

1880-07

- Southampton County Chancery.

Harris, Millard F.

vs

Harris, J. C. et al

Estate settlement

Vick, Geo. W. (adm.)

Harris, J. F.

Harrison, R. H.

" , Nannie

Grizzard, Joseph F.

" , Jennie

Westbrook, J. T.

" , Ella

Harris, J. E.

" , Susan

Turner, Edward

" , Laura

Harris, Mary

James, B. A.

" , Mark

Hubbard, Jos.

" , Rebecca

James, Angelina

~~July 13~~ 13-4 1/2

Harris M. F.

to } Papers

Harris adm. XP

1880 May. Removed from
the pocket

Received by Clerk Circuit
Court Aug. 13th 1870.

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Auguer of
^{Angelina}
Mr. ~~Pendleton~~ James

1871 Oct. 6th

Accepted to be disimposed
Angelina James
per
John R. Kelly her atty.

The answer of Mrs. Angeline James
widow of Mark A. James dec'd. to a Bill
in Chancery exhibited in the County Court
of Southampton County by Harris others
against herself & others.

This Respondent, says that
her husband Mark A. James died left
a will as stated in said Bill and
therein devised & bequeathed to her, the
estate therein named, which she
was willing to accept, being under the
impression that she could retain the
same — That with such furniture she
was satisfied, but so it is, she finds
that she is to be deprived of the provision
thus made for her under the will of
her said husband, by unexpected demands
arising in great part from securityships,

That as she is to be deprived of her
furniture by law, she claims to be
endowed of so much of the real estate
whereof her said husband Mark A. James
dec'd did possess, which but for said
furniture she would have been dowable as
is equal to that of which she was deprived.

That as to the other matters contained
in said Bill, she does not feel called
on to answer, (and) having answered

Code
p. 532
Sec. 6.

Prayer to be dismissed

Angelina James
per
John R. Kilby her atty.

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Harris &
Assigner of
Angelina James
Mrs. ~~Angelina~~ James

1871 Oct. 6.

This case may require & as in duty bound
Your orator will ever pray &c. May it
Please the Court &c.

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To the Hon: Joseph W. Urquhart, Judge of the County
Court for the County of Southampton. In Chancery.

Humblly complaining sheweth unto your
Honor, your orator, Willard F. Harris, an infant
who sues by F. L. Harris, his next friend, that
some time during the year 18- his father Horwell
Harris departed this life, after having made &
published his last will & testament, which was
admitted to probat & the Exors therein named
qualified, as will more fully appear from
copies of the orders herewith filed marked A-
B, proposed to be taken as parts of this bill.
That among other bequests, Horwell Harris
bequeathed the sum of one thousand dollars
to your orator, as will be seen from a
copy of his will, herewith filed marked C.
That this provision of Horwell Harris will
has never been fully carried out, but long
since J. F. Harris, one of the Exors of Horwell
Harris, paid over to J. Harris, as Guardian
of your orator, two bonds against himself
& M. A. James, which bonds when collected
were to be in satisfaction of the legacy
due your orator. That these bonds were
due for the purchase of a tract of land
formerly belonging to the estate of Horwell
Harris, and which was bought by the said
J. Harris, at a sale by J. F. Harris, who
was appointed a Commissioner to sell this land.
All of which facts will more fully appear
from copies of the reports of J. F. Harris & the

two bonds, herewith filed, the report marked (D) & the bonds marked (E & F). and prayed to be taken as parts of this bill. That J. C. Harris the purchaser of this land has never paid any of these bonds, and has no title except an equitable one, for the tract of land. That the said J. C. Harris has sometime since died intestate & Geo. W. Vick has qualified as his Adm'r & the following parties are his heirs at law & distributees of his personal property. viz. T. F. Harris, R. H. Hammond & Annie his wife, J. F. Gizzard & Jennie his wife, J. T. Westbrook & Ella, his wife, J. E. Harris, Sarah Harris, Mary Harris Edward Turner & Laura, Turner, an infant. That M. A. James, the security to the two bonds before alluded to, has departed this life, & B. A. James has qualified as his Exor, and the following parties are his devisees - viz. B. A. James, Joseph Hubbard & Rebecca his wife & Angeline James, his widow, as will appear more fully from a copy of his will, herewith filed marked H.

That in the opinion of your orator the land bought by J. C. Harris will not pay the bonds given for the purchase thereof, and your orator is advised & charges that the estate of M. A. James will have to make up whatever deficiency there shall be after giving the bonds credit, for the purchase money arising from a resale of the land purchased by J. C. Harris. That there are no funds in

the hands of Geo. W. Vick, Adm'r of J. C. Harris; he having sold his chattel estate during the late war, & invested the proceeds thereof in Confederate Bonds.

In tender consideration of all which, and inasmuch as your orator is without remedy in the premises, save in a Court of Equity, where matters of this kind are cognizable, & to the end therefore that justice may be done, he prays that T. F. Harris, R. H. Hammond & Annie his wife, J. F. Gizzard & Jennie his wife, J. T. Westbrook & Ella, his wife, J. E. Harris, Sarah Harris, Mary Harris, H. L. Harris, Geo. W. Vick, Adm'r of J. C. Harris, Edward Turner & Laura, his daughter, appointed under 2d B. A. James, in his own right & as Exor of M. A. James, Joseph Hubbard & Rebecca his wife, & Angeline James - be made parties defendant to this bill & compelled to answer the allegations thereof, that some just & proper person be assigned for addition to defend the infant defendant. That an order may be entered, directing a resale of the tract of land that J. C. Harris purchased of T. F. Harris, Commiss - and the proceeds of sale, placed as a credit on the bonds filed in this suit; That B. A. James Exor of M. A. James render before one of the Commissioners of this Court, an account of his transactions as Exor of M. A. James, and that they said Commissioners take an acct of the debts & outstanding against the estate of M. A. James, with such other business, & general relief as Equity may dictate, & the nature & absolute and annual value of the real estate of the said James.

This case may require & again duty bound
Your orator will ever pray &c. May it
Please the Court &c.

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1870 September Rules

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Howard Harris
Will

(Copy)

(See back)

James Harris

I Howell Harris, Considering the Uncertainty of life and the duty of being
prepared for death, do Make and Order this my last, my last Will and
Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me at any time Made -
Item 1st; After paying my just debts I give to R.D. Harris my Creano horse -
Item 2^d; I leave to my wife and children all the remaining part of my
Estate, during her Natural life or widowhood, my children to
be clothed and well educated, out of the proceeds arising there-
from if sufficient; and if not my Executors shall sell such species
of property as they may think proper for that purpose, and in
case my wife should marry in that event it is my will
and desire, for her to have no share part of my Estate as
the law would direct, allotted to her in dower as if there
had been no will -

Item 3rd At the death or Marriage of my wife, my will and desire
is that my son Theophilus F. Harris, shall have his choice
of the following Negro boys, Henry, William or ^{Walter} ~~Charles~~,
either one of them which he may think proper to take -

Item 4. At the death or Marriage of my wife, I give to my son
Millard F. Harris my house tract of Land including the land
lying on the West side of the Mill pond and in case he
should die without lawful issue, then and in that case

I give the above named tracts of Land to my next
youngest son James E. Harris and in case he should die
without lawful issue, I then give it to the next youngest
surviving son in like manner as before mentioned to them
and their heirs forever; my main object for so disposing
of the above named tracts of Land is to keep it in my
family -

Item 5. At the death or Marriage of my wife, I leave all
the balance of my real Estate not yet named to
be sold and the Moneys arising therefrom to be equally
divided between all of my children except Theophilus
F. and Millard F. Harris, who have specific legacies
above named -

Item 6. My desire is that my son Theophilus S. Harris shall have his Education Completed out of the proceeds of my Estate, either by Sale of property or otherwise, my object for doing this is to make him equal with the balance of my Children as my intention is not to give him anything more than what I already expect above in the first and third Clauses.

Item 7. My wish is that at the death or Marriage of my wife or in case of either of both events to have the balance of my Negro property not yet disposed of equally divided between all of my Children except Theophilus S. and Millard S. Harris, whom I have given specific legacies.

Item 8. At the Marriage or death of my wife, my wish is to have all of the perishable property sold and after paying all expenses debts &c I give to my youngest son Millard S. Harris, two thousand dollars, my reason for doing so is because Millard S. Harris will have no legal title to his Land unless he should have a lawful issue, and in case of his death without, lawful issue the said youngest surviving son shall have his legacy said &c by giving up first his portion of my Estate which he is entitled to draw from the purpose of my will, and if he should be willing to give up his interest for that of Millard S. Harris then I extend the right to the said youngest son in like manner, and in case he should not be willing to give up his legacy for that of Millard S. Harris, then I extend the right to the said youngest son in like manner, and in case he should not be willing to give up his legacy for that of Millard S. Harris, then my desire is that it shall be sold and equally divided between all of my Children except Theophilus S. Harris and the sons to whom the right has been already extended.

Item 9th. I constitute and appoint my brother James Harris and son Theophilus S. Harris, the Executors to this my last Will & Testament - Given Under my hand and Seal this the seventh day of January, two thousand eight hundred and fifty five.

In presence of
Wm. R. Jones
J. W. Clam
Thomas B. Powell
G. W. Musgrave

James Harris Seal

At a Court held for the County of Southampton, the 17th day of April 1856.
This last will and Testament of James Harris did was this day proved by the Oaths of Joseph Clam & Geo. W. Musgrave two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and whereupon Ordered to be recorded - And in the presence of James Harris and Theophilus S. Harris the Executors therein named, who appeared with and together with Joseph Clam, Robert S. Jones and W. E. Ryland, his Clerks, who justified in Oath as to their sufficiency entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of thirty five thousand dollars, conditioned according to law. Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate of the said Will in due form.

Attest
J. Edwards, Ck.

A Copy

Given,

James R. Taylor, Secy.

Know all men by these presents that I Mark A James of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia, being in ill health, but of a sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament.

First. My will is that all of my just debts by my executor herein after mentioned be paid as soon after my decease as practically -
Item I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Angelina James, the tract of land upon which I now reside, together with the whole of my household and kitchen furniture, also my still and cider fixtures, casks &c - also one half of my cattle and hogs and one yoke of oxen - also one bay mare (Jenny), also my barrow and buggy and two sets of harness belonging thereto one half of my farming implements and tools, one horse cart and wheels.

I loan to Rebecca Herbert the wife of Joseph Herbert all of the property I own in Greenville County, State of Virginia, which the records of said County will show, during her life and at her death I give to the whole of her children and their heirs forever said property.

I give, devise and bequeath to my nephew Benjamin Allen James, my tract of land lying near Person's mill commonly known as the Millpond tract, also my tract of land lying near Hebron Church on both sides of the Jerusalem road, bounded on the west by the Flat swamp, and on the south by the land belonging to Henry Moore, also one half of my cattle and hogs, one half of my farming implements and tools, also my wagon and one mule called, White Jack, also all of my Black Smith's tools, to be his and his heirs forever - The remainder of my estate, if any, after all of my just debts are paid I give to my beloved wife Angelina James together with all the property I have given her in this my last Will and Testament, to be hers forever -

And lastly I do nominate and appoint my said nephew Benjamin Allen James to be executor to this my last Will - Testament without the usual requirement to giving security and the usual commissions is not to be allowed him -

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 20th day of June A.D. One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

Mark A James (Seal)

Signed, Sealed and delivered and declared by the said Mark A James as and for his last Will and Testament in Presence of us, who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other subscribed our names as witnesses thereto - Jas. A. Barnes, Junius R. Person.

At a Monthly term of the County of Southampton County, held at the
Courthouse thereof on Monday the 20th day of July 1868
This last Will and testament of Mark A James dec^d was proved by the oaths of
James A Barnes and Junius R Person, the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to
be recorded and on the motion of Benjamin A James, the executor therein named, who made
oath and entered into bond, but without security (like will requiring none to be required) in the
penalty of two thousand dollars, conditioned according to law - which bond having stamps of the
Internal revenue to the amount of one dollar affixed thereto and duly cancelled - is ordered to be
recorded - Certificate is granted the said Benjamin A James for obtaining a probate of the said
Will in due form It being declared on oath that the estate, real & personal, of the said Mark
A James dec^d does not exceed in value the sum of one thousand dollars.

Teste
A Copy - L R Edwards lb
Teste, Osmin White lb

Harris

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Harris Adm. &

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Thomas & Co

or
Guzzard & Co

Report of Comr
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May 4. 1880

Thomas' Ex' or Grizzard Swibe

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Harrio vs Harrio's Admrs &

In these cases, your comr
submits the following report.

That I have made a deed for a
portion of the land sold by me to
B. A. Jarner, and for 232 acres
of said land, I executed a deed
to Mrs. Sophia Jarner, being
so directed by certificate from
B. A. Jarner under his hand
seal & dated Jan'y 17. 1877 -
which is herewith filed. There
is nothing further to be done
in these cases.

Respectfully submitted

W. W. Briggs

Commissioner

May 4, 1880.

To Judge Civ. Court, {
Southampton } =

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Harris' Adm. to

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March 20. 1872
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Harris

or $\frac{2}{3}$ Report of Commisr.

Harris Adm

In this case your Commisr
reports as follows. That he has withdrawn
the bond against B. A. Jarner,
returned with report filed May 16.
1871, and collected the same. The
amt was collected Jan'y 15. 1872,
and amounted to \$446.26.

Nearly all of this amount has been
expended in supplying the plaintiff
with necessaries used in starting a
farm, a copy of which is herewith
filed as a part of this report. The
reason why this money was thus
expended is, that the interest on the
debt due the plaintiff was more
than the amount collected, and the
plaintiff being nearly of age, and desiring
to engage in farming, your Commisr
thought it best to so spend the amount.
I have made the purchase of the Real
Estate, reported in former report, a deed
with special warranty for the same.
All of which is respectfully submitted and
prayed to be confirmed.

J. B. Prince

Special Commisr

To the

Judge of the Co. Ct.

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Melland J. Harris &

n.

Geo W. Vick late Sh. & adm. of J. C. Harris, Sr
and others & Angeline James

On the motion of said Angeline
James by John R. Kelly, her attorney leave
is given her to file her answer, which
is accordingly filed

I acknowledge the legal service furnished -

L.B. Price - atty for O.W. Thomas
Avery & wife. Thos Fox & Dolly, his wife -
Edgar Beaton wife - R.P. The wife -
Millard G. Harris, G. M. Vick - F. F. Harris
R.H. Hammond wife. J. F. Suggard
wife, J. J. West-brook wife & J. H. Harris wife.

Executed by delivering true & correct copies of
this divorce each a copy of this notice

Wm. D. Wright

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

Jerusalem, Va., July 1st 1876

To J. H. Thomas Esq of Nathan H. Thomas dec'd. Elth and A. W. Griggard and Rebecca his wife, Elizabeth Thomas, R. I. Turnwell, and J. S. Hicks, Admors of Willie F. Thomas dec'd. Thos Fox and Sally A. his wife, Edgar Beaton and Elizabeth F. his wife, R. I. Pope and Betta his wife, J. J. Jordan and Mollie F. his wife, Meritt Harris Esq and Millard F. Harris Esq Geo W. Vick ad of J. C. Harris dec'd. J. T. Harris, R. H. Harwood and wife, Joseph F. Griggard and wife, J. T. Westbrook and wife, ~~and~~ Jas E. Harris and Susan Harris his wife, Edward Turner, Laura Turner, Mary Harris, B. H. James Esq of Mark A. James dec'd. and Joseph Hubbard and Rebecca his wife.

You are hereby notified that I have fixed upon the 22nd day of September 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 An account of the amount paid by

the Estate of M. A. James, on account of his being a Surety for J. H. Thomas a Exor of N. H. Thomas dec'd - and also what proportion of such amount the Estate of W. F. Thomas should contribute to the Estate of said M. A. James dec'd."

required to be taken by a decree of Southampton County Court, rendered on the 11th day of June 1876, 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.

Thomas Adams

2d.

Giggles & wife, com.

Harris M. F.

To.

Harris Adams

Compensatory Notes.

(See notes \$1.00)

On the 19th day of July 1876. I delivered a copy
of the within notice to R. D. Lumball &
D. S. Hick ~~admr~~ of Willm. F. Thomas &c

J. W. Jones
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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

Jerusalem, Va., July 1st 1876

To

R. S. Turnbull & D. S. Hicks Attorneys
for
Willie T. Thomas dec'd.

You are hereby notified that I have fixed upon the 22^d day of September next, if fair; if not, the next fair day thereafter (Sunday excepted), to take and settle, at my office, the following accounts, to-wit:

An account of the amount paid by the
Estate of M. A. James on account of his being
a Surety for J. H. Thomas as Exec of N. N.
Thomas dec'd. and also what proportion of such
amount, the Estate of Willie T. Thomas, should
contribute to the Estate of said M. A. James
dec'd.

required to be taken by a decree of Southampton ~~County~~ Circuit Court, rendered at the May day
of Term 1876, 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.

Brunswick
To the Sheriff of ~~Southampton~~ county to execute.

Executed 22nd July 1876 by delivering to Jos
Hubbard and Rebecca his Wife each a true
Copy of the within notice
Fee \$1.00 paid D R Newson Shff

Richard Adams

George Smith

Commissioner's Office

(The within \$1.00)

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

Jerusalem, Va., July 1st 1876

To Joseph Hubbard and Rebecca his
Wife

You are hereby notified that I have fixed upon the 22nd day of September next, if fair; if not, the next fair day thereafter (Sunday excepted), to take and settle, at my office, the following accounts, to-wit:

"An account of the amount paid by
the Estate of M. A. James, on account of
his being a Surety for W. F. Thomas as Executor
of A. A. Thomas dec'd. and also what proportion
of such amount the Estate of W. F. Thomas
should contribute to the Estate of said
M. A. James dec'd."

required to be taken by a decree of Southampton County Court, rendered on the 11th day
of June 1876, 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

JAMES R. TYLER, COMMISSIONER.

To the Sheriff of Southampton county to execute.

Money sent
to
Griggard & Co
City clerks

(Aug 20th)
Sept 22nd

Dorchester Circuit Court, May Term 1876.

D. St. Thomas Exr^s of Nathan N. Thomas decd. Self

against

A. W. Griggard & wife, Elizabeth Thomas & als

Harris M. T. P

Deft

Self

against

Harris M. T. P

Deft

On motion of M. A. James Exr^s of M. A. James decd. one of the interested parties in these Cases, it is ordered that these Cases be reinstated on the docket. And it appearing to the Court that M. A. James and W. T. Thomas, decd. the Executors of D. St. Thomas as Exr^s of N. N. Thomas decd. and that the Estate of M. A. James has been Compelled to pay certain sums of money on account of such Suretyships, the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that a Commissioner of this Court take an account of the amount paid by the Estate of said M. A. James, on account of his being a Surety for D. St. Thomas as Exr^s of N. N. Thomas decd. and also what proportion of such amount the Estate of W. T. Thomas should contribute to Estate of said M. A. James decd. which account the Commissioner will audit and 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 party interested.

A Copy, J. S. T.

James K. Tyler J. C.

Thomas Lee.
2^d.
Griggard & wife & Commisaries

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Harris
2^d.
Harris admors

Report to

Commissioners

Syler

1814 Oct. 5th

An account showing the amount paid by the Estate of
M. A. James dec. in account of his being a Surety for
D. H. Thomas, as Executor of A. N. Thomas dec. and also
showing what amount the Estate of W. F. Thomas dec.
should contribute to the Estate of M. A. James, to the
said W. F. Thomas, being a Co-Surety with said James.

1st

1871

April 2nd

To amount paid by Estate of M. A. James dec. in act of
his being Surety of D. H. Thomas, Exr. of A. N. Thomas
as per Rept. of Commissioner, of Jan'y 27th 1871
By Error in said Repts.

\$	cts
1255	71
139	44
1116	27
289	05
1405	32

To Interest on \$841.45 paid thereon, from 2nd April
1871, to 1st November 1874, (5 yrs and 7 mos)

Respectfully Submitted,
James K. Tyler
Commissioner.

1874

Nov. 1st

To amount due from Estate of W. F. Thomas
dec. to the Estate of M. A. James dec.
he, the said Thomas being the only Co-Surety
with said James, to D. H. Thomas, as Exr.
of A. N. Thomas, two half of \$1405.32, \$702.46
With interest from
November 1st 1874,
till paid.

Respectfully Submitted,
James K. Tyler
Commissioner.

Commissioner's Office,

Jerusalem, Va.

October 5th 1874.

To the Circuit Court of Southampton,

Pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of Southampton County, rendered at the May Term 1874, in the Chancery Suit depending in the said Court, between D. H. Thomas Executor of William H. Thomas dec'd. Plaintiff and A. W. Griggard and also, and Elizabeth Thomas & al., Defendants, & M. F. Harris against Geo. W. Dick, Sheriff and administrator of M. C. Kelly dec'd. The undersigned one of the Commissioners of the said Court, to whom was referred for settlement by said decree. "An account of the amount paid by the Estate of said M. C. James on account of his being a surety for D. H. Thomas, as Executor of A. H. Thomas dec'd. and also what proportion of such amount the Estate of W. F. Thomas should contribute to the Estate of said M. C. James dec'd." reports to the Court that on the 1st day of July last, he issued notices against the several parties requiring them to attend the settlement of the said account before him at his said Office, on the 22nd day of September last, which were returned to your Commissioner duly executed, that the parties aforesaid, appeared before your Commissioner (by attorney) in obedience to said notices, and he therefore stated and settled the foregoing account and finds the amount paid by the Estate of M. C. James dec'd. on account of his being a surety for D. H. Thomas as Executor of A. H. Thomas dec'd. with interest from 2nd April 1871, to (\$841.45) paid thereof, to be (\$1405.32) as per report of Commissioner in the Chancery suit of Thomas Executor vs Griggard wife & al., and the amount due from the Estate of W. F. Thomas dec'd. to the Estate of M. C. James dec'd. be, the said Thomas being the only co-security with said James to D. H. Thomas as Executor of A. H. Thomas, on behalf

of (\$1405.32) being (\$702.66) with interest from November 18th 1876, till paid. The Commissioner further reports to the Court that after the completion of the said account, he retained the same in his Office, ten days for the examination of the parties, which with the decrees, Notices &c and herewith returned. Given under my hand as Commissioner aforesaid, the day and year first aforesaid.

Commissioner's fee for this
Report, Notices &c \$10.00
Charged to Plaintiffs.

James R. Tyler,
Commissioner

Southampton County Court, November Term 1872.

Millard F. Harris also sued by F. L. Harris his next friend.

against

Plaintiff

Geo. W. Dick Sheriff and as such Adm of J. C. Harris

J. F. Harris, R. H. Hammon & Annie his wife Joseph

J. Griggard & Jennie his wife, J. S. Westbrook and

Ello his wife, J. E. Harris, Susan Harris, Ellen

Turner, Laura Turner, Mary Harris, B. A. James

in his own right and as Executor of Mark A.

James, Joseph Hubbard and Rebecca his

wife and Angelina James. Defendants

This day this Cause came on to be further heard at the

papers formerly read, the answer of Angelina James

filed by leave of Court and the petition of B. A.

James Exor of M. A. James and was argued by Counsel;

On Consideration whereof the Court rejecting said petition doth adjudge,

Order and decree that a Commissioner of this Court take

the following accounts - To wit an account of the transactions of

B. A. James as Executor of M. A. James decd. which account

has been directed to be taken by a former decree.

To wit an account of all outstanding unsettled debts against

the Estate of M. A. James decd. distinguishing their

priorities and an account of the annual and absolute

value of the real Estate of which M. A. James died

Seized and possessed. Which said accounts the Com-

missioner is ordered to take and report to Court,

together with any other matters specially stated
deemed pertinent by himself, or required to
be so stated by any of the parties
interested.

Attest, James R. Tyler, D.C.

Harris
vs. W. W. W. W.
Harris Adm

23 Jan

W. H. C. Estate of M. A. James Esq.

In acc with B. A. James His Executor.

An Account of all outstanding uncollected debts against the Est^t of M. A. James dec^d distinguishing their priorities &c. as presented before J.R. Tyler Commissioner in chancery. &c

Debt due Amanda Thomas, Thomas Ellis	
A. H. Gizzard & Rebecca his wife, Richard Ellis	
Samuel Ellis & E. B. Beaton, for	\$1253 71
Int. on \$861.45 c from 2 nd April 1871. to	
1 st July 1873.	94 76
	\$1350 47

Respectfully Submitted
James R. Tyler, Com

An Account of the actual and Annual Value of Land of which M. A. James. died seized & possessed

	actual	Annual
	Value	Value
One tract of Land containing 200 acres more or less.	\$800 00	\$50 00

Respectfully Submitted
James R. Tyler
Com:

One tract of Land containing 232 acres	908 00	50 00
" " " " " 200 "	700 00	50 00
" " " " " 11 "	38 50	20 00
" " " " " 30 1/2 "	1204 00	75 00
	\$3452 50	\$245 00

Respectfully Submitted,
James R. Tyler, Commissioner

Commissioners Office

Jerusalem July 11th 1873

To the County Court of Southampton County
Pursuant to a decree of the county court of Southampton County rendered at the November Term 1872 in a suit in chancery depending in the said court between Millard F. Harris by &c and Geo. H. Dick shiff and adm. of J. B. Harris. T. F. Harris R. H. Hammonds & Nannie his wife Jos. H. Gizzard & Jennie his wife and others, the undersigned, one of the Commissioners of the said court, to whom was referred for settlement the following accounts to wit:

1st An account of the transactions of B. A. James as Executor of M. A. James dec^d which account has been directed to be taken by a former decree.
2nd An account of all outstanding uncollected debts against the Est^t of M. A. James dec^d distinguishing their priorities, and an account of the annual and absolute value of the real Est^t of which M. A. James died seized & possessed &c. reports to the Court. that on 13th January last he issued notices against the several parties aforesaid requiring them to attend the settlement of the said acct. before him at his office of the 23 day of January which was returned to the Commissioner duly executed. The parties aforesaid appeared before the Commissioner in obedience to the said notice and he then upon examination, stated & settled the foregoing acct. up to the 1st of February 1873. and on that day find the uncollected debts to be \$1350.47 and including interest, and the actual value to be \$3452.50 the annual value to be \$245.00. The Commissioner states specially that the Executor of M. A. James. ^{has} received nothing ^{nor has he returned any acct of} his transactions as ^{the} executor ^{from} the Commissioner ^{and} also ^{has} not ^{been} settling, therefore make up no account of his transactions. The Commissioner further reports to the Court. that after the completion of the said account he retained the same in his office ten days

for the examination of the parties: which with the
dean and notices are herewith returned.

Given under my hand as Commissioner aforesaid
the day and year first aforesaid

James R. Tyler Comr.

Com. for ~~the~~ the

Harris

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Harris: adm

} Com. Notice

Executed by acknowl-
edgement of service of
the within notice by all
parties found in my
County. Acknowledgments herewith
returned. R E Thornton Clk

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

Jerusalem Jan'y 13 1873

TO Millard F Harris coheirs by F L Harris his next friend
against PLff

Crow Wick shuff and as such adm: of H Harris T F Harris
R H Hammonds & Annie his wife Joseph S. Chizzard & Annie his
wife J. T. Westbrook and Ella his wife J. E. Harris. Susan Harris
Edward Turner. Lema Turner Mary Harris B. A. James is his
own right and as Executor of Mack A. James. Joseph Hubbard and
Rebecca his wife and Angelina James ———
Rdfr

You are hereby notified that I have fixed upon the 23 day of January next, if fair,
if not, on the next fair day thereafter (Sunday excepted), to take and settle, at my office, the following accounts,
to wit: 1st An account of the transactions of B. A. James as Executor
of M. A. James dec'd which account has been directed to be
taken by a former decree. (2nd) An account of all outstanding
uncollected debts against the estate of M. A. James dec'd distin-
guishing their priorities and an account of the annual and
absolute value of the real estate of which M. A. James dec'd
seized & possessed & —

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required to be taken by a decree of Southampton ^{County} ~~Great~~ Court, rendered on the November Ten day
of ——— 1872, 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.

To the Sheriff of ^{Super} Southampton County to execute.

James R Tyler Commissioner.

Executed

We acknowledge service of the within
Notice: January 20th 1873

R. H. Hammond
Nannie T. Hammond

To: N. Hammond & wife

Com: Notice

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

Jerusalem Jan 13 1873

TO *R. H. Hammonds & wife*

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You are hereby notified that I have fixed upon the 23rd day of January next, if fair, if not, on the next fair day thereafter (Sunday excepted), to take and settle, at my office, the following accounts, to wit:

1st An account of the Transactions of B. A. James as Executor of M. A. James dec'd which account has been directed to be taken by a former decree:

2nd An account of all outstanding uncollected debts against the Est: of M. A. James dec'd. distinguishing their priorities and an account of the Annual ~~Value~~ and absolute Value of the real Est: of which M. A. James died seized and possessed &c

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required to be taken by a decree of Southampton ^{County} Circuit Court, rendered on the November day of Febr 1872, 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.

To the Sheriff of Sussex Southampton County to execute.

James R. Fyler

Commissioner.

Acknowledge service of the
within Notice, Jan. 20th 1873

Jas F. Grizzard
Martha J. Grizzard

Com: Notice

Joseph F. Grizzard

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

Jerusalem January 13 1873

TO

Joseph F. Grizzard & Lennie his wife

You are hereby notified that I have fixed upon the 23 day of January next, if fair, if not, on the next fair day thereafter (Sunday excepted), to take and settle, at my office, the following accounts, to wit: 1st An account of the transactions of B. A. James as Executor of M. A. James dec'd. which account has been directed to be taken by a former decree. 2nd An account of all outstanding uncollected debts against the Estate of M. A. James dec'd. distinguishing their priorities and an account of the Annual and Absolute Value of the real Estate of which M. A. James died seized and possessed &c.

required to be taken by a decree of ^{County} Southampton Circuit Court, rendered on the November day of Febr 1872, 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.

To the Sheriff of ^{County} Southampton County to execute.

James R. Tyler

Commissioner.

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Commissarius Tyler's
Report-

1873. Feb. 12th

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

Jerusalem Jan'y 13 1873

TO Mellard F Harris who sues by F. L. Harris his next friend
 against Plff

Geo. W. Vickel shff and as such adm: of J. C. Harris F. F. Harris
R. H. Hammonds & Hannie his wife Joseph H. Higgard and Jennie
his wife J. T. Whitbrook and Ella his wife J. C. Harris Susan Harris
Edward Turner. Laura Turner. Mary Harris. B. A. James in his
own right and as ^{exor} of Mark A. James. Joseph Hubbard and
Rebecca his wife and Angeline James — Def

You are hereby notified that I have fixed upon the 23 day of January next, if fair,
 if not, on the next fair day thereafter (Sunday excepted), to take and settle, at my office, the following accounts,
 to wit: 1st An account of the transactions of B. A. James as Executor
 of M. A. James decd: which account has been directed to be taken
 by a former decree.

2nd An Account of all outstanding uncollected debts against
 the Est: of M. A. James decd: distinguishing their priorities
 and an account of the annual and absolute value of the
 real Est: of which M. A. James died seized & possessed
 &c.

required to be taken by a decree of Southampton County Court, rendered on the November day
 of Term 1872, 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.

Harris

vs 

Harris' Adm. vs.

Report of Commis-
Prize -

May 16. 1891

Harris

or $\frac{2}{3}$ Report of Commr. Price.

Harris' Adm. &c

In this cause, your Commissioner respectfully reports as follows: That pursuant to an order entered at the November Term 1870. of this Court, he advertised & sold the land in the bill & proceedings mentioned during the month of December 1870. The land is very poor and the improvements amount to almost nothing. There are 300 acres in the tract, and B. A. James became the purchaser. The following is a statement.

1871. Jan'y 1. By amt of purchase money. \$621.
Expenses.

To Commissioners or Commr. \$21.42

" fee as atty. 100.00

\$121.42

By Cash of purchaser 200.00 200

Bal in my hands. \$78.58

To Bal due from purchaser \$421.00

For this balance I have taken one bond from B. A. James, on demand twelve months after date which I return with this report. All of which is respectfully submitted & prayed to be confirmed.

To the Judge of the Co. Ct. $\frac{2}{3}$
Southampton Co $\frac{2}{3}$

S. B. Price.

Commr.

Dorchester Circuit Court, October Term 1874.

Millard T. Harris vs. by J. C.

against
Geo. W. Vick Sheriff and admin^r of J. C. Harris dec^d.

Shff
In Chancery
Shff

This day this Cause came on to be further heard on the papers
formerly read, and was argued by Counsel, And it appear-
ing to the Court that the 1st Bond of B. A. James and
David Turner in the report of Commissioner Briggs filed
July 23^d 1874, will be due before the next Term of this
Court, the Court doth adjudge, Order and decree,
that W. W. Briggs receive all of the Bonds filed in
said report, from the Clerk of this Court, receipt for the
same, collect them as they become due, or should the
purchaser of the real Estate desire, the Commissioner
is authorized to receive the money for all the Bonds
at once, interest on the Bonds to be paid to date of Settlement
and as Collector the Commissioner will pay the parties
entitled, and make report to Court.

Looks Costs \$1.04.

A Copy

Teste, James R. Tyler, J. C.

Rec^d November 16th 1874 of Wth Briggs Com^r
in the Chancery Court of Harris against Harris
Harris \$1000.00 & seventy seven dollars, the
amount of the first bond due by Ben^g &
James & David Turner for purchase of Monte
at James' land

J. W. Prince, atty
for David Ellis
orphans.

Harris
Copy David
Harris adm

Harris
vs $\frac{2}{3}$ Dacre
Harris Adm'r.

Feb'y Term 1894

To be entered.

Geo B. D.

Harris

vs 3 Decree

Harris Admstr.

This day this cause came on to be further heard on the papers formerly read and the report of Commr. Briggs, filed Feb'y 23. 1874, and was argued by counsel. On consideration whereof, no exceptions being filed to said report, the Court doth adjudge, order & decree that the same be & is hereby confirmed & the sale therein reported is declared final & binding. And as to all other matters this cause is continued.

Southampton County Court, March Term 1873.

Harris

against

Harris and others

Deft:

Deft:

Subscribers

This day the Cause came on again to be heard on the papers formerly read and on the Report of Commissioner Tyler, made pursuant to a decree entered at the Nov. Term 1872, of this Court, and to which report no exceptions have been filed and was argued by Counsel, on Consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge, Order and decree, that the said Report be Confirmed; and it further appearing to the Court from the said Report that B. A. James Executor of Mark A. James decd. has no assets in his hands to pay the debts against the said Estate in five years; the Court doth further adjudge Order and decree, that the Sheriff of Southampton County after having given at least thirty days Notice of the time and place of Sale, by public advertisement at the Court house and at least two public places in the immediate Vicinity of the said Lands proceed to sell at Jerusalem, or some County Court day, at public auction, to the highest bidder, Subject to the widow Angeline James dnr the following tracts of Land, belonging to Mark A. James Estate, or so much thereof as will raise the Sum of Thirteen hundred and fifty dollars and forty seven Cents, to wit; One tract of 200 acres valued at \$800. One tract of 2320 acres valued at \$908. One tract of 200 acres valued at

\$700. One tract of 11 acres valued at \$38.50, one tract of \$301 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres
 valued at \$125th, on the following terms to wit, Sufficient Cash to pay the
 Expenses of Sale and Costs of Suit Still due including a fee of fifty
 dollars, to Wm B. Shands attorney for E.B. Beaton & others and the balance
 of the purchase money on a Credit of one, two and three years, equal
 annual installments, taking from the purchasers bonds with approved
 Security Carrying interest from the day of Sale, and retaining the
 title until the further order of this Court, and return the
 Said Bonds along with his report to the Court in order to a
 further decree—

Attest

Test, L.R. Edwards Clk

clerk \$23.64
 Sh 16.50

Com Tyler 10.00

Sfs atts. Sh 50.00

\$100.14

Harris

vs

3 Decrees

Harris Adm & others

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at $\frac{3}{3}$ Dec.

Harri Adm.

March 1872.

To be entered.

Wm. M. Hart
Judge

Harris

on $\frac{5}{3}$ Decree

Harris' Adm^r

This day this cause came on to be further heard on the papers formerly read, the report of Commis^r Prince, reporting collection of bond, and execution of a deed to the purchaser of real estate, formerly reported, to which no exceptions were filed, and was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof, the Court doth confirm & ratify said report, and doth further decree that a Commissioner of this Court take the following account: viz. - an account showing what is due from J. C. Harris as Guardian of M. F. Harris, after crediting him with the two bonds filed with the bill against J. Harris & M. A. James - and after crediting said bonds with the amount realized from the sale reported by Commis^r Prince May 16. 1871. and also an account showing what is due by the said J. C. Harris Guardian as aforesaid, accounting for the said bonds as paid to the said J. Harris, which accounts the said Commis^r will audit & report to Court, with any other matters specially stated deemed pertinent by him, or which may be required to be so stated by any of the parties interested.

Thomas E. or
in

Huffman & Co.

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Harris

in

Harris Adams & Co.

Deem

Nov. Term 1876.

To be entered.

Geo. B. Lord

1876 November Term

James in receiving the amount
due by the said W. F. Thomas & Co.
to the estate of the said W. F. Thomas.

Thomas vs Harris & Gizzard & Co

Harris vs Harris' Admrs & Co

This day these causes came on to be further heard on the papers formerly read & the report of Comm. Tyler filed Oct 5. 1896, and was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof, the Court doth confirm the said report, no exceptions being filed thereto. And it appearing to the Court from the said report, that there is due from the estate of W. F. Thomas dead to the estate of M. A. James dead the sum of \$702.66 with interest thereon from Nov. 1. 1896 till paid, by virtue of said Thomas being a cosurety with M. A. James, on the executorial bond of D. W. Thomas as exor of W. F. Thomas dead, and that the estate of the said M. A. James has paid the sum of \$1405.32, on account of such suretyship. The Court doth advise order & decree that R. D. Humbell & D. H. Hicks, Admrs of W. F. Thomas dead, out of the assets in their hands belonging to the estate of said W. F. Thomas, pay to B. A. James, exor of M. A. James dead the sum of \$702.66 with interest thereon from Nov. 1. 1896 till paid, and the costs incurred by the said B. A.

Harris

or 3 Dec

Harris Adm

Nov Term 1872

To be entered
Wm. M. Hart Judge

Harris
vs ³/₃ Decree
Harris Adm'r to

This day this cause came on to be further heard on the papers formerly read, the answer of Angeline James, filed by leave of Court, and the petition of B. A. James, Ex'r of M. A. James, and was argued by counsel - On consideration whereof, the Court rejecting said petition, doth adjudge order and decree that a Commissioner of this Court take the following accounts - viz, an account of the transactions of B. A. James as Ex'r of M. A. James, dec'd, which account has been directed to be taken by a former decree - an account of all outstanding unsettled debts against the estate of M. A. James, dec'd, distinguishing their priorities, and an account of the annual & absolute value of the real estate of which M. A. James did seized & possessed - which said accounts the Commissioner is ordered to take report to Court, together with any other matters specially stated deemed pertinent by himself, or required to be so stated by any of the parties interested.

Harris

Harris Adm.

Thomas Hor

Grizzard & Co

Deere

May Term 1880

To be entered.

Geo. B. Bond.

Thomas' Exr vs Grizzards wife
+ 1/2 Decree.
Harris vs Harris Adm. &c.

This day these causes came on to
be further heard on the paper formally
read, & the report of Commr. Briggs filed
May 4, 1880. and was agreed by Court
on consideration whereof, & no exceptions
being filed to said report, the same is
hereby confirmed. And nothing
further appearing necessary to be
done in these causes, the same
are ordered to be removed from
the docket.

Harris

as 3 Dec

Harris Adams

To be entered

J. M. Wignhart
Judge

Mar. 1872

Harris

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Harris' admorsals

This day this cause came on again to be heard on the papers formally read and the report of Commissioner Tyler made pursuant to a decree entered at the November Term 1872 of this court and to which report no exceptions have been filed, and was argued by counsel on consideration whereof the court doth adjudge order and decree that the said report be confirmed and it further appearing to the court from the said report that B. A. James executor of Mark A. James dec'd has no assets in hand to pay the debts of his testator's reports due and that the rents and profits of the real estate of the said Mark A. James will not pay the debts against the said estate in five years. The court doth further adjudge, order and decree that the Sheriff of Southampton County after having given at least thirty days notice of the time and place of sale by public advertisement at the court house and at least two public places in the immediate vicinity of the said lands proceed to sell at Jerusalem on some county court day at public auction to the highest bidder

subject to the widow Angilina James
down the following tracts of land or so
much thereof as will raise the sum of
\$1350.47 cts, to wit, one tract of 200 acres
valued at \$800, one tract of 232 acres valued
at \$908, one tract of 200 acres valued at
\$700, one tract of 11 acres valued at \$38.50 cts
one tract of 30 1/2 acres valued at \$120.

On the following terms to wit sufficient
cash to defray the expenses of sale and costs
of ^{suit} due including a fee of fifty dollars
to Wm B Shandas attorney for E. B. Beaton
and others, and the balance of the purchase

Money on a credit of one, two, and three years -
equal annual instalments taking from
the purchase bonds with approved
security carrying interest from the day of
sale, retaining the title until the further
order this court and return the said bonds
along with his report to the court in
order to a further decree

Harris

in $\frac{1}{2}$ Decree
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Harris Adm. &

Oct Term 1894

To be entered.

Geo. B. Scott:

Harris

vs $\frac{3}{8}$ Decease.

Harris's Adm'r &c

This day this Cause came on to be further heard on the papers formerly read and was argued by counsel. And it appearing to the Court that the 1st bond of B. A. James & David Turner, ~~filed~~ in the report of Com^r. Briggs, filed July 23. 1874 will be due before the next term of this Court, the Court doth adjudge order &c. that Com^r. Briggs receive all of the bonds filed in said report from the Clerk of this Court, receipt for the same, collect them as they become due, or should the purchasers of the real estate desire, the Commisn^r is authorized to receive ^{the money} for all the bonds at once; ^{interest only to be paid at date of settlement} and as collected, the Commisn^r will pay to the parties entitled, and make report to Court.

Rec^d, November 13th 1874 of the Clerk of the Circuit
Court three bonds duly by Ray A James & David Turner
for four thousand & fifty dollars each, filed in
this Court

Wm Duggins bond

Starrs
in { Report
Starrs and Wm

1874 Feb 23^d

In obedience to a Decree of the County Court of Southampton County of Southampton County, rendered at March Term 1833, in the Chancery Suit of Harris against Harris & others, I advertised according to the direction of said decree, all the Real Estate of Mark A James ch. "as follow", one Tract of Land Containing 200 acres another Tract, Containing 232 acres, another Tract Containing 200 acres another Tract Containing 11 acres & another Tract Containing 30 1/2 acres; And sold the same to the highest bidder at Public Auction in the Town of Jerusalem on the 3rd Monday in October 1833, And at the Sale so made Benjamin A. James became the Purchaser by bidding therefor the sum of fifteen Hundred dollars, which is less than three fourths the appraised value of said Land - but is sufficient to pay the debt of \$1350 ~~00~~ directed to be paid by said decree; The said Benjamin A James paid the sum of \$150.00 in Cash, and Executed his three bonds for \$450.00 each payable one, two & three years after date, with David Turner as his Security, which bonds are herewith returned as a part of this Report; Out of the \$150.00 received in Cash I paid Cost of Suit & Expenses of Sale as follows, Clerk of Court \$23.64 Sheriff \$16.50 Comd Tyler \$10.00 Lawyer Shands \$50.00 Auctioneer \$5.00 My Commission for selling ^{\$39.00} for printing advertisements \$1.50 - Making in all \$145.64 - leaving a balance in my hands of \$4.36.

Respectfully Submitted

W L Briggs Comd

Harris

or $\frac{1}{3}$ Decree.

Harris' Adm.

June Term 1891

To be entered.

J. W. Myziahart Judge

Harris
vs 3 Decree.
Harris Advers &c

This day this cause
came on to be further heard on
the papers formerly read, and the
report of Commissioner Price, report-
ing sale of land, to which report
no exceptions have been filed, &
was argued by Counsel. On consid-
eration whereof, the Court doth
confirm said report, and doth
adjudge order and decree that
the same Commissioner receive
the bond returned with the report
from the Clerk, collect the same
when it becomes due & pay the
money when collected to the
legally constituted Guardian
of William F. Harris. And the
Court doth further order that
the sum of One hundred
dollars be allowed L. B. Price
as attorney's fee in this suit.

Harris, by the
at 3 Dec
Harris' Adm't.

Nov: Term 1870.

To be entered.

J W Wagoner Judge
Nov: Term 1870

Harris, by &c.

vs $\frac{3}{4}$ Deere.

Harris' Adm'r &c.

This day this cause came on to be heard on the petti bill, taken for confessed as to the adult defendants, the answer of the infant defendant by L. R. Edwards, Esq. ad litem, general application thereto, exhibit filed, and was argued by Counsel: On consideration whereof and it appearing to the Court, that the bonds given by J. Harris & M. A. James, to J. F. Harris, for the purchase of certain real estate, have never been paid, and it further appearing that the said J. Harris has never received any title to the said real estate, and there being no funds in the hands of his Adm'r, the Court doth advise, order & decree that J. B. Purice be & he is hereby appointed a special Commissioner for the purpose: that he sell to the highest bidder ^{in such parcels as he may deem} the real estate purchased by J. Harris of J. F. Harris, as Comm'r, after having given twenty days notice of the time, place, & terms of sale, upon the following terms - one half cash, the balance on a credit of twelve months, the purchaser to execute bonds with satisfactory security, interest from day of sale & the title to be retained until the further order of this Court, or in the discretion of the purchaser, the whole of the purchase money may be paid in cash. But the said Comm'r will not proceed to execute this decree, until he shall have entered into

bond with approved security, in the Clerk's office
of this County, in the penalty of \$500, Con-
ditioned to faithfully execute this decree.
And the Court doth further order that
B. A. James render before one of the
Commissioners of this Court an account
of his executorial transactions, as Executor
of M. A. James, decd, in auditing which
account the Commr is directed to take any
ex parte accounts heretofore returned as
prima facie correct, liable however to
be discharged or falsified. And the Commr
is ordered to audit said account & report
to this Court, together with any special matter
deemed pertinent by himself or which may
be required to be so stated by any of the
interested parties. And the said J. B. James
Commr, is directed to make report to this
Court of his proceedings under this order.

Certif from
B. A. Gammon
to
Wm. Briggs

Southampton County Va.

Jan'y 17th 1877.

To W. M. Briggs. Comr. in Chancery suit, Thomas Adams
vs Grizzard & Harris vs Harris Admr.

I hereby authorize and direct you
to make a deed to Mrs Angeline James
widow of M. A. James - for 232 acres of
land, sold by you as Comr. the same being
the land upon which she now lives; & she
having paid $\frac{1}{3}$ of the purchase money
for the said land. Witness my hand & seal
the day & year above written.

B. A. James

Seal.

Nov 24th - 1873 Received from Mr W Briggs
the sum of fifty dollars in full of
fee ordered to be paid me in the case
of Harris vs Lawrence.

Wm B Chance
atly for plaintiff

Millard F. Harris who lives by F. L. Harris his
next friend, To James R. Tyler, Commissioner of
1873. Feb 12th. Making up Report in the
Case of Harris vs. Harris Adm. of o. \$ 10.00
James R. Tyler, Comm.
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Harris

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Harris

1875 February 23

In obedience to a decree of the Circuit
Court of Southampton County in the suit of
Harvis against Harvis and others, I collected
the first bond due by Ben^d Adams for the
purchase of the Tract of Land in the proceedings
mentioned amounting to \$433.00 - and paid
said Amount to J. D. Pruicer Atty for Plaintiffs
as per his receipt herewith returned.

To The Hon Geo Dhow
Judge

Wm Duggins Comy
July 26th 1835 -

James &c.

In the Hon. J. W. Vaughan, Judge
of the County Court of Southampton Co.

Your Petitioner B. A. James Esq.
of Mark A. James, respectfully represents
to the Court. That a suit is pending
in this Court, on the Chancery side of the
Docket entitled as above, and that on
the day of a Decree was
made therein, whereby the rights of your
Petitioner's ~~Plaintiff~~ (M. A. James) estate is
greatly interested, and which your Petitioner
prays may be set aside so far as the estate
of said M. A. James is concerned -

Your Petitioner states that he filed
no answer before the rendition of said Decree
which was rendered against him, as such
Error of M. A. James Dec. ^{without any examination as to the merits of his defence} by default, - That he
had employed Mr. J. Kindred Esq. as his
Attorney to represent him in the case & left
the defence of his interests to him, but that
no defence was made & after the said
Decree was rendered, Mr. Kindred found that
the interests of other clients, were conflicting
with your Petitioner's recommended him to
employ other Counsel, whereupon he did

employ Mr. R. Kelly, who now represents him.

Wherefore he prays that the said Decree may be set aside, so far as it affects the interests of your petitioners as aforesaid or in his own right.

signed B. A. James

John R. Kelly atts.

Subscribed by B. A. James, this 20th Day of May. 1872.

James R. Kelly Commissioner

Harris &c.

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Harris &c

Petition of
B. A. James Esq. of

Mr. A. James Esq.

May Term 1872

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Harris M F

r } Stat. Rules.

Harris adm f

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In Southampton County Court.

Millard F Harris who sues by F L Harris his next friend. Plff.

against
 Geo. W. Vick late Sheriff & as such admr of J. C. Harris. R. H. Hammond & Annie
 his wife, Joseph F. Grizzard & Annie his wife, J. T. Westbrook & Ella his wife, J. E.
 Harris, Susan Harris, Edward Turner, Laura Turner, Mary Harris Bet. James
 in his own right & as
 Executor of Mark James, Joseph Hubbard & Rebecca his wife & Defts.
 Angeline James

1870 July 19. Summons issued &

Sept. Rules. Sum. Ret. Executed. Bill filed & decree nisi & ault
 Defts.

October R. Bill taken for confessed as to ault Defts. L. R. Edwards appt.
 Com. ad litem to infant Deft. Ans. of infant. G. Rep. thinto. Bill taken for confessed
 as to ault Defts. Cause set for hearing

Nov. Decree for Sale &

1871

May 16. Report

Decree to Collect &

1872 Jan 6. Ans. of B. A. James.

Mar. Decree for ault &

Oct. Ans. of Dft Angeline James

Nov. J. Decree for account &

1873 Feb. 12 Rept.

Mar. J. Decree for Sale &

1874 Feb. 23 Report

J. Decree Confirming report.

Oct. Decree to Collect.

1876 May J. . Cause reinstated for account of

1880 May J. Report confirmed Cause removed from the Docket.

Harris

for } status of infant

Harris' adm & p

1870 October Rules

The answer of Laura Turner an infant by L.R. Edwards her Guardian
ad litem to a bill in Chancery exhibited against herself & others in the County
Court of Southampton County by Millard F. Harris who sues by F. L. Harris
his next friend -

This defendant for answer to said bill says that being an infant she
is ignorant of her rights in the premises and relies upon the protection of
the Court. And having answered prayer to be dismissed of
L.R. Edwards for ad litem
J^r

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of ^{Suber}Southampton County, Greeting:

We command you to summon

Erizzard & Jennie his wife

R. H. Hammon & Nannie his wife Joseph F.

if ~~they~~ be found within your bailiwick, to appear at the Clerk's Office of our County Court of Southampton County, at the Rules to be holden for the said Court, on the first Monday in *September next to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against them* of *shers* in our said Court by *Millard F. Harris, who dies by J. S. Harris* his *meat* friend

And have then there this writ. Witness, OSWIN WHITE, Clerk of our said Court, at the Courthouse, this *19* day of *July* A. D., 1870, in the *95* year of the Commonwealth.

O. White Clk

Harriet

to } Sumner Chy

Harriet's ad

1870 September Rules

Subscr

July 28th 1870 Delivered a copy of
the volume to Rev. Dr. Sumner & Harriet, his
wife & J. H. Gray and J. Sumner his wife
R. M. Doebley

Harris

to } Sum. Chy

Harris adm

1870 September Rules.

Greenville

Excused by delivering a true copy of the within
to Geo. Hubbard King, 1st 1870

G. W. Woodcock S. H. P.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

Brunsville
To the Sheriff of ~~Southampton~~ County, Greeting:

We command you to summon

Joseph Hubbard & Rebecca his wife -

if *they* be found within your bailiwick, to appear at the Clerk's Office of our *County* Court of Southampton County, at the Rules to be holden for the said Court, on the first Monday in *September next to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against them & others in our said Court by Millard F Harris who sues by F. F. Harris his next friend*

And have then there this writ.
Courthouse, this *19* day of
the Commonwealth.

Witness, OSWIN WHITE, Clerk of our said Court, at the
July A. D., 1870, in the *95* year of

O. White

Harris

Sum's Chy

Harris adm

1870 September Rules

Executed August
12th 1870 by delivering
to each a copy of the
within documents

Geo E Harris by
for Wm W Briggs
shff

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Southampton County, Greeting:

We command you to summon,

Geo. W. Vick Sheriff for such adv. of J. C. Harris dec?
J. F. Westbrook & Ella his wife, J. E. Harris, Sarah Harris, Edu^d Turner, Laura
Turner, Mary Harris, B. A. James Esq. of Mark A James, Joseph Hubbard &
Rebecca his wife Angeline James, widow of Mark A James dec

if they be found within your bailiwick, to appear at the Clerk's Office of our County Court of Southampton County, at the Rules to be holden for the said Court, on the first Monday in *September next* to answer *Millard F. Harris who sues by J. F. Harris*

a bill in Chancery exhibited against them and others in our said Court by
F. Harris who sues by F. L. Harris his next friend

And have then there this writ.
Courthouse, this 19 day of
the Commonwealth.

Witness, OSWIN WHITE, Clerk of our said Court, at the
July A. D., 1870, in the 95 year of

O. White Clk

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1870 September Rules

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Mr W. L. L. & Co

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

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To the Sheriff of ~~Southampton~~ County, Greeting:

We command you to summon

J. F. Harris

if *he* be found within your bailiwick, to appear at the Clerk's Office of our *County*
Court of Southampton County, at the Rules to be holden for the said Court, on the first
Monday in

*To answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against him &
others in our said Court by Millard F. Harris who lives by F. L. Harris his
next friend*

And have then there this writ. Witness, OSWIN WHITE, Clerk of our said Court, at the
Courthouse, this *19* day of *July* A. D., 187*0*, in the *95* year of
the Commonwealth.

O. White

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

JERUSALEM,

December 16th 1852

To the Creditors of the Estate of

Mark A. James decd.

deceased, and all others concerned.

You are hereby notified, that at the request of
~~Administrator of the estate of the said~~

By a Decree of the County Court of Southampton deceased,
I have appointed the *23^d* day of *January* next, at my Office, for receiving
proof of debts or demands, against the said decedent or his estate, at which time and place you are
required to attend.

Given under my hand, as a Commissioner of the County Court of Southampton County, the day and
year first aforesaid.

James R. Tyler

Commissioner.

Harris

u } Comr. Bond

Harris adm f^d

Know all men by these presents that we J. B. Prince
and Joseph H. Prince
are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia in the just and
full sum of Five hundred _____ Dollars
to the payment whereof well and truly to be made to the said Commonwealth we bind ourselves
our heirs, executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed
with our seals and dated this _____ day of _____ A.D. 1877

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas by a decree of the
County Court of Southampton County rendered on the 22nd day of November
1870 in a suit in chancery therein pending between Millard F. Harris who sues by
F. L. Harris his next friend _____

_____ Plaintiff and
Geo. W. Vick late Sheriff & as such adm. of J. B. Harris dec'd & others _____ Defendants
the above bound J. B. Prince _____ was appointed Commissioner to
make sale of certain real estate in the said decree described
Now if the said J. B. Prince _____ shall faithfully discharge
the duties of his said office or trust as Commissioner under the said decree or under
any other decree which may be rendered in the said suit, then the above obligation
to be void or else to remain in full force and virtue.

J. B. Prince (Seal)
Jos. H. Prince (Seal)
(Seal)
(Seal)