount was paid, and by whom, to release the said property or any part of it from the trust deed referred to in the proceedings: and that he ascertain whether the property was sold by the Sheriff separately or altogether - And that he report to the Court his doings under this decree with such matters specially stated as he may deem necessary or which he may be required to state by the parties or either of them.

Attest.

Teste.

L. R. Edwards Clk

Hart

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Hart, James Hart

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entered

B. H. B.

Hart in Hart's nominals & others -

This cause came on this day to be again heard, on the papers formerly read, and the report of commissioner Goodwyn, made in obedience to the order of this court, of the 8th of November 1844 and was argued by counsel on consideration whereof, the court by consent of parties doth adjudge order and decree, that the said report be committed to the same commissioner, who is hereby directed to state under and with the same & make report to this court, with the only matters specially stated, deemed pertinent by himself or required by the parties to be so stated -

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Hart's Exor. 20

19th Sept. 1846

Southampton Circuit Superior Court. May 5th 1845-

Almon D. Hart

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In Chancery

against

Isaac L. Bailey and Thomas D. Drumright administrators of Ruffin Hart dec.
Patrick Dole. Joseph Davis. Edwin A. Williams. David Doyal. James
Vick. William L. Everett Sheriff of Southampton County Defts.

This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read and the report of Commissioner Gordon made in obedience to the order of this Court of the 8th day of November 1844 and was argued by Counsel: On consideration whereof the Court by consent of parties doth adjudge, order and decree that the said report be recommitteed to the same Commissioner who is hereby directed to restate, audit and settle the same and make report to this Court with any matters specially stated demised pertinent by himself or required by the parties to be so stated

Attest.

Teste.

L. R. Edwards Clk

We acknowledge legal service of the within notice

August 18/1865

E. A. Offens
at B. Hart

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19th Sept. 1846

To be executed on the 19th of Sept. 1846. E. A. Offens. S.

Southampton Circuit-Superior Court - May 6th 1846

Almon B Hart

against

John L Bailey and Thomas J Drumright -
of Buffin West-coat; Patrick Dolis, Joseph Davis
Edwin et Williams, David Doyle, James Vick
and William L Everett Off of Southampton - Defs

Ptff

In Chancery

The above named parties are hereby notified, that pursuant
to an order of the Circ-Sup: Court of Law Ch: for the County
of Southampton made on the 6th May 1846, I shall, on the 19th
day of September next at the Comm: office in General's
at 10 O'clock, proceed to take the several accounts therein
referred, at which time and place they are required to attend
with the necessary evidence

M. S. Gordon:

Comm:

July 18th 1846-

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Hart's acct. 1.

Debit

To be entered

R. H. B.

1844 Nov. Term

Hart vs Hart

The subpoena in this case having been filed on the 1st of Sept. & Baring and Thos. L. Drumright agents of Ruffin Hart & Co. & Palmetto Deeds W. L. Evans Sheriff of Southampton County and the bills filed more than two months and they still failing to appear and answer, on the motion of the plaintiff his bill is taken for confessed as to them and the cause thereupon came on to be heard on the bills answers of the other defendants and was argued by counsel on consideration whereof the Court doth adj. and I am here a part of this Court settle an account showing what was the value of Almon B Hart ^{at the value thereof} in the estate of his father Ruffin Hart Dec'd, and what amount or interest has been paid by Edwin McWhorter who ^{claims to have} purchased at the sale made by the Sheriff of the value of the said Hart of the property mentioned in his schedule on his taking the oath of office; also the amt. paid by the ~~said McWhorter~~ ^{purchase of} property thus purchased; also what amt. ~~the said McWhorter~~ ^{was} paid ^{to whom} for the said property or any part of it from the time said referred to in the proceedings; and that he ascertain when the property was sold by the Sheriff separately or all together and that he report to Court his actions used in this decree, with such matters specially stated as he may deem necessary or which he may be required to state by the parties or either of them

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To be entered.

R. H. B. Baker

1846 Nov. Term

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West's adm: 2

Decree

4th or Term 1846

This day this cause came on again to the Lord on the papers formerly read and the report of Commr. Goodwyn made pursuant to the order of May Term 1845, to which there are no exceptions; and was argued by counsel: On consideration taken of the Court confirming said report; doth adjudge, order & decree that the plaintiffs bill be dismissed, and that he pay unto the defendants their costs for their defence in this behalf expended -

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Hart

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Harts com. 7 ad.

1844 May Rates.

Not found

William A. Bell Deputy

Samuel B. Harris Sheriff

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Southampton County, Greeting:

We command you that you summon *Jose L Bailey & Thomas J Drum-*
right admors of Ruffin Hart de: Patrick Dole. Guardian of
Almon B Hart. Davis Doyal, James Vise & William L Ever-
ett Joseph Davis & Edmund Williams

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 *May* -
next, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against *them* in the said Court by

Almon B Hart

And unless *they* shall answer the said Bill within ^{*two*} ~~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 *16th* day of *April* 18*44*, in the
48th year of the Commonwealth.

L R Edwards

[One Copy to be delivered each Defendant.]

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Starts. adm. of

1844 July Rules.

Executed on Jeph. & Bailey

adm. of. Puffin Start dec.

Patrick Holes Odwin A Williams

David Hoyal & James D. etc.

Thomas Drumwright. adm. of

Puffin Start dec. Joseph Davis

& William & Corvett Sheriff
of Southampton County, not found

William A Bell Deputy of

Saml. B. Hines Sheriff

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Southampton County, Greeting:

We command you that you summon *Jose L Bailey & Thomas J Drumright*
admons of Ruffin Hart dec. Patrick D. Hies. Joseph Davis. Edwin
N. Williams, David Sayal. James Clark. & William L Everett Sheriff
of Southampton County

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 *July*
next, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against *them* in the said Court by

Almon R. Hart

And unless *they* shall answer the said Bill within ^{*two*} ~~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 *June* 18*44*, in the
68th year of the Commonwealth.

L R Edwards

[One Copy to be delivered each Defendant.]

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Harts adm of

1824 August Rules

Executed on Wm & Everett

Benja W. Goodwyn Deputy of
Samuel B. Hines sheriff

T. S. Lummright &
J. Davis Attorneys
Hoffenburg Les

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Southampton County, Greeting:

We command you that you summon *Thomas J Drumright* *admiror of*
Ruffin Hart *de:* *Joseph Davis* *William L Everett* *Shff*
of Southampton County —

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 *August*
next, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against *them* ^{*Yolkens*} in the said Court by

Almon B Hart.

And unless *they* shall answer the said Bill within ^{*Two*} ~~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 *1st* day of *July* 18*44*, in the
68th year of the Commonwealth.

L R Edwards *cl*

[One Copy to be delivered each Defendant.]

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Harts adv. y^o

1822 September Rules

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of ~~Southampton~~ County, Greeting:

We command you that you summon *Thomas J Drumright admor: of*
Ruffin Hart dec

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 *September* next, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against *himself* ^{& others}, in the said Court by

c Hmon B Hart

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 *5* day of *August* 18*44*, in the *69th* year of the Commonwealth.

L R Edwards Clk

[One Copy to be delivered each Defendant.]

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1844 September Rules

Excited
Massenburg D.S.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Southampton County, Greeting:

We command you that you summon

Joseph Davis

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 *September* next, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against *him & others* in the said Court by

Almon B. Hart

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 *5th* day of *August* 18*44*, in the *49th* year of the Commonwealth.

L R Edwards

[One Copy to be delivered each Defendant.]

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Hart

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Harts adm: 4th

1844 October Rules.

Executed 5 Sept. 1844

J. J. Mason dep. of
W. O. Chas. 2^d

G. J. 2^d

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

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

We command you that you summon

Thomas J. Durnright admr of
Ruffin Hart decd

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 *October* next, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against *himself & others* in the said Court by

Almon B. Hart

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 *2^d* day of *September* 18*44*, in the *69th* year of the Commonwealth.

L. R. Edwards

[One Copy to be delivered each Defendant.]

Southampton County to wit,

This day personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Allen Stephenson & Richard H. Branch, who being, here sworn say on their oaths that the tract of land and interest bought by Edwin A. Williams and contested in a ch. suit between said Williams & Almond B. Hart & others, formerly belonging to the said Hart; was sold at public sale in accordance to the best of their judgment and belief, not worth more than one hundred dollars at the time of the sale.

~~The above~~

R. H. Branch
Allen Stephenson J.P.

The above statement of Richard H. Branch and Allen Stephenson, was taken and sworn to by the said parties at the office of Bridley Goodwyn, at 2 o'clock, on the 19th ~~Sept~~ 1845, pursuant to notice ^{given} in and on my hand this 19th day of ~~Sept~~ August 1845.

Wm. H. Nicholson J.P.

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West & others

Persons: Report

March 31st 1845

Almond B. Hart

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Herts adms: & others

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Commissioners office

March 19th 1845

The Commissioners beg leave to report, that the interest of Almond B. Hart in the estate of his father Puffin B. Hart, at the time it was sold by the Sheriff, consisted of the following property, to wit 100 acres of land, in fee simple in possession - One half of 100 acres of land, held by his mother, the widow of Puffin B. Hart, in dower - One half of a negro woman and two children, held by his mother in dower - And about \$50. due from the adms: of Puffin B. Hart, out of the personal estate which came into their hands -

The value of the property is as follows -

100 acres of land	val. \$100.00
$\frac{1}{2}$ of 100 acres of land held in dower -	" " 30.00
$\frac{1}{2}$ of negro woman and children, held in dower	" " 50.00
Bal. due from the adms: of Puffin B. Hart	" " 50.00

The only interest in the above named property which has been received by Colver & Williams, consists of the 100 acres of land valued at \$100 -

The amount paid by Colver & Williams, the purchaser of the property at the sheriffs sale was \$200.00 - He also paid the further sum of \$87.90 to release a part of the property from the debt of trust referred to

The property was sold by the sheriff all-together

The Commissioner is requested by Edwin C. Williams
one of the parties to state specially, that since he has had the
land in possession, which he purchased at the shffs sale
he has put improvements upon it to the amount of
\$125.00. That at the time he took possession the land was
in a very wastful condition, without fence or house or
any improvement whatever. The Commissioner further
states that he called upon one of the adms: of Pruffins G
Next closed: in order to ascertain what amt: he had in his
hands due Almond B Nor P. The adm: stated that he had
not settled his account, but that the balance due the
Almond would be between forty and sixty dollars
The commr: put it down at 50\$

All of which is respectfully submitted

M. S. Goodenough

Commr: in Ch-

Commr: fee-

\$2.50 Ch. to E. C. Williams

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2 } Com: Report

Went to others

October 4/1843

Almon B. West-

Commissioners office

Wests adm: & others

September 19th 1843-

The Commissioner has been to report that the interest of Almon B. West in the estate of his father, Priffin & West, at the time it was sold by the Sheriff, consisted of 100 acres of land in fee simple in possession - one half of 100 acres, held by the widow of Priffin & West: his mother, in dower - one half of a negro woman and two children, held by his mother in dower, and about \$50. due from the administrators of Priffin & West, out of the personal estate which came into their hands

The value of the property is as follows

100 acres of land in fee simple in possession	\$100.00
1/2 of 100 acres held in dower	" 50.00
1/2 of negro woman and children held in dower -	" 50.00
Bal: due from admors: of Priffin & West.	" 50.00

The only interest in the above named property which has been received by Edwin A. Williams consists of the 100 acres of land, held by the said A. B. West in possession

The amount paid by Edwin A. Williams, the purchaser of the property at the Sheriffs sale was \$200.00 He also paid the sum of \$89.90 to release a part of the property from the cloud of trust - referred to The property was sold by the Sheriff all together

The Commissioner is directed by Edwin A. Williams one of the parties to state specially, that since he has had the land in possession, which he purchased at the Sheriffs sale, he has put improvements upon it - to the amt: of about \$125.00, that at the time he took possession of the land, it was in a very wasteful condition without fence or house or any improvement - whatever and that he is willing to give up the whole interest - he

be purchased at the sheriffs sale, if the money be paid for it and a reasonable compensation for the improvements he has put on the land, can be returned him.

The Commissioner also states that the assessors of Puffer to Host, have not as yet settled their act; that he called upon them to ascertain what amount they had in their hands due Almond to Host; and was informed that the total due would be between forty & sixty dollars. The Commissioner put it down in the above valuation at \$50.

The assessors were notified to settle their act; but failed to do so.

all of which is respectfully submitted

M. S. Goodwyn

Comr. in Ch.

Comr. fee - \$2.50

chd to C. A. Williams

M. S. Goodwyn

Comr.

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The Estate of Rufus Hart dec'd in account with Jeph L. Bailey
& Thomas J. Durnanright adms

1841				Dr	Cr	Int
Nov	1	By amt of sales due this day			814	39
"	"	By John Hollmanns Note &c			75	00
"	"	" Henry Jones "			5	12 1/2
"	"	" Thomas J. Durnanright "			100	00
"	"	" Jeph L. Bailey "			33	13
"	"	" D ^r do "			12	50
"	"	" Cash received of Anderson & Sons			9	00
"	"	" Charles Harb's acct			2	75
"	"	" F. M. Bailey "			2	63
"	"	" Mary B. Pond "			6	77
"	"	" Geo Gay "			3	12 1/2
"	"	" S. Boynton "			2	50
"	"	To Commissions on \$106.42 @ 5 per ct	53	34		
Jan	1	To Paid Williams & Bailey acct	2	00		
"	"	To " William M. Branch for coffin	5	84		
"	5	To " William Davis wages	3	00		
"	"	To " Sam Hart	1	00		
"	6	To " Jinn Chantey	9	00		
"	30	" " James C. Little	3	00		
Feb	27	" " Thugard Lane	46	00		
"	"	" " Joseph Council	3	00		
March	16	" " Elizabeth M. Blount	7	00		
May	"	" " do do	9	35		
June	21	" " Thugard Lane	20	00		
"	25	" " Obediah J. Watkins	5	97		
Oct	1	" " Charles Tichels	1	12 1/2		
"	"	" " do do	2	26		
Nov	1	" " Jeph L. Bailey	6	00		
"	10	" " G. J. Gould	25			
"	15	" " A. J. Stephenson	1	00		
Dec	11	" " J. H. Perittow	4	10		
"	27	" " John Urquhart	1	75		

"	29	Geachornah Harris	7	70		
"	"	amt due the estate this day	874	24		
1842			1066	92	1066	92
Jan'y	1	By amt due the estate this day let over	"	"	874	24
"	16	To paid tax	1	67		
Feb'y	5	To p I Boykin acct	3	50		
"	15	" " P Dole "	2	73		
March	5	" " Geo Gay "	2	50		
April	17	" " Shugars Lane "	111	87 1/2		
July	1	" " J R Chamblep "	15	00		
Oct	17	" " Shugars Lane "	25	00		
Nov	25	" " Emma Hart "	3	83		
Dec	13	" " R. Roford "		18 3/4		
"	31	To amt due the estate this day	707	93		
1843			874	24	874	24
Jan'y	1	By amt due the estate let down			707	93
"	"	To 1 years interest on \$707 93				68 46
"	"	To paid M A R Hart Guardian to E S A Hart	170	84		
"	"	To paid P Love acct	2	83		
"	"	" " Robert Ridley "	5	00		
"	"	" " Dr A S H. Burgess "	33	60		
"	18	" " A Finsord acct	26	31		
March	4	" " Shugars Lane "	1	00		
"	"	" " Shugars Lane "	64	68		
"	"	" " M A Hart "	3	00		
"	"	" " Jape Carril "	4	00		
"	"	" " Charles Nichols "	1	50		
"	"	" " Comrs fee for this acct	3	00		
"	"	Interest let down			43	16
"	1	To amt due the estate this day	491	77		
"			750	39	750	39
"	"	amt due the estate this day let down			491	77

The amt of Four hundred & ninety one dollars & seventy one cts is due the estate on this acct with interest from the first day of January 1843 see paid

Respectfully Submitted to the Court

William Burgess In Com

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 17 day of July 1843
 This account Current of Thomas J. Dismasnight & Jape S. Bailey administrators
 of Ruffin Hart's Estate was returned and ordered to lie over Term for Exceptions
 And at a Court held for said County the 21st day of August 1843 the said
 account having lain over Term and no Exceptions being filed was confirmed
 and ordered to be Recorded

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Southampton County December Court 1840

Almon-B. Georgina & Beat infant children of Ruffin Beart dec^d by J.R. Edwards
their next friend
against

Plffs

In Chancery

Margaret A.R. Beart widow of Ruffin Beart dec^d and Thomas Beart
I Dromwright administrator of Ruffin Beart dec^d

This day this cause was docketed and by consent of parties came on to be heard
on the bill and answers and was argued by counsel. On consideration whereof
the Court with adjudge order and decree that the lands of which Ruffin Beart
dec^d seized be divided into three parts of equal value and that one part be
allotted to Margaret A.R. Beart widow of R. Beart as her dower in said land
and the other two thirds be divided between Almon-B. and Georgiana-B. Beart
heirs of said Ruffin and that the slaves of which said Ruffin dec^d possessed be
divided into three parts as near as may be; and that one third be allotted to
the widow as her dower in the slaves and the other two thirds be assigned to
the Guardians of Almon-B. and Georgiana Beart. but the Plaintiffs are not
to have the benefit of this decree until they or some one for them shall
enter into refunding bonds with sufficient security according to law that James
B. Little Shugars Linn and Jeph Barrall be appointed to carry this decree
into effect who will make report to Court in order to a final decree

Attest Little J.R. Edwards Clk

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With interest from the 20 day of June one Thousand eight hundred
and forty two I promise to pay to David Doyal his heirs or assigns the sum of
Eighty four dollars and Eighty three cents for value received for the payment
whereof I bind myself and my heirs: Witness my hand and seal the 20 day of June
one Thousand eight hundred and forty two

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Abstracts and 1728

Abstract
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The Commonwealth of Virginia

To the Sheriff of Southampton County

Greeting: We command you that of the goods and chattels of Almond B. Hart late in your bailiwick you cause to be made the sum of (eighty) four dollars and eighty three cents with legal interest thereon from the 10 day of June 1842 till paid which David Doyal who sues for the benefit and at the costs of James Vick lately in our Circuit Superior Court of law and Chancery for Southampton County hath recovered against the said Hart for debt: also six dollars and 78 cents which to the said Doyal for &c in the same Court were adjudged for his costs by him about his suit in that behalf expended: whereof the said Hart is convicted as appears to us of Record: and how you shall have executed this writ makes known at the clerk's office of our said Circuit Superior Court of law and Chancery at the Rules to be holden for the said Court on the first Monday in July next: and have them there this writ. Witness Linton R. Edwards Clerk of our said Court at the Courthouse this 15 day of April 1843 in the 67 year of the Commonwealth:

L. R. Edwards Clk

Sheriff Return. No Effects. A. M. Howell Dy of Wm. I. Ervath shff

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Capt. James Vick

Comptroller Va.

Mr. Pick

5th July 43

We have in hand (that is we have bonds) to the
amt of about a hundred dollars of Almon B Hart's legacy of
his fathers estate which can be obtained in a short time if
~~it~~ there be no obstacle in the way, which he request ^{be} should
be paid to you and we are perfectly willing, to do, and
will do as soon as possible provided Hart will give us
a refunding bond with good security which we have
no doubt but he will do. Respectfully yours &c

Capt. Jas. Vick

{ W. Bailey
Thos J. Drumwright-

Guardian Bond

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Hart

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Alley

Know all men by these presents that we Patrick Dole John Bayhine
Bryce Sniffen are held and firmly bound unto Alex Magaich W^m A Sparks
James Maget Thunmyng J. Smith Senilemon Justices of the County Court of
Southampton Now sitting in the sum of Two Thousand Dollars to the
payment whereof well and truly to be made to 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 18 day of October AD 1847

The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound
Patrick Dole his heirs Executors and administrators shall well and truly pay
and deliver or cause to be paid and delivered, unto Albert B. Short orphans of
Ruffin Short all such Estate or Estates, as now is or are or hereafter shall appear
to be due to the said orphan when and as soon as he shall attain to lawful
age or when it will be required by the Justices of the said Court ~~and~~, as also to keep
honorably the above named Justices their and every one of their heirs Executors and
administrators, from all trouble and damages that shall or may arise about the said
Estate then the above obligation to be void: otherwise to remain in full force

signed sealed and acknowledged
in open Court

Patrick Dole (seal)

Jno. Bayhine (seal)

Bryce Sniffen (seal)

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Teste. J. R. Edwards Clk

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Southampton County Court December 21st 1840

Margaret A. R. Hart widow of Ruffin Hart deceased relinquished her right to the administration of her deceased husband's estate. Whereupon on the motion of Jesse L. Bailey ^{and Thomas J. Durrant} who made oath and together with ~~Thomas J. Durrant~~ John E. Nicholson and Alfred S. Brattle their bretheren entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Four Thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs certificate is granted them for obtaining letters of administration on the said Ruffin Hart's estate in due form

Teste J. R. Edwards C. C.

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In this case there was in the hands of the
admins say \$100 - the debt due by Hart
was \$104-33

To pay this the sheriffs return on the case
shows that he sold Harts interest in fee
in 104 acres of land

his interest in 50 acres of down land
also his interest in slaves - a horse
admitted was not sold -

The Horse & the Slave in the admin the
hands would have paid the debt
or the money & interest in down land
or the money & interest in slaves would
have paid the debt - and yet the horse
was not sold - but his entire interest
sold without dividing it

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