

1852-006

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

JAMES + ux + al

VS. LAWRENCE's admr
+ al

12/1852

other surnames: PARSONS,
Butts, Blow, Drake, Fitch,
Riddick, Vick, Joyner,
Davis, Gilliam, Barrett,
Britt, Myrick

James & others

$\bar{v}$ } Bill 2
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James Cothran Dec 21

1851 Sep. Decree as filed &c.

Oct. deer amended

1852 Feb. Decr amended.

Min. Report.

" Ap. " Confine solo

Aug: Decree as filed.

• Sep. Done as before

1875. Dec. 20. 1875.

-one the estate of Morison

Doris Committed to the Sheriff

Madam

To the worshipping County Court of Southampton
County sitting in Chancery

Humbly complaining sheweth your complainants John
James and Eliza his wife, Joseph Persons and Eliza his wife and
Edwards Beatts assignees of William Blow and wife and John J
Beatts that a short time since, Nancy James of the County afore-
said widow of John James who died many years ago, departed
this life in possession of considerable down property, consisting of
land and negroes - the said John James having died intestate, the
aforesaid property now belongs to his children and heirs, or their assign-
ees, according to our act of descent and distribution; among whom
it is now desired that the said property shall be distributed according
to the rights of those entitled - Your complainant states that the said
John James, at his death, left six children, to wit - your complainant
John James, Eliza the wife of your complainant Joseph Persons,
Samuel P James, Robert, Elizabeth and Martha - that your
complainants John James and Joseph Persons are each entitled
to one sixth of said property - that Robert James died leaving five
children and a widowed Martha, to wit - Eliza, who intermarried
with Fitch, both of whom are dead, leaving left an only child
Robert Fitch, who sold his interest to Abraham Pridelick - Lucy
who intermarried with William Blow, and assigned their in-
terest in the property aforesaid to Edwards Beatts - Susan, who inter-
married with Robert B Beatts and assigned their interest to Abra-
ham Pridelick - Mary and William, the two last named, having
died under age, leaving a mother and the above named three sisters
still living - so that the said Martha the widow is entitled to $\frac{1}{3}$ of $\frac{1}{3}$ of $\frac{1}{6}$
and also $\frac{1}{4}$ of $\frac{1}{3}$ of $\frac{1}{6}$ or to $\frac{1}{25}$ of $\frac{1}{6}$, $\frac{1}{20}$ of $\frac{1}{6}$ and $\frac{1}{10}$ of $\frac{1}{6}$ - Your complainant
Beatts assignee is entitled to $\frac{1}{3}$ of $\frac{1}{6}$, $\frac{1}{25}$ of $\frac{1}{6}$, $\frac{1}{20}$ of $\frac{1}{6}$ and $\frac{1}{10}$ of $\frac{1}{6}$ - and Abra-
ham Pridelick assignee is entitled to double the portion of said Beatts -
that Elizabeth James intermarried with Amos Drake, both of whom
have died leaving the following children to wit - Lady who married
Wiles Frymer and sold their interest to Samuel P James - Ethelred
who sold his interest to John Vick, who afterwards conveyed the
same to Jasper B Vick, trustee for the benefit of James Vick -
John J Drake, who sold and conveyed his interest to E Beatts

and Eliza & Drake, who is now the wife of your complainant - John James - each of the last named parties being entitled to one fourth of one sixth - that the interest of Samuel J. Jones, in his own right and as assignee of Mills & Lawrence, was sold in his lifetime and purchased by Mills & Lawrence, who has since died and Ludlow Lawrence has qualified as his administrator - and the said Martha Jones, the sixth child of the said John Jones, died unmarried with Arthur Gellions who died leaving children - afterwards, the said Martha married Edwin Davis, both of whom died leaving children also by the said Davis, whose names and number are unknown - that in order to facilitate the division of the property, the estate of the said Martha Davis has been committed to Alex. Myrick Shiff & Co. for administration -

Your complainants further state that a portion of the slaves, held by Stoncy Jones as donee were hired out for the present year in his lifetime, and are advised that those entitled to the property are entitled to an apportionment of the hire from the death of the said Stoncy - and that in consequence of the above stated fact, said slaves cannot be divided until the expiration of the present year - and they are advised that it would be to the interest of the parties, to have the balance of the slaves hired out and the land rented until the same time, in order to divide the whole property at once.

In consideration of the above stated facts, your complainants pray that Ludlow Lawrence admr. of Mills & Lawrence, Abraham Piddick assignee of Ch. G. B. Smith & wife and Robert Hitch, Jeph B. Vick trustee for the benefit of James Vick, Alexander Myrick Shiff & Co. admr. of ^{Edwin Davis} ~~Martha Davis~~ who was originally, Jones and Martha Jones widow of Robert Jones be made defendants to this bill, that they answer the premises; and that the Court will decree a division of the property aforesaid among the parties according to their rights; and a sale and proper distribution of the proceeds, of such portion of said property as it may be necessary to sell in order to effect a division - and grant them such other relief as may be necessary and proper, and they will say pray &c.

Ridley Goodwyn atty

The joint and separate opinion of Ludlow Lawrence admr. of Mills & Lawrence, A. Piddick, Jeph B. Vick, Martha Jones and Alex. Myrick Shiff & Co. admr. of Martha Davis decd: to the above bill filed by John Jones and others -

These defendants saying &c. for answer say that they are ignorant of the facts stated in the bill, but presume they are correct, and have no objection to a division of the property in the bill mentioned according to the rights of the parties - And having answered pray to be dismissed the Court with costs &c.

Ridley Goodwyn atty

Southampton September Court 1857—
John James and Eliza his wife and others

Pliffs

In Chancery

against
Ludlow Lawrence adm^r of Mills & Lawrence dec^d & others

This day this cause was docketed with leave of the Court and consent of parties and coming on to be heard with like consent, was argued by counsel: on consideration whereof the Court doth order, adjudge and decree that John James, after having given due notice of the time and place of sale hire out all the dower slaves of which Nancy James died possessed, not hired out in her lifetime: and also rent out the dower real estate of the said James, not rented out in her lifetime, until the 25th day of December next that the said James apportion the hires and rents of the slaves and land let out by the said James in her lifetime between himself as adm^r of said Nancy and the heirs or their assigns, of John James dec^d and pay over to ~~the~~ such heirs or their assigns the rents and hires accruing since the death of the said Nancy, according to the respective interest of the parties hereafter to be designated in this decree that William J. Sebrell Charles F. Urquhart W. H. Nicholson and Henry M. Butts, any three of whom may act be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners of Court for the purpose that said Commissioners on the 25th day of December next or as soon thereafter as practicable, proceed to divide the slaves of which Nancy James died possessed as dower in the estate of her deceased husband in the following manner to wit. That they allot to John James one sixth of the whole, having regard to value in every instance, and one fourth of one sixth. To Joseph Parsons and wife one sixth. To Ludlow Lawrence one sixth and one fourth of one sixth. To Jesse B. Vick trustee for James Vick one fourth of one sixth. To Alexander Myrick Shiff and adm^r of Martha Davis who was formerly Martha James one sixth. To Martha Barrett widow of Robert James, one twentieth of one sixth, one twenty-fifth one sixth and one hundredth of one sixth. To Edwards Butts one fourth of one sixth, one fifth of one sixth, one twentieth, one twenty-fifth and one hundredth of one sixth. and to Abram Riddick double the last named four portions allotted to E. Butts. And the Court doth further order that said Commissioners, having given at least twenty days previous notice of the time and place of sale, sell at public auction the real estate above named on a credit of six months, taking bonds with good security from the purchaser and distribute the same among the same parties and in the same proportions as they are herein directed in the allotment of the slaves. And in case it may be necessary to sell any one or more of the slaves in order to

effect the division and subdivisions herein before directed, the said Commissioners are hereby authorized, after having given at least twenty days notice of the time and place of sale, to sell at public auction for cash, such slaves as may be necessary for that purpose and distribute the proceeds of sale among the same parties and in the same proportion as they are herein before directed in the allotment of the slaves - That said Commissioners reserve in their hands a sufficient amount of money to defray the costs of this decree and the division and sale of the slaves - But this decree is not to go into effect until the said Commissioners or such of them as may act shall have executed in the Clerk's Office, bond with good security, in the penalty of \$5,000 conditioned as the law directs -

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Teste. L.R. Edwards Ck

Southampton October Court 1851

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In Chancery

This day this cause came on to be heard again by consent of parties on the papers formerly read, and was argued by Counsel, and it appearing to the Court that since the decree made in this cause at the September Term of this Court, the order committing the estate of Martha Davis to the hands of Alexander Myrick Sheriff, had been revoked and that John S. Coker had qualified as her administrator de bono non with the will annexed, it is adjudged, ordered and decreed that the proportions directed by the former decree to be paid to Alexander Myrick Sheriff, be now paid to John S. Coker administrator as aforesaid -

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Teste. L.R. Edwards Ck

Recd. Jan'y 19/1852 of C.F. Wyndham, W.D. Nicholson and Henry M. Briggs and W.J. Seabell Negroes valued to two thousand one hundred and twenty two dollars and eighty five cents, also four hundred and ninety three and fifty cents my proportion of the sales of the negroes being in force of one sixth

John James

Recd. Jan'y 19/1852 of C.F. Wyndham, W.D. Nicholson H.M. Briggs and W.J. Seabell the sum of one thousand twenty nine dollars and one in full of my proportion of the sales of the negroes in the decree mentioned bearing date Sep. Court 1851

E.R. Edles

Recd. Jan'y 19/1852 of C.F. Wyndham, W.D. Nicholson H.M. Briggs and W.J. Seabell the sum of four hundred and ninety three and fifty five in full of my proportion of the sales of the negroes in the decree mentioned bearing date Sep. Court 1851

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County Court - Sept Term 1851

This day this cause was docketed with leave of court and consent of parties, and coming on to be heard with like consent, was argued by counsel, On consideration whereof the Court doth order adjudge and decree, that John James, after having given due notice of the time and place, hire out all the downer slaves of which Stoney James died possessed, not hired out in her lifetime; and also rent out the down real estate of the said James, not rented in her lifetime, until the 25th day of Decr: next - that the said James, apportion the hire and rents of the slaves and land let out by the said Stoney in her lifetime, between himself as admn. of said Stoney and the heirs or their assigns, of John James dead, and pay one to such heir or their assigns the rents and hires accruing since the death of the said Stoney, according to the respective interest of the parties, hereafter to be designated in this decree - that William J. Sebrall, Charles H. Ughesent, W. H. C. Johnson and Henry C. Butts, any three of whom may act, be and are, hereby appointed commissioners of court for the purpose that said Comrs., on the 25th day of December next or as soon thereafter as practicable, proceed to divide the slaves of which Stoney James died possessed as down in the estate of her deceased husband, in the following manner to wit - that they allot to John James one sixth of the whole, hiring regard to value in every instance, and one fourth of one sixth - To Joseph Ponnos and wife, one sixth - To Ludlow Lawrence, one sixth and one fourth of one sixth - To Jesse B. Vick, trustee for James Vick, one fourth of one sixth - To Alexander Elbyrick shff: & admn of Martha Davis, who is as formerly Martha James, one sixth - To Martha ^{Barnett} James, widow of Robert James, one twentieth of one sixth, one twenty fifth of one sixth, and one hundredth of one sixth - To Edwards Butts, one fourth of one sixth, one fifth of one sixth, one twentieth, one twenty fifth and one hundredth of one sixth - and to Abraham Bridgely, double the last named four portions, ~~these necessary~~ allotted to C. Butts - And the Court doth further order that said Commissioners, having given at least twenty days previous notice of the time and place of sale, sell at public auction the real estate above named on a credit of six months, taking bonds with good security from

the purchase and distribute the same among the same parties and in the same proportions as they are herein directed in the allotment of the slaves. And in case it may be necessary to sell any one or more of the slaves, in order to effect the division and sub-division herein before directed, the said Comrs. are hereby authorized, after having given at least twenty days notice of the time and place of sale, to sell at public auction for cash such slaves as may be necessary for that purpose, and distribute the proceeds of sale, among the same parties and in the same proportions as they are herein before directed in the allotment of the slaves - that said Comrs. receive in their hands a sufficient amt. of money to defray the costs of this decree, and the division and sale of the slaves.

But this decree is not to go into effect until the said Comrs. or such of them as may act shall have executed in the Clerk's office, bond with good security, in the penalty of \$5,000 conditioned as the law directs.

James L

vs { Amended decree

James L

1857 October Term

James L.

vs

} Amended decree

James L.

This day this cause came on to be heard again by consent of parties on the papers formerly read, and was argued by Counsel; and it appearing to the Court that since the decree made in this cause at the September Term of this Court, the order committing the estate of Martha L. Davis to the hands of Alexander Myrick Sheriff, had been revoked, and that John S. Coker had qualified as her administrator de bonis non with the will annexed, it is adjudged, ordered and decreed that the proportions directed by the former decree to be paid to Alexander Myrick Sheriff, be now paid to John S. Coker administrator as aforesaid.

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1852 Feb. Court.

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James v James

This day this cause came on again to be heard on the papers formerly read and was argued by counsel, on considerations whereof the Court being of opinion that the decree entered in this cause at the Sept. term 1851 is erroneous so far as it relates to the division of the slaves, doth adjudge order and decree, that the said commiss. appointed by the decree of Sept. term 1851 proceed to divide the said slaves in the following manner to wit; That they allot to John James one sixth of the whole and one fourth of one sixth - To Joseph Persons and wife one sixth - To Lucien Lawrence one sixth and one fourth of one sixth - To Liza B. Lick Trustee for James Lick one fourth of one sixth - To Alexander Myrick stepson of Martha Davis who was former of Martha James one sixth - To Martha Barnett widow of Robt. James one fourth of one sixth - To Edwards Bates two fourths of one sixth and To Abraham Riddick two fourths of one sixth,

and that in other particulars the said commiss. proceed as directed by the decree of Sept. 1851 and report to Court

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to
James

1852 August Court

Sawyer - or Sawyer -

It is wanted that
to J. C. Wright, or J. L. Bell, or W.
Nicholson & W. M. Butler, appointed
counsel, in this case - under a
writ, issued ^{into} at July Term 1854
be summoned - to show cause
why they have made no report -

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James L.

1852 September Court

James L. & James L.

This day this cause came on again to be heard on the papers formerly read and the report of the commissioners under the decree entered at the February Term 1852, and was argued by counsel. On consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge order and decree that a Commissioner of this Court enquire and report how much more was paid to the Defendants Barnes and Kiddick than they were entitled to under the decree of February 1852, and how much less than she was entitled to was paid to the Defendant Barnes under the said decree. That he likewise enquire and report whether the other parties to this suit have received neither more nor less than they were entitled to under the said decree.

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to } Decm.
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~~Decm.~~ 1852

James &c vs James &c

This day this cause came on again to be heard on the papers formerly read and on the report of Commissioners Shands made pursuant to the decretal order of the September Term to which there is no exception, and was argued by counsel, on consideration whereof the Court confirming the said report doth adjudge order and decree that the Defendant Edwards Barrett pay to Martha Barrett the sum of ninety nine dollars & ninety one cents, and that the Defendant Abraham Riddick pay to the said Barrett the sum of one hundred & ninety nine dollars & eight two cents

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James Gothers

vs. } Rule v. Court

James Gothers

1852. September Court

By order of the Court

J.R. Edwards cly

Executed by
Joshua Prentiss Depy
of S. Kello clyff

The Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Southampton County, GREETING:

We command you to summon *C. F. Urganhart, Wm. J. Sevell, Wm. H. Nicholson*
& H. M. Butts Commissioners in the case of James Fathers & James Fathers under a
decre entered at February Term 1852

to appear before the Justices of our County Court of Southampton, at the Court
House, on the first day of the next ~~quarterly~~ term, to ~~answer~~ *show cause why they have*
made no report and further to do and receive what our said Court shall in that
part consider

And have then there this writ. Witness, LITTLETON R. EDWARDS, Clerk of our
said Court, at the Courthouse, this 19th day of August 1852,
in the 77th — year of the Commonwealth.

L. R. Edwards

Received June 22 1852 of the clerk of Southampton County the sum of One hundred &
ninety nine dollars Seventy five cents the amount of money paid into Court to the clerk due
Martha Barrett as her proportion of the sales of the slaves of the decedent negroes of Nancy James
Robert I. Fitch

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Report
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James

1852 March

Agreeably to a decree of the County Court of Southampton bearing date September Court 1851 and in part to us directed: we proceeded to divide the negroes as directed. The whole valuation of which amounting to

Costs & Commissions

\$12778:00

60:85

\$12737:15

We allotted to John James 1/6 to wit, Lewis, Rosetta,

Martha & child Kelly, Albert & Georgiana valued at \$2120:00

Cash paid 2:85

\$2122:85

To Joseph Parsons & wife 1/6 to wit, Isham,

Frances, Nelson, Amy & Ainy valued at 2085:00

Cash paid 37:85

\$2122:85

To Ludlow Lawrence 1/6 to wit, Holland,

Ally, Betsy & child Franky, Jim & Jim valued at 2075:00

Cash paid 47:85

\$2122:85

To John S. Baker Ad. of Martha Davis

1/6 to wit, Allen, Louisa, Pomote & child Anthony,

Rosa, Ephraim & Lucinda valued at 2120:00

Cash paid 2:85

\$2122:85

We found it necessary in order to make the divisions to sell two negroes Peter to Col. H. Parrett for \$71:00 - Cyrus to H. T. Wittle for \$152:00 which amounts are included in the whole valuation.

In order to effect the subdivisions we found it necessary to sell the other two Sixths viz

Henry	To Harrison D Moore for	\$675:00
Amy	A Riddick	500:00
Solomon	A Riddick	400:00
Jane	H D Moore	420:00
Susan	Col. H Parrett	387:50
Caroline	H D Moore	377:50
Ann	John James	175:00
Joanna & child Davy	A Riddick	450:00
William	Joseph Gittell	630:00
		4015:00
	Commissions	89:30
Am't of Sales	Carried over	\$3925:70

amt of Sales brot over \$3925.70
 amt due the two lots from Sale of the two negroes 70.70
 \$3996.40

Paid John James $\frac{1}{4}$ of $\frac{1}{6}$ \$499.55
 " L Lawrence $\frac{1}{4}$ of $\frac{1}{6}$ 499.55
 " J B Vick trustee for Jas Vick $\frac{1}{4}$ of $\frac{1}{6}$ 499.55
 " Martha Barrett $\frac{1}{20}$ - $\frac{1}{25}$ - $\frac{1}{100}$ of $\frac{1}{6}$ 199.82
 " E Butts $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{5}$ - $\frac{1}{20}$ - $\frac{1}{25}$ - $\frac{1}{100}$ of $\frac{1}{6}$ 1099.01
 " A Riddick $\frac{2}{5}$ - $\frac{2}{20}$ - $\frac{2}{25}$ - $\frac{2}{100}$ of $\frac{1}{6}$ 1198.92 \$3996.40

After having advertised as directed we sold the land to the highest bidder on the 25th of December 1851 on a credit of Six months

The Home tract to Josiah W Johnson for 615.00
 Cottonway tract to John James for 174.25
 \$789.25

Discounted with John James in his purchase $\frac{1}{6}$ & $\frac{1}{4}$ of $\frac{1}{6}$ \$164.43
 Paid Joseph Parsons a bond $\frac{1}{6}$ 131.54
 " Ludlow Lawrence a bond $\frac{1}{6}$ & $\frac{1}{4}$ of $\frac{1}{6}$ 164.43
 " Jefe B Vick Trustee a bond $\frac{1}{4}$ of $\frac{1}{6}$ 32.88
 " John S Baker a bond $\frac{1}{6}$ 131.54
 " Martha Barrett ^{a bond} $\frac{1}{20}$ - $\frac{1}{25}$ - $\frac{1}{100}$ of $\frac{1}{6}$ 13.15
 " E Butts a bond $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{5}$ - $\frac{1}{20}$ - $\frac{1}{25}$ - $\frac{1}{100}$ of $\frac{1}{6}$ 72.34
 " A Riddick a bond $\frac{2}{5}$ - $\frac{2}{20}$ - $\frac{2}{25}$ - $\frac{2}{100}$ of $\frac{1}{6}$ 78.92 = \$789.24

Our Commissioners beg leave further to report that Martha Barrett refused to receive the proportion directed to be paid to her by the decree of the Court, and this proportion is now in the hands of the Commissioners —

Respectfully submitted —
 C. F. Urehart
 Wm. Schell
 Wm. H. Nicholson
 J. W. Butts

To the worshipping Court, Court of Southampton
We the undersigned Commissioners by leave re-
spectfully to advise the following reasons
why we have not reported under a decree en-
tered in the Cause of James 1, & James 2,
at the February Term 1852 to wit. We had
devised the slaves as far as practicable and
paid out all the money arising from the
sale of the lands and slaves sold as directed
by ~~your~~ decree made at September Court
1851 before the decree of February last. was
made except Wm. Barnett's portion, which
she refused ^{to} ~~have~~ deposited with the court.
We also further state that the decree of
February court never came to our hands
until this day September 20/1852

C. F. Wigham
Wm. Schull
M. J. Nicholson
H. M. Buttz

1852 *Sp. Gm.*

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Commissions Report

1852 Oct 25th

In obedience to a decree of the county court of
Southampton antedated September Term 1852 directing a
commissioner to ascertain how much more has been paid E. Butts
and A. Riddick under the decree of February 1852 than they
were entitled to and how much less than she was entitled to
was paid to the defendant Barrett under the same decree
and also to enquire and report whether the other parties to
the suit have received more or less than they were entitled

The commissioner reports that he has examined the papers
in the cause and also the commissioners who divided and
sold the slaves and that all the parties in the cause
received the amounts to which they were entitled except
Edward Butts, Abraham Riddick and Martha Barrett
that Edward Butts received the sum of ninety nine dollars
and ninety one cents more than his share that A. Riddick
received the sum of one hundred and ninety nine dollars
and eighty two cents more than his share and that Martha
Barrett has received only one hundred and ninety nine dollars
and eighty two cents and that the sum of two hundred
and ninety nine dollars and seventy two cents is still due
to her she having received that much less than her
share. All which is respectfully submitted

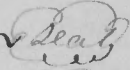
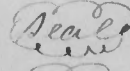
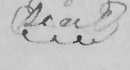
By Wm B Shawa Com-

Commissioner for the
slaves of M. Barrett }

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An demand with interest from the 25th day of June next
we promise and bind ourselves our heirs &c to pay
to Mr S. Sebrall & others Commissioners appointed by the
County Court to sell the dower lands of Nancy James
dead the sum of Thirteen dollars & $\frac{15\frac{1}{2}}{100}$ for value received
As witness our hands and seals this 20th day of Jan'y 1852

Joseph W Johnson 
Mr Quent 
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Mr J R Edwards will please pay to
Robert S. Hitch the amount of money that
you have in your hands due me from
the Estate of Nancy James D.C. and this
I will be your receipt for the amount received
June 22nd 1832.
Daisy Barrett

Witness

Lucy T. Foyner

John J. Drake & Co
to J. Drake
Com & Butts

1838
Nov 20th John J. & R

Recorded
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Ex^d

This Indenture made the 21st day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight. Between John S. Drake and Sally Ann his wife of the county of Southampton and State of Virginia of the first part. and Edwards Butts of the same County and State of the other part. Witnesseth that the said John S. Drake and Sally Ann his wife for and in consideration of the sum of ~~Three hundred and thirty~~ ^{Three hundred and thirty} dollars, lawful money of the United States, to them in hand paid by the said Edwards Butts in hand paid, the receipt whereof is truly acknowledged, they the said John S. Drake and Sally Ann his wife have granted, bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain, sell and convey unto the said Edwards Butts and his heirs and assigns forever all their right title and interest in a certain tract or parcel of Land now in the possession of a certain Nancy James who holds a life estate in the same (being the dower in the lands of the late John James deceased) lying and being in the county of Southampton, and bounded as by reference to commissioners reports, filed in the clerk's office of Southampton will more fully appear. and also all their right title and interest in the dower slaves held by the said Nancy James for life and now parcel of Land with appurtenances thereto belonging, and the interest aforesaid in said slaves, to him the said Edwards Butts his heirs and assigns forever, and the said John S. Drake and Sally Ann his wife for themselves, their heirs executors and administrators do truly covenant and agree to and with the said Edwards Butts his heirs and assigns that they the said John S. Drake and Sally Ann his wife and their heirs the said tract or parcel of Land with its appurtenances, and their interest in the said slaves, unto the said Edwards Butts and his heirs executors and assigns, against them the said John S. Drake and Sally Ann his wife and their heirs executors and administrators and assigns, and against all

persons whatsoever, shall and will by these presents
warrant and force defend. In witness whereof
the said John J. Drake and Sally Ann his wife
have hereunto set their hands and affixed their
seals the day and year above written

signed sealed & del^d } John J. Drake (Seal)
in presence of } Sarah Ann Drake (Seal)
Shadrach ^{his} Antwine ^{her} ^{mark}

William J. Bell

Nov. 20

Southampton County to wit

We Samuel B. Fines and Nicholas

McIntire Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid
in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that Sally
Ann Drake wife of John J. Drake parties to a certain
deed bearing date the 21st day of September 1838 and
hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in
our County aforesaid and being examined by us
privately and apart from her husband, and having
the said aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said
Sally Ann Drake acknowledged the same to be her
act and deed and declared that she had willingly
signed sealed and delivered the same and wished
not to retract it. Given under our hand
and seals the 21st day of September 1838

Sam^l B. Fines

N. M. McIntire J. P. Seal

Southampton County In the Clerk's Office the 20th day of November 1838
This Indenture was acknowledged by John J. Drake party thereto to be
his act and deed and together with the Certificate annexed of the private examina-
tion and acknowledgment of his wife admitted to Record -

John J. Edwards Secy

William How & wife
to J. Reed
Edm. B. Curtis

Recorded
3 Aug 408
Examined

This Indenture made and entered into this 21st day of October
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty
nine. Between William Blow and Lucy B. his wife of the
County of Southampton of the first part. and Edward
Butts of the same County of the other part. Witnesseth that
the said William Blow and Lucy B. his wife for and
in consideration of the sum of two hundred and sixty
dollars lawful money of the United States, to them
in hand paid by the said Edward Butts in hand paid,
the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, They the
said William Blow and Lucy B. his wife have granted,
bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain,
sell and convey unto the said Edward Butts his heirs
and assigns forever. all their right title and interest
in certain tracts or parcels of Land now in the
possession of a certain Stanley James who holds a
life estate in the same (it being the dower in the Land
of the late John James dec'd) lying and being in the
County of Southampton, and bounded as by reference
made to certain maps and reports filed in the Clerk's office of South
ampton will more fully appear. and also all their
right title and interest in the dower slaves held by
the said Stanley James for life and now ~~held~~ in
his possession. To Have and to hold the said tracts
or parcels of Land with the appurtenances thereto
belonging, and the interest aforesaid in said slaves,
to him the said Edward Butts his heirs and assigns
forever. and the said William Blow and Lucy B. his
wife for themselves, their heirs executors and admi-
nistrators do hereby Covenant and agree to and
with the said Edward Butts his heirs and assigns that
they the said William Blow and Lucy B. his wife, and
their heirs the said tracts or parcels of Land with its
appurtenances, and their interest in the said slaves,
unto the said Edward Butts and his heirs executors

administrators and assigns, against them the said William
Blow and Lucy B. his wife and their heirs executors ad-
ministrators and assigns, and against all persons whatsoever,
shall and will by these presents warrant and force defend.

In witness whereof the said William Blow and
Lucy B. his wife have hereunto set their hands and
affixed their seals the day and year above written

Signed Sealed and deliv^d in presence of
John D. Drake William B. Blow
Saml B. Davis Lucy B. Blow

Bay Griffin

Southampton County to wit

the said Saml B. Davis & Benjamin

Griffin Justices of the peace in the said County

affirmed in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that

Lucy B. Blow wife of William Blow parties to a certain

deed bearing date the 21st day of October 1839 and

herunto annexed personally appeared before us in

our County affirmed, and being examined by us

privately and apart from her husband, and hearing

the said affidavit fully explained to her she the

said Lucy B. Blow acknowledged the same to be

her act and deed, and declared that she had

willingly signed sealed and delivered the same

Promptly \$260.00
Sub. 182.26
\$442.26
Sum 27/1857

Saml B. Davis

Bay Griffin

Southampton County In the Clerk's office the 28th day of October 1839
This deed of bargain and Sale from William T. Blew to wife to Edwards Budd
was acknowledged by the said William T. Blew and together with the certificate
of the acknowledgement and privy examination of the wife admitted to Record
Test L. R. Edwards C. C.

William T. Blew
Edwards Budd
L. R. Edwards
C. C.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we *William B. Nicholson*

are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the just and full sum of *five thousand* Dollars, for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our and each of our heirs, executors, and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals and dated this *29th* day of *November*, 1851

The Condition of the above Obligation is such, That whereas the above bound *Wm B. Nicholson*

has by a Decree of *the County Court of Southampton* pronounced on the *September* day of *September* 1851, in a cause therein pending wherein *John James Wolfe Gothers* Plaintiff and *Sutton Lawrence Archer Mills & Lawrence de' Jode* Defendant, been appointed Commissioner to make sale of certain *real personal* Estate in the said cause described.—Now if the said *Wm B. Nicholson*

shall faithfully discharge *their* duties as such Commissioner under said decree, then this obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, Sealed, and delivered }
in presence of }

Wm B. Nicholson L.S.

Wm J. Schell L.S.

C. F. Berghart L.S.

H. M. Burt Seal

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