

1878-11

Southampton County Chancery

Cobb, Bettie

Cobb, Bettie vs Cobb, Tethro (adm.)

Suit to regain possessions of
widow, including land -

Cobb, Henry

13/6/90 } Cora A.
" Annie L.
" Richard H.
" Carrie F.

Edwards, L. R.

GAL

Cobb

21 3 Decree.

Cobb Adm'r &c.

This day this Cause came on to be heard on the bill of the Complainant taken for compulsion as to the adult debtors, the answer of the infant debtors by J. R. Edwards their guardian. Several application thereto and was agreed by Counsel. On consideration whereof, the Court doth adjudge order & decree that a Com'r of this Court enquire & report to Court 1st. What articles were exempted or set aside to the widow of Henry V. Cobb, dec'd, under what is commonly known as the poor debtors law; 2nd. What articles should have been so set aside & their value. 3rd. Whether the watch that the Complainant claims was a bridal present to her from her husband was of a paraphernal ^{personal} nature or not. Which reports the said Com'r will audit report to Court together with any other matters specially stated deemed pertinent by himself or which may be required to be so stated by any interested party. And the Court doth further decree that Justice Cobb, Adm'r of H. V. Cobb dec'd be restrained from enforcing the Collection of a.

bond executed by Bettie Cobb, widow
of Sait H.V. Cobb, to him for purchase
at sale. until it can be ascertained
to what credits the said bond should
have. And the said Jethro Cobb is
ordered to render before one of the Clerks
of this Court an account of his trans-
actions as Admin^r of H.V. Cobb decd.
And it is further ordered that a copy
of this order be served upon the
said Jethro Cobb.

Cobb

Wm B. Deane

Cobb, Admin^r

Nov: Decr 1877

To be returned

Wm B. Deane

To the Hon. Sec: Blount. Judge of the Circuit
Court of Southampton. In Chancery.
Humbly complaining sheweth unto your
Honor, your complainant, Bettie Cobb
widow of Henry Cobb, deceased, that early in
the present year, her husband Henry
Cobb departed this life intestate, leaving
your complainant & the following parties
his heirs at law & distributees - viz -
Cora A, Annie L, Richd H, & Carrie F.
Cobb. all minors - That Jethro Cobb
qualified as his Administrator & by virtue
of his office has possessed him-
self of all his personal estate of
every kind & description. That soon
after the death of the said Henry Cobb
the said Jethro Cobb, as Administrator, had
a sale of all his personal effects,
and although the statute law of this
State allows to every widow the same
exemptions that are allowed to poor
debtors, yet the said Administrator has not
allowed your complainant but very
few of the specific articles enumerated
in the said law, commonly known as
the poor debtors law. That the said law
allows two horses, or a pair of mules
in lieu thereof, but the said Administrator

did not allow your Complainant but
one mule, and this the poorest one
in the lot of horses mules. That the
said Adm^r selected or had selected
all the articles that were allowed,
and your Complainant had no
voice in the matter, as by right she
ought to have had. That at the time
of the marriage of your Complainant
with the said Henry Cobb, he gave to
her a gold watch as a bridal present,
and your Complainant has constantly
worn the same from her marriage,
and it was a part of her parapher-
nalia. That at the Sale of the said
Cobb's Estate, the said Adm^r, against
the protestations of your Complainant
had the said watch appraised & made
your Complainant pay for it or of the
rent appraised. That your Complainant
is advised she is entitled to a Home-
stead in the personal & real estate
of her husband, in addition to her
dower & distributive share. That
at the Sale aforesaid, although the
law allows all dead victuals, on
^{that may be required} hand at the time of the death of
the head of a family to be set aside

yt the said Adm^r set aside the your
Complainant nothing of this kind,
though there was a large quantity of
beaver land &c. on hand at this
time: That at the sale aforesaid, your
Complainant was compelled to pur-
chase many articles that, of right,
ought not to have been sold, and
forced by the said Adm^r to give
her bond for the same with good
sureties to same. And in order to
do this was further bound to execute
a trust deed on her & c^y means
to secure said bond. That said
bond was for \$ and will be
due soon - & is payable to the said
Jethro Cobb. That your Complainant
being ignorant & having at the said
sale the advice of no Counsel, has
been greatly & grossly wronged: and
she has not been able to yt the said
Adm^r to do her justice. That it
would be a great wrong to allow the
said Adm^r to collect the said bond,
until he had set apart to your
Complainant the articles to which she
is properly entitled or credited the
said bond with the value of said

Articles. In consideration of which your Complainant prays that the said Jethro Cobb, Adm^r of Henry Cobb, decd, Cora A, Annie L, Richd H, & Carrie F. Cobb, the last four being minors be made parties defendant to this bill & compelled to answer its allegations. That your Honor will make an order directing a Com^r of this Court to enquire & report to Court, what articles have been set aside to your Complainant under the poor law & the value of the same - also what should have been set aside under said law - and its value. That said Com^r may also report whether the watch in question was of a paraphernal nature or not sought to have been sold as the property of said Henry V. Cobb. That an order may be entered directing Com^r to assign a Homestead to your Complainant in the real or personal estate of her late husband, as she may select. That an order may be entered restraining & enjoining the said Jethro Cobb, Adm^r or officers from proceeding to collect the bond of your Complainant for purchases at the sale

until, it can be ascertained to what
 your Complainant is properly entitled
 under the poor laws - & the value of
 the same credited on the said bond.
 And that your Honor will grant such
 other further general special as Equity
 may dictate or the nature of this case
 may require. And as in duty bound
 your Complainant will ever pray &c. May it
 please the Court &c. -

J. B. Pencer Esq,
 The Joint General Assignees of Cora A.
 Annis L, Richd H. & Carrie F. Cobb.
 Merins, by L. R. Edwards their Edu
 ad litem to a bill of complaint
 exhibited in the Circuit Court of
 Southampton against them & others
 by Bethe Cobb.

These respondents having reserved
 &c. for answer to said bill say -
 That they are infants & being such
 know nothing of the facts alleged in
 the said bill. They therefore submit
 their rights to the protection of this
 Court. & having answered pray
 hence to be dismissed &c. -

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October

1877 September Rules

S. B. Prince.

In the Circuit Court of Southampton Co. vs.

The answer of Jethro Cobb admr of Henry V. Cobb decd. to a Bill in Chancery Exhibited in the Circuit Court of Southampton Co. vs. against him & others by Bettie Cobb.

This Respondent says, the facts as stated in said bill as to the death of said Henry V. Cobb & the qualification of your Respondent as his admr. & the names of the children (all Infants) of said deceased are correct.

That the said Henry V. Cobb was married twice, & his first wife has all the children as named in the said Bill, all of whom are Infants. That as such admr. he took charge of the personal estate of said deceased & had the same appraised, and set apart to the plaintiff widow the sum of $\$$ 1000 & said decd. from his widow, all articles to which she as such widow is entitled to more than she was entitled to. That the articles usually included in the Law known as the "Poor Law Law" Code p. 476 & referred to on pag 960, are required to remain for his family. That the family of the deceased consisted of his said widow (late second wife) & 4 Infant children - That the children have guardians & are entitled to $\frac{4}{5}$ of the said property as contained in the said Poor Law - which your Respondent asks may be placed in the hands of proper persons (their guardians) for their benefit - That your Respondent as such admr. looking on the estate of the decd. as property to be sold like other chattels sold the same. He denies that

thesaid watch was property of said widow (to the exclusion of the infants) and that is of the description referred to in the said Bill

That so far as the claim of said plaintiff to a "Homestead" is concerned, Your ~~complainant~~ Respondent says that the Homestead allowed by Law belongs to the widow and five infant children of said deceased and if the same should be set apart that 4/5 should be set apart for the children. Your Respondent says that the intestate altho. indebted some it is not so serious as to encumber his estate, and your Respondent submits to the Court to decide whether the widow of the deceased, who was a second wife, having no children by deceased is entitled to "Homestead" against heirs by deceased first wife who are all infants.

Your Respondent submits the questions started & contained in the Bill to the judgment of the Court.

and having answered

signed

Jethro Cobb

Admr. &c.

Subscribed and sworn to before me by
~~the Circuit Court of Southampton,~~
said Jethro Cobb, Admr. &c. who made
oath that the facts & statements contained
in the foregoing answer are true and
correct to best of his knowledge & belief

Given under my hand this 21st day of
January 1878.

Wilson J. Kilby
Notary Public
Jas R. Tyler,
Commissioner in Chancery

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1878 January 21st

Executed by delivering Belue Cobb & Lehrs
Cobb each a copy of this Summons on the
2nd day of March 1878

W W Briggs

Cobb

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Cobb's care

Belue

1878. March 14th

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

Jerusalem, Va., February 23, 1878

To Bettie Cott widow of H. V. Cott dec'd. John Cott Admin^r
of Henry & Cott, Cora A. Maria L. Richard H. Carrie F.
Cott etc. but from Messrs. J. K. Edwards Guardian ad litem.

You are hereby notified that I have fixed upon the 14th day of March next, if fair, if not, the next fair day thereafter (Sunday excepted) to take and settle, at my office, the following accounts, to-wit:

- 1st "What articles were exempted or set aside to the widow of H. V. Cott under what is commonly known as the poor debtors law?"
- 2^d "What articles ~~were exempted~~ ^{should have been} set aside of their value?"
- 3rd "Whether it appears that the Complainant claims as a bride present to her from her husband, one of a paraphernalial nature, or not," And she said Justice Cott is ordered to render before me of the Comprehension of this Court an account of his transactions as admin^r of H. V. Cott dec'd.

required to be taken by a decree of Southampton ^{Circuit} County Court, rendered on the 14th day of June 1877, in a suit in Chancery, depending in said Court, in which you are parties, plaintiffs and defendants; at which time and place you are required to attend.

Given under my hand as Commissioner in Chancery of the said Court, the day and year first aforesaid.

JAMES R. TYLER, COMMISSIONER.

To the Sheriff of Southampton County to execute.

H. V. Cottis dir. And it is ordered that a copy of
this Order be served upon the said John Cottis?

Attest

John R. Tyler D.C.

Cottis

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Cottis admⁿ

2^d Dec^r

Purshampton Circuit Court, January Term 1877

Bettie Coby Widow of H. Coby dec'd. vs.

against

Joshua Coby Administrator of Henry Coby, dec'd.

A. Kimball Richard H. Carrin Jr. Coby,

the last four Defendants by J. K. Edwards for

as litigants

Defendants

Subscribers

This day this Cause came on to be heard in the line of the Complainant's petition for Compulsory as to the assets deposited, the answer of the Defendant by J. K. Edwards their Guardian ad litem, general replication thereof & was argued by Counsel, On Consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge, Order & decree, that a Commission of this Court require & report to Court.

1st What articles were exempted or set aside to the widow of Henry Coby dec'd. Under what is commonly known as the poor debtors law

2nd What articles should have been set aside, if their value

3rd Whether the estate of the Complainant claims was a bridal property to her from her husband was of a paraphernalial nature or not, which reports the said Commission with and report to Court together with any other matters specially stated, deemed pertinent by himself, and which may be required to be so

be stated by any interested party And the Court doth further decree that Joshua Coby administrator of H. Coby dec'd. be restrained from enforcing the collection of a Bond executed by Bettie Coby widow of H. Coby dec'd. to him for parolances at

Said until it can be ascertained what credits the said bond should have And the said Joshua Coby is ordered to render before Court the Commission of this Court and accounts of his transactions as administrator of

Cott's } Report of
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Cott's ann^l &c

Commis^{ion}ers (J. C.)

1878 April 25th

Commissioner's Office,
Jerusalem, Pa.,
April 16th 1878

To the General Court of Pottamptown County;

Pursuant to

a decree of the General Court, entered at its last Term,
in a suit in Chancery depending in the said County, between
an Estate of Betty Adkins of H. V. Co. dec'd. Plaintiff, &
Judson Co. dec'd. of H. V. Co. dec'd. of also, Defendants.
The undersigned one of the Commissioners of the said County,
to whom was referred for settlement by said Decree,

1st "What articles were set apart or consigned to the
estate of Henry V. Co. dec'd, under what is commonly
known as the poor debtor's law,

2nd "What articles should have been set aside of their
value.

3rd "Whether the watch that the Complainant claims was
a bridal present to her, from her husband was of a
paraphernal nature or not, which reports the Commissioner
will audit & report to Court &c. Your Commissioner reports
as follows; that on the 23rd day of February last, he
issued Notice against the several parties aforesaid, requiring
them to attend the settlement of the said account
before him at his said Office on the 14th day of March
last, which were returned to your Commissioner duly
executed. That the parties aforesaid appeared before the
Commissioner in obedience to said Notice.

The Commissioner reports specially that in his opinion
(which is based upon the Deposition of Mrs. Betty
Co. filed in the papers in this cause, the watch
which the Complainant claims, was a bridal present
to her, from her husband & was of a paraphernal
nature. The following articles were set aside to the

Widow of H. V. Coby died to wit, One Cow, One calf
found in appraisement, Six Chairs, One Table, Six Knives, Six
forks, Six plates, One Dagen Sponges, two Dishes, Two basins,
One pot, One Can, Six pieces of earthenware, One Saps
Spinning wheel, One pair Cards, One axe, two hoes, five
barrels Corn, One barrel of flour, 200 lbs. Pot, Three Hogs,
\$10. in Value forage, One bed of One Bedstead.

The following articles should have been set aside to wit,
The family Bible, family pictures &c not exceeding one hundred
dollars in Value, a Seat or pew in any house of worship,
a lot in any burial ground, all necessary wearing apparel
all beds, bedsteads of bedding necessary for the use of
the family, all Stoves &c necessary for the use of the family,
not to exceed two, One Cow, One horse, Six Chairs, One Table,
Six Knives, Six forks, Six plates, One Dagen Sponges two dishes,
two basins, One pot, One Can, Six pieces of wood or
earthenware, One box of its appurtenances, One Saps or
saw, One Spinning wheel, One ps of Cards, One axe,
two hoes, five barrels of Corn, One barrel of flour, 200 lbs.
Pot, Three Hogs, one dollar in Value of forage, One
Cooking Stove, & Utensils for cooking the service of One
Living, & Quaker. If the debt be at the time actu-
ally engaged in the business of agriculture, as (Mr. Coby
was at the time of his death,) there should have
also been exempted, while so engaged, One yoke of Oxen,
or a pair of horses or mules in him himself, with the
necessary gearings, One weaver, or Coit, two plows, One drag,
One horse's trade, One pitchfork, One raking two Iron
wedges, Your Commissioner would also state that
he has been unable to make up any account of
the transactions of Justice Coby as administrator of H. V.
Coby died because the said administrator has
failed to lay his Vouchers before him, although

Summited to do so, of the value having been
 assessed. All of which is respectfully Submitted to
 the Court, by
 Commissioner for
 \$5.00 charged to
 Better Cott

James R. Tyler,
 Commissioner in
 Chancery

The Commissioner opened State Specialty, as required
 by said decree, that the additional articles that
 should have been set aside, he values as follows;
 One Horse \$100. Hecupay greasing \$5. Two Plows
 \$5. One wagon \$75. Two Bids \$40. & two Steads
 \$10.00

Respectfully Submitted,
 James R. Tyler,
 Commissioner

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The depositions of Bettie Cobb, widow
of H.V. Cobb taken by consent of
parties - to be used as evidence
on behalf of herself in a suit
in chancery depending in Circuit
Court of Southampton - between
Bettie Cobb - plaintiff & Jethro Cobb &
others defendants - The depositions
taken before J.R. Tyler, Clerk in
Chancery. March 22. 1878 - at
law office of J.B. Pomeroy - Jamaica
Va.

Present. J.B. Pomeroy atty for plff.

K. R. Guffin " " Defot..
Bettie Cobb being duly sworn. Says as follows -

What is your age - Ans. 43 -
Where do you live - In Southampton
Va. near Franklin. where my husband
died -

Was your husband engaged in farming
at the time of his death? He was -
Have you been farming since his
death - I have -

Was there one or two horses or mules
set apart to you under the poor
laws - There was only one mule & no
horse -

How long after your husband's
death was it before the sale & assign-
ment to you of the exemption

that were allowed you... Answer... My
husband died 4th Jan'y 1877 - and
the sale and assignment of everything
to me was made Jan'y 30. 1877.
Was there any wagon or cart assigned
you. There was not. The following
were the only articles set aside to
me under the poor law. one cow -
one mule - second in appraisement - six
chairs, one table - six knives - six forks -
six plates - one doz spoons - two dishes -
two basins - one pot - one oven - six
pieces of earthenware - one safe - one
spinning wheel - one pair cards - one
axe - two hoes - five barrels corn - one
barrel flour - 20 pounds pork - three
hogs - \$10 in value for soap - one bed &
one bedstead - There was no dead victuals set aside.
How many were there in Mr Cobbs
family at the time of his death.
There were the following - myself
who was his wife, my son - who was
a step son of H.V. Cobb - & his children
Cora, Richard, Annie - & Carrie - &
Jesse Murrell, a nephew of mine -
who had been living with us from
August 1876 -.

Cross examined by Defots Counsel.

Had you at the time of the assignment
of the exemption decided to engage in
farming for 1897. Objected to by puffs
Council. as irrelevant to the inquiry -
Answer. I had.

Have you or may you not undecided
as to whether you would take your
dweller out of the Home place or
the property in Franklin? Objected to
by puffs Council. as irrelevant. I decided
to take my dweller at the Home place &
continue farming & keep the children
together as my husband requested
me to do.

Had you not at one time decided to take
the rental of property in the town of
Franklin in lieu of dweller in the
Home place. Objected to by puffs Council.
I had decided before the day of sale to
stay at the home place & farm - & keep
the children with me - on the day of
sale the children were taken from
me by Jethro Cobb. Answer.
After you had concluded to take dweller
out of the home place, did you not do so
for the benefit of your son Luther Egel.
Objected to by puffs Council & objection
sustained by Court. Defots Council
excepts to the ruling of Court.

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~~At~~ the assignment to you of the aforesaid
Receipts, was not your son, Luther
Ezell & step son of your husband,
rather engaged in pursuit of agricul-
ture on the farm than yourself.
The farm I looked upon as mine,
and my son who lived with me
assisted me in carrying on the
farm. My son was farming
for me.

Did not your son contract for labor
in his own name and did he
not ship the crops or produce raised
on said farm in his own name
receiving account of sales for
same in his own name.

If he did so, it was not authorized
by me.

Did you ever receive acct sales
for any produce shipped from
the farm? My son received them
brought them to me.

Were the acct sales rendered to you
or to your son? They were made
out in the name of my son.

Was Jesse Murrell & Luther Ezell, your son,
considered by H. V. Cobb, in his lifetime,
as a part of his family. I reckon they
were.

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How long did your husband's children
by his former wife remain with you
after his death? from his death to
the day of sale - three of them - and one
stayed three months & a half - I was
the sister of my husband's former
wife -

After said children were taken away
by their guardians, how many did
you have in your family then -
Myself & my son -

Questioned by Deft's Counsel.

Were you anxious to keep the children of
your husband with you - I was -

Was the gold watch given you by your
husband a bridal present - and have
you had it in your possession
generally since he gave it to you -
and worn it as an ornament of
dress - It was given to me as a
bridal present. I have had general
possession of it since it was given -
and worn it repeatedly as an ornament.

Question objected to by Deft's Counsel - on
ground that witness is incompetent to testify
and further this deponent saith not.

Bettie Coff

Lucas R. Edwards being sworn as
witness for afores. says as follows..
Question by afores. Counsel.

What is your own occupation & do
you know the parties to this suit.
I am 38. farmer. I know the
parties to this suit..

Do you know whether or not Mrs
Betty Cobb widow of H. V. Cobb was
actually engaged in pursuit of agriculture
at the time of the assignments made
to her under poor debtors law. I do
not know.

~~Do you~~ Were you at the sale of H. V.
Cobb's personal estate & in what capacity
I was there as clerk for Admr.

Did you hear Mrs Cobb express any
indisposition as to whether she would
remain at the Home place or not before
the assignment of exemptive or at any
time.

There was a doubt left on my mind the
day donor was assigned whether she
would remain there or not. The Court
who allotted donor, divided the real estate
into three parcels & gave Mrs Cobb the
right to select either one. The Home place
was one - and she did not choose that
day.

Was there any objection on the day of Sale
by Mrs Cobb or any member of her
family to the sale of the dead victuals?
I heard no objection.

Did you gin the Cotton raised on the
farm allotted to Mrs Cobb as her dower,
in 1837. I don't know. I ginned Cotton
brought to ~~you~~^{my} gin by Luther Egel, the
son of Mrs Cobb's who lives with her
and I think I gave a receipt
to him for the Cotton —, and I shipped
the said Cotton under the direction
of Luther Egel — in his name —.

Question by the Court.

Did Mrs Cobb have any legal adviser
with her on day of sale. Not that I know
of.

Did the estate of H. V. Cobb have any legal
adviser with him that day? I think
K. R. Griffin att'd — was with him that day.
And further this deponent saith not.

Luther R. Edwards

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John Cobb being sworn as witness
for the defendant deposes and says
as follows:

Q What is your age & occupation

Ans. 71 yrs old & I am a farmer.

Ques: Do you know the parties to the
suit?

Ans. I do!

Ques. By defendant's Counsel, Did Mrs
Betty Cobb in any consultation
with you after the death of her husband
& before the sale of the personal
estate, lead you to believe that she
did not intend to remain at the Home-
place, the same assigned to her or down?

Ans. The day the real estate was divided
she seemed to be undecided which she
would take or down, and her son
Richard Eyell told her if she did not
take the Home-place that he would not
remain with her.

Ques: Do you ^{know} of any objection
made by Mrs Cobb or any member
of the family on the day of sale, to
the sale of any dead relict's?

Ans. I conducted the sale and
heard no objection.

Ques: And you And further this deposes
with ~~each~~ not.

John Cobb

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Luther A. Egell being sworn as witness
for the plaintiff deposes and says
as follows:

Question. What is your age and occupation?

Answer. 21 yrs old and am a farmer and

Ques. I know the parties to the suit.

Ques. By Commissioner, when you attend
to the farm on your own or your
mother's account.

Ans. On my mother's account.

Ques. Why did you ship the crop
in your own name instead of your
mother's?

Ans. Because I had the business to
attend to, and I thought it would do
as well; and I accounted to her for the
proceeds of the shipment.

Ques. By defendant's counsel. Did you
not cultivate the cotton and peanut
crop on your own account on the farm
assigned to your mother as dower?

Ans. I did not.

And further this deponent says
not
Luther A. Egell

State of Virginia;
Dunkamptm County, To wit;

I, James R Tyler,

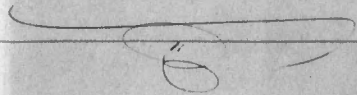
One of the Commissioners in Chancery for the
Circuit Court of Said County, do hereby Certify
that the foregoing Depositions were duly sworn
to & Subscribed before me, at the time & place
mentioned therein. Given under my hand
this 22nd day of March A. D. 1878.

James R Tyler,
Commissioner in Chancery

Commissioner's fee
for taking Depositions
\$5.00 Charge to
Bettie Cobb

A. Coffey.

Just. S. Edwards & Co.



Cobb

v } Copy decree

Cobb's adm'r of

Executed by
delivering Justis
Cobb a copy of
this Decree on the
1st day of February
1848

W W Wiggstaff

Southampton Circuit Court November Term 1877.

Debbie Cott widow of H. V. Cott dec'd

Plff.

against

Def. Sulchamney

Sethu Cott Administrator of Henry V. Cott, late

A. Amiel L. Richard N. Carrie F. Cott, the

last four minors by S. Edwards Guardian ad litem Defts.

This day this cause came on to be heard on the bill of the complainants taken for confessed as to the adult defendants, the answer of the infant defendants by S. Edwards their guardian ad litem, general replication thereto and was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge, order and decree, that a Commissioner of this Court enquire and report to Court: 1st What articles were exempted or set aside to the widow of Henry V. Cott dec'd, under what is commonly known as the Poor Debtors Law; 2nd What articles should have been set aside and their value; 3rd Whether the estate that the complainant claims was a bridal fortune to her from her husband was of a paraphernal nature or not, which reports the said Commissioner will audit and report to Court together with any other matters specially stated, demanded pertinent by himself or which may be required to be so stated by any interested party. And the Court doth further decree that Sethu Cott administrator of H. V. Cott dec'd be restrained from enforcing the collection of a Bond executed by Debbie Cott widow of said H. V. Cott dec'd to him for furniture at sale, until it can be ascertained what credits the said bond should have. And the said Sethu Cott is ordered to render before one of the Commissioners of this Court an account of his transactions as administrator of H. V. Cott dec'd. And it is ordered that a copy of this order be served upon the said Sethu Cott.

Cobb

on 3 Decr.

Cobb Adm'r &

This day this cause came on to be again heard on the papers formerly read the report of Comr. Jiles Apr 25th 1878. with the depositions accompanying the same, & was argued by Counsel. on consideration whereof, & no exceptions being filed to said report, the same is hereby confirmed. And it appearing to the Court that the ~~the full amount of articles~~ ^{the full amount of articles} exempted under what is generally known as the "poor debtors law" was not set aside to the widow of said Cobb. and the Court being further of opinion that the value of said articles, not so set aside is \$255- and that the said widow ought not to have been charged with the ^{sold} watch, which the Court considers was a part of her paraphernalia, and the said widow having been charged therefor the sum of \$40-. It is adjudged ordered & decreed that Jethro Cobb, credit the bond of Bettie Cobb, which he holds, for purchase at the sale of H.V. Cobb's personal estate, with the sum of \$255- as of Jan'y 30. 1877. The Court doth further decree that the claim of the said Bettie Cobb for Homestead in the estate of H.V. Cobb, be disallowed. And ~~the Court doth~~ ^{the Court doth} ~~affirm the decree~~ ^{affirm the decree} that this cause be removed from the docket at the costs of the estate of

H. V. Cobb died; and that a copy of this
decree be served upon Jethro Cobb; but
leave is reserved to the said Bettie Cobb,
to have this Cause reinstated upon the
docket, upon motion, where this decree
not be fully carried out.

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Cobb's Adm'r &c.

Nov Term 1878

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On the motion of the respondents by
counsel leave is granted the respondents to
file their in this cause by next term

Santhampton County, To wit:

Personally appeared before me J. W.
Sawyer and made oath that
on September 29th 1877, he delivered
a copy of the within to Jethro Cobb
Dec. 7th 1877

J. W. Sawyer J. D.

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Cobb's admr J

1877 October Rules

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY—GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON *Jethro Cobb admr. of Henry V Cobb dec'd. & ors et.*
Annie L. Richard M. & Carrie F Cobb last four minors.

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 Bettie Cobb

And have then there this writ.

WITNESS, LITTLETON R. EDWARDS, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, this *15th*
day of *September*, 187*7*, in the *102^d* year of the Commonwealth.

L R Edwards cc

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Cobb

For } Stat. Rules

Cobb's adm't of

1878 Nov. Cause removed from
the Docket &c

In Southampton Circuit Court.

Bettie Cobb widow of Henry Cobb dec^d Plaintiff:

against
Jethro Cobb administrator of Henry Cobb dec^d, Cora A, Annie L,
Richard M. & Carrie^F Cobb, the last four being minors } Defendants
by S.R. Edwards their guardian ad litem - }

1877 Sept. 15. Summons issued.

Oct. 18. Summons ret^d. Executed on Jethro Cobb - Bill filed.

S.R. Edwards assigned Guardⁿ ad litem to infant Deft's -
Ans^r. of infants Genl. Rept. D. Nisi v Deft. Jethro Cobb adm^r

" Nov " Bill taken for confessed as to Deft. Jethro Cobb adm^r.
Cause set for hearing N^o.

" " 6. Decree & Cont^d?

" " 7. Decree.

1878 Jan 21. Ans. Dft adm^r.

" Apr 4. Depositions filed

" " 25. Com. Tylers Rept

" Nov Decree & Cause removed from Docket at Cost of Est. of
H. V. Cobb with leave N^o.