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SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

WILLIAMSON et al vs. WILLIAMSON'S ADM'R. et al

1/1856

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other surnames: Ryland,
Matthews, Tucker, Murfee,
Person, Stewart, Highlander

To the, worshippful the county court. of Southampton
In chancery sitting.

Humbly complaining show
unto your worships, your complainants David
E. Williamson, Martha P. Ryland - Littlebury W. Leard
M. William P. John A. Henry J. Lucy J. Thomas
L. George A. Matthews, Martha A. Tucker, Elizabeth
Murphy, Melinda P. Williamson. William H. Williamson
George M. L. Williamson,

~~Persons~~
Persons

Stewart, infants by John A. Person, their next friend
That Thomas B. Williamson, of the county of South-
ampton, has lately departed this life, intestate - the
owner of a large land estate, comprising about 1600 -
acres - 26 slaves, and considerable perishable
property.

That he left a widow, Elizabeth W. Williamson - no children
nor other ascendants - no father or mother, but the following
persons, your complainants his heirs & distributees, to wit.
1st David E. Williamson, a brother 2^d Martha P. Ryland, a
sister 3^d Littlebury W. Leard M. Wm P. John A. Henry J.
Lucy J. Thomas L. & George A. Matthews, Martha A.
Tucker - The children of his deceased sister Mary Mathews
and

Person, infant children
of Mary a un. child of his sister Mary Mathews -
4th Elizabeth Murphy, Melinda P. William H. and Geo M
L. Williamson, children of his deceased brother, Geo M William
and

Stewart infant children of Jane
a un. child of his brother Geo M. Williamson.

That William C. Ryland has qualified, in this
court, as the administrator, of all the goods & chattels
rights and credits of the said, Thomas B. Williamson
and has the same in his possession for an and
legal administration,

That the inheritance, was not involved, and

The Law has made his estate, appts, greatly more than sufficient to pay and satisfy all just demands, outstanding against his intestate estate exclusive of the Lands and Slaves, and these subjects may now be properly delivered up to division, among those entitled.

That the portions of Land & Slaves, that will allotted in the division, to your complainants, the ascendants of the intestate sister Mary Matthews, and your complainants the ascendants of his brother Geo. M. Williamson, will be so small, that a division in kind will be impracticable. That this Land will be worth much less than \$300 - a share, and may be sold for division, and the Slaves can not be divided in kind, the number of Slaves being less than the number of distributees.

That your complainants, have applied to the Law, to deliver up the said Slaves for division but he declined on account of the infancy of some of the distributees - and because he would not settle the rights of the respective parties, without the aid of a Court of Equity.

In your consideration of all which, and in as much as your complainants, are without adequate remedy in the premises, except in a Court of Equity. To the End therefore that Justice may be done, your complainants pray your Honors to make William E. Ryland and of Thomas B. Williamson and Elizabeth B. Williamson, widow of said Wm. Ryland, Defendants to this bill, with proper words to charge them - That you will appoint a Court to lay off and divide the Land, so as to allot to the widow one third, thereof for life as her share in the same, and the residue, divide so as to allot, to your complainant said E. Williamson one fourth in value - To Martha P. Ryland one fourth - To the ascendants of Mary Matthews one fourth and one fourth to the ascendants of Geo. M. Williamson.

That the Slaves, be divided so as to allot one half in value to the widow, to be held by her for life, and the remaining half to be divided in the same manner as the Land -

That you will appoint a Court, to see the Land and Slaves, to which the ascendants of ~~Mary~~ ^{Matthews} ~~Ryland~~ and George M. Williamson are respectively entitled, ~~Matthews~~ That you will grant such other & general relief as the premises as Equity, the justice considered may require and the nature of the case may require - as in duty bound. They will ever pray.

May it please the Court.

Chambers & Mapenbung. Attys.
for the Complainants

The Answer of William E. Ryland and of Thomas B. Williamson and to a bill exhibited against him and another, by E. B. Williamson & others, in the County Court of Southampton.

This Defendant saying & answering, all content of just exception, for answer to the said bill says, he admits, his qualification as one of Thomas B. Williamson and - and that he believes the allegations of the bill are true, that he has no objection to delivering the Slaves for division among those entitled, according to the rights of the parties & having answered pray to be hence dismissed -

May it please the Court.

In page 6 to W. W. answer

David E. Williamson & others
vs.

Plaintiffs

Wm E. Ryland & adm. of Thos. }
B. Williamson, & E. V. Williamson

Defts.

In Chancery.

This day this cause was docketed by consent of parties, and with the assent of the court, and by like consent came on to be heard on the bill and answer, and was argued by counsel. On consideration whereof, the court with adjudge, order and decree, That Joseph Turner, James H. Person, William J. Robinson, ~~Joseph T. Person~~ and D. A. Colarbone, who are hereby appointed commissioners for the purpose, (any three of whom may act), divide the Land of which Thomas B. Williamson died seized so as to apportion, one third thereof in value, by miles and bounds to Elizabeth V. Williamson, Widow of Thomas B. Williamson decd. as her dower in her deceased husband's real estate, to be held by her for life - That they divide the remaining two thirds, into four parts of equal value, and allot one fourth to David ^{B. Williamson}, one fourth to Martha P. Ryland - one ^{fourth} to the Plaintiffs, who are descendants of George M. Williamson - and one fourth ^{to} the Pliffs, who are descendants of Mary Matthews.

And the court with further adjudge, order and decree, That the said commissioners, divide the Slaves of which Thomas B. Williamson died seised, so as to allot, one half thereof in value to Elizabeth V. Williamson the widow of the decedent, to be held by her for her natural life, as her legal distributive share of her deceased husband's Slaves. That they divide the other half, so as to allot, one fourth in value to David E. Williamson one fourth to Martha P. Ryland - one fourth to the Descendants of George M. Williamson, and one fourth to the Descendants of Mary Matthews ac-

Williamson + others

W. } Beck & Allen.

Williamson. aow.

July 10th 1854

Dec. as filed

" May. Rep^t

Chambers & Map in
ation.

Know of Elizabeth W. Williamson, to a bill exhibited, against
her and another, in the County Court of Southampton by
Maria E. Williamson & others.

This Defendant saying &c. for answer to so much
of the said bill as she is advised it is material
she should say that the allegations in the
said bill as far as she is informed - and that she has no
objection to the answer according to the prayer
of the said bill. Having annexed thereto to be taken
discovered with her oath.

May it please the Court &c.

and the Court being of opinion, that the lands which
will be allotted to the descendants of George M. William-
son, and to the descendants of Mary will not be worth
\$300 a share, and that it will be to the advantage of the
parties to make sale thereof; and the Court being of opinion
the slaves, which will be allotted to same parties can not be
sold in kind, with advantage and accre, that
James H. Person who is appointed a Com. for the
purpose - shall after advertising the time & place of sale
for four weeks, in some newspapers published in the
Town of Petersburg & at three or more places, in the
County and at the Court House door of the County on
some Court day, proceed to sell to the highest bidder on
a credit of three months, except cash sufficient
to defray the expenses of the sale. The lands allotted
to the descendants of George M. Williamson, and pay
over the bonds of the purchase, in the following proportions
one fifth to Mildred P. Williamson - one fifth to William
H. Williamson - one fifth to Elizabeth Murphy. one fifth
to George M. L. Williamson & one fifth

and
Stuart infants of Jane Stuart formerly Williamson

That the same land after similar advertisement, sell the
slaves allotted to the same parties, for cash, and pay over
the proceeds to the parties, in the same proportions as the
proceeds of the lands.

That he sell the lands allotted to the descendants
of Mary Matthews, and pay over the bonds ^{of the purchase} sell their
slaves & pay over the proceeds, each in the following
portions, to wit, One tenth to Littlebury M. Matthews - one
tenth to Wm P. Matthews - one tenth to David M. Matthews
one tenth to John A. Matthews - one tenth to Henry J.
Matthews - one tenth to Lucy J. Matthews. One tenth to
Thomas L. Matthews - ^{one tenth to} George A. Matthews - one tenth
to Martha A. Tucker, and one tenth to

Person infant children of Mary

Person, formerly Matthews-

If from any cause J. H. Person, the court. should deem it proper to postpone the sale of the property, he is hereby authorized to sell - then he is required to hire out the slaves, and rent out the lands, until the day he may appoint for the sale, and report his proceedings to court.

The court, hereby appointed to make the divisions and sales required, will report their proceedings to court.

But the said James H. Person, shall not proceed to make the sales hereby required of him, until he or some one for him, shall execute bond with sufficient security,

in the clerk's office of this court in the penalty of five thousand dollars, conditioned according to Law -

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1855 Nov. Term

To the Worshipful the county court of
Southampton.

The Petition of Wm. Williamson
respectfully represents, that he has qualified as
the Guardian of Charles, James & Maria Stewart
in Mississippi - and has applied and obtained an
order from the circuit court of this county, under
the provisions of the Law, concerning non-resident
Guardians and Wards, authorizing him to
manage & receive, see to and receive any
estate of the said minors, in Virginia & remove
the same to Mississippi - a copy of the said
order is here with filed.

That his wards are indebted to a part of
the estate of Thomas B. Williamson dec'd and
the same is now in the hands of the clerk of
this court, in the case of Williamson vs William-
son dec'd &c - in the shape of a certificate
of deposit of the Mechanics Savings Society of
Petersburg & Henry -

Your Petitioner begs your Honors
to make an order, for the said certificate and
money to be delivered to him, & grant such
other relief as the case may require -

Williamson & -

ad. } Leiser-

Williamson & Son.

January 20. 1854.

Laura E. Maynor &c -

vs.

Williamson & sons.

This day His court came in
to be again heard on the papers formerly read, and
on the reports of the commissioners, made under
the previous order of this court. entered at the February
Term 1854 - and the court confirming said Reports
to which no exceptions, have been filed, both adopted
order and decree, that the same be final and binding on
the parties. And the court both further adopted, order
and decree, that James H. Person the commissioner
who sold the Lands belonging to the children of George
M. Williamson - and to the children of Mary Mathew.
Execute deeds to the purchasers, with official warranty.

And the court both further, adopted order and
decree, that James H. Person, deposit, in one of the
Savings Institutions, in the city of Petersburg, and take certificates
therefor, and file said certificates, among the papers of this
cause - The sum of \$108.89 to the credit of Charles H. Stewart,
The same amt - to Walter M. Stewart - The same amount to James
M. Stewart - The sum of \$203.72 to Martha A. Tucker, - The same
amount to Mary F. Mathew, The same amount to Laura M -
Mathew - The sum of \$50.93 to Peter Person - The same amount
to Walter Person, The same amount to Laura J. Person, and the
same amount to Florence A. Person.

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Comd. Report

Southampton County Court. February Term 1854.

David E Williamson & others

Plffs.

against

William E Ryland admr: Thomas B Williamson dec'd &c

Defts.

} In Chancery

This day this cause was docketed by consent of parties and assent of the Court and by like consent came on to be heard on the bill and answer and was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge order and decree that Joseph Turner, James H Persons, William J Robertson, Joseph T Powell and D. A. Claiborne, who are hereby appointed Commissioners (any three of whom may act) divide the land of which Thomas B Williamson died ^{seized} so as to assign one third thereof in value by metes and bounds to Elizabeth V Williamson widow of Thomas B Williamson dec'd as her dower in her deceased husband's real estate, to be held by her for life. That they divide the remaining two thirds into four parts of equal value, and allot one fourth to David E Williamson, one fourth to Martha P Ryland, one fourth to the plaintiffs who are descendants of George M Williamson and one fourth to the plaintiffs who are descendants of Mary Matthews. And the Court doth further adjudge, order and decree that the said Commissioners, divide the slaves of which Thomas B Williamson died possessed so as to allot one half thereof in value to Elizabeth V Williamson the widow of the decedant to be held by her for ~~her~~ natural life, as her legal distributive share of her deceased husband's slaves. That they divide the other half so as to allot one fourth in value to David E Williamson, one fourth to Martha P Ryland, one fourth to the descendants of George M Williamson and one fourth to the descendants of Mary Matthews dec'd. And the Court being of opinion that the lands which will be allotted to the descendants of George M Williamson and to the descendants of Mary Matthews will not be worth \$300. a share and that it will be to the advantage of the parties to make a sale thereof. And the Court being of opinion the slaves which which will be allotted to same parties cannot be divided in kind, doth adjudge, order and decree that James H Person who is appointed a Commissioner for the purpose shall after advertising the time and place of sale for four weeks in some newspaper published in the Town of Petersburg & at three or more public places in the County and at the Courthouse door of the County on some Court day day proceed to sell to the highest bidder on a credit of twelve months, except cash sufficient to defray the expenses of the sale, the lands allotted to the descendants of George M Williamson and pay over the bonds of the purchaser of the land in the following proportions, one fifth to Mildred P Williamson, one fifth to William H Williamson, one fifth to Elizabeth Murfee

one fifth to George M. L. Williamson and one fifth to
Stewart infants of Jane Stewart formerly Williamson - That the same Commissioner after
similar advertisement sell the slaves allotted to the same parties for cash and pay over the
proceeds to the parties in the same proportions as the proceeds of the land.

That he sell the lands allotted to the descendants of Mary Matthews and pay over the bonds of
the purchaser. Sell then the slaves and pay over the proceeds, each in the following portions, to wit
one tenth to Silberry W. Matthews, one tenth to Wm. P. Matthews, one tenth to David M. Mat-
thews one tenth to John A. Matthews, one tenth to Henry F. Matthews one tenth to Lucy I
Matthews one tenth to Thomas S. Matthews, one tenth to George A. Matthews one tenth to
Martha A. Tucker and one tenth to Person infant children of
Mary Person formerly Matthews. If from any cause J. H. Person Com: should deem
it proper to postpone the sale of the property he is hereby authorized to sell - then he is
required to hire out the slaves and rent out the land until that day he may appoint for the
sale and report his proceedings to Court - The Commissioners hereby appointed to make
the division and sales required, will report their proceedings to Court - But the said
James H. Person shall not proceed to make the sales hereby required of him, until he
or some one for him, shall enter into bond with approved security in the clerk's office of this
Court in the penalty of five thousand dollars, conditioned according to law

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Teste. L. R. Edwards Clk

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Southampton County Court, January term, 1855.
David E. Williamson

Plff^y }
vs } In Chancery
Def^t }

W^m E. Bagland (adm^r Thos B. Williamson dec^d & Def^t)

This day This cause came on to be again heard on the papers formerly read (and on the reports of the Commissioners made under the previous order of this Court, entered at the February Term 1834, (and the Court confirming said reports to which no exceptions have been filed, doth (adjudge, order (and decree that the same be final (and binding on the parties. And the Court doth further adjudge, order and decree that James H. Denson the Commissioner who sold the land belonging to the children of George M. Williamson. (and to the children of Mary Matthews execute deeds to the purchasers with special warranty).

And the Court doth further adjudge, order and decree that James H. Denson deposit in one of the Savings Institutions in the City of Petersburg and take certificates therefor and file said certificates among the papers of this cause. The sum of \$108.89 to the credit of Charles H. Stewart, the same amt. to Walter U. Stewart, the same amount to James W. Stewart, the sum of \$203.72 to Martha A. Tucker, the same amount to Henry F. Matthews, the same amount to David M. Matthews, the sum of \$50.93 to Peter Denson, the same amount to Walter Denson, the same amount to Laura J. Denson, (and the same amount to Florence A. Denson.

A Copy,
Teste,

Henry S. Howard, D.C.

In obedience to the within order I have deposited
in the Mechanics Savings Bank at Pittsburgh. The
funds herein attached, - except the funds belonging to
the children of Bro A. Person. In having acquaintance as
their Guardians, I paid over this amount to them.
I herewith return the certificate

Respectfully submitted
J. A. Person

Williamson

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Myers. now.

August 1855.

1855 August Term

Weyron

~~Deeds~~

Weyron - at N.

This day this cause came on to be
again heard on the papers formerly read and on
the petition of L. M. Mathews - praying the delivery
of bonds & certificates, to which they are entitled
& was argued by counsel on consideration whereof
the court with advised order & decree. That
the clerk of this court. deliver to L. M. Mathews
a certificate of deposit, of the Mechanics Savings
Society of Pittsburgh. for \$200.72. dated 27th July 1855.
being his proportion of the sale of T. B. Weyron's slaves
also. Elizabeth W. Weyron, W. E. Ryland & James
Harris bond - for \$274.53 dated seventh of August
1854 & are 12 months after date, being his proportion
of sale of T. B. Williamson's land -

and it appearing to the court, that the bond of
Stirling Shays, executed for the purchase of a part
of the land of Thomas B. Williamson - are now
due - and he is desirous of paying the same.
The court with advised order & decree. That the
clerk of this court deliver to M. P. Williamson, the
bond in this cause filed by J. H. P. usow cur. with his
report against Stirling Shays for \$340.48. dated
7th August 1854 & are 12 months, being his
proportion of sale of T. B. Weyron's land -

and to J. R. Chambers, a similar bond, to which
Charles, Mathew & James Stewart are jointly entitled

who is hereby directed to collect the same. and deposit
the amount in the Mechanics Saving Society of
Pittsburg & return the certificate of deposits, to
court with his report.

and the court with further order that the clerk. deliver
to John A. Person, atty in fact for James M. Highlander and
Mary A. his wife, formerly Tucker. Elizabeth W. Williamson
bond for \$274.⁵² and 7th August 1855. like in this case.

also a certificate of deposits of the Mechanics Saving
Society of Pittsburg for \$203.⁷² and day 27th 1855, being
the possession of S^d. Mary A. Highlander. of the sale
of J. B. Williamson Land & signs

August 20th 1855. Rec^d of L. R. Edwards clerk
of the county court of Southampton, the bonds & certificates
of deposits, mentioned, in the within decree.

John Chambliss, atty. for
D. M. Matthews, & for
W. F. Williamson.

J. R. Chambliss, Court.

August 20th 1855. Rec^d The bond & certificate aforesaid
in this decree to be delivered to me - J. A. Person atty. for
James M. Highlander
& Wife By
J. R. Person

Williamson & others vs Williamson and . 1

This day this cause came on to
be again heard and the papers formerly read - on the
Petition of William & Williamson, Guardian of Charles,
Walker & James Stewart - ^{This day filed} exhibits filed with said
Petition - on the report of Justice R. Chambliss, who
was appointed a receiver under the order of this
court at August Term 1855, and was argued by
counsel. On consideration whereof the court with
a signed order and decree, that the clerk of this
court deliver to Wm. Williamson, Guardian of Charles
Walker and James Stewart, the certificates of separate
fines in this cause, to which they are entitled, to wit:
Three certificates for \$108.¹⁹ each no. 451-3 & 4 dated July 27, 1855 -
also the sum of \$340 - returned by J. R. Chambliss, Receiver
with his report, being not hounds of Stirling Sheeps
Lanes, one for Land - & to which said infants
are entitled - and that he file the receipt of
the said Williamson, in the papers of this cause.
And the court with further order, that the clerk of
this court deliver, to Geo. A. Pasow Guardian of Laura,
Walker, Florena & Peter Pasow, ~~several~~ ^{several} bonds, filed in
this cause for \$65.⁰⁰ each dated 7th Augt. 1854, returned
by Elizabeth V. ~~Williamson~~ Williamson & others -
being

Nov 19th 1855. Recd of L. R. Edwards, Clerk of the
county court of Southampton the certificates of
separate and the cash (\$340) mentioned in the
above decree, for the } Wm. Williamson Guardian
children of James Stewart } of Charles, Walker & James Stewart
By J. R. Chambliss his
att.

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The said infants, interest, in the lands of Thomas
B. Williamson. That he take the said Guardian
receipts & filed in this cause.

Nov 19th 1855. On 2^d of the Court of the County Court
of Southampton, the lands mentioned in the foregoing
in the foregoing account belonging to Walter, Peter,
Laura, and Florina Person

John A. Person
Guard. to Walter,
Peter, Laura, and
Florina Person

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1856 January Court

Williamson

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This day this case came on to be
finally heard on the papers formerly read - and was
argued by counsel - an consideration whereof
the court with adjourned on an and again, that
the clerk of this court advise, to Henry F. Matthews
or his attorney, the bond against Elizabeth W.
Williamson, & others for \$274.52. on 7th August
1855. and a certificate of deposit of the Mechan-
-ics Society of Pittsburgh. for \$203.72. also.
Jan 27th 1855. to which said Matthews is entitled
as his distributive share of the Land and stock
of Thomas B. Williamson and -

S. E. Williamson & Co

is

Williamson's adm. &c

Report of Comrs

1834 May Term Ret^d

1835 Jan^y Rep^d & Dec^r

" Feb^y Rep^d &c

" Aug^y Dec^r

" Nov^b Ret^d Dec^r &c

In obedience to a decree of the County Court of Southampton County the undersigned, Commissioners appointed by the said decree, proceeded on the 23^d day of February 1854, to divide and distribute the negroes belonging to the Estate of Thomas B. Williamson decd. as directed by the said decree. They valued the negroes as follows:

Ellen and 3 children, (Sally, Agnes & Clara)	\$ 2000.00
Rachel	150.00
Tom	1000.00
George	1000.00
Nelson	800.00
Bob.	850.00
Robert	700.00
Richard	550.00
Sam	500.00
Lucy & 2 Children, (Henry & Scott)	1000.00
Frances	1000.00
Ben	1000.00
Britton	1050.00
Isaac	850.00
Madison	800.00
Pilar	650.00
Phil	750.00
Hardy	125.00
Emeline	14775.00
Deduct Emeline for Keeping	\$ 200.00
Silvia " "	125.00
	325.00
	<u>14450.00</u>

Of the slaves they assigned to the widow, the following, being one half, for life (viz)

Ellen & 3 Children	\$ 2000.00	Tom	1000.00
Rachel	150.00	George	1000.00
Nelson	800.00	Bob	850.00

Wm. E. & J. Williams

Robert 700 Richard 550.00
 Sam 500 which amount to the sum
 of \$7550.00. and apportioning to the widow
 the negroes Silvia and Emmeline at the
 price of 325 to keep them, her share is
 valued to \$7225.00, which is one half
 of the valuation of the negroes belonging
 to the estate of T.B. Williamson deceased.

After apportioning to the widow her share, we
 divided the remaining negroes into four
 parts as follows

Lot No 1		Lot No 3	
Lucy & 2 children	1000.00	Bruton	\$1050.00
Ben	1000.00	Phil	750.00
	<u>\$2000.00</u>		<u>\$1800.00</u>
Lot No 2		Lot No 4	
Frances	\$1000.00	Isaac	850.00
Madison	800.00	Silas	650.00
	<u>\$1800.00</u>	Hardy	125.00
			<u>1625.00</u>

Lot No 1 was drawn by Mrs. Martha Ryland
 and is to pay to pay to Lot No 2, \$6.25 & to
 Lot No 3, \$6.25 and to Lot No 4, \$181.25.
 Lot No 2 was drawn by the descendants of
 George M. Williamson.
 Lot No 3, was drawn by David E. Williamson
 and Lot No 4 drawn by the descendants of Mary
 Matthews.

The Commissioners proceeded then to divide
 the land of which Thomas B. Williamson died seized, and
 apportioned to the widow, Mrs E. V. Williamson 274 acres
 on the South side of the main Road and 126 acres on
 the North side of the said Road, making the number
 of acres apportioned to the widow 400.
 They divided the remaining land into four parts

which were drawn by the parties entitled as
 follows.

Lot No 2, by Mrs Ryland, containing 301 acres
 and lying immediately North of the widows dower.
 Lot No 1, by the descendants of Mary Matthews
 being the share adjoining the widows dower
 on the South side of the Road, and containing
 272 acres.

Lot No 3, by David E. Williamson being the
 land on the western side of the plantation
 and adjoining the lands of E. Hayswood; contain-
 -ing 250 acres.

Lot No 4 by the descendants of George M.
 Williamson, being the Eastern extremity of
 the said land and adjoining the lands of
 Sterling Sledge, containing 270 acres.

Lot No 1, is to pay ~~to~~ to Lots No 2, 3 & 4,
 \$25 each.

Respectfully ~~fully~~ submitted this the
 28th day of February 1854

For a more particular
 description of the boundaries
 of the above lots of land
 reference may be had
 to the plot thereof returned
 herewith by T.B. Worrell
 Surveyor &c.

Jos. Turner
 D. A. Claiborne
 Jas. H. Person.
 As J. Power
 W. J. Robinson

Division of
J B Winslow's
East-

Battle of Washington - Col. V. E. S.

Ellen & 3 children Agnes Sally & Clara \$2000

Rachel	150	
Tom	1000	
George	1000	
Nelson Mrs E V Williamson's lot	800	
Bob	850	
Robert	700	
Richard	550	
Sam	500	7550 00

Suey & 2 children Henry & Scott	1000
Francis	1000
Ben	1000
Britton	1050
Isaac Subject to sub division	850
Madison	800
Silas	650
Philip	750
Hardy	125
Collins chargeable \$200.00	
Silvy 125.00	

Lot 801 Mrs Royland	{	801 pays 802 -	6 25
Suey & 2 chil. \$1000		" " 803 -	6 25
Ben 1000		" " 804 -	181 25

Lot 802 G M Williamson chil.			
Francis \$1000.00	{	hired for \$5.00	J H Robinson
Madison 800.00		" " 14.50	G M Williamson

Lot 803 S E Williamson

Britton \$1050.00	{		
Philip 750			

Lot 804 Mrs Matthews

Isaac \$850.00	{	hired for \$14.00	J A Person
Silas 650.00		" "	1.25 E B Cland
Hardy 125.00		" "	6.75 E Hogwood

Land division

Lot 801 Mrs Matthews - Low Grounds River 272

Lot 802 Mrs Royland - Gilliam Land 301 Acres

Lot 803 S E Williamson - Hogwoods 250 Acres

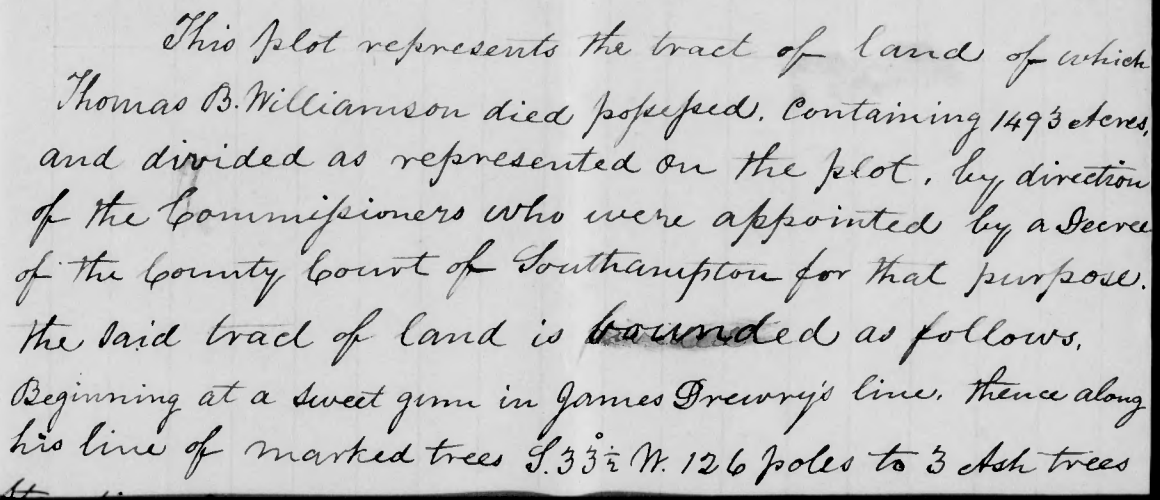
Lot 804 G M Williamson - Sledge 270 Acres

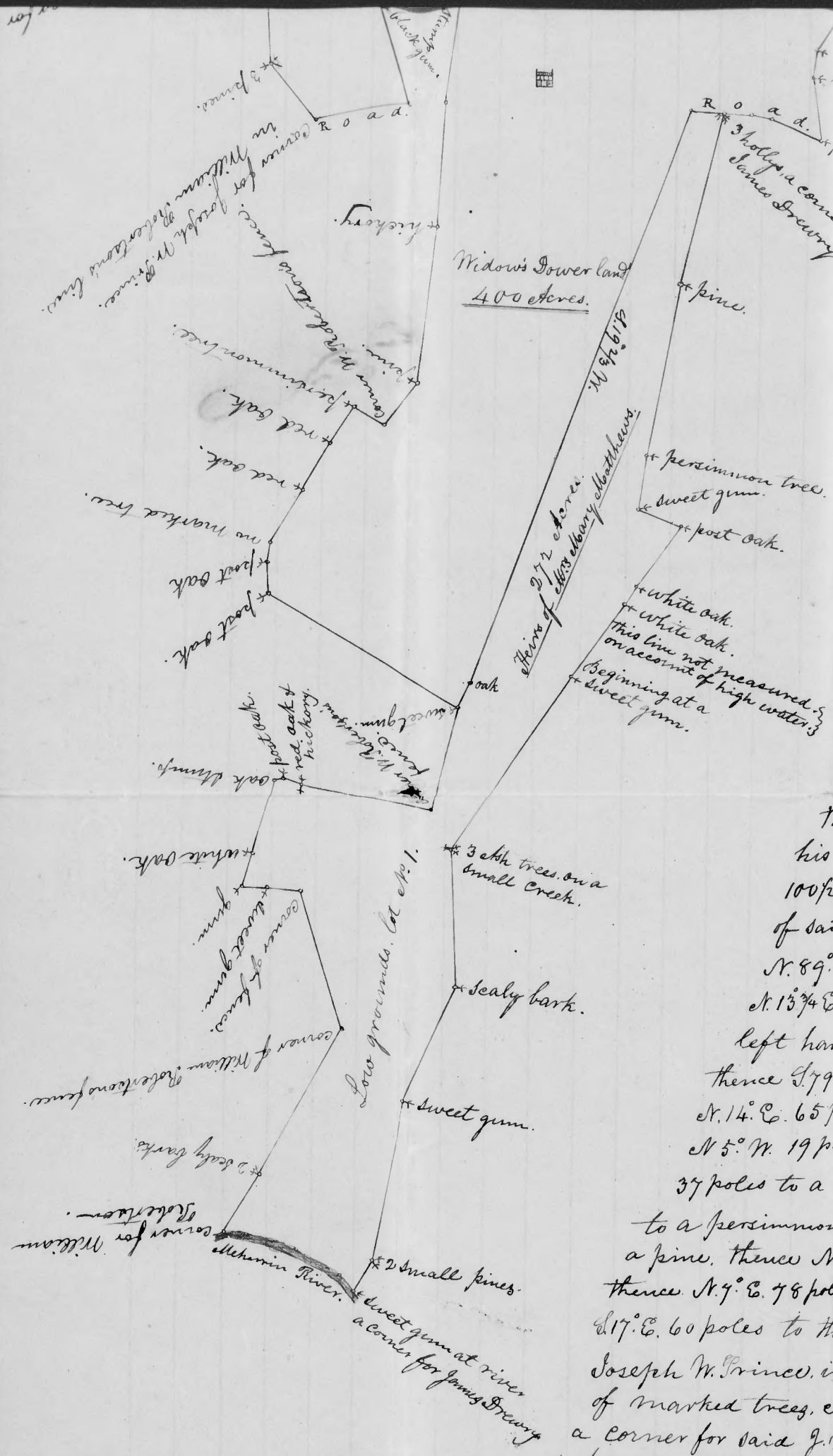
Lot 801 is to pay to each of
the other Lots \$25.00

Plot and division
of the land of
Thos. B. Williamson & Co.

1493 Acres.

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This plot represents the tract of land of which Thomas B. Williamson died possessed. Containing 1493 acres, and divided as represented on the plot, by direction of the Commissioners who were appointed by a decree of the County Court of Southampton for that purpose. The said tract of land is bounded as follows. Beginning at a sweet gum in James Drowry's line. thence along his line of marked trees S. 33 1/2° W. 126 poles to 3 Ash trees standing on a small creek. thence S. 2 1/2° E. 81 1/2 poles to a scaly bark, thence S. 24° W. 75 poles to a sweet gum. thence S. 10° W. 97 poles to 2 small pines, thence S. 31° W. 22 poles to a sweet gum standing at the river, a corner for said James Drowry thence up the river to William Robertson's corner. thence along his line of marked trees N. 30 1/2° E. 40 poles to 2 scaly barks. thence N. 2 1/2° E. 100 1/2 poles to corner of fence. thence N. 16 3/4° W. 86 poles to another corner of said William Robertson's fence. thence N. 84° W. 20 poles to a sweet gum. thence N. 89° W. 15 1/2 poles to a gum. thence N. 15° E. 20 1/2 poles to a white oak. thence N. 13 3/4° E. 47 1/2 poles to oak stump. thence S. 82° E. 4 1/2 poles, post oak 1 pole on left hand. thence same course S. 82° E. 11 1/2 poles to a hickory and red oak. thence S. 79° E. 81 poles. near the corner of said William Robertson's fence. thence N. 14° E. 65 poles to a sweet gum. thence N. 60 1/4° W. 136 poles to a post oak. thence N. 5° W. 19 poles to a post oak. thence N. 7 1/2° E. 12 poles, no line tree. thence N. 31 1/2° E. 37 poles to a red oak. thence N. 29 1/2° E. 33 poles to a red oak. thence N. 32° E. 26 poles to a persimmon tree. thence S. 60° E. 21 poles. no line tree. thence N. 36° E. 33 1/3 poles to a pine. thence N. 5 3/4° E. 94 poles to a hickory thence N. 3° E. 74 poles to the road. thence N. 7° E. 78 poles, oak stump. thence S. 69° W. 56 poles to a black gum. thence S. 17° E. 60 poles to the road. thence along the road S. 79° W. 58 poles to a corner for Joseph W. Prince, in William Robertson's line. thence along said J. W. Prince's line of marked trees, N. 40° W. 43 poles to 3 pines. thence N. 3° W. 77 poles to a pine, near a corner for said J. W. Prince and Ezekiel Fox. thence along said E. Fox line N. 22° E. 39 poles to four small pines. thence N. 8° W. 120 poles to a shrub oak stump a corner for said Ezekiel Fox and others. thence N. 35° E. 370 poles to a horn beam at the 3 creeks. thence down the creek to a persimmon tree, a corner for Sterling Sledge. thence along his line. S. 56 1/2° W. 170 poles to a pine at a branch. thence along said branch to a sweet gum. thence S. 26° E. 104 1/2 poles. thence S. 49° E. 88 poles to a black gum. thence S. 34° W. 7 poles to a black gum a corner for James Drowry. thence along his line S. 31 1/2° W. 92 poles to a red oak. thence S. 8 1/2° W. 16 poles. to post oak. thence S. 8° E. 39 poles to a post oak at the road. thence along the road. Westerly 60 poles to his corner near 3 small hollies. thence S. 13 1/2° W. 105 poles to a pine. thence S. 10° W. 104 poles to persimmon tree. thence S. 6° W. 31 1/2 poles to a sweet gum. thence S. 68 1/2° E. 28 poles to a post oak. thence S. 34 1/2° W. 44 1/2 poles to a white oak thence S. 31° W. 12 poles to a white oak. thence nearly the same course to the beginning.

The dividing line between the Dower land, and lot No. 1. begins in the road 21 poles from James Drowry corner near a sweet gum, and runs S. 19 3/4° W. to an oak in the low grounds. thence to a sweet gum. a corner for the Dower in William Robertson's line. - the dividing line between the Dower and lot No. 2. begins at an oak stump in W. Robertson's line. and runs N. 85° W. to a maple in James Drowry's line. the dividing line between lots. No. 1. & 2 & 3 begins 23 poles from E. Fox corner at a red oak and hickory. and runs S. 80 1/2° E. to a small pine. in S. Sledge line. - (turn over)

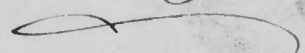
the dividing line between lots N. 3 & 4. begins in the line of lot N. 2. 102 poles from Ezekiel Fox line and runs N. 35° E. to the Creek —.

Thos. B. Morrell
February 1854.

W A G Martin & Co
Receipt

Petersburg, March 7/54

Received from Mr Jas. H.
Person, Comm'r, the sum of two
dollars, for publishing advertizer
ment four weeks

W. A. S. Martin & Co.
per Robt Remond


Montgomery Texas Apr 23/37

Mesrs Wm E Ryland & James H Person

Sirs - Capt

That Jones is Authorized by us (L W & G A Matthews),
to receive any money, get any property, or make
any Arrangement he may think proper to get our
proportional Part of the Estate of Thos B Person -
Decedent -

L W Matthews
G A Matthews

G M I Wmson
Receipt-

April the 3rd 1834. Recd of Jas. H. Person. Commissioner the
sum of One hundred and Fifty dollars - as part of my Int
in the estate of Thos. B. Williamson's Decd -

Geo. M. S. Williamson

To the Worshipful County Court of Southampton.

In pursuance of a decree obtained at the December term of the County Court of Southampton County, in the year 1853, the undersigned the Special Commissioner therein named, proceeded on the 16th day of January AD 1854, having duly advertised the same, to sell at auction, on a credit of nine months (except enough in cash to pay the expenses of sale) the tract of land in the proceedings mentioned, (Joyner vs Fisher) and John Whitehead became the purchaser at \$850.00.

Expenses

To cash paid L. R. Edwards (clerk's fees)	\$3.00
" paid J. I. Kindred atty for decree &c.	10.00
" Commission retained	26.00
" paid W. H. Pasdon (Cryer)	1.00
	<u>\$40.00</u>

\$850.00
40
<u>35810.00</u>
\$270.00.

over.

1854
J. W. H.

The Commissioner reports further that he took three bonds for the sum of \$275.00 each for the balance of the purchase money and paid over one to the said John Whitehead assignee of the said Rebecca Lane Joyner, one to the said Whitehead as guardian of Nathan S. Fisher and the said Commissioner retained the other and remaining bond as guardian himself of Susan A. Joyner.

Receipts for the money paid out and the bonds paid over were taken by the Commissioner and are herewith filed bracketed (A) (B) (C) (D) as a part of this report.

Respectfully Submitted

June 3^d 1854.

D E Wmson's
Receipt-

August 7th. 1854. Rec^d of J. H. Person, Sec^y.
The sum of Twenty five dollars, which in
the opinion of J. B. Wagoner - Lane - was to be
paid to me out of the lands allotted to the
children of Mrs. Mary Matthews.

D. Wagoner

Sale of
Land

Made Aug
the 7th 1854

The Land belonging to the heirs
of John Conson and
Sterling Sledge @ \$ 6.50 pr acre

The Land belonging to the heirs of
John Mary Matthew and
Miss E. W. Conson @ \$ 10.00 pr acre

M P Ryland
Receipt

August 7th 1832 Recd of J H Brown. Com.
The sum of Twenty five dollars which
in the division of J B Williamson
Land was to be paid to me out of
the Land allotted to the children of
Mrs Mary Matthews

Martha P Ryland

Printers
Receipt

James H. Person Comr.

1854

To J Banks Swellen on
Aug 8 To Adv. Land for sale belonging
to some of the distributees of the late
Thos B Williamson's Estate, one square
one month in the South Side Demost H. " "

Aug 8th 1854 Recd Payment of ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~
Thos Hall Patro Branch
N. H. Harris
J. Banks Swellen

Memphis Tenn^a Septm 21st 1834

Mr James H Person

Dear Sir You will please pay
over to Mr Jamblin Arent the amount in your hands
due me from the Estate of Thos B Wilson Decd and
his Receipt shall be good to you for the same and
oblige Yours &c Wm P Matthews

Williamson's

1855 January

Williamson vs Williamson's admr. Sale of Negroes made
 3rd of April 1854 belonging to the children of George
 M Williamson from the test of J B Williamson viz
 Francis \$ 900.00
 Madison 750.00
 amt of hire 12.00
 amt pd from Mrs Rylands lot 6.25
1675.75

Expenses

8th per cent on \$ 150 \$7.50
 2nd per cent on 1525.75 30.51
 Carrier fr 3.50
 Printer fr 1.50
 Copy of Decree 25 42.26
 amount after deducting expenses 1633.49
 Wm H Williamson 1/3 \$ 326.69
 Geo M L Williamson 326.69
 E R Murfee formerly Wmson 326.69
 M J Williamson 326.69
 Jane Stewarts children
 Charles R. Stewart 108.89
 Walter U Stewart 108.89
 Jas W Stewart 108.89 1633.43

April 3rd 1854 Recd of J H Person Com in the suit of
 Williamsons vs Williamsons admr the sum of \$ 326.69
 each, being our respective portions of the sale of
 negroes, made by him in pursuance of a decree
 in the above case

Geo. M. L. Williamson
 Elizabeth R. Murfee
 Wm H. Wmson
 By D. Wmson agent
 Miland P. Williamson
 By
 Wm L. Lums of Agent.

In addition to a decree of the county court of
Southampton in the suit of Wygon. &c. vs Wygon.
and. I have sold & paid the moneys within
mentioned, & paid over the proceeds to all the
parties entitled, except Charles, Walter and
James Stewart - and he has in his hands the
sum of \$326.⁰⁹ to which said Stewarts are entitled

James H. Person Com. in & out.

Matthews

1855 January

Land sold by J. H. Person Com. belonging to the
 heirs of S. B. Williamson who are the children of
 Mary Matthews, bought by Elizabeth V. Williamson
 272 Acres @ \$10.65 per Acre \$2896.80

~~with M. & S. will~~

To Comm. on \$300.00 @ 5 per cent \$15.00

" " " \$2896.80 " 2 " " 51.93

" Amt. pd. Printer 2.00

" " " Crier 2.50

" writing Dec. 5.00

Cash paid to the other shares

in division of Land according

to the Commissioners report

25.00 - \$151.43

Amt. to be divided as follows

2145.37

Viz

1 bond to S. M. Matthews for 1/10 \$274.53

1 " " W. P. Matthews " 274.53

1 " " L. W. Matthews " 274.53

1 " " H. F. Matthews " 274.53

1 " " J. A. Matthews " 274.53

1 " " T. L. Matthews " 274.53

1 " " G. A. Matthews " 274.53

1 " " M. A. Tucker " 274.53

1 " " L. J. Matthews " 274.53

Mary Person children 274.53

4 bonds to Peter Person for 1/4 \$68.63

1 " " L. J. Person 68.63

1 " " W. Person 68.63

4 " " F. A. Person 68.63 \$274.53

Total

7

And of James H. Person, being the bonds in which
we are respectively entitled, for the sale of the
land mentioned in the within statement.

Lucy J. Matthews
Thos. L. Matthews
Famlin Agent agent -
for W. P. Matthews
L. W. Matthews by
D. W. W. agent
John A. Matthews
By D. W. W. agent
Geo. A. Matthews
By D. W. W. agent

and ...

David E. Williamson to them

as.

Wm E. Ryland and J. B. Wyford &c

In obedience to a decree of the
court of South Carolina, in the above case, I sold
the land therein mentioned belonging to Mary Matthews children
for the sum stated on the foregoing pages, and after paying
and the expenses, took of the purchaser, Elizabeth V.
Williamson, with W. E. Ryland & James Harris, her vendors
two bonds for \$274.52 each and 7th August 1855,
and four bonds for \$68.63 each payable the same day -
He has paid over to all the parties & herewith returns their
receipts - these respective portions of the said sale - except
Henry F. Matthews, David M. Matthews and ~~Matthew~~
Martha A. Luther - and the children of Mary Persons
to wit: Peter, Laura J. Flower A. and W. Person
whose bonds according to the annexed statement
are herewith returned

James H. Person Comr

Matthews's

1855 (January)

Williamson vs Williamsons admr. Sale of negroes
made 3rd of April 1854 belonging to the children
of Mary Matthews viz

Isaac	\$ 955.00
Hardy	150.00
Silas	781.00
	1886.00
Hire of the above negroes 1 month	22.00
amt paid from Mrs Rylands lot	181.25
	2089.25

Expenses

5 per cent on \$150	\$ 7.50
2 per cent on 1939.25	38.78
Crier	4.50
Printer	1.00
Copy of Deed	25.00
	52.03
	2037.22

David Matthews	1/10 part -	\$ 203.72
Wm P Matthews		203.72
L W Matthews		203.72
H F Matthews		203.72
J A Matthews		203.72
J L Matthews		203.72
G A Matthews		203.72
Martha A Tucker formerly Matthews		203.72
Lucy J Matthews		203.72
Mary Persons children		
Peter Person	50.93	
Walter Person	50.93	
Saura J Person	50.93	
Flawrence A Person	50.93	203.72
		\$2037.20

April 3rd 1854 Recd of J P Person bonr. in the suit of
Williamson vs Williamsons admr. the sum of two

hundred and three dollars and seventy two cents
each, being our respective portions of the
sale of Negroes made by him in pursuance
of a Decree in the above case.

Lucy J. Matthews
~~John, L. Matthews~~
John A. Matthews
H. Jones
Agent for L. W. Matthews
H. Jones
Agent for George A. Matthews
Famline Agent agent for
Wm. P. Matthews

In obedience to a decree of the county court of
Southampton, in the case of Myrdie vs. Wyndham admr.
I made sale of the negroes within my lordship and paid
the parties, who receipts are heron filed their portions
Jesse Cant. has now in his hands arising from
the said sale the sum of \$203.72 belonging to said

M. Matthews, the same amt. belonging to A. F. Matthews.
The same amount to Martha A. Lockett and the same
amount amt. (to be equally divided between them) to
Peter, Walter, Laura and Florence Person, infant
children of Mary Person

James H. Person Comr.

Sept 3rd 1855 Rec^d of John R
Chambers, a bond against Elizabeth
S. Williamson, for \$274.⁵³ and 7th day
of August, 1855, and a certificate
of deposits of the Mechanics Savings
Society of Pittsburg, for \$203.⁷⁴

and a sum of 27th 1855. which bond
and certificate were received by him
from the Clerk of the County Court of
Saskatchewan, in the suit of
Williamson vs Williamson. and
for Isaac M. Matthews.

J. C. Wm. J. J. J.
in fact for
J. C. Wm. J. J. J.

IN Ch ambley

Repet.

1855 Nov. 6th

Williamson & as Williamson. and to.

In shainer to a deed of the county county
of Southampton. I rec^d. from the clerk - The Land
Selling shayer to them, for the sum of \$340.⁴⁸ and
the 7th of August 1855 - collected the same, and
instead of depositing the same according to the
said order, have with them it to learn,

You remain pursued this course, because, the
Grant of the children to whom it belongs, is now
ready to receive it, and a separate would have
caused expense & delay.

Amount of Bonds. Aug 7th August 1855. \$340.48.

Int to 19th Nov. 1855.

as due to see.

5.66
\$ 346.14
6.14

\$ 340.00

cash returned month

340.00

Respectfully submitted
J. R. Chambliss

Received

Williamson's

1855 January



Land sold by J H Person Comr. belonging to the
heirs of T B Williamson who are the children of
G M Williamson bought by Sterling Sledge
270 Acres @ \$6.50 per Acre \$1755.00

To Comr on \$300.00 @ 5 per cent \$15.00

" " " 1455.00 " 2 " " 29.10

" Sent to Printer " " 2.00

" " " " " 2.50

Writing Deed " " 5.00 \$53.60

Sent to be distributed as follows \$1701.40

1 bond to Wm H Williamson 1/8 per \$40.28

1 " " G M L Williamson " 340.28

1 " " E B Murfee " 340.28

1 " " M P Williamson " 340.28

James Stewarts children 340.28

Charles H Stewart 1/8 \$113.42

Walter H Stewart 113.42

James W Stewart 113.42 \$1701.40

Rec^d of James H. Person Comr. The bonds to which
we are respectfully entitled for the sale of the
land mentioned in the above statement.

Elizabeth R. Murfee
Geo. W. L. Murfee

Wm H Williamson
By J. W. Murfee agent

Williamson &c -

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Wm. J. Wm. J.

According to a decree of the county
court of Southampton, in the above case, I sold
the land herein mentioned & paid over to the parties their
respective portions, except to Mildred P. Williamson
who has not applied and the bond of Sterling
Shap, with J. B. Powell and Geo. H. Fitzhugh as sureties
for the sum of \$640.25 on 7th 1855
is here with returned for the said Mildred P. Wm. J.
also. ~~The~~ bonds of the same parties are the same
day, for the benefit of Charles, Walter and
James Stewart, for the said sum of \$340.25

James H. Person Com.

James H. Person Com.

Receipt for
Wmsons

Re D of James H. P. used cond. The sum of ~~five~~
dollars, being an respective portions of the
sum of twenty five dollars. directed in the
division of J. B. Williamson's share, to be paid
to the lot, assigned to the heirs of Geo. M. Myson
by the lot assigned to the heirs of Mary Mathews.

Wm. H. Williamson

By S. E. Wagon agent
Geo. M. L. Wagon

July 21st 1856. Recd of L. R. Edwards clerk of the
County Court of Southampton - a bond against
Elyahiah W. Williamson for \$274.50 due 7th August
1855 - also - a certificate of deposit of the
Mechanics Savings Society of P^rince George. for \$205.72
dated July 27/1855, which said & certificate
now filed in the case of Williamson vs. Crawford ad^r.
& assigned to Henry F. Matthews, as his portion of said
Williamson's Estate.

D. L. Conner
Att^r for H. F. Matthews

Wm H Basden
Receipt-

Rec^d of James H. Pusey
Cmsr. in the case of
Williamson &c. vs Wm. Lott,
admsr. to the sum of
Two dollars & fifty cents
for hiring out 5 negroes,
3 belonging to the heirs
of Mary Matthews &
2 to the heirs of George
M. Wm. Lott —

Wm. H. Boardman
Auctioneer

R J Freeman
Receipt

Recd of J. H. Person - Govt. five acres, for
selling as - auctioneer, the lands of J. B. Williamson.

Ruffin J. Freeman

D E Wmson
Receipt

Recd of Martha P. Ryland. ten vols.
and thirty five cents, in full for
the difference, in vision of Hays. arrived
from T. B. Williamson and -

D. W. W. - -

July 21st 1856. Recd of J R Chambers the
sum of \$341.29 being the amount collected by
him, from striking shap, and my portion
of the saw of Thos. B. Williamson Land.

M^r P Williamson
P^r Geo L Parker

Dec 17/1854

Cousin George, Dear Sir, You will please be so good, as to see, Mr Chamblay, of Hick's Ford, and ask him if he has paid over my interest, coming through his hands from the Est. of uncle Tom's Son, to James Person, and if he has not, You will please receive it from him, ~~for me~~ By and with the previous consent, of Mr Person,

If it has been paid, You will then see Cousin James, and inform him, of my desire, that he should, pay it over to You, that I might the more conveniently receive it, when you return,

If any old standing claims are brought, against me, while the money, is in your hands, refuse to pay them,

Mr Chamblay, has \$46. to refund, left with him by Maj Lundy, upon a quartermaster, Major Lundy had no authority to leave any of my money left in his hands I have, protested to Mr Chamblay, wrote me, that he would refund it.

Please let me hear from you, as soon as you can be informed respecting, the Charge; above given,

Respectfully yours, M. P. Wm. Son, per Wm. Paines

Williamson Guardian of
Stewarts. Ex parte.

A Copy of Decree

filed with petition.

1855 Nov. 14.

Southampton Circuit Court, November Term 1853
W^m A. Williamson guardian of Charles A. Walter &
and James W. Stewart, Ex parte.

On petition of

This day this cause came on to be heard on the petition
of William A. Williamson, guardian of Charles A.
Walter & James W. Stewart and on the production
of satisfactory documentary proof according to the provisions
of the act of the General Assembly concerning Non-
resident guardians and wards and was argued by
counsel. On consideration whereof the Court doth
adjudge, order and decree that the petitioner have leave
and authority to demand, sue for receive and recover
any money or other personal property due and
belonging to his said wards, which may be in the
hands of any person within the jurisdiction of this
Court, and remove the same from the State of
Virginia, to the County of De Soto in the State
of Mississippi where the said petitioner and his
wards reside.

Attest.

Henry S. Howard, D.C.

New Orleans March 27th 1854
Know all men by these
presents that I, David M.
Matthews of this City & State
Louisiana having full confi-
-dence in David E. Williamson Esq
of Greensville County State of
Virginia do hereby appoint
& constitute him, my agent
and lawful attorney, to receive
& Receipt for my Interest in the
Estate of my deceased Uncle Thomas
B. Williamson late of Southampton
County Virginia & if necessary to sue
or be sued in my name or in any
way compromise, adjust sell or settle
my Interest as he may think
proper, hereby binding myself to
abide his action in the premises
as witness my hand & Seal the
day and date above written

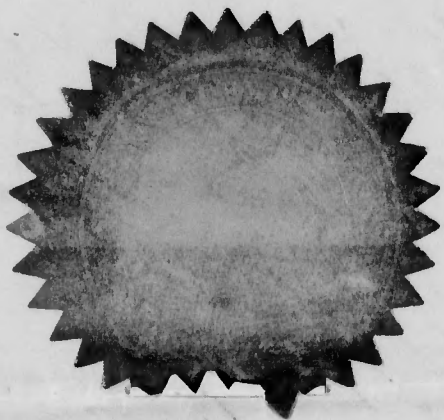
Dm, Matthews

State of Louisiana
City of New Orleans

I, William Shannon a Commissioner
appointed by the Governor of the State of Virginia, for the said City
of New Orleans, State of Louisiana,

Do hereby certify, that D. W. Matthews
whose name is signed to the Power of Attorney on the reverse hereof
and bearing date the twenty seventh of March 1854, has acknowledged
the same before me in my City and State aforesaid, to be his voluntary
act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

Given under
my Hand and Official Seal at New Orleans this twenty eighth day of
March A. D. 1854,



William Shannon
Comm.

Montgomery Tex Sept 15th / 44

Dear Edy

I yours of the 4th past came
apt to hand a few days since Informing
me of the sale of the land of J. B. Wilson
Estate and my portion being \$274.15. Please
Pay the amount over to D. E. Williamson
I am sorry that you and D. M. Matthews cant
settle your business satisfactory you say he
has my Receipt for a settlement it is a mistake
he has no such Receipt of mine I never
made no settlement with him for you
you & him made the settlement you
says he furnished some bacon but how
much I dont recollect Now you told me
you had settled with him for the bacon
and he stated owed you something on
settlement the amt I dont recollect
as I had nothing to do with the trade
the furnishing of the bacon was a trade
of yours & this I would with pleasure
give you all the facts if I knew or recollect
them — But will rate to you to pay his
Money over to D. E. Williamson I expect

The crops are sorry in this country to
what they ought to be we had too
much rain in the spring the summer
very dry I will make corn enough
to do me & about 30 bales of Cotton
All in the woods I have 2700 Acres in my
tract and expect to by 1000 more in a few
days I would not take 50000 ff for my lands
Now we have enjoyed fine weather we
have as good water as ever drank
beams and see our country you will
will be pleased land are rising very fast
good improve land ridy sale at ff 15—
An improved lower owing to where it
Lyes in neighborhood that is settled up ff 3
Other places ff 2 & 6 —————

Give my respect to all of my Relation & friend
& Excuse by best respect for you & family

James Ingham

Yrs

L W Matthews

When I should be

Glad to hear from you

at any time I am

Yours

Montgomery Texas Sept 20th /34

Cousin James

from your letter to Brother Berry
I Learn, you hold in hand, two hundred and
seventy odd dollars, subject to my order, which
you will please, hand to Uncle David Warner
to be paid to Ira Wicks, on the account or
note of L. W. Matthews -

This leaves all well - Our Country presents
quite a flourishing appearance - Emigration
very great to this section of the State - Crops
not good - health quite good, only where
the Yellow Fever is prevalent - I am greatly
pleased with the Country - And would be
greatly pleased to see many of your Virginians
emigrating to our State - My best
Respects to friends & Relations -

I remain most respectfully
Yrs Geo. A. Matthews

Williamms

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Williamms ad.

1835 Aug 20th

Know all Men by these Presents, That We Martha A. Highlander, and James M. Highlander, her husband, of the first Part, of the County of Warren and State of Mississippi; Have this day nominated Constituted and Appointed John A. Person, Esq^r of the County of South Hampton in the State of Virginia Our True and Lawful Attorney in fact for the purposes hereinafter named.

For the purpose of receiving and receipting for any and all Monies, Goods Chattels Lands, Rights of Action and any and all Property or effects, which may be due from or in any Manner Coming to the aforesaid Martha A. Highlander One of the Parties herein first named, by through and from the Estate of Thomas Williams deceased late of said County of ~~Warren~~ ^{South Hampton} in the State of Virginia, as Heir at Law. And the said Martha doth set forth that her Maiden Name, was Martha A. Matthews, That she intermarried with one Francis Tucker in Lowndes County State of Mississippi on the Twenty Fourth Day of November 1846, That she lived with him as his Lawful Wife up to the time of his Death, which occurred on the 16th Day of September 1853 in Warren County State of Mississippi, When she remained a Widow until the 17th Day of May A.D. 1855 when she again married James M. Highlander, with whom she now lives. And the Parties first named herein do hereby fully authorize and empower him the said John A. Person, Esq^r in Our Names to sue for and recover and to receive and receipt for any and all Monies, Goods, Chattels Lands, rights of Action and any and all Property or effects whatsoever that may be due or Coming to the said Martha A. from the

Estate of the Aforesaid Thomas, Williams
Sale of Said County of Southampton in
the State of Virginia Or in any Other County in
State of Virginia. And We do Authorize him
fully to make any division or Adjustment with
any and all Other heirs or Parties interested in Said
Estate. And We do hereby fully Authorize and
empower him the Said John. A. Person, Esq.
Our Said Attorney to Sign Our Name to any
Deed, release, Quit Claim Bond or to any and
all Instruments which may in any wise
be necessary to the fulfilling and carrying out
of the intentions of these Presents, and to act
and do for us in Our Name, Any and all things
which we (or either of us) could do were we then and
there Personally Present and Acting for Ourselves.

And We do hereby bind Ourselves Our
heirs Executors and ~~Assigns~~ to fulfil and
confirm all the Acts of the Said John. A.
Person Esq. Our Said Attorney and Agent
in fact, in the Premises Aforesaid, and all
his Acts in the Aforesaid Premises shall be as
good, valid and binding on us and our heirs,
as though the same were done and performed
by Ourselves in Person.

In testimony hereof the Parties first
named herein have hereunto Signed their
Names and Affixed their Seals at Vicksburg
County of Warren and State of Mississippi
this Twenty Seventh Day of June in the
Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight
hundred and Fifty Five (1855)
Attest

Anderson, J. Miller,
William. C. Perrin

Martha A. Highlander Seal
James M. Highlander Seal

State of Mississippi
Warren County ss Personally appeared
before me Lemuel S. Houghton a Justice
of the Peace in and for the County and
State Aforesaid Martha A. Highlander
and James M. Highlander, who each acknowledged that they Signed Sealed and
delivered the annexed Letter of Attorney
to John. A. Person Esq. of the County of
Southampton in the State of Virginia on the
Day and Year therein Written as their Act
and Deed for the Uses and Purposes therein
Contained, And the Said Martha A.
Highlander being by me examined privately
Separate and Apart from her Said husband,
acknowledged that she Voluntarily Signed,
Sealed and delivered the annexed Letter
of Attorney On the Day and Year therein
Written as her Voluntary Act and Deed, freely
Without any fear threats or Compulsion
of her Said husband.

Witness my hand and Seal at
Vicksburg this 27th Day of June 1855.
L. S. Houghton J. P. Seal

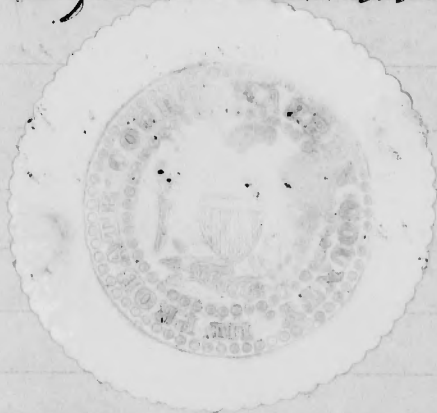
The State of Mississippi

Warren County

I, Charles C. Hamans
Clerk of the Probate Court of the County of Warren
and State aforesaid, do hereby Certify that Lemuel
S. Houghton Esqr whose genuine signature appears
to the foregoing Certificate is and was at the
date thereof an acting Justice of the Peace
duly qualified and commissioned, and that all
his acts in the premises, are and ought to be entitled
to full faith and Credit, in judicature and therout.

In Testimony whereof I have here-
unto set my hand and the seal
of the Probate Court, at Vicksburg
this 27th day of June A.D. 1833;

C. C. Hamans Clerk



W. A. Matthews
New ally
D.
D. & Williamson

1856 - Jan'y 21st.

Due for certificate \$1,000
(Paid)

State of Louisiana
Parish of Madison } It is known that on
this twenty sixth day of November A.D.
Eighteen Hundred and fifty five (1855)

Before me Lewis M. Boyer Recorder
and ex officio Notary Public in and for
the Parish of Madison and State of Loui-
siana duly commissioned and sworn
and in pursuance of the Duties hereafter
named and designated

Personally came and appeared Henry
J. Matthews a resident of said Parish
and State who said and declared
that he has this day constituted named
and appointed and he does by these
present constitutions and appoints

David B. Williamson a resident of
the County of Greenville State of
Virginia as his true and lawful
agent and attorney in fact for him
(said Constituted) and in his name

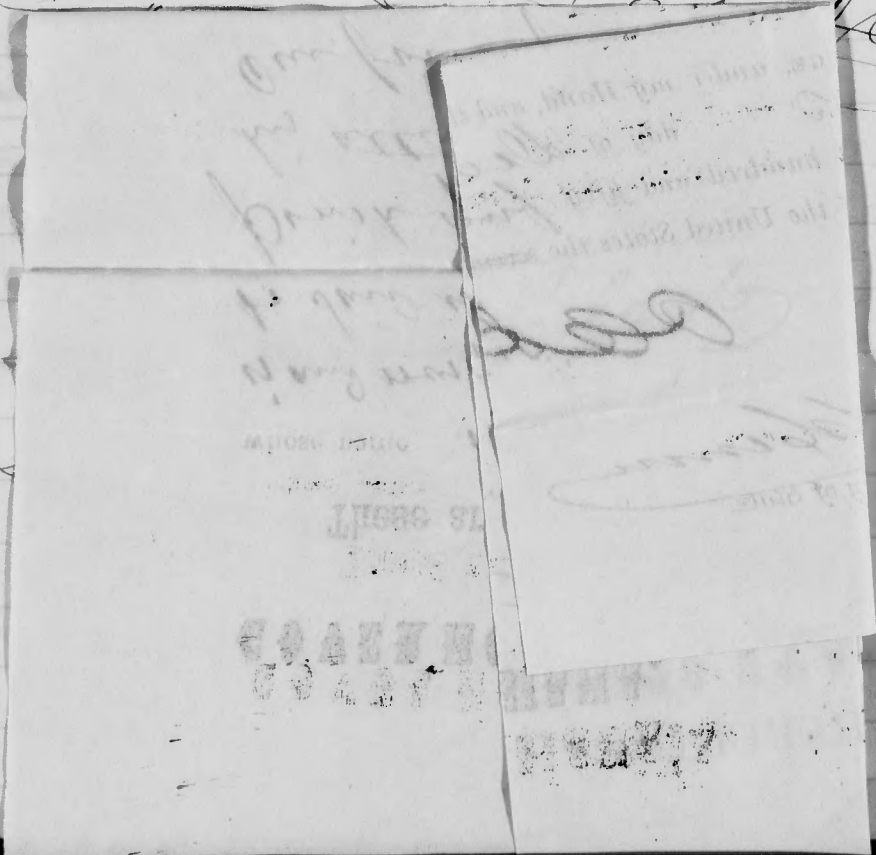
to Receive and receipt for any money
or property due him said Matthews
from the Estate of Thomas B. Williamson
deceased of the State of Virginia - And
he hereby further fully authorizes his
said Attorney to make any compromise
or settlement of his claim on said
Succession as he may think advis-
able - And the said Matthews hereby
fully authorizes his said agent
and attorney to do and perform
all acts necessary in the settlement

of his Interest in the Property of
the Succession of said Thomas A. Mullen
do it in as full and ample a
Manner as if he the said Mother
were personally present and acting
for herself. He is binding
himself and his heirs at all times
to acknowledge and ratify the acts
and doing of his said agent and
Attorney in the premises.

Done and signed in the Parish
of Madison State of Tennessee
on the day and date first herein
written in presence of James J. Pullen
and Francis McLeach Consuls
at St. Louis who reside in this Parish
and in said Records after due
reading thereof H. F. Matthews

J. J. Pullen
F. M. Cuck

L. M. Dyer
Recorder



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

STATE OF



LOUISIANA.

BY PAUL O. HEBERT,

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.

These are to Certify, That *J M Boyce*

whose name *is* subscribed to the instrument of writing herein annexed
is and was, at the time of subscribing his name
to said instrument, Recorder in & for the
Parish of Madison State aforesaid & that
his attestation to the same was made in
due form of law & by the proper officers

GIVEN at BATON ROUGE, under my Hand, and the Seal of the

State, this *third* day of *December*

one thousand eight hundred and fifty *five* and of

the Independence of the United States the ~~seventy~~ *eighty* ~~fourth~~ *year*

P O Hebert

By the Governor,

Andrew Hession

Secretary of State.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we *James H. Person*
William E. Ryland

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

Sealed with our seals and dated this *20* day of *Feb*, 1854

The Condition of the above Obligation is such, That whereas the above bound

James H. Person
has by a Decree of *Southampton County Court*
pronounced on the *20* day of *Feb* 1854, in
a cause therein pending wherein *William E. Ryland*
Plaintiff and *William E. Ryland* Defendant,
been appointed Commissioner to make sale of certain *real personal* Estate in
the said cause described.—Now if the said *James H. Person*
shall faithfully discharge *his* duties as such
Commissioner under said decree, then this obligation to be void, else to remain in full
force and virtue.

Signed, Sealed, and delivered }
in presence of }

James H. Person
William E. Ryland

