

1858-009 SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

GRIFFIN and Wife VS. ALMOND + al 5/1858

other surnames: Rowe

38 St. # # 7.

Griffin Judge

v. { Papers

Almond

Griffin's wife

to { Stat. Rules

Almond & P

In Southampton Circuit Court.

George Griffin & Son vs his wife
against

Lucy Almond, Nathaniel Almond, Robert Almond, William Almond, Martha Almond
John Almond & Samuel Kello Shff. & admors. of Lewis Almond decd.

1853. Nov. 23^d Sum. issued retble. to Jany Rules.

1854 Jany R. Sum. ret. Ex. Bill filed & decree nisi to Dfts. Lucy & Nathl. Almond &
Saml. Kello Shff. & admors. Lewis Almond.

" Feby. R. Bill taken for confessed to Dfts. Lucy & Nathl. Almond & Kello ad. &c.

" Apl. " Cause set for hearing as to Dfts. Lucy & Nathl. Almond & Kello ad. &c.

" " Last Monday, S.R. Edwards assigned gov. ad. litem to infant Dfts. Robert, William
Martha & John Almond - Ans. of infants Saml. Kello & cause set for hearing as to infants

" May 7 Decree for Sale &c.

" Nov. " Reports confirm? & Comm. to collect bond & distribute the money &c.

1858 May 7. Report & decree.

1854 May. Plfgr Costs to mt blk. \$ 6.75
 Shff 3.50
 Lfu W. Pay. 15.75 \$ 26.00
 Lfu Costs. to mt.
 blk \$ 1.28
 Luv. 15.00 16.28

1855 May
 Lfhes Costs. \$ 2.58
 Luv. 24.00
 Shff 3.00
 \$ 29.58

Griffin is also

as 3 Biller's Pelicans

Almonde is also

1854 January Rules

To the honorable Richard H. Baker Judge of the
circuit court of Southampton County in chancery sitting

Humbly complaining your complainants Jerge
Griffin and Louisa his wife who before her marriage was
Louisa Almona shew unto your honor that about the year
1848 Lewis Almona of Southampton County departed this
life intestate leaving some little chattel estate which has
been consumed by the widow a small tract of land in the
said county containing about 150 acres worth about
\$500 and one negro man as his estate that he left
Lucy Almona his wife, Nathaniel Almond who is of age
Louisa one of your complainants Robert Almona William
Almona Martha Almona and John Almond the last four
infants of tender years his children his distributees and
heirs at law. That the said Lewis Almond owed no debts
that your complainants are aware of as there never
was any qualification on the estate but that Lucy Almond
his widow has taken possession the land and negro and
enjoyed it as her own taking all the profits to her own
use that the estate has recently been committed to the hands
of Samuel Wells sheriff of Southampton more for the
purpose of this suit than any thing else as your
complainants have every reason to believe that if the estate
were sold any thing all the debts have long since been
paid and that it is high time that the estate should be
divided among the heirs at law and that if division
cannot be made that the property should be sold and
the money distributed according to the rights of the
parties and indeed your complainant further state unto
your Honor that a sale will be necessary for there is one
negro and a small tract of land not worth more than
\$300 its divided between the widow and ~~the~~^{said} children
and that a sale will be necessary the negro must be

solo of course and your complainants believe that
it would be to the interest of all the parties to see the
land. your complainants certainly desire it for if the
land should be divided after apportioning to the widow
her share it would leave 100 acres of poor land
to be divided among six children shares so small as
to be absolutely worthless for agricultural purposes

In Tender consideration of what and inasmuch as
your complainants are without remedy at law and only
entitled to relief in a court ^{of equity} where such matters are only
cognizable they therefore humbly pray that Lucy Almond
Mathamie Almond, Robert Almond, William Almond
Martha Almond and John Almond the last four infants
by some fit and proper person their guardians ad litem
appointed for that purpose and Samuel Rells sheriff and
as such administrator of Lewis Almond died may be made
parties defendant to this bill and compel them as full
and perfect answer make to the allegations therein contained
as if they had been themselves been more fully and
specially interrogated and as the court cannot make
partition in kind that it may decree a sale both
of the land and negro and divide the same
according to the rights of all the parties interested
and that the court would grant such other and general
relief the premises considered as equity may dictate
and the nature of this case may require and as in
duty bound your complainants will ever pray
Shanda J. J.

Griffin & wife

as 3

Almonas

Museum of infants by
G. R. Edwards & edition

Recruits by consent

Wm R. Edwards

1854 Last Monday in April

The ^{joint} answer of Robert Almond, William Almond
Martha Almond and ~~Robert~~ ^{John} Almond infants by El
Re. Edwardas their guardians ad litem to the bill
by George Griffin & wife as as Thoms & als

This defendant for answer to the said
bill in as much thereof as he is advised it is
material for him to answer, answering says
That he knows nothing of the allegations of
the plaintiffs' bill, but places the interests of
his wards under the care of this honorable
court whose peculiar duty it is to protect the
interest of infants and having fully answered
prays leave to be dismissed with his costs &c

Griffith & wife
N. & answer of dept
Almond & others

To the Honorable Rich^d. H. Baker judge of the
Circuit Court of Southampton County. In chancery.

The answer of Lucy Almond to a bill of
complaint exhibited in this honorable court by
Griffin & wife against her and others.

This respondent saving &c. for answer to
the said bill, says that her husband Lewis Almond
departed this life intestate sometime in the year 1848;
and not in 1841, as charged in the bill. That
he was possessed at the time of his death, of a small
tract of land, a small negro boy, and a little
chattel estate, and left six infant children
and none respondent as his heirs and distributees
at law. Your respondent being ignorant of
law, was advised that it was unnecessary to
qualify as adm^r. on the estate of her husband,
as it was so small, but to pay off his debts,
and keep his estate together for the support of
herself and children. Agreeably to said advice,
with what money she found in the house, and
the amount due her husband which she collected,
amounting in all to seventy five or one hundred
dollars, she proceeded to pay off his debts which
took nearly all or quite the amount which she
had received. That it is not true as charged
in the bill, that she has consumed all his chattel
estate, nor is it true that she has converted
the profits of the land and hires of the negro
to her own use. The chattel estate of which
her husband died possessed, except what was
accidentally destroyed by fire soon after his death,
and what was necessarily consumed for the
support of his children, remained in her

property until his estate was committed some few
months ago, to Samuel Kello Sheriff of this County
and since ^{then} she has accounted to him for it.
Your respondent states that her husband ^{left} six infant
children, the oldest not being more than twelve
years of age. That the health of her children was
then so bad, and has been so the most of the time
since, that they were not in a fit condition
to be bound out, nor were they able to render much
assistance to her. That the said tract of land
was so poor that she was compelled to abandon
it, and the negro boy aforesaid at the death
of her husband was so small that so far from
being a benefit to her was actually an expense
to her for some years after her husband's death.
That the whole income of the property left by her
husband was entirely inadequate to the support
of her children, and that your respondent in
raising and educating them, has expended
more than three or four hundred dollars of her
own property acquired since the death of her
husband. Your respondent believes that it is just
and equitable that the amount of her own property
which she has thus expended in their support
and education, and also in raising the said negro,
should be reimbursed to her out of the personal
property belonging to them. That she has no
objection to the sale of the said tract of land,
believing that it would be to the interest of
all concerned that it should be sold. That
she supposes that it will be necessary that the
negro boy should be sold, but insists that before
a sale is directed, that this honorable court

will direct a Commissioner of this Court, to ascertain
the amount which she has necessarily expended in
the support and education of her said children ^{above their income}, and
decree said amount to be paid her out of the proceeds
of the sale of said negro. And having thus answered
prayer, to be herewith dismissed with costs &
Cobb for distl.

Southampton County to-wit:

Lacey Edmund
personally appeared before me a justice of the
peace for the County aforesaid, and made oath
that the facts stated in the foregoing answer
are true. Given under my hand this the 1st
day of ~~May~~ 1854 -
J. W. Cobb, J. P.

Griffin & wife
my answer of
24th Sept. 1860.
Almonds &

To the Honorable Richard H. Baker judge of the Circuit
Court of Southampton County. May term 1854.

In Chancery.

The answer of Samuel Keels Sheriff and ex admr. of the estate of Lewis Almond decd. to a bill of complaint exhibited against him and others, in this honorable court, by Griffin & wife.

This defendant saving & reserving to himself all benefit of just exception to said bill, answers and says, that the estate of Lewis Almond was committed to his hands by an order of the County Court of Southampton County at Nov. term 1853.

That since that time he proceeded to see the chattel estate belonging to his estate, remaining in the possession of his widow Lucy Almond.

And that the said Lucy Almond became the purchaser of the same for the sum of \$
and that this is all the estate of the said Lewis Almond which has come to his hands with the exception of one negro boy which he has hired out for this year. Your respondent is advised that the said Lewis Almond died about the year 1844 or 1845; and that his widow Lucy Almond took possession of all his property without having qualified as his admr. That she collected what debts were due him, sold some of his property, consumed the crop of corn and fodder belonging to his estate at the time of his death for the use of her family, and paid off his debts. Your respondent is advised that it is his duty to ascertain whether there is still a balance due from her to the estate of the said Lewis Almond, and if so, that she ought to account

to your respondent for it. Your respondent therefore prays that your honor will proceed to ascertain by a commission of this Court what amount is due the estate of Lewis Edmund from his widow Lucy Edmund, and decree it to be paid to your respondent, that he may distribute it amongst the parties entitled. Your respondent further states that he believes it would be impossible to divide the property mentioned in the bill amongst the parties entitled without a sale. And having thus answered prays to be hence dismissed with his costs. &c.

Southampton County D. C. & C.

This day personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, Samuel Kello who made oath that the facts stated in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief. Given under my hand this the 2nd day of May 1884.

John Griffin J. P.

Griffin is wife

as 3 June
Abundant rats

To be entered

R. H. Baker

May Co. '54

Griffin vs wife
as 3 Dean
Almona vs ab

The bill of the complainants having been taken for confessed at the rule against the defendant Nathaniel Almona and for still failing to appear and answer the said bill, and this cause coming on this day to stand on the plaintiffs bill and exhibits filed therewith the answer of James Kells adm^r of Lewis Almona dec^d answer of Lucy Almona, and the answer of the infant defendants Robert, William, Martha and John Almona by L. R. Edwards, their guardian ad litem appointed for that purpose and was argued by counsel on consideration whereof the court doth adjudge order and decree that William N Cobb who is hereby appointed special commissioner for that purpose, shall after having given ^{twenty days} notice of the sale by public advertisement at the court house and such other public places as he may think best, on the land whereof Lewis Almona dec^d died seized and proposed procees to sell at public auction to the highest bidder the tract of land and share belonging to the estate of Lewis Almona dec^d, on the following terms to wit, sufficient of the purchase ^{money} in cash to defray the costs of this suit and the expenses of the the sale, the residue on a credit of nine months, and take from the purchaser ^{or purchase} ~~seven~~ bonds with good and sufficient security payable to himself as commissioner, ~~and have for one-fifth of the whole purchase money, and the residue in six equal instalments~~ and the title to the land to be reserved until the purchase money shall have been paid, and the said William N Cobb is directed to report his proceedings to the court in order to a further decree and the court doth further adjudge order and decree

That same Kells adm^r of Lewis Ahmoud ^{as administrator} settle
his transactions before a commissioner of this court who
is also directed to settle the accounts of Lucy Ahmoud
as acting guardian of the distributees of Lewis Ahmoud ^{and settle the said accounts} De
together with any matter stated demanded pertinent by
himself or so requires to be stated by any of the parties

Griffin & wife

to } copy Dec 18

Almond

written to 7th Aug. 18

Southampton Circuit Court. May 3^d 1854.

George Griffin & Louisa his wife

Plffs.

against

Lucy Allmond, Nathl Allmond, Ro: Allmond, W^m Allmond, Martha Allmond & others.

Defts

The bill of the Complainant having been taken for confessed at the Rules against the Defendant Nathaniel Allmond and he still failing to appear and answer the said bill. And this cause coming on to be heard, this day, on the plaintiffs bill and exhibits filed therewith, the answer of Saml. Kells adm. of Lewis Allmond dec^d answer of Lucy Allmond and the answer of the infant defendants Robert, William, Martha and John Allmond by L.R. Edwards their guardian ad litem appointed for that purpose and was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that William W Cobb who is hereby appointed Special Commissioner for that purpose, shall after having given twenty days notice of the sale by public advertisement at the Courthouse and such other public places as he may think best, on the land whereof Lewis Allmond died seized and possessed, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder the tract of land of land and slave belonging to the estate of Lewis Allmond dec^d on the following terms to wit. Sufficient of the purchase money in cash to defray the costs of this suit and the expenses of the sale, the residue in a credit of nine months, and take from the purchaser or purchasers bonds with good and sufficient security payable to himself as Commissioner, and the title to the land to be reserved until the purchase money shall have been paid. And the said William W Cobb is directed to report his proceedings to the Court in order to a further decree. And the Court doth further adjudge, order and decree that Saml Kells adm^r of Lewis Allmond dec^d settle his transactions as administrator before a Commissioner of this Court who is also directed to settle the accounts of Lucy Allmond as acting guardian of the distributives of Lewis Allmond dec^d and report the said accounts together with any matter stated deemed pertinent by himself or so required to be stated by any of the parties.

Attest

Teste.

L.R. Edwards Clk

Clk.

\$ 6.75

Shff

3.50

L fee &c

15.75 \$ 26.00

Left Court

Clk

\$ 1.28

Law

15.00

16.28

\$ 42.28

1854 Sept. 4 Received \$8.05 cents the Clerk's tax paid within

JR Edwards & Co.

1854 Sept. 4 Recd. \$3.50 The shuff. with Taxes within

Stella shuff.

Griffin & wife
vs 3 Commrs Notice
Almond & others
Augt. 7th 1854

Executed on lrs. Griffin & wife
J. C. Fairbanks Depy
for J. Kello Shff.

Executed on Lucy & Almon
& Nathaniel Almon, Saml
Kello & L. R. Edwards
A. J. Kello depy
for Saml Kello Shff

Commissioner's office.

June 10th 1854.

To George Griffin & Louisa his wife, Lucy Almond,
Nathl. Almond, Saml. Kells adms. of Lewis Almond
dec'd and L. R. Edwards guardian ad litem to
Ro. Almond & others.

You are hereby notified, that I have fixed
upon Monday the 7th day of August next, at
my office in the town of Jerusalem, to take and
settle, the several accounts required to be taken
by the decree of the Circuit Court of South-
ampton County, rendered on the 3^d day of
May 1854, in a suit in Chancery depending
in said Court in which you were parties
plaintiffs and defendants; at which time
and place you are required to attend. Given
under my hand the day and year aforesaid.

Wm. W. Cobb Commr

Griffin is wife
as 3 Decm
Albion is also

To be entered

R. 14. B.

Nov. Co. 54

Griffin & wife
vs 3 Geary
Almona & others

This day this cause came on again to be heard on the papers formerly made and the report of Commissioner Cobb appointed to see the land and the report of Commissioner Goodwyn made pursuant to a decree of May Term 1854 and also a special statement showing the present value of Lucy Almona's interest in Lewis Almona's estate and to which no exceptions have been filed and the court confirming the report of Commissioner Cobb and Goodwyn together with the special statement in said Goodwyn's report as to Lucy Almona's present interest doth adjudge order and decree that Commissioner ~~George Cobb~~ ^{of the clerk} shall withdraw the bonds filed in this cause from the office and collect the same when due ^{and after paying the additional expenses of this cause} and pay to Lucy Almona the sum of \$284.79 & and divide the residue into six equal parts and allot one sixth to George Griffin and Louisa his wife, one sixth to Nathaniel Almond ~~per executor~~ to the lawful guardian of Robert Almond one sixth to the lawful guardian of William Almond and one sixth to the lawful guardian of Martha Almond and one sixth to the lawful guardian of Eliza Almond.

But the said commissioner shall not proceed to act under this decree until he shall have ~~deposited~~ in the clerk's ^{office} of this court bond with good and sufficient security in the penalty of \$500 conditioned as the law directs and the court doth further adjudge order and decree by the consent of Lucy Almond, that out of the remaining four sixths the said commissioner pay to her the sum of one hundred dollars and of the residue allot one fourth to the lawful guardian of Robert Almond

^{fourth}
one ~~seventh~~ to the lawful guardian of William
Almond one fourth to the lawful guardian of
Martha Almond one fourth to the lawful guardian
of John Almond and report to the court in order
to a final decree

Griffin Quise

to } Copy Decal

Almond

March 16th 1857

Rec^d of S. H. 10th 1857

\$500.00 in part

Southampton Circuit Court. November 9th 1854.

George Griffin & Louisa his wife
against

Plffs

} In Chancery.

Lucy Almond, Nathl Almond, Ro. Almond, Wm Almond, Martha Almond, John Almond & Saml Kello Sheriff & admors of Lewis Almond dec^d Defts.

This day this cause came on again to be heard on the papers formerly read and the report of Commissioner Cobb appointed to sell the land and the report of Commissioner Goodwyn made pursuant to decree of May Term 1854 and also a Special Statement showing the present value of Lucy Almonds interest in Lewis Almonds estate and which exceptions have been filed and the Court confirming the reports of Commissioners Cobb and Goodwyn together with the Special Statement in said Goodwyns report as to Lucy Almonds present interest doth adjudge order and decree that Commissioner Cobb shall withdraw the bonds filed in this cause from the Office of the Clerk and collect the same when due and after paying the additional expense of this decree pay to Lucy Almond the sum of \$254.79 cents and divide the residue into six equal parts and allot one sixth to George Griffin and Louisa his wife, one sixth to Nathaniel Almond. But the said Commissioner shall not proceed to act under this decree until he shall have executed in the Clerks Office of this Court bond with good and sufficient security in the penalty of \$1500. conditioned as the law directs. And the Court doth further adjudge order and decree by the consent of Lucy Almond that out of the remaining four sixths the said Commissioner pay to her the sum of One hundred dollars and of the residue allot one fourth to the lawful guardian of Robert Almond, one fourth to the lawful guardian of William Almond, one fourth to the lawful guardian of Martha Almond, one fourth to the lawful guardian of John Almond and report to the Court in order to a final decree.

Attest

Teste

L R Edwards Cky

Octo 19th 1855. Rec^d. Wm Sanford's bond for balance of land \$51.25. Paid Comm Cobb. \$4.00. Bal. due \$47.25

Rec^d. of W W Cobb Comm. ~~Twenty~~ dollars in full
of my fee — N. S. Gooden Comm

Griffin & wife
vs J. Beebe,
Almond & others

May Co. 1858
To be entered
L. H. Baker

Griffin & wife

vs

Almond & others

This day this cause came on to be again heard on the papers formally read, and on the report of Commissioner Cobb made in pursuance of a decree rendered in this cause at Worcester Term 1854, to which report no exceptions have been filed, and on consideration whereof the court doth adjudge, order and decree that the said report be confirmed —

Griffin & wife

v. { Sp. chy

Almonds ad &c

1854 January Rules

Shands p. q.

Ex. by delivering to each
a copy. Monday Jan. 2/1853

J. Wells Secy.

The Commonwealth of Virginia. To the Sheriff of Southampton County -
Greeting - We command you to summon Samuel Kello Sheriff & as such administrator
of David Almond dec^d Lucy Almond. Nathaniel Almond. Robert Almond. William
Almond. Martha Almond & John Almond to appear at the Clerk's Office of our General
Court of Southampton County at the Rules to be holden for the said Court on the first Monday
in January next to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against them in our said Court by
George Griffin & Louisa his wife. And have then there this writ -
Witness Littleton R Edwards Clerk of our said Court at the Court house this 23^d
day of November 1853 in the 48th year of the Commonwealth

L R Edwards Clk

Griffin Lewis

by 3 Depositions

Almon & others

Filed with Comm. Rept. Sept.

14. 1854

The depositions of Patrick Rowe, William Langford taken at Jerusalem, on Monday the 4th day of August 1854, to be used as evidence before the Commissioner touching certain accounts referred to him by a decree of the Circuit Court of Southampton County rendered at May Term 1854.

Patrick Rowe being first duly sworn deposed and said as follows.

Question by depts Counsel. Was Louisa Almond reside with her mother Lucy Almond from the time of the death of her father Lewis Almond in 1848 until the time of her marriage in 1851, and what do you think it was worth per year to board and clothe her?

Answer. She did reside with her mother from the death of her father until the time of her marriage. I think it was worth \$25. or \$30 per year for three or four years, and I don't know that it was worth any thing to board her after that time - I think her services ought to have been ^{worth} her board and clothes after that time -

Question by same. What do you think the negro belonging to the estate of Lewis Almond would have hired for at the time of the death of Lewis Almond; and what would his land have annually rented for?

Answer - I don't think the negro boy would have hired for any thing, for two or three years after the death of Lewis Almond - I think the land would have rented for \$20. or \$25. After two or three years from the death of Lewis Almond the said negro would have

averaged per year about \$25.00
Question by depts. Council. Do you not think
that Lucy Almond expended much more than
this income in ^{the} necessary supports and
clothing, and did she not manage the prop-
erty in her possession judiciously.

Answer. She did.

Question by depts. Council. Do you think a girl
of twelve years of age is worth her services
to the time she becomes of age.

Answer. I think they might be made to
be worth her board.

Answer by depts. Council. Was not the children
that were able to labour and her mother?

Answer. They worked some.

Objection. Do you know that Lucy Almond
made any effort to bind out her children.

Answer. I do not. Some of them were
in bad health.

Question by depts. What do you think
it was worth per year to board & clothe
Robert, William, Martha and John
Almond from 1845 to 1853 and did
they reside during that ^{time} with their
mother.

Answer. About twenty five or thirty dollars
they did reside with their mother.
And further this deponent oath not

P. T. R. R. R.

Sworn to and subscribed to, the day & year
first above said.

W. W. Cobb

It was agreed by the parties that the following
was the ages of Lewis Almond's children

at the time of his death, to-wit, Nathl
11 years, Louisa 9 years, Robert 6 years
William 4 years, Martha 2 years and
John 1 year -
Common fee for taking
depositions - \$4.00

W. W. Cobb

Nathl. Almond who is of age acknowledged before
the Commr that his board & clothes were worth \$30.
per year for three years after the death of his father
and is willing that it should be allowed his mother
provided it is legal & right -

W. W. Cobb

Lucy Almond is 42 years of age.

Griffinoz wife

i Court Report

Almond orchard

1856 Sept. 14.

Commissioners office - Sept. 1st 1854

Gaffins & wife

Almond & others

Permanently to the decree of the Circuit Court, the undersigned Commissioner, submits the following report - decree rendered May 3rd 1854 -

The Commissioner is of opinion that Lucy Almond must be considered as acting guardian for her children, Nathaniel, Louisa Robert, William, Martha and John Almond, from the death of her husband in the year 1825 - It appears that Lewis Almond, the husband and father died intestate, and that his widow Lucy Almond retained in her possession the whole estate left by her husband, and provided the necessary support for the children, until the property in her possession was sold by the decree of Court, sometime during the present year - As she was acting as guardian, though not the legal guardian, she must be held to account as the legal guardian.

It appears from the evidence before the Court contained in the deposition of Patrick Rowe (her witness returned) that the expenditures on account of the children were considerably more than the income of their portion of the estate in the hands of their acting guardian; and he therefore reports that nothing is due them from the said Lucy Almond as acting guardian.

At the request of some of the parties, the Court reports the following accounts, as special statements, showing the balance due from each of the children to Lucy Almond as acting guardian.

Louisa Almond

In account with Lucy Almond - acting guardian

1851		Dr.	Cr.
Decr:	31	By your portion rent of land for 1826-7-8 & rent of land and hire of negro for 1827-1830 & 31 -	21 63
		To commissions on same	1 08
		" board & clothing for the years 1826-7-8 & 9 at \$30 p. year -	120 00
"	"	" bal. due the guardian - Per. found	99 43

1853

		cost but for and	99 43-	
1853		By your portion rent of land for 1852 & 3		
		with interest - 1/2 commission	9 36	
Debr: 31	"	bal. due the guardians	89 89	
			99 43-	99 43-
"	"	" bal. due the guardians	\$ 89 89	

Nathaniel Almond

1848		In account with Lucy Almond -		
Debr: 31		By your portion rent of land 1846, 7 & 8 -	6 66	
		1/2 commission on same	" 33	
		" board & clothing same years at \$30 p. year	90 00	
1853		By your portion rent of land for 1849-50		
		31-52 & 53 - with interest & ad -	28 27	
		1/2 commission on same	1 42	
		" bal. due the guardians	56 62	
			91 75	91 75
Debr: 31	"	bal. due the guardians	\$ 56 62	

Robert Almond

		In account with Lucy Almond -		
		By your portion rent of land for 1846, 7 & 8 & 2		
		rent of hire of negro for 1849, 50 & 51	21 63	
		1/2 commission on same	1 08	
		" board & clothing same years at \$30 p. year	180 00	
		By your portion rent of land for 1852 & 3 & 2		
		Interest on same	10 27	
		1/2 commission on same	" 37	
		" bal. due the guardians	149 69	
1853			181 59	181 59
Debr: 31	"	bal. due the guardians	\$ 149 69	

William Almond

In account with Lucy Almond

1853		By your portion rent of land from 1846 to		
		1848 - and hire of negro and rent of land		
Debr: 31		from 1849 to 1853 - inclusive -	31 61	
		1/2 commission on same	1 58	
		" board & clothing same years at \$30 p. year	240 00	
		" bal. due the guardians	209 97	
			241 58	241 58
"	"	" bal. due the guardians	\$ 209 97	

Martha Almond

		In account with Lucy Almond		
		By your portion rent of land from 1846 to		
1853		1848 - and hire of negro and rent of land		
Debr: 31		from 1849 to 1853 - inclusive -	31 61	
		1/2 commission on same	1 58	
		" board & clothing same years at \$30 p. year	240 10	
		" bal. due the guardians	209 97	
			241 58	241 58
"	"	" bal. due the guardians	\$ 209 97	

John Almond

1853		In account with Lucy Almond		
Debr: 31		bal. due the guardians - as p. two		
		past accounts stated	\$ 209 97	

The Commissioner is also required to report, by special statement the present value of Lucy Almond's down interest in the land & slave heretofore sold under a decree of Court - The said Lucy being 32 years old, her expectation of life is 26 years - according to the table of longevity - The amount for which the land and slave sold together with statement will be found on the other side -

Statement showing the present value of Lucy Edmunds' down interest &c

Am't sale of negrs \$ 903 93

Lucy Edmunds' interest $1/3$ for life 301 31

Annual income, or annuity for 26 years 18 07

Present value of same \$ 234 96

Am't sale of bond \$ 194 97

Lucy Edmunds' interest $1/3$ for life 64 99

Annual income for 26 years 3 89

Present value of same \$ 49 83

Respectfully submitted

Com: fee \$ 20-

W. S. Goodwyns Comr.

charged to

Griffin & wife

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Common Report

Almond Sothens

1854 Oct 2^d

To the Hon: Richard H. Baker judge of the Circuit Court of Southampton County.

Agreeably to the decree rendered at May Term 1854, in the suit of Griffin and wife vs Almond and others pending in the Circuit Court of Southampton County. The undersigned appointed a special Commissioner for that purpose, after having ^{given} more than twenty days notice by public advertisement at the Courthouse and other public places proceeded to sell on the 19th day of June 1854, according to the terms and directions of said decree, to the highest bidder on a credit of nine months. The land and slave belonging to the estate of Lewis Almond dec^d. - That G. A. W. Newson became the purchaser of the said slave for the sum of \$965.00, and after deducting expenses of said sale, to-wit: Commission \$28.30 and Crier \$2.00 and Lawyer's fee of plaintiff \$30.75, which were paid in cash, there remained the sum of \$903.95, for which the undersigned took a bond from the said purchaser with good security payable nine months after date, which bond is herewith returned - That William Sankford became the purchaser of the said land for the sum of \$250, and after deducting expenses of said sale, to-wit: Commission and Crier fee \$13.50, Lawyer's fee of defendant \$30.00, Sheriff's and Clerk's fees \$11.53 amounting to \$55.03, there remained the sum of \$194.97, for which sum bonds are herewith returned with this report - That he retained the title to the said land until the whole purchase money is paid.

Respectfully Submitted
Wm. W. Cobb Commr.

March 2nd 1855. Rec^d. of L. R. Edwards clerk the bonds returned with the above report.

Wm. W. Cobb Commr.

Griffin Tarife
or 3 Comm. Report,
Almond Cotton

1868 May 3^d

Griffin & wife

vs

Almond & others.

In obedience to a decree of the Circuit Court of Southampton rendered in the above suit at November Term 1854, the undersigned Commissioner begs leave to submit the following report. He collected the several bonds mentioned in said decree, and has paid the amount out according to its directions, as will be seen from the following account.

By amt rec^d of W^m Sankford for sale of land — \$194.97

" " " " S. Nello in part of bond^s

on G. A. W. Newsum, March 10th 1857 — \$501.00

By amt rec^d of same October 19th 1857 — \$528.57

To paid clerk — \$5.00 \$1224.54

" " Sheriff — 3.00

" " Commr. Goodwyn. 20.00

" " " Cobb — 4.00

" " W. W. Cobb atty.

for suit vs Nello & Edwards. 7.30

Total amt of costs — \$391.50

Balance after paying costs — \$1185.04

To paid Lucy Almond \$284.79 with³

Interest thereon two years. \$318.95

\$866.09

To George Griffin & wife's proportion

of Balance — $\frac{1}{6}$ = \$144.34 $\frac{5}{6}$

To estate, Almond's proportion = \$144.34 $\frac{5}{6}$

288.69

\$577.40

To paid Lucy Almond \$100. with³

Interest thereon two years — 112.00

\$465.40

Carried forward

Balance brought forward \$465.40
which is due under the said decree to Robert William,
Martha and John Stuart, and which has been
retained by the Commissioner in his hands as
their guardian at law. Receipts have been
taken from all the other parties for their
respective shares, and are herewith filed.

Respectfully submitted
Wm. W. Cobb Com.

Geo Griffin

Decr 5th 1853 Recd this day of G. A. W. Newton
the sum of eighty five dollars in full for my interest
in a negro boy named Bidick belonging to the estate
of Lewis Almond, ^{and} said boy is now advertised to be
sold on our next court day the 19th day of the present
month Decr by commissioner

Test
James. H. Gaskins

George ^{his} Griffin
mark

June 19th 1854 Rec^d of Nathl M Cobb special
commissioner the sum of Thirty dollars in full
for fees in the chancery suit of Almon vs
Almon

Wm B Shanes atty
for the Plaintiff

June 6th 1857. Recd. of Wm. W. Cobb Commissioner
the sum of four hundred and thirty dollars and
ninety five cents, it being in full of the several
amounts directed to be paid to me by a decree of
the Circuit Court of Southampton County rendered
at Nov. term 1854 in the suit of Griffin
& wife vs Almond & others.

Witness -
D. B. Kello

Lucy ^{her} Almond
mark

Decr 21st 1857. Rec^d. of Com to Court
Comm the sum of one hundred and
fourty four dollars & ¹⁰⁰4 cts in full
of the amount due to be paid to
me by a decree of the Circuit Court
of Southampton rendered in the suit
of Griffin vs Almond & others at
Nov. Term 185-4,

Liste,

SR Edwards

Calhoun
Almond

May 4th 1858. Rec^d. of Wm W. Cobb Commission
The sum of \$122. 29/6, it being the proportion due
to George Griffin & wife under a decree of the Circuit
Court of Southampton County rendered in the suit of
Griffin & wife v Edmund Lotters ~~rendered~~ at November
Term 1854 and which was transferred by the said
George Griffin to George A. W. Newson.

JR Edwards and
G. A. W. Newson de^p

Copy.

Order committing Lewis
Almonds et. to Sheriff.

Griffin & wife

vs }

Almonds

filed by plffs. with bill

Southampton County Court November Term 1853.

Ordered that the estate of Lewis Alenard dec^d be committed to the hands of Samuel Wells Sheriff of this County for be administered according to law.

Attest

Teste L R Edwards Ck

Griffin J. J. J.

v. } Bond.

Almond

I now all men by these presents that we William W Cobb & Wm H Nicholson
are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth
of Virginia in the just and full sum of fifteen hundred dollars. to the payment whereof well
and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs, Executors and administrators jointly and
severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this 18th day of
December 1854

The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas by
a decree of the Circuit Court of Southampton County pronounced on the 9th day of November
1854 in a suit in Chancery therein depending between George Griffin & Louisa his wife Plffs
against Lucy Almond & others Defts. The above bound William W Cobb was appointed
Commissioner to withdraw the bonds filed in the cause from the Office of the clerk and collect
the same when due and pay out the monies as by said decree directed. Now if the said
William W Cobb shall faithfully discharge of his trust then the above obligation to be void or
else to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed Sealed & acknowledged before me
in my Office as Clerk of the Circuit Court
of Southampton County the 18th day of
December 1854

Wm W. Cobb (Seal)
Wm H. Nicholson (Seal)

J. R. Edwards cly