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Southampton County - Chancery

Artis, Joseph, Jr. vs Cobb, H. V. Adm.

To obtain Decree for
Church property

Joseph Artis
James Cunniff
Anthony Beale
Deacons 7
Episcopal Methodist
Church

John Cobb
Adm. Est
H. V. Cobb

Arts &c

v } Bill

Cobb &c

1877 October Rules

To the Hon George Bloss Judge of the Circuit-
Court of Southampton County - In Chancery -
Your Complainants Joseph Artis, James
Leounceil and Anthony Beale - Deacons
of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion
Church of the County of Southampton Vir-
ginia Respectfully Represent and shew
unto your Hon as follows:

That on the 21st-
day of June 1876, your Complainants pur-
chased of Henry T. Leoth Late of the County
of Southampton Virginia, for the sum of fifty
dollars a certain lot or parcel of Land
lying in the said County, - containing about
one acre more or less, for the purpose of building
a house of worship, and bounded as follows:
On the North by the lands of Capt. J. L. Mills and
D. Webb. On the South by the S. R. Railroad, on
the East by the lands of the said J. L. Mills, and
on the West by those of the said D. Webb.

That Amos Luffman for and on behalf of
your Complainants, paid unto the said H. T. Leoth
the sum of five dollars, in part of the purchase
money of said land, taking the said Leoth's
Receipt for the same as will be seen by said
Receipt here with filed, marked "A" and asked
to be taken as a part of this Bill. That the
said H. T. Leoth in his life time, put your Complainants
into the possession of said Land, which possession
they have continued to enjoy to the present time
as a Church.

That on the 4th day of January 1877 the
said H. V. Cobb departed this life without
having made to your Complainants, as donors
or trustees of the aforesaid Church a deed
for the lot of land above described.

And your Complainants are advised
that by an act of the General Assembly, they
are on the payment of the residue of the
purchase money of said lot of land, which
they are now prepared to do, entitled to re-
-ceive a deed therefor. They therefore humbly
pray that your Hon. appoint some suitable
and discreet person a Commissioner for
the purpose of making a good and perfect
deed ^{for said land} to your Complainants Joseph Arlio, James
Council, and Anthony Beale, together with
Kinchin Tins and Wilkerson Trust - and
their successors in office, for the use and
occupation of the said African Methodist-
Episcopal Zion Church, on the payment of
the residue of the ~~purchase~~ of the purchase
money - there being sufficient personal estate
of the said H. V. Cobb to satisfy all liabilities
against the same.

That Justus Cobb, administrator
of Henry V. Cobb, Bethe Cobb, Widow of H. V. Cobb
to whom dower has been assigned, with which
she is satisfied, Nora A. Cobb, Richard H. Cobb
Annie L. & Carrie S. Cobb, the last four being
minor children of H. V. Cobb, by L. R. Edwards
their guardian ad litem, may be made

parties defendants to your Complainants Rice
and required to answer specially the allegations
therein contained. And that your honor will
grant such further and general relief as the
justice of the case may require or equity may dem-
-and. And as in duty bound your orators will
Ever pray &c

Gaffin pr.

1876 June 21st - Recd of Amos Griffin (Real)
Five dollars in part-payment of ~~50.00~~
for an acre of land ^{more or less} sold to him
for the African M^t Church for the
purpose of erecting a house of worship
near Wethering station on the S. R. Rail-
road ~~in~~ H. V. Table

Santhampton County, to wit;

Personally appeared before me J. W.
Lawrence and made oath that Septem-
ber 29th, 1877. he delivered a copy
of the within to J. Thos Cobb Billie
Cora Cobb
October 1st, 1877

J. W. Lawrence, J.

Artis W
Cobb and J
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The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY—GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON *Jethro Cobb admor. of H. V. Cobb dec^d*
Bettie Cobb (widow of H. V. Cobb), Lora Cobb, Annie S. Richard H.
Harrie F. Cobb - the last four infants

if *they* be found within your bailiwick, 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 *October next* to answer a bill
in Chancery exhibited against them in our said Court by *Joseph Artis,*
Jas. Lounceill & Anthony Beale Deacons. Africans M. E. Church of
the County of Southampton

And have then there this writ.

WITNESS, LITTLETON R. EDWARDS, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, this *22^d*
day of *September*, 187*7*, in the *102^d* year of the Commonwealth.

L. R. Edwards Clk

1878. June 1st - Recd of R R Griffin Forty Five (~~40.00~~)
Money collected by him in suit for Deed to lot-
of land sold by H. V. Cobb to the Hickory Grove
African. Zion Church.

Peter Cobb

Adm of H V Cobb and

Personal Security Conditioned for the faithful
performance of the duties enjoined by this decree
And report to Court-

1871 July

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To be returned

Exhibit 32

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Admirals

VS

Leobcats

This Cause Came on this day to be
checked on the Bill of the Complainant taken for Confessed
as to Bettie Leobt Widow of H V Leobt deceased
upon whom process has been served and she still
failing to appear and plead, answer or demur
and the answers of Leora Leobt, Richard H
Leobt, Annie Lee Leobt, and Carrie F Leobt, Minor
Children of Henry Leobt deceased, by L R Edwards
their guardian ^{with reply and answer} ^{through} Exhibits ^{mailed to} filed and
repleatory thereon and was argued by Counsel

On Consideration whereof the Court doth
advice order and decree that K R Gaffin be, and
is hereby appointed a Commissioner for the Special
purpose to execute a deed with Special Warranty
to Joseph & Mrs. James Lemmick Anthony Beale Knicker
Snyder and William Hurst ^{Trustees} and their successors in
office to have and to hold in perpetuity, as trustees
of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church near
Hottelway Depot on the S & R Railroad in Southampton
County. The Real Estate mentioned and described
in the Complainant's Bill for the purpose ~~mentioned~~ ^{mentioned}
to be held by them as such trustees to and for the
use and benefit of the said Church. Ordered
that the said trustees or some-body for them within
90 days from this date pay unto the said Commissioner
the residue of the purchase money, to wit the sum
of forty five dollars with interest thereon from the
21st day of June 1876

And the said Commissioner shall im-
mediately after collecting the said sum of money from the
said trustees, ~~shall~~ pay over the same to the personal
representative of the said H V Leobt who shall account
for the same in account as of the personal assets of the said H V Leobt

But the said K R Gaffin, Commissioner shall not proceed to dis-
charge the duties imposed by this decree until he shall have
executed in the Clerk's Office of this Court before the Clerk thereof a Bond
in the penalty of One Hundred dollars with sufficient

Artis only

v.s.

Leath only

Answer of
Leora A. Leath, Leath
H. Leath, Leanie F. Leath
+ Annie Lee Leath

Artis

vs

Lobb & als

The joint and several answers
of Cora A. Lobb, R. H. Lobb, Maria J. Lobb
and Annie Lee Lobb, minor children of Henry
V. Lobb deceased, by L. R. Edwards, their
fiduciary ad litem, to a Bill filed against
them in the Circuit Court of Southampton
County by Joseph Artis and others.

These respondents for answer say, that so much
of the Bill of the Complainants as they are required
to answer, that they are infants of tender age,
ignorant of their rights, and subject to their interests
to the protection of the Court.

And having answered, pray
to be decreed with their reasonable costs
&c

L. R. Edwards, for ad litem of

To the Hon George Blaw Judge of the Circuit-Court of
Southampton County.

The undersigned Special Commissioner
appointed ^{by a decree of the} at the ^{term} of the Circuit-Court of South-
ampton County, N.Y. in the suit of Artie and others
against Cobbs ^{deceased} and others to collect the residue
of the purchase money of a certain piece or parcel of
land mentioned and described in Complainant's bill, as
sold by Henry T. Cobb to the Hickory Grove African Methodist
Lion Church, in his life time, and to make a deed with
special Warranty to the executors (trustees) and their successors,
for the same, begs leave to report, that in accordance with
the requirements of said decree he collected the residue
of said purchase money, to wit, the sum of forty five dol-
lars and paid the same to Jethro Cobb, Administrator of
H. T. Cobb deceased, as will be seen by his receipt-filed
herewith and marked "A". And your Commissioner
reports further, that upon receipt of the residue of the said
purchase money, he ^{and delivered} made a deed with special Warranty
conveying the aforesaid lot of land ^{into} Joseph Artie, ~~Arthur~~ ^{and} ~~others~~
and others executors and trustees and their successors,

Respectfully Submitted

H. R. Griffin

Special Commissioner

In Southampton Circuit Court.

Joseph Artis, James Council & Anthony Beale Deacons of the African
Methodist Episcopal ^{Bible} Church of the County of Southampton Virginia Plaintiffs
against

Jethro Cobb administrator of Henry V Cobb dec^d Bettie Cobb, widow, of
H. V. Cobb, Leora A Cobb, Richard H. Cobb, Annie L. Carrie F
Cobb the last four infants by L.R. Edwards their Guardian ad litem

1877. Sept. 22. Summons issued

" Oct R- Sum. ret^d Executed on Dfts. Jethro & Bettie Cobb

Bill filed. L.R. Edwards assigned G^d ad litem to infant Dfts.
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" Nov. Bill taken for Confessed as to Dfts. Jethro Cobb ad & Bettie
Cobb. & Cause set for hearing as to them

" " J. Decree to execute dec^d of

1878 Nov. Removed from Docket.

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Cost adm.

This cause this day came on again to be heard on the papers formerly read, and on the report of Commissioner H. R. Griffin this day filed by leave of the Court - and was argued by Amos. On consideration whereof the Court, confirming said report, and it appearing to the Court that there is nothing further necessary to be done in this cause, doth adjudge order and decree that the same be removed from the docket.

Article

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Colli. ad.

Mr. Tamm in Oct 1878

Dec 1878

To be sent

Geo. Blow.

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