

1855-004 SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

BUTTS et al vs. BRIGGS + al MRS. etc.

11/1855

other surnames: Booth,
Nicholson

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v. } Papers

Briggs admrs. &c

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Briggs Adms.

1855 Nov. Term

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Edwards & Barth in his own right and as administrator de bonis non
with the will annexed
of Peter Booth dec^d

against.

Bennett & Briggs in his own right and as Committee of Martha Briggs
widow & executrix of William Briggs dec^d. William Briggs, Charles A
Briggs, Joseph Briggs, John R Briggs, Lucian Briggs, Frances Briggs
and Joseph & John R Briggs admors of William Briggs Sr. dec^d &
Samuel, John & Frances Nicholson the said Lucian & Frances Briggs & Samuel
John & Frances Nicholson by C R Edwards their guardian ad litem.

1847 July 15. Subp^a issued returnable to August Rules.

" Aug R. Subp^a ret. not found. New Sp^a awarded - Bill filed
and new Sp^a awarded - Order. Pub: v. Dft. Charles A Briggs

" Sep: R - Sp^a ret. Ex^t on Bennett & Lucian Briggs. Frances
Briggs not found - other Dfts no inhabitants - New Sp^a v Dfts.
William Briggs & Joseph & John R Briggs admors Wm Briggs Sr. dec^d.

" Nov. Leave to amend bill & cause remainder to Rules

Continued at Rules till May 1848 for amended bill.

1848. May J. C R Edwards assigned gen. ad litem to infants.

June R. Answer of infants by Rep. J^r

" Aug " Set for hearing as to infant's costs

" Sep " New pro: v Wm Jos & John R Briggs & Jos & John R Briggs
Admors William Briggs dec^d.

" Oct. " Sp^a Ex^t on John R & Jos & John R Briggs admors Wm Briggs dec^d.

" Dec. " New Sp^a v Dft. William Briggs

1849 Jan. " Sp^a Ret^d executed on Dft. William Briggs

" Feby. " John R Briggs assigned gen. ad litem to Dft. Martha Briggs. ans^r.
of Dft. Martha Briggs filed. Gen. Rep. thereon.

" March. Leave set for hearing as to Dft. Wm Briggs.

" Apr. Set for hearing as to Dft. Martha Briggs

" May J. Decree.

" Nov. " Decree for Sale land &c.

1850 March 30th Report

" May J. Cont^d.

1851. " Report conforms & order for further accounts.

Sep. 16th Report.

" Nov J. Decree

1852 Nov. Continued

1855 Nov. Decur of final.

1. I want to say to you that I am very glad to hear of your success in your studies. I hope you will continue to improve and that you will be able to do even better next year. I am your friend, and I will be glad to help you in any way I can.

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1849 Nov. Term

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M. M Briggs 49

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1847 August Rules

Posters fig.

Virginia - First Judicial Circuit

To the Honorable Richard H. Baker, Judge of the ^{circuit} superior court of law and chancery for the county of Southampton in chancery sitting.

Humbly complaining sheweth unto your honor your orator Edmund Butler in his own right and as administrator de bonis non with the will annexed of Peter Booth deceased. Who sues as well for himself in both chancery as in behalf of all other creditors of William Briggs senior deceased a late of the county of Southampton, who shall come in & contribute to the expenses of their suit - that the said William Briggs senior departed this life in the year one thousand eight hundred & forty five ~~in~~ intestate, and that John H. Briggs & Joseph Briggs qualified as his administrators in the county court of Southampton as appears by a copy of the letters of administration filed with and prayed to be taken as a part of this bill - that the said William Briggs senior in his life time executed to your orator in his own right ~~a bond~~ in the sum of _____ and a note not under seal in the sum of _____ and another bond as administrator de bonis non of Peter Booth in the sum of _____ upon which said bond your orator at the Fall term of the said superior court of law and chancery for the county of Southampton eighteen hundred and forty six recovered judgments against the said administrators, and in the county court of Southampton at the _____ term of the said court 1844 he also recovered a judgment on the note executed to him, upon which said judgments executiones of fieri issued against the goods and chattels of the said William Briggs senior in the hands of his said administrators.

to be administered, which were returned
the effects, all of which will appear
by copies of the bonds note, judgments
and indentures, filed with and prayed to
be taken as a part of this bill -

That the said William Briggs senior
was in his life time and at the time
of his death, possessed of, interested in &
entitled to a considerable personal estate
and also seized and possessed of a consider-
able real estate -

That the said William Briggs senior
left as his heirs and devisees, a widow
Martha Briggs who is a lunatic and person
of unsound mind, to whom Bennett S Briggs has been
appointed committee by order of the county court
of Southampton, a copy of which is filed
with and prayed to be taken as a part of
this bill and the following children to
wit, William Rhodes N, Joseph, John
R Bennett S, Susan, and Frances Briggs
all of whom are residents of this coun-
ty, with the exception of Rhodes
N, who resides in some other state of this
union, and against whom an order of
publication is prayed to be taken, and
all of whom are of full age with the
exception of William and Frances, who
are minors, and for whom a guardian
of the person, is prayed to be appointed to
defend them in this suit. & Samuel, John &
Nicholas, infant children of
John & Joseph Briggs, as before
Briggs, a deceased daughter of the said late William Briggs senior

stated applied for and obtained letters
of administration, of the personal estate
and effects of the said William Briggs senior
and thereby he came his legal personal re-
presentatives and possessed themselves of his
personal estate to be administered according
to law, and your orator has over and over again
both before and since the institution of the said
suit at law, requested them to pay and satisfy
his aforementioned just claims out of the personal
estate, but they have constantly refused upon
the pretext that the whole personal estate
of their ancestor devolved he absorbed in the
pay ment of debts of superior dignity and
preferring to make his money out of the personal
estate he has applied to the heirs at law to
consent that so much of the real estate should
be sold as should be sufficient to pay and
satisfy his just demands, but they likewise
have refused to comply with his reasonable
demands -

Of our orator charges that his claims, being
under seal, with the exception of the small
note not under seal, paid the heirs person-
ally, and he is advised and insists, that if
the personal estate and effects of the said inter-
state have been exhausted, or shall be exhausted
by his administrators, in paying or discharg-
ing debts, which bound the heirs, the plain-
tiff and all other creditors of the said late
Briggs senior, ought and are entitled in a court
of equity to have the said interstate assets mon-
strated and to stand in the place of such
creditors upon his real estate and to have inter-
fection for their respective demands, except out

to such amount, and for so much, as there are -
stays, where debts stand the heirs, and as they may have
received or shall receive out of the personal estate, and
that such real estate or a complete part thereof, ought to be
sold for that purpose -

To the end therefore that justice may be
done in the premises, your orator prays, that Bennett &
Briggs in his own right and as committee of Mortimer
Briggs, executor and administrator of the said William
Briggs senior deceased, William Briggs, Charles &
Briggs, Joseph Briggs John R Briggs, Susan Briggs
and Francis Briggs, ^{& Samuel Nicholas John Nicholas} may be made defendants hereto
with apt and proper words to charge them, and that
the said Joseph and John R Briggs may likewise
be made defendants, or administrators of the
said William Briggs senior deceased, with
apt and proper words to charge them, and that
the said defendants, on any answer or the premises or
oath - that an account may be taken of the monies
due the plaintiff, and all other creditors, who
shall come in as parties to this suit, and that the
said account may be discontinued, between the debts
standing the heirs and such as do not stand the heirs;
that an account may also be taken of the real estate
personal estate for paid or received by his administration,
and on which by due diligence ought have been
received - and also an account of the rents profits
and simple value, of the real estate, and that the
plaintiff may be paid his said demand out of the
personal estate if the same shall be sufficient, and
if not to pay all other the said debts of the said estate
as well there which stand the heirs, as those due by
simple contract. But if the personal estate shall
be insufficient, then the debts which may stand the
heirs, either personally, or by substitution, may be due
owed to be entitled to satisfaction out of the real estate,
and that so much of the real estate as may be required
for that purpose, may be sold and the said debts may be
paid and satisfied out of the proceeds of such sale, and
that your honor would grant such other and further gene-
ral relief according to the premises as may seem ought and just, and
the premises in this, with respect to any of the premises
by your orator will ever pray -

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and also, upon a note for the sum of \$1000 which judg-
ment has been obtained in the county court of

Bulls answer of
2 } Martha Briggs

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1849- February 2nd

The answer of Martha Briggs, a lunatic, by Bennett S Briggs her
Committee, to a bill of Complaint exhibited against her & others in the
Circuit Court of Law & Chancery for the County of Southampton by
Edwards Beatts in his own right and as adm: de bonis non with the
will annexed of Peter Beatts - This defendant saying &c for reasons
says that she is the widow of William Briggs dead as charged in
the bill and as such entitled to distribution in his personal estate
and to dower in his real estate - that she is ignorant of the other
statements contained in the bill and calls for strict proof of
every thing required to be proved, and being a lunatic of weak
mind mind submits her interests to the protection of the Court
And having answered prays leave to be dismissed the Court -

Bennett S Briggs
Committee &c

Answer of Martha
Briggs +

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Briggs ad. 60

1849 February Rules

The Answer of Martha Briggs (a lunatic) by ~~Herself~~ ^{J. R.}
Briggs to the Bill of Complaints in said Court exhibit-
ed by Edward Butts in his own right & as administra-
tor de bonis non with the Will annexed of Peter Booth dead
against her & others.

This defendant answering says &c. that she is the
widow of William Briggs sen dec'd as charged in
Compl'ts Bill & as such entitled to distribution in his
personal estate & to dower in his real - that she is
ignorant of the other statements & charges in said
Bill & calls for strict proof thereof & being a lunatic
of weak mind submits her interests to the protec-
tion of this Honorable Court & prays hence to be dis-
missed &c

Signed J. R. Briggs
~~Committed & next friend of~~
Genl. a witness Martha Briggs -

Bentley

no.

Briggs adw)

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The separate answer of Joseph Briggs in his own right. To a bill filed against him & others by Edwards Beeth, in the circuit Sup^r Court of Law & Chancery for the County of Southampton.

This Deft saying & Resolving &c for answer. To so much of the said bill as he is advised it is material he should answer in his individual right. (Having answered more fully as one of the adm^rs. of Wm Briggs) says that he is one of the heirs at Law of Wm Briggs dec. and on him has descended a part of his ancestors real estate - That he does not doubt the justice of the Plaintiffs claim but is advised that he has a right to retain any real estate which has descended to him from Wm Briggs, to the amt. of any claim which he holds, touching the said appts. - That he holds a bond against his ancestor which binds the heirs for the sum One thousand & fifty dollars. - one and entered on 21st day of August 1834. Subject to a credit of One hundred on 22nd Aug^t 1834. and a further credit of \$200 - on 28th Dec. 1841 - which bond is herewith exhibited marked (8) & prayed to be taken as a part of this answer. - Yare is advised that he may retain, against other creditors - any real estate descended to the

amount are on this bond. and your respondent
having answered prayer to be hence dismissed. As
in duty bound I do. Joseph Briggs

Township County to Mr.

This day Joseph Briggs
personally appeared before me a justice of the
peace for the County aforesaid & made oath
that the facts stated in the foregoing an-
swer are true. Given under my hand this 7th
day of November 1849. James D. Bryant J.P.

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1849 Nov. 7th

Sam. Mather.
attention Son

The separate answer of Geo R Briggs in his individual right to a bill of complaint exhibited against him & others by E. Bulls in the circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the County of Southampton.

This Defendant saving &c. for answer to so much of the said bill, as he is advised it is material he should answer (having answered more fully as one of the heirs of William Briggs) says he is one of the heirs at Law of Wm Briggs & that Real estate has descended to him from his ancestor. Your Respondent further states that he holds a bond against the said Wm Briggs which on its face binds the heirs, executed in the ancestor's lifetime is not on 25th August 1837 for One thousand three hundred and forty seven dollars and 78 cents, which is herewith exhibited, marked (9) & prayed to be taken as a part of this answer.

Your Respondent is advised that he will allow to retain against other creditors of the ancestor real estate descended to the amount of his claim above set forth, & prays he may allow so to do. That so far as the balance of any real to which he may be entitled as one of the heirs of Wm Briggs is concerned - he has no objection to the sale thereof & payment to the proper creditors, of the proceeds. & having answered prays to be him dismissed - &c.

J. R. Briggs

Southampton County to Mt.

This day Geo R. Briggs
personally appeared before me a Justice of
the Peace for the County aforesaid & made oath
that the facts contained in the foregoing answer are
true. Given under my hand this 7th day of November
1849

James D. Bryant J.P.

Bulls

& } One. Infants

Briggs' care

1848. ^{June} Hay Rules

To the Hon Richard H Baker Judge of the Circuit
Superior Court of Law & Chancery for the County of
Southampton.

The joint & separate answers of Lucien & Francis
Riggs, Samuel, John & ^{and} Francis I Nicholson by
L R Edwards their Guardian ad litem to the
bill of complaints in said court exhibited by Edmund
Butts in his own right & as administrator de bonis non of the
the will annexed of Peter Booth dead et als vs themselves &
their defendants respectively annexed, answer &c &c &c -
That they are heirs at law of William Riggs dead, but
being infants of tender years they submit themselves to
the protection of this Honorable Court & pray hence to be
dismissed &c

Signed - L R Edwards for

Burns
as
Briggs aoms. }

Amr. of aoms

To The Hon. N. H. Barker Judge of the Circuit
superior Court of Law & Chancery for the County
of Southampton.

The answer of Joseph & John R Briggs and
of William Briggs and. To a Bill filed in this Court
against them and others, by Corcoran Smith.

These apts. saying &c. for answer to the said Bill
or to so much thereof as he is advised it is material
they should answer, say that it is true the grounds
on the ans. of William Briggs and. and have
fully administered all the apts. which have
come to their hands, except a sum which
they owe it necessary they should retain for
meeting the costs & expenses attorney's fees, and
other things connected. They have settled and in
past account of their administration account on
the estate of Wm Briggs their intestate before a
Court of the County Court of Southampton, now
on record of that Court, a copy of which
marked W., is herewith filed and prayed to be
taken as a part of this answer. & which act.
They are advised will be regarded by this Court
as prima facie correct.

Your Respondents know nothing of the cor-
rectness of the P. Apts. demanded. nor do they
own it material they should answer any of
the other allegations of the Bill. and having

ansomed pray to be hence assigned with thin costs.
May it please your Honor &c

J. B. Briggs
Jos. Briggs Adm^r

"Southampton County to wit
This day John B. Briggs personally appeared before
me a Justice of the Peace for the County of Southampton
and made oath that the within answer contains the
truth to the best of his knowledge and belief
Given under my hand this the 10th day of Nov^r
1848
Nathaniel ~~Briggs~~ J. P.

Bath. } Aut. of
at } Wm Briggs
Briggs.

To the Honl. Judge of The Circuit Superior Court
of Law and Chancery for the County of South
-ampton.

The return of Wm Briggs to a Bill of complaint
returned against him & others by Edward Dyer
& others creditors of Wm Briggs &c.

This deft. saying &c. for answer saith that
that he knows nothing of the Plaintiffs accounts
of of the situation of the personal assets of the
deceased estate.

That he is one of the heirs of Wm Briggs and in-
-titled to a portion of his real estate.

That the amount his ancestor is indebted to him
in the sum of \$555.87. which he has been compelled
to pay as security, on a bond binding the real assets.
as will ~~properly~~ appear by the Receipt of the
Chf of Surpr. & a copy of the bond her-
with filed marked A. & B. That he is advised
he has a right to return, out of real assets.
amount to the amount of his debt against
the ancestor.

That he knows nothing of the various
allegations of the bill. and having fully
answered says to be true as signed.

May it please the Court.

Superior Court to wit

This day Wm Briggs personally
appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace &
made oath to the truth of the above answer.
Given under my hand this 5th April 1849.

W B Freeman J.P.

Account Current of
William Briggs Est.

Attest

J. R. Chamberliss Esq.

Sussex. C. St. July 4. 1847

From the vouchers and papers rendered before me by Joseph and John R. Briggs administrators of William Briggs deceased I have studied and settled the foregoing account of their transactions as such, in obedience to an order of the County Court of Southampton made at February Term 1847. which account exhibits a balance of Two hundred and fifty five dollars and ninety cents due from the administrators to the estate of their intestate on this day, with interest thereon till paid.

Respect fully Submitted.

J. J. I. Mason Comr

At a Court held for the County of Southampton on the 20th day of September 1847.

This account of Jos & Jno. R. Briggs' administration on the estate of William Briggs dec^d was returned and ordered to lie on the table for exceptions And at a Court held for the County aforesaid on the 18. day of October 1847 the said account having been on the table and no exceptions being filed was confirmed and ordered to be recorded

Teste. J. R. Edwards esq

Attest

Teste. J. R. Edwards esq

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Briggs admr

1849 May Term

the secur may
be released, but the
city council for the
city will first see
that process has been
only served on all the
parties of which I have
some doubt

R. H. B.

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Butts

v

Briggs adm'r

Decease

May Term 1849

The defendant Charles C Briggs, who is out of the Commonwealth and against whom the plaintiff appears to have proceeded in the mode prescribed by law against absent defendants, still failing to appear and answer, on motion of the plaintiff his bill is taken for confessed as to that defendant - And the bill having been filed and the subpoena executed on the defendant Bennett S Briggs more than two months, who still fails to answer, the same is taken for confessed as to that defendant; and the cause coming on to be heard as to all the other defendants, on the bill, their answers, general replications thereto and exhibits filed was argued by counsel; on consideration whereof the Court doth order that a commission of this Court take the following accounts to wit - 1st - An account of the transactions of Joseph Briggs and J. B Briggs as admrs of William Briggs decd. in which the account returned by said admrs and filed as an exhibit with their answer is to be taken as prima facie correct; liable to be surcharged and falsified by virtue of the parties - 2^d - An account of the debts paid by the said admrs which bound the real estate of their intestate - 3^d - An account of the fee simple and annual value of the real estate whereof their intestate died seized or possessed or is otherwise entitled to - 4th - an account of the plaintiffs demands and all other outstanding claims against the estate of the said William Briggs and their dignity; which said several accounts said Comrs will state settle and report to Court with any matters specially stated, or which may be required to be so stated by virtue of the parties

Blackburn's (London) Letter, 1849

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Aug-21-1849

Southampton County Superior Court. May 3^d 1849.

Edwards Butts in his own right and as administrator de bonis non with the will annexed of Peter Booth dec^d.

Plff.

against

Bennett Briggs in his own right and as committee of Martha Briggs widow & next of kin of William Briggs & dec^d. William Briggs. Charles A Briggs. Joseph Briggs. John R Briggs. Lucian Briggs. Francis Briggs and Joseph and John R Briggs admors of William Briggs & dec^d & Samuel. John and Francis Nicholson, the said Lucian & Francis & Samuel. John & Francis S. Nicholson by J R Edwards their guardian ad litem.

Defls.

The Defendant Charles A Briggs who is out of this County and against whom the plaintiff appears to have proceeded in the mode prescribed by law against absent defendants still failing to appear and answer, on the motion of the plaintiff his bill is taken for confessed as to that Defendant, and the bill having been filed and the subpoena executed on the defendant Bennett Briggs more than two months who still fails to answer the same is taken for confessed as that defendant and the cause coming on to be heard as to all the other defendants, on the bill, their answers, general replications thereto and exhibits filed, was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof the Court doth order that a Commissioner of this Court take the following accounts to wit
1st An account of the transactions of Joseph Briggs and John R Briggs as administrators of William Briggs dec^d in which the account returned by the administrators and filed as an exhibit with their answer is to be taken as prima facie correct liable to be discharged and falsified by either of the parties - 2^d An account of the debts paid by the administrators which bound the ~~their~~ real estate of their intestate - 3^d An account of the fee simple and annual value of the real estate whereof their intestate died seized or possessed or is otherwise entitled to - 4th An account of the plaintiffs demand and all other outstanding claims against the estate of the said William Briggs and their dignity. Which said account said Commissioner will state, settle and report to the Court with any matters specially stated deemed pertinent by himself or which may be required to be so stated by either of the parties.

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To be entered

R H Baker

Nov. 10. 49

1824 November Term

Butts

Nov. Term 1849

Briggs & Co.

Deceit

This day this cause came on again to be heard on the papers formerly read, the answers of John M Briggs and Joseph Briggs replications thereto, and the report of Court. Gordon made pursuant to the order of May term 1849 to which no exception is filed, and was argued by Counsel on consideration whereof the Court confirming said report and being of opinion that the real Estate of which William Briggs ^{deceased} will have to be sold, doth adjudge order and decree that John M Briggs and Joseph Briggs who are hereby appointed commissioners of court for that purpose, do proceed, after having given at least thirty days previous notice, at the Court House of Lunenburg County, and publishing the same in one of the news papers in the town of Petersburg to sell at public auction to the highest-bidder the real estate of which William Briggs died seized, and after receiving so much in cash as will defray the expenses of sale and the costs of this suit, take from the purchasers two bonds with good security payable in two equal annual ^{for the balance} installments, and report their proceedings to court. ^{with paid bonds} The Court doth further order that Court. Gordon take an account of the debts of Joseph Briggs and John M Briggs against the estate of the said William Briggs, together with all other outstanding debts

against the estate of said Briggs which may be proved before him
But said Commissioners are not to act under this decree until
they have executed in the Clerk's office bond with good se-
curity in the penalty of \$⁴⁰⁰⁰~~5000~~ - conditioned as the law directs.

Butts

& } C. deved

Briggs' adm. &c

19th March-1852

Southampton Circuit Superior Court. November the 10th 1829.

Edwards Butts in his own right and as administrator de bonis non with the will annexed of Peter Booth dec^d.
Plff.

against

Benjamin S Briggs in his own right and as Committee of Martha Briggs
widow and rel^t of William Briggs dec^d and others.
Defts

In Chancery

This day this cause came on again to be heard on the papers formerly read, the answers of John R Briggs and Joseph Briggs, replications thereto and the report of Commissioner Goodwyn made pursuant to the order of May term 1829 to which no exception is filed, and was argued by Counsel. In consideration whereof, the Court confirming said report and being of opinion that the real estate of which William Briggs died seized will have to be sold, doth adjudge, order and decree, that John R Briggs and Joseph Briggs, who are hereby appointed Commissioners of Court for that purpose, do proceed, after having given at least thirty days previous notice of the time and place of sale at the Court house of Southampton County and publishing the same in one of the newspapers in the Town of Petersburg to sell at public auction to the highest bidder the real estate of which William Briggs died seized. And after receiving so much in cash as will defray the expenses of sale and the costs of this suit take from the purchasers two bonds with good security payable in two equal annual installments for the balance, and report their proceedings to Court with said bonds. The Court doth further order that Commissioner Goodwyn take an account of the debts of Joseph Briggs and John R Briggs against the estate of the said William Briggs together with all other outstanding debts against the estate of the said Briggs which may be proved before him. But said Commissioners are not to act under this decree until they have executed in the Clerks Office bond with good security in the penalty of four thousand dollars, conditioned as the law directs.

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Teste.

L R Edwards Clk

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Briggs & c

Enter this decree
R. H. B.
May Co. 51.

1851 May Term

Brett & c

May term 1851

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Briggs admr. } This day this cause came on again to be heard on  
the papers formerly read, ~~and~~ the reports of Commr. Goodwyn made  
pursuant to the orders of May and November terms 1849 and exceptions  
to the report made under the order of May term, together with the report  
of Joseph Briggs and John P. Briggs special Commr. made under the  
order of Nov. Term 1849, was argued by counsel on consideration where  
of the Court overruling said exceptions, <sup>by consent of parties</sup> and confirming said reports  
with order that Joseph and John P. Briggs admrs. of William Briggs  
do and send before a Commr. of this Court a full and correct account of their  
transactions as admrs. aforesaid; and that said Commr. also take an account  
of all the <sup>subsidiary</sup> debts of William Briggs deceased, due by specially, in which  
the said Commr. made before the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 1842 -  
which said account said Commr. is directed to exhibit, state and report  
to Court with any matters specially stated deemed pertinent by  
himself or which may be required to be so stated by either of  
the parties

Baths

n } Co. Decree

Briggs ad. 8p

Aug: 19<sup>th</sup> 1851

Southampton Circuit Court. May the 3<sup>d</sup> 1851 -

Edwards Bills in his own right and as administrator de bonis non with the will annexed of  
Peter Booth dec<sup>d</sup>

against

Plff

} In Chancery

Bennett S. Briggs in his own right and as committee of Martha Briggs widow & relict of  
William Briggs &c. dec<sup>d</sup>. William Briggs, Charles A. Briggs, Joseph Briggs, John R. Briggs,  
Lucian Briggs, Francis Briggs, and Joseph & John R. Briggs admors. of William Briggs &  
dec<sup>d</sup>. & Samuel & Francis Nicholson, the said Lucian & Francis Briggs & Samuel, John &  
Francis S. Nicholson by L.R. Edwards their guardian ad litem Defs.

This day this cause came on again to be heard on the papers formerly read, the reports  
of Commissioner Goodwyn made pursuant to the orders of May and November Terms 1849  
and exceptions to the report of Joseph & John R. Briggs Special Commissioners made under the  
order of November Term 1849, was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof the Court  
overruling said exceptions by consent of parties and confirming said report, doth order that  
Joseph & John R. Briggs administrators of William Briggs dec<sup>d</sup> render before a Commis-  
sioner of this Court a further account of their transactions as administrators aforesaid, and  
that said Commissioner also take an account of all the outstanding debts of William Briggs  
&c. dec<sup>d</sup> due by specialty, in which the heirs are bound, made before the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March  
1849. Which said accounts said Commissioner is directed to make & state and report to  
Court with any matters specially stated deemed pertinent by himself or which may be  
required to be so stated by either of the parties.

A. C. Spry

Teste. L.R. Edwards Ck

Butts  
"      ~~Sum~~ Decm  
Prigg adm:      }

Nov: Term 1857

To be entered

R. H. Baker  
Nov. 25. 51.

1851 November Term

Butts vs Briggs admr.

This cause came ~~the~~ day to be again heard on the papers formerly read: on the report of Comr Goodwyn, made in pursuance of the order of this Court, pronounced at May term 1857 on statement marked (Q), and was argued by Counsel - On consideration whereof the Court confirming said report to which there is no exception, doth order and decree, that Joseph & John R Briggs, admrs of William Briggs deceased, out of the balance in their hands due to their intestate, pay to William Briggs jr admr de bonis non of John H Washington decd. the sum of \$300 in part satisfaction of the balance due on said William Briggs' account as admr of said John H Washington, and that they retain the balance due on their administration account of Mr Briggs' Estate to be disposed of in due course of administration under the order of this Court; and the Court doth further adjudge order & decree that Joseph & John R Briggs receive from the clerk of this Court the bonds of Bennett J Briggs filed in this Cause, executed for the purchase of Mr Briggs' real estate sold under a decree of this Court, and out of the fund or pay to Geo R Briggs the sum of \$897- and to Joseph Briggs the sum of \$621.67 in part satisfaction of their respective claims against William Briggs deceased, and the cause is continued for final decree hereafter to be made.

Banks

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accn.

Briggs &c

Nov. - Caunt 1855.

To be entered

R. H. Baker

Bills

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Briggs & -

This day this cause came on to be finally heard on the papers formerly read - on the report of Comr. Leath. Marked (K) and was argued by Counsel - On consideration whereof, the Court confirming said report, is which no exception has been taken <sup>with the consent of the parties</sup> with agreed order and decree that the same be final and conclusive - and that Joseph & John R. Briggs, pay the additional costs of this cause now remaining unsatisfied - -

C. S. C.

W. H. C.

to } Spanish

W. H. C. adm.

1847 August Rules

Not found

J. M. S. S. S. S. S.

J. Barnes S. S. S.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Southampton County, Greeting:

We command you that you summon *Bennett Briggs Committee of*  
*Martha Briggs a lunatic, William, Charles N. Joseph,*  
*John R. Lutton, Bennett & Frances Briggs, and John R.*  
*Briggs and Joseph Briggs administrators of William*  
*Briggs dec<sup>d</sup>*

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to appear at the Clerk's Office of our Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the  
County of Southampton, at the Rules to be holden for the said Court on the first Monday in  
*August* next, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against *them* in  
the said Court by *Edwards Butts in his own right and as*  
*administrator de bonis non of Peter Booth dec<sup>d</sup>*

And unless *they* shall answer the said Bill within <sup>*two*</sup> ~~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 *15<sup>th</sup>* day of  
*July* 184*7*, in the *72<sup>d</sup>* year of the Commonwealth.

*L R Edwards Clk*

[One Copy to be delivered each Defendant.]

C. S. 16

Bulls

to } Spa. Chy

Briggs are 80

1847 September Rules

Executed on Daniel S. Briggs  
and Lucian Briggs -

Francis Briggs not found -

The other parties to Inhabitant  
William A. Bell Deputy of  
Jacob Darnus Sheriff

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Southampton County, Greeting:

We command you that you summon *Bennett Briggs in his own right and as committee of Martha Briggs widow and relict of William Briggs Sr. dec. William Briggs Charles N Briggs, Joseph Briggs, John R Briggs, Lucian Briggs, Francis Briggs & Joseph Briggs & John R Briggs administrators of William Briggs Sr. deceased* — — —

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

the said Court by *Edwards Bulls in his own right & as administrator de bonis non with the will annexed of Peter Booth dec.*

And unless *they* shall answer the said Bill within <sup>*two*</sup> ~~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 *2<sup>d</sup>* day of

*August* 1847, in the *7<sup>2<sup>d</sup></sup>* year of the Commonwealth.

*L R Edwards*

[One Copy to be delivered each Defendant.]

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of <sup>Superior</sup> ~~Southampton~~ County, Greeting:

We command you that you summon

*William Briggs Joseph Briggs  
John R Briggs & Joseph Briggs & John R Briggs  
administrators of William Briggs sr. dec<sup>d</sup>*

to appear at the Clerk's Office of our Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the

County of Southampton, at the Rules to be holden for the said Court on the first Monday in

*October*

next, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against <sup>and others</sup> ~~them~~ in

the said Court by

*Edwardo Booth in his own right and as  
a administrator de bonis non with the well renowned  
of Peter Booth dec<sup>d</sup>*

And unless *they* shall answer the said Bill within <sup>two</sup> ~~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 *6<sup>th</sup>* day of

*September*

1847,

in the *72<sup>d</sup>*

year of the Commonwealth.

*L R Edwards &c*

[One Copy to be delivered each Defendant.]

For late to hand to execute

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1847 October Rules

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1828 October Rules

7. Oct. 1848. A copy of  
This delivered to Joseph  
Briggs. J. Harrison S.S.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of <sup>Superior</sup> ~~Southampton~~ County, Greeting:

We command you that you summon *William Briggs, Joseph Briggs*  
*and Joseph Briggs & John A Briggs administrators of*  
*William Briggs & dec<sup>d</sup>*

to appear at the Clerk's Office of our Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the  
County of Southampton, at the Rules to be holden for the said Court on the first Monday in  
*October* — next, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against <sup>and others</sup> *them* in  
the said Court by *Edwards Butts in his own right & as adminis-*  
*trator de bonis non with the will annexed of Peter Booth*  
*dec<sup>d</sup>*

And unless *they* shall answer the said Bill within <sup>two</sup> ~~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 *4<sup>th</sup>* day of  
*September* 1848, in the *72<sup>d</sup>* year of the Commonwealth.

*R. Edwards*

[One Copy to be delivered each Defendant.]

Butts

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Briggs adm Yp

1848 October Rules

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W. N. West Ls

L. S. Chm

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of <sup>Curry</sup> ~~Southampton~~ County, Greeting:

We command you that you summon

*John R Briggs & Joseph Briggs  
& John R Briggs administrators of William Briggs Sr.  
dec<sup>d</sup>*

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

*October*

next, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against <sup>and others</sup> ~~them~~ in

the said Court by *Edwards Butts in his own right and as admin-  
istrator de bonis non with the Will annexed of Peter Booth  
dec<sup>d</sup>*

And unless *they* shall answer the said Bill within <sup>two</sup> ~~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 *4<sup>th</sup>* day of *September* 1848, in the *72<sup>d</sup>* year of the Commonwealth.

*L R Edwards Clk*

[One Copy to be delivered each Defendant.]

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

*Subscribed*  
To the Sheriff of Southampton County, Greeting:

We command you that you summon

*William Briggs*

*[Signature]*

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 *him & others* in

the said Court by *Edwards Bulls in his own right & as administrator de bonis non with the will annexed of Peter Bulls dec.*

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 *4<sup>th</sup>* day of *December* 184*8*, in the *73<sup>d</sup>* year of the Commonwealth.

*L. R. Edwards*

[One Copy to be delivered each Defendant.]

Expenditures

J. H. Parker

Deputy of Jno. V. Parkman M.H.

Bills

to } Sp. Chr.

Briggs adv. 2/2

1849 January Bills

Edward Beatts in his own right and as adm. de l'avis now with  
the will annexed of Peter Bronte, Bennett & Briggs in his own  
right and as Committee of Mortua Briggs.

You are hereby notified, that pursuant to the order  
of the Circ. Supr. Court for the County of Southampton on the 10<sup>th</sup>  
Nov: 1849, the undersigned Commr. will proceed to take the accounts  
then in regard at his office in Jerusalem on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of  
March next; at which time and place the parties are requested  
to appear with the necessary papers and evidence.

W. L. Goddard Comr.

Feb: 10<sup>th</sup> 1850

We acknowledge Legal services of the within notice

E Butts

Bennet L. Briggs

Executed —

James A. Gillette Esq of  
Jefferson County Ark

Butts  
i } sworn: et al in  
Briggs and son.

19 March 1830

Capt. E. Butts

Mr. Lang

Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 1847

Dear Sir

Agreeably to your request I  
herewith send you the names of the Chil-  
-dren of Dr. J. E. Nicholson by his first  
wife. There are Three, Samuel, John,  
and Francis S, They are not yet grown  
any of them and of course not married

Your friend

Mrs J. E. Nicholson

Edwards Beattie in his own right and as adm: de bonis non  
with the will annexed of Peter Booth dead; Bennett S Briggs  
in his own right and as committee of Martha Briggs, widow  
and relict of William Briggs dead; William Briggs, Charles  
A. Briggs, Joseph Briggs, John R Briggs, Lucius Briggs  
Francis Briggs, Joseph and John R Briggs admors of William  
Briggs dead; and Samuel, John and Francis Nicholson,  
the said Lucius & Francis and Samuel, John & Francis  
Nicholson by L. R. Edwards their guardian ad litem

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 under-  
signed Commr: will proceed to take the several accounts  
therein required, at his office in Jerusalem on the 21<sup>st</sup>  
day of August next at 9 o'clock at which time and place  
the parties are requested to appear with the necessary papers  
and evidence

W. S. Goodwyn Commr:

July 26<sup>th</sup> 1849

I acknowledge service of this notice

July 16<sup>th</sup> 1849 - E. Butts

J. R. Edwards junr.

B. G. Briggs

J. R. Briggs

J. R. Briggs

Butts

Com: Notice

Briggs Adm: &c

Aug - 21<sup>st</sup> 1849

Executed on E Butts

J. R. Edwards B. G. Briggs

J. R. Briggs J. R. Briggs

Calvert D. Jones deputy  
of Jephtha Davidson shiff

Butts

W. J. O. Pub  
Begg's admsr

Copy posted at front door of  
the House Aug 2. 1844

The Editor of the *Intelligencer*

Petersburg

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Virginia. At Rules held in the Clerks Office of the Circuit  
Superior Court of Law and Chancery for Southampton County  
on the 2<sup>d</sup> day of August 1847-

Edwards Wills in his own right and as administrator de bonis non  
with the will annexed of Peter Booth dec<sup>d</sup>. Plff.  
against

Bennet S Briggs in his own right and as executor  
of Martha Briggs widow and relict of William Briggs dec<sup>d</sup>.  
de<sup>d</sup>. William Briggs. Charles A. Briggs and others etc

In Chancery

The defendant Charles A Briggs not having entered his appearance  
and given security according to the Act of Assembly and the rules of  
this Court and it appearing by satisfactory evidence that he is not  
an inhabitant of this country it is ordered that the said defendant  
do appear here on the first day of the next Term and answer the  
bill of the plaintiff and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted  
in some newspaper published in the Town of Petersburg for two  
months successively and posted at the front door of the Court house  
of this county.

A Copy  
Teste. J. R. Edwards c.

Bulls

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Briggs and Y

VIRGINIA—IN CHANCERY.—At rules held in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery, for Southampton county, on the 2d day of August, 1847:

Edward Butts, in his own right, and administrator de bonis non, with the will annexed of Peter Booth, dec'd,  
against

Plff.

Bennett Briggs, in his own right, and as Committee of Martha Briggs, widow and relict of Wm. Briggs, Sr. deceased, Wm. Briggs, Chas. N. Briggs and others,

Dfts.

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

A copy—Teste,

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L. R. EDWARDS, C,

## TOWN OF PETERSBURG, TO-WIT:

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

W. E. Ainton Alder

Printers fee \$5.50  
100.

Lentant to Byrne, Donnan,  
Petersburg

**VIRGINIA—IN CHANCERY.**—At rules held in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery, for Southampton county, on the 2d day of August, 1847:

Edward Butts, in his own right, and administrator de bonis non, with the will annexed of Peter Booth, dec'd,  
against

Bennett Briggs, in his own right, and as Committee of Martha Briggs, widow and relict of Wm. Briggs, Sr. deceased, Wm. Briggs, Chas. N Briggs and others,

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

A copy—Teste,

L. R. EDWARDS, C,

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## TOWN OF PETERSBURG, TO-WIT:

Personally appeared before me, an Alderman of said Town, John D. Harwood Clerk of the Intelligencer Office, and made oath that the annexed Order of Publication has been published weekly for *Eight weeks* successively. Given under my hand, this *25<sup>th</sup>* day of October 1848.

*Chas. Costine* Recorder

*Printed for \$5.50*

Butts

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Brigade

1849 Sep. 17

The Estate of William Briggs decd.

In account with Joseph and John R Briggs, administrators

| 1846    |                                                            | Dr.     | Cr.     | Net |
|---------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|-----|
|         | Grant paid William B Millons debt at sale                  | 2 00    |         |     |
|         | " " " J. C. Jones cargo                                    | 12 00   |         |     |
|         | " " " Funeral expenses                                     | 25 00   |         |     |
|         | " " " Sundries for family                                  | 31 35   |         |     |
|         | " " " B. S. Briggs, keeping negro                          | 314 00  |         |     |
|         | " " " Shff, taxes and tickets                              | 24 50   |         |     |
|         | " " " M. R. Drinkard                                       | 3 75    |         |     |
|         | " " " J. M. Syme                                           | 3 37    |         |     |
|         | " " " Shff. of Lorry tax on land                           | 1 12    |         |     |
|         | By cash found in houses                                    |         | 192 00  |     |
|         | " " for coal                                               |         | 10 80   |     |
|         | " " of P. J. Holmes                                        |         | 2 50    |     |
| Decr: 1 | " amt sales due this day                                   |         | 7728 52 |     |
|         | To Commissions on \$7933.82                                | 396 69  |         |     |
| 21      | By bal. due Estate                                         | 7120 04 |         |     |
| 1847    |                                                            | 7933 82 | 7933 82 |     |
|         | By bal. due Estate brot down                               |         | 7120 04 |     |
| July    | " amt M. D. Hood brot & Paid                               |         | 556 66  |     |
|         | Grant paid M. J. Sebell                                    | 1 00    |         |     |
| June 4  | " " " Shff. of Super Taxes 1845 & 6                        | 32      |         |     |
| "       | " " " M. Briggs Comtee: of Peggy Washington                | 2618 29 |         |     |
| "       | " " " Same, & M. C. Lewis more for John Washington in port | 4473 36 |         |     |
|         | " Commissions on \$556.66.                                 | 27 83   |         |     |
|         | By bal. due Estate                                         | 555 90  |         |     |
|         |                                                            | 7676 70 | 7676 70 |     |
|         | Bal. due Estate brot down                                  |         | 555 90  |     |

with Net Monies till paid

The Commr. is directed to state specially that the above balances due the Estate, the admin: return in this bond to pay the expenses of this suit.

The Commr. is also directed to state specially that William Briggs decd. in his lifetime purchased the interests of several persons, who are

entitled to a considerable sum of money at the estate of Peggy Washington, which is not included in the above account

All of which is respectfully submitted

N. S. Goodwyns Comr

Account of debts paid by the admn. which bound the real Estate

All the debts paid by the admn. and particularly stated in the above account, amounting to the sum of \$7934.38, these debts being binding the real Estate or expenses incurred in the course of administration. The Comr. therefore deems it necessary to make a more particular statement of them

Account of outstanding debts against the Estate of M. Briggs & their dignity

Debt due Edwards Butts adm. de bonis non Peter Butts decd. \$ 1298 61

Int on \$1291.43 from Janury 1-1842

Debt binds the real Estate

Debt due Edwards Butts \$ 234 26

Int on \$200 from July 17<sup>th</sup> 1843 - on \$19.30 from Octo: 17<sup>th</sup> 1844

Debt binds the heirs

Debt due Francis D Briggs \$ 293 17

Int on \$287.00 part thereof from Feby-20<sup>th</sup> 1843

(Mm Briggs)

Debt binds the heirs

Debt due John S Dobie adm. Mary C Heaster \$ 332 79

Int on \$526.62 from March 1<sup>st</sup> 1844

Debt binds the heirs

Debt due Williams Bowers \$ 29 87

Int on \$23.12 from Octo: 30<sup>th</sup> 1840

Debt binds the heirs

Account of the fee simple and annual value of the real Estate of Mm. Briggs

Real Estate in the County of Southampton consists of 775 1/2 acres of land - fee simple value \$3 p. acre - \$2326.50 - Annual val. - \$75.00

a small portion of the tract of land just mentioned lies in the County of Sussex, but the Comr. has not been able to ascertain the exact number of acres - All of which is respectfully submitted

N. S. Goodwyns Comr

Commissioners office - Aug. 21. 1849

Pursuant to the order of the Circ. Sup: Court of Southampton County at its May Term 1849, the Comr. has been to report the above accounts - In stating the adm. account no notice was taken of any interest in the estate of Peggy Washington owned by Williams Briggs decd. the Comr. not being informed of any thing definite in relation to it -

N. S. Goodwyns Comr

Comr. fee - \$15.00

Sheriffs do - 2.50

Chd to Creditors in suit.

Comr.

Comr. office - Aug. 21. 1849

Edwards Butts, one of the plaintiffs in the suit approved before the Comr. by Council, and except to the adm. account of Joseph and John B Briggs on the Estate of Williams Briggs decd, on the following grounds to wit. That the said admn. have failed to account for the interest in the property held for the benefit of Peggy Washington during her life, which was purchased by the said Mm. Briggs in his lifetime

N. S. Goodwyns Comr

Since the above was made up, another claim against the Estate has been presented to the Comr. to wit

Debt due Francis C Pines

\$ 232 18

Int on \$225.00 from Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 1840

Debt binds the heirs

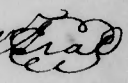
N. S. Goodwyns Comr

Wm Briggs & Co

To 3 Notes

\$63.<sup>38</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

On demand I promise & bind myself, my heirs & assigns  
to pay to Richmond F. Dillard or bearer the sum of sixty  
three dollars & 38<sup>cts</sup> for value received: Witness my hand &  
seal this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 1842.

William Briggs 

copy of Mr  
Briggs Bonds

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a True copy of William Briggs Bonds
one Bond for \$606.10³/₄^{ts} and due the
21st March 1842

C^{ts} on Same \$200 paid Jan^y 20th - 1843

C^{ts} on Same \$200 paid March 18th 1844

C^{ts} on Same \$100 paid April 21st - 1845

also one other Bond for Sum of \$35
and due 15th July 1844 - " - "

Richard Harder
" "

Received of S R Edwards Clerk of the Circuit Superior
Court for the County of Southampton 2 Bonds filed the office
of said County in a suit pending there in, in which E Potts
and others are Plff & Bennett J. Briggs & others are defts. The
said bonds were given by Bennett J. Briggs for the purchase
of the real Estate of Wm Briggs dead. Bonds each for
Seven hundred & forty two dollars & sixty three cents, One due 21st
day of Jan^y 1857. and the other due 21st day of Jan^y 1852
Decr 3rd 1857

Ino R. Briggs
Joseph Briggs

Briggs } Bond
to }
owner }

Wm Briggs (Inst)
note
to owner
\$ 35-41

Filed by J Brown May 21 1849

Briggs on

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Wm

One day after date of William Briggs Sr.
I promise and bind my self my heirs
~~\$44.71~~ ~~71~~ ~~Exors~~ or assigns to pay or
cause to be paid unto John Owen or order
the just and full sum Thirty five
71/100 Dollars. for Value Recd as witness
my hand and seal. this 1st day of
January 1844

Witness
R. C. Wells

William Briggs and Seal

Bulls &c

2 } Corr. report-

Prize adm. &c

1852

1850 March 30 R.S.^d

Bull & Co

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Briggs, admr

Commissioners office - March 19th 1850

Pursuant to the decree of the 10th Nov: 1849, the Comm: has done to report the following claims substantiated against the estate of William Briggs sr: in addition to those heretofore reported - to wit:

Note under seal, due Joseph Briggs - Put on ff 930. from Decr: 28 th 1841 -	\$1169.22
" " " John B Briggs - Put from Aug: 26 th 1837 -	" 1347.78
" " " R. H. Dillard - Put from Decr: 2 ^d 1842 -	" 63.38
" " " Richard Darden - Put from July 15 th 1844 -	" 35.00
" " " Same - Put from April 21 st 1845 -	" 180.96
Debt due - Wm. Briggs admr. - Put from June 3 ^d 1847 -	" 1271.78

Note - The last named debt is due William Briggs jr: admr: de bonis non of John Washington from William Briggs sr: on his admr: account; it being the bal: due -

The Comm: states specially that the debt reported in the former report of the Comm: due John S Dobie, should have been reported due William Briggs,

Respectfully submitted

M. S. Goodwyn Comm:

Comm: fee ff 7.50

Off. " 1.00

Chd to creditors

Comm:

J. J. R. Briggs,
Report to Court

1850 May 8.

In obedience to a decree of the Circuit Superior Court
for the County of Southampton pronounced on the 8th
day of November one thousand eight hundred and
forty nine, to us directed we the undersigned, after
giving due notice of the time and place of sale, pro-
ceeded on the 21st day of January 1850, to sell to the
highest bidder, at Southampton Court house all the
land of which W^m Briggs held seized and;
Benjamin S. Briggs - become the purchaser for
the sum of. Sixteen hundred and

dollars. After deducting one hundred and nine
dollars & sixty one cents for expenses, we have taken two Bonds
for the sum of Seven hundred and forty five
1900 - dollars each, one made payable on the
21st day of January one thousand eight hundred and
fifty one, and the other payable on the 21st day
of January one thousand eight hundred and fifty two
Which bonds are herewith returned to the Court as
the decree directs.

All of which is respectfully submitted to the
Court

Joseph Briggs
J. R. Briggs

S. Southampton Court house January 21st 1850

Bentley & Co

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Briggood

Cover: Report-

1851

1851 Sept. 16th

The Estate of William Briggs decd.

In account with Joseph and John B Briggs admsn:

1847		Dr.	Cr.	Pat-
June 4	By bal: due from last report		555 90	
	To amt paid Taxes etc etc in Super-	10 62		
	" " " " " " Southampton	7 90		
Decr: 31	By Put on above bal: to date			19 45-
	" bal: due Estate	537 38		
1848		555 90	555 90	
	By bal: due Estate brot down		537 38	
	To amt paid Taxes in Super & Southampton		1 18	
Decr: 31	By Put on bal: of 1847			32 24
	" bal: due the Estate		536 20	
1849	To amt paid Tax: &c: in Super	16		
July 15 th	" " " Chambliss & Mendenburg	100 00		
	By Put on of 436.20			26 17
Decr: 31	" bal: due Estate	436 04		
1850		536 20	536 20	
	By bal: due Estate brot down		436 04	
	" Put thereon to August 1 st 1851			41 42
	To amt paid Chambliss & Mendenburg, fee	50 00		
	" " M. S. Goodwyn's Comm: fees	28 00		
1851	By bal: due Estate	338 04		
		436 04	436 04	
Aug: 1	By bal: due Estate brot down		338 04	
	" Put &c: brot down		119 28	
	By bal: due Estate		457 32	
" "	with Put on of 338.04 put thereon from this day			

The Comm: states specially, at the request of the admin: that there are still pending, one or two Chron: suits in which the estate is involved, and that it is necessary for them to retain out of the above bal, a sufficient amt: to meet the expenses of the same about one or two hundred dollars.

Respectfully submitted
M. S. Goodwyn
Comr.

The only debts of William Briggs, due by specialty in which the heirs are bound, executed previous to the 19th day of March in the year 1842, which the Comr. has been able to ascertain, after due and proper notice, and personal examination in the Clerk's office, are the two following, to wit:

Bond due Joseph Briggs - dated Aug: 21. 1834 - due on demand - \$1030-00

" John B. Briggs " " 25th - 1837 " on day of the date - 1347-78

The Comr. states specially that William Briggs was the adminr. of John Washington, and that there is a balance against him due on the admin account of \$1271.78 - with Int from the 3^d June 1847 - which debt has been previously reported by the Comr. - William Briggs jr. is now the adminr. de bonis non of John Washington

Respectfully submitted

M. J. Gordon Comr

Rec'd &c

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Briggs adminr.

Commissioner's office - Sept 19th - 1851

The undersigned Comr. reports the above accounts, pursuant to the decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Loudon, at May term 1851

M. J. Gordon

Comr

Comr. fee. \$20-00

cts to adminr.

Comr. J

Statement

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Wm Briggs & Bond To Geo R Briggs
am 20th August 1837.
Put to 10th Nov. 1837

\$1347.78
1148.98
\$ 2496.76

Bond Jos. Briggs

am 21st August 1834. \$1050

Then paid

100
\$ 950

Put to Dec 28/1831.

418.
\$ 1368

Then paid

200
\$ 1168

Put on 950 to Nov 10/1837.

562.88
\$ 1730.88

1730.88
\$ 4227.64

amt of Land fund \$1518.67

J R Briggs is entered to
Jos. Briggs "

\$897.00
621.67
\$1518.67

Butts
vs 3 Compromise Report.
Briggs &c

f. N. f.

The Estate of William Biggs dec^d.

In account with Joseph and John R. Biggs Adms.

			Dr.	Cr.	Interest
1851					
August	1	By Balance due per last Report,		338 04	119.28
1852		To paid Clerk's fees	1 42		
March	1	By Interest on \$338.04 to this day,			11.83
"	"	To paid William Biggs admr. dec ^d bonis non of J. H. Washington dec ^d .	3 00 00		
"	"	By Balance due the estate,	36 62		
			338 04	338 04	131.11
1852		By Balance due brought down		36 62	131.11
Decr	31	" Interest thereon to this day,			1.63
"	"	To paid Clerk of Southampton	7 23		
"	"	" " " of Sussex	50		
"	"	" " Sheriff of Southampton	6 50		
"	"	" " " of Isle of Wight	1 00		
"	"	By Balance due the Estate	21 39		
			36 62	36 62	132.74
1854		By Balance due brought down		21 39	132.74
Decr	31	" Interest thereon to this day			2.58
"	"	" amt of decree against William Biggs admr. dec ^d bonis non of John H. Washington dec ^d .		1187 19	
"	"	To paid Tax account	1 72		
"	"	" " Chamberlains & Mapeburg,	100 00		
"	"	By Interest account brought down		135 30	
"	"	To amount retained for additional expenses -	20 00		
"	"	By Balance due	1222 16		
			1343 88	1343 88	
"	"	By Balance carried forward		1222 16	

1854		By Balance brought forward.			1222	16
Decr	31	" amount retained by John R. Buggs as his proportion of debt due against the estate of his intestate.	721	72		
"	"	By amount retained by Joseph Buggs as his proportion of debt due against the estate of his intestate.	500	44		
			1222	16	1222	16

Respectfully Submitted
Wm. W. Cobb Comr

Butler
vs
Buggs &

Commissioner's office,
Jerusalem, Sept. 4th, 1855-

The commissioner reports to the court, that, at the request, of Joseph and John R. Buggs, admors. of William Buggs dec'd, he has made up the foregoing account of their transactions as admors. of William Buggs dec'd. He reports that the debt due by bond to John R. Buggs from his intestate, amounted on the 31st day of Decr 1854 to \$1901.01, and the debt due by bond to Joseph Buggs, from his intestate, amounted on the same day to \$1318.16. That these debts were of equal dignity with all other debts outstanding against the estate of their intestate, and the commissioner has therefore apportioned the balance due from them, according to their respective debts, and retained them, in the foregoing account.

Respectfully Submitted
Wm. W. Cobb Comr

Watts

v. } Remo^d bond

Briggs &

Know all men by these presents that we John R Briggs & Joseph Briggs
and Bennett & Briggs & Susan Briggs
are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia in the
just and full sum of four thousand dollars to the payment whereof well &
truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators jointly
and severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals & dated this 20th
day of January 1850

The Condition of the above obligation is such that
whereas by a decree of the Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery for the
County of Southampton pronounced on the 8th day of November 1849 in a
suit in Chancery therein depending between Edwards Watts in his own
right and as administrator de bonis non with the will annexed of Peter Booth
dec^d against Bennett & Briggs in his own right and as Committee of Martha
Briggs widow & child of William Briggs dec^d & others Defendants the above bound
John R. Briggs & Joseph Briggs were appointed Commissioners for the purposes
set forth in the said decree. Now if the said John R. Briggs & Joseph
Briggs shall faithfully discharge their duties as such Commissioners under
the decree aforesaid then the above obligation to be void or else to remain in
full force and virtue.

Witness

Joseph Briggs (Seal)
J. R. Briggs (Seal)
Bennet & Briggs (Seal)
Edward & Briggs (Seal)

In the Clerks Office of Southampton Circuit Superior Court of Law &
Chancery the 21 day of January 1850

This day Bennett L Briggs & Edward Leeman Briggs
Security to the within bond maketh oath & saith that their estates after
the payment of all their just debts are worth four thousand dollars
the penalty of the said bond. — ~~Given under~~

Subscribed & sworn to
before me the day & year
aforesaid

Bennet L Briggs
Edward L Briggs

LR Edwards cl

Bulls

& } Exhibit with Bill

Briggs' adv. 80

Outstanding debts

200

Southampton County Court. October 20th 1845.

On the motion of Joseph Briggs and John R Briggs who made oath and together with William Briggs Edwin White & Joseph Britton his securities entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of twenty thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs Certificate is granted them for obtaining letters of administration on the estate of William Briggs dec^d in due form.

Attest J R Edwards Clk

On demand we William Briggs Senr & W H Nicholson do promise to pay or cause to be paid unto Edwards Butts his heirs or assigns the just and full sum of Two Hundred dollars for value received given under our hands & seals this 17th day of July eighteen hundred & forty three.

William Briggs Senr. (Seal)
W H Nicholson (Seal)

Southampton County Superior Court of Law and Chancery
November the 13th 1846.

Edwards Butts

against

John R Briggs & Joseph Briggs administrators William
Briggs dec^d Defs

In Debt.

The judgment returned at the Rules not having been set aside and the plaintiff now being entitled to a final judgment, it is therefore considered that the plaintiff recover against the defendants two hundred dollars with interest thereon from the 17th day of July 1843 till paid the debt and interest on the declaration mentioned and his costs by him about his suit in this behalf expended. To be levied of the goods and chattels of the defendant in the hands of the defendants to be administered; and the said defendants in Mercy &c.

Plaintiffs Costs \$7.18.

The Commonwealth of Virginia. To the Sheriff of Southampton County. Greeting. We command you that of the goods and chattels which were of William Briggs Sr. dec^d at the time of his death in the hands of John R Briggs and Joseph Briggs to be administered here in your bailwick you cause to be made the sum of two hundred dollars with legal interest thereon from the 10th day of July 1843 till paid which Edwards Butts lately in our Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for Southampton County hath recovered against the said John R Briggs & Joseph Briggs admors as aforesaid for debt. also seven dollars and eighteen cents which to the said Butts in the same Court were adjudged for his costs by him about his suit in that behalf expended whereof the said admors are convict as appears to us of record. And how you shall have executed this writ make known at the Clerk's Office of our Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery at the Rules to be holden for the Court on the first Monday in February next. And have then there this writ. Witness Littleton R Edwards Clerk of our said Court at the Courthouse the 27th day of November. 1846 in the 7th year of the Commonwealth.

JR Edwards C.

Return - "There are no goods and chattels in my bailwick out of which this execution or any part thereof can be made.

J D Wapenburg Dep for
J. Edwards Shff."

Copies. Teste JR Edwards C.

\$26.12

With interest from the 10th day of July one thousand eight hundred and forty three I promise to pay Edwards Butts his heirs or assigns the sum of twenty six dollars and twelve cents for value received. For the payment whereof I bind myself and my heirs. Witness my hand and seal this 10th day of July one thousand eight hundred and forty three.

William Briggs dec^d. (Seal)

Rec^d April 15/1844 Rec^d of W Briggs five dollars fifty cents for potatoes plantins. Edwards.

Nov 7/1844 Rec^d of W Briggs three dollars and 24/100. Edwards:

Southampton County Court - June 21st 1846.

Edwards Butts

Plff

vs Debt

against
John R Briggs and Joseph Briggs administrators of
William Briggs Sr. Defts

The judgment obtained at the rules not having been set aside and the plaintiff being now entitled to final judgment it is therefore considered that the plaintiff recover against the defendants twenty six dollars and twelve cents with legal interest thereon from the 10th day of July 1843 till payment and his costs by him about his suit in this behalf expended to be levied off the goods and chattels of the decedant in the hands of the defendants to be administered. And the said defendants in Mercy &c. Plffs. Costs \$4.78 cts. - This judgment is to be credited for \$5.50 paid April 15/1844 and \$3.24 paid Nov. 17. 1844.

The Commonwealth of Virginia. To the Sheriff of Southampton County. Greeting. We command you that of the goods and chattels in your bailwick which were of William Briggs dec^d at the time of his death in the hands of John R Briggs and Joseph Briggs administrators of his personal estate to be administered you cause to be made the sum of twenty six dollars & twelve cents with legal interest thereon from the 10th day of July 1843 till paid which Edwards Butts lately in our County Court of Southampton hath recovered against the said John R Briggs & Joseph Briggs admors as aforesaid for debt. also the sum of seven dollars and 78 cents which to the said Butts in the

Sums Court were adjudged for his costs by him in that ^{Suit} ~~behal~~
expended. whereof the said sums are correct as appears to us of
record and that you have the said sums of money before the
Justices of our said Court at the Courthouse on the first day of August
Term next to render to the said Butts of the debt and costs aforesaid
And have them shewn this writ. Witness Littleton R Edwards Clerk
of our said Court at the Courthouse this 14th day of July 1844 in
the 71st year of the Commonwealth

J R Edwards c

This execution is to be credited for \$5.50 cents paid April 15. 1844
and for \$3.24 cents paid Nov. 7. 1844.

J R Edwards c

Return. "There are no goods and chattels in my bailiwick out of
which the within execution can any part thereof can be made."

J D Maspenburg Dep. for
Jacob Barnes Shff.

Copies.

Teste J R Edwards c

\$1291.43.

With interest from the 1st day of January one thousand
eight hundred and forty two we promise to pay Edwards Butts
adm. de bonis non of Peter Booth dec. his heirs or assigns the sum
of Twelve hundred and ninety one dollars and forty three cents for
value received. For the payment whereof we bind ourselves and our
heirs. Witness our hands and seals this 6th day of April one
thousand eight hundred and forty two.

William Briggs sec. (Seal)

Wm. Devany (Seal)

Southampton Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery
November 13th 1846

Edwards Butts adm. de bonis non of Peter Booth dec. } In Debt.
against.

John R Briggs & Joseph Briggs admors. of William Briggs S. dec. Dfts.

The judgment obtained at the Rules not having been set aside
and the plaintiff now being entitled to a final judgment it is there-
fore considered that the plaintiff recover against the defendants
Twelve hundred and ninety one dollars and forty three cents with
interest thereon from the 1st day of January 1842 till payment
the debt and interest in the declaration mentioned and his costs by
him about his ^{suit} ~~behal~~ expended. To be satisfied of the ~~goods~~ ^{sums} & chattels
of the ~~decedent~~ in the hands of the defendants to be administered. And the
said Defendants in Merit &c.

Plaintiffs Costs \$7.18 cents

The Commonwealth of Virginia. To the Sheriff of Southamp-
ton County. Greeting. We command you that of the goods and
chattels which were of William Briggs S. dec. at the time of his
death in the hands of John R Briggs and Joseph Briggs his admin-
istrators to be administered late in about bailiwick you cause to be
made the sum of twelve hundred and ninety one dollars forty three
with legal interest thereon from 1st day of January 1842 till paid
which Edwards Butts admor. de bonis non of Peter Booth dec. lately
in our Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for Southampton
County hath recovered against John R Briggs and Joseph Briggs
admors. as aforesaid for debt. also seven dollars and eighteen cents

which to the said Banks and/or if as aforesaid in the same Court
were adjudged for his costs by him about his suit in that behalf expended:
whereof the said John R & Joseph Briggs and/or as aforesaid are
convict as appears to us of record. And now you shall have executed
this writ make known at the Clerks Office of our Circuit Superior
Court of Law and Chancery at the Rules to be holden for said Court on
the first Monday in February next. And have then there this
Writ. Witness Littleton R Edwards Clerk of our said Court at
the Courthouse this 27th day of November 1846 in the 7th year
of the Commonwealth

L R Edwards C^l.

Return. " There are no goods and chattels in my bailiwick out of
which the within execution or any part thereof can be made.

J. D. Wapenburg Dep. for
J. Barnes Sh^{ff}.

Copied Teste. L R Edwards C^l.

Bills

Exhibit with Bill

Driggs admr. &c

Southampton County Court November 17th 1845-

Barnett Briggs is appointed Committee of the estate of Martha
Briggs a person of unsound mind and thereupon he gave bond with secu-
rity according to law.

Attest
Jesse L. R. Edwards cc

William Briggs note

To
Joseph Briggs -
for \$1050. due 25th
August 1834

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On demand I promise to pay or cause to be paid
unto Joseph Briggs his heirs or assigns the full sum
of One Thousand and fifty dollars for Value recd: & for the
true performance where of I bind my self my heirs
& assigns firmly by these presents given under
my hand & seal this 2^d day of August 1834

William Briggs or 

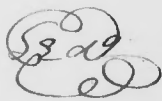
1834 August 22nd By amt for a horse
\$100.00

x
1841 Decr 28 By cash (Recd
two hundred dollars

William Briggs Sr
Note $\frac{2}{3}$ To
John R. Briggs
\$1347.78

(9)

On demand one day after date, I promise to pay, or Cause to be paid,
unto John R. Briggs, his heirs, or assigns. The just & full sum of
One Thousand Three hundred & ~~forty~~ seven dollars, & $\frac{78}{100}$ for Value recd;
& for the true performance of which, payment well struely to be made
I bind my self on y^e heirs Ex^{ors} & adm^{rs} firmly by these presents, given
under my hand & seal, this 25th day of August 1837.

Will. Briggs and 

A.

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Dobie vs Briggs

Debt due 3rd March 1841

Int to 18th March 1845

\$461.62

111.93

572.55-

Credit for

75.00

497.55-

Int to 18th April 1846

32.33

Costs

5.29

535.17

Supp. Commission on \$300 @ 5 per cent

15.00

Do do on 235.17 @ 2 do

5.70

555.87

Recd 7th May 1846 of Wm Briggs \$555.87 in full of
an execution in favour of Dolly Dobie

By J. F. Dillan deputy
of Robt Edwidge Esq

X
Dohi

as 3 Copy Judgt. Bond
Briggs

Dobies debt — p

Los Briggs debt p

Inc. R. Briggs debt p

Washington debt p

F. E. Briggs debt p

At a Court held for Lapeer County at the Courthouse
thereof on Thursday the 3rd day of March 1866.

Dolly Dobie

Against

William Briggs Sr. surviving obligor of himself and William
Briggs Sen. dec. In Debt.

The Defendant being arrested and in custody of
the Sheriff of this County, acknowledges the plaintiffs action for
the debt and interest in the said writ mentioned, and the costs.

Therefore it is considered, that the plaintiff recover against the
Defendant \$461.62 with interest to be computed after the rate of
six per centum per annum from the 3rd day of May 1861 till pay-
ment the debt and interest and costs by him about his suit in
this behalf expended. And the said Defendant in mercy &c.

And the Defendant is not prayed in custody.

But this judgment is to be credited for \$75. in paid the 18th day
of March 1865 in part

Attest

J. P. Prime S.C.

On demand we William Briggs Sr. & William Briggs Jr. promise
& bind ourselves, our heirs & assigns to pay or cause to be paid unto Dolly
Dobie the just & full sum of four hundred and sixty one dollars & $\frac{62}{100}$
for value received: Witness our hands & seals this 3rd day of May 1865.

William Briggs sen. Seal

William Briggs Jr. Seal

On which bond the following credit is endorsed. —

1865 March 18th Rec^d in part of the within note seventy five dollars

John P. Dobie for
Dolly Dobie

In the Clerk's Office of Sussex County Court, I do hereby certify
that the foregoing is a true Copy of a bond and the Credit thereon, on
which the foregoing judgment was obtained -

Jas. W. Prince S.C.
7th March 1869
— " —

Briggs
v. ³ Copy Judgment
Briggs' Exors. —

Allen Wynn

Virginia

At a Court held for Sussex County the
7th day of May 1846

Frances D Briggs

against

Joseph Briggs and John R Briggs
Administrators of William Briggs dec.

Plff

In debt

Defls

The Defendants being arrested and not appearing
On the motion of the Plaintiff by her Attorney, it is considered
by the Court that the Plaintiff recover against the Defendants
\$287.⁰⁰ with interest thereon to be computed after the rate
of six per centum per annum from the 20th day of February
1843 till payment, the debt and interest in the declaration
mentioned and her costs by her about her suit in this
behalf expended. To be levied of the goods and Chattels
of the Defendants intestate in the hands of the Defendants
to be administered.

Costs \$6.¹⁷

A Copy

Teste Jas M Prince Clk

Bowers.

is } Judgment

Briggs' and

A copy

for Comd.

disclaim not to be rep-
to the bond not binding
the Living Comm

Southampton County June Court 1846

William Bowers

Deft

Sh Deft

against

John & Geo R Briggs administrators of William Briggs deceased
The judgment obtained in the office not having been set
aside and the plaintiff being now entitled to a final judgment
it is therefore considered that the plaintiff recover against
the defendants twenty three dollars twelve and a half cents
with interest thereon from the 30th day of October 1840 till paid
the debt and interest in the declaration mentioned: and his costs
by him about his suit in the behalf aforesaid: So he seized
of the books & chattels of the defendant in the hands of
the defendants to be administered: AND the said Defendants
in Answer &c

A Copy. Test E R Edwards Esq

Cash \$6.75,

Heath's admnt.
vs. 3 Copy Judgment
Briggs' Exors.

Allen Wynn

Bulls

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Bryggd om

1851 Jan 21^t

I assign and transfer unto Benjamin Dewey and William H. Nicholson all my right
title & interest in and to two judgments recovered by me in the Circuit Superior Court of
Southampton County at the November Term 1846. against John R. & Joseph Briggs
administrators of William Briggs dec^d. One for the sum of two hundred dollars with
interest from 17th day of June 1843 till paid Herts and the other for twelve hundred
& ninety one dollars 43 cents with interest from 1st January 1842 till paid Herts and
the amounts which I may recover in the Chancery suit now pending in the Circuit
Court of Southampton against the administrators & distributees of the estate of the said
William Briggs on account of the aforesaid judgments as to be paid Benjamin Dewey
& W^m H. Nicholson. Given under my hand this 20th day January 1851.

E. Bell