

1861-08

Southampton County - Chancery

Griffin, John C. (infant) Gardner, Joseph & Martha
vs. Burges, A.S.H., Louisa

Estate

Others:-

Griffin, John C.

Griffin, Eugene

Griffin, Fanny

Griffin, Helen

Griffin, Wm. T.

Griffin, Arthur

Griffins Box

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Griffin Bdm }
 " } Billie
 Griffin &

1861 April Rules

To the Hon: Richard H. Baker judge of the Circuit Court
of the County of Southampton. Virginia - In coming
acting - Humbly complaining shew unto your
honor your Complainant William H. Beilow
Guardian of John C. Griffin; That the said John
C. Griffin, only child of Robert C. Griffin and Lucy
Griffin died on the 18th day of March 1861, in the
presence of the County Court of Southampton
County, and said your complainant as his Guardian,
and that he on that day ^{was} duly qualified
as such, as will appear by a copy of the order of
said Court filed herewith and marked (A)
That the said Robert C. Griffin died and Lucy his
wife, formerly Wellons, left two children as
their only heirs, John C. & Caroline C. Griffin,
that Caroline has since died, leaving now only
one child as her heir, as their heir - That the
said Lucy Griffin died formerly Wellons,
was possessed of a certain tract of land lying in
Southampton containing 850 acres, adjoining
the land of A. J. H. Bungey Miller, Brudlow & which
said land was bequeathed Robert C. Griffin
never entered into his possession, and which
the said John C. Griffin her only heir is entitled
to - Your Complainant ^{John C. Griffin} that it is manifestly
~~that~~ but to sell the said land to promote the interests
of said infant John C. Griffin, and that to do
so will not injure or violate the rights of any
one. That the said John C. Griffin is now about
twenty years of age, and is the owner of the

and land which adjoins the lands of J. H. Bumpus, Miller, & B. & C. and is worth between three and four hundred dollars; also the said John C. Griffin in trust aforesaid, is the owner of about twenty five likely negroes, and thus besides this he is the owner of about five or six thousand dollars in cash - That the following are some of the reasons why the said land should be sold That the said land rents for a sum nominally small, for not more than ten dollars per annum, that there are no houses on it, that it is fast growing up in old field pine - That the interest on the money for which it would probably sell, would much exceed the annual rents, that it is deteriorating in value annually, and would sell for more now than it probably ever will for again That the land is fast coming to nothing, the fences have all come to nothing, and the said infant is very desirous that it should be sold - That if the said John C. Griffin infant aforesaid, were dead, his heirs would be his aunts on his mother's side, Louisa wife of J. H. Bumpus, Martha wife of Joseph Gardner, all adults -

The consideration whereof, and in as much as your complainant is without remedy save in this honorable court, to the end your ^{The said John C. Griffin infant aforesaid} complainant pray that J. H. Bumpus and Louisa his wife, Joseph Gardner and Martha his wife, may be made parties defendants to this bill, and required to answer

the allegations thereof on oath - That some proper person may be appointed to defend the said infant defendant That the said land may be sold as proposed here and that your honor will grant such other and general relief as equity may dictate on the nature of the case herein and as in and by your complaint will more fully be

Wm H. Peltlow

Southampton Circuit Court Clerk's Office March 29 1831

This day William H. Peltlow personally appeared before me Clerk of the Circuit Court of Southampton County aforesaid and made oath that the facts stated in the foregoing bill are true to the best of his knowledge and belief Given under my hand this day and year above written

J. R. Edwards Clk

Griffin 3dly } Answer of
Griffin 4. } in form of deposition
+ Guardian ad
litem -

The answer of John C. Griffin and infant above
the age of 14 years, to a bill in Chancery filed in
the Circuit Court of Southampton County by
Wm. H. Pethlow Guardian of said John C. Griffin,
and against the said John C. Griffin and others -

This respondent says that the facts and state-
ments made in said bill and set forth in said
bill are true as he believes, and that a rule
of the real estate as prayed for would promote
his interests, and that the rights of no one
would be violated thereby, and therefore he
joins in the prayer for such rule, and covering
and preserving the said,

Sworn to before me this May 1861
a justice of the Peace for Southampton County
J. P.

The answer of Willis Broadbent Guardian ad litem
of John C. Griffin, to a bill in Chancery filed in
the Circuit Court of Southampton County, by Wm. H. Pethlow Guardian
of said John C. Griffin, and against the said John C. Griffin and others.
This respondent, says that the facts and statements made and
set forth in said bill are true as he believes, and that a rule
of the real estate as prayed for in said bill, would pro-
mote the interests of said John C. Griffin, and the rights
of no one would be violated by such rule, and there-
fore he joins in the prayer for such rule, and covering
and preserving the said, Willis Broadbent

Sworn to before me a justice of the Peace for
Southampton County this 20th May 1861
Alfred T. Hoptunson J. P.

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~ } Stat. Rules

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In Southampton Circuit Court.

William H. Preble guardian John Griffin

against
John Griffin and infant, A. S. H. Burges & Louisa his wife & Joseph Gardner & Martha
his wife.

1861. March 20th Summons issued &c.

April R. Summons ret. Ex^o Bill filed. D. Nisi v. Deft. Burges & wife & Gardner
& wife.

" April R. (last Mond.) Bill taken for confessed as to Burges & wife & Gardner & wife &
cause set for hearing as to them.

1866 May 8. Dismissed

Griffins Son

& } Saml Chy.

Griffins

1861 April Term

Execution March

25th 1861, by delivering
each a copy of the
within summons

Isaac V. S. S.
Shff

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY—GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON

John C. Griffin, Eugene Griffin, Fanny Griffin, Helen Griffin, William F. Griffith, J. Griffin

to appear at the Clerk's office of our Circuit Court of Southampton County, at the Rules to be holden for the said Court, on the first Monday in *April next*, to answer a bill in chancery exhibited against *them* in our said Court by

Wm A. Pritchard Guardian of *John C. Griffin*

and have then and there this writ. Witness, LITTLETON R. EDWARDS, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, this *20* day of *March* 186*7*, in the *85* year of the Commonwealth.

L. R. Edwards

Griffin's Hor.

& } Sum. Chr.

Griffin & Co

1861 April Rules

Executed Apr 1st 1861

by delivering each one
of the parties a copy
of the within sum.

W. A. Wood

Deputy

for G. W. Nichols

Shff

Griffin & Co

vs

Griffin

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Apr. co. 1866

To be entered

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The Commonwealth of Virginia. To the Sheriff of Southampton County. Greeting.
We command you to summon John C. Griffin an infant. A. S. H. Barges & Louisa his
Wife and Joseph Gardner & Martha his wife
to appear at the Clerk's Office of our Circuit Court of Southampton County at the Rules to be holden
for the said Court on the first Monday in April next. To answer a bill in
Chancery exhibited against them in our said Court by William H. Pritchard guardian of
John C. Griffin

And have them show this writ Witness Littleton R. Edwards Clerk of our said Court at
the Courthouse this 28th day of March 1861 in the 85th year of the
Commonwealth.

L. R. Edwards Clk

Griffin & Co
vs
Griffin } Deem

This cause this day came on to
be heard on the bill of the Complainant, answer
of infant defendant by his guardian ad litem,
and taken for confessed as to the ad litem de-
fendant, and was argued by counsel. On
consideration, ^{the infant being now of full age} whereof the Plaintiff not writing
further to prosecute this suit, it is ordered to be
dismissed -

Griffin Bdr
^{ms} Griffin & Co } Dear

Griffin & Co
or
Griffin & Co } Deem

This cause this day came on to be heard on the bill of the complainant, taken for confessed as to the adult defendants, and upon the answer of the answer of the infant defendant, and the answer of his Guardian ad litem, and general replication to said answers, and was argued by Counsel - On consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge order and decree that Demarens & Dole, Milton D Butler, Willis Bradshaw and William J Richardson who are hereby appointed Commissioners for that purpose, any three of whom may act, proceed to examine the real estate referred to in the proceedings, described as a tract of land lying in Southampton County, adjoining the lands of S H Burges, Willis Bradshaw and Thomas J Britten containing 150 acres, and report to court what in their opinion is the true simple value thereof, and whether the interest of the infant defendant John C Griffin will be promoted by a sale of the same, and whether the rights of any one will be violated thereby, and the reasons of their opinions and make report to court with any matter demanded pertinent by them, or any of the parties, and require to be stated —