1847-001 Chancery Causes: Ann Darden vs Thomas Darden, cont of Ann Darden et al
Isle of Wight County

other surnames: Seeds, Morriss, Holleman, Wills, Edwards, Hall, Whitehead, Womble, Lattimer, Latimer, Eley, Joyner, Parr

Ann Darden

vs. } Patsen in Chy.

Thos. Darden Dels.

1845. March rules Bill &c filed & Subp. ret°

" May rules dft for hearing.

" May term Leave given Dft to file ans. in 90 days

" July 30th Ans. of Dft. filed.

" Oct. Term. Issue to be tried at next term.

October term 1846 Verdict for Pltff (Sealed)

May Court 1847. Decree signed.

The answer of Thomas Darden, committee of Ann Darden, to a Bill of Complaint of Ann Darden

This defendant reserving & saving &c: for answer to so much of said Bill, as he is advised it is material for him to answer; answers and say, that it is true, as is in the said Bill alleged, that the said Ann Darden, has been deaf & dumb from her birth, and was not in court of the county aforesaid, when the magistrate then presiding, ordered that the estate of sd complainant sh'd be committed to the management of yr respondent: Indeed when the incapacity of the said Ann Darden, was well known, especially to some of the magistrates presiding, the summoning her to appear, & her consequent appearance in Court, would have been perfectly useless, so far as it respected the means which the court could employ to ascertain, whether the complainant, deaf & dumb, and whom the court could not possibly understand, was in truth capable of conducting her business & preserving her estate.

This defendant, further answering, that he had all along, even before the estate was committed, acted for his sister, and that upon the death of their mother, he delivered up to the sd Ann Darden, her bond &c &c, which she immediately gave back to him, with the request manifested by signs, that she knew nothing of business, or what to do with her property, & urged him to take care of her & her property, and this he was only complying with the dying request of their mother, facts well known to those who are now inciting the prime mover in the suit instituted, not from any apprehension of loss to the complainant (who this respondent has no doubt is entirely ignorant of the scheme or plot,) but from hostility to this respondent. At the solicitations of both the sd Ann Darden, his sister, & their mother, did this defendant undertake the management of the sd estate, and if there was any thing illegal or irregular in the proceeding the fault was not with him as he sought & obtained the advice & followed the direction of the Court therein. And this defendant further answering say, that it is wholly untrue, that he has ever changed or collected the debts, in bond or otherwise due to the sd complainant, with the view of getting command thereon, but only when the interest of the estate, & the circumstances of the debtors rendered such change, or collection, proper, prudent & necessary: and in all other matters pertaining to the settlement of

of his accounts &c. as committee, the Duchess will be found to sustain improper & illegal,
every item thereof — how does he conceive the complainant could be in any manner wronged, by the appointment of Willis W. Darden a connexion, & friend, and of the strictest probity, ~~such~~ as a committee instead of one, a stranger — : and he further says, in respect to the alleged improper charge of £ 41.31 amt. of damages, costs &c, in the suit of Morris v. Stephen Darden — in the ~~Sd~~ Bill mentioned that the cause of said suit was the attempt, ~~through his~~ to get back & protect a negro woman belonging to the Sd Complainant whom this defendant had hired to the Sd Morris who had cruelly beaten & otherwise improperly treated her — and for this purpose ~~he directed~~ his son, the said Stephen Darden, was induced to act, and incurred the costs, &c aforesaid. — ~~improperly~~ ~~this respondent~~ — whether the verdict was just or not — this respondent will not ~~perhaps~~ say — tho' he is certain if all the facts could have been submitted to the jury a very different result would have been obtained — at all events he feels confident that he acted for the interests of the Sd Complt as well as hers only — for he had none individually in the matter — and this defendant further says that the charge in said Bill of his having kept several, or any one of the slaves of Sd Ann Darden, at any time, for his own use, without hiring them out & paying less hire than others would have given for them — to be false in every particular & totally void of truth — and demands the fullest scrutiny into his conduct, in this as well in every other instance of pretended, (tho' false charge) of his mismanagement of Sd estate, as in the Sd Bill in any particular alleged or pretended to. — A reference to the accounts, the first & last, rendered by him, shewing the increase of Sd estate, furnish the best evidence of the skill & prudence observed by him

and this respondent having answered prays hence to be dismissed &c —

Thomas Darden (Seal)

Isle of Wight County to wit:

Thomas Darden this day personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the county aforesaid and made oath that the facts contained in his answer as above set out are true to the best of knowledge & belief Given under my hand this 7th day of July 1814 —

Willis W. Darden JP

(filed with complainants Bill)

and this defendant a contract of which, with the well known condition of the circumstances of Charles Darden could ~~suggest~~ shew — that the interests of the latter would have been promoted, by committing his estate to the guardian superintendance of another, better qualified than himself

Henry

Dandridge

Ann Dandridge

Answer

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of ***County, Greeting:***

WE COMMAND YOU to summon Martha Eley, Wm H. Darden, Margaret Mongin, William Hall, Catharine Parr, Elizabeth Wills, Hannah Darden and Josiah Joyner

personally to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for Isle of Wight County, at the Courthouse, on the first day of May Court next, to testify, and the truth to say in behalf of Thomas Darden, Mills & Darden, & Wm. B. Edwards exor: of William Sands

in a certain matter of controversy, in our said Court before our said Judge depending and undetermined, between Ann Darden and the said Thomas Darden and others Defs.

And this them shall in no wise omit, under the penalty of £100. each And have then there this writ. Witness, N. P. Young Clerk of our said Court, at the Courthouse, this 22d day of April 1846, in the 70th year of the Commonwealth.

N. P. Young Clk.

Executor on William Hall Catharine Farr
Henry Darden & Josiah Joiner
Aug 4th 1845 Jas W. Spratley Dy
for Josiah Holloman Shff

Thomas Darden &
ux. Ejt. &c.
Case Darden
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Ex Bray Comt 1846.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Isle of Wight ***County, Greeting:***

WE COMMAND YOU to summon Darden D. Hall, Joseph B. Whitehead, David P. Wills, Mary Hall, Mint Womble, John S. Latimer and David A. Bain personally to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for Isle of Wight County, at the Courthouse, on the 2nd day of October Court next, to testify and the truth to say in behalf of Ann Darden

in a certain matter of controversy, in our said Court before our said Judge depending and undetermined, between Ann Darden and Thomas Darden, Mills W. Darden Adm: Defts.

And this they shall in no wise omit, under the penalty of £100. each And have then there this writ. Witness, N. P. Young Clerk of our said Court, at the Courthouse, this 10th day of August 1846, in the 71st year of the Commonwealth.

N. P. Young clk

Executed on all the
within named witness
except D & Mary
Hall

H Norcum Dep
for J Hallman Mg

Ann Darden
vs:
Thomas Darden Dec

To Oct. Sess. 1846.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Isle of Wight ***County, Greeting:***

WE COMMAND YOU to summon Martha Eley, Wm. H. Darden, Margaret Morris, Wm. Hall & Thos. Catharine Parr wife of Jno. Parr, Elizabeth Wills, Henry Darden and Josiah Joyner.

personally to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for Isle of Wight County, at the Courthouse, on the 2nd day of October Court next, to testify, and the truth to say in behalf of Thomas Darden Defs.

in a certain matter of controversy, in our said Court before our said Judge depending and undetermined, between Ann Darden Plff. and said Thomas Darden Defs. Defts.

And this they shall in no wise omit, under the penalty of £100. each And have then there this writ. Witness, N. P. Young Clerk of our said Court, at the Courthouse, this 10th day of August 1846, in the 71st year of the Commonwealth.

N. P. Young Clk.

Thomas Darden Dab:

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Ann Darden.

To October 1816.

S/T. Cond.

Executed Sept 18 1816

Wm Smedley DQ

for J. H. Patterson

Executed by delivering a true copy of the within to each defendant

John W. Westray and
I. L. Driver Deputies for Jas. C.
Jordan Shff

Dallas Co.
Ex Fee 1.00 Cts.
Dan'l Dunn Clk
To March Rule 1875

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Isle of Wight *County*, **Greeting.**

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON Thomas Darden, Wells W. Darden and Wm. C. Edwards the last executor of Wm. Deeds)

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the County of Isle of Wight, at the Court House of said County, on the first Monday in March next, being Rule day, to answer a bill in Chancery in the said Court exhibited against them by Ann Darden,

and if they shall fail to answer the Bill within two months thereafter the Court will take the said Bill for confessed, and proceed to decree the matter thereof accordingly. And have then there this Writ.—*Witness* Nathaniel P. Young, *Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House*, this 18th day of February 1845, in the 69th year of the Commonwealth.

N. P. Young Jr. d

Sheriff's Office Wright County Minn.
Monticello July 5th 1865

I hereby certify that I served the within writ of attachment on the within named Thomas Reardon by delivering to and leaving with James J. Dunn deputy to James C Jordan Sheriff of Wright County Minn. who made return to me that on the 1st day of July 1865 he delivered a true copy of this writ to said Thomas Reardon that on the same day he delivered a true copy of the same to Thomas Reardon in said County of Wright and that on the 5th day of July 1865

Jno. H. Pardee
Sheriff

Reardon
vs
Reardon

Return
a copy to
Sheriff
vs
Reardon
July

To Thomas Barden, Stiles M Barden
and W. C Edwards admr: of
M. Seeds decd: take notice, that
at the house of Edwin Harrison
Esq: in the town of Smithfield
and County of Isle of Wight,
on the 15th and 20th days of
July inst, between 8 & 6 Clock
of each day, I shall proceed
to take the depositions of Joseph
B. Whitehead, Isaac Pitts Wills &
others, to be read as Evidence
in a suit in the Circuit Superior
Court of Law and Chancery for
the County of Isle of Wight, in
which I am plaintiff and you
are defendants —

Ann Barden

July 19. 1845.

To Mr Edwards

Pr —

To Thomas Davidson, Miles W Davidson
and Wm C Edwards, Executor of
William Sudds dec'd. Take notice,
that at the tavern of Francis Morri-
-son Esq. in the town of Smith-
-field and County of Bladen on
the fifteenth and eighteenth
day of July inst between 8 and 9 o'clock
I shall proceed to take the deposi-
-tion of Joseph B. Whitehead, Davis
Peter Mills and others, to be read as
evidence in a suit in the Circuit
superior Court of Law and Chancery
for the County of Bladen, in
which I am plaintiff and you are
defendants. — Ann Davidson

July 19. 1825.

service acknowledged —
(Signed)
Wm C. Edwards Exor.
of Wm Suds dec'd

[illegible] take notice - that on the 1st and 2d days of August next, at the office of Archd. Arrington in Smithfield, between the hours of 9 O'Clock in the morning & 5 O'Clock p.m. of the same days, I shall take the depositions of Joseph B. White Thos. Bartholomew Lazt Godwin & Wm. Watson to be read as Evidence in the Suit in the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the County of Johnston, in which I am Plff. & they [illegible] are defendants

July 22. 1845 Thos. Barden.

To Messrs. Thos. Barden, Miles M Barden and Wm C Barnes, the latter one of the Defendants.

Service admitted

July 22d 1845 Ro. H. Whitfield
atty for defendants

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To Miss Ann Darden

Take notice that on Tuesday the 22d day of July 1845 between the hours of 10 A.M. & 6 P.M. of that day, at the court House of Isle of Wight County, I shall proceed to take the depositions of Martha Eley, Catharine Parr, Elizabeth Wills, Mrs. Morris, Wm Hall, Stephen Darden & Wm Darden & others

to be read as evidence in a certain suit pending in the circuit Ct of Law & Chancery for the County of Isle of Wight, in which you are complainant, and I, Thomas Darden, Wills W. Darden & Wm C. Edwards the Exrs of Wm Seeds dec'd are defendants: And if for any cause the sd depositions should not be taken or completed on that day, they will be adjourned from time to time until Completed Given under our hands this the 15th day of July 1845

Service acknowledged
A. A. Thomas
July 15. 1845

Thomas Darden, Wills W. Darden
& Wm C. Edwards. Exrs of Wm Seeds
By Robt Whitfield their atty

The depositions of Mary Hall and
Ann Marsden

taken on the 15th of July 1845, at the house of Edwin Morrish in the town of Smithfield and County of Isle of Wight, between the hours of 8 o'Clock A.M. & 6 o'Clock P.M. of the same day pursuant to the Requisition of the Defendants Solicitors in the cause in Equity now depending in the Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery for the County of Isle of Wight, in which Ann Darden is complainant, and Thomas Darden, Eliza M. Darden and Wm. C. Edwards, the Executor of Wm. Sands dec'd are defendants.

Questions by the pltff's atto: to the aforesaid Mary Hall

Are you acquainted with Ann Darden the pltff: who is a deaf and dumb person: if so, what is her probable age, and what is her capacity for managing her own estate: ~~whether she is competent or incompetent~~?

Do you think she would manage her estate if she had the control of it now, as well & prudently in general matters as her Husband managed their estate: or make her own contracts as to the getting her Husband Darden known that a suit has been brought to recover her estate & what has she said to be her wishes or intentions

Mary Hale says that she is acquainted with Ann Darden who is her sister that she is between thirty and forty years of age, but younger than the Defendant Thomas Darden that the Ann Darden manages what she has in prosperous very well and that if she had her property in prosperous, would manage it as well as females generally — that she is in the habit of being brought to the store by the Defendants wife when she buys and buying her own clothing apparel — with the assistance of Mrs. Hall the deponent, who sells her the amount of her bills and then the Ann Darden counts out the money and pays her own bills

when the Defendant put that charge of the estate — he generally carried her to the store — to get own articles — for the last several years the defendant furnished her with money — what he had on the stand with the deponent — and in the absence of Defendant the Deponent further states that the Defendant has not furnished the said Ann Darden with the proper necessaries — And that the Plaintiffs object of the institution of a suit is to recover her own property — and place it under her own management —

Question by the Defendants attorney —

1st — What property has the Plaintiff in prosperous —

Ans. of Mrs Hall, the room furniture and some money —

2nd — What amount of money has the generally owned from the Defendant — at different times —

— Answer by Mrs Hall — sometimes $20. sometimes $30 and sometimes $50. —

Does the Plaintiff know the amount of money sent her, further by Mrs Hall? yes when told — the counsel for the Defendant caused a paper of sewing to be laid before the said Ann Darden — during the testimony of the deponent — and the deponent was desired by the counsel to ask the said Ann Darden to count it — the said Ann Darden counted it, and told you her sister to understand that there was $15 in it but was corrected by the said Ann Darden herself that the said Ann Darden owned had been $16.50 out of the third seam which she — thumps the

commencement of Deponent

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If A Dec'd Ann Darden gets possession of the property & should she refuse to comply to obtain A Settlement of same from D, & D have to bring suit has D again & managing her estate —

Answer by Mrs Hall, She would Would not think from A Decree of Court on her estate, as Mrs Thomas Darden now does —

Answer by Mrs Hall — The only difference would be in the cost —

If you Sister Ann Darden should get possession of the property — would she not bind you in $500 without a bond and security —

Answer — She would have to be told the amount — or if she would require bond and security —

Who Managed her Property upon the death of her Mother —

Answer — Her Mother, who has been dead about 20 years & she managed it not by an order of court, but by the consent.

After A death of A Mother did not Ann Darden and yourself suggest that Thomas Darden should manage the estate — Answer He was thought to be the proper person —

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Is she very close or stingy with her Money — Answer — She is — and that she never expended any of it — but under the supervision of Deponent

Did you enquire whether Ann Darden estate could be taken from Thomas Darden —

Answer — She said it ought to be because he paid the costs of a suit to herself — out of the estate — and secondly, because he would not supply her with A proper maintenance —

Can Mr Thomas Darden be benefited more than Ann Dardens other relation by her supposed refusal to permit her with proper maintenance —

Answer — He only benefit accruing to them, would be the interest of A part of them of the property & possession — and being entitled to the use of it — by not complying with requirements — for the security —

Question by Mr Albritton Have you a Brother Mr Darden who is deaf and dumb — [illegible] — and has not always managed his estate — and is Ann Darden capacity to manage him — equal to that of her Brother Charles — Answer I don't know — & he has managed his estate pretty

and I Must Ann and manage
hers as well —

Cr jn
her
Mary + Hall
mark

Question by Mr Whitfield —
Do you and you Both Thomas
Dorsan — with — I have not resided
here a letter than 12 months —
because he has treated me badly —

by
Mary L Hall
Mark.

Dent Womble Sworn says
he is acquainted with Ann Dorsan
the pff: Who is deaf and dum —
of her general capacity to manage her
estate I ~~know but~~ cannot say much, I can
say however from her having traded with me
for several years. I have found her to have
a good knowledge of goods. she is careful
in making her selection, shows good judgm
=ent in that selection, she seems to under
stand the quality of goods and their values
she understands the counting money, the
amount of bills &c — when told the amount
of her bill she can count the money and
settle the same, when the bill is small &
being in silver, I think that she does not
understand counting notes — she has been
frequently at my house, and from her
general Conduct, I think her a woman
of good sense — question by Dft. attorn
Do not the whole of the trading done by her
at your store, done by the direction, & under
the supervision of her sister Mrs Mary Hall

Answer, the selection and the trading is done
by Miss Ann Dorsan, in company with her
sister Mary Hall, and under her general
supervision; question by Dft. attorney —
Can you carry on a conversation with
Miss Ann Dorsan, answer, I cannot
on general subjects, I can ask questions
and receive intelligible answers from her

M. Womble

Sworn

State of Wright County Ss. I James
M Jordan a Justice of the Peace
for said County, do certify that in
the presence of the attorneys for the
pff. and the defendant and
in the presence of the pff: the
foregoing depositions of Mary Hall
and Dent Womble were taken
before me on oath, at the house
of Edwin Morrison on the 15th
July 1865 according to notice. —
Given under my hand and seal
this 15th of July 1865 —

J M Jordan

Ann Darden
vs. } Deposition
Thomas Darden Dec'd.

July 21st Came to hand under seal & filed.

Ann Darden

vs Depositions

Thos. Darden et al:

July 22nd. 1845 come to hand under seal, & filed

The said Ann Barden is not
capable of hiring out her negro
without of his leave and could
not of herself hire out a
negro Slave Boy. nor
could she of herself keep a
Slave from said county —

Jno. S. Latimer

Latimer
1 Depos

The deposition of John S Latimer taken
on the 22nd July 1865, at Dale C.H. Wright
County Texas — in presence of
the attorneys for the respective parties to
the suit and in relation to a suit
in the District Court of Dale County
Ann Barden et al. vs. Thomas
Barden Heirs defendants —
Interrogated by the pltff. atty. to the
Latimer — Do you know Ann
Barden the pltff and if so for
how long have you known
her — if so, in her mind natural
or otherwise — in the midst of the many
& various arguments in
answer of the Latimer —

I do know her well, and believe her to be a person
of strong natural mind and good judgement, I
have frequently been where she was engaged with
her lady affairs, about purchases she had made
she conversed sensibly and told the prices of them
If Ann Barden had the faculty
of speech & hearing, would
she not be competent to
manage her estate, in the midst
of females of her acquaint-
ance?
answer of the Latimer —

I believe she would

John S. Latimer

We agree that this testimony shall be received in the above suit, in the latter as well as the former
A. Atkeson P.J.
R.H. Whitfield

Inhd.

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The depositions of Martha Ely, ~~Wm~~ Hall Read
John S. Lattimer, Catharine Parr and
Ann Elizabeth Wiley ~~Margaret Morris~~ —
Stephen Darden & Wm. Darden —

Taken at the Court-House, of Isle of Wight County, agreeable to notice, between the hours of
10 A.M. & 10 P.M. of the day of the 22nd of July 1845, to be read as evidence in a suit pending
in the circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery, to be held for the county aforesaid, in which Ann
Darden is complainant, and Thomas Darden, Willis W. Darden & Wm. C. Edwards
the latter Ex'rs of Wm Reed dec'd

The deponent Martha Ely being first ~~sworn~~ sworn in the Holy Evangelists
deposes & says, that she is sister to both Plff. and Deft.
in the cause — that she lived in the house with
the Plaintiff 20 years & has frequent intercourse
with her all her life — that during the time
she has known her — she has not known her
to do any business & that when she would
do work, such as knitting &c &c she always applied to the Defendt
& others, to know what to charge, and that
she believed that she was incapable of doing
or transacting any kind of business of her-
self without the advice of others — that
the deponent as well as the Plaintiff's mother
who lived many years after the father's death
(who died about 30 years since) with the aid
of the Def. Thos: Darden had the sole
management of Ann Darden's estate, & that
said Ann Darden knew that she had
negroes & other property, after being told; and
~~that she knew that~~ & upon a question by
Plff's atty / said Ann Darden she did not know whether there was
~~such private agent or not, and had anything to do~~
~~with it or not~~ or ever knew any thing
about it ~~one way or the other~~ — & this she thinks was the
result of a want of mind to attend to
business: that as to her knitting matters &
such as necessity she could do after being
shown. and that she frequently had her mother

against her brother Thomas, after he death, to manage her estate Ann's estate & took care of it, which she believes he has done to the best interest of the estate & her sisters comfort - That she saw, on a visit to her sister Mrs. Hall, what Ann Darden says, a variety of fine clothes & other articles such as furniture &c which the said Ann Darden, by signs, informed her, were her own property - That her sister Ann Darden greatly desires very well & that she believes she suffers for the want of nothing - the Defendt also states that Mrs. Mary Hall & the Defs: Thomas Darden are frequently at variance and quarrelling - That Mrs. Hall told the Defendt that Thos: Darden had insulted her son who went to his house to get money to buy medicine for Ann Darden - That Mrs. Hall told her she had been told that the property could be taken out of Thomas Dardens hands & the Defendt told Mrs. Hall to let it alone, she might get it into worse hands; Mrs. Hall replied that the truth should be told any how. That her sister Ann is easily controlled by persons in whom she has confidence & will do any thing she is told to do by them - & that she thinks she is improperly under the influence of Mrs. Hall - That she thinks the removal of the property from the hands of Thomas Darden would result in the injury of her sisters estate for the reason that her sister is easily influenced & that her brother would do her more justice than any one else.

by the Defts: atto:

The Defendt on being questioned, says that she is perfectly friendly with her sister Mrs. Hall & always has been as & that she is glad that any controversy between them & that as far as she feels are entirely in her sister & her welfare, she deems that the estate may remain as it is in the hands of Thos: Darden.

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Examined by Mr. H. attorney to Mrs. Eley

"When were you last talked to by Defendt to say as to what you know or have heard, & who was the person who came to you to say?"

Answer - Sunday before last, The Defs: Thomas Darden was telling me, at his house, that his sister Polly was trying to get her sister Ann's estate out of his hands to manage herself, & she told him she had heard her sister Polly speak of it before & went on to tell her brother what she the son of the Defs: Thomas heard about it: That William Darden, wrote down them, what she had said about it - & that she had it written down because she had been summoned to come over before & was so much alarmed that she could not recollect what she wanted to say. That it was written down in the presence of the Defendt: Thos: Darden That the said statement in writing was read to her so that she might know whether it was correct which writing she has not seen & it was kept by William Darden son of Thomas Darden the Defendt.

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(Signed) Martha + Eley

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Isle of wight County to wit:

The foregoing depositions of Martha Eley, Wm. Hall, Catharine Parr, Elizabeth Wiles Margaret Morris, Stephen G. Davies and William H Davies each of whom after having been duly sworn on the Holy Bible was taken before me John S. Saliman a Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid, agreeable to notice at the Court house of said County this 22nd day of July 1845 between the hours of 10 A.M. and 6 P.M. which is to be read as evidence in a suit depending in the Circuit Superior court of Law & Chancery for the County aforesaid in which And Davies is plaintiff and Thomas Davies and others defendants Defts.

Given under my hand and seal this 22nd day of July 1845

John S. Saliman J.P. (seal)

~~Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of July 1845 — J. P. Wills D.C.~~

The deposition of Joseph B. Whitehead ~~Boarthobaxed Defendt~~ and Davis P. Willis taken at the office of each. attorneys in Smithfield on the 1 day of August 1845 in presence of att.s for the respective parties.

to be read as Evidence in the cause in the Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery for the County of Isle of Wight, in which Ann Darden's Hrs & Thomas Darden &c &c are complainants -

The said Joseph B. Whitehead being sworn the truth to speak - makes the following answers to the following interrogatories

Quest. by Pl.ff's att.y. Do you know Anna Darden, and how long have you known her for many years - Inform us the Pl.ff's Age Darden - & the opinion you entertain of her mind, or mental capacity to manage her affairs -

Ans.r of Jos. B Whitehead to the foregoing Questions.

Ans.r. I do well. I have known her fifteen years I have been intimately acquainted with her dealings that time. She is not of an unsound mind nor is she mentally incapable of managing her affairs.

Quest by the plaintiffs - If Anna Darden is deaf & dumb would she be capable of managing her affairs, or under a Lunacy within the meaning of the Laws -

Ans.r I regard Anne Darden deaf & dumb as she is, as capable of managing her affairs as a vast majority of her sex -

Question by Pl.ff's: As you are acquainted with Anna Darden in respect to the way & manner she has acted & her mind & capacity &c

Ans.r I consider that Anne Darden has a mind of the first order and is highly intelligent under the circumstances and more so than a majority of females who can't & talk

answers of Joseph B. Chitwood to the questions of the defendants attorney on page 3—

I believe she could manage her estate better than it is now managed for her without any assistance: but with the aid of any person who understood her manner of communicating her wishes she is as capable of managing her affairs as any female I know.

answers of D. P. Wiley to the same question —

I am of the opinion that she in common with all her sex would need the assistance of some friend to assist her in the management of her affairs, but believe she is mentally capable of managing her estate with any one who could understand her mode of communicating her wishes, and that she is a lady of sufficient good sense to choose such a friend to assist her as would be likely to do her justice. —

Questions by Defts Atty to Chitwood to D. P. Wiley —

Can Ann Darden buy a large quantity of goods, say make a bill of some 60 or 75 $ and pay the same in paper money or in any

Questions by Defts attorney to be asked of all the witnesses

Do you believe that Ann Darden could manage judiciously her estate without the assistance of some friend? If she could not, would, or not, the preservation of her estate depend upon the character of the assistant or friend? Would she not be entirely under the control of such friend or person in whom she might confide? and if so, would not, in truth, her estate be virtually under the management of such friend?

Question by pl'ff: Do you think that Anna Darden is capable of governing herself and managing her own affairs, as well as females generally do who can read & write and has she that capacity and soundness of mind that renders her a proper person to be entrusted to manage her affairs?

answers of Dan'l P. Wiley to the foregoing question —

It is the decided conviction of my mind that Anna Darden is more capable of managing her affairs & governing herself with becoming prudence & discretion than many females of my acquaintance with whom I have had dealings. For

First Jersey —

I am of the opinion that Miss Anna Darden is capable of purchasing any amount of goods she may wish, and any person acquainted with her manner of communicating ideas could make her sensible of the amount. I do not think she could pay any amt in paper money, not being capable of distinguishing between notes of different amounts, but verily believe she could pay almost any amt in silver, though I have never had an opportunity of judging only in small amounts.

Question by Pelt to the Witness — Can you communicate with and converse with the Pelt: or to let him know the price of an article if so or by the Jar?

Am. I can

D. P. Will

The deposition of Darden D Hall taken on the 11th of August 1845 by Comm'd of parties to be read in evidence in the suit in the Superior Court of L.O. Wright in Chancery between Ann Darden Plaintiff and Wm. Darden and other defendants.

Question by Wm. Darden

Have you not long time been acquainted with Ann Darden the plaintiff and could you not communicate with her as well as the most of persons; And have you not been acquainted with her brother, who is also deaf and dumb and from experience with him is it your opinion that Ann Darden is able capable of managing her property.

Answer of Darden D. Hall.

Judging from the dealings I have had with Charles Darden her brother I do not think that Ann Darden is capable of managing her Estate, Question by Deft to be heard - Does the supposed incapacity of Ann Darden to manage her estate depend upon the want of capacity to speak & hear only: and if she could speak & hear would she then be capable to manage her affairs? answer.

I believe that her incapacity to manage her affairs arrises exclusively from her inability to hear & to speak & I think if she was not deaf & dumb

She would be able to manage her estate,
Darwin L Hall

Sworn to before me this
the Seventh day of August
this 18th day of August 1845 -

M. Womble J.P.

Darden

vs. } Defendants

Dardenthal

Augt. 2d 1845

came to hand and

read & filed

The deposition of Joseph B. Waterhouse [illegible] taken in Salem on the 11th day of October between the hours of 4 & 6 p.m. of that day, in the year 1845 at the house of Mrs Ann Burdick in the town of Smithfield, of said County, to be read as evidence in a certain suit pending in the Circuit Court of Providence County for the County of Bristol, in which Ann Darden is Compt. & Thomas Darden & others Defendants, taken at the instance of the Plaintiffs.

Quest. 1. Is not Ann Darden easily influenced by any person in whom she has confidence? and might not a designing person enter into a view to her property without, to your knowledge?

Answ. I cannot answer the questions above put. but from my knowledge of her I should say she is not.

Quest. When did you first hear about the bringing of this suit by Ann Darden & Thomas Darden? and from whom did you hear it? Did you ever hear Mrs Lucy Hale speak of the matter before the suit was brought? What did she say? Did you ever advise her or any body else to bring the suit and so on?

Answ. I have heard of it at different times for the last several years past from Mrs Hall & Mrs Darden who is a near relation and friend of Ann Darden & Mrs Hall & Darden were both her counsel, and advised her to have any thing to do with it. I do not remember [illegible] that Mrs Ann Darden [illegible]

Quest. Did you ever see Mrs Ann Darden [illegible] about this matter? Mrs Ann Darden has had a cancer on her breast for some years. I have not therefore I have never seen her make her signature to any papers but that Deed [illegible] which I witnessed a few days since and which I [illegible]

Question by Plaintiffs Atty. Do you or not believe that Anna Barden is capable of managing her estate if she had it—and in Disputing? Ans. I do.

Question by Defendants Atty. Did you ever converse with Anna Barden about her Affairs or Pecuniary matters?

Ans. I understand that about the last

[illegible]

The Deposition of Henry Dardon, was taken before me a Justice of the Peace in the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina at which time he was duly sworn to tell the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth touching the matters in controversy between the parties above captioned—and in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this the 11th day of Oct. 1867

Jno. H. Durtie J.P.

The Deposition of Henry Dardon, was taken before me at the Court House in the City of Charlotte on the 11th day of October 1867 between the hours of 10 A.M. and 2 P.M. of said day, in the suit pending in the Superior Court of Law for Mecklenburg County wherein Anna Barden is Plaintiff and Henry Dardon is Defendant, which suit is brought to recover the property of the said Anna Barden, and to which Deposition the Plaintiff objects for the reasons hereinafter stated.

Question by Defendants Atty. Do you recollect when you went to the house of Anna Barden, say any thing to Thomas Barden (Defendant) in relation to his sister Anna Barden & her property & if so state it?

Ans. I do. I heard my friend Mother who was the mother of Anna Barden, tell Thomas Barden that she wished him to take charge of her property and her [illegible] to be vested, and wished him to care for any thing I was owning, but not to meddle with this property—

Question by Plaintiffs Atty. State, that he does not believe Anna Barden capable of managing her own affairs, because of her father who is also deaf and dumb is unacquainted to compute the cost of a bill of goods comprising several items, although he will try to make purchases within his ability to do so, and the seller may think he is able, as he readily pay the amount asked for, that is, the calculations being privately made by him—and also that his father answers to signs and if so, can such influence be duly exercised by him—

Ans. She is any time who will learn to communicate with her by signs, and pay attention to her in writing, may easily acquire that confidence to such an extent as to impose on her in a business any point—I believe she would be liable to small amount, say fifty dollars, in buying goods for household, particularly of those in small quantities.

Henry Dardon

Deposition of Henry Dardon who was first duly sworn to the truth &c.

Question. State any thing that you may know in regard to the capacity of Anna Barden to manage her estate. & have you opportunity of knowing her capacity &c.?

Ans: I have known my sister for several years, and have had every necessary opportunity of knowing her capacity, and I have no hesitation in saying, that I believe her totally incompetent to manage her estate—she has visited my family a week at a time, which visits affording me the best opportunities of judging her capacity—The brother I deem better qualified to conduct business than Anna Dardon, and in my official character as Constable, having had many warrants against him, I have found him always and invariably unable to settle with me without assistance. Although he will buy if a certain amount is called for—I have seen Anna Dardon frequently buying in different stores, and by the assistance of those with her, a certain amount being called for in payment of articles purchased, she would

[illegible] it and, when such writing shall not will
acquainted with the hand & the capacity in which to be
capacity that the witness signed to take the bond.
I deem it almost to suppose it sufficient to
I have the honor to be, if the Deputy is sent
to be, it will be signed by his authorized
to transact the business, in his capacity by writing
Jos Johnston.

The foregoing depositions of Benj Barnes & Isaac Rigsby
were taken before me a Justice of the Peace for the county
aforesaid this 17th Oct 1846 — between the hours of 10 A.M. & 6 P.M.
of that day, at the place of Rev. R Bunting to be used as evidence
in the case of Johnson against Thomas Davis — all forms
etc as directed by law, have been used & complied —
given under my hand & seal this 17th Oct. 1846 —

Jno M Purvis J.P.

Recd. Oct. 31st 1846
Chas. Johnston
Clerk
By [illegible] D.C.

Recd. Nov. 2nd 1846
Chas. Johnston
Clerk
By [illegible] D.C.

Sevier County Court
October Term 1846
Filed & ordered to be recorded
Chas. Johnston
Clerk
By [illegible] D.C.

The Deponent William Hall, being first duly sworn on the Holy Bible, ~~deposeth & saith that~~ maketh the following answers to the following interrogatories by Deft. ats: Do you know Ann Darden? how long? & do you believe, from your knowledge of Ann Darden, that she is, or not capable of managing her estate? what would be the result if taken out of Thos Dardens hands & confided solely to Ann Dardens management:

ans: I do know her well, and lived near her many years & two years in the same house with her at Mr. Hacks, & I do not think her capable of managing her estate, because she can neither hear nor talk — and if taken out of Thomas Dardens hands & confided solely to Ann Darden, it would result to the waste of her estate —

Deft. ats: ~~Do you believe that Ann Darden is capable of managing her estate?~~ If Ann Darden the deft were not dead & should she not be as capable of managing her estate as the rest of females —

ans — with practice she might —

Sworn

Quest by Deft ats:

Would you have any interest in the estate of Ann Darden should she die intestate? To whom hands would you prefer her estate to be entrusted? If she dies intestate I shall have an interest in her estate, and I wish it to remain where it is —

Signed William Hall

The deposition of Mrs Catharine Parr after having been sworn on the Holy Bible:

Ques: Have you known Ann Darden long & intimately: state what intercourse you had with her & her capacity to attend to business?

ans: I have known her, Ann Darden, who is an aunt of mine all my life, and have made dinners for her frequently, and have been with her six weeks at a time to nurse her, and I do not know that she

ever suffered for the want of any thing she
Ann Darden always had a plenty of clothes
and if she wanted any thing she could
get it when Aunt Polly Hall would carry
her to Smithfield, and that I heard my
uncle Thomas Darden say that he would
pay for any thing she might want, and that
the said Thomas Darden directed his Ann
Darden to go to Smithfield at any time to
buy what she wanted, if Mr. Hall or any
other person in whom she had confidence to
tell her the prices, and that I have often
been with her at her request — I do not
believe (from my long intimacy with her)
that she is capable of managing her own
business.

Question by pltffs Attorney: Does that incapacity
for managing her own estate arise from
her being deaf and dumb?

Ans: I should think it does

Question by the same
Is not your father Charles Darden brother
of the pltff: is he not deaf and dumb?

Ans: He is the brother of Ann Darden, &
is deaf and dumb.

Question by the same
Has the court ever appointed a committee
for him?

Ans: I do not know that he ever had a
committee, and I believe that it would
have been better for his estate and his
children if he had had a committee, he
sometimes persists in ideas of managing
his property, when others know him to be wrong

Signed
Catharine Parks

Deponent Mrs. Elizabeth Wills after having been first sworn on the Holy Bible - says - That she hired a negro man belonging to Ann Darden for about thirteen years, (a part of which time her mother was living) and when I applied to her Ann Darden to hire the negro she refused me to her mother in her lifetime, and afterwards to Thomas Darden the Defts and they took the bonds for him, I was at Mr. Thomas Dardens when Ann Darden and George Hall came there to get money for said Ann, and he the said Thomas Darden told them that she should have any amt. of money she wanted, if she would bring him a bill that he might see what it was expended for, at which the said Ed. Hall became angry, and this I expect was the dispute referred to by Mrs. Eley in her conversation with Mrs. Hall.

Signed
Elizabeth Wills

Mrs. Margaret Morris, being sworn on the Holy Bible, says that she is a niece of Ann Darden, and has known her all her life time. I was also at George Halls, and in a conversation about this suit being brought the witness complained that it would bring unnecessary costs upon the estate of Ann Darden who she supposed was incapable of doing any body, and in a conversation with my Aunt Polly Hall she said (after finding all of Ann Dardens relations and opposed to the suit being brought) — she said that the suit should not have been brought if Thomas Darden had not sent that insulting letter to George Hall her son, and I do not believe that my Aunt Ann Darden any more capable of managing her estate than one

of my children, and that she has a plenty of clothes and some to lend out

Signed
Margaret her Mornip
mark

~~Isle of wight County~~

Stephen Darden son of the Deft: Thomas Darden after being sworn, says that after his father became afflicted and unable to go about and to attend to business at the time hereafter refered to I at the hiring out of negroes belonging to Ann Darden, proclaimed that bond and security would be required, and that I specially objected to Evett Mornip hiring the negro woman of said Ann Darden, because he had abused her badly and that he would do so again if he should hire her the said negro woman was bid off by Thomas Hall who refused to comply with the terms Mornip being gone, I then hired her out again the negro going to Mornips after her things he forbid her leaving whereupon I went after her and took her away, for which I was sued by Mornip, ~~and the~~ and recovered damages to Ann Darden as I was acting altogether for her benefit. And further know that he gave the highest price for the negroes my father kept which were taught valuable trades he paying at the same time the fullest hire

Signed
Stephen ✕ Darden

William Darden being sworn states and says that for the last three or four years I have been acting about attending to my father's business I have frequently paid off bills for Ann Darden to the amount of twenty or eighty dollars and usually calling at my aunt Polly Hall's for that purpose, from my father would leave him to buy for Ann Darden & sent whatever she might want, and I also often repeatedly sums of money from five to fifty dollars as pocket money for Ann Darden negroes supposed to be kept by my father for less than the price for which negroes was hiring, there was one Nancy Lewis sick, at the time of hiring, and was unwell for several weeks afterwards, and for this cause Mr. Geo. Hall sent word by me to my father that he would give for him the same price that the others hired for deducting the lost time whilst sick, But my father kept the said sick negro at the same price that the others hired for without making any deduction for the lost time

Signed

Wm Henry Darden

It is said that Thomas Davies took Ann Davies property in hand without her consent—

W. Hall

Were you not an Eye witness, that Ann Davies, at her mothers death, ~~bought~~ got her property from where her Mother kept them & brought them and delivered them to her brother Thomas Davies, & and without demanding and a receipt for the? Was it not also a request of her mothers that Tho? Davies should take care of Ann Davies, property

Mrs. Harris?

Were you not hear Mrs. Hall say, that if Thomas Davies, had not written Mr Hall an insulting letter; that no suit would have been brought? That he had made money enough out of Ann Davies estate & that it was time ~~enough~~ that some one else had it?

Ann Davies estate was worth ~~worth~~ with in money or bonds, when T. Davies took it in hand, about 480 Now it is worth between 3 & 4 Thousand dollars, besides having a part of young Negroes?

To All

Is Ann Davies capable of hiring out her negroes, taking bonds & collecting money with the lawful interest without being cheated?

about
Ann Darden was 25 years of age when her Father died; after which time, her estate was managed by her Mother & Brother, Thomas; and at the death of her mother, and at her request it has been solely managed by her brother Thomas Darden — She is now about 63 years, and has never demanded her estate all at? —

Question for Mrs Hale

1 do you know, who brought the suit depending now in Court, between Ann Darden and her Curator?

2 Was it not a request of your Mothers that Ann Dardens property be taken care off by Thomas Darden, ? —

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Question for J. Whitehead

1 Said you not send Thomas Darden, word by Miss. M. Darden, that if he did not let Ann Darden, have more money; that you would have something to do with it?

2 Is Ann Darden, as Capable of taken care of her property, & managing it to the best advantage as you and

Mary Mills

1 Do you think that Ann Darden is capable of dealing with any Merchant who may be disposed to cheat; and deal without being taken imm & paying double ~~double~~ the usual price, for what she may want, and still be ignorant off it —

state and relate to the Court
upon, with any remarks and
pertinent by himself, as regard
by the parties to be stated &c.

Thos Darden plff:

Thomas Darden, Milly P Darden and Wm C Rowland defts: of Lee Co.

The subpoena in this cause has been executed and the bill filed more than 2 months & the defts. have failed to file their answer the same ~~to the~~ is taken as confessed - and this cause coming on to be heard on the Bill of the complainant and exhibits filed, may argued by counsel; on consideration whereof, the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that Thomas Darden the complainant herein do file in the office of this Court, an account of his transaction as Committee of the estate of Ann Darden, ~~his~~ late of which the Court is to take as prima facie correct, subject to be surcharged & falsified, the account reported to the County Court of Lee at May Term of the said Darden transaction, which said account was severally reported to Co. Ct. as follows, ~~viz:~~ ~~dated the 2d 1849 and filed 20th Nov~~ ~~in the office~~ of C. the 3d June 1839, the 4th Jany 1841, ~~5th~~ 6th June 1842, June 1843, & ~~the last~~ Sept. 1844 - which copies are filed with the Bill - which said account the Court is directed to examine

X

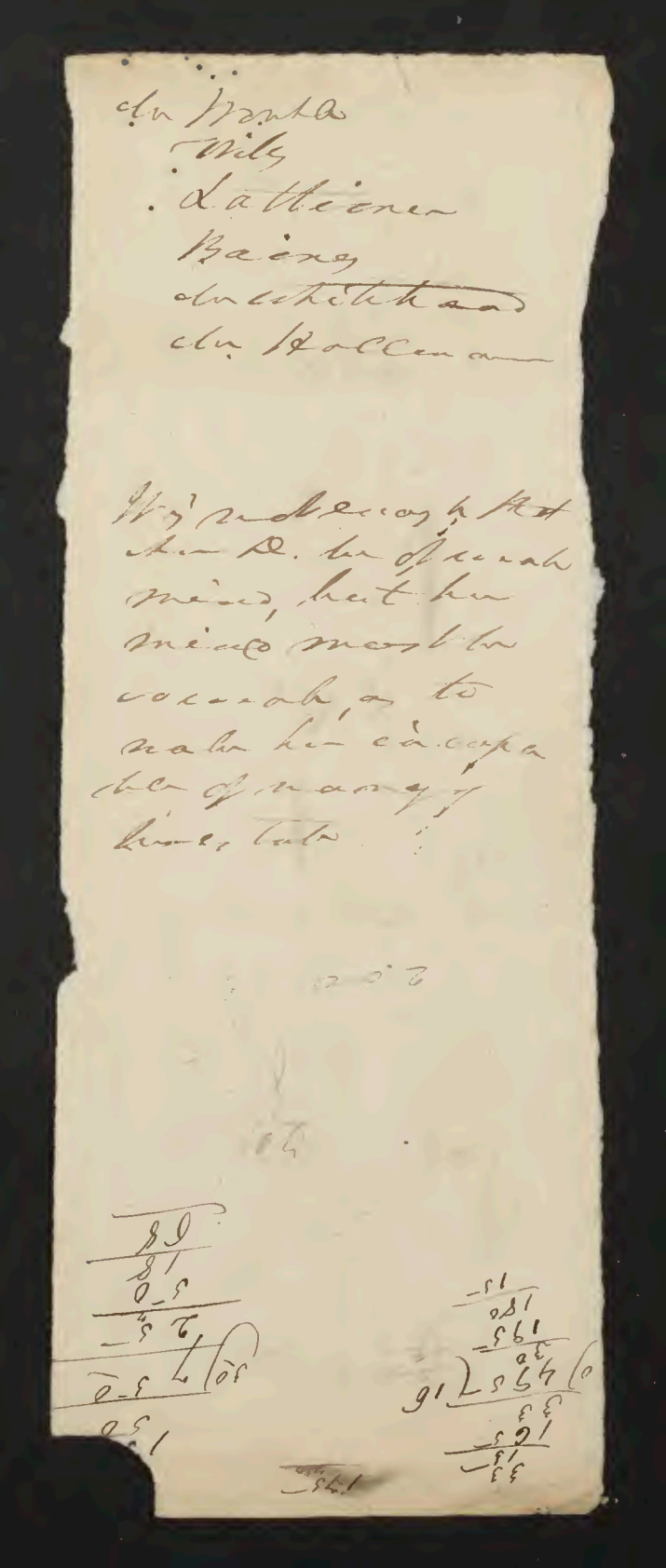
~~Belgrano~~ Buen

Madison Circuit Ct.

The def't in this cause having
been executed, and the Bill of the complainant
filed more than 2 months, the same is taken
as confessed as to D. The defendant Hillis by
counsel & Edward on motion of Wm Lee by who
have filed to answer. And the cause coming
on this day to be heard on the Bill of the
complainant, the answer of Thomas, the exhi-
-bits filed and the record of the suit of Thomas
Hamilton &c in the Circuit Court of Clark, &
was argued by Counsel; On consideration
whereof the Court doth adjudge, order and
decree that the defendant Thomas Hamilton
Executor or Executrix of the estate of the
complainant out of the estate of Thomas
Hamilton in his hands, do pay to the atto.
for the complainant, as well as to the Counsel
for the defendant and the officers of this
Court, the costs incurred in the prosecution
of this suit as well as in the defence
the costs of the suit, including both
costs of the Bill and the cost of the
Defendant.

du Manta
Tilly
. d'Athènes
Baiony
du Chatelet
du Hollande

Il y a deux ans que
Mr. le Général
mien, que
mien mort le
vicomte, a to
mala la cà. copa
dun de mary y
hime, tuba



To

Ascertain whether the plaintiff Ann Darden is an idiot, lunatic, or a person of unsound mind and mentally incapable of managing her own estate.

We the a woman of unsound mind and
We the Jury find that Ann Darden is
Mentally incapable of Managing her own es-
tate, But ~~she~~ that she is not an Idiot
or Lunatic

D. F. Clarke

Ann Dawson, Thomas Dawson.

This suit was brought to recover of the defts. the estate of the plff: put into his hands as committee, by an order of the County Court of Bkhf. right made on the day of 18 .

The plff: contends that she, the deaf and dumb is capable of managing her own estate, & the various depositions filed in this cause prove it contends that she is of a mind capable of managing her own estate - Every witness who is introduced on the part of the defts: does think she is incapable, forms that opinion exclusively upon the fact of her being deaf and dumb; they all admit her mental capacity, but say that no one who is deaf and dumb ought to manage his or her own estate. Refer the C. to the depositions of Mary Hall a sister, of Merritt Trouble & Davis P. Mills intelligent merchants, and of Joseph B. Whitehead, a cousin of theirs to prove that the plff: is a woman of an uncommonly superior intellect. I beg the attention of the Court to the depositions of Mills and Trouble & to the fact therein stated, that the counsel for the defts: in presence of the magistrate Merritts, had an examination made of the capacity of the plff: to count money, to calculate &c - which resulted in favor of her mental capacity -

The law books settle the principle - that persons deaf and dumb (may) only from infancy & defective in

intellectual powers which is not by any means a necessary result, many of this our estate
vide Blackstone Com: Book 1 - page 304. -
Chitty medical jurisprudence 287 - 288. 307.
302. 344. -
Chitty medical jurisprudence 301. - A lady known deaf and dumb, on attaining 21 years of age, claimed possession of her estate, and the Lord chancellor gave effect to the claim -
It may now here contended that the plff. Anne Dawson is an idiot or lunatick; not that she is of weak mind; and the grounds on which the County Court appointed Thos Dawson her committee, rested entirely on the fact that she was deaf and dumb. Indeed the order of Court appointing the defdt. says "it appears to the Court that she is deaf and dumb & therefore incapable of managing her estate" but we know that many persons deaf and dumb are very intelligent - and if a Court of Equity is to appoint one of his own estate to become the master or agent or remain in the management of the estate, then but few would be allowed to manage their own estates - a man who cannot read or write, may be imposed upon by a knave, so may one who is deaf and dumb, but the Court would not divest or modify his estate because he might be imposed on -

It may be contended that this Court has no jurisdiction, that the plff: can't sue - this is answered in 2 Vez: Jun: Rep: Cook Ch: 726. "Where a man be found an idiot by inquisition taken before the sheriff upon an examination by the Jury, and the same returned into chy: with the idiot so found idiot may, in person or by his pd: come into Chancery & pray that he be examined &"
Lord Redesdale in contending that a man of understanding so weak as not to be able & capable to take care of his own estate can't have a committee - but a commission of lunatico inquirendo may be issued when the party is from any cause, whether by age, disease, affliction or infirmity incapable of managing his own affairs says dead dumb, but then this is upon petition to a Court of Chancery for inquisition found -
The Court will see from the depositions of the witnesses, for the defdt. that they are chiefly of his own choice & that if Anne Dawson dies intestate she will spend it, & they will get nothing as her heirs & distributees - Now I suppose the Court will look to the interest & the rights of the plff: & discard the interest of those who upon her death may have accrued rights of succession -

In case the testimony should satisfy the Court to allow his capacity to manage his own affairs, and thereupon order the Ct. to direct his property be restored to him, he submits that the account Dr. —

A. Atkinson p. p.

In pursuance to the Court to the act of the Committee in charge of Amadeus Hays, with the account of sales of goods on a venture to — in the year of 1833 —

Amos Rawdon
Exhibit A
Rawdon
Exhibit
Exhibit

In the County Court of Sale of Wyche July term 1844
This account was returned and filed for exceptions, &
in the same Court Sept: term 1844, the same having been
returned for two terms & no exceptions filed thereto was
confirmed & ordered to be recorded.

Teste

N. P. Young c.c.

Copy.

Teste

N. P. Young c.c.

Ann Darden
Wills & Adm:
Thomas Darden

In 30 ½

Ann Darden deaf & dumb woman
In account with Thomas Darden Cont.

1843					
Jany.	5.	To this sum paid you by Mrs. B Darden		$ 25	00
		" 1 pair Shoes for man Monroe 9/-		1	50
Sept.		" This sum paid you		50	00
		" 3 pair Shoes for negroes @ 9/-		4	50
		" 1 do. for boy Anthony 5/3			88
		" 5 blankets for negroes @ 8/3		6	87½
Dec.	31.	" This sum paid Mary Hall for your board 1843		75	00
"	"	" " " Wm Gay for keeping Cady & 3 children for the year 1843.		50	00
"	"	" This sum paid Mills W. Darden for making this acct.		1	00
		" 5 per cent Com. on $227.81 Cts.		11	39
		" " This sum due Ann Darden in intrst		249	11
				$ 475	25
1842		Contra Cr.			
Dec.	31.	By this sum due per last return			
		rendered in Sch of Slaves Clerks office	$ 2602 99		
		" Intrst on ditto from 31. Decr. 1842 until 31. Decr. 1843 making one year	$ 156 17		
1843		" This sum due in Intrst per last return	319 08		
Dec.	31.	" Dif of man Lewis 1843	55 06		
		" do Abraham & Sam "	92 25		
		" do: Monroe "	28 00		
		" do. boy Eley "	23 25		
		" " " Anthony "	25		
		" " Gil Amanda "	15 50		
		" " " Ginny "	13 50		
1843. Dec.	31.	Due in principal	$ 3830 80	$ 475 25	$ 475 25
		Due in Intrst	$ 249 11		

The negro woman Sukey was delivered out for her Victuals and Clothing.

I have from papers laid before me, made up an acct. of the transactions of Thomas Darden as committee for Ann Darden a deaf and dumb woman, and find the said Thomas Darden indebted to the said Ann Darden in the sum of Two Thousand eight hundred & thirty dollars and eighty cents to carry intrst from the 31. Dec. 1843. and also in intrst, in the sum of two hundred and forty nine dollars & eleven cents; which may be seen by reference to the written acct.

May 6th 1844. Mills W. Darden Ch. Com.

In the County Court of Isle of Wight April 3rd 1843.
the foregoing account was returned and filed, for exceptions
and in the same court June term following the same having
been filed for more than two months the exceptions taken
thereto was confirmed ordered to be recorded.—

Teste

N. P. Young Cl C

A Copy,
Teste

N. P. Young D.C.

Thos. Darden comtee.
with Ex Copy
Ann Darden
account

Ann Darden
Exx

fee for search & copy 37½

Ann Darden, In acct: with Thos. Darden her committee.

1842				
July 4	To this sum paid execution in favour of Everitt Mon[ey]			$30 77
Aug 1	" " " [Jo]s Sol Holleman defending said suit			5 00
Sept 1	" " " " Clerks tickets for said suit		$41.31	5 54
Dec 28	" Cash p[d] you in presence of Mary Hall			30 00
	" p[d] Mills & Dickson store acct: (per bill rec[d])			7 64
	" " Mary Hall for your board the year 1842			75 00
	" " William Gay for keeping Lady & Children			32 25
	" " 4 capes for negros 3/-			2 00
	" " 2 blankets for do 9/-			3 00
	" " 1 pr shoes for man monday 9/-			1 50
	" this sum p[d] mills W Darden making up this acct:			1 00
1837 Jan 1	" this deducted out of man mondays hire for sickness for the year 1836 Homicides to be charged		3	5 00
	" 5 P cent comm[n] on $353.13 p[r] rec[d]:			17 65
1843 Dec 31	" This sum due Ann Darden in interest			319 08
				$395 43

1841					
Dec 31	This sum due p[r]: last return Recorded in S[d] Wright clerks office	334	87		
	Int: on do: from the 31st Dec[r] 1841 until 31st Dec[r] 1842 making 1 year			135	00
	This sum due in int: p[r]: last return			460	43
1842 Dec 31	By hire of man Monday 1842	40	mo		
	" " " Abram & Sam "	160	mo		
	" " " Lewis "	85	mo		
	" " " Eloy "	18	mo		
	" " " Jenny "	23	87		
	" " " Amanda "	26	95		395 43
1842 Dec 31	Due in principal	$260	99		
	Do. in interest	31	08		

The negro Anthony was young & hired for his victuals and clothes, and the negro Judah was old and hired for her victuals & clothes.

I have from papers laid before me made up an acct: of the transactions of Thomas Darden as committee of Ann Darden a deaf & dumb woman and find the said Thos. Darden indebted to the said Ann Darden in the sum of two thousand six hundred & two dollars & ninety nine cents to carry interest from the 31st Dec[r] 1842, Also in interest in the sum of three hundred & ninetien dollars & eight cents, which may be seen by refering to the within accts.

Mills W Darden p[d]
commissioner

January 16th 1843

In Isle of Wight County Court April 4th 1842 The Accounts of Thomas Darden as Committee of Ann Darden were filed for exceptions – And in the same Court the 6th day of June following the said Accts: having been filed two terms (and no exceptions taken thereto was examined, confirmed and Ordered to be recorded. Test

W. P. Young Clk

A Copy Test

P. P. Wills D.C.

No 6

Ann Darden

vs

Thos. Darden Exr Comm;

Eq. Ft. filed 10th Feb

Jos. Gorsuch Hosky 1842

Ann Darden (deaf & dumb Woman) In Acct: With
Thomas Darden her Committee

1841				
January 5	To this paid Geo: T. Hall for Ann Darden		$ 5	00
15	" This Sum paid her in Cash		28	00
31	" do do paid Merit Womble Pr: bill & Rect:		25	87
	" do do paid Davis P. Wiles do do		37	95
	" do do paid Mary Hall for her board for 1841		75	00
	" do do paid William Gay for Keeping Eady & her 3 children the Year 1841		25	00
	" This Sum paid for Blanket for Eady		1	50
	" do do paid John Monipson Pr: bill & Rect		12	00
	" do do paid Geo: A. Glover (Medical Acct:)		2	00
	" do do paid N. P. Phillips for medicine for Sam & Lewis		3	00
	" do do paid for blanket for Amanda		1	50
	" do do paid for Shoes for Sam		1	38
	" do do paid Jack Holleman (fee in suit)		2	50
	" do do paid Jas. P. Wills for crying up the negroes		1	00
	" do do paid for making up this acct:		1	00
	" 5 Pr: Cent Comn: on $358.12 Rects		17	90
1841 Dec: 31.	" This Sum due Ann Darden in Interest		460	43
			$1700	97

1840	Contra Cr.					
Dec: 31	By this Sum due Pr: last Year's Acct: in Pt:	$1892	75			
	Int: on do from the 31st Day of Dec: 1840 until 31st Dec: 1841. 1 Yr			113	56	
	By this Sum due in interest Pr: last Year Acct:			587	41	
1841 Dec: 31.	By hire of Lewis the Year 1841	85	00			
	do do of Abram & Sam do	160	00			
	do do Monday do	40	00			
	do do boy Eley do	18	00			
	do do Girl Amanda do	26	25			
	do do do Ginney do	23	87			
1841	do do Woman Judah do	4	00	$1700	97	
Dec: 31	Due Ann Darden in Princ:	$2249	87			
	do do in Interest	$460	43			

In Obedience to the Annexed order of the Court of Isle of Wight County I have from papers & Vouchers laid before me made up an Account of the transactions of Thomas Darden Committee for Ann Darden a deaf and dumb woman for the Years of 1840 & 1841 and find that the said Thomas Darden is indebted to the said Ann Darden in the Sum of two thousand two hundred and forty nine dollars and eighty seven Cents & Carry interest from the 31st day of December 1841. And Also indebted to the said Ann Darden in the Sum of four hundred and sixty dollars and forty three Cents in interest, which has hitherto Accrued, which may be seen by reference to the Above Account — Which is respectfully rendered to Court.

Given under my hand this 18th day of March 1842 —

Mills H. Darden D.C. Comm.

X"&

Ann Dardens

with Estate account

Thos. Darden Exr contra.

Fee for search & Copy 76 cts.

1839 Dec. 31	By this sum for hire of woman Judy this year		$ 3	00
"	By interest on $1337.39 the above balance one year		79	64
			$ 1470	83
Dec. 31. 1839	Balance due the said Ann Darden in principal money		1338	65
	due the same in interest		169	34
		Total	$ 1507	99

Isle of Wight Court House to wit

In Obedience to an order of the Court of the said County, I have, from vouchers and oral testimony, made up the within account, which shews that Thomas Darden as Committee of Ann Darden is indebted to the said Ann in the sum of five thousand two hundred and twenty seven Dollars and ninety nine cents. One thousand and fifty eight Dollars sixty five cents part thereof to carry interest from the thirty first day of December 1839 till paid. Which is respectfully reported to the Court.

April 7th 1840

Nath'l Young Jr. Sp. Com'r.

At a Court held for Isle of Wight County January 4th 1841 the foregoing acct. was returned by N. Young the Sp'l. Com'r. was examined and allowed by the Court and ordered to be recorded.

Teste

Nath'l Young J. C. I. W. C.

A Copy Teste

N. N. Young J. I. W. C.

Ann Darden who is deaf & dumb, In account with Thomas Darden her committee

1839							
Jany 1.	By cash advanced Ann Darden by Mary Hall						5 00
Feb: 15.	" do do do in presence of Catharine Darden						5 00
" "	" do paid for blanket for Lady & children						2 00
" 25	" " paid Phillips & Darden for 9 yds Janey prints @ 31¼ ¢ this account						2 80
"	" " " do do " 11 " do @ 31¼ "						3 44
"	" " " do do " 3 yds Bleach'd cotton @ 1/- "						83
	" " " do do " 1 pr ribbed hose "						50
	" " " do do " 1 pr fine shoes "						1 37½
	" " " do do " 1 bottle Florida water "						50
	" " " do do " 1 Fancy belt "						50
	" " " do do " 1 cake soap "						13
	" " " do do " 1 lb candy "						37½
	" " " do do " 2 lbs raisins & ½ lb almonds "						75
	" " " R. S. & B. Denson " 14¾ yds blk silk @ $1.25 "						17 70
	" " " do do " 3 " cambrick & 1 thibet shawl @ $1 "						1 37½
	" " " do do " 1 blanket for Judy $1.50, 4 skeins silk 25¢ "						1 75
Mar: 14	" " " Mrs. T. Womble " 6 yds goods nap @ 13/6 "						13 50
	" " " do do " 3 yds coloured cambrick @ 9, 4 yds ribbon 56¢ "						94
	" " " do do " 1 pr shoes 9/- stockings 4/6, hooks & eyes 1/6 "						2 50
	" " " do do " Tape 4½ corset lace 9, 15, 4½ "						35
	" " " do do " 5 yds invisible green cloth @ $6.50 "						32 50
	" " " do do " 1 yd bobbinet 6/- gloves 4/6 ribbon 75¢ "						75
	" " " do do " ¾ yd silk velvet @ 30¢ "						2 50
	" " " do do " 2½ yds silk @ 6/- 1 yd cambrick 9 "						3 75
	" " " do do " ¾ yds silk @ 6¢ "						2 63
	" " " do do " Spool cotton 3/3, needles 1/6, tape 9/- "						84
Aug 18	" " " advanced Ann Darden to pay the presiding elder						5 00
" "	" " " do do in presence of Clotilda Hampton						8 00
Oct: 20	" " Doct. Southall for medicines for Jenny rec't:						30
Nov: 15	" paid for 1 case 12 blankets for negroes proved						3 75
Dec: 28	" " W. B. Wills for crying the negroes at the hiring for 1838 & 1839						1 00
" "	" " for a blanket for Jenny proved						1 50
" 31	" " Everitt Morris for supporting Lady & their children this year rec't						17 25
" "	" " Mary Hall for boarding Ann Darden this year						30 00
" "	" this sum to pay the clerk and com'n for this acct:						4 50
" "	" this sum for commission at 5 p't on $363.80 rec'ts for this year						18 19
" "	" Balance due the said Ann Darden in principal this day						133 65
							$177 83
1839							
Jan: 1.	By this sum due Ann Darden as p'r acct: returned up to 31st Dec'r 1838						132 99
	By this sum due do do for interest as appears by said acct: 66¾						
Dec: 31	By this sum for the hire of Thom & Sam this year						203 05
"	By this sum for the hire of Louis do						94 25
"	By this sum for the hire of Monday do						35 50
"	By this sum for the hire of Jenny do						9 00
"	By this sum for the hire of boy Eley do						5 00
"	By this Sum for the hire of girl Amanda do						19 00

Anno. Darden

with 3 in account

Thomas Darden his contra

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1837

Mar: 23	To cash advanced him pd: paid D Hollaman his bill		3 50	
	" paid Dr. Boykin his bill for 4 wool hats for two negroes		4 00	
June 1	" cash advanced him		50	
	" paid Mr. Womble bill for goods		45 65	
	" paid Mrs. Wills for making caps		50	
	" Mary Hall for board		50	
	" 1 pr shoes for girl		1 25	
	" 1 pr silk hose 1 pr 15 yds. figured silk		18 75	of R Dawson
	" 3 blankets 3.75, 15 yds flannel		11.50	
Sept	" paid Mrs. Moody for supporting Easy & children		30	
	" paid Charles Darden for Ann Darden		4 50	
	" 5 per cent com. on		13 35	
Dec 31	" Balance due Ann Darden this year in pd. per contra		125 26	
1837			1485 01	
	Cr			
Jany 1	By this sum balance due last year in pd.		1318 01	
	By the hire of Abram this year		75	
	By " " " Lewis " "		75	
	By " " " Monday " "		35	
	By " " " Dann " "		63	
	By " " " Judy " "		8	
	By " " " Mauly " "		5	
	By " " " Jimmy " "		4	
	By int. on the above balance one year			73 08
			1485 01	73 08
1838				
April 25	To this sum paid Phillips & Dashiell for merchandize rec.		30 23	
	" this sum advanced Ann Darden		5 00	
	" 1 pr shoes bought of Charlton & Mr. Wesson		1 50	
May 1	" 1 pr shoes 1 pr socks		1 50	
Oct: 1	" pd: Francis M Boykin mdse bill		15 00	
" 23	" this sum paid Mrs. Womble store acct: rec.		17 19	
" "	" pd: Willis Moody midwife fee for Easy		1 50	
Nov: 19	" this sum cash advanced him		5 00	
Dec 18	" this sum paid Mary Hall for Ann Dardens board this year		50 00	
Dec 31	" this sum paid Willis Moody for supporting Easy & 3 children this year		35	
	" 5 per cent com. on		13 30	
" "	" this sum to pay the clerks com. for this acct:		15 00	
" "	" Balance due Ann Darden in pd.		332 99	
			1517 61	
1838	Cr			
Jany 1	By this sum balance due Ann Darden in prin.		1351 61	
	By this hire of Abram this year		75	
	By " " " Lewis " "		75	
	By " " " Monday " "		35	
	By " " " Dann " "		63	
	By " " " Judy " "		4	
	By " " " Mauly " "		8	
	By " " " Jimmy " "		4	
	By interest on the last years balance above mentioned 1 year			75 09
			1517 61	75 09

Balance

Dec 31st 1838	Due Ann Darden in principal	1332 39	75 09
" " " " "	interest	66 34	66 34
		1398 73	

	75 09
	66 09
	54 08
	63 97
	63 05
	52 33
	54 33
	58 34
	73 08
	73 09
	66 34

In Isle of Wight County Clerks office March 3rd 1839.

Pursuant to an order of the court of said County and hereto annexed, I have, from papers and vouchers & other legal evidence made up the foregoing acct: of the transactions of Thomas Darden as committee of Ann Darden who is a deaf and dumb woman and find a balance due Ann Darden from the said Thomas Darden, of nineteen hundred and ninety six dollars and seventy three cents. Thirteen hundred and twenty seven dollars & thirty nine cents, a part thereof being principal money is to carry interest from the first day of January 1839 till paid. The parties who felt interested & motioned the court to compel Thomas Darden to settle up his accounts had notice and have examined the said accounts which is respectfully reported to the court.

Nath: Young J.P. & com.

At a court held for Isle of Wight county the 4th day of March 1839 This account was reported to court and ordered to lie for exceptions, and at another court held for said county the 3rd of June following, the same was confirmed & ordered to be recorded.

Teste

Nath: Young c.c.

A Copy Teste

J.M. Young J.P.

1835					
May 1	To cash advanced Ann Darden		$39	—	
	" paid for cotton spun for him by Tempsy Rice			87½	
Oct. 29th	" 2 pr yds. marino @ 6/9 cts 1 bell 50¢ pr hose 50¢ on Mr Briggs		7	19	
	" 1 bunch tape 6¢ - 3 yds. cambric & silk 43¢			49	
	" 3 yds flannel @ 4/6 - 1 pr gloves 50¢ 1 bell lemons 56¢ 2 Phillips		4	81	
	" 3 yds. drilling @ 18¾ cash advanced him $14.63		15	00	
Nov 5	" paid Willy Moody for supporting Lady & children		35	00	
	" " Mary Hall for Ann Dardens board		40		
	" 5 ℘ cent comn on $200 amt of hires this year		10	30	
Dec 31	" Balance due Ann Darden this year in fol.		139	06	
1835			$291	73	
	Cr				
Jany 1	By this sum balance due last year in fol.		1085	93	
Dec	By the hire of Abram this year		60		
	By " " " Lewis " "		60		
	By " " " Monday " "		33		
	By " " " Sam " "		50		
	By " " " Judy " "		4		
	By int. on the above mentioned bal. one year				64 33
			291	73	64 33
1836 Jan 9	To cash advanced Ann Darden		5	—	
May 27	" 2 pr shoes 1$ - 1 pr hose 3/9 - 10 ℔ 2 cotton @ 35¢ ℔ Mr Briggs		6	25	
" "	" 8 yds footing @ 10¢ - 2 yds calico @ 31¢, 2 pr 5 checks @ 3/3 pattern 25¢ 5		3	43	
Aug 15	" 4 linnen @ 3/9, 1 pr white silk gloves 50¢ 3 yds ribbon @ 35¢ 6¢ Phillips		3	50	
	" 1 spool cotton 13¢ - 1 ℔ candy 35¢ - 4 lemons 12¢ cash $2		3	50	
Sun 13	" 1 pr shoes 9$		1	50	
" "	" 10 ½ yds blk silk $11.50 2 yds swiss muslin 18¾ on Mr Blanney		13	37	
	" ½ yd " thread edging @ 3/3 - 4 straw hats 6$		3	81	
July 1	" cash advanced & $20 - paid for copying 5 shoes $5 but 50¢		20	50	
Nov 4	" 1 yd green ℔ marino $1.80, 3 ½ ℔ cotton 50¢ of Mr Coombs		11	30	
	" 6 " thread edging ½, 2 Sawndrs ½ 7½, pr ribbed hose $1.88 " 5		5	13	
Dec 30	" paid Mary Hall for Ann Dardens board		80	"	
"	" paid Willy Moody for supporting Lady & children		35	"	
"	" 1 blanket $1.12½		1	12½	
	" 5 ℘ cent comm on $233 amt of hires this year		12	65	
	" balance due Ann Darden this year in fol. Contra		1218	01	
1836	" Dr		$1393	06	
Jan 1	By this sum balance due A. Darden last year fol.		1139	06	
Dec 31	By the hire of Abram this year		75		
	By " " " Lewis " "		75		
	By " " " Monday " "		35		
	By " " " Sam " "		65		
	By " " " Judy " "		8		
	By " " " Mancy " "		5		
	By " " " Jimmy " "		4		
	By int. on the above mentioned balance one year				73 08
			1393	06	6834

Acct. for 1837 on the next page

1833				
Feb: 12	To cash pd Mary Hall part of Ann Dardens board for 1832	$	35	—
Apl 13	" 1 pr shoes 64 ginger 1.50 ¢, 1 bottle snuff 25 2 yds: cambrick 63¢		3	37½
	" 1 paper pins 6¼ balls cotton 37½ - 1 lb ribbon 13½ 1 pasteboard ¼			56¼
	" 7 yds: calico @ 35½ 1 pair shoes 75: 3¾ ¢ check muslin 1.38		4	88
	" 3 " lace 187½ 1 pr shoes 1.35 ¢ 2 yds bleach. cotton @ 15½		3	43
	" 7 " muslin @ 9¢. 1 handkff. $1.75 - 1 silk handkf: 87½		5	25
	" 1 " jacket lace & muslin 87½ - 2 yds gean 37½		1	25
	" 3 " black cotton @ 12½ - 1 bunch wire 6¼ 1 ¢ 1 speck 3.75		3	94
	" 2 lb ginger 1 cake soap 44 - 6 yds muslin @ 50 ¢ 3.00		3	44
	" 3 yds: lace @ 3/4 ¢ - Cash advanced 5. 1 pr leather shoes 9/-		5	18¾
	" 1 box hooks & eyes 30 ¢			30
June 15	" 18 yds: gean cloth for house negroes @ 22 ¢ making trimming ¢ 3		3	96
Oct: 15	" cash advanced $15 - 1 Blanket 9/ - 2 pr shoes for negroes $3		18	50
	" 8 yds cotton cloth $1.32 paid May Hall for A Dardens board $40.20		41	52
	" paid Charles Darden for keeping Lady and 4 children		30	—
	" paid physicians bill for Lewis		4	—
	" 5 ¢ cent comn on $158.63½ amt of hires this year		7	93
	" Dec 31 Balance due Ann Darden this day ¢ carried in pd		3	
		$	1037	07
1833	Cr	$	1209	44¾
Jan: 1.	By this sum a balance due Ann Darden last year	$	1050	87
Dec 31	By the hire of Abram this year		44	63½
	By " " " Lewis " "		40	00
	By " " " Monday " "		35	00
	By " " " Sam " "		35	00
	By " " " Judy " "		4	00
	By interest on the above mentioned balance 1 year			63 05
		$	1209	44 63 05
1834 May 5	To paid Wm D McElmoy for goods bought by Ann Darden		11	85
	" cash advanced her ¢ 3d paid Willis Moniz pascryo			50
	" 1 cake soap 13½ - 1 pr shoes 9/ 5 blankets for negroes $6.87½		8	50
	" paid Mary Hall for A Dardens board		40	"
	" paid Willey Moody for supporting Lady & 4 children		36	50
Nov	" cash advanced her		10	00
	" 5 ¢ cent comn on $164. amt of hires this year		8.	20
Dec 31	" Balance due Ann Darden ¢ carried in pd		1085	73
1834	Cr	$	1201	07
Jany 1	By this sum balance due last year		1037	07
Dec 31	By The hire of Abram this year		40	00
	By " " " Lewis " "		50	00
	By " " " Monday " "		35	00
	By " " " Sam " "		35	00
	By " " " Judy " "		4	00
	By interest on the above balance one year			62 32
		$	1201	07 62 32

			1831	65¼	114	40
	this sum amt. of interest			14		40
				$ 146	65¼	
1830 Jan: 1	To cash paid for 3 hats for negroes @ 63½ cts: each			1	87½	
" 27 "	5 Clute tickets			1	84	
May 3 "	" " 3 appraisers of her estate @ 6/- each			3	00	
July 23 "	" advanced her			10	"	
" "	paid for 13 yds: Italian silk	@ 31¼ ¢		3	75	
" "	" " 2 Satt ribbons	" 31¼				62½
" "	" " 2 yds: lawn	" 9¢				25
" "	" " 3 " lace	" 3/-		1	50	
" "	" " 1 " "	" 2/3				37½
" "	" " 2 yards linen	" 4/6		1	50	
" "	" " 3 yds: cambrick	" 1/-				33
" "	" " 6 calico	" 1/10½		1	87½	
" "	" " 1 pocket comb	" 4/6				75
" "	" " 1 pocket knife	" 2/3				37½
" "	" " 2 papers pins	" 7/1/3				37½
" "	" " 1 pair white silk gloves					45
" "	" " ½ yd: lawn	@ 3/9				94
" "	" " 1 Satt ribbon					37½
" "	" " 6 yds: linen	@ 3/9		3	75	
" "	" " 1 silk H.K.Hf:			1	50	
Nov 23 "	" advanced her			7	"	
" "	" paid for recording the appraisement of negroes			4	37½	
Oct: 4 "	" " Ino Womble for her stow asst:			10	70	
Dec 22 "	" " for shoes for her woman Patty			1	50	
" "	" " Docrs: bill for attending Judy			1	25	
" "	" " Clute & Shiffs: tickets				91	
" 31 "	" " Everett Morris for supporting Patty & children this year.			3	8	50
" "	5 P cent comn: on $139.57 amt: of hires this year			6	98	
" "	" Balance due Ann Darden & contra			108	44¼	
				$ 137	57¼	
1830		Cr				
Jan: 1	By this sum balance due last year			1088	19¾	
Dec 31	By the hire of negro Abram this year			44	62½	
" "	By the hire of negro Lewis this year			38	75	
" "	By " " " " Monday " "			34	00	
" "	By " " " " Sam " "			18	00	
" "	By " " " " woman Judy " "			4	00	
" "	By interest on the balance due last year one year					61 09
				$ 1157	57¼	61 09
1831						
Apr 14	To cash paid Wm G Edwards in full fee to Patty			1	50	
Jan 18 "	2 p Yds: silk @ 75¢ - 1 skein silk 6¼ - 1 cape Rose Lan: 13			3	06¼	
" "	7 yds fancy calico @ 9/3 - 2 p yds: bleach: cotton @ 6¢			2	93¾	
" "	2 " cambrick @ 9/3 - 4 " cap ribbon @ 1/1½			1	50	
" "	2 " narrow cap ribbon @ 3/- 3 " wide lace 1/10½			1	00	
" "	1 p: prunella shoes 5/3 - 1 fancy box 18¾ ¢			1	86¼	
" "	3¼ yds: bobinette at 112½ - 1 p: stays 50			2	75	
" "	3 yds: bobinette lace @ 18¾ ¢				56¼	
		can't forward				

1831				
July 16	To cash advanced her		10	"
Aug 4	" cash paid jud: in favr of Geo: Hall's estate		78	89
Oct. 11	" cash paid Polly Hall for board this year		36	38
	" cash paid Everit Morris for supporting Patty & child: this yr		27	50
Dec 31	" 6 P cent comn on $143: 37½ amt: of hires this year		7	11
" "	" Balance am Darden & contra Cr		149	83
			$ 1223	78¾
1831		Cr		
Jany 1	By this sum balance due A Darden last year		1081	44¼
Dec 31	By hire of Abram this year		44	62½
" "	By hire of Lewis " "		38	75
" "	By hire of Monday " "		30	"
" "	By hire of Sam " "		25	"
" "	By hire of Judy " "		4	"
" "	By interest on the above balance one year			64 08
			$ 1223	78¾ 64 08
1832 Jany 10	To cash advanced her 5 p: 31¼ - 4½ yds: of flannel @ 3/9 $2.50		$ 4	8½
Feb 1	" 1 pr rose blankets $4.75			4 75
July 3	" 8 yds: blk: silk @ 1.13¾ $9.3 yds: blk cambriat 1/1½			9 38
" "	" 1 crape shawl 10/6 - 1 green veil 13/6. 36 hairs silk 19¢			4 19
	" 1 pr silk gloves 44¢ 1 pr mitts 44 yds: calico $0.88			3 32
	" 3 yds: Ribbon 6¼ yds: cotton 6¼ - 1½ yds: calico 38¢			1 03
	" 1 3/4 yds gingham 39¢ 2 pr prunella shoes @ $1.37½			3 34
	" 1 pr white silk hose 7/6 - 2½ yds: checks @ 3/3 - 94¢			2 19
	" 1 pr side comb 68¢ 7 yds: calico @ 9¢ $.633. 3 yd ribbon 75¢			3 46
	" 1 yd: cap ribbon 9¢ 1 ½ yd lace 1/6 - 4 yds: cap gimp 9¢ 50¢			" 87
	" 4 lb: ginger 18¾ - 2 p yds cotton 25¢ cash advanced $7		7	43¾
	" 1 pr shoes 9/- cash advanced $8. 1 square lawn 50¢ 3 pr: combs 75¢			10 75
	" paid Mary Hall for board for Ann Darden			36 00
	" 3 skeins silk 18¢ - 3 balls cotton 8¢ - 5½ yds black cotton 6¼ 25¢ 35¢			1 51½
	" vial of essence 13½ ¢ - 1 paper blacking 12½ ¢ 1 trunk $1.75		2	00
	" Arch: Atkinson atto: fee $5 - 5 blankets $7.50		12	50
	" 4 hats for negroes $3. 1 pd: Everitt Morris for keeping Patty & 4 children $27.50		30	50
Dec 31	" 5 P cent comn on $147.37½ amt of hires this year		7	37
" "	" Balance due Ann Darden & contra in full		1050	87
			$ 1196	90¾
		Cr		
1832 Jan 1	By this sum balance due A Darden last year		1049	53¾
Dec 31	By the hire of Abram this year		44	62½
" "	By " " " Lewis " "		38	75
" "	By " " " Monday " "		30	00
" "	By " " " Sam " "		30	00
" "	By " " " Judy " "		4	00
" "	By interest on the above balance one year			63 97
" "	1		1196	90¾ 53 97
" "				
" "				
" "				
" "				

Dr. Ann Darden a deaf and dumb woman,
In account with Thomas Darden her committee

			pieces	
1829 Jan: 18	To cash advanced being 2 half eagles which she wanted for pocket		$ 10	—
" "	" cash advanced her to buy necessaries			1 65
" "	" cash paid Pruden for crying her negroes			" 37½
	"			
Apr. 20	" cash advanced her			4 50
" "	" " paid Whitley's Jack for attn: on Edy when sick			5 00
June 1	" " " Clayton for making shoes			1 50
July 2	" paid Jno: Womble his stock acct: vs her			34 63
Dec. 4	" paid for 4 blankets furnished her negroes			4 50
" "	" 5 p. paid Everitt Morris for keeping her woman Lady & child			8 50
" "	" 5 p. cent com. on $1146.05¼ receipts of hire this year			57 30
" 31	" Balance due Ann Darden p. contra			1088 19¾
1829				$1146 05¼
	Cr.			
Dec. 31	By this sum amt. of Thos. Dardens bond due 1st Jany 1831	40	—	
" "	By int. on $40 from 1st Jany. 1829 to this day 8 years			21 60
" "	By this sum amt. of Thos. Darden's bond due 1st Jany. 1832	35	—	
" "	By int. on $35 from 1st Jany 1822, 8 years			16 80
" "	By this sum amt. of T. Dardens bond due 27th March 1833	37	—	
" "	By int. on $37 from 27th March 1833 till this day 7 years 9 mo.			17 30
" "	By this sum amt. of T. Dardens bond due 14th May 1835	5	—	
" "	By int. on $5 from 14th May 1828 to this day 5 years 7 mos:			1 67½
" "	By amt. of T. Dardens bond due 25th Dec. 1835	10	—	
" "	By int. on $10 from 25th Dec. 1825 to this day 3 years 3 mos.			3 00
" "	By this sum amt. T. Darden's bond due 8th February 1836	16	—	
" "	By int. on $16 from 8th Feb. 1826 to this date, 3 years 10 mos 22 days			3 73
" "	By this sum amt. of Thos. Dardens bond due 13th Dec. 1836	154	—	
" "	By int. on $154 from 13 Dec. 1826 to this date 3 years 14 days			28 10
" "	By this sum amt. of Elijah Hamptons bond due 6th June 1835	35		
" "	By int on $35 from 6th June 1835 to this day 4 Yrs. 6 mos. 24 days			9 68
" "	By this sum amt. Charles Dardens bond due 1st March 1838	86	96	
" "	By int. on $86.96 from 1st March 1828 to this date 14 Yrs. 10 mos.			9 55
" "	By this sum amt. of Charles Dardens bond due 16 Sep. 1829	18	91	
" "	By int. on $18.91 from 16th Sep. 1829 to this day 3 mos. 14 days			32
" "	By this sum amt. of Everit Morris bond due 16th Sept. 1829	94	87	
" "	By int. on $94.87 from 16th Sep. 1829 to this date - 3 mo. 14 days			1 65
" "	By this sum amt. of John Marshalls bond due 16th Sep. 1829	63	63	
" "	By int. on $63.63 from 16th Sep. 1829 to this date 3 mo. 14 days			1 10
" "	By this sum amt. due from her fathers est. p. his acct. curnt. Vent.		8	99
" "	By this sum amt. due from her mothers est. p. acct. curnt. Ventriss		80	35
" "	By this sum amt. of money rec'd by Thos. Darden p. appeal Vent.		179	70
" "	By this sum amt. of Charles Darden's bond Vent. p. appeal		22	85½
" "	By this sum for the hire of Sam this year		44	62½
" "	By this sum for the hire of Lewis this year		38	75
" "	By this sum amt. of hire of Monday this year		30	—
" "	By this sum for the hire of Sam this year		16	62½
" "	By this sum for the hire of Judy this year		13	18¾
	carried over		$1037	63¾ 1140

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