1894- 14 Southampton County - Chancery Stephenson, Catherine &c Stephenson, Williams, Estelle

"Property is to be sold or rented and proceeds to be applied to creditors claim"

Williams, J. W. Sh. Atm
Ch. Atm Ext
Stephenson, Williams, Jack
Stephenson, Mollie A
Hart, Maude +
Hart, Clayton, for Godwin
Wills, Emma C +.
Wills, W. H.
Stephenson Estate, infpt

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Hopkinson on behalf

vs.

Hopkinson's Executors

and others

Bill of Complaint

In the Circuit court of Southampton county:

Ist October Rules I893

To the Hon. C.W. Hill Judge Cir. Cuit Southampton Co.

Catherine Stephenson represents to the court that in the year I866 her father Wilborne Stephenson departed this life leaving a will a certified copy of which is herewith filed as an exhibit marked "A" and prayed to be read as apart of this bill, that said will expressly creates a lien on certain land therein named for the support and a home for your oratrix, that in the year I877 she an her sister filed their bill in this court a gainst W.L. Stephenson and others which cause was matured and in the course of its prosecution a certain decree was entered at the November term I879 of this court a copy of which is herewith filed as an exhibit marked "X" and prayed to be read as a part of this bill. That by this decree a judgment was granted in favor of your orator for the sum of $609.75 with interest on $487.50 part thereof from the Ist day of October I879 till paid, and that it was further provided by said decree that she should recover of the said W.L. Stephenson t the sum of fifty (50) dollars annually thereafter as and for the "Home and Support" in said will mentioned and for the payment of w which a lien was expressly reserved by sa id will. Your orator says that a copy of said said decree was ordered to be served on the said W.L. Stephenson and that the same was actually served on him. Your oratrix says that she is advised that she has the lien of a judment on the real estate of said W.L. Stephenson for said sums of money and all accrued interest, that she has never marriedbut still remains the single and unmarried daughter of said Wilborne Stephenson and is enti tled to not only the said sums of money and all accrued interest but is entitled to the sum of fifty dollars annually while she "remains single and unmarried"

Your oratrix says that said several sums of money have not been

paid, nor has any one of them been paid; nor has any part of prin
cipal or interest on any one ever been paid, but to pay the same
he still fails and refuses hoth any one else paid any part for
him. Your orators says that said judgments were dulty docketed
and that writs of fieri facias were iss ued and returns made as
will appear by reference to exhibits "B" C" "D" "E" "F" "G" "H"
and "I" filed herwith and prayed to be read as a part of this bill
and your orators say that the judments for the sum of fifty (50)
dollars annually have not been docketed since but your
orator is advised that she entitled to have the same docketed.

Your orators say that she is informed that a part of the land
on which she has a lien is now in the possession of Emma C. Wills
and her husband W.H.Wills, that the other part of the land in
said will and in the said decree filed as an exhibit is now in
the possession of said Mollie A. Stephenson the widow of W.L.Steph
or her tenants and that said land lies in the county of Southamp
ton . Your orator is advised that she has a lien by reason of
said judgments and by reason of said will of Wilborne Stephenson
ojn the lands in the said will and decree named..

For as much as your orator iw remediless save in this
court where such matters are alone and properly cognizable, she
prays that J.W.Williams shereiff and as such admistrator debonis
non c.t.A/ of Wilborne Stephenson deceased and as adminsitrator of
W.L.Stephenson deceased, Mollie A.Stephenson , Maude Hand and Cla-
ton Hand her husband, and EMma C.Wills and W.H.Wills and Eula
Stephenson , the last being an infant under the age of twenty-one
years old, be made parties defendants to this suit and required to
answer this bill , an answer on oath is hereby waived as provided
by statute in such case, that the lien of said judments be enfor-
ced, that the lien for fifty (50) dollars annualy created by said
will and ascertained and determined as to amount by a decree of
this court,

a court having jurisdiction and having before if the proper par
ties, that sid land be sold or rented out and the proceeds of
such sale or renting be applied to your orator's claim which is
due and that which may become due ~~now~~ hereafter, that all such enquiries
and accounts may be taken, stated and reported as ~~to equity shall
seem meet~~ the nature of her case may require, that all such oth-
er further and general relief may be afforded your orator~~x~~ sixx as to
equity and ggod conscience may seem meet. And she will e ver pray etc.

W. S. Hallum F.C.

Stephenson (212

(2") Stat: Rules.

Stephenson et als

Catherine Stephenson — Pltff
Against — In Chancery.
Maddie A. Stephenson
widow of W.S. Stephenson
dec'd, Maude Haudmee
Stephenson & Clayton
Haud. her husband,
Emma C. Wiles, W.H.
Wiles and Eula Stephenson
the last being an infant
under the age of 21 years. — Defts.

1893. Sept 26. Proc'p ifsd'a 1st Act Rules
" 1st Act Rules, Proc'p Ret executed
Bill & Ex not filed.
" 2i Act Rules, Bill & Exhibits filed
decree nisi vs Adults.
" 1 Nov. Rules, Bill taken for con-
fessed as to Adults.

Catherine Stephenson
vs.
J. W. William Shuff
and others

Exceptions to the
sufficiency of the answer
of Mattie A. Stephenson,
Eula P. Stephenson and
Maude Hend. & Clayton
Hart her husband

Catherine Stephenson

vs.

J. W. Williams Sheriff &c et. als.

The complainant by her attorney excepts to the papers lodged in this cause purporting to be the answer of "Mattie A. Stephenson", "Eula P. Stephenson" and the "Joint Answer of Maude Hand and Clayton Hand her husband" and for cause of exception says they are not, nor is any one of them signed by counsel. (See 1st Minn. Inst. Part II p. 1185). And for a further cause of exception says the desires as soon as they are signed by counsel to move the court to strike from the answer of Mattie A. Stephenson certain impertinents and scandalous matter therein alleged and which will be specified as soon as the sufficiency of the said answer is determined.

Catherine Stephenson by
W. S. Holland her
atty.

Catharine Stephens

vs

J. H. Williams Sheriff &c

Answer of

Maria A Stephens

The answer of Mattie A Stephens one of the defendants to a bill of Complaint exhibited against her, in the Circuit Court of Sanford County, by Catherine Stephens Complainants.

This defendant now and at all times hereafter, saving and reserving to herself all and all manner of benefit and advantage of Exception to the manifold errors, uncertainties, imperfections, insufficiencies and insufficiencies in the said Complainants said bill of Complaint contained, for answer, or unto so much and such parts thereof as she, this defendant, is advised is material for her this defendant to answer, this defendant in answering says - She believes it to be true as is alleged in said bill that Wilborne Stephens departed this life, leaving a will, and that in said will, certain provisions were made for his two daughters, Catherine the Complainant and Sallie W. Ely, while they remained single and unmarried. But as to whether said provisions are a lien as the Estate of Wilborne Stephens this defendant does not know; it being both in the nature of an Equitable and legal nature - and therefore does not admit or deny the allegation in said bill. But if this defendant is in any way to be affected by said allegation, she calls for the clearest and strictest proof - How as to the Complainant's title in the bill of Complaint, this defendant says for answer

thereto. That she is entitled to any said decrees or obtained as alleged in said complainants bill or that the same were ever served on W. L. Stephenson. Though, to her knowledge, she believes the execution of the deed, was the case. For her recollection is, that the said W. L. Stephenson executed his bond to Catherine Stephenson and Sallie A Eley for the sum of Eighteen hundred and Fifty dollars each and some where about the time mentioned in said bill, when these decrees were obtained by said to how the defendants, and the bond executed to Sallie A Eley, would fall in love with the two daughters of the said W. L. Stephenson. Maude and Enola. and that the bond executed to the complainants Catherine Stephenson was for value received, pursuant by said Catherine Stephenson to W. L. Stephenson, some time about the year 1880 - and an amicable, full and complete, and satisfactory arrangement was was how and those believe the said W. L. Stephenson and Catherine Stephenson - as to the home and support of her the said Catherine Stephenson. and certain it is, every thing was carried on in the

most satisfactory manner until the
year 1888. This defendant repels with
a righteous indignation the imputation
that W. L. Stephenson in his lifetime
or this defendant since his death, ever
by act or deed, desired to withhold any
right or interest that belonged to the Com-
plainant. And further this defendant
desires to say for the information of the
Court and without the slightest reflection
on the Complainant, that if the Equitable
Doctrine of the Complainant was what it
ought to be, this is a new question between
Complainant and this defendant and
others. This defendant further answering
says, she knows it to have been the aim and
desire of W. L. Stephenson to carry out to the
letter the will of his father William Stephenson
and any failure in that direction was not
the fault of W. L. Stephenson. Nor does this
defendant believe this Complaint, on the
part of Catherine Stephenson is with
her desire or will. This defendant further
answering says, that up to the year 1888.
all the obligations of W. L. Stephenson which
he was under to Catherine Stephenson by
virtue of his father's will - were met

and faithfully performed, and the
very most the Complainants Counsel claim
or pretend be, the sum of $50. per annum
for 1888. to the present time. That is
provided such a Decree as is referred to
in said Bill of Complaint, was really
entered, as to which this defendant
knows nothing, and therefore neither admits
or denies its existence, or that it was ever
entered, but if the interest of this defendant
is to be effected in the slightest, a Case for
that matter proof is. This defendant denies
it has in any sense the force and effect of
a judgment. As this Annexation, this
defendant desires to say, That Certain
it is, the Complainant Owns not in good
Conscience claim the annuity, and a
home and support, but, Nor Owns
this defendant, Force the Complainants
to accept a Home and support, Nor
Owns any one Else, Especially, if the
Complainant was under the influence of
designing persons, who rather upon him
turmoil and strife, rather than in peace
and love. This defendant denies, That in any
sum or sums of Money due said Complainant

for which the Estate of Wilborne Stephenson is liable. unless it be from the year 1888. This defendant believes it is true, that a part of the real Estate of which Wilborne Stephenson died seized and possessed is in the possession of Emma C. Wills and T. H. Wills her husband. and that part that is their part division to W. L. Stephenson is in the possession of this defendant who is the widow of W. L. Stephenson. This defendant denies the complainant has a lien upon the real Estate mentioned in complainants bill. This defendant further denies the complainant is without remedy save in a court of Equity. And now having fully answered. this defendant prays hence to be dismissed with her reasonable costs. and she will ever pray. Mollie. A. Stephenson

Subscribed and sworn to. to the best knowledge and belief of this defendant Mollie A Stephenson. before me this 3rd day of November 1893

Geo D Parker
Notary Public

Catherine Stephens

v } In Chancery

J. H. Williams et al.

Answer of

Enoch Stephens

The answer of Eula Stephenson one of the defendants to the bill of Complaint exhibited against her in the Circuit Court of Southampton County by Catherine Stephenson Complainant -

This defendant reserving to herself all rights of exception to the said bill of Complaint for answer thereto or to so much thereof as she is advised is material and necessary to be by her answered for answer says -

This defendant says she has read the said Bill and is advised that a guardian ad litem be appointed for her. That she is Twenty One Years of age and refuses to answer for herself -

Further answering this defendant says that the death of her father W. L. Stephenson she was of very tender years and therefore knows nothing of her own knowledge of the transactions between W. L. Stephenson and the Complainant Catherine Stephenson Hence she neither denies or admits the truth of any one or all of the allegations contained in said bill of Complaint -

And now this defendant, not being able to say whether the allegations and facts are contained in Complainants

said bill of Complaint. She calls for the strictest proof of each and every allegation contained in said bill of Complaint.

Having fully answered this defendant prays hence to be dismissed with her reasonable cost in this behalf expended, and she will ever pray—

Eula P. Stephenson

Signed and acknowledged before me G D Parker a Notary Public for the County of Norfolk in the State of Virginia, this day of November 1893.

Geo D Parker
Notary Public

Catherine Stephenson

v } In Chy

J. W. Williams et al

Joint Answer of

Maude Hand and

Clayton Hand her

husband

The joint and several answer of Maude Hand who was Maude Stephenson and Clayton Hand his husband. two of the defendants to the bill of Complaint & Exhibited against them by Catherine Stephenson. in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County.

These defendants now and at all times hereafter. saving all manner of benefit and advantage to themselves of exception to the many errors. Vagueness. indefinite and insufficiencies in said bill contained. for answer thereunto. or so much thereof. as these defendants are advised is material for them to make answer unto. they answering say. and first the defendant Maude Hand says. she was of tender years at the death of her Father. W. L. Stephenson and knows nothing about the transactions between W. L. Stephenson and the Complainant Catherine Stephenson. and therefore neither denies or admits any or all of the allegations in said bill of Complaint Contained. but calls for the strictest proof of each every and all of said allegations. And. The said Clayton Hand defendant says. That he only knows

of the transactions between W. L. Stephenson and the complainant Catherine Stephenson from January 1880. and therefore he neither denies or admits the truth of any or all of the allegations contained in said bill. But calls for the strictest proof of each and every of the said allegations contained in said bill, exhibited against him and the other defendants—.

And now these defendants having fully answered, they pray hence to be dismissed with their reasonable costs in this behalf by them expended and they will ever pray.

Maud Hand.
C. P. Hand.

Signed and acknowledged before me Geo D Parker a Notary Public for the County of Norfolk in the State of Virginia This day of November 1896.

Geo D Parker
Notary Public.

In Southampton Circuit Court,

Nov Term, 1878

Catherine Stephenson Pltff.

Against

Wm. L. Stephenson Deft.

In Chancery.

Judgment for the Plaintiff against the Defendant for $ 90.98 with legal interest thereon from 1st day of January, 1873, till paid, ~~and costs, $~~

Extract.

Teste: T. M. Howard C. C.

In Southampton Circuit Court,

Nov Term, 18 79.

Catherine Stephenson &
Sally A. Eley Pltff.
Against
In Chancery.

Wm. L. Stephenson Deft.

Judgment for the Plaintiffs against the Defendant for $ 71 43 ~~with legal interest thereon from day of , 18 , till paid, and costs, $~~

Extract.

Teste: T. M. Howard. C. C.

Stephenson

vs

Stephenson

exhibit 'B'

Stephenson

vs

Stephenson

Exhibit D

In Southampton Circuit Court,

Nov Term, 1878

Catherine Stephenson, Sally A Eley & Martha A. Darden Pltff.

Against

Wm. L. Stephenson Deft.

In Chancery

Judgment for the Plaintiff against the Defendant for $ 42.11 with ~~legal~~ interest thereon from first day of January, 1873, till paid, ~~and costs, $~~

Extract.

Teste: T. M. Howard C. C.

Stephens on

vs

Stephens.

Exhibit E

In Southampton Circuit Court,

Nov Term, 1879

Catherine Stephenson Pltff.
Against
Wm. L. Stephenson Deft.

In In Chancery.

Judgment for the Plaintiff against the Defendant for $ 609.75 with ~~legal~~ interest ~~thereon~~ on $487.50 part thereof from 1st day of October, 1879, till paid, ~~and costs, $~~

Extract.

Teste: T. M. Howard, C. C.

Exhibit L

C. O. B., p. 569

Stephenson

vs. } Fi. Fa.

Stephenson

Tilley p. q.

1880. January Rules

Court.

COSTS:

Clerk, $.....

Sheriff, ...

Law, &c. .....

Ordered to be held
up by Plaintiff
A. P. Cobb Dy
for W. W. Briggs Sheff

A Copy
Teste P. M. Howard C.C.

No. 557

The Commonwealth of Virginia:

TO THE SHERIFF OF SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY—Greeting:

WHEREAS in a suit in Chancery depending in our Circuit Court of Southampton county, between Stephenson Plaintiff and Stephenson Exor Defendant, it was, on the 9th day November 1879, among other things, adjudged, ordered and decreed that Catherine Stephenson recover of Wm. L. Stephenson the sum of $609.75 with interest on $487.50 part thereof from the 1st day of October 1879 till paid

Therefore, we command you that of the goods and chattels of Wm. L. Stephenson late in your bailiwick, you cause to be made the sum of Six hundred & nine dollars 75 cents with interest thereon from 1st day of October 1879 till paid which the said Catherine Stephenson in the same Court recovered against the said Wm. L. Stephenson by the decree aforesaid; ~~also,~~ ~~dollars~~ ~~and~~ ~~cents for~~ ~~costs in said suit expended,~~ whereof the said W. L. Stephenson is convict, as appears to us of record. And how you shall have executed this writ make known at the Clerk's Office of our said Court at Rules to be holden for said Court on the first Monday in January next, and have then there this writ.

WITNESS, ~~J. B. PRINCE~~ L. R. Edwards, Clerk of our said Court, at the Courthouse, this 10th day of November 1879, in the year of the Commonwealth.

Teste:

L. R. Edwards C. C.

A Copy Teste T. M. Howard C. C.

Exhibit H.

C. O. B., p. 530

Stephenson

vs. } Fi. Fa.

Stephenson

Kelly p. q.

1879. February Rules

Court.

COSTS:

Clerk, $.....

Sheriff, ...

Law, &c. .....

Came to hand Dec 14th 1878 at 10 o'clock a.m.

W W Briggs

Ordered to be levied upon by the Plaintiff

A. P. Coach Dy

for W W Briggs Shff

A copy Test

P. M. Howard C.C.

No. 5748.

The Commonwealth of Virginia:

TO THE SHERIFF OF SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY—Greeting:

WHEREAS in a suit in Chancery depending in our Circuit Court of Southampton county, between Stephenson, Plaintiff and Stephenson's Exor Defendant, it was, on the 12" day Novemb 1878, among other things, adjudged, ordered and decreed that Catherine Stephenson recover of the Defendant Wm. L. Stephenson the sum of $90.98 dollars with interest thereon from 1st day of January 1873

Therefore, we command you that of the goods and chattels of Wm. L. Stephenson

late in your bailiwick, you cause to be made Ninety dollars & ninety eight cents with interest thereon from 1st day of January 1873 till paid

which the said Catherine Stephenson

in the same Court recovered against the said Wm. L. Stephenson

by the decree aforesaid; ~~also,~~ ~~dollars~~ ~~and~~ ~~cents for~~ ~~costs in said suit expended,~~ whereof the said Wm L. Stephenson is convict, as appears to us of record. And how you shall have executed this writ make known at the Clerk's Office of our said Court at Rules to be holden for said Court on the first Monday in February next, and have then there this writ.

L.R. Edwards

WITNESS, ~~J. B. PRINCE~~, Clerk of our said Court, at the Courthouse, this 3rd day of December 1878, in the 103. year of the Commonwealth.

Teste:

L.R. Edwards C. C.

A Copy Teste T.M. Howard C.C.

Exhibit A

C. O. B., p. 530

Stephenson

vs. } Fi. Fa.

Stephenson

Tilly p. q.

1880. January Rules

Court.

COSTS:

Clerk, $.....

Sheriff, ...

Law, &c. .....

Ordered to be heard
upon by Plaintiff
A. F. Calhoun
for W. W. Briggs Shff

A Copy
Test J. M. Howard
C. C.

No. 553.

The Commonwealth of Virginia:

TO THE SHERIFF OF SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY—Greeting:

WHEREAS in a suit in Chancery depending in our Circuit Court of Southampton county, between Stephenson Plaintiff and Stephenson's Exrs Defendant, it was, on the 12th day November 1888, among other things, adjudged, ordered and decreed that Catherine Stephenson recover of the Defendant Wm. L. Stephenson the sum of $90 98/100 dollars with interest thereon from 1st day of January 1873.

Therefore, we command you that of the goods and chattels of Wm. L. Stephenson late in your bailiwick, you cause to be made Ninety dollars and ninety eight cents with interest thereon from 1st day of January 1873 till paid which the said Catherine Stephenson in the same Court recovered against the said Wm. L. Stephenson by the decree aforesaid; ~~also~~, ~~dollars~~ ~~and~~ ~~cents for~~ ~~costs in said suit expended~~, whereof the said Wm. L. Stephenson is convict, as appears to us of record. And how you shall have executed this writ make known at the Clerk's Office of our said Court at Rules to be holden for said Court on the first Monday in January next, and have then there this writ.

WITNESS, ~~J. B. PRINCE~~ L. R. Edwards, Clerk of our said Court, at the Courthouse, this 10 day of November 1889, in the 104 year of the Commonwealth.

Teste:

L. R. Edwards C. C.

A Copy Teste T. M. Howard D.C.

Exhibit R

C. O. B., p. 530

Stephenson

vs. } Fi. Fa.

Stephenson

Kelly p. q.

1879. February Rules

Court.

COSTS:

Clerk, $.....

Sheriff, ...

Law, &c. .....

Came to hand Dec 14th
1878 at 10 o'clock A.M.
W. W. Briggs Shff.

Ordered to be levied
upon by the Plaintiff
A. T. Cooke Dy
for W. W. Briggs Shff
A Copy
Test T. M. Howard Clk.

No. 533

The Commonwealth of Virginia:

TO THE SHERIFF OF SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY—Greeting:

WHEREAS in a suit in Chancery depending in our Circuit Court of Southampton county, between Stephenson Plaintiff, and Stephenson's Exor Defendant, it was, on the 12" day November 1878, among other things, adjudged, ordered and decreed that Catherine Stephenson, Sally A. Eley & Martha A. Darden recover of Wm. L. Stephenson the sum of $42.11 with interest thereon from 1st January 1873 till paid,

Therefore, we command you that of the goods and chattels of Wm. L. Stephenson late in your bailiwick, you cause to be made forty two dollars & eleven cents with interest thereon from 1st January 1873 till paid.

which the said Stephenson, Eley & Darden in the same Court recovered against the said Wm. L. Stephenson by the decree aforesaid; ~~also,~~ ~~and~~ ~~dollars~~ ~~cents for~~ ~~costs in said suit expended,~~ whereof the said Wm. L. Stephenson is convict, as appears to us of record. And how you shall have executed this writ make known at the Clerk's Office of our said Court at Rules to be holden for said Court on the first Monday in February next, and have then there this writ.

L. A. Edwards

WITNESS, ~~J. B. PRINCE~~, Clerk of our said Court, at the Courthouse, this 3rd day of December 1878, in the 103" year of the Commonwealth.

Teste:

L. A. Edwards C. C.

A Copy Teste T. M. Howard D.C.

We Concur for
leave to withdraw
[illegible] to answer her
[illegible] defendant's
[illegible] for
[illegible] of
May 3rd 1894
[illegible] defendants.
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COURTS:
Isle of Wight, Nansemond
and Southampton.

LAW OFFICE OF

W. S. MOLLAND.

Windsor Station, Va., May 3, 1894

Mr Geo D.Parker,

Dear Sir,

I have written to Miss stephenson and fairly submitted to her your proposition as to costs and she replied in writing that she will pay no costs, and that she will expect the defendants to pay. I have therefore no room for any agreement. In case you will agree to amend the decree sent me by a judgment for costs against the defendants, write that consent on the other side this sheet and mail to me at Coutland and I will have the decree thus amended entered. If you cannot do so come up and we can submit that question to the court.

Yours Truly,
W.S.Holland

Stephens &c

Ex | Cork

Stephens

Stat of Cash in Chancery
Suit of
C. Stephenson
&
M. A. Stephenson et als.

To amt due by Pltff.

Clerk	T. M. H.	£8.94
Shff.	J. W. W. & W. S. H. & T. M. H.	2.00
Counc	W. S. H.	16.50
	Total amt due by Pltff	£27.44
	To amt due by Defts	.40
Clerk	T. M. H	1.57
		£29.41

Stephenson

v.

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Stephenson et als

1893. 1st Act Rules

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Executed sept 28-93

by leaving a copy

of the within Sum

on each of the

within named parties

in person.

J. E. Elliott

Dply

For A. Cronmoell

Sheriff

Kalland fq.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, Norfolk

TO THE SHERIFF OF ~~SOUTHAMPTON~~ COUNTY, GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON Mallie A. Stephenson Widow of W. L. Stephenson dec'd, Maude Hoard nee Stephenson & Delayton Hoard her husband, Emma C. Wills, W. H. Wills and Eula Stephenson the last being and infant under the age of 21 years.

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 Catherine Stephenson

And this They shall in no wise omit under penalty of law. And have then there this writ.

WITNESS, T. M. HOWARD, Clerk of our said Court, at the Courthouse, this 26" day of Sept, 1899., in the 118th year of the Commonwealth.

TESTE: T. M. Howard, C. C.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

TO THE SHERIFF OF SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY, GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON Mallie A. Stephenson widow of W. L. Stephenson deceased, Maude Kand nee Stephenson and Clayton Kand her husband, Emma C. Wills W. H. Wills and Eula Stephenson, the last being an infant under the ages of 21 years.

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 Catherine Stephenson

And this they shall in no wise omit under penalty of law. And have then there this writ.

WITNESS, T. M. HOWARD, Clerk of our said Court, at the Courthouse, this 26 day of Sept, 189 3, in the 11 8th year of the Commonwealth.

TESTE: T. M. Howard, C. C.

Katherine Stephenson

vs.

J.W. Williams Sheriff &c. et als.

This cause came on this day to be heard on the bill and exhibits, viz the answers of J.W. Williams sheriff and administrator of W.L. Stephenson deceased and admr. de bonis non c.t.a. of Wilborne Stephenson deceased with general replication thereto on exceptions as to the sufficiency of the answers of Mattie A Stephenson, Zula P. Stephenson and Maude Hood and Clyton Hood, and was argued by counsel: On consideration whereof the court doth adjudge order and decree that the matter of exceptions to said answers are continued for hearing and decision, and doth further adjudge and decree that one of the Commissioners of this court take state and report to the next term thereof the following enquiries and accounts:

1st An account of the amounts due the complainant, and if the same is a lien by virtue of the provision of the will of Wilborn Stephenson decd, by judgment or otherwise and if there is such a lien or if there are such liens then on whose property is ~~the~~ the same amount a lien and if any such property as contains subject to the same to the rights vested and who is in possession of

of the same and if it will not for example in five years to satisfy said debts and contained to be due and then to come due within the five years.

7th Any matter deemed pertinent by said Commissioner or any party in interest without prejudice to the rights of any party

Solicitors for Pltff
Jno. Williams Pltff &c.
and others

Decree
To be entered.

Catherine Stephenson

v { Ds Chry.

J. W. Williams et al

Decree

Ds Entered

C. M. D.

Jan 6, 1893

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Entered 7 612

In the Circuit Court of Southampton County.

Catherine Stephenson
v
J. W. Williams et als. } In Chancery

This day came Mattie A. Stephenson, Maude Hand and Clayton Hand her husband and Eula H. Stephenson, defendants in the above entitled cause, and by Counsel, asked leave to file their respective answers to the bill exhibited against them in the Circuit Court of Southampton County by Catherine Stephenson, which leave to file said answer is by the Court granted accordingly.

Catherine Stephenson

v

J. W. Williams Shipping Co. &c.

Et. Ales

Decree

To be Entered -

May 8, 1894

We consent to this decree.

Geo. D. Putnam Jr.
Counsel for Defendants

W. S. Holland
counsel for Complainant

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J. H. Williams Admt. &c et als

This cause came on this day to be heard again on the Bill, Exhibits and the answers of the several defendants to plaintiffs Bill of Complaint, as also upon the Motion of plaintiffs Counsel, to reject said answers and was argued by Counsel.

And it appearing to the Court, that each and every defendant in said Cause has disclaimed any intention to reflect upon either the plaintiff or upon the Counsel of the plaintiff in any manner whatever. Said Motion to reject said Answers, by the Court is overruled. And it further appearing to the Court, from the Records of the last term of this Court, the Motions and things arising under said Bill, answers and proceedings having been, mutually and satisfactorily adjusted between all the parties in interest by the payment by the defendants to the plaintiff the sum of $60- in Cash and the bond (note) of the defendants - for the sum of Five hundred and fifty Dollars, payable two Years after date, which said sum of $60. in cash and

claim & now was by the plaintiff accepted as full satisfaction of all demand of the said plaintiff against the Estate of W. L. Stephenson dec'd. upto the 15th day of June 1894. ~~and the plaintiff having claimed the Court to dismiss said suit.~~

~~In Consideration thereof pursuant~~ ~~motion of the plaintiff by Counsel~~ ~~The Court doth adjudge order and decree that this Cause be dismissed and the same removed from the docket.~~

And the court doth further adjudge order and decree that this cause be dismissed & on the docket and that the defendants pay to the plaintiff her costs in this behalf expended