

1849-003 SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

BELL et al vs. BELL'S EXECUTOR et al
11/1849

Other SURNAMES: DUNN
Browne, Pond, Sebrell, Rollings,
Drewry, Hood, Cobb, Butts

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Bell &c

& } Papers

Bells Exam &c

for Disposal

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Bill of

to } Anti Rules

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Dumms per of costs . 8.55 3/4

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Dumms whole costs . 10.17 3/4

William A Bell. Elizabeth B Bell. Benjamin W Dunn. and Martha
A his wife and the said Benjamin in right of his deceased wife Mary
formerly Bell.

against.

Edwards Butts ^{Brown} of James Bell who was admr. Brambley Bell. Ann
M Bell. Orris A Brown & Samuel A Pond

1847 July 21st. Subp: & process returnable to August Rules -

" Aug: R. Sp: ret: Ex: int Bell Butts & Brown. Pond no intal.

" Sept: " Bill filed -

" Nov: Cause set for hearing as to all the Dfts except Samuel
M Pond - - -

" Nov: D. Continued.

" Dec: R. Amended bill filed & process awarded.

1848. Jan: " Sp: Ex: on Butts ad: & Brown - New Sp: awarded agst
Butts & Brown. & Barnes admr &c

" Feb: " Sp: Ex: on Butts & Barnes. Or: sub v. Dft. Pond - Answer of
Dft: Barnes. Gen Rep: &c

" March: - Ans: of Dft: Butts. Gen. Rep: - Cause set for hearing as to Dft.
Brown -

" Apr: ^{1st Monday} Answer of Dft: Brown filed by consent. Gen: Rep: thereto - Cause
set for hearing as to Dft: Barnes ad:

" Last Monday in April - Cause set for hearing as to Dft: Butts ad:

1849. May: D. Devis for work

" Nov: " Devis

Bill and others

vs. Bill.

Bill adm.

6 & 17 m. others

September Rule 1847

To the Hon^{ble}. Rich^d. H. Baker. Judge of the
Circuit Sup^r. Court of Law and Chancery
for the County of Southampton. -

Humbly complaining then unto your Honor. your compl-
-aintants. William A Bell, Elizabeth B. Bell, Benjamin M.
Dunn and Martha A. his wife, and the said Benjamin
in right of his de^d. wife Mary I. formerly Bell.

That in the year 1832. Brerley Bell of Southampton
County. departed this life, intestate, possessed of a large
estate. more than sufficient to pay and satisfy all
his just debts. - leaving at the time of his death the
following persons his only heirs and distributees,
viz - James Bell (a son, Anne M. Bell, (a daughter),
and William A Bell. Elizabeth B. Bell, Martha A. Bell
and Mary I. Bell, Child ren of William Bell, who
was a son of Brerley Bell -

That James Bell is dead and Edmond Bell his
grandson as his Ex^r. That Mary M. and your wife
B. M. Dunn, & said, her husband Benjamin, who is
by virtue of the intermarriage nullified, to his de^d.
wife's personal estate - That Martha A. is now
the wife of Brig. M. Dunn - and is about 22 years
old.

Your complainants further state, that after the death
of Brerley Bell, James Bell qualified as her son.
and in that character, took possession of all her
estate, rights and credits. and went on to administer
the same - That at the time James Bell qualified
as son of Brerley Bell he entered into bond with
Oris A. Brown and Sarah M. Pond as his security
a copy of which bond is herewith filed as a part
of this bill and returned - A.

That in the year 1842. James Bell after making his
last will in writing, which has been entered to record by the

County Court of Southampton^{did} and Edwards Bell
the 2d. Thomas named, qualified as such, by entering
into bond and security according to law. which is
now with filed marked B, -.

Your Compt. further state that after the death of James
Bell, his Ex. settled an account of his Trustees Trans-
actions on the estate of Brantly Bell dec'd from which
it appears that James Bell was indebted to Brantly
Bell's estate in the sum of \$424.62. See copy of the
acct. now with filed marked (b). That the children
of William^{Bell}, that is, your Compt. are entitled
to one third of this amt. and Ann M Bell
and James Bell to the other two thirds.

That Edwards Bell as Ex. of James Bell, read
a long account of property more than sufficient
to satisfy all the debts of the dignity of the claim
and to your Compt. and opened and set forth in
this bill. That they have frequently & in a
friendly way applied to E Bell, Ex. of James Bell
to come to a settlement & account with them
about this matter, but he has always refused
pretending there are no facts, which, a settlement
of his accounts before a com. of this Court with
them, to your Honor, is a mere pretence.

Your Compt. state that Mr Pond is absent
from the Court of Virginia - and that he
is notoriously and hopelessly insolvent and
proof of a certain against him would be
wholly unavailing.

In tender consideration of all merits, and
in as much as your Compt. are remedied
at law in the premises and only relievable in a
Court of Equity. To the said Thomas that full
adequate and complete relief may be done - They
pray your Honor to make Edwards Bell, Ex. of
James Bell, who was adm. of Brantly Bell

Ann M Bell - Mrs A. Brown and Sarah L. Pond
dependants to this bill, and compel them to answer
the allegations thereof fully and never as they -

That Edwards Bell. be compelled to render before a
Court of this Court. an account of James Bell's trans-
actions, on adv. of Brantly Bell. - and that the
balance ascertained to be due, on such settlement
may be decreed to be paid to those respectively
entitled. That an order of publication may
be made directed against the absent defendant.
Sarah L. Pond - That your Honor will grant
such other and further relief, the premises
considered as Equity may be decreed, as is
duly bound to.

May it please the Court to do

Charley & Mapson
Attys.

Bell &c
2 } Amended Bill
Bells Price &c

1827 December Rules

To The Hon. Richard H Baker judge of the Circuit
Superior Court of law & chancery for the County
of Southampton -

Humbly complaining shew
unto your Honor your complainants William
A Bell, Elizabeth B Bell, Benja W Dunn and
Martha A his wife, and the said Benja in right of
his dec'd wife Mary I: That sometime since they
filed a bill in this honorable Court against Edwards
Butts ^{with the will annexed} Adm^r of James Bell who was adm^r of Brambly
Bell, Ann M Bell, Orris A Brown & Saml L Pond
setting forth the following facts, to wit, "That in
the year 1832 Brambly Bell of the County of South-
ampton departed this life intestate possessed of
a large estate more than sufficient to pay and
satisfy all her just debts, leaving at the time
of her death the following persons her only
heirs & distributees viz, James Bell (a son) Ann
M Bell (a daughter) and William A Bell Elizabeth
B Bell Martha A Bell & Mary I Bell, children of
William Bell who was a son of Brambly Bell. That
James Bell is dead and Edwards Butts has quali-
fied as his ^{with the will annexed} Adm^r. That Mary I married your orator
Benja W Dunn & died her husband surviving, who
is by virtue of the intermarriage entitled to his
dec'd wife's personal estate, That Martha A is now
the wife of Benja W Dunn and is about 22 years
old. Your complts further state that after the
death of Brambly Bell, James Bell qualified as her
adm^r and in that character took possession of all
her estate, rights & credits and went on to admin-
ister the same. That at the time James Bell
qualified as adm^r of Brambly Bell he entered
into bond with Orris A Brown & Saml L Pond
his securities, a copy of which is herewith filed
as a part of this bill marked (A) That in the

year 1842 James Bell after making his last will in writing which has been admitted to record by the County Court of Southampton, died & Edwards Butts the Exor therein named ^{having failed to} qualified as such ^{ad-} ^{with the wife annexed was granted to the said Butts on d^y estate who entered} ministrant to bond with security according to law, which is herewith filed marked (B) Your Compts further state that after the death of James Bell his Exor settled an account of his testator's transactions on the estate of Brambley Bell dec^d from which it appears that James Bell was indebted to Brambley Bell's estate in the sum of \$1424.62 see copy of account herewith filed marked (C) That the children of William Bell that is your Compts are entitled to one third of this amount, and Ann M Bell & James Bell to the other two thirds. That Edwards Butts as Adm^r of James Bell received a large amount of property more than sufficient to satisfy all the debts of the dignity of the claims due to your Compts, and asserted & set forth in this bill, that they have frequently in a friendly manner applied to E Butts Adm^r of James Bell to come to a settlement & account with them about this matter, but he has always refused pretending there are no assets, which a settlement of his account before a commissioner of this Court will show to your Honor is a mere pretence. Your Compts state that Samuel L Pond is absent from the Commonwealth of Virginia & that he is notoriously ^{and} hopelessly insolvent & process of executions ^{against him} would be wholly unavailing. And the said bill filed by your Compts prays, that Edwards Butts Adm^r of James Bell who was adm^r of Brambley Bell, Ann M Bell, Orris A Browne & Samuel L Pond may be made Defts thereto, that Edwards Butts be compelled to render an account of the transactions of James Bell on the estate of Brambley Bell & that the balance found due might be decreed

to those entitled & that an order of publication may be directed against the absent ^{defendant} Samuel L Pond. Your Compts pray that the said original bill may be referred to and taken as a part of this bill, and by way of amendment thereto your Compts represent that after the death of James Bell the estate of Brambley Bell was committed to Jacob Barnes Sheriff of the County of Southampton for administration de bonis non, and that the estate of Mary J Dunn has also been committed to the said Barnes Sheriff as aforesaid for administration.

In tender consideration of the premises and in as much as your Compts are without remedy except in a Court of equity: To the end therefore that justice may be done, they pray your Honor to make Edwards Butts Adm^r of James Bell who was adm^r of Brambley Bell Ann M Bell, Orris A Browne, Samuel L Pond and Jacob Barnes as adm^r de bonis non of Brambley Bell & as adm^r of Mary J Dunn defendants to this amended bill and compel them to answer the allegations thereof, that Edwards Butts be compelled to render before a Commissioner of this Court an account of the transactions of James Bell as adm^r of Brambley Bell, and that the balance ascertained to be due on such settlement may be decreed to be paid to those respectively entitled that Jacob Barnes may set forth in his answer what debts if any, are now due & outstanding against the estates of Brambley Bell & Mary J Dunn. That your Honor will grant such other & further relief, the premises considered as equity may dictate and as in duty bound he may it please your Honor &c

Chambliss & Napierburg Atty's

Bills

to J. L. Lumsden -

Bull's & Co

South: Co: Cont.

6 Munford 398.
1 Rev: Co: 216 - \$100.

The demurrer of Edward Butts Esquire of James
Bell decd. to the Bill of Complaint exhibited
against him and others by William R. Burr
and others complainants, in the Civil Superior
Court of Law and Chancery for the County of ~~Bedford~~
Hampshire -

This defendant by protestation, not
confessing or acknowledging the Complaints
bills to be true in such sort, manner and form
as the same matters ^{thereof} are there in set forth,
doth demur thereto; and for cause of demurrer
sheweth, That no executor or administrator or
heir ~~sure~~ of the Beamyble Bill decd. is made a
party to the said Bill, nor is any other representa-
tive of said Beamyble Bill decd. made a party to the
same: And, therefore, and for other good causes
of demurrer in the said Bill contained, this defen-
dant doth demand the judgment of this honorable
Court whether he ought to be compelled to make
any further answer thereto.

And this defendant prays to be hence
discharged with his costs.

Bull &

2 } Ans. of Dft. Bulls

Bulls and

1848. March Rules

The answer of Edwards Butts Adm^r of James Bell dec^d who was Adm^r of Brambley Bell dec^d to an original and an amended Bill exhibited against him and others in the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for Southampton County, by William A. Bell and others Complainants.

The respondent saving all benefit of exception to said Bill for form or substance for answer to so much thereof as he is advised it is material for him to answer, says: That it is true that his intestate was Administrator of Brambley Bell dec^d as alleged in the Bill. But the respondent represents that his intestate in April 1834 rendered before a Commissioner appointed for that purpose by the County Court of Southampton a full account of his transactions as Administrator of Brambley Bell dec^d up to the 1st of Jan^y 1834, which was returned to ~~and~~ the said Court and ordered to be recorded. And the respondent has since settled, under an order of the same Court, a complete account of his intestate's administration embracing all his transactions, which account has also been returned and ordered to be recorded. The respondent has also settled, under an order of the same Court, an account of his administration of the estate of his intestate, which has likewise been returned and ordered to be recorded. And the respondent relies upon these settlements as a bar to this suit so far as it seeks an account of the transactions, or any of them, embraced thereby. Copies of these several accounts are herewith exhibited, marked X, Y, and Z.

The respondent further represents, that the account settled by the said James Bell in 1834 embraced all the assets which had

as was also the said Anne M. Bell

then come to his hands. The only appts which came to his hands after that time, consisted of a negro line for the year 1824, and a single sum of money received from the Sheriff of Northampton on account of an execution, so that the receipt of both of those sums was, no doubt, well known to all the parties interested in the estate. The respondent is advised, that the Compts might, at any time, have brought their suit against the said James Bell for a further settlement of his accounts, if necessary; that at any time after the settlement in 1824, they might have maintained their action upon his admission, but in bond. The said James Bell died on the 9th November 9. 1842; all of the Compt's ante & post the Compt's Marston, wife of Wm., one of full age at the time of his death, and all & post the Compt's Marston and William, and Mary J. deceased, one of full age in April 1824; they possessed as full information of the condition and affairs of the estate then as now; and the respondent is advised that parties who neglected for so long a period to enforce their alleged claim, though possessing full knowledge of all the facts, might not now be relieved by the Court. And they are further advised and incited, that the claim set up in the Bill on behalf of the Compts and the said Anne M. Bell, is barred by the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly entitled "An Act for limitation of actions against persons acting in a fiduciary capacity and their executors and for other purposes." Passed March 8. 1826, and the respondent prays to be allowed the full benefit of this defence in the same manner and to the same effect as if the same were regularly pleaded in law. The respondent further represents that shortly before the death of the said James Bell Esq., he and the said Anne M. Bell came to a settlement, in which was embraced the said Anne's distributive share of the estate of James Bell Esq., the result of which settlement are that the said James was found to be indebted

to the said Anne in a sum for which he executed his bond, which was accepted, and is now held by the said Anne. The respondent has reason to believe that nothing is now due on the said bond; but ~~in case~~ whether that be or not, the respondent is advised, that the execution and acceptance of the said bond was a novation of the debt due the said Anne as a distributive of James Bell Esq., so far, at the least, as to preclude her from maintaining any action or suit against the said James Bell for the recovery of that debt, except an action at law upon the said bond, and also to reduce the dignity of the said claim, as against the appts of J. James Bell after his death, to that of a debt by specialty. But even if the said bond should not have either of those effects, the respondent is advised, that it by no means impairs his right to plead the Statute of limitations as a bar to any recovery by the said Anne M. Bell on her original claim as distributive of James Bell Esq.

The respondent is further advised, that the Compt's Wm., who sues to recover in right of his deceased wife, Mary J., has no right to do so, and that the said Wm. ought not, in that character, to have been made a party to this suit. All which the respondent is ready to verify. But as that he and the respondent having fully answered, prays to be hence dismissed with his costs.

Edw. D. Butts

County of Northampton, to wit:

This day Edwards Butts, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing answer, this day personally appeared before me, a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, and made oath, that the matters set forth in the said answer, as of his own knowledge, are true as they are alleged; and that the matters set forth on the information of others, he verily believes to be true, as they are alleged. Given under my hand this 11th day of March 1848.

G. A. M. Newman J.D.

Bell & Co

& } Ant. of Dft. Brown

Bells adm.

1848 copied Rules. filed by consent

To the Honorable Richard A. Baker Judge of the Circuit
Superior Court of Law and Chancery, for the County of Tenth-
= anpton, in chancery sitting:

The answer of Orris A. Browne
to the bill of Complaint exhibited in the said Court against
him, E. Butts adm^r &c and others, by W^m A. Bell and others.
This respondent saving ~~he~~ for answer to so much of the said bill
as he is advised it is necessary for him to answer, says,
that he does not admit the allegations contained in the
Plaintiffs' bill, but requires full proof thereof. He relies upon
the several Acts of Limitation, but especially upon the Act
passed March the 8th 1806, in bar of any claim which the
said Plaintiff or any of them may have had or may have
against him, as fully as if the said Acts of Affirmity were
here fully ~~set forth~~ ^{specifically} set forth and pleaded.
This defendant begs leave to refer to the answer of the
defendant Butts, and to rely for his defence upon the
several grounds affirmed by that defendant as equally
applicable to the defence of this defendant. And having
answered he prays to be hence dismissed with his costs &c.
Orris A. Browne

Greenville County, Tenn:

This day personally appeared before
me a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid,
Orris A. Browne, and made oath that the facts contained
in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his know-
= ledge and belief. Given under my hand this the
22nd day of March 1848

Let W. Perkins J.P.

Bell & Co
Answers of
Jacob Barnes
Bells Friend & Co

February
1848 & December Rules

The answer of The Defendant Jacob Barnes
adms: de bonis non of Brambly Bell & adms: of
Mary J Dunn to a bill of complaint exhibited
against him &c by William A Bell &c

This Defendant now and at all times hereafter
serving & using &c, for answer to the said
bill of complaint or so much thereof as he
is advised it is material he should an-
swer, answers & says that he knows nothing
of the facts stated in the Plffs bill, except
the fact that he is adms: de bonis non of Brambly
Bell and adms: of Mary J Dunn, this he
admits to be true. He is not apprised that
there are any outstanding debts against
either the estate of Brambly Bell or the
estate Mary J Dunn. And having answer-
ed he prays hence to be dismissed with
his costs &c

Jacob Barnes

Bill of

to } Or. Pub.

Bills adw

Copy posted at front door

Ch. House Feb. 9. 1848.

J.R.C.

At Rules held in the Clerks Office of the Circuit Superior Court
of Law and Chancery for the County of Southampton on the 7th day
of February 1848.

William A Bell, Elizabeth B Bell, Benj^a W Dunn & Martha A his
wife. and the said Benj^a in right of his deceased wife Mary I
Dunn ^{Defts.} } ^{In Chancery}
against

Edwards Bells admor. of James Bell dec^d who was admor. of Brambley
Bell, Orris A Browne, Samuel L Pond, and Jacob Barnes as admor.
de bonis non of Brambley Bell and as admor. Mary I Dunn Dfts:

The defendant Samuel L Pond not having entered his ap-
pearance and given security according to the act of Assembly and
the rules of this Court and it appearing by satis factory evidence
that he is not an inhabitant of this County It is ordered that the
said defendant do appear here on the first day of the next term
and answer the bill of the plaintiff and that a copy of this order
be forthwith inserted in some news paper published in the town
of Petersburg for two months successively and posted at the front
door of the Courthouse of this County.

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n } for
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May. June 1848

Southampton.

Bill vs Bell. adm.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the court that the Petitioners have proceeded against the Deft. Samuel Pond, in the mode prescribed by Law against absent Defts. who still failing to appear and answer. On Motion of the Petitioners. Their bill is taken for confessed as to that Deft. and the cause came on to be heard on the original and amended bills. answers of the Deft. Edwards Bates adm of James Bell ad. Onis & Brown and Jacob Barnes adm ex bonis non of Bramly Bell and adm of Mary J. Dunn. Replications thereto. and exhibits ~~filed~~ and was argued by learned counsel. On consideration whereof, the court with advice of law and order and decree that Edwards Bates adm of James Bell now before a lease of this court. an account of his transactions on the estate of James Bell ad. also an account of the transactions of James Bell on the estate of his intestate Bramly Bell ad. But the ^{estate} accounts filed in this cause are to be regarded as prima facie correct. liable to be discharged & falsified. and that Jacob Barnes adm of Mary J. Dunn ad. and adm ex bonis non of Bramly Bell ad. now before the same court. an account of his transactions ~~of~~ the estate of each of his said intestates. and the court will report said accounts to court, with any matters specially stated deemed pertinent by himself, or which may be required by either of the parties to be so stated.

Bill X

Bill's account.

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dues

R. H. Baker

May Co. '49.

Bell & Bell adms^r.

This is a suit in equity founded on an admsⁿ bond to which the act of limitations of 1826 is the only manner of defence. There are several p^{ty}s and one or more defendants seeking distribution and I am not at this time prepared to decide that the defence set up is a valid one as to any of the parties, while at the same time it seems to me it is not valid as to all under the circumstances now appearing in the case.

Martha Bell who is now the wife, of the p^{ty} Dunn was born in August or Sep^r 1823 and therefore attained lawful age in Aug^t or Sep^r 44, and this suit having been brought in July 1847, the share of the said Martha of the intestate's estate is protected by the said act, which gives to all infants concerned five years after their disabilities shall have ceased.

In relation to the claim of Mary

Bill, who also married Dunn several difficulties exist. The record shows that Mary J Bell was living at the death of her father in 1828, but it does not appear what was her age, nor at what period she married or died. It is true, nevertheless, that she has been dead some years, and that admin^r on her estate has been but recently taken out. There is much reason to suppose that the interest of Mary Bell's admin^r in the estate of her grandmother is not barred by the act of limitation, but the proofs and facts of the case are so vague that no satisfactory or definite opinion can be formed on the subject.

The deposition of ~~Edna~~ Hood shows that William Bell had two other children than those referred to in the Bill, namely Orris and Algernon - when did these children die? If after the death of Bramly Bell their representatives ought to be before the Court, a com^r of the court ought to be directed to enquire into and report

upon the following matters viz

- 1 at what time did Mary J Dunn die, when did she marry and what was her age at the period of her death.
2. Did Orris and Algernon Bell die under the age of twenty one years, and did they die before or after the death of Bramly Bell, and the period of each ones death.
- 3 The com^r should be directed to make out a distribution account, taking the balance upon the last acc^t returned and filed as an exhibit as showing the amt to be divided.

Bell } Now for
as } anem
Bell. adw

May June 1849.

To be entered

R.H.B.

May 10 45

Bill vs Bill - aow.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the Pltffs have proceeded in the mode prescribed by Law against absent. Defts. against the Defendant Samuel Pond, who still failing to appear and answer, on motion of the Plaintiffs, this bill is taken for confessed as to that Defendant. and the cause came on to be heard on the original and amended bills answers of the Defendants. Edwards Butts aow. of James Bell and Orris & Brown, & Jacob Barnes aow as heirs Mon of Bramby Bell and aow of Mary I Lume. replication trusts and exhibits and was argued by counsel on consideration whereof the Court with advice of an and deem. That a leave of this Court enquire into & report to Court the following facts.

1st When did Mary I Lume die. When did she ~~and~~ Mary, and what was her age at the period of her death.

2nd Did Orris and Algonon Bell die upon the age of Twenty One years, and did they die before or after the death of Bramby Bell, and the period of each one's death.

3rd That the Com. State an account, with each of the Distributors of Bramby Bell, and that he take the account filed in this cause as an exhibit. Marked Y- as the basis

of the said distributive account - That he
report to court with any matters specially stated
assumed pertinent by himself - or which may be
required by either of the parties to be so stated -

...

Bill Johnson

to } Copy Done

Bills etc. &c

Aug-22^d

(notice misplaced)
error

Southampton Circuit Superior Court May 3^d 1829.

William & Nell & others

Plffs

against

Edwards Nulls admor. James Bell dec'd & others

Def's

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the plaintiffs have proceeded in the mode prescribed by Law against absent defendants against the defendant Sam. Bond who still failing to appear and answer On the motion of the plaintiffs their bill is taken for confessed as to that defendant. And the cause came on to be heard on the original and amended bills answer of the defendant Edwards Nulls administrator of James Bell dec'd Oris & A. Brown and Jacob Barnes admor. de bonis non of Brambly Bell and administrator of Mary J Dunn replications thereto and exhibits and was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that a Commissioner of this Court enquire into and report to the Court the following facts:

1st. When Mary J Dunn died: when did she marry, and what was her age at the time of her death:

2^d Did Oris & A. Brown Bell die under the age of twenty one years, and did they die before or after the death of Brambly Bell, and the period of each ones death:

3rd That the Commissioner state an account of each of the distributives of Brambly Bell: and that he take the account filed in this cause as an exhibit marked, (A), as the basis of the said distributive account. That he report to Court with any matters specially stated deemed pertinent by himself or which may be required by either of the parties to be so stated.

A Copy

Teste. J. R. Edwards Ck

The bill also requires an act of James Bells Est.

Bill to.
as ~~been~~
Bills. Encl.

Nov. co. 1849.

To be entered
R H Baker
Nov. co. '49

1849 November Encl

Bells. vs Bells. adm.

This day this cause came on to be finally heard. on the papers formerly read and on the report of Lewis Goodwyn made in pursuance of an order of this court pronounced at May Term 1849. and the court confirming said report. To which no exceptions have been filed. on the adj. judge. order and decree. That as to the Plaintiffs William A Bell. & Elizabeth B Bell. and the debt. Jacob Barnes - adm of Mary J. Bell the bill be dismissed. but without costs. and the court with further adjourn. order and decree. That Edwards Bells. adm of James Bell. out of ~~the~~ ~~an~~ estate ~~pay~~ of his intestate if so much he has - if not out of his own estate, pay to the Plaintiffs Benjamin W. Bell and Martha his wife, the sum of \$118.71 with interest on \$98.40 part thereof, from 21st Octo: 1837 till paid, and their costs, by them about this suit expended. The court doth further order that the debt Bells. promise pay the court costs.

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$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ Sp^d in chy

Bell^s ad^d of

1847 August Rules

Executed
on Edward Bell ~~etc.~~ of
Hons of ~~James~~ Bell
Decd. Ann M. Bell.
Saml. M. Pond no
inhabitants

H. P. Pope Jst
for Jacob Barnes Jst

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Southampton County, Greeting:—

We command you that you summon *Edwards Butts Executor of*
James Bell de^d. who was administrator of Bramley
Bell de^d. Ann M. Bell. and James M. Bell

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 ^{and against} *them* in

the said Court by *William A. Bell Elizabeth B. Bell Benjamin*
W. Dunn and Martha A. his wife and the said Benjamin
in right of his de^d wife Mary C.

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 *21st* day of

July — 1847, in the *72nd* year of the Commonwealth.

R. Edwards *cl*

[One Copy to be delivered each Defendant.]

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Bills no. 40

1848 January Rules

Conclusion

E. Ball

Wm. Aspinburg SS

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Southampton County, Greeting:

We command you that you summon *Edwards Butts administrator of James Bell dec^d who was administrator of Brambley Bell, Ann M Bell, ~~Benjamin A Brown~~*

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* - ^{*if another*} next, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against *them* in the said Court by *William A Bell, Elizabeth R Bell, Benjamin Dunn and Martha A his wife. and the said Benjamin in right of his deceased wife Mary I*

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 *6th* day of *December* 184*7*, in the *72^d* year of the Commonwealth.

L. R. Edwards Clk

[One Copy to be delivered each Defendant.]

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J. S. Turner & Co.
J. W. Boone & Co.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA ^{Brunswick}
To the Sheriff of ~~Northampton~~ County, Greeting:
We command you that you summon *Orvis A. Brown*.

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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~~ ^{others} next, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against ^{him} in the said Court by *William A. Bell Elizabeth B. Bell Benjamin W. Quinn and Martha A. his wife and the said Benjamin in right of his dcd. wife Mary I.*

And unless ^{he} ~~they~~ 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 *21st* day of *July* 1847, in the *72nd* year of the Commonwealth.

L. R. Edwards Ck.

[One Copy to be delivered each Defendant.]

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Bell & Co

v } H. A. Chy.

Bells adv. & Co

1848 January Rules

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

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

We command you that you summon

Orvis A Brown

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 ^{& others} ~~him~~ in

the said Court by *William A Bell. Elizabeth B Bell. Benjamin W Dunn and Martha A his wife and the said Benjamin in right of his deceased wife Mary J*

And unless *he* shall answer the said Bill within ^{two} ~~three~~ 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 *6th* day of

December 184*7*, in the *72^d* year of the Commonwealth.

L R Edwards Clk

[One Copy to be delivered each Defendant.]

C.S.C

Bills &c

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Bills admod

1945 February Rules

Executed on Edward Butts, Ann M Bell,
& Jacob Barnes by delivering a copy to each
Samuel M Pond and inhabitant
Jas. H. Hall Corner

13th St
2 { Sp. Chy.
Pills corner
13th St February 1845

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

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

We command you that you summon *Edwards Bell's administrator of James Bell who was administrator of Bramble Bell, Saml M Bell, Samuel M Pond and Jacob Barnes his administrator of Bramble Bell & as administrator of Mary J Dunn*

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* next, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against *them* ^{& another} in

the said Court by *William A Bell, Elizabeth W Bell, Benj^a W Dunn and Martha A his wife and the said Benj^a in right of his deceased wife Mary J*

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 *January* 1848, in the *72^d* year of the Commonwealth.

L. R. Edwards Clk

[One Copy to be delivered each Defendant.]

Southampton County 1c.

Personally appeared before me this the 21st
day of April 1848, Elliott D. Jones, and
made oath that he delivered a true copy
of the within notice to Saml M. Bell on
the 19th day of April 1848. Given
under my hand the day & year first-
above written.

Saml M. Bell

Well of

to } Notice

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1848. Apr. 23.

To Ann M. Bell

Take notice that on the 21st day of April 1848. between the hours of nine in the fore noon and six in the after noon of that day at Berlin in the County of Southampton We shall proceed to take the depositions of Joseph Drury Edna Wood and others to be used as evidence for us in a suit now pending in the Circuit superior Court of Law and Chancery for the County of Southampton wherein we William A Bell & others are plaintiffs and you the said Ann M. Bell and others are defendants: And if from any cause the taking of the said depositions shall not be commenced or being commenced should not be completed on that day the taking of the same will be adjourned from time to time until the said depositions shall be completed Given under our hand this 10th day of April 1848 Yours &c.

William A Bell
& others

} Riff

Southampton County Nc:

Personally appeared before me this
The 21st day of April 1848, Calout-
D. Jones, and made oath that
he delivered a true copy of the within
notice to Edmund Butts The 19th
day of April 1848. Given under
my hand the day & year first-
above written —

J. B. Keller JP

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1848 Apr. 23

To Capt Edwards Bath Sir.

Take notice that on the
21st day of April 1848 between the hours of ten in the
forenoon and six in the afternoon of that day at
Berlin in the County of Southampton we shall proceed
to take the Depositions of Joseph Drury Edna Wood
and others to be used as evidence for us in a suit now pending
in the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the
County of Southampton wherein we William A Bell
and others are plaintiffs and you the said Edwards
Bath and others are Defendants: And if from any
cause the taking of the said Depositions shall not be
commenced or being commenced: should not be completed
on that day: the taking of the said will be adjourned
from time to time until the said Depositions shall be
completed given under our hands this 10 day of 10th
April 1848.

Yrs. &c —

William A Bell
& others

A m Bell

Rest.

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October the th 28th 1834

Received of James Bell fifty dollars

Witness

Elley. Ann R. Smith

her
Ann. ~~of~~ Bell
mark

Southampton County Court.

This day Robert D Jones personally appeared
before me a Justice of the peace for said County & made oath that he delivered
a true copy of the within notice to Edward Bullock on the 19th day of April
1848. Given under my hand this 22nd day of April 1848.

G. A. M. Newman J.P.

Ball &c

to } notice

Bullock adm &c

1848 Apr. 28.

To Edmunds Butts

I take Notice that on the 24th day of
April 1848 between the hours of nine in the fore noon and
six in the after noon of that day at William J. Sebells
in the County of Southampton the said process is taken
the Deposition of Elizabeth B. Belle and Mary B. Belle
to be read as evidenced for this in a suit now pending in
the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for
Southampton County. Whereas you and myself & others
are defendants and William A. Belle is, or has and
is plaintiff And if from any cause the taking of the
said Deposition shall not be commenced or being
commenced should not be completed on that day
the taking of the same will be adjourned from
time to time until the said deposition shall be
completed Even under my hand this 27th day of April
1848

of Ann M. Rice & others } Deft.
~~Henry B. Belle~~

VIRGINIA—In Chancery.—At rules held in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery, for the county of Southampton, on the 7th day of February, 1848:

William A. Bell, Elizabeth B. Bell, Benja. W. Dunn and Martha A. his wife, and the said Benjamin in right of his deceased wife Mary J. Plaintiffs.

against

Edward Butts, administrator of James Bell, deceased, who was administrator of Brambly Bell, Orris A. Brown, Samuel L. Pond, and Jacob Barnes, as administrator *de bonis non* of Brambly Bell, and as adm'r of Mary J. Dunn, Defendants.

The defendant, Samuel L. Pond, not having entered his appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly and the rules of this court, and it appearing by satisfactory evidence that he is not an inhabitant of this country: It is ordered, that the said defendant do appear here on the first day of the next term, and answer the bill of the plaintiffs, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in some newspaper published in the town of Petersburg for two months successively, and posted at the front door of the court house of this county.

A Copy—Teste,

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L. R. EDWARDS, c. c.

TOWN OF PETERSBURG, TO-WIT:

Personally appeared before me, an Alderman of said Town, John T. Hamwood, Clerk of the Intelligencer Office, and made oath that the annexed Order of Publication has been published weekly for eight weeks, successively. Given under my hand, this 15 day of April 1848.

W. E. Hinton Al^d -

Printers fee 5.50

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Bell & Co

v. } Depositions

Bells adv & Co

Come to hand Sealed April 22^d

1848.

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Mrs Martha Dunn born
in Aug. or Sep. 1823

Mrs Bell died in 1828

Mrs Bramly Bell died
about the beginning of
1832

James Bell never died
in Nov. 1842.

William Bell had two
other children viz. Orris
& Abigail - when were
they born & when did they
die?

The depositions of Joseph Drury, Edna Hood & Catherine Cobb of full age, taken at the place and on the day and between the hours mentioned in the notice hereto annexed, to be used as evidence in a suit now depending, in the Circuit Superior Court of law & Chancery, for the County of Southampton & State of Virginia wherein William A Bell & others are plaintiffs, and Edward Watts & others ^{are} defendants.

Joseph Drury being first duly sworn deponeth & saith as follows

Question of Plaintiff - In what year did Mrs. Lucy Drury die. Ans. In the year 1823 about September or October

Ques. of Depo! Do you know the age of Martha Ann Warr formerly Bell. Ans. I think she was born in 1823 - because we had a child born that year & when Mr. Bell came to see my wife the said Martha Ann Warr formerly Bell was then an infant - she was at that time about four months old. This was in December 1823

Ques. of Depo! Is Martha Ann Warr formerly Bell the youngest child now living of ^{William} ~~George~~ Bell decd? Ans. Yes.

Ques. of Depo! Are you certain that Mr. Warr formerly Martha Ann Bell is the infant alluded to. Ans. Yes, because it was then named.

And further this Deponent saith not

Joseph Drury

Mr. Eana Hood being first duly sworn deponeeth & saith

Ques. of Plaintiff. What do you know of the age of Martha a dam formerly Bell.

Ans. She was an infant about two months old in October 1823 the year that my mother died. I was at William Bell's frequently during that year.

Ques. of Dep. Is Mr. Dunn the youngest child of William & Bell decd.

Ans. The youngest child living.

Ques. How many children did Mr. Bell have after Mr. Dunn.

Ans. One but do not recollect what year he was born - his name was Abner, who is dead.

Eana Hood

Miss Catharine Cobb being next duly sworn deponeeth & saith

Ques. of Plaintiff. State what you know of the age of Mr. Martha Ann Dunn formerly Bell.

Ans. My father moved to his present residence in January 1823 and she was born sometime during that year.

Ques. State what were the names of the children of William & Maggie Bell in Jan'y 1823.

Ans. Elizabeth, Mary Jane, William A. & Algernon B. I was at ~~Mr. Bell's~~ William Bell's frequently during that year. William Bell died 1828.

And further this deponent saith not.

Catharine M. Cobb

The above depositions were sworn to & subscribed to before me a justice of the peace for the County of Southampton this 21st day of April 1848.

Sam^l B. Keller JP

To The Clerk of the Circuit - Superior
Court of Law & Chancery for
Southampton County Va.

Bill of

to } Depositions

Bills adm of

The Clerk of the Superior Court of

Southampton

Come to hand sealed April 29th

1848.

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The deposition of Mary J. Sobell taken at the house of Wm. J. Sobell in the County of Southampton by ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~deposition~~ of parties on the 26th of April 1848 to be read as evidence in a suit now pending in the Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery for the County of Southampton between Wm. J. Bell Elizabeth B. Bell Benjⁿ D. Dunn & Martha D. his wife and the said Benjⁿ in right of his dead wife Mary formerly ~~Bell~~ Plaintiffs and Edward J. Butler adm^r of James Bell who was adm^r of Brantly Bell, Ann M. Bell Orris D. Brown & Sam^l L. Bond Defendants, on behalf of Ann M. Bell, This deposition being first duly sworn on the solemn oath of the deponent & sworn as follows,

answ^d. by the Defendant Ann M. Bell

Q. Do you know any thing of a settlement between James Bell and myself if so please state what you know

A. I know they had a settlement which was for money borrowed; the am^t of which was four hundred dollars; James Bell having ac^td ag^t the Defendant for board &c was to balance the Defendants claim against him.

Q. By L^{td} Butts Did you ever hear Mr. A. Bell say that he was born in the year 1819?

A. I think I have.

Q. By How old do you ^{suppose} ~~think~~ Ann M. Bell the daughter of Brantly Bell ~~is~~ is?

A. I suppose upwards of forty but do not know.

Q. By Same Is Mr. A. Bell son of Mr. Bell the next youngest living child to Martha Ann Dunn formerly Bell?

Ans: I think he is

Questions by Deft. Butts - Do you know at what time the settlement between Ann M Bell and James Bell took place? If so please state, and the condition of James Bell at the time, with respect to health? Do you positively know that the settlement alluded to, embraced only money borrowed by James Bell from Ann M Bell, and an account held by James Bell against her for board? Do you know anything of a bond now held by Ann M Bell against James Bell closed? If so state what, and whether you know that said bond was not settled and paid off in the settlement alluded to? Who made the settlement between the parties and who were present - What was the amt of the acct for board and the bond.

Ans: In the morning that he died at night. and I supported him in his senses - That was the

understanding as far as I believe - I know

Ann M Bell has a bond against James Bell and I certainly believed it was settled at the time alluded to. Doct. Seibell made the settlement

I do not recollect that any ^{other} person was present.

The amt of the bond was four hundred dollars and the acct. were to settle the bond as I under-

stood it. Ann M Bell hired a negro to James Bell - stood it. Ann M Bell hired a negro to James Bell

~~The above deposition was taken sworn to and subscribed before me a justice of the peace for the County of Southampton The 21st day of April at the time & place mentioned in the caption.~~

Question by Deft. Butts - Where is the bond above alluded to? In what year did James Bell die, and about what time of the year?

The deposition of Elizabeth B Bell taken at the house of Wm J Seibell between the hours of nine A M & 6 P M, by consent of parties to be read as evidence in a suit now pending in the Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery for the County of Southampton between Wm B Bell Elizabeth B Bell Benjamin W Durrant & her the said his wife, and the said Benjamin right of his dead wife Mary formerly Bell Plaintiff and Edwards Butts Admrs of James Bell who was admr of Brambley Bell Ann M Bell Oris. A Brown & Tarr I Pond Defendants. To be read in behalf of Ann M Bell. This deposition being first sworn on the holy Evangelist & depose to & say that as follows That she knows nothing of the settlement

but that she knows that James Bell borrowed four hundred dollars from Ann M Bell and executed his note for the same, and to which I was a witness

Question by Butts Do you recollect at what time the bond was executed Answer, I do not recollect exactly when it was executed, but it was some time before his death.

Question by Durrant - Do you know whether James Bell owed Elizabeth Ann Bell any thing except for the amount borrowed as you stated above, for which he executed his bond?

Answer - I know of no other transaction

Elizabeth B Bell
Sworn and subscribed to before me a justice of the peace for the County of Southampton The 21st day of April 1848
Wm H. Nicholas J.P.

Ans. I heard Ann M Bell say to day That she had
the bond and could shew it

James Bell died in 1842 The eighth or ninth
of November

Mary G Sebrell

Subscribed and sworn to before me a justice of
The peace for The County of Southampton the 26th
day of April 1848

Wm H. Nicholson J.P.

Bella's things

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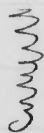
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Comm: office - Aug: 22^d 1849

The deposition of Martha H. Hollings taken before the Comm: on the 22^d Aug: 1849 to be read as evidence in the Chancery suit of William Bell & others against E. Potts adm: of James Bell & others, in the Circ: Sup: Court of law and Chancery for the County of Southampton.

The deponent Martha H. Hollings having been first duly sworn says as follows - Mary Jane Dunn formerly Bell, died in the month of September in the year 1844, I am not positively certain that it was in the month of September, I am certain it was in the fall of that year - She was married in Sept: 1843 - She was born in April in the year 1818 and is older than Mrs Bell her brother - Question by Deft - Is Miss Elizabeth B. Bell older than Mary J. Dunn? Answer - She is

Orris and Algernon Bell died under the age of twenty one years and before the estate of John Broomby Bell - Orris Bell died in the fall of 1829 and Algernon died in the spring of the following year 1830 - I cannot say that I am perfectly certain in the above dates but I think they are correctly stated.

Question by Deft. What is the age of Miss Ann M. Bell - Answer - I was never acquainted with Miss Ann M. Bell until after she was grown, but I think she must be between 25 and 30 years old

Martha H. Hollings
Mark

The above deposition was taken, sworn to and subscribed before me at the time and place mentioned in the Captive

M. J. Goodwyn

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Commissaries Office. Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1849

Pursuant to the order of May Term 1849, the Commissaries beg leave to report that Mary J. Dunn, formerly Bell was born in the month of April in the year 1818, was married in September 1843 and died in September 1844. She was twenty six years and five months old at the time of her death.

Orris Bell and Algernon Bell both died under the age of twenty one year, and before the death Bromby Bell. Orris Bell died in the fall of 1829, and Algernon died in the Spring of 1830.

The Comrs beg leave further to report the deposition of Mrs. Martha H. Hollings, here with filed -

Respectfully submitted

H. J. Fordyce, Comr.

The Comr is also instructed to report an account with each of the distributees of Bromby Bell dead. Taking the exhibit mortd T, and filed with the papers as the basis of said accounts. The exhibit referred to shows a balance due the Estate of Bromby Bell on the 21<sup>st</sup> Octr. 1837, of \$1424.62. James Bell dead being entitled to one third, Ann M Bell, one third, and the four children of William Bell dead, to the other third in equal proportions - to wit

James Bell admr. of Bromby Bell dead.

An account with James Bell dead. Distributive

1837- Octo. 21<sup>st</sup> To your proportions of bal. due Estate -  $\frac{1}{3}$  -

\$474.87  $\frac{1}{3}$

with put on \$393.62. post thereof from this day till paid

James Bell admr. of Bromby Bell decd.

In account with Ann M. Bell distributee

1837-Octo: 21 - To your proportion of bal. due Estate -  $\frac{1}{3}$  -

By amt advanced Octo: 28<sup>th</sup> 1834 - \$30 - & Int to date

Bal. due distributee

with Int on \$393.62 from this day till paid -

\$474.87 $\frac{1}{2}$

39.00

\$415.87 $\frac{1}{2}$

all of which is respectfully submitted

W. S. Goodwyn Comr

Perun. fee \$10.00

due to W. S. Bell

Comr

James Bell admr. Bromby Bell

In account with William A. Bell distributee

1837-Octo: 21 - To your proportion of bal. due Estate -  $\frac{1}{12}$  -

with Int on \$98.40 from this day till paid -

\$118.71

James Bell admr. of Bromby Bell

In account with Elizabeth B. Bell distributee

1837-Octo: 21 - To your proportion of bal. due Estate -  $\frac{1}{12}$  -

with Int on \$98.40 from this day till paid -

\$118.71

James Bell admr. Bromby Bell

In account with Estate of Mary J. Bell distributee

1837-Octo: 21 - To your proportion of bal. due Estate -  $\frac{1}{12}$  -

with Int on \$98.40 from this day till paid -

\$118.71

James Bell admr. Bromby Bell decd.

In account with B. R. Dennis his wife Martha

1837-Octo: 21 - To your proportion of bal. due Estate -  $\frac{1}{12}$  -

with Int on \$98.40 from this day till paid -

\$118.71

# The Estate of James Bell decd:

## In account with Edwards Beatts administration

| 1845      |  |                                          | Dr      | Cr      | Int.  |
|-----------|--|------------------------------------------|---------|---------|-------|
| January 1 |  | By amt bal. due Estate from last report  |         | 985 02  |       |
| Feb 17    |  | " " recd. of Shff. from heirs Benj Drury |         | 47 77   |       |
| May       |  | " " " " Benj. Drury put in land          |         | 14 25   |       |
|           |  | To amt paid M. C. Parsons atty.          | 20 00   |         |       |
|           |  | " " " Ridley & Goodwyns attys            | 25 00   |         |       |
|           |  | " " " Postage on letters                 | " 15    |         |       |
|           |  | " " " A. Drury Const. Contee             | " 30    |         |       |
|           |  | " " " William Davis carp                 | 5 50    |         |       |
|           |  | " " " Thomas Simmons for coffin          | 20 00   |         |       |
|           |  | " " " Joyner & Donnons attys             | 25 00   |         |       |
|           |  | " " " E. Adams execution                 | 78 02   |         |       |
| Decr: 24  |  | " " bal. due admr. retained              | 19 13   |         |       |
|           |  | " " do " do bal.                         | 240 42  |         |       |
|           |  | " " Commissions on \$62.02               | 3 10    |         |       |
|           |  | " " paid Comr. for account               | 1 00    |         |       |
| " 24      |  | To Int on \$985.02 one year              |         |         | 59 10 |
|           |  | By bal. due Estate                       | 609 42  |         |       |
|           |  |                                          | 1047 04 | 1047 04 |       |
| " "       |  | Bal. due Estate bet down & Int added -   | \$      | 668 52  | with  |
|           |  | Int on \$609.42 from this day till paid. |         |         |       |

Respectfully submitted

W. S. Goodwyns Comr.

Comr. office Aug 22 1849

The above account of the final administration of E. Beatts on the Estate of James Bell, was taken by the Comr at the request of said Beatts and is filed with the report of the Comr. in the case of Bell &c v Beatts admr. as a special statement, showing the amt. due from said Beatts admr. to the estate of James Bell.

W. S. Goodwyns Comr.

The Comr. specially states that since the above account was made out the admr. found that on the 21<sup>st</sup> Decr. 1845 he paid Thomas Peltow a judgement against the Estate

amounting to the sum of \$37.38 which is not included in the above account, so that the true amt. due from said owner is \$637.74 on the 31<sup>st</sup> Decr. 1843, with interest of \$609.42 from last named day

M. S. Goodwyn  
Comr.

1849 Sept. 17

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 14. *all. orthura*  
 15. *all. orthura*

Bells

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we

James Bell, Orris A Browne and Samuel M Pond

are held and firmly bound unto W<sup>m</sup> B. Goodwin, Benj<sup>e</sup> L. Drew, Richard A Urgichart and Jacob Barnes

gentlemen justices of the County <sup>Peace for the</sup> ~~Court~~ of Southampton now sitting, in the ~~just and full~~ sum of *One thousand* dollars; to the payment whereof,

well and truly to be made to the said justices ~~for the time being~~ and their successors, we bind ourselves, <sup>and each of us our and each of</sup> our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents; sealed with our seals, and dated this *20* day of *February* 1832.

~~in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty~~

**THE CONDITION** of <sup>the above</sup> ~~this~~ obligation is, that, if the ~~said~~ <sup>above</sup> bound

*James Bell* administrator <sup>for</sup> of all

~~of~~ the goods, <sup>and</sup> chattels ~~and credits~~ of *Brambley Bell dec<sup>d</sup>* deceased, do make a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits, of the said deceased, which have, or shall come to the hands, possession or knowledge of *him*

*the said James Bell*, or in the hands or possession of any other person or persons for *him*, and the same so made, do exhibit into the County Court of Southampton when *he* shall be thereunto required by the said court; and such goods, chattels and credits, do well and truly administer according to law; and further, do make a just and true account of *his* actings and doings therein, when thereto required by the said court; and all the rest of the said goods, chattels and credits which shall be found remaining upon the account of the said administrator, the same being first examined and allowed by the justices of the said court for the time being, shall deliver and pay unto such persons respectively, as are entitled to the same by law; and if it shall hereafter appear, that any last will and testament was made by the deceased, and the same be proved in court, and the executor obtain a certificate of the PROBATE thereof, and the said *James Bell* do in such case, being required, render and deliver up *his* letters of administration, then this obligation to be void, else to remain in full force.

Signed, Sealed and <sup>delivered</sup> ~~acknowledged~~ in the presence of the Court <sup>in open Court.</sup>

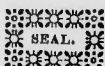
*James Bell*



*Orris A Browne*



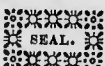
*Sam<sup>l</sup>. M. Pond*



*Attest*

*Teste.*

*J R Edwards*



Bills

to } Exhibit with Bill

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**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS,** That we  
*Edwards Butts. William J Sebrall & Nicholas M Sebrall*

are held and firmly bound unto *Bertha Griffin. Jos. J. Gland. William St Nicholas*  
and *Jeptah Darden*

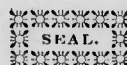
gentlemen justices of the Peace for the County of Southampton now sitting, in the sum of  
*three thousand* dollars; to the payment whereof,  
well and truly to be made unto the said justices and their successors, we bind ourselves, and each  
of us, our, and each of our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by  
these presents: sealed with our seals, and dated this *21<sup>st</sup>* day of *November* 184*2*.

**The condition of the above obligation is such,** That if the said  
*Edwards Butts* ~~Adm<sup>r</sup>~~ *with the will annexed of James Bell*  
~~Executor of~~  
deceased, do make a true and perfect inventory of all, and singular the goods, chattels and credits of  
the said deceased

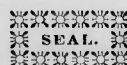
which have or shall come into the hands, possession or knowledge of *him* the  
said *Butts* or into the hands or possession of any other person or per-  
sons, for *him* and the same so made, do exhibit to the County Court of Southampton, at  
such time as *he* shall be thereto required by the said Court, and the same  
goods, chattels and credits 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 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. }

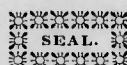
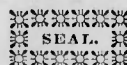
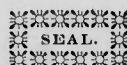
*Edw. Butts*



*Wm J Sebrall*



*N. M Sebrall*



*Attest*

*Teste*

*J R Edwards*

Bells

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Bells *adms*

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93 Cents.

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Estate of Brambly Bell dec<sup>d</sup>  
In account with James Bell administrator

| 1852             |                |                                                                                                                             | Dr.     | Cr.     | Int.  |
|------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|-------|
| Apr <sup>2</sup> | 2 <sup>d</sup> | By cash found in the house                                                                                                  |         | 40 00   |       |
| "                | "              | amt. two notes & Int. due from the adm <sup>r</sup>                                                                         |         | 238 65  |       |
| "                | "              | To account due the adm <sup>r</sup> retained                                                                                | 468 25  |         |       |
| "                | "              | paid Thomas Bewar Crier at Sale                                                                                             | 2 00    |         |       |
| "                | "              | Sticks & tickets this year.                                                                                                 | 30 57   |         |       |
| June             | 18             | " ditto for 1851                                                                                                            | 9 84    |         |       |
| May              | 7              | paid S. L. French att <sup>y</sup> .                                                                                        | 20 00   |         |       |
|                  |                | By Sales & sales cotton                                                                                                     |         | 97 37   |       |
| Dec.             | 25             | amt. Sales due this day                                                                                                     |         | 311 52  |       |
| "                | "              | Sales 2 bales cotton                                                                                                        |         | 60 33   |       |
| "                | "              | amt. received of Jere Cobb one of the<br>com <sup>r</sup> s. appointed by court to sell Jacob<br>To commissions on \$946.62 | 47 33   | 198 75  |       |
| Dec              | 31             | Balance due the Estate                                                                                                      | 688 63  |         |       |
|                  |                |                                                                                                                             | 946 62  | 946 62  |       |
| 1853             |                | By Balance brought down                                                                                                     |         | 688 63  |       |
| Jan              | 1              | " Benja Lamb's note & Int.                                                                                                  |         | 53 16   |       |
| "                | "              | Execution to W. J. Blaw.                                                                                                    |         | 54 33   |       |
| "                | "              | J. A. Storge note for hire of Patrick                                                                                       |         | 45 00   |       |
| "                | "              | Grizzie J Bell 2 notes & Int.                                                                                               |         | 165 12  |       |
| May              | 30             | To paid William Kitchen acc <sup>t</sup> .                                                                                  | 2 75    |         |       |
| "                | "              | " O. A. Brown "                                                                                                             | 19 25   |         |       |
| July             | 15             | " Ditto                                                                                                                     | 3 00    |         |       |
| Oct              | 25             | " John Hart for Coffin                                                                                                      | 15 00   |         |       |
| "                | "              | " Peter J. Poir acc <sup>t</sup> .                                                                                          | 56 50   |         |       |
| Dec              | 31             | By hire of Patrick this year                                                                                                |         | 40 00   |       |
|                  |                | To Commissions on \$357.63.                                                                                                 | 17 38   |         |       |
|                  |                | Balance due the Estate                                                                                                      | 932 38  |         |       |
|                  |                |                                                                                                                             | 1046 26 | 1046 26 |       |
| 1854             |                | By Balance Brought down                                                                                                     |         | 932 38  |       |
|                  |                | " Interest thereon for one year.                                                                                            |         |         | 55 94 |
| May              | 19             | To paid William S. Maget.                                                                                                   | 5 00    |         |       |

|       |    |                                                                        |         |         |       |
|-------|----|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|-------|
| "     | "  | William Pitman for services &c                                         | 16 00   |         |       |
| "     | "  | Thomas R Gray                                                          | 16 50   |         |       |
| Oct   | "  | Lewis C. Ingham                                                        | 10 00   |         |       |
| Dec   | 15 | J. Y. Mason                                                            | 10 00   |         |       |
| 1834  |    |                                                                        | 55 50   | 932 38  | 55 94 |
| Dec   | 16 | Am <sup>t</sup> Brought forward                                        | 55 50   | 932 38  | 55 94 |
|       |    | By Balance due the Estate                                              | 876 88  |         |       |
|       |    |                                                                        | 932 38  | 932 38  |       |
| 1835  |    | By Balance brought down                                                |         | 876 88  |       |
|       |    | Interest thereon one year                                              |         |         | 52.61 |
| Jan   | 23 | paid E. Drury acct.                                                    | 12 88   |         |       |
| "     | "  | Clerks tickets                                                         | 1 24    |         |       |
| March | 31 | By Cash of Chff upon Eam & Williams' acc.                              |         | 477 60  |       |
| July  | 22 | To paid William F. Maget acct.                                         | 2 30    |         |       |
| "     | "  | John M. Williams                                                       | 1 89    |         |       |
| Nov   | 17 | To Drury for J. Stephensons Children                                   | 50 00   |         |       |
| Dec   | 31 | Balance due Estate                                                     | 1286 17 |         |       |
|       |    |                                                                        | 1356 48 | 1356 48 |       |
| 1836  |    | By Balance brought down                                                |         | 1286 17 |       |
|       |    | Interest thereon for one year                                          |         |         | 77.17 |
| Jan   | 11 | To paid John Wick acct.                                                | 51 34   |         |       |
| "     | "  | P. J. Pierce note & Int.                                               | 19 09   |         |       |
| "     | "  | S. R. Strong do                                                        | 14 68   |         |       |
| Dec   | 31 | Balance due Estate                                                     | 1201 09 |         |       |
|       |    |                                                                        | 1286 17 | 1286 17 |       |
| 1837  |    | By Balance brought down                                                |         | 1201 09 |       |
|       |    | Int thereon to October 21 1837                                         |         |         | 58.04 |
| Oct   | 21 | To paid J. M. Williams acct.                                           | 10 23   |         |       |
|       |    | Comm <sup>r</sup> fee for former report                                | 3 00    |         |       |
|       |    | Clerks tickets retained                                                | 2 00    |         |       |
|       |    | Comm <sup>r</sup> fee for this report retained                         | 5 00    | 20 23   |       |
|       |    |                                                                        |         | 1180 86 |       |
|       |    | Interest account Brought down                                          |         | 243 76  |       |
|       |    | Balance due the Estate                                                 |         | 1424 62 |       |
|       |    | with Interest on \$1180.86 paid then of from 21 October 1837 till paid |         |         |       |
|       |    | Respectfully Submitted                                                 |         |         |       |
|       |    | W. S. Goodwyn Esq. Com                                                 |         |         |       |

The Commissioner begs leave to state that no commissions are allowed the admor on receipts after the year 1833 as he rendered no account subsequent to that year within the time prescribed by law. It was objected before the Commissioner that the items of \$148.25 for accounts retained by the admor in the year 1832 ought not to be allowed on the ground of want of sufficient evidence to prove their justness under the exceptions filed. The Commissioner did not think it proper to require proof of their justness under the exceptions filed because that item was included in an account rendered by the admor reported & confirmed many years ago without exceptions. If that item had been excepted to when the account was first reported, at the proper time it might have been in the power of the admor to have adduced the necessary evidence. Since that time the admor has died and there is no possibility of producing the necessary evidence. It seems to the Comm<sup>r</sup> therefore that the item in question could not be inquired into by him under the exception recently filed, and that the only remedy is by bill to discharge & satisfy. Respectfully Submitted  
W. S. Goodwyn Com

At a Court held for the County of Southampton on the 17 day of February 1845:  
This account of James Wells administration on the estate of Brambley Bell dec<sup>d</sup> was returned and ordered to lie on term for exceptions. And at a Court held for the County aforesaid on the 17 day of March 1845 the said account having lain on term and no exceptions being filed was confirmed & ordered to be recorded.

Teste. L R Edwards Esq

Attesty Teste. L R Edwards Esq

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Bell &c

& } Ext. with answer of  
Dft. Bills.

Bills as:

Brantley Bell  
Act County

The Estate of Brumby Bell decd.  
In Account with James Bell admr

|        |                                                                                                                                                                 |      |    |         |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----|---------|
| 1832   |                                                                                                                                                                 |      |    |         |
| Apr 25 | To my acct retained                                                                                                                                             | 11,8 | 23 |         |
|        | " paid Tho <sup>r</sup> Brown crgr                                                                                                                              | 3    | 00 |         |
|        | " " Japso and tickets                                                                                                                                           | 15   | 02 |         |
|        | By Cash found in the house                                                                                                                                      | "    | "  | 40 00   |
| May 17 | By paid S S French ally                                                                                                                                         | 20   | 50 |         |
| 20     | " " Orrin A Brown                                                                                                                                               | 19   | 25 |         |
|        | By Sales 4 bales cotton                                                                                                                                         |      |    | 97 37   |
| Oct 23 | By paid Geo Hart for coffin                                                                                                                                     | 15   | 00 |         |
|        | " " W J Maget acct                                                                                                                                              | 7    | 30 |         |
|        | " " Taxes for 1831                                                                                                                                              | 9    | 84 |         |
| Dec 23 | By Amk Sales due this day                                                                                                                                       | "    | "  | 293 37  |
|        | " do 2 bales cotton                                                                                                                                             | "    | "  | 60 33   |
|        | " this amt. recd. of Geo Cobb and<br>of the Commr. appointed by & decree<br>of the Court to sell Jacob sen division<br>of the grove of the estate of James Bell | "    | "  | 198 75  |
| 1833   |                                                                                                                                                                 |      |    |         |
| Jan 1  | By Brumby's Lamps. Notes & Int.                                                                                                                                 | "    | "  | 53 16   |
|        | " Cash v W J Blow                                                                                                                                               | "    | "  | 54 35   |
|        | " My two Notes and Int.                                                                                                                                         | "    | "  | 251 01  |
|        | " Tho <sup>r</sup> H. Story ditto for hired Patrick                                                                                                             | "    | "  | 43 00   |
|        | " Briggs & Bell do 2 Notes                                                                                                                                      | "    | "  | 165 12  |
|        |                                                                                                                                                                 |      |    | 1258 49 |
|        | To Com <sup>r</sup> . on \$1258 49                                                                                                                              | 62   | 42 |         |
| Apr 2  | " Balance due the estate                                                                                                                                        | 959  | 41 |         |
|        |                                                                                                                                                                 | 1258 | 49 | 1258 49 |

By Balance due the estate

with interest thereon from this day till paid.

This above account is made up agreeable to the Accts.

& Vouchers exhibited by the Admr. handed in on the 11<sup>th</sup> of

Feb<sup>y</sup> 1834 with a request to Report the same on the Court day  
following: which settlement is subject to a reexamination by the parties  
interested.

Com<sup>r</sup> free of L. or charge  
to the Admr.

Respectfully submitted Geo Cobb Com<sup>r</sup>

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 21<sup>st</sup> day of  
April 1834. This Account Current and Master Commissioners  
Report of James Wells administrator on the estate of Bramley Bell  
and having been returned for more than two months and no exceptions  
being taken thereto was confirmed and Ordered to be Recorded

Teste James Rochelle Ck.

Attest J. R. Edwards Ck.

Account Current of  
Drumby Bells Est.

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Bell

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Estate of Bramley Bell decd.  
In Account with James Bell administrator

| 1832    |                                                                                               |         | Dr      | Cr     | Int   |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|-------|
| April 2 | By Cash found in the house                                                                    |         |         | 40 00  |       |
| "       | " Am't two notes rec'd. due from the admr                                                     |         |         | 338 63 |       |
| "       | To Account due the admr retained                                                              | 148 25  |         |        |       |
| "       | " paid Thomas Brown wife at sale                                                              | 2 00    |         |        |       |
| "       | " Fares and tickets this year                                                                 | 30 37   |         |        |       |
| June 18 | " " Ditto for 1831                                                                            | 9 84    |         |        |       |
| May 7   | " paid S. French Atty                                                                         | 20 00   |         |        |       |
|         | By sale of 4 bales cotton                                                                     |         |         | 97 37  |       |
| Dec 13  | " Am't sale due this day                                                                      |         |         | 311 52 |       |
| "       | " " sale of 2 bales cotton                                                                    |         |         | 40 33  |       |
| "       | " Am't rec'd. of Mrs Colles over of the Com <sup>rs</sup><br>appointed by court to sell Jacob |         |         | 198 73 |       |
|         | To Commission out of \$946.62                                                                 | 47 33   |         |        |       |
| Dec 31  | " Balance due the estate                                                                      | 688 63  |         |        |       |
|         |                                                                                               | 946 62  | 946 62  |        |       |
| 1833    | By Balance brought down                                                                       |         |         | 688 63 |       |
| Jan 1   | Benj <sup>d</sup> Lamb's note and Int                                                         |         |         | 33 16  |       |
| "       | " <sup>Execution of</sup> W <sup>d</sup> J B. for hire of Patrick                             |         |         | 54 35  |       |
| "       | " Gregg & S Bells two notes & Int                                                             |         |         | 48 00  |       |
|         |                                                                                               |         |         | 165 12 |       |
| May 30  | To paid William Kitchen Ach.                                                                  | 2 73    |         |        |       |
| "       | " " O. A. Brown "                                                                             | 19 25   |         |        |       |
| July 15 | " " Ditto                                                                                     | 3 00    |         |        |       |
| Oct 20  | " " John Hart for coffin                                                                      | 15 00   |         |        |       |
| "       | " " Peter J. Davis Ach                                                                        | 57 50   |         |        |       |
| Dec 31  | By hire of Patrick this year                                                                  |         |         | 10 00  |       |
|         | To Comm <sup>rs</sup> out of \$357.63                                                         | 17 38   |         |        |       |
|         | " Balance due the estate                                                                      | 932 38  |         |        |       |
|         |                                                                                               | 1046 26 | 1046 26 |        |       |
| 1834    | By Balance brought down                                                                       |         |         | 932 38 |       |
|         | Interest thereon for our year                                                                 |         |         |        | 33 94 |
| May 19  | To paid William S. Maget                                                                      | 5 00    |         |        |       |
| "       | " " William Pitman for services                                                               | 14 00   |         |        |       |

|          |   |   |                                                                           |         |         |       |  |
|----------|---|---|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|-------|--|
| "        | " | " | Thomas R. Gray                                                            | 16 50   |         |       |  |
| Oct      | " | " | Lewis C. Ferguson                                                         | 10 00   |         |       |  |
| Dec 15   | " | " | J. G. Mason                                                               | 10      |         |       |  |
| 1834     |   |   | Am't cond for                                                             | 53 50   | 932 38  | 53 94 |  |
| Dec 31   |   |   | Am't brought forward                                                      | 53 50   | 932 38  | 53 94 |  |
|          |   |   | By Balance due the estate                                                 | 876 88  |         |       |  |
|          |   |   |                                                                           | 932 38  | 932 38  |       |  |
| 1835     |   |   | By Balance brought down                                                   |         | 876 88  |       |  |
|          |   |   | " Interest thereon for one year                                           |         |         | 52 61 |  |
| Jan 23   |   |   | Topard & Drury ach                                                        | 12 88   |         |       |  |
| "        | " | " | " Clerk's ticket                                                          | 1 24    |         |       |  |
| March 31 |   |   | By Cash of 3 <sup>rd</sup> report execution & Delinquent ach              |         | 477 60  |       |  |
| July 23  |   |   | Topard & Drury ach                                                        | 2 30    |         |       |  |
| "        | " | " | " John W. Delhams "                                                       | 1 87    |         |       |  |
| Nov 17   |   | " | " Sept Drury for S. Stephens <sup>children</sup>                          | 50 00   |         |       |  |
| Dec 31   |   |   | Balance due estate                                                        | 1286 17 |         |       |  |
|          |   |   |                                                                           | 1334 46 | 1334 46 |       |  |
|          |   |   |                                                                           | 1286 17 | 1286 17 |       |  |
| 1836     |   |   | By Balance brought down                                                   |         | 1286 17 |       |  |
|          |   |   | " Interest thereon for one year                                           |         |         | 77 11 |  |
| Jan 11   |   |   | Topard John Vick ach                                                      | 31 31   |         |       |  |
| "        | " |   | " P. S. Pines & Co and. Int                                               | 19 09   |         |       |  |
| "        | " |   | " S. R. Strong & Son                                                      | 14 68   |         |       |  |
| Dec 31   |   |   | Balance due the estate                                                    | 1207 09 |         |       |  |
|          |   |   |                                                                           | 1286 17 | 1286 17 |       |  |
| 1837     |   |   | By Balance brought down                                                   |         | 1207 09 |       |  |
|          |   |   | " Int thereon to Oct 21 1837                                              |         |         | 38 03 |  |
| Oct 21   |   |   | Topard S. W. Delham ach                                                   | 10 23   |         |       |  |
|          |   |   | Comm. fee for former report                                               | 3 50    |         |       |  |
|          |   |   | Clerk's ticket retained                                                   | 21 00   |         |       |  |
|          |   |   | Comm. fee for this report retained                                        | 5 50    | 20 23   |       |  |
|          |   |   |                                                                           |         | 1180 86 |       |  |
|          |   |   | Interest account brot down                                                |         | 243 76  |       |  |
|          |   |   | By Balance due the estate                                                 |         | 1134 62 |       |  |
|          |   |   | with Int on \$1180.86 paid thereof from the 21 <sup>st</sup> October 1837 |         |         |       |  |
|          |   |   | all paid                                                                  |         |         |       |  |
|          |   |   | Respectfully submitted                                                    |         |         |       |  |
|          |   |   | W. S. Goodwyn of. (Am't)                                                  |         |         |       |  |

The Commissioner has leave to state that the Commissions are allowed the adms on receipts after the year 1833 as he rendered the account subsequent to that year within the time prescribed by law. It was objected before the Commissioner that the item of \$148.25 for account retained by the adms. in the year 1832 ought not to be allowed on the ground of want of sufficient evidence to prove their justness. The Commissioner did not think it proper to require proof of their justness under the exception filed, because that item was included in an account rendered by the adms. reported and confirmed many years ago without exception. If that item had been excepted to when the account was first reported at the proper time it might have been in the power of the adms. to have adduced the necessary evidence since that time the adms. has died and there is no possibility of producing the evidence. It seems to the Commd therefore that the item in question could not be inquired into by him under the exceptions recently filed: and that the only remedy is by bill to surcharge and falsify &c.

Respectfully submitted  
W. S. Goodwyn of. Comr.

At a Court held for the County of Southampton on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 1845 This account of James Bell's administration on the estate of Bramley Bell dec'd was returned and Ordered to be on its term for exceptions and at a Court held for the County aforesaid on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 1845 This said account having been on its term and no exception being filed was confirmed and Ordered to be recorded.

Int. P. R. Edwards of  
A Copy Int. P. R. Edwards of

Bell & P

2 } Exhibit with ans<sup>r</sup> of  
Deft Bells.

Bells c/v

# The Estate of James Bell

In Account with Edwards Butts Exor.

|      |    |                                                                    | Dr      | Cr      | Int. |
|------|----|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|------|
| 1842 |    |                                                                    |         |         |      |
| Dec  | 19 | To paid Exor. in favour of Nathl. Phillips                         | 173 07  |         |      |
|      | "  | do " " James Vick                                                  | 137 34  |         |      |
|      | "  | Samuel Kello Clerk at Sale                                         | 5 00    |         |      |
|      | "  | Sheriffs tickets                                                   | 3 00    |         |      |
|      | "  | for digging grave                                                  | 1 00    |         |      |
| 1843 |    |                                                                    |         |         |      |
|      | "  | balance of taxes & tickets for 1842                                | 11 55   |         |      |
|      | "  | Sundry tickets                                                     | 16 11   |         |      |
|      | "  | One ditto                                                          | 1 00    |         |      |
|      | "  | Sprattley & Williams                                               | 15 00   |         |      |
|      | "  | Appraisers                                                         | 4 00    |         |      |
|      | "  | Sheriffs tickets                                                   | 3 21    |         |      |
| Sept | 8  | By amount Sales                                                    |         | 1434 50 |      |
|      | "  | Sale of dower interest purchased of <sup>Daughter of</sup> Mrs. B. |         | 30 00   |      |
|      |    | To Commissions on receipts                                         | 73 22   |         |      |
|      | "  | retained for Clerks fees                                           |         |         |      |
|      | "  | Comms fee                                                          | 1 00    |         |      |
|      | "  | Clerks do for this acct.                                           | 1 00    |         |      |
| Dec  | 31 | " Balance ..                                                       | 1021 00 |         |      |
|      |    |                                                                    | 1464 50 | 1464 50 |      |
| 1844 |    | By Balance brought down                                            |         | 1021 00 |      |
| Sep. |    | To paid A Atkinson ad. Joel Holliman att: for                      | 5 00    |         |      |
| Nov. |    | " " A Atkinson att.                                                | 25 75   |         |      |
|      | "  | " Clerks tickets                                                   | 5 23    |         |      |
| Dec  | 31 | " Balance due est                                                  | 985 02  |         |      |
|      |    |                                                                    | 1021 00 | 1021 00 |      |
| "    | "  | Balance brought down                                               |         | 985 02  | with |
|      |    | Interest thereon from Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup> 1844.                  |         |         |      |

Respectfully Submitted

J R Edwards Exor

At a Court held for the County of Southampton on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 1844. This account of Edwards Butts administration on the estate of James Bell dec<sup>d</sup> was returned and ordered to lie on the table for exceptions

And at a Court held for the County, aforesaid on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January  
1845 the said account having been read and no exceptions being filed  
was confirmed and ordered to be recorded

Teste. J. R. Edwards Clk

Attest. Teste. J. R. Edwards Clk