

1853-008 SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

GURLEY and Wife VS. ROCHELLE'S EXECUTRIX et al
5/1852

Gurley & wife VS Thomas' admr & al
Gurley & wife VS Shands

other surnames: Blow, Thomas,
Edwards, Riddle, Nelms, Nelms,
Vick, Hines, Spark, Tyler

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Gurley & wife

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1853 May Term

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James Gurley & Virginia & his wife formerly Virginia Blow
against

Martha B. Rochelle Executrix of James Rochelle dec'd. William J. Blow
Virginia Blow, and Mary Blow. & John W. Thomas adm. de bono non John Thomas
1846 Dec. 28. Subpoena issued returnable to January Rules 1847
1847 Jan. R. Sp. ret. Ex on M. B. Rochelle Ex.; Martha Blow and
Mary Blow not found. Wm J. Blow no inhabitant. Bill filed. New
Sp. awarded to Dfts Martha & Mary Blow.

Feb. R. Sp. ret. executed on Dfts. Martha & Mary Blow.

March. R. Cause set for hearing as to Dft. Rochelle Exr.

April. Cause set for hearing as to Dfts Martha & Mary Blow.

July R. Amended bill filed making John W. Thomas adm. de bono
non of John Thomas dec'd Dft. And process awarded &c. to answer to
all the Dfts. except Wm J. Blow. and order of publication to him.

Aug. R. Subp. & ret. Executed - Answer of Dft. Martha B.
Rochelle filed Ben. Rep. thereto.

Sept. R. Cause set for hearing as to Dfts. Martha & Mary Blow.

Oct. R. Cause set for hearing as to Dft. Martha B. Rochelle Exr.

Nov. Continued.

1848. May. Continued

Nov. Continued

1849 May. Decees.

Sept 17 Report.

1850 May T. Court.

1851 May T. Court

Nov. Decees for pliff.

1852 March 10th Amended or supplemental bill filed & process issued

April R. Summons ret. Not found. New Sum. awarded

Last Monday - Sum. ret. Executed. Decees nisi to Dft. Shands

May T. Continued.

May R. Last Monday - Bill taken for impfied and cause set for hearing as to Dft.
Shands.

Nov. T. Decees for pliff.

Gurley & wife
is } Bill
Rockelle &c

\$146-44 with interest
from Dec. 28-1846
each party paying his
own costs

1847 January Rules

To the Hon^{ble} Richard H Baker Judge of the Circuit Superior
Court of law & chancery for the county of Southampton
sitting in chancery. humbly complaining shew un-
to your honor your complainants James Gurley
& Virginia E his wife formerly Virginia E Blow.

That sometime in the year 1828 George Blow the father
of your female complainant died intestate, leaving
as his sole heirs & distributees your complainant
Virginia, her brother Wm Blow and her sisters
Mary, & Martha Blow. That James Rochelle qualified
at the July Term 1829 of the County Court of South-
ampton as adm^r de bonis non of the said George Blow
and gave bond according to law with Samuel B Hines
& Clement Rochelle his securities a copy of which
bond and certificate of qualification are herewith
exhibited and prayed to be considered a part of this
bill marked (A & B) - That a large amount of prop-
erty & money came to the hands of said Rochelle as
adm^r as aforesaid. That said Rochelle proceeded to
settle the estate of George Blow but never returned
to the Court of probat an account of his transac-
tions therein. Your complainants further state
that in the year 1829 the said Wm Blow under
fraudulent pretences obtained from your com-
plainant Virginia together with her sisters, she
then being an infant under the age of twenty one
a power of attorney to receive their portion of their
fathers estate and to make a final settlement
with the said Rochelle the adm^r de bonis non, and
accordingly he did settle with said Rochelle and received
from him the sum of \$146.44 belonging to your female
none of which ever came to her possession. That the
said Wm Blow is utterly insolvent and is now a resi-
dent of the state Tennessee. Your complainants are
advised that as the power of attorney under which
Wm Blow effected the said settlement was executed before

Your complainant Virginia was of age it was of no va-
lidity as to her and that she is not bound by his acts.

Since the aforesaid settlement between W^m. Blow and
Rockelle the said Rockelle has died after having made
and published his last will which was admitted to probat
at the September Term 1835 of the County Court of Southamp-
ton and Martha B Rockelle the executrix therein named
qualified on his estate and entered into bond according
to law with George Blow, Samuel B Hines, & W^m. A Sparke
as her securities, copies of the said will, bond & certifi-
cate of qualification marked (C D & F) are herewith filed
and prayed to be taken as a part of this bill.

Your orator states that he has intermarried with your
oratrix and has a right to call on the executrix of
James Rockelle for a settlement of her Testators trans-
actions as the adm^r de bonis non of George Blow dec^d.

In tender consideration of all which and to
the end that justice may be done, your complainants
pray your Honor to make Martha B Rockelle executrix
of James Rockelle, W^m. Blow, Martha Blow, & Mary Blow, De-
fendants to this bill and compell them to answer the
allegations thereof, that an order of publication be made
against W^m. Blow, and that your Honor will grant a
decree in their favor against the said Martha B Rockelle
executrix as aforesaid for \$146.44 the amount belonging
to your complainant Virginia paid by James Rockelle to
W^m. Blow with interest from 1835; and if your Honor
should not be disposed to do this they then pray that
the said Martha B Rockelle may be compelled to render
before a comm^r of this court an account of the transactions
of her Testator as the adm^r de bonis non of George Blow and
that she be compelled to pay out of the estate of her Testator what-
ever balance may be found due on the settlement of the
account to your complainants, and grant such other &
general relief in the premises as Equity may dictate & as in duty
bound they will ever pray &c -

James Gurley & Virginia & his wife

By Chambliss & Sharpenters their attorneys

Gurley & wife { Amended
do { Bill
Rockwell & Co.

1847 July 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 Hon. your complainants James Gurley & Virginia E his wife formerly Virginia E Blow of the county aforesaid that sometime since they filed a bill in chancery against Martha B Rockelle executrix of James Rockelle & others praying a decree in their favor against Martha B Rockelle executrix as aforesaid for \$146.44 with interest from 1835 the amount due your female complainant from the estate of her father George Blow decd & wrongfully paid by the said James Rockelle adm. de bonis non of the said George Blow to the said Wm Blow mentioned in the bill, or that the sd Martha B Rockelle may be compelled to render before a commissioner of this court an account of the transactions of her testator as the adm. de bonis non of George Blow decd. ^{George B} Your ^{leg} learn to state by way of amendment to their former bill that the said George Blow the father of your female complainant died in the year 1828 intestate & that John Thomas qualified as his administrator at the Term 1829 of the county Court of Southampton, a certificate of said qualification is herewith filed marked (H) and prayed to be considered a part of this amended bill: That the said John Thomas died in the year 1829 having published his last will & testament & James Rockelle the Executor therein named qualified on his estate according to law, that James Rockelle died in the year 1835 & ^{John W} Thomas qualified as the adm. de bonis non of the said John Thomas at the Term 18 of the county Court of Southampton: Your complainants are advised that it is necessary to make ^{John} W Thomas the adm. de bonis non of John Thomas a party to this suit: Your complainants would further state that the written evidence of the settlement between James Rockelle & Wm Blow mentioned in the bill a having taken place under the defective power of attorney

is now in the possession of Martha B Rockelle. In consideration of the premises your complainants pray that ^{John} ~~W~~ Thomas admr de bonis non of John Thomas may be made defendant to this bill, that Martha B Rockelle be compelled to produce the papers in her possession or in the possession of any one for her evidencing the settlement between her testator & John Bloco and that this court an account of the transactions of John Thomas admr of George Bloco will grant a decree against Martha B Rockelle execution as aforesaid for \$146.44 with interest from 1835; and if your Hon. should not be disposed to do this they then pray that the said Martha B Rockelle may be compelled to render before a commissioner of this court an account of the transactions of her testator as the admr de bonis non of George Bloco and that she be compelled to pay out of the estate of her testator whatever balance may be found due on the settlement of the to your complainants, and grant such other & general relief in the premises as Equity may dictate & as in duty bound they will so pray.

James Garley & Virginia P Garley
Chambersburg, Pa

Guskey & wife
Shaw's Bills

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1852 March 10th

To The Hon. Richard H Baker Judge of the Circuit
Court for the County of Southampton

In Chancery

Humbly complaining shew unto your Honors
your Orator and Oratrix James Suter and Virginia
his wife formerly Virginia Blocc That in January
1847 They filed Their bill against Martha B Rockelle
Executrix of James Rockelle who was Administrator
de bonis non of George Blocc decd. (The father of your
Oratrix.) Geo T Blocc, Martha Blocc, Mary Blocc,
and Geo W Thomas Administrators de bonis non of
Geo Thomas decd. who was Administrator of George
Blocc, praying that the said Martha B Rockelle might
be compelled to settle an account of the transactions
of her testator as Administrator de bonis non of
George Blocc, and pay out of the estate of her testator
whatever balance might be found due your
Oratrix on settlement of said account, to which
bill the said Martha B Rockelle Executrix as afore-
said filed her answer, and the cause coming
on to be heard at the November Term 1851
it was decreed that "Martha B Rockelle Executrix
of James Rockelle out of the assets in her hands
to be administered pay to the Plaintiffs the sum
of \$146.44 with interest from December the 28th
1846, and leave is reserved for the Plaintiffs to ap-
ply for further relief provided this decree should
prove unsatisfactory". And your Orator and Oratrix
further shew by way of Supplement That in the year

1849 a suit in Chancery was instituted in this honorable Court by one of the Heirs of James Rockelle, to wit, Martha Tyler against Martha B Rockelle Executrix as afore said and others, charging the said Executrix among other things with wasting the assets of her testator; and at the November Term 1851 a decree was entered directing William B Shands to receive from the said Executrix all the assets of her testator, and to hold the same as trustee, a copy of which order is herewith filed marked (A) and prayed to be taken as a part of this bill. That all of the said proceedings have occurred since the institution of the suit of your Orators and Oratrix, and that the assets of the said James Rockelle both real and personal are now in the possession of, or under the control of the said William B Shands by virtue of said order; in consequence of which the decree entered in favor of your Orators and Oratrix has proved entirely unavailing. Your Orators and Oratrix are advised that they are entitled to have the benefit of said decree and of all the proceedings in said suit, and to have the same revived against the said William B Shands, and that they ought to be in the same plight and condition as they were at the time the said assets were taken from the hands of the said Martha B Rockelle Executrix as afore said.

In tender consideration of all which, and in as much as your Orators and Oratrix are without remedy in the premises except by the aid of this

honorable Court, to the end therefore that justice may be done, they pray your Honor to make William B Shands a Defendant to this bill and compel him to answer all and singular the matters herein before stated and charged as fully and particularly as if the same were herein after repeated and to them to distinctly interrogated, and more especially that he either admit assets of James Rockelle due in his hands sufficient to satisfy the demand of your Orators and Oratrix, or answer and set forth what personal estate and effects of the said Rockelle were received by or come to his hands or to the hands of any person or persons by his order and directions, and the purposes to which the same have been applied; and that the present bill of complaint may be considered either as a Supplemental Bill or as an Original Bill in the nature of a Supplemental Bill of Complaint as the Court may think fit to direct; and that your Orators and Oratrix may have the benefit of said Original suit and of the proceedings therein, and that such directions may be given as under the circumstances afore said may have become and may be requisite; and that so much of the assets of James Rockelle due now in the hands of the said Shands as may be necessary be applied to the payment of the amount decreed your Orators and Oratrix at the last term of the Court; and that your Honor will grant such other and general relief in the premises as equity may dictate.

That the ordinary writ of Habeas may issue against
the said William B Shands commanding &c, and as in
and to be bound they will ever pray, &c, may it please
your Honor &c

Chambliss & Messersburg pro Comptroller

Gurley & wife
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August Rule 1847

Virginia 1st Judicial Circuit Southampton
County to wit.

The Separate answer of Martha
B Rochelle Executrix of James Rochelle decd to
a bill and amended bill of complaint exhibited in
this honorable Court by James Barker and Virginia his
wife.

This Respondent saving and reserving to herself
all benefit and advantage of exception to the said bill
in Answer thereto as to so much and such facts therein
as she is advised it is material for her to answer unto
Answers^{and} says that she is ~~an~~ Executrix of James Rochelle
decd but she knows nothing of her own knowledge of the
transactions of her Testator as the Administrator debonis homi-
ni of George Blow decd but she ~~finds~~ among the papers
of her Testator a Power of Attorney from Virginia
Blow's heirs to William Blow dated the 30th of
March 1833 authorizing him to demand and receive
from James Rochelle's Adm^r of John Thomas decd who
was Adm^r of George Blow and of James Rochelle
Adm^r debonis homi of George Blow whatever sums
might be due to the estate of the said George Blow to
his respective distributives and also a Receipt from
William Blow who signs himself as agent for Virginia
Blow for one hundred and forty four dollars \$44/100
dated June the 13th 1833 both of which she
submits to the consideration of the Court as a part
of her Answer she knows nothing of the age of Virginia
Blow at the time of the execution of this Power of
Attorney And as to this and all other matters
stated in the bill of the Plaintiffs she requires
strict proof And having fully answered she
prays to be hence dismissed with her costs &c.

William B. Parker Atty
for Respondent.

Southampton County to wit

This day personally
appeared before me James B. Hoins a Justice of the
peace for the county aforesaid Martha B. Rochelle who
made oath that the facts contained in the foregoing
answer are true so far as she knows or believes given
under my hand this 4th day of August 1847

James B. Hoins J.P.

[Handwritten signature]

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Gurley H. H. J.

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Rochelle

May 20, 1849

R. H. H. J.

To be entered

1849 May Term

Gurley & Wife

vs

Decree —

Rockwell Esq

The Subpoena awarded in this cause having been returned executed on the Defendants Mary & Martha Blow and John W. Thomas and they still failing to appear, and answer although two months have elapsed, as well since the Plaintiffs filed their Bill as since the service of the Subpoena;

On motion of the Plaintiffs their Bill is taken for confessed as to the said Defendants, and it appearing that the Plaintiffs have pursued the course prescribed by Law against the absent Defendants William J. Blow who still failing to appear and answer;

On motion of the Plaintiffs their Bill is taken for confessed as to him. And the cause came on to be heard on the Original & Amended Bills, the Answer of the Defendant Martha B. Rockwell Esq. of James Rockwell dec. — the Replications Pleas, Exhibits, & Examination of Witnesses, and was argued by Counsel

On consideration whereof the Court doth advise, order & decree that a Commission of this Court shall take and settle an account of the transactions of James Rockwell as Adm^r de bonis viri of George Blow dec. And also an account of the transactions of John Thomas as Adm^r of the said George Blow, and report the same to this Court with any matters deemed pertinent by hearing or requiring by either of the parties ~~and~~

Gurley & wife

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Aug-21st

Southampton Circuit Superior Court. May the 3^d 1829.

James Gurley & Virginia his wife formerly Virginia Blow. *Pliffs:*

against

Martha B Rochelle executrix of James Rochelle dec^d William J Blow, Martha Blow, Mary Blow, and John W Thomas admors. de bonis non of John Thomas dec^d *Defds.*

The subpoena awarded in this case having been ^{returned} executed on the defendants Mary & Martha Blow and John W Thomas and they still failing to appear and answer altho' two months have elapsed as well since the plaintiffs filed their bill as since the service of the subpoena. On the motion of the plaintiffs their bill is taken for confessed as to the said defendants and it appearing that the plaintiffs have pursued the course prescribed by law against the absent defendant William J Blow who still failing to appear and answer, on motion of the plaintiffs their bill is taken for confessed as to him: And the cause came on to be heard on the original and amended bills the answer of the Defendant Martha B Rochelle executrix of James Rochelle dec^d the replication thereto, exhibits and examination of witnesses and was argued by counsel: On consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge order and decree that a Commissioner of this Court and of State & settle an account of the transactions of James Rochelle as administrator de bonis non of George Blow dec^d and also an account of the transactions of John Thomas as administrator of the said George Blow, and report the same to the Court with any matters deemed pertinent by himself or required by either of the parties

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Teste. J. R. Edwards Clk

Susley & wife }
7 } Deane
Rockville }

To be entered

R H Baker

Nov. Co. 54.

1857 November Term

Dusky & wife v. Rochelle

This day this cause came on again to be heard on the papers formerly read the report of Commissioners Laidlaw & the examinations of witnesses and was argued by Counsel on considerations whereof the Court doth adjudge order and decree that - Martha B. Rochelle Executrix ^{out of the assets of her late husband in her hands to be administered} of James Rochelle, pay to the Plaintiffs James Dusky and Virginia his wife the sum of \$146.24 with interest from December the 2^d 1846, and that the cost of this suit be paid by the parties by whom it has been respectively incurred, and that liberty is granted to the Defendant Martha B. Rochelle ^{ask hereafter for a return} to ~~proceed~~ ^{proceed} for acting against the Defendant ~~James~~ ^{James} & Blou, and liberty is granted to the Plffs to apply to this Court for further relief provided this decree stand from unavailing

Gurley & wife
7 { Secs
Rockwell }

To be entered

R. B. Baker

Nov. Co. '52

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Rockwell ?

This day this cause came on again to be heard on the papers formerly read and on the Supplemental Bill and exhibits therewith filed against receiver William B Shands which being taken for confessed at the Rules and the said Shands still failing to appear and answer, was argued by counsel. On consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge order and decree that the said William B Shands after giving due notice thereof by advertising at the Court House door and at two or more public places in the said County, proceed to sell at public auction ^{personal estate of} so much of the ~~effects~~ ^{of} of James Rockwell died man in, his hands ~~either real or personal at his discretion~~ as may be sufficient to satisfy the amount of \$146.44 due and to the Plaintiffs at the November Term ^{of this court in the year} 1851 with interest from December the 28th 1846. and that out of the proceeds of sale he pay to the Plaintiffs the said amount and interest together with the costs by them expended in this behalf since ~~the November Term 1851~~ the period last above mentioned; But the execution of this decree is to be suspended until the said Comes or some person for him execute bond with sufficient security payable to James Gurley

and Virginia his wife in the sum of
two hundred dollars conditioned as the
law directs -

Gurley & wife

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Rockwell's Co.

In Southampton Circuit Court, November 10th 1852.

James Gurley & Virginia E. his wife formerly Virginia Blow. Plffs,

against
Martha B. Rochelle executrix of James Rochelle dec.
& others Defts.

This day this cause came on again to be heard on the papers formerly read and on the supplemental Bill and exhibits therewith filed against receiver William B. Shands which being taken for confessed at the rules and the said Shands still failing to appear and answer was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof, the Court doth adjudge order and decree that the said William B. Shands after giving due notice thereof, by advertising at the Courthouse door and at two or more public places in the said County, proceeds to sell at public auction so much of the personal estate of James Rochelle dec^d now in his hands as may be sufficient to satisfy the amount of one hundred and forty six dollars and forty four cents decreed to the plaintiff at the November Term of this Court in the year 1850, with interest from December the 28th 1846, and that out of the proceeds of sale he pay to the plaintiffs the said amount and interest together with the costs by them expended in this behalf since the period last above mentioned: But the execution of this decree is to be suspended until the said commissioner or some person for him execute bond with sufficient security payable to James Gurley and Virginia his wife in the penalty of two hundred dollars condition as the law directs.

Letts' costs \$5.75

Shiffs " 50

\$6.25

Attest,

Teste,

Henry S. Howard, C. C.

~~The~~ assign the decree of which the within is a copy to
L R Edwards for valuable consideration - Decm 20th 1852

Chambliss Moberg atty
for Jas Gensley & Virginia his wife

1852 December 20th Received of William B Shanda two hundred and fifty dollars in
full of the within decree.

L R Edwards

Sunday & wife
do } Dear
Rockwell }

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R. H. B.

May Co. '53.

Gusley & wife

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Rockwell

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This day this cause came on to be finally
read on the papers formerly read on the report of Commissioners
our Shands made pursuant to an order of the November term
1852 to which there is no exception, and was argued by
counsel, on consideration whereof the court doth ad-
judge order and decree that the report of the said com-
missioners be confirmed in all respects

Burley's wife
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1847 January Rude

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Blair Mary Blair
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Blair ~~not found~~
Mrs. Vincent Dept
for each Barus M

New Sp. & Blair. Sp.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Southampton County, Greeting:

We command you that you summon

Martha B Rochelle
Executrix of James Rochelle Wm. J Blow Martha
Blow and Mary Blow. —

to appear at the Clerk's Office of our Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the County of Southampton, at the Rules to be holden for the said Court on the first Monday in *January* next, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against *them* in the said Court by *James Lurby and Virginia & his wife*

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 *38th* day of *December* 184*3*, in the *71st* year of the Commonwealth.

J R Edwards

[One Copy to be delivered each Defendant.]

C. S. C.

Gurley & wife

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1847 February Rules

Executed on Mary
Blow & Martha Blow
John Barker & wife
of Jacob Barnes & wife

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Southampton County, Greeting:

We command you that you summon *Martha Blow & Mary Blow* ✓

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* ^{& others} in the said Court by *James Hurley & Virginia Chiswife* —

And unless *they* shall answer the said Bill within ~~four~~ ^{two} 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 *4th* day of *January* 1847, in the *71st* year of the Commonwealth.

L. R. Edwards *clerk*

[One Copy to be delivered each Defendant.]

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Gurley Wife

to } Sp. in Ch.

Rochelles Exire &c

1847 August Rules

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John Barkham, Septe
Hon. Sec. of Navy, Septe

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Southampton County, Greeting:

We command you that you summon *Martha B Rochelle Executrix of*
James Rochelle dec^d. Mary Blaw & Martha A Blaw

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 ^{*an amended*} next, to answer ^{*and others*} Bill in Chancery exhibited against ^{*them*} in
the said Court by

James Gurley & Virginia E his wife formerly (Virginia)
E Blaw

And unless *they* shall answer the said Bill within ^{*two*} ~~two~~ 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 *5th* day of

July 1847, in the *72^d* year of the Commonwealth.

[One Copy to be delivered each Defendant.]

L R Edwards

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Gurley & wife

v. } Sp^a in ch^y

Rochelles Ex^{or}: &c

1847 August Rules

Executed, & a copy of this
process left by me with
Jas. W. Thomas on the
12th July 1847

Wm. L. Lamb for
Wm. B. Lamb
S^{er}

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

Sergeant of the City of Norfolk
To the Sheriff of Southampton County, Greeting:

We command you that you summon

John W Thomas administrator de bonis non of John Thomas dec^d.

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

James Gurley & Virginia E. his wife formerly Virginia E. Blum

And unless *he* shall answer the said Bill within ~~four~~ *two* months thereafter, the Court will take the same for confessed, and decree accordingly. And this *he* shall in no wise omit, under the penalty of £100. And have then there this writ. Witness, LITTLETON R. EDWARDS, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-house, the *5th* day of

July 1847, in the *72^d* year of the Commonwealth.

L. R. Edwards Clk

[One Copy to be delivered each Defendant.]

Gusby & wife
a. } Notice
Rockville &c

To Mr John W Thomas adm^r de bonis non
with the will annexed of Jas^o Thomas dec^d Martha
B Rochelle Executrix of James Rochelle dec^d,
Mary Blom & Martha Blom -

Take notice, that on the 4th day of September
next, between the hours of nine in the fore-
noon & six in the afternoon of that day, at
our house in the county of Southampton and
State of Virginia we shall proceed to take the
depositions of certain witnesses to be used
as evidence for ~~us~~ in a suit now pending
in the Circuit Superior Court of Law &
Chancery for the county of Southampton
wherein we are Plaintiffs, and you and
William J Blom are Defendants, and
if from any cause the taking of said depo-
sitions shall not be commenced or being
commenced, should not be completed on
that day, the taking of the same will be adj-
ourned from time to time until said depo-
sitions shall be completed.

Given under our hands this 10th day of
August 1847

James Gurley
Virginia Gurley

I acknowledge Service of the within Notice 18th Aug: 1847.

Pro: W Thomas admr & b. now with the
will annexed of John Thomas decd.

Martha B Rochelle - Exor of
James Rochelle decd.

Money Blower
Martha ^{for} Blower
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Garley & wife
a Notice
Rockelle & Co

To Martha B Rochelle Executrix of James
Rochelle, and John W Thomas admr de bonis
non of John Thomas - Mary, & Martha Bloo
Take notice that on the 24th day of Nov 1847
between the hours of nine in the forenoon
and six in the afternoon of that day, at
the house of Elizabeth Bloo in the county
of Southampton & State of Virginia, we shall
proceed to take the depositions of certain
witnesses to be used as evidence for us
in a suit now pending in the Circuit
Superior Court of law & chancery for
the county of Southampton, wherein
we are Plaintiffs and yourselves & Wm J Bloo
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 said depositions shall
be completed - Given under our
hands this 15th of Nov. 1847

James Guley
Virginia Guley

I acknowledge service of the within
notice

Martha B Rochelle -
Jno. W. Thomas admr d b n with
the will annexed of John Thomas ad.

Mary Bloo
Martha Bloo
Martha

~~executed on M B Roche July 16/49.~~
~~Dr. J. S. G. 1849.~~

Acknowledge services of the wife
July 16/1849

also

Martha B Rochelee

James Gurley

Acknowledge services of the wife
August 17/1849.

Mary ^{her} Blow
Virginia E Gurley
mark

Martha ^{her} Blow
mark

Executed on M B Roche Sat. Gurley Mary
Blow Virginia E Gurley Martha Blow
W. John W Thomas no Int.

William. B. Parker dep of
Septa Darden shiff.

Gurley's wife

to Comm. Notice

Rochelee Co. 1849

Aug - 24 1849

Shiff cont. 298

James Gurley and Virginia E. his wife, Martha B
Prochelle executrix of James Prochelle decd. William T Blow
Martha Blow, Mary Blow and John M. Thomas
adms. etc. of the estate of John Thomas decd.:-

The above parties are notified that pursuant to an order
of the Circ. Sup. Court of Law & Chancery for the County of
Southampton, pronounced at May term 1849, the Comr.
will proceed to take the accounts therein required at his
office in Jerusalem on the 21st day of August next - at
which time and place the parties are requested to attend
with the necessary papers and evidence

M. S. Goodwyn
Comr.

July 1849.

Samuel & wife
i
Rockwell

1850 May 1

Dear Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th inst. in relation to the above named matter. I am sorry to hear that you are not satisfied with the result of the investigation. I have been very anxious to get the matter settled as soon as possible, and I have been very careful to follow the proper course. I have been very much interested in the matter, and I have been very much surprised to find that you are not satisfied with the result. I have been very much interested in the matter, and I have been very much surprised to find that you are not satisfied with the result. I have been very much interested in the matter, and I have been very much surprised to find that you are not satisfied with the result.

Southampton County to wit;

This day James Surley made oath before me that he had good reasons to believe and well did believe that he should be able to procure evidence material to his success in a suit now pending in the Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery for the County of Southampton between himself & wife Plaintiffs and Martin B. Rackelle Executors of James Rackelle &c, before the next Term of said Court and that he has used due diligence to procure the said evidence. Given under my hand this 4th day of May 1850

G. A. M. Newcomb JP

Serv by 2 wife
Notar
Rockwell

I acknowledge service of the within notice
for M. B. Rockwell

Wm B. Shan as attorney
for Matthew B. Rockwell

To Mrs. Martha B Rochelle Executrix of
James Rochelle decd.

Madam -

Take notice, that on the
21st day of August 1850, between the hours
of nine in the forenoon and six in the
afternoon of that day, at the Office of Cham-
bliss & Massenburg attorneys in the town
of Germansburg County of Southampton
and State of Virginia, we shall proceed
to take the depositions of L. B Edwards
&c, to be used as evidence for us in a
suit now pending in the Circuit
Superior Court of law & chancery
for the County of Southampton, wherein
we are Plaintiffs and you the said Martha
B Rochelle Executrix of James Rochelle
decd, &c are defendants to
August 5th 1850

James Suterby
Virginia Suterby

I acknowledge receipt of the within
notice March 22nd 1857 —

Wm B Skeneas
Att'y for M B Buchanan

Rec'd & with
Notice
March 21

To Martha B Rochelle Executrix of James
Rochelle

Take notice, that on the 29th day of
March 1851, between the names of mine
A M and sis. P M of that day at the office
of Chamberliff & Maffeeburg in the town of
Leicester and County of Southampton
we shall proceed to take the deposition of
John M Purley & Co to be used as evidence
for us in a suit now pending in the Circuit
Court of Southampton wherein we are Plain-
tiffs and you & Co are Defendants.

Given under our hands this 17th day of
March 1851

James Purley &
Virginia Purley

I acknowledge service of the
within notice
Sept 18/857 —

Mathias B. Rochelle.

Pushy & Wife } Notice
" }
Rochelle & Co }

Executed by Taking
The acknowledgment
made of the Debt
on the back of this
notice

J. H. P. P. P. P. P.
for a myish
Shuff

To Mr J B Rochelle Executive of Larue
Rochelle and

Take notice, that on Saturday
the 2nd of October next between the names
of mine J M and eight P M, at the office of
Chambliss & Maysburg in the town of
Larue we shall proceed to take the
depositions of Eliza Nelson & to be used
as evidence for us in a suit now pend-
ing in the Circuit Court for the County of
Southampton wherein we are Plaintiffs
and you & others are Defendants
Given under our hands this 14th of Sept 1851

Chambliss Maysburg
Attys for
Jas & Virginia Smith

Gurley & wife

= { Sum. Chr.

Shands

1852 April Rules

not found.

James A. Gillett & Jy
for Esq. Parker.
Lapp

The Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Southampton County, GREETING:

We command you to summon *William B Shands*

at the Clerk's Office of our Circuit
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~~ *Rules to be holden for*
the said Court on the first Monday in April next to answer a bill in chancery
exhibited against him in our said Court by James Gurley & Virginia his wife
formerly Virginia Blount

And have then there this writ. Witness, LITTLETON R. EDWARDS, Clerk of our
said Court, at the Courthouse, this 10th day of March 1852,
in the 76th year of the Commonwealth.

L R Edwards

Gurley & Wife
& } Sum. Chy.

Shands

last Monday in April, 1852

Executed
James A. Gellin Jpg
for Ipa Parker Luff

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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~~ *Rules to be holden for the*
Said Court on the last Monday in this present month to answer a bill in
chancery exhibited against him in our said Court by James Gurley & Virginia
his wife formerly Virginia Blount

And have then there this writ. Witness, LITTLETON R. EDWARDS, Clerk of our
said Court, at the Courthouse, this 5th day of April 1852,
in the 7⁶th year of the Commonwealth.

L.R. Edwards

Gurley & Co

} Deposition

Rochelle's Ex. & Co

1847 Sept. 9th came to hand
Sealed. E.R.C.

The deposition of Thomas W Biddle Taken at the house
of James Gurley in the county of Southampton & state of
Virginia on the 4th day of September 1847, on behalf of James
Gurley & Virginia his wife in a suit now depending in
the Circuit Superior Court of law & chancery for the county
of Southampton, between the said Gurley & wife, ~~Plffs~~
~~and~~ Martha B Rockelle Executrix of James Rockelle
Deft. - This deponent being first duly sworn on
the holy evangelist of Almighty God, deposes &
says as follows. That Virginia Gurley wife of James
Gurley was born in the month of May 1817. he
knows this fact from the circumstance that
a niece of his ~~Lucy Ann~~ Bristle, was born in
his family some short time afterwards
Thomas W. Biddle

The above written deposition was taken sworn
& subscribed at the time & place mentioned in
the caption before me a justice of the peace for
the county of Southampton Given under
my hand this 4th day of September 1847
Thos. Ridley J. P.

Gurley & Wife

Deposition

Rockwell Coxon

Came to hand Sealed & Registered
27. 1847 L.R.C. O.

The Clerk of Southampton

The deposition of Elizabeth Blow taken at the
house of the said Emma Blow in the county
of Southampton on the 27th day of Nov. 1847
between the hours of nine in the forenoon &
four in the afternoon, to be read as evidence
in a suit now pending in the Circuit Super-
ior Court of Law & Chancery for the county
of Southampton in which James Garley and
Virginia his wife are plaintiffs, and ~~James~~ ^{James} the
heir of ~~James~~ ^{James} Rockwell, Executors of James Rockwell, vs. ~~James~~ ^{James}
Thomas admr. of Geo Thomas, William T Blow
and Mary & Martha Blow are Defendants
This deponent being first duly sworn on
the holy evangelist of Almighty God, deposes
and saith as follows, That Virginia Garley
formerly Blow, was borne in the year 1817, That
she was borne in the neighbourhood of the deponent
and was just one year older than the de-
ponent's daughter Caroline, Virginia Garley
is the niece of the deponent's dec^d husband
Geo T Blow, she is confident as to her age
as well from that of her said daughter as
from the circumstance of the families
living near each other and being related, There
was formerly considerable intimacy between
the families

Elizabeth Blow

The above deposition was taken over me to
be subscribed before me a justice of the
peace for the said county at the time & place
mentioned in the caption given under my
hand and seal this 27th day of November 1847.
Henry Blow J. P. 

Gudley wife

2 } Deposition

Rochelle Cor.

handed in by Saml. B. Ames JP.

Nov 6th 1850.

J.R.C.

The deposition of L R Edwards taken by
consent of parties on the 6th of November
1850 at the Clerk's Office of the County
of Southampton to be read as evidence
on behalf of the Plaintiffs in a suit
now pending in the Circuit Court of
said County between James Lusk and
Virginia & his wife Plaintiffs, and
Martha B Rochelle Executrix of James
Rochelle Defendants

L R Edwards being duly sworn deposes
and says, that he is Clerk of the Court of Southampton
County. That he has examined the records of his Office and does not find that James
Rochelle was qualified in the said Court as guardian of Virginia E. Lusk. That
he recollects to have seen among the papers of the late James Rochelle an account
of a settlement of James Rochelle or John Thomas (not recollecting which) adminis-
tration on George Blom's estate but does not recollect the result of said settlement.

L R Edwards

Subscribed & sworn to before me a Justice of the Peace for the County of South-
ampton at the time & place mentioned in the caption above.

Saml B. Hines J.P.

Guskey & wife }
 i } Depositions
 }
Rockwell & Co.

handed in by Saml B Hines J.P.
April 12th 1857. LRE

R. H. Sully

The depositions of Mary and Martha Blount
taken according to notice at the office of Chambers
& Messinger in the town of Jerusalem on the 29th
of March 1851, to be used as evidence for the Plaintiffs
in a suit now pending in the Circuit Court of
Southampton between James Sully & his wife
his wife Plaintiffs and Martha B. Rockell, Execu-
trix of James Rockell &c Defendants

Mary Blount being duly sworn according to law
deposed & sworn that in the year 1830 James
Rockell as adm^r & executor of George Sully
sent a negro man slave between twenty one
& twenty five years of age belonging to the estate
of the said Blount for the sum of three hundred
& twenty five dollars - James Rockell
wrote to myself & sisters that there was
money due us from our fathers estate
that is from the estate of the said Blount, and
that if we could not come to receive it, he
would pay it to Wm^t Blount if we would
give him a power of attorney to receive it.
He did say that much money was in his
hands for us

Question of Sept: Are you a child of George Blount
Ans: I am -

Question of same - Have you ever received
any property from your fathers estate
Ans: I have not

Question of same: Did you ever receive any of

The money the negro sold for

Ans: I have not

Question of Law: Do you not think on a statement of your father's estate that would be money due you

Ans: I do: and further this defendant said not

The Defendants counsel object to the testimony of this witness on the ground that she is interested in the subject-matter of the suit

Mary F. Blane

Mrs. Blane being next duly sworn confirms the statements made by Mary Blane, and the same objection to her testimony was made by the Defendants Counsel

The above depositions were taken sworn to and substantiated at the time and place mentioned in the captions before me a justice of the peace in and for the County of South Hampton

Law 13 Henry J. P.

Gardley & wife
to } Departures

Rockwell & Co

bound in by A. A. W. Newson D.P.
Oct. 4th 1857. L.R.E.

The depositions of Eliza Williams & Archer Vick
taken pursuant to notice at the office of
Chambliss & Maysburg on the 2nd day Oct 1831
to be read as evidence in a suit now pending
in the Circuit Court of Southampton between
James Sully & Virginia his wife Pliffs
and Martha B. Rochelle Executrix of
James Rochelle Deft. on behalf of the Pliffs.
Eliza Williams being first duly sworn
deposes and swears that, He delivered to
James Rochelle as adm^r: de bonis amicis of George
Blair a negro boy belonging to the estate of
the said Blair; Mr. Rochelle afterwards sold
him, he behives on the same day he was
delivered: The boy was a young negro about
twelve or thirteen years old and was as much
as any negro at that time, he was sold
I think just before the insurrection in
1831, and further this deponent swears not

Eliza Williams

Archer Vick being next duly sworn deposes and
swears that he recollects distinctly that Martha
and Mary Blair executed the power of attorney
filed by the Deft. Rochelle as a part of her answer
which he signed as witness at the time it was
executed, and further this deponent swears not

Archer Vick

The above depositions were taken sworn to and
subscribed at the time and place mentioned
in the caption before me a justice of the peace
in and for the County of Southampton

G. A. M. Newson J. P.

Gurley Girls

to } Dr. Pub.

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Lespy port. at front door

W. House July 5. 1847

Virginia. At Rolden in the Clerks Office of the Circuit
Superior Court of Law and Chancery for Southampton
County on the first Monday in July 1847..

James Gurley and Virginia & his wife formerly Virginia E. Blow. Plffs.
against
Martha W. Rochelle Executrix of James Rochelle dec'd. William T. Blow
and others } In Chancery
Defts.

The defendant William T. Blow 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 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 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 Courthouse
of this County.

To Mr. William T. Blow:

SIR—Take notice that, on the 4th of September next, between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon and 6 in the afternoon of that day, at our house, in Southampton county, State of Virginia, we shall proceed to take the depositions of certain witnesses, to be used as evidence for us in a suit in Chancery, now pending in the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery, for Southampton county, State of Virginia, wherein we are plaintiffs and yourself and others defendants; and if from any cause the taking of 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: and you not residing within the Commonwealth of Virginia, and having no known attorney in fact within the same to whom notice of the time and place of taking the said depositions can be given, we publish this for your information.

Given under our hands and seals this 5th day of July, 1847.

JAMES GURLEY & VIRGINIA E. his wife,
jy 13 w4w formerly Virginia E. Blow.

Printed for \$1.87
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TOWN OF PETERSBURG, TO-WIT:

Personally appeared before me, an Alderman of said Town, John L. Harwood, Clerk of the Intelligencer Office, and made oath that the annexed Order of Publication has been published weekly for four weeks successively. Given under my hand, this 3rd day of Nov. 1847.

John L. Harwood

Or. Pub.

Ag. 25.

John Thomas & Son

To Wm T. Blow:

SIR—Take notice that, on the 27th day of November next, between the hours of 9 in the forenoon and 6 in the afternoon of that day, at the house of Elizabeth Blow, in the county of Southampton, and state of Virginia, we shall proceed to take the depositions of certain witnesses 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 are plaintiffs, and you, the said William T. Blow, Mary Blow, Martha Blow and Martha B. Rochelle, Ex'rs of James Rochelle, dec'd, are defendants; and if from any cause the taking of the said depositions shall not be commenced, or being commenced, shall not be completed on that day, the taking of the same will be adjourned from day to day, until the said depositions shall be completed. Given under our hands this 24th day of September, 1847.
JAMES GURLEY,
VIRGINIA GURLEY.

TOWN OF PETERSBURG, TO-WIT:

Personally appeared before me, an Alderman of said Town, *John C. Harwood* Clerk of the Intelligencer Office, and made oath that the annexed Order of Publication has been published weekly for four weeks successively. Given under my hand, this 26th day of October 1847.

Printed per J. 1847

W. B. Hunter

Barley & wife

2 } Court Report

Richardson

1849 Sept 17"

Gurley & wife

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Prochelle Estate &c

Common Pleas office - Aug. 21-1849

The plaintiffs this day, by counsel, appeared before the Court pursuant to notice; but no papers relative to the administration of James Prochelle or John Thomas, or the Estate of George Blow dead, were laid before him; and it appears from an examination in the Clerk's office that no account-whatever of the Estate of said Blow has been returned either by John Thomas admn. or James Prochelle as adm. de bonis non. The only evidence touching the subject which has been laid before the Court is contained in a paper filed as an exhibit with the answer of M. B. Prochelle Executor of James Prochelle, which contains three receipts executed to James Prochelle as guardian of Mary Blow, Martha Blow and Virginia Blow for their respective claims against their father George Blow's estate, and signed by William D. Blow as agent for the said parties. If the Court shall be of opinion that the receipts above alluded to (which are herewith reported) are sufficient to charge the said Prochelle as admn. de bonis non of George Blow the account will stand thus

The Estate of George Blow dead:

1835-

June 15

In account with James Prochelle admn. de bonis non

Pay and due Estate.

\$ 494 96

with Put from this day till paid

Respectfully submitted

M. S. Goodroyd Court

Court fee - \$2.50

Shff. clo. 2.91

chd to plaintiffs

Court:

Grady is Wife
as 3
Rochester

Report of Mrs B. Shance
Special Commissioner

1853 April 25th

Jarvis & wife
as 3
Rockwell

Commissioner's Report

M^r B Shandas the commissioner appointed by the decree of November term last for that purpose, Reports that pursuant to the terms of that decree he sold a small negro child named Lizzie for the sum of one hundred and seventy five dollars and that Gittleton R Edwards became the purchaser. The amount of the judgment interest and costs included due Jarvis & wife up to the time of settlement was \$306.00 cash for Lizzie up commissions \$166.25 -
Amount paid by commissioner from other funds in hand

39.75-

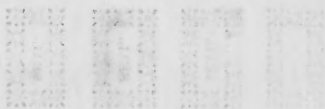
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The commissioner reports that he sold a slave because there was no other property belonging to the estate that could have been sold without producing great inconvenience and distress in the family of Mrs Rockwell it will be seen that the commissioner paid the sum of \$39.75 from other funds belonging to the estate in his hands. He herewith files the receipt in full of the decree from Gittleton R Edwards who had an assignment thereof from James Jarvis & wife to him all of which is

Respectfully submitted by

M^r B Shandas of^r Com^r



William Bond
Charles Bond
John Bond

Wm Bond & Co

London

Gurley & wife

to } Exhbr with bill

Rochester Ex.

et.



KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we

James Rochelle. Samuel B. Hines & Clement Rochelle

are held and firmly bound unto *William Rocks. Alexander P. Pette. Joseph T. Cloud & Benjamin S. Drew*

Peace for the
gentlemen justices of the County ~~Court~~ of Southampton now sitting, in the ~~just and full~~ sum of *Four tens and* dollars; to the payment whereof, well and truly to be made ^{unto} to the said justices ~~for the time being~~ and their successors, we bind ourselves, ^{and each of us, our and each of} our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents; sealed with our seals, and dated this *17th* day of *August 1829*.
~~in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty~~

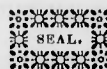
THE CONDITION of this obligation is, that, if the said *James Rochelle*

administrato de bonis non
all and
of the goods, chattels and credits of *George Blom* 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*

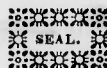
the said *remov*: _____, or in the hands or possession of any other person or persons for *him*, and the same so made, do exhibit into the County Court of Southampton when *he* shall be thereunto required by the said court; and such goods, chattels and credits, do well and truly administer according 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 PROBAT thereof, and the said *James Rochelle* 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 acknowledged }
in presence of the Court.

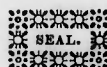
James Rochelle



Clem. Rochelle



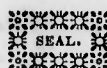
Sam B Hines



Attest

Teste

J R Edwards



Gurley & Co

to } Exhib. with bill

Rockwell Co:

13.

Rockwell Co

Southampton County Court - August Term 1829.

On motion of James Rockelle who made oath and together with Clements Rockelle & Samuel B. Hines his securities entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Four thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of administration de bonis non on the estate of George Blou dec'd. in due form.

Attest

Jest. L. R. Edwards Clk

Gurley & Wife

~ { Eschb. with bill.

Rochester Ex

B. & N.

I James Rochelle of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia
do make this writing as and for my last will and testament as follows
to wit.

1. It is my will and desire that the tract of land I purchased of William J. Scott called Buckles containing 519 acres, the tract of land I purchased of the estate of John Thomas dec^d. containing about 337 acres both lying near the Town of Jerusalem - a small tract of land containing about 80 acres lying on the South side of a Northway River at or near the thick neck bridges and also a tract of land which I own lying in the County of Kanawha containing 192 acres be sold by my Executrix on such terms and at such time as she may think advisable and that she execute legal deeds of conveyance for the same and apply the proceeds of such sales to the payment of my debts -
- 2 After the payment of my debts I lend unto my wife all the rest and residue of my estate of what nature and kind soever during her life or widowhood for the maintenance of herself and children requesting her to give them the best education my estate will afford
3. And whereas my son John and daughter Martha derived title to some slaves by the death of their half brother which are in my possession and has not been allotted to them - should they claim independent of my estate It is then my will and desire that so much more of my estate be allotted to my son James as will make his estate equal to theirs - Revoiking all other wills I do appoint my wife Executrix of this my last will. Given under my hand and seal this 17th day of August 1825.

Tests

Wm. A. Spark
Chambers Rochelle
Waring & Doyal
mark.

James Rockelle 

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 21st day of September 1835. This last Will and testament of James Rochelle dec^d was proved by the oath of William A Sparks, Clements Rochelle & Minny Doyal the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of Martha Rochelle the Executrix therein named who made oath and together with George Blow, William A Sparks and Samuel W Annis his securities entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Sixty thousand

dollars conditioned as the law directs Certificate is granted here for obtaining
a probat of the said will in due form.

Teste L.R. Edwards Clk p.T.

Attest

Teste L.R. Edwards Clk

Gurley wife

2 } Exhib. with bill

Rockwell's Ex

H.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we
Martha F.B. Rochelle. George Blow. Samuel B. Vines William A. Sparks
are held and firmly bound unto *James Clayton. Jephth Darden. James D. Maysburg*
by *James Maget*

gentlemen justices of the Peace for the County of Southampton now sitting, in the sum of
Sixty 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 *21st* day of *September* 18*35*

The condition of the above obligation is such, That if the said
Martha F.B. Rochelle — **Executor** ^{of} *James Rochelle* —

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

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

Signed, Sealed and delivered }
in open Court.

Martha Rochelle —

SEAL.

Geo: Blow

SEAL.

Wm. A. Sparks

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J. R. Edwards

Gurley & Wife
& } Exhibit with bill
Shands
Rockwell Co. &c

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In Southampton Circuit Court. November the 11th 1851.

Martha F. B. Tyler who sues by her next friend Saml. B. Hines Plff. }
against } In Chancery
Martha B. Rochelle in her own right and as executrix of James
Rochelle dec'd Littleton R. Edwards, Jno. M. Gurley & others Defts }

This day this cause came on to be further heard on the papers formerly read, and the report of Receiver Shands filed since the last Term: to which there is no exception and was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof, the Court being of opinion that the several deeds of conveyance of land from Martha B. Rochelle to L. R. Edwards and John M. Gurley, so far as the same were intended to pass any right title or interest of Martha B. Rochelle, and bill of sale from Martha B. Rochelle to John M. Gurley, embracing the slaves Jazwell, Charles Cobb, and Nancy, and the deed of Trust from the said Martha B. Rochelle to William B. Shands except as to the slaves Tom, Gray, and Comfort are illegal and (without determining the relative rights of the plaintiff and her children under the agreement marked, F, exhibited with the bill, so the remainder in the estate of James Rochelle, after the expiration of the life estate of Martha B. Rochelle) and being of opinion that it is proper to set apart for the plaintiffs separate maintenance free from the marital rights of her husband, all her interest in the property in the hands of receiver Shands which may remain undisposed of, and being further of opinion that since the executorial transactions of Martha B. Rochelle under the will of her husband James Rochelle are closed and she has abused for which she holds the property, it is proper the same should be withdrawn from her hands and transferred to another trustee, doth decree, and it is hereby adjudged ordered and decreed with the consent of Martha B. Rochelle by her Counsel, that the several deeds of conveyance of land from Martha B. Rochelle to L. R. Edwards and John M. Gurley so far as the same import a conveyance from herself and the bill of sale of the slaves Charles Cobb, and Nancy and Jazwell from Martha B. Rochelle to John M. Gurley and the deed of Trust from the same Martha B. Rochelle to William B. Shands (except as to the slaves Tom (Gray) and Comfort) be vacated and annulled, that the injunction awarded to restrain the defendant Edwards from proceeding to sell the property levied on under the execution sued out by him be made perpetual and that he be enjoined from levying any other execution sued out upon the

same judgment upon the same property. And the Court doth confirm the report of receiver Shands, and doth decree that defendant Gurley surrender to him (who is hereby appointed trustee instead of Martha B. Rockelle) the two pieces of land reported by receiver Shands to be still held by him and two acre lot in Jerusalem in the proceedings ~~referred to~~ and that the said Shands receive the same and hold it together with the other property remaining in his hands and apply the proceeds thereof for the maintenance of the plaintiff and John W. Rockelle and James B. Rockelle. And the Court doth enjoin the defendant John Taylor from interfering with the said property or its proceeds or disposing thereof, as well for the interest of the plaintiff during the lifetime of Martha B. Rockelle as for her interest, which may still be undisposed of in the remainder, and doth decree the same to her for her maintenance separate and apart from her husband, the said John Taylor.

And the Court doth order that the defendants Littleton R. Edwards & John M. Gurley each pay one fourth part of the costs of this suit, and that the defendants Sarah Armstrong, Henning T. Smith and Richard A. Grump each one third of the residue of the said costs.

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Teste

L. R. Edwards

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Gurley Yards

2 } Exhibit with acct of
Drs. Rochelle Co

Rochelle Co

Power of Attorney
for Malta } Blow
for Mary }
Virginia }

Jemsalem March 19th 1835.

Know all men by these presents, that we Martha Blow, Mary Blow, and Virginia Blow of the county of Southampton have made, ordained, constituted, and appointed and by these presents do make ordain constitute and appoint William Blow of the same county (our brother) our true and lawful attorney for us, and in our names and for our uses, to ask, demand and receive of James Rackelle adm^r of John Thomas dec^d whatever sum of money, or sums which may now be due or owing to us from the estate of the said John Thomas dec^d who was adm^r of George Blow^{de} also whatever further sum or sums may be due or owing to us by the said James Rackelle adm^r de bon. non of George Blow^{de}.

And upon payment of the said sum or sums of money we authorize and empower him to give acquittances and discharges for the same, and further to ^{do} such other lawful acts as may be necessary for settling with the said James Rackelle, in the two capacities before specified - first as adm^r of John Thomas dec^d secondly as adm^r de bon. non of George Blow^{de} as fully and effectually, to all intents and purposes as if we were personally present, hereby ratifying & confirming whatsoever our said attorney shall lawfully do in and about the premises ^{Martha Blow} ^{Mary Blow} ^{Virginia Blow} ^{Ed} ^{Ed} ^{Ed}
witnesses In witness whereof we have ^{Martha Blow} ^{Mary Blow} ^{Virginia Blow} ^{Ed} ^{Ed} ^{Ed}
subscribed our names and seals this 30th day of March 1835
John Wick
Sam^l Whedden
Dmory Beal

Gurley J. & Co

Exhib. with and of
J. & Co. Rochelle Ex.

Rochelle Ex. & Co

John Thomas and James
Rochelle, neither can set
and any account of his
transaction on G. Blou's estate

June 15. 1835 Received of James Rockelle Guard of
Mary Blow the sum of ninety seven dollars and eight
cents which is in full of her claim against her
Father's, George Blows estate - William T Blow
agent for Mary Blow
Late James S. French

Received June 15. 1835 of James Rockelle Guard of
Martha Blow the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars
44/100 which is in full of her claim against George
Blows estate - William T Blow
agent for Martha Blow
Late James S. French

Received June 15. 1835 of James Rockelle Guard of
Virginia Blow the sum of one hundred and forty ^{five} dollars
44/100 which is in full of her claim against George
Blows estate - William T Blow
agent for Virginia Blow
Late James S. French

147.44
250.44
97.08
494.96

Note by defendants
Counsel

This is a suit instituted by James Gentry and Virginia E Gentry his wife who was a child and distributee of George Blow dec^d against Martha Rochelle executrix of James Rochelle who was administrator de bonis non of George Blow dec^d and others to recover from James Rochelle's estate the amount due her from the said James Rochelle as administrator de bonis of George Blow dec^d, In May 1849 there was a decree for an account against James Rochelle's executrix in August 1849 the commissioners reported that no papers relative to the administration of James Rochelle as admin^r de bonis non of George Blow dec^d were laid before them, but only certain receipts from the female plaintiff who was then Virginia Blow and others to James Rochelle as their guardians upon this report no action has been taken the court refusing to grant a decree against James Rochelle as adm^r of George Blow there being no proof that any assets ever came to hand as administrator of George Blow the cause has been continued for the plaintiffs to procure further evidence they have filed the depositions of Mary and Martha Blow to show that in the year 1830 James Rochelle sold a negro man belonging to the estate of George Blow for the sum of \$375.00 and that ^{there} was money due but they did not know how much

The defendants counsel objected to the evidence of both witnesses Martha and Mary Blow on the ground of interest that they were the children, the heirs and distributees at law of George Blow dec^d that their evidence went to establish a debt against James Rochelle's estate that owed directly to their benefit

And I submit to the court whether the testimony of these two witnesses who state that they are the children of George Blow, that ^{they} have never received any property from their father's estate, that they never

received any of the money for which this negro was sold
and that they still think money is due them from their
father's estate can be received as evidence in this case, their
testimony if received will charge to James Boelue with
the sum of \$375- received as administrator de bonis non of
George Blow which will come as much to their benefit as to
that of Virginia Jolley and James Jolley. They are testifying
directly in their own behalf. I ask therefore that the
depositions of Mary and Martha Blow be rejected and
the plaintiffs bill ^{be} dismissed

Shanas for the
defendant