

1871-020 Chancery Causes: Arnold Kitchen & ut vs Thomas Hall's estate & d
Isle of Wight County

Will: 1861, Harrison Joyner, Southampton County

Other SURNAMES: Young,
Chapman, Birdsong, Joyner
Clements, Bomble, Langston,
Edwards, Langston

Worcester
Kitchen & wife

vs. } Chy. p. p. s.

Halls Exors. & al.

1866.

July rules - Bill & exhibits filed.
Sum. 240. & decree nisi vs.
adult depts. N. P. Young appd.
gov. addition to the infant depts.
their ans. filed & replied.

Augt. rules. Ans. of Hall Exors.
filed & rept. and bill taken
for confessed as to other adult
depts.

Sept. rules cause set for
hearing on petiti. mot.

Octo. 1866 - Decree for act.

Sept. 11, 1867 Com.
rept. filed

Octo. 1867 - Decree Confess.
rept. & ex

May 1868. Comd.

Octo. & Comd.

May 1869. Comd.

Octo. 1869
Decree for act.

March 28, 1870

Rept. filed

May 21, 1870

Decree for paymt.
& further act. &

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
To the Sheriff of Isle of Wight County, Greeting:

WHEREAS by the judgment of a Justice
of the Peace for the County of Isle of Wight, ha lately recovered against

with interest thereon, to be computed after the rate of six per centum per annum, from the
day of 18 , till payment, and also costs by in that behalf
expended; and the Constable to whom execution upon the said judgment was directed by a Justice of
the Peace, not being able to find goods and chattels to satisfy the same, has made return thereof to the
Clerk of our said County, who has docketed the same according to law: Therefore, at the instance of
the said we command you that you take the said

if be found within your bailiwick, and
safely keep, so that you have bod before the Justices of our said County
at the Courthouse, on Monday in to satisfy the said

the sum of
with interest thereon as aforesaid, and for costs
aforesaid; and also dollars and cents, the costs of this execution. And have then there
this Writ. Witness, NATHANIEL P. YOUNG, Clerk of our said Court, at the Courthouse, this
day of 18 , and in the year of the Commonwealth.

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Hitchcock & Wife

at 3 Mills

Halls Co. & Als

In the Hon. Rich. A. Baker Judge of the
 Circuit Court of Ill of Wright County in Chancery
 sitting, humbly complaining sheweth unto your
 Honor, your Orators Arnold Fletcher, and Susan M.
 this wife, formerly Susan M. Hall. That in October
 1863, One Thomas Hall departed this life, in the
 County aforesaid, seized and possessed of a large real
 & personal estate, having made his last Will & Testament
 which has been duly admitted to probate in the County Court
 of Ill of Wright; a certified copy of which is herewith
 filed, marked "A", and prayed to be taken as a
 part of this Bill. That Nat. P. Young and Harry Chopman
 the executors in said Will appointed, have qualified as such
 and taken possession of the personal estate wherof their
 testator died possessed. That the said testator left your Oratrix
 Susan M. his widow, who has since intermarried with One
 Arnold Fletcher; and the following Children viz Angeline Hall,
 Caroline M. Hall, George Anna Hall, Joseph W. Hall & Francis
 B. Hall ^{as his heirs and distributees or law} of whom, Francis B. Angeline & Jos. W. Hall are minors
^{under} ~~are now~~ twenty one years of age, the other minors. That your Oratrix
 Susan M. ^{by her} Fletcher formerly Hall, has assumed the provisions made
 for her late husband, this Hall and, in said Will, which under a
 will has been executed, and received according to the act of the
 Gen. Assembly for such cases, provided, a copy of which marked "B"
 is herewith ^{filed} as a part of this Bill; whereby the claimer her rights, at law
 to all intents as if said Will had never been made.
 Your Oratrix states, that she was the daughter of One Harrison
 J. J. J. who departed this life in 1864 after having
 made his last Will & Testament a copy of which herewith filed
 marked "C", is prayed to be taken as a part of this Bill.
 (Your Oratrix will here state, that George Anna Hall
 has intermarried with one Sidney Bindson -)
 Your Orators will further shew that the said

Harrison Lyner (your brother father) gave by the 2^d of her said Will to Thomas Hall & Susan his wife, all the Land on the North side of Timothy's line, and all the Mills, apple-mills and apparatus &c. unto certain negroes. &c. your orators insist that all the property in said Will given jointly to Thomas Hall & Susan his wife, on the death of said Thomas Hall survived to his wife; but if they are mistaken in this View, as to the Land, she was ^{bestowed} ~~bestowed~~ ^{she was} entitled to one half of the Land in fee, & to all of the personal estate & to her share in the other moiety of said Land - and they charge, that as the said Thomas Hall bequeathed to his wife the said personal estate, which in fact, passed ultimately into the hands of his executor, that they should be made to account for the same to your orators. That the said Executor sold a large amount of property at the sale of their testator in the year 1813, for a credit as they are informed. Your orators further charge that a considerable amount of property left at the death of said testator was not sold by the said Executor - among which was the following - viz 1 some iron, 1 still & apparatus at John Hall's plantation - 1 bed and furniture 1 set of China, all of the best bed clothes, all of the & carpeting on the floor; & 32 yards of new carpeting not made up - nearly all of our brocade room, 12 glass tumblers, mirrors, 1 pair fine bander sheets, 1 pair brog and iron, knives & forks, tea & coffee spoons, 1 fine and castors - wash bowls & pitchers, little pans, stone jar, little clothes & towels - and that he, the said

Hall left nearly or quite \$10,000.00 in money, of which not less than \$2,000. was specie, the residue being in Virginia & St. Domingo bank money - or if this money was not left, or in the house at the death of the said Hall, it was there a short time before and was either distributed among his children, or taken by them afterwards, with the purpose & design of preventing of the said Susan Hall his widow from sharing it - a fraud upon her rights. They will state that the said Hall was confined sick, for a long time, and for some months before his death, it was believed by him & his friends & family, that he would never recover; and during this time in expectancy of death, the said property and the money, if not remaining in the house on his death, were, with the knowledge of the said executor, or one of them, was given or distributed among the children of the testator, in the nature of legacies in disguise, so that the same might not be said to be left him, in order to prevent her said widow from having her things, or distributed share thereon in fraud of her rights. Your orators charge that this fraudulent conduct was well known to the said Executor, or one of them - that they knew how this property & money had been disposed of, and as it was their business duty, to have sued for and recovered the same, so that your orator Susan Hall, may have had her fair portion thereof, and the charge that the said Executor are chargeable with, & liable to her for her said rights or share. That they further charge, that the said children, or some of them, carried away, during the sickness of said

Mrs. Hall then father, or after his death the articles of Chattel Property above mentioned or other so that the same were not forthcoming on the sale; and that this was with the knowledge, approbation, or not forbidden by the said Executors or either of them. And that said children, or some of them received during the last sickness of their said father, money, specie & Bank notes, or things. All of which actings & doings, are contrary to law, fraudulent, against Equity & good Conscience. To the End therefore that justice may be done & as your Orators are without remedy save in this Hon. Court, they pray, that Hardy Chapman & Nat. P. Young, Executors of the last Will & Testament of said Thomas Hall ~~and~~; Caroline M. Hall, A. Sidney Birdsong & Georgeanna his wife (formerly & now Anna Hall), Francis B. Hall, Anginetta Hall & Joseph W. Hall, (the three last being infants), may be made parties defendant to this Bill and be compelled, each one, on Oath & solemnity, to answer & to respond to answer ^{to respond to answer} the allegations & charges in this Bill: to all intents & effects, as if each one of said charges & allegations were directed to each & every one of said defendants & not further from the said executors, & each of them do particularly answer & say whether the said Hall was not sick for a long time - If they were not familiar with the affairs of said Hall, If he did not have during his sickness, or shortly before, a large amount of money, in bank notes & specie? how much of each? How much thereof came to their possession or either of them? if so how was the same been disposed of? If the said money was delivered by the said Hall, to his

children, or any of them & how much to each & to whom? What were the reasons for the delivery of said money to his children? Did not the said Hall converse, or talk with them or either about this subject matter - & how long before his death - Were they or either of them aware of, or had reason to believe much of the Chattel Property of said Hall was not sold by them? if so how came this to be? Had they not been informed that some of the Chattel property had been carried away - if so by whom -? And the said Caroline M. Hall, A. Sidney Birdsong & Georgeanna his wife, Francis B. Hall, Anginetta Hall & Joseph W. Hall, each will answer fully & without evasion these further interrogatories - as if the same as they are addressed to each party directly. Ver -

How old were you at your father's death? Were any of the articles named herein delivered to or received by you, or by any one for you, during your father's sickness, or after his death? if so how much, the kind of article? at what time received? What was done with them? Was this delivery of any of the said Articles made by your father, or after his death? Was this done with the knowledge, consent, or without objection by the Executors, or either of them? And also further particulars answer these interrogatories. Did you receive any money, whether specie, or Bank notes which belonged to your father? ^{either before or after his death} if so how much of each & how long before his death? How. Who delivered the same to you? Was this delivery known to the Executors, or either of them? What have you done with the money? State all the circumstances connected with this transaction of the money getting into your possession.

Your Orators further pray that a strict investigation & scrutiny be made by this Hon. Court, in the above transaction; and for this end permission be granted to examine each, or any of said parties on oath - That the said Executors be required to render

accounts of their transactions, embracing the
matters herein set forth, as well as all others
pertaining to their ecclesiastical capacity -
and grant all other further relief as may
be right in the premises, and to Equity they
have just - or granted.

Arnold Pitcher &
Susan M. Pitcher
By Bro. Good Jr.
Attestured by
city

Pitcher & son

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Halls. Exm.

Infants arena

Early notes 1846 filed
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To the Hon. Richd H Baker judge of the
Direct Court of Isle of Wight County in Chancery Sitting
The joint & several answers of Francis B. Angimuta &
Jos. W. Hall, infant children of Thomas Hall and by N.
P. Young their Guardian ad litem to a Bill filed against
them & also by Arnold Ritchie & Susan M. his, in the Hon.
Court - These respondents for answer to so much of said
Bill as they are advised, it is material for them to answer,
answering, say, That they are minors, under 21 years of age
, and not capable of attending to their interests in the premises,
and wanting discretion, beg leave to submit their interests in
to the protection of the Hon. Court, and having answered pray
leave to be dismissed &c.

N. P. Young 9d. 5.
ad litem

desire first to have an account made up of his transac-
tions which he has been prevented from doing by
the want of the papers aforesaid -

this defendant prays that the proper parties may
be all brought before this court, their rights
under the testatus will ascertained & distribu-
tion thereof decreed accordingly - this defen-
dant having answered prays hence to be
dismissed with his costs in this behalf ex-
pended & he will ever pray -

Signed.

A. P. Young ex parte S. Hall

Isle of Wight County, to wit:

I C B Hayden a Notary
Public for said county, in the state of Virginia certifi-
fy that A P Young whose name is signed to the
foregoing answer personally appeared before me
in my said county & made oath to the truth of
the statements in his said answer - Given under
my hand as Notary Public of aforesaid this
6th day of Aug. 1866

C B Hayden
Notary Public -

Hall's Exors.

ad. 3 in chq.

Relatives & wife

The answer of N. P.
Young one of the
Exors. of Thos. Hall

Aug 7. 6. 1866 filed

of the vicinity of the testator's residence to raids
of the enemy an immediate sale of the chattels
of said estate was prudent & necessary to prevent
its capture or destruction by the enemy—

That this executor has received ~~no~~ money of the testator's
estate, with the exception of about \$2500. in Confederate
currency found in the testator's house by his executor & a school has
speculator, on each of the said funds, as found in his hands, in both currencies,
all of which ~~is now in his hands~~ ^{has been collected by him}—

That the defendant is anxious to
render the account of his transactions prayed
for by said bill & would have done so before
but from his inability to obtain the assent of sales & other
papers of the estate which H H Womble the clerk
employed at said sale, has deposited for safety
from the enemy in some remote part of the county
which this defendant has not yet been able to
recover although he has used every effort to do so—
That said testator was a fiduciary as guardian
or administrator in a large number of cases, &
this defendant has been actively engaged in
settling such accounts as far as the same was
practicable by paying over to the parties the amounts
due them in the ^{old} funds of the estate— That this
defendant is anxious to settle this testator's
estate & distribute the same to the complainants
& the other parties entitled thereto— That he
intended suing the complainants for that
purpose & so intimated his intention through
his counsel to complainants counsel— That
he would have brought such suit but for his

application had been anticipated by his coexecutor
& the parties aforesaid selected by him to inventory
said estate, who had done every thing necessary
in the premises - That subsequently Francis B Hall &
Georgia (Mrs. Birdsey) two of the older children of the
testator have denied to this defendant ever having
had in possession ^{any} specie or State money delivered to
them by their father or belonging to his estate & all
knowledge of such money or any other money
than the Confederate money alluded to as
aforesaid as delivered to his coexecutor -

This defendant deems it proper to state that consanguineous
and relations existed between the wife of ^{as he is informed by her} testator & his
children, who were children of a former marriage.
~~testator and said testator~~ - That this wife during
most of the last sickness of said testator lived on
the Southampton farm - That this defendant
notwithstanding the direction of his testator will
that no appraisement should be had of his
estate, intended in accordance with the advice
of counsel ^(whose opinion in writing he had obtained) to have had such appraisement &
would have done so but for the sale having
taken place as aforesaid without his knowledge -
That said sale was had ^{as he is informed} for Confederate currency
then the only currency in circulation the only
known standard of value - That a sale based
on any other currency would have been
impracticable - That owing to the expense

this defendant understood ~~the~~ children of
testator) the money alluded to by said testator
in his conversation as a said with this defend-
ant in June 1863 - That this defendant relies on
the foregoing statement of his conversation with
said testator respecting said moneys & of the
possession as a said by said testator of specie in
March or April 1862, as a full reply to the
interrogatories of said bill respecting conversation
or statements of said testator in reference to said
moneys, or the possession ~~by~~ said testator of said
moneys - That this ^{defendant} denies all or any other
knowledge of, or conversation with said testator
about, or statement by said testator about said
moneys than that herein before disclosed -
That this defendant did not visit the residence of
said testator from Sept 1863 (the last visit herein
before alluded) until after his coexecutor had with
Messrs Tho J Clement & H H Noble inventoried the
estate including the papers money delivered to
them by the testator's children & learning from
them there was no specie or bank money deliv-
ered up by said children & that said children
disclaimed having in possession any other money
than the Confidante money delivered to the coexecutor
& inventoried as a said, this defendant did not
immediately apply to said children in reference to
any other money, as he otherwise would have done
under the request as a said of his testator, as such

of said testator during ^{his} last sickness, a subsequent to his death, or in the possession of any other person or persons, except this in March or April 1862 this defendant was at the house of said testator and at that time paid him twenty dollars in gold, which was paid him out of a shot bag of the usual size about one fourth filled with gold, shot on this defendant saying to him, "gold was good for sore eyes" said testator replied ~~"this is not all, there is more"~~ ^{"You have not seen all I have yet"} ~~"that"~~ that in June 1863 this defendant was asked of said testator at Mill Swamp church where the county court of this county was then held, what disposition this defendant would advise him to make of the money the said testator then had, amounting to between ten & twelve thousand dollars (as said testator represented) in specie & state ^{bank} money, chiefly in the former - to which application this defendant replied by advising said testator not to part with his specie or Bank money and particularly the former.

And in Sept 1863 the said plaintiff said this defendant had with said testator who died in Oct 1863, said testator requested him to come there (i.e. to his residence) as soon as he (said defendant) heard of his (testator's) death & call upon the young ones & you will find ^{all} like I've told you - meaning as this defendant then supposed that he would find in the possession of said "young ones" (by whom

such future time as might be practicable after getting in the crops &c - that after doing so his coexecutor arranged the time of said sale & informed this defendant of the time appointed, but the letter announcing the time, was received by him in the County of Greenville only the ^{evening} ~~day~~ before the sale, his attendance at said sale was hence impracticable - that said sale was had accordingly by this coexecutor on the day of November 1860 & exclusively managed & run. That this defendant therefore has no knowledge of said sale - that this defendant utterly & wholly denies the allegations of said bill as to the connivance of this defendant of the withholding from sale the chattels charged in said bill to have been so withheld & the taking thereof by the children of his testator - that he has no knowledge whatever of said property, or of any taking thereof by said children, or by any other person or persons - that this defendant wholly & entirely denies all & singular the allegations of said bill as to the moneys charged therein to have come to his hands, or to have been paid or delivered to the children of said testator with the knowledge consent or connivance of this defendant - that he utterly & denies all knowledge of such delivery or payment of such moneys to said children or to any other party - that no such moneys came to his hands or was seen by him in the possession

Hall took an absolute interest in the personally given him
of said will - that the only interest which said Susan
M can claim under said will is to one moiety of the
land charged with, a reduced of the amount paid by
said Thomas Hall to the other legatees of said Taylor
under the 3^d clause of his will, because the true
value of the devise passing under said 3^d clause to
Thomas Hall & Susan his wife was the net value of
said land after its reduction by the charge under
said ^{3^d} clause - that this defendant is not a party in
formed as to the estate of said Harrison Taylor,
as is settled, but believes it has been settled
& he submits to the court, whether as the allegations
of said bill involve the construction of the will of
said Taylor & the distribution of his estate under
said will, the personal representative & legatees
of said Taylor should not be parties to this suit -
that soon after the death of his said ~~testator~~ testator
this defendant & his co-executor arranged the time
of the Southampton sale of the chattel property
of his said testator in that county which was done,
which sale was had according to said arrangement,
but this defendant was unable to be present at
said sale & has no knowledge of the same - that
at the time of said arrangement, it was impossible
then to fix the time of the sale in this court, as the
crops had to be got in & it was understood by this
defendant & his co-executor that the time of
the sale ~~in~~ this court should be fixed at

To the Honorable Richard H Baker Judge
of the Circuit Court of Law & Chancery for the
County of Isle of Wight in chancery sitting;

The separate answer of A P Young, one of the
executors of Thomas Hall deceased, to the bill of
complaints in said court exhibited by Arnold
Kitchen & Susan M his wife against him & others.

This defendant reserving to himself all right of
exception to the said bill of complaint for answer
thereto saith, that he admits to be true the general alle-
gations of said bill as to the death of said Thomas Hall,
the probat of his will, the qualification of this defend-
ant as one of his executors - the survivorship of his
widow Susan M, her renunciation of his will, her
consequent substitution to her rights at law in her said
Husbands estate, the subsequent intermarriage of
said Susan M with the aforesaid complainant
Arnold Kitchen & that the said Susan M was
the daughter of Harrison Tayner & the party named
in the 2^d clause of said Tayners will filed with
said bill as the wife of said Thomas Hall -
but this defendant denies the correctness of the con-
struction given to the said will of Harrison Tayner
in said bill, under which the said Susan M, claims
the right of survivorship & the whole of the real & person-
al estate devised & bequeathed by the 2^d clause of
said will to Thos. Hall & Susan his wife - your de-
fendant is advised that under the proper construction
of said will (he so alleges) that said Thomas

Halls Exrs.
att. 3/4 in Ch

Retention safe

The account of Hardy Chapman
on of the Exrs. of F. Hall

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said parties - & this defendant having answered prays hence to be dismissed with his costs in this behalf expended & he will ever pray

Signed - Hardy Chapman
Isle of Wight county, to wit -

C. B. Hadden a Notary
Public for the county of said certify that Hardy
Chapman whose name is signed to the foregoing
answer, personally appeared before me in said
county & made oath to the truth of the statements
in his foregoing answer -

Given under my hand this 6th day of Sept, 1844

C. B. Hadden

Notary Public

made in reference to Confederate currency, then
the only currency in circulation & the only standard
of value known in commerce - that a sale based on
any other currency would have been impractica-
ble - that payment of said funds was made in
confederate currency to the amount of \$¹⁰⁰⁰.
which money except so far as the same was disbursed
in the expenses of administration is still in the hands
of the executor ^{as well as the uncollected funds} of said
estate. That this defendant has no
objection to the account of his transactions for & in
fulfillment of said bill - that he would before have rendered
such account, but he has been prevented from so
doing by inability to get the A/c of sales of said estate
which was kept by H H Womble the clerk employed
to attend to said sale, who to remove said A/c of sales
from the danger of the public enemy, ~~deposited~~
the same in what he regarded a safe place in a
remote part of the county & this defendant has
not yet been able to obtain said account of sales, al-
though he has made every effort to do so -
that this defendant is now & has ever been ^{ready &} ^{testify}
anxious to settle the estate of his said ~~estate~~
& distribute the same among the parties entitled
thereto, but ^{been} has been prevented by the times, the war
& the cause of the said - this defendant prays
that the necessary parties may be brought before
this court the rights of the parties interested
ascertained & distribution decreed among

the same was by the testator will specifically
given ~~and~~ with the John Hall Plantation to
Caroline M Hall - that said "Sewel Horse"
mentioned in said will for some time prior to the
death of the testator had been in the possession of
his son Francis B Hall who had said Horse in the
(Confederate Military Service & claimed said Horse
^{under a gift from his father}
as his individual property - that said Horse at
the time of the sale was not on the plantation or
seen by this defendant - that this defendant un-
^{derstood from said Francis B Hall}derstood at the time of the sale that said Horse
was dead, but he understands said Horse was
afterwards in the possession of said Francis B Hall
who is now has been for sometime living with his
uncle in the State of Tennessee - that this defendant
has heard & believes to be true that unpleasant relations existed
between said Susan M & the children of said testator, that in con-
sequence thereof said Susan M (from some other cause) was during
her husband's last sickness ^{until just before his death} much absent from his residence - that said
Susan M was present at the sale, & complained to this defendant of
the absence of some the property of the estate, to which she asserted that
he would sell any real property that was then in the estate & that
that he had heard said Susan M charge the children with
that as before herein alleged, in accordance with
having taken the property of the estate, & the children charge
the absence of the testator, the directions of his
will, & the execution of the same, but this defendant has no knowledge of
the execution of either charge
property being destroyed by the enemy, & the
property of said testator was sold as soon after his
death as practicable, on the 1st day of Nov: 1863,
on a credit of 12 - months - that said sale was

of said testator, or any other money except such
Confederate money as is mentioned in the ~~will~~
~~inventory~~ inventory of said testator's estate - nor did
he ever see any such moneys in the posses-
sion of said testator, or hear said testator speak
of such, as in his possession during his last sick-
ness - that the only reference ever made by the
testator to this defendant to any money was in a
conversation by said testator during his last sickness
& as well as this defendant remembers about a
month prior to his death, in which conversation said
testator told this defendant that he had given to
his older children (he thinks but will not be certain
that he mentioned (Caroline & Georgeanna) as the
parties to whom it was given) \$10,000 to be equally
divided among the children & that if his
wife was not satisfied with what was given
her in his will, that she had plenty of money
to buy more & that the money she had would
count dollar for dollar, intimating as this de-
fendant supposed that she had specie - that in
said conversation said testator did not intimate
in what funds the \$10,000 aforesaid was paid -
that this defendant has no other knowledge of
said money or of said payment than that refer-
red to by said testator in said conversation & only
from said conversation - that the "still & ap-
paratus appraised at John Hall's Plantation"
mentioned in said bill was not sold because

tions aforesaid he has no knowledge, direct or in-
direct of said chattel property - That about the
time of his testator's death, the portion of the country in
which his testator resided was subject to frequent &
dangerous raids from the public enemy & hence
~~the sale of said testator's estate~~ the sale of said testator's estate
was attended with difficulty & danger - That
the testator himself was aware of this danger &
charged upon this defendant as one of his executors
on account of this danger from the enemy & the
liability of the destruction of the property, the sale
thereof immediately after the death of him the said
testator - That this defendant endeavored to & did
in good faith discharge his duty as ^{one of the} executor of said
& as soon as practicable had ~~the same~~ inventoried
& sold all the personal property of said testator
(with the exception of aforesaid) of which he had any
knowledge or which came to his hands - That in
reference to the interrogatories of said bill as to
the moneys & the charges & allegations that
the said moneys were given to the children
of said testator with the knowledge of his
executors or one of them - This defendant denies
all knowledge of said moneys, or of said pay-
ment or distribution thereof among his children -
This defendant denies any knowledge of such
moneys as in said bill stated, either prior to,
or after the death of said testator - That no
such moneys came to his hands after the death

To the Honorable Richard H. Baker Judge of
the Circuit Court of Law & Chancery for the
County of Isle of Wight in Chancery sitting -

The separate answer of Hardy Chapsman one
of the executors of Thomas Hall to the bill of com-
plaint in said court exhibited by Arnold Kitchen
& Susan M. his wife against him and others -

This defendant reserving to himself all right exception
to the said bill of complaint, for answer thereto saith,
that he admits to be true the general allegations of
said bill as to the death of said Thomas Hall, the
probate of his will, the qualification of this defendant
as one of his executors, the survivorship of his widow
Susan M. Hall, her renunciation of his will, & her
subsequent intermarriage with the complainant afore-
said Arnold Kitchen & that the said Susan M.
was the daughter of Harrison Tayner named in
the 2^d clause of his will as the wife of the said

Thomas Hall - but this defendant denies the construc-
tion given to the will of said Harrison Tayner, by the
said bill & the right of the said Susan M. by her
survivorship of her said husband to take the
whole of the real & personal estate devised by said
2^d clause of said will to Tho^s Hall & Susan his
wife - your defendant is advised & so alleges that
under the proper construction of said will, the said
Tho^s Hall took an absolute interest in the personal
estate bequeathed in said clause - that the latter
portion of § 18, of Chapt 115 of the Code of Virginia of 1860,

Kitchen
wife - } In
as } Chaucy
Halls Pres
Lali - }

Answer
of
Caroline M Hall -

Thomas Hall wife - This defendant avers that under a proper construction of the will of said Harrison Towner the said wife of Thomas Hall by her said survivorship - took one an interest in one half of said real estate devised to said Thomas Hall wife by said will of Harrison Towner subject to a deduction of one half of said land under the charges on the same made by said will - that this defendant as to herself utterly denies all the allegations of said bill as to the payment or delivery to her of any of the money or chattels recited in said will - that she has no knowledge of the payment ~~or~~ delivery of said money or property to any one - that this defendant has no knowledge of the money (specie or bank notes) mentioned in said bill - that she never saw said money in the hands of her father prior to a death of his sickness or in the hands of any other person and has no knowledge of the same - that of ~~the~~ articles of chattel property mentioned in the will so far as she knows all were sold at the sale except such of the crackey glass as had been destroyed by the Yankees - the carpeting old & new which her father had had cut up into blankets given to the soldiers & servants - & the silver ware given to her brother F B Hall by her father in his life time & had been used by him in the service for sometime before her father's death - that so far as this defendant is aware all the chattel property of the

estate mentioned in the bill was sold with the exceptions aforesaid & she still is on John Hall's Plantation derived with said Plantation - that this defendant was twenty years of age on the date of her Father's death - that having answered she prays hence to be dismissed with ~~the~~ costs in this behalf expended & she will ever pray.

Signed - Caroline M. Hall,

Judge of Wight County, to wit,

I George F Hall J.P.

a justice of the peace for the county aforesaid in the State of Virginia certify that Caroline M Hall whose name is signed to the ~~answer~~ hereto annexed personally appeared before me in my said county made oath to the truth of the statements contained in her said answer to the best of her knowledge & belief - Given under my hand as justice of the peace, as aforesaid, this 19th day of October 1864 -

Geo. F. Hall J.P.

To the Honorable Richard H Baker Judge of the
Circuit Court of Law & Chancery for the County of
Isle of Wight in Chancery sitting -

The answer of Caroline M Hall to the bill of
complaint in said court exhibited by Arnold
Kitchen & Susan M his wife against her & others -

This Defendant saving & reserving all right of ex-
ception to the many errors & imperfections in said bill
contained, for answer thereto, or to so much thereof as
she is advised is necessary or material for her to answer
saying that she does not deny & admits to be true the
general allegations of said bill as to the death of her
father Thomas Hall, the execution & publication of his
will, the probate thereof, the qualification of Henry
Chapman & T Young as his executors - the survivor-
ship of his widow the said Susan M, her renunciation
of his will - her subsequent intermarriage with the said
Arnold Kitchen - she admits the publication & probate
of the will of Harrison Toyner mentioned in said bill
& that the said Susan M is the wife of Thomas Hall
mentioned in said will, but she denies the construction
given in said bill to the devise & bequest in said
will to Thomas Hall wife & her issue which the latter
claims by survivorship an absolute interest in the
real & personal estate given by said will to said

Kitchen }
Wife - } In
Halls ^{as} } Charney
L all - }

Answer of
Lillian Birdson
Wife -

had been previously destroyed by the Yankees -
that so far from ~~expecting~~ any of said chattels
she allowed to be sold at said sale without objection
the piano belonging to herself & sister for value it having
been paid for with their money - that the carpenter
(old man) mentioned in said will had in her father's
lifetime of his wealth been cut into blankets & given to
the soldiers & servants - that she has no knowledge
of the moneys mentioned in said will - never saw
such moneys at any time nor ever heard her father
speak of the same except a short time preceding to her
father's death she heard him say he wished to get his
will once more to give some increased amount
to Annetta - & that he had given his wife some
money - intimating that she had a plenty & that it was
specie - that the said Georgiana was eighteen
years of age at the date of her father's death -
that the said Sidney Birdsong & Georgiana his
wife deny the construction given in said will to
the will of Harmon Taylor under which the
said Sarah M. Kitchen claims an absolute interest
in the real & personal property given in said will
to Thomas Hall wife & the said defendants contend that
under a correct construction of said will the said

~~Sarah~~ M. will take by her survivorship of her hus-
band one half of the real estate devised to said
Thomas Hall wife subject to a reduction of one half of the
value thereof with ^{the payments} which it was charged by the 3^d
clause of said will - that these defendants
having answered pray hence to be dismissed
with their costs in this behalf expended -
& they will ever pray &c -

Signed -

A. Sidney Birdsong
Georgiana Birdsong

I do of Wight County, to wit

I George F. Hall -

a justice of the peace for the county aforesaid, certify
that Sidney Birdsong & Georgiana Birdsong his wife
whose names are signed to the above answer personally
appeared before me in said county & made oath
to the truth of their respective statements in said
answer - Given under my hand as justice of the
peace for the county aforesaid this 19th day of
October 1864 -

Signed - Geo. F. Hall J.P.

To the Honorable Richard H Baker Judge of
the Circuit Court of Land Chancery for the County
of Isle of Wight in Chancery sitting -

The Answer of Sidney Birdsong & Georgiana his
to the bill of complaint in said court exhibited
by Arnold Kitchen & Susan M his wife against them
& others - These Defendants ~~saying~~ ^{saying} ~~all~~ ^{all} ~~right~~ ^{right} of
exception to the many errors & imperfections in
said bill contained for answer thereto ~~saying~~ ^{saying} that
as to the defendant Sidney Birdsong, he knows
nothing of the charges & allegations in said bill
contained in reference to the concealment or app-
ropriation of the Chattels & money mentioned
in said bill - The said Georgiana utterly denies
all the allegations of said bill as to any appropriation
by herself of any of the Chattels or money mentioned
in said bill & all knowledge of such appropria-
tion by any other person - that so far as she knows &
believes all the Chattel property mentioned in said
bill in existence at the time of the sale was sold with
the exception of the Sorel Horse given by her father to her
brother Francis B Hall in his lifetime & used by him in the
service & the still &c on the John Hall Plantation derived
by said said Plantation to this defendant that many
of the articles mentioned in said bill ~~when~~ ^{when} ~~gloss~~ ^{gloss}

Executed by delivering delivering a true ^{of the author} copy to James
 Marshall where Catharine Hall lives and as the said Catharine
 Hall not being at home after having explained the issue to
 said James Marshall I also delivered a true copy to Hardy
 Chapman on the same day June 26th 1866 and to Georgina
 Birdsey the wife of Sidney Birdsey to Sidney Birdsey
 on the 28th day of June 1866 and on Dr P Young

~~Witness~~
 E. S. Elmy Sheriff

Fletcher & wife
 3 Saml.
 3 in Ohio
 v.

Hall's Expro's tals.

To July under 1866,
 Cir. Ct.

Whitfield Co.



The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of the County of Isle of Wight—Greeting:

We command you to summon Hardy Chapman & N. P. Young
Executors of the last will & testament of Thomas Hall decd.
Caroline M. Hall, A. Sidney Birdson, and Georgiana his
wife (who was Georgiana Hall) Francis B. Hall Anginetta
Hall & Joseph W. Hall (the last three being infants)
to appear on the first Monday in July
next, being Bote day, at the Clerk's office, of the Circuit Court for
the county of Isle of Wight, directed to be holden at the Courthouse thereof,
to answer the Bill in Chancery of Arnold Kitchen
and Serson M. his wife (who was Serson M. Hall)

and have then there this writ.

Witness—Nathaniel P. Young, Clerk of said Court, this 25th
day of June 1866, and in the 90th
year of the Commonwealth.

[A copy to be delivered to each defendant.]

N. P. Young Clerk.

Kitchen et ux.

vs. Excom. Report &c.

Thos. Hall's Ex'r's et als.

Sept. 11th 1867 filed

in value to \$225.75

The Commissioner reports that after the completion of the said Accounts, he retained them in his office for ten days for the examination of parties, during which time no exceptions were filed thereto, and now, the said accounts, with the depositions of witnesses and other evidence relating thereto, with the decree and notices aforesaid, are herewith returned.

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

W. L. Riddick
Sp. Commissioner

Costs:

Sp. Commissioner's fee	\$130.00	(\$20 p.d. by N. P. Young - Ex ^r - &c.)
Witnesses' mileage —	14.50	} See Depositions for details.
Sh ^r . J. of Wight. E. L. Eley —	4.30	
" Naus ^d . Co. Wm. Eley —	.20	
Serg ^t . Norf. City - Wm. B. Beggs —	20	
	<u>\$149.20</u>	

and the Confusion of the Times in which these transactions took place (1861, 62 & 63) - Thomas Hall ever received. It is only ascertained that he received two sums of money from his Co-Executor Timothy E. Langston one of \$1595.23 on the 30th June 1862, and one of \$610.79 on the 21st June 1863 - with some bonds, uncollected, of more or less value, which appear to be the result of a division of such remaining assets, between the parties interested.

The Special Commissioner has reported only a partial distributee Account, owing to the inability of the Executors to Collect the assets of the Estate in hand. By said Account Marked (B.) No. 1 it is shown that Francis ^{B. Hall}, one of the Legatees and distributees is indebted to the Executors \$28.38 - with interest thereon from the 18th October 1867. That on the same day ~~say~~ the said Executors are indebted to Joseph W. Hall, a Legatee & distributee, \$47.34, with like interest: and that on the same day Anginetta Hall Legatee & distributee is indebted to the said Executors \$228.33, with like interest.

At the request of the Plaintiffs, the Special Commissioner has reported a list of articles allowed by the "Poor Law", which Susan M. Kitchen, late Hall, claims as the widow of Thomas Hall deceased, commuted at a fair money value - except for such articles as the said widow has already received in kind; - such articles amounting

timber to be cut from certain lands and sold at the discretion of his Executors (of whom Thomas Hall was one) and afterwards the lands to be sold and the proceeds divided - one fourth to Thomas Hall.

It seems clear to the mind of the Special Commissioner, that with the exception of the certain land and negroes - the land described by metes and bounds - bequeathed by Harrison Joyner's will, to "Thomas Hall and Susan his wife" - the nature of which bequest the Special Commissioner is not required to consider - that the remaining bequests - half of the balance of his Estate - and upon certain conditions - were made directly to Thomas Hall, and when realised was used and converted by him as his own absolute property in his lifetime, and could not now be defined or separated from the body of his Estate.

Even if the aforesaid bequests which were made to Thomas Hall alone, had been made to "Thomas Hall and Susan, his wife", it would seem equally clear to the Special Commissioner that all personality embraced in these bequests would become the absolute property of Thomas Hall, in his own and his wife's right, and could be converted or used by him at will.

After considerable trouble and pains the Special Commissioner has been unable to ascertain what amount in personal property from Harrison Joyner's Estate - doubtless owing to the lapse of time and

either before or after the death of Thomas Hall. No witness had ever seen in his possession, or knew that Thomas Hall had any large amount of money in specie or Bank notes. Every witness who spoke of this hoard simply reiterated the statements of Thomas Hall, and ^{these} cannot be viewed as evidence. But if they could be received as such, its weight would affect the Plaintiffs as well as the legatees, according to Hardy Chapman's deposition.

There is however evidence of a positive and definite character contained in William Hall's deposition to show that Thomas Hall did not have this fund of specie & Bank notes, either at his death, or for a considerable time before. These facts seem conclusive to the Special Commissioner and dispose of this question beyond a reasonable doubt.

The Special Commissioner has been unable to state the second account required by the said decree, for want of the necessary facts whereon to base such an account. It is moreover respectfully suggested that such an account is not necessary to secure any rights of the Plaintiffs in this suit. By the will of Harrison Joryen dec'd. is given certain land and negroes "to Thomas Hall and Susan his wife." But in a separate sentence it gives to "Thomas Hall half the balance of my Estate not given away" In another sentence it directs the

decd. up to the 18th day of October, 1867, and on that day ascertains a balance to be due the said Executors, from said Estate, of \$133. 25. This account extends over a period embracing the latter portion of the late war, and all of their operations from November 4th 1863, to April 10th 1865, being in Confederate currency, a large amount of which (\$14. 667. 72), as will be seen by reference to Acct. Marked (A. No. 1), was left in their hands and became valueless from the result of the war.

The Special Commissioner has charged the Executors and Credited the Estate of their Testator with all the money or other assets which it appears ever came in to their hands, or for which they could be in any way liable, and upon this basis reports the aforesaid Balance. Appended is a list of Bonds and other credits, more or less valuable, now in the said Executors hands and uncollected. Marked (C.).

The Special Commissioner deems it pertinent to state there has been no evidence adduced to sustain the allegations of the Complainants' Bill, charging the Defendants, and particularly the Executors, with a knowledge^{of} and privity in, a fraudulent disposition of a large sum of money in Bank Notes and Specie which is alleged to have been left by Thomas Hall.

The witnesses examined were numerous and nothing was elicited to sustain the allegation that the Executors or legates had become possessors of these monies,

sioner duly executed. That some of the parties, with their attorneys, appeared before the Special Commissioner in obedience to said notices, but owing to the absence of witnesses, and after a delay of two days, after the taking and stating of said accounts was begun, the further taking and settling the same was adjourned and continued to the 12th day of March, 1867, at the office of the Special Commissioner in the town of Suffolk, and witnesses were summoned to attend on that day, and at that place. That on the said 12th day of March, 1867, the parties with their attorneys and witnesses attended in pursuance of the aforesaid adjournment and continuance, and in obedience to summons issued by the Special Commissioner and the depositions of witnesses were taken and examination of vouchers was begun, but was not concluded, and the further hearing in the cause, and the further stating and settling the aforesaid accounts was adjourned and continued until the 9th day of July, 1867. That on the said 9th day of July, 1867 the further taking of depositions and examination of vouchers was resumed, and afterwards the examination of vouchers and the stating and settling the aforesaid accounts was continued from time to time, and day to day, until concluded. That the Special Commissioner has stated and settled the account of the transactions of Hardy Chapman and N. P. Young as Executors of Thomas Hall

Commissioner's Office,
Suffolk, Va. September 9th 1867.

To the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County:

Pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County, rendered on the 19th day of October, 1866, in a suit in Chancery depending in the said Court between Arnold Kitchen and Susan M., his wife, who was Susan M. Hall, Complainants, and Hardy Chapman and N. P. Young, Executors of the last will and testament of Thomas Hall, deceased, and others, Defendants, the undersigned appointed a Special Commissioner of said Court by said decree, and to whom was referred for settlement:

First: An Account of the transactions of the said Hardy Chapman and N. P. Young, as Executors of Thomas Hall decd.

Second: An Account of the personal Estate bequeathed by the last will and testament of Harrison Joyner, decd. to the said Thomas Hall and Susan M., his wife.

Third: A distributee Account shewing the amounts due the legatees and distributees of said Hall, decd. Reports to the Court that on the 5th day of February, 1867, he issued notices against the several parties aforesaid, requiring them to attend the settlement of the said accounts, before him, at the Clerk's Office of Isle of Wight County, on the 5th day of March, next thereafter, which were returned to the Special Commis-

(A.) No: 1

10th The Estate of Thomas Hall, deceased,
In account with N. P. Young and Hardy
Chapman, the Executors:

(Confederate Money.)

1863: Nov: 4	The Executors qualified.			
"	" " To paid for writing paper	\$	5. 00	
"	" " " Commissioners & Clerks' fees		80. 16	
"	" " " A. B. Hall for salt for Est.		63. 00	
"	19 By amo. of acct. sales at place in Southamp- ton County due May 19 th 1864 -			\$3620. 35
"	20 To paid Sheriff South. Co. Tax acct. 1863.		107. 72	
"	25 By amo. of acct. Sales at Home place in S. of. Wright Co. due Nov: 25 th 1864, & including \$2115 C.S. currency found in the house			12212. 00
"	" " Sale of Salt.			1703. 90
"	27 To paid David Gay. for making shoes		12. 00	
" Dec. 12	" " Dr. Geo. R. Pindie's Medl. acct. per acct.		129. 37	
"	" " " W. W. Cofer for Coffin &c. do.		200. 00	
"	" " " Josiah Britt for brandy do.		6. 25	
"	" " " Thomas & Adams for leather to make shoes for negroes belonging to Est.		94. 50	
1864: Jan: 1	" " T. J. Clements' acct: per rect:		100. 00	
"	" " " Exam L. Eley's do. do.		31. 65	
"	" 13 " " Jeff. Williams for making shoes &c.		39. 00	
"	" " By amo. of S. W. Eley for hire of boy Algeriah 3 weeks			10. 00
" Feb: 4	To paid expenses to Richmond on business for Est.		32. 00	
	Amts: Carried over.	\$	900. 65	17546. 25

1864: Feby: 4	Amounts brot: on	\$ 900. 65	\$17546. 25
" " "	To paid Expenses to Petersburg on business for Est:	18. 00	
" " "	By cash for C. S. Bond improperly issued to J. Hall gen. of W. Whitehead & sold by direction of C. S. Treasurer for benefit of the Est.		731. 33
" " "	To paid Comms. &c. for selling same	3. 66	
" " "	" " for C. S. 6 pr. ct. \$1000 Treasury Bond.	1014. 25	
" " "	" " " do. 7 pr. ct. \$ 900 do.	1016. 00	
" " "	" " " do. 4 pr. ct. \$ 800 do.	800. 00	
" " 23	" " " S. G. Darden's acct: per rect.	100. 25	
" " "	" " " shoes for negro Man Alfred.	40. 00	
" Aug. 9	" " Agt. S. & R. R. Road freight on salt per wh.	34. 50	
" Octo: 30	" " Terry Beals' acct. pr. rect.	130. 00	
" " "	" " Joyner for making shoes do.	14. 00	
" Nov: 4	To 3 pr. ct. Comms. on \$18277. 58	913. 88	
" " "	" Balance due the Estate.	13292. 39	
		\$18277. 58	\$18277. 58

1864: Nov: 4.	By Balance due Est: (Principal) at annual rest, brot: on		\$13292. 39
" Dec: 1.	To paid Jacob Spivey per acct. & rect:	\$ 50. 00	
" " 31	By amo. of negro hires for the year 1864 as follows:		
	Man Alfred to G. J. Hall	\$300. 00	
	" Cyrus	300. 00	
	Woman Felice	65. 00	
	" Emmeline	40. 00	
	Man Bob & small girl	160. 00	
		\$865. 00	50. 00
			\$13292. 39

1864: Dec: 31	Amounts brot on	\$ 865.00	50.00	\$13292.39
	Man Dennis & Woman Delilah	250.00		
	" Thad	300.00		
	" Shau	300.00		
	by Algeriah	<u>30.00</u>		1745.00
1865: Jan: 17	To paid Polly Bridger per acct: rect.		33.00	
" Feb: 10	" " Dr. G. W. Jordan's Medl do. do.		329.00	
" " 14	By cash of Mrs. Graves Niblett for salt.			120.00
" " "	To paid Dr. W. A. Maysburg's Medl acct.		65.00	
" " "	" " E. B. Birdsong per acct: rect.		80.00	
" " "	" " R. E. Thornton (C. S. Say) do.		418.00	
" Mar 30	" " Wm. P. Powell per acct: rect.		30.00	
" Apl. 3	" " C. H. Darden do. do.		56.40	
" " 10	" 5 pr. ct. comm. on \$2565.39 rect.			
	Since last annual rest.		128.27	
" " "	By an average of Int: on Bal. due the Est: at last ann. rest.			\$1700.00
" " "	To bal. of Principal due Est.		13967.72	
		<u>Int</u> \$ 700.00	\$15157.39	\$15157.39
1865: Apl. 10	By Bal. of Principal due Est:			\$13967.72
" " "	" " " Interest do & add. d.			700.00
				\$14667.72

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This Balance of \$14667.72 - being in Confederate States Currency, on the surrender of the C. S. Army - became worthless - and is so now reported.

(A.) No. 2.

(4)

D^r. The Estate of Thomas Hall decd.

In Acct: with N. P. Young and Hardy
Chapman, the Executors -

Cr.

(U. S. Currency).

1863: Nov: 4 The Executors. qualified (See acct:
A. No. 1 for transactions, all in
Conf. States Currency, to Apl. 10. 1865.)

1865

Apl. 10 Date to which Acct: A. No. 1. is
brought.

(24.) " " By amo. of B. C. Eley's Bond & Int:

\$140. 98

(24.) " " To paid W. H. Eley, balance due
him on settlement of Thos. Hall's
acct. as his gov. as per acct.

\$140. 98

(6.) Nov: 4 By Hire of negroes for 5 mos: 1865
as follows:

Felix to Jrs. Johnson for \$16. 67

Demus & Delilah " J. E. Darden 12. 50

Barnes do. 18. 75

Emmeline do. 6. 25

Isam " E. H. Jordan 33. 33

Shad " H. Chapman 25. 00

Alfred " J. E. Thomas 20. 00

Algeriah " M. J. Davis 8. 33

Rosilla " Georgiana Hall 5. 00

145. 83

amts. carried over

\$140. 98 \$286. 81

1865: Nov: 4	Amts: brot: on	\$ 140. 98	\$ 286. 81	(5)
" "	To 5 pr. ct. annus. on \$286. 81-	14. 34		
" "	" Balance due the Estate:	131. 49		
		\$ 286. 81	\$ 286. 81	

1865-

Nov: 4 } By Balance due Estate at ann. }
 rest brot: on } \$ 131. 49

1866: Jan. 1	To paid Thomas. Joyner per acct: & rect. (C.)	10. 50		
(24) " Feb. 19	By amo. of Geo. M. Shivers bal. Bond etc.		119. 18	
(24) " "	" " Geo. H. Jordan's bal. do. do.		106. 87	
(24) " "	" " Arch ^d . Roberts bal. do. do.		46. 56	
(24) " "	" " Josiah Britt do. do.		71. 25	
(24) " "	To paid Josiah Britt, Gov. for			
(24) "	Missouri C., John B. & Frederick			
(24) "	A. Edwards, part of balance due			
" "	on settlement of Thos. Hall's then			
" "	late gov. - accts. per rect.	343. 86		
(24) Mar. 10	By amo. of Lewis Johnson's bal. Bond etc.		605. 00	
" " "	" " Ismael Johnson do.		50. 00	
" " "	" " Graves Niblett do.		59. 04	
" " "	" " Elisha Whitley do.		20. 00	
" " "	" " Cash collectes: Int: &c.		291. 09	
(24) " "	To paid Wm. A. Whitehead, Bal. due			
	him on settlement of Thos.			
	Hall's accts: - former guardian			
	& interest, per rect.	1025. 13		
		\$ 1379. 49	\$ 1500. 48	

1866: Mar. 10	Aunts: Not over		\$ 1379. 49	\$ 1500. 48
(24) " Aug: 16	By amo. of James Gray's Bond & Int.			228. 15-
" " "	Couper & Jordan's do.			539. 36
" " "	Wm. Chapman's do.			127. 46
" " "	Henry Murphy's do.			23. 17
" " "	A. G. Moody's do.			29. 95-
" " "	Mc. L. Batten's do.			16. 91
" " "	S. D. Delki's do.			38. 00
" " "	Madison Edwards' do.			15. 31
" " "	Tim. Edwards' do.			15. 97
" " "	Chas. Holloway's do.			28. 96
" " "	W. H. Eley's do.			46. 85-
" " "	W. P. Wright's do.			97. 58
" " "	L. B. Edwards' do.			399. 54
" " "	Jesse Whitley's do.			2. 78
" " "	B. J. Gray's do.			125. 08
" " "	B. G. Washington's do.			64. 75-
" " "	E. Whitley's do.			26. 81
(24) " "	I paid Richard H. Pully, Gov. of Robert Nimrod, William E., & Christianna Hall, Bal. due them on settlement of Thos. Hall's - (their former Gov.) accts., and also on settlement of acct. of Thos. Hall, as administrator of Jas. T. Hall decd. - their brother - per rect		1826 98	
	Aunts: carried over		\$ 3206. 47	\$ 3327. 10

1866: Aug: 16	Amts: brot: over	\$3206.47	\$3327.10
(24) " Sep. 7.	By amts. of W. H. Eley's Bond Int.		706.27
" " "	" " B. C. Eley's do.		158.60
" " "	" " Benj. & John Whiteheads' do.		20.12
" " "	" " Same do.		21.02
(24) " "	To paid M. V. Eley, part of balance due her on settlement of Thos. Hall's accts. her former guardian - as per rect.	906.01	
(4) " Octo: 1	By amts. of Saul. Betts, Bond Int.		106.29
" " "	" " J. M. Saunders' do.		27.96
" " "	" " Benj & Bro. Whiteheads' do.		22.00
" " "	" " James Eley's		31.92
" " "	" " B. C. Eley's do.		238.17
" " "	" " John Babb's do.		7.42
(24) " "	To paid John A. Hall, Bal. due him on settlement of Thos. Hall's accts. as former Gdn.: and also as administrator of ward's brother I. J. Hall decd. as per rect.	434.73	
" Nov: 4	" 5 pr. Comms. on \$4535.38 - collected & disbursed by Executors since last annual rest.	226.77	
" "	By Balance due Executors		107.11
		\$4773.98	\$4773.98

over.

1866	)				
Nov: 4	)	To Balance due the Executors	)		
		at last annual rest brot: on	\$	107.	11
1867: Aug 17	"	paid W. L. Riddick, Spl. Commr.	)		
(24.)		part of fee for these accts: &c.	\$	20.	00
" Octo: 18	"	Int: on \$107. 11 bal. due Exrs:			
		at last Annual rest. from Nov:			
		4 th 1866. to Octo: 18 th 1867.		6.	14
" "		By Bal. of Prin. due Executors			
		to date.	)		
				\$ 133.	25
				~~\$ 133.~~	~~25~~
				~~\$ 133.~~	~~25~~

1867	{				
Octo 18	To Bal. of Prin. & Int. due Exec.				
	utors brot: down		\$	133.	25

(B.)

An account of the legacies and distributees
of Thomas Hall, deceased, with N. P. Young
and Hardy Chapman, Executors and quasi
guardians.

(1.)

Dr. Francis B. Hall, orphan & distributee of Thomas Hall decd.
In acct. with N. P. Young & Hardy Chapman, Exrs. &
quasi guardian. Cr.

1863: Nov: 4	The Exrs. qualified -			
1865: Mar: 9	To paid Josiah P. Gay per aut. & rec.			
(6.)	in C.S. Currency - \$120.00 -			
	worth at the time in U.S. Currency.	\$ 4. 80		
" Nov: 4	By Bal. due the Exrs.		\$ 4. 80	
		\$ 4. 80	\$ 4. 80	
1865: Nov: 4	To Bal. due Exrs. brot on	\$ 4. 80		
1866: Feb: 7	" Cash paid as authorised by order			
(4.)	of J. of Wight Co. Ct: per recd. S	125. 00		
" Nov: 4	" Average of interest on advancements	5. 00		
" "	By Bal. due the Exrs.		\$ 134. 80	
		\$ 134. 80	\$ 134. 80	
1866: Nov: 4	To Bal. due Exrs: brot on	\$ 134. 80		
1867: Jan: 1	By Rent of Land for 1866 & counte. sold (4)		\$ 108. 62	
" Octo: 18	To average of int: on Bal. due Exrs.	2. 20		
" "	By Bal due Exrs -		28. 38	
	122	\$ 137. 00	\$ 137. 00	
1867: Octo: 18	To Bal. due Exrs - brot down (4)	\$ 28. 38		

(2.)

Dr. Joseph W. Hall, orphan of Thomas Hall. Secd.

In acct: with N. P. Young & Hardy Chapman, Exrs. & quasi guardians.

1863: Nov: 4	The Exrs. qualified			
1865: Jan: 1	By rent of land - 1864 - in C. S. Currency - (2.)			
	\$396 - worth when recd. in U. S. cur.			\$ 17. 60
" "	To Spr. Ct. Comms. on \$17. 60	\$ 8. 88		
" Nov: 4	" Bal. due Jos. W. Hall -	16. 72		
		\$ 17. 60	\$ 17. 60	
1865: Nov: 4	By Bal. due Jos. W. Hall b't on			\$ 16. 72
1866: Jan: 1	" Rent. of land 1865 - U. S. Cur. (2.)			105. 36
" " 22	To paid Geo. F. Hall per acct: b't - (2.)	\$ 2. 50		
" Feb: 26	" " Georgiana Hall do. do. (2.)	15. 00		
" Nov: 4	" Spr. Coms. on \$105. 36 -	5. 27		
" "	By Int: on last Bal. 12 mos:			1. 00
" "	" average of Int. on rect. in this year's transactions			4. 50
" "	To Bal. due Jos. W. Hall.	104. 81		
		\$ 127. 58	\$ 127. 58	
1866: Nov: 4	By Bal. due Jos. W. Hall at ann. rest b't on			\$ 104. 81
1867: Jan: 1	" Rent of Land - 1866 - U. S. Currency (2.)			100. 00
" "	To paid C. Hall for board & tuition per rect. (2.)	\$ 154. 86		
" (C.) Mar: 5	" " Dr. W. S. Chapman Med. Acct: do.	2. 75		
" Octo: 18	By average of Int: on last Bal & rect. -			2. 25
	Annu: cand. on	\$ 154. 61	\$ 207. 06	

1867: Oct: 18	amts: brot: on from page -	\$ 154. 61	\$ 207. 06
" "	To 5 pr. Ct. Comm. on \$102.25 - recd -	5. 41	
" "	" Balance due Jos. W. Hall -	47. 34	
		\$ 207. 06	\$ 207. 06

1867: Oct: 18	By Balance due Jos. W. Hall brot down		\$ 47. 34
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(3.)

Dr. Anginetta Hall, orphan of Thos. Hall decd.

In acct. with N.P. Young & Hardy Chapman.

Exrs. and quasi guardians ~

Cr.

1863: Nov: 4	The Exrs. qualified		
1864: Nov: 4	To cash advanced C. S. Currency \$55. for Cotton yarn & writing paper - worth at the time in U. S. Currency - (C.)	\$ 3. 15	
" "	By Bal. due the Exrs.		\$ 3. 15
		\$ 3. 15	\$ 3. 15

1864: Nov 4	To Bal. due the Executors brot on	\$ 3. 15	
1865: Aug: 1	" Cash for Comb & Cotton Cloth - (C.)	5. 60	
" Nov: 4	" paid Hardy Chapman for board for 6 mos & 3 days @ \$10 pr. mo. (24)	61. 00	
" "	By Balance due the Exrs.		\$ 69. 75
		\$ 69. 75	\$ 69. 75

over:

1865: Nov. 4	To Bal. due the Exrs. at last ann. rest brot on				\$ 69.75
1866: Feb. 7	" paid V. A. Sturtevant for tuition per acct (16)				7.50
(16)" May 16	" " S. H. Holmes for 6 mos. board 1865				48.00
" Nov. 4	" Int: on Bal. due Exrs at ann. rest 12 mos:				4.18
" "	" Average of Int: on Expenditures -				1.50
" "	By Bal. due the Executors			\$ 130.93	
				\$ 130.93	\$ 130.93

1866: Nov. 4	To Balance due the Executors at ann. rest brot: on				\$ 130.93
1867: Mar. 4 *	" paid L. B. Edwards per acct: Dec 17/6				64.25
" " 5	" " Dr. W. S. Chapman Med. acct. & do (16)				22.66
" Octo: 18	" Int: on \$ 130.93, bal. due Exrs. at ann. rest: from Nov: 4 * 1866 -				7.49
" "	" Average of Int: on Expenditures in this acct:				3.00
" "	By Bal. due the Executors			\$ 228.33	
				\$ 228.33	\$ 228.33

1867: Octo: 18 To Balance due the Exrs' brot. down. \$ 228.33


 * (21.) 10. \$51.00
 (16.) " 13.25
\$64.25

This Child's lands given to her by the will of her father. Thos. Hall
 decd. has been assigned to Susan W. Kitchen, late widow of
 said Hall, who renounced the provisions of the will ^{one half} as her
 absolute property and a right of dower in the other half.
 Hence no credit in this acct: No. 3 - to Ang. Hall.

(C.)
List of Bonds belonging to the Estate of Thomas
Hall decd. reported by N. P. Young and Hardy
Chapman, Executors:

Bond - Executed by Elisha Whitley - dated Dec. 11 th 1860			
	due Dec. 25 th 1861	for	\$ 16. 37
"	do. John Hall - due Jan'y 2 nd 1861	do.	\$254. 13
	Cr: Aug. 30/62 \$125. - Octo. 2/62 \$111.35		
"	do. James Johnson, Pat. Pearce & Thos. Pearce & Co		
	due Mar: 11/61	for	\$ 10. 99
John Wadsworth	~~do. James Johnson - due Dec 25/62~~	~~do.~~	~~25.00~~
"	do. Exam L. Eley - due Dec. 25/63 -	do.	50. 00
"	do. Same due Dec: 25/63	do.	85. 00
"	do. James M. Saunders, Thos. H. &		
	Thos. M. Saunders - due Dec 25 th /63	do.	80. 00
"	do. Sarah Hall - due Dec 1 st /61	do.	93. 31
"	do R. D. Marshall due Dec. 25 th /63	do.	45. 00
"	do. Rich ^d . H. Latimer due Octo: 1/60	do.	8. 00
"	do. Thos. B. Jenkins & Jas. R. Purvis		
	due Dec 25/60	do.	100. 00
	Cr: May 1 st 1861 - \$30 -		
"	do. Timothy E. Langston, due June 30/62		1355. 68
	Cr: June 21 st 1863 \$606.28		
"	do. Geo. W. Hall - due Apl. 16/57		12. 00
"	do. Nathan Hall - due Feby 1/61 -		62. 27
"	do. Jas. W. Eley - due Nov: 13/58		6. 12
"	do. John Brasel - due Mar. 2/59 -		4. 56
"	do. Same - due Sep. 1/58 -		6. 44

Bond	Executed by Benj. Coggin - due Feby. 25/58 -	for	\$ 3.77
"	do. Jas. Butler & E. Lewis - due Nov: 19/59 -	do.	40.00
"	do. Elisha Whitley - due Apl. 22/6 -	do.	25.00
"	do. Abram Vellines - due Jan'y. 1/60 -	do	30.00
"	do. C. B. Hayden - due Mar. 22/59 -	do.	627.21
	Cr: July 4/59 \$57.50 - Jan'y. 2/60 \$400 -		
	Jan'y. 17/60 \$36.40 - Dec. 5/60 \$38 - Apl 1/61 \$100.		
"	do. Same - due June 19/61	for	11.55
"	do. John M. Gay - due Mar. 26/59	do.	10.78
	Cr: May 24/60 \$2.50 -		
"	do. Allen Edwards, Davis Edwards, J. R. Carson & Mills Daniel - due Mar 21/52 -	for	275.00
	Cr: Nov. 4/57 \$204.24 - Octo - '58 \$27.45 - ——— \$24.61		
"	do. Martha - Bal. due May 22/1850 -		15.12
"	do. Jas. M. Holland - due Apl. 2/58		19.25
	(R. G. Darden's Bond on Inventory for \$50 - due Dec. 25/63 - paid by Darden to M. V. Eley - late ward of Thos. Hall decd.)		
"	Executed by James Gray - due Jan'y 4/63 (in suit) for		187.50
"	do. Thos. H. Saunders - due Apl. 1/61 (in suit) do.		100.00
	Cr: Jan'y. 8/62 \$65 -		
"	do. Same - due Dec. 25/61 (in suit) do.		110.00
"	do. Madison Redd - due Feby. 8/59 (in suit) do.		299.30
	Cr: Feby. 6/60 \$69.87 - Jan'y. 8/62 \$32.60		
"	do. Thos. Joyner - due Nov: 20/57	for.	300.00
	(Against this Bond Thos. Joyner holds offsets to full amt. of Bond.		

Continued.

Bond	Executed by Willis D. Butler, due Octo. 27/60 for	\$ 240. 00
	Cr: Mar: 11/61/20 - Apl. 13/61/20 - (in suit.)	
"	do. S. G. Eddins - due Dec. 28/59 - (in suit) for	2000. 00
"	do. John Barham - due Mar. 16/62 (in suit) do.	57. 00
	N. P. Young's Check on Farmers Bank of Va - dated July 30/63 - for	141. 23
	Deposit to Cr. of Thos. Hall, in Suffolk Savings Bank - Nov. 27/61	2872. 82

Bonds payable to Harrison Joyner, found
in the possession of Thos. Hall at his death, and
reported as his property by the Executors -

Bond	Executed by John Dutton - due Feb. 22/54 - for	\$ 20. 00
"	do. Same - due June 20/53 do.	200. 00
"	do. Jas. J. Williams & Jas. M. Gurley - due Feb. 27/52 do.	17. 50
"	do. Patrick Rowe due Mar. 7/57 - for	20. 00
"	do. Diza Cobb - due Mar. 16/59 do.	4. 00
"	do. John Minutford - due Mar. 31/52 do.	7. 25
"	do. Jas. N. Bell - due July 20/60 do.	16. 75
"	do. Peter B. Prentiss & R. R. Prentiss - due Octo. 20/57 do.	210. 00
	Cr: Sep. 14/55 - \$50.40 - Feb. 10 th 1862 \$100 -	5
"	do. Elijah Joyner - due Dec. 1/57 for	3. 25
"	do. Same - due Aug. 12/58	3. 00
"	do. George Griffin - due Nov. 26/57 - for	7. 00
"	do. Jerry Cobb - due Mar. 21/36 for	90. 35
"	do. James Gardner - due June 8 th /49 - do.	6. 00
"	do. Solomon Johnson & Catherine Edwards - due Apr. 4/49 do.	4. 25
Receipt	do. Chambliss & Maffentney, Attys. for E. F. & Simon Murphy's Bonds dated July 5/54 - Recd. dated Octo. 21/61 -	361. 10

A list of articles allowed to Susan M. Ketchen, late widow of Thomas Hall, decd, under the "Poor Law", with their value commuted in money.

1 Horse or Mule -	value -	\$100. 00
1 Cow	do.	20. 00
1 Bed &c. (recd. in kind - see H. Chapman's dep.)		
1 Table	value	10. 00
6 Chairs	do.	6. 00
6 Knives & 6 Forks	do.	3. 00
6 Plates	do.	1. 50
2 Dishes	do.	1. 00
2 Basins	do.	1. 00
1 Pot & 1 Oven	do.	3. 00
6 Pieces Earthenware	do.	3. 00
1 Loom &c	do.	25. 00
1 Spinning Wheel	do.	7. 50
1 Pair Cards	do.	2. 00
1 Axe	do.	1. 75
1 Hoe	do.	1. 00
5 Barrels Corn (recd. in kind - see H. Chapman's dep.)		
5 Bushels wheat or 1 Bl. Flour value -		15. 00
200 lbs. Bacon (recd. in kind - see H. Chapman's dep.)		
Storage (recd. in kind - see same -)		
1 Cooking Stove &c.		25. 00
		\$225. 75

7.
Kitcher & wife

vs. J. In Chy.

Thos. Hall's Exrs. & als.

This day Hardy Chapman, one of the Executors of Thomas Hall decd. personally appeared before me, and made oath that the bonds found in the possession of Thos. Hall decd. - that were payable to Harrison Joyner decd. - belonged to the Estate of said Thomas Hall decd., as he was told by said Hall in his life-time that he Hall & Timothy E. Langston his Co-Executor had divided said bonds belonging to Harrison Joyner's Estate, they being also legatees of said Joyner.

Hardy Chapman

Given under my hand this 13th day of August. 1869

W. L. Riddick

Com. in Chy.

State of Virginia

Nansemond County, Writ:

J. W. L. Riddick, a special Commissioner of the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County in the said state, do hereby certify that the foregoing depositions were taken and subscribed before me at the times and places mentioned therein.

Given under my hand this 9th day of July 1867.

W. L. Riddick

Sh. Court in Chy.

Costs:

Witnesses - J. E. Langston - attendance 50 ^c - mileage 16 miles	\$1.28
	Total \$1.78
" Harry Chapman do 50. do. 14 do.	Total \$1.62
Mrs. Mary J. Edwards do. 50. do. 14 do.	Total \$1.62
Geo. W. Eley do. 50 ^c do. 16 do.	\$1.78
Richard Clements do. 50 ^c do. 17 do. & for 10 ^c	\$1.96
Thos. J. Clements do. 50 ^c do. 16 do.	\$1.78
Wm. Hall do. 50 ^c do. 17 do.	\$1.86
Shff J. of W. Co - E. L. Eley - serving summons &c. 5 copies notice	2.60
Same do. " do. 9 witnesses	1.80
Shff. Hans d. Co. Wm. Eley do. 1 witness	20
Witness H. H. Womble - attens. 50 ^c mileage 20 miles	Total 2.10
Sergh. Nor. City W. B. Begg ~~advising. &c. by Enam. witness~~	.20
Total -	\$19.20

Question by Defts' Atty:

Did you have any conversation with Mrs. Susan Kitchen, your brother's widow, regarding this money, and if so, what did you say to her?

Answer: During her widowhood she spoke of selling Thomas Hall's Estate for this money, and she told me that she intended to have me summoned as her witness, when I told her that Thomas Hall did not have any specie and that he had spent the same in buying the last big drove of hogs - the last he ever bought, and I told her that she knew she had no specie, and that if she brought suit it would just be throwing away her money.

2nd Question -

After Thomas Hall's death, were not his children in straitened circumstances, and often found it difficult to procure the necessaries of life.

Answer: I knew that they lived poor and were hard run - very different from what they had been previously accustomed to.

And further this deponent saith not.
 William Hall of John

17 miles

Answer. I was familiar with his business transactions in a general way, and frequently talked with him about these matters.

3rd. Question.

Did you know, or did you ever hear your brother say, that he kept a large amount of money in specie, or banknotes in his possession, and if so, do you know what became of the same after his death?

~~Answer:~~ ~~or~~, do you know of his having any specie at all, and if so what became of it?

Answer: I do not know how much specie my brother had, or banknotes. My brother bought a large drove of hogs, either in 1861 or 1862, after the war began, and he told me that he had sold all his specie and purchased paper money to pay for the hogs, and that he then had to borrow \$500 of Josiah Britt to finish paying for the hogs. I never heard him speak afterwards of his having any specie, and do not believe he had any.

4th Question.

What became of the bacon made from the hogs bought at the time you mention, and if sold, for what kind of money?

Answer. The bacon was sold by me principally, as the agent of my brother, to ~~the~~ Mr. Todd and others, agents of the Confederate government, and for Confederate money.

(Cross examined by Dep't Atty.

and further this deponent saith not.

Thos. J. Flinn

10 miles -

The further taking of these depositions in this cause is adjourned to the 9th day of July, 1867, at the same place, and between the aforesaid hours of 6 A. M. & 6 P. M.

Commissioner's Office

July 9th 1867

Pursuant to the above adjournment, the further taking of depositions in this cause was continued; and William Hall, who had been summoned on behalf of the plaintiffs, after being first duly sworn, deposes and saith as follows:

Present: Jas. R. Kelly Atty. for Deft.

1st Question. (by Spl. Commissioner)

What is your age, and what relation were you to Thomas Hall deceased?

Answer. I am fifty eight years old, and Thomas Hall, deceased was my brother.

2nd Question.

Were you familiar with the business affairs of your deceased brother, and did he often or ever converse with you about the same?

in Sale of Wright County, and for the whole time at
the farm in Southampton County. ^(in presence of)
(Crop examined by Plaintiff's Counsel).

1st Question.

Did Mrs. Hall, the widow, at any time to my own
knowledge, claim the articles allotted to her by
the poor law, and were they assigned to her?

Answer: At the sale at the County of Southamp-
ton, Mrs. Hall stated that she did not intend to
abide the provisions of the will, and that she
claimed the benefit of the poor law. Of my own
knowledge I do not know what articles were assigned
to her; there were several articles of furniture not sold.

2nd Question.

Do you know anything of Thomas Hall's money,
or who received it during his last sickness?

Answer: I do not.

3rd Question.

Did you know, or ever hear, that the children
of Thomas Hall had shaken gold or specie at
persons, and stated where they got it from.

Answer: I do not know of my own knowledge -
but I have heard Richard Clements say that a
bag containing specie was shaken at him by Miss
Georgiana Hall.

(The above question and answer, on motion of
the Counsel for the legatees, is excluded from the
record, as being hearsay and irrelevant).

Thomas J. Clements, examined on behalf of the Executors of Thomas Hall decd. being duly sworn on the Evangelists of Almighty God, de-
poath & saith as follows.

1st Question by Counsel for Executors.

Were you present at the examination of the papers and money found in the house of Thomas Hall after his death, and who assisted at the examination, and by whose request were you present, and what amount of money and of what kind was found?

Answer: I was present at the house of Thomas Hall decd., at the request of Hardy Chapman one of the Executors, on the day after the funeral, with H. H. Wemble & Hardy Chapman, and the box containing money & papers was produced to us, being together, by Miss Georgianna Hall, now Mrs. Bridson, and in the presence of Mrs. Hall, the widow, and there & there the papers and money were examined & counted. It fell to my lot to count the money, and to the best of my recollection it amounted to upwards of three thousand dollars in Confederate treasury notes - no bank money, gold or silver was exhibited to us.

2nd Question - by same:

Were you auctioneer at the sale of Thomas Hall's property?

Answer: I was for one day at the home place

in a bag, and what was said to you on the occasion, and ~~when~~ if so, when did this occur?
Answer: I saw in July, 1865, Miss Georgianna Hall pay to Dr. Chapman some specie - silver less than a dollar, for some articles he had purchased for her. No member of the family ever showed any specie in a bag, or otherwise, at me.

And further this deponent saith not.
Richard Clements

27 miles & foreign

H. H. Merrill att. 100 miles 20 miles

(Counsel for the Executor and Legatees
except to so much of the foregoing depo-
sitions as contain the statements of Thomas
Hall, decd, and as hearsay)

~~He~~ had in the cellar, and she, after his death dug for it and found none, and that it would never be found.

And further this deponent saith not.

Geo. W. Ely

Richard Clements, being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, deposes and saith as follows:

1st Question by Pltff's Counsel:

Were you intimate with Mr Thomas Hall and his family?

Answer: I was.

2nd Question by same

Where were you during the last sickness of Mr. Thomas Hall?

Answer: I was in the Confederate army.

3rd Question by the same.

Were you aware that Mr. Hall was in possession of specie or bank money during his last sickness?

Answer: I do not know anything about what sort of money he had.

4th Question by the same.

Did you see any specie or any ^{Bank} money in the possession of any member of Mr Hall's family, and did any such member shake at you specie

and who carried it ⁴ away? And did you help?
Answer: I do not know who killed it - there were two or three persons present when it was being skinned - I recollect a negro boy belonging to Hall's Estate being present - and Miss Georgianna Hall - who said that they - the family - had nothing to eat and the beef was killed for the use of the family. This was after the sale but before the end of the year. I had rented the place for the next year & was moving in, but Mr Hall's family still occupied the premises.

7th Question by same.

From the time of the sale, or during the next year or thereafter, did you not see cattle ranging about the premises not your own?

Answer: I did, but do not know to whom they belonged.

8th Question, by same

Did not some of the members of Mr Hall's family, or his Executors, or any one, take and carry away any of the cattle you saw so ranging about?

Answer: Not that I know of.

9th Question by same.

State what occurred concerning the search for specie in the house, and on the premises, and what was said by any of the legates on that occasion?

Answer: Miss Georgianna said that her father had some gold or silver, which he had at one time

George W. Eley, being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, deposes and saith as follows:

1st Question by Pltffs' Counsel.

State what property, if any, was left unsold at the sale of Thomas Hall's property - at the home place in Sale of Wright County?

Answer: I know nothing of my own knowledge.

2nd Question by same.

Was there not a horse left there after the sale?

Answer: Not that I know of.

3rd Question by same.

Were there not cows, or oxen left there after the sale?

Answer: Not that I know of.

4th Question by same

Did you rent the farm the next year after Thomas Hall's death, and did you see any cattle after you went there?

Answer: I did rent the farm, but saw no cows or oxen belonging to Hall's Estate that I know of.

5th Question by same

Did you see any cattle, not your own, on the premises, after you went there? or ranging about there?

Answer: I saw no cattle other than my own, except a dead beef.

6th Question by same.

Who killed that beef, who cleaned & skinned it

and further this deponent saith not.

H. Chapman

Mrs. Mary F. Edwards being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, deposeth and saith as follows:

1st. Question by Plaintiff's Counsel.

How far did you live from the late Thomas Hall, and were you intimate with the family?

Answer: I lived about a mile, and I was intimate with the family, being a niece of Mr. Hall.

2nd. Question by same.

Were there any articles of bed clothing, or otherwise sent to your house to be kept, before the death of Mr. Hall, or afterwards, and by whom sent and by whom claimed afterwards?

Answer: There was a small bed but no clothing sent to my house a short time before the sale, about twilight of the day sent. brought by a negro boy belonging to Thomas Hall. I suppose Mrs. Bridson claimed it as she carried it away. There was also a small box of earthenware sent, and afterwards carried away by one of the young ladies, I do not now remember which.

and further this deponent saith not.

Mary F. Edwards

14 miles

law. I know that corn & fodder was assigned to her, and think that pork and a bed was also so assigned. There was no horse, mule or ox assigned, as all the horses were sold.

(Counsel for ~~delegates~~ excepts to so much of the above Questions and answers, as contains statements of Thomas Hall or others, as hearsay testimony)

Cross-examined by Counsel for defence.

1st Question.

When you first had access to the papers & money of Thomas Hall after his death, who were with you?

Answer: Henry H. Wornble and Thomas J. Clements.

2nd Question.

Did they examine the papers & money with you?

Answer: The box ~~containing~~ money & papers was not produced until they arrived, when we examined them together. I had requested them to meet me there on that day. I first then knew of the provisions of the will, and how he had disposed of his property.

3rd Question.

Did not Mr. Hall in his life-time speak and act in a boastful manner sometimes, about his money and estate?

Answer: He did frequently in a jocular way.

3.

What kind of money, and how much, came into your hands as one of Thomas Hall's Executors, and what disposition was made of it?

Answer: It was in Confederate money, and it was ^{between} twelve hundred & two thousand dollars. It will appear on the account of sales. Mr. Young, my Co-Executor had the money, and I do not now recollect the exact amount.

6th Question by same:

Were you informed on the day of sale that property that should have been sold was not produced to be sold, and what kind, and by whom informed?

Answer: I was informed by Mrs. Hall on the day of sale that some table cloths, bed covers, and I think a piece of carpeting, had not been produced. ~~that they were in the young ladies' chamber~~ I told her that if she would produce them they should be sold. She went into the ^{Young Ladies'} Chamber, but did not find them ^{there}. I suppose as she did not produce them, and the young ladies told me they had nothing in their chamber but the beds and furniture belonging to them that their father had given them.

7th Question, by the same

Did you not sell as Executor, at the farm in Southampton, all the personal ^{property} found there as that of Mr. Hall your testator?

Answer: I sold all that came to my view, except such as was claimed by Mr. Hall under the poor

Mr. Hall about the money that their father had stated to you he had given them - if so, what did you learn, and from whom?

Answer: I talked with the two older ones - Georgianna & Caroline, about it, but they both denied positively ever having received any such money from their father. I had no conversation with the younger ones.

3rd Question, by same.

Did they, or either of them, admit that they had received any money from any other person, but coming from their father?

Answer: They never admitted having received any money in this way.

4th Question, by same:

Did you know, or had you reason to believe, that any of these children had money, either before or immediately after their father's death?

Answer: I did not know, nor had I reason to believe that they had money; on the contrary, they lived very near to me - in about a mile - and I visited them frequently, and judging from appearances I had reason to believe that they were very much in want of money - scarcely being able to procure the necessaries of life. I do not mean to say that they found difficulty in procuring their necessaries, but only that appearances indicated a scarcity of money.

5th Question by same:

Thomas Hall, but I knew no more about his money affairs than any other neighbor knew. I had no conversation with him about his money matters, except on one occasion, when at his house during his last sickness, when he told his daughter, now Mrs. Biddson, to bring him a small box from another room, which she did and left as alone in the room together. Hall took from this box his will and read that portion of his will relative to the bequest made his wife; and said that he had given ten thousand dollars to his older children to be divided among the whole, when the younger ones arrived at the proper age: he did not say what kind of money it was, that he wished them to share equally. Speaking of what he had given his wife in his will, he said that if she wanted more, she could buy it - that she had plenty of money that would pass dollar for dollar. I ^{had} learned from him ^{before} that I was to be his Executor, or one of them, but I cannot say that these communications were made with any view to my being such Executor. I had no reason to know that Thomas Hall had much money. I had only supposed so, from ^{his} being an active, prudent and ^{thriving} ~~business~~ ^{business} man. He speculated occasionally in pork but never very extensively - hardly ever ^{buying} exceeding a hundred head of hogs a season.

2nd. Question: by same.

Did you ever talk with any of the children of

who seemed to be very fond of her. I asked the question why this was so, and Mrs. Hall replied that the girls had not sat at table with her for some time, and that they thought no more of her than they did of the cook. Mr. Hall was present at the time and said nothing. These Children had great influence with their father.

And further this deponent saith not.
(Signed) J. E. Langston

16 miles.

Hardy Chapman, one of the Executors of Thomas Hall decd, and a defendant in the cause, was called by Plaintiffs Counsel, and being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, deposeth and saith as follows:

1st Question: by Plaintiffs Counsel:

Were you intimate with Thomas Hall decd, and his affairs? And did you not have frequent conversations with him about his money matters during his last sickness? And what information did you gain from him touching these matters? Were these communications made to you in the expectation that you would be one of his Executors? Did you have reason to know that he had money - how much and of what kind - during his last sickness?

Answer: I was personally intimate with

(Counsel for defence except to so much of above answer as contains the statements of Thomas Hall.)

5th Question by same. Was not Thomas Hall engaged up to the time of the late war in pork and other speculations, and which required the use of a considerable amount of money?

Answer: He was so engaged in such speculations.

6th Question by same. Do you know of any other matter touching Thomas Hall being disposed of money?

Answer: I do not

7th Question by same. Do you know of any one related to, or connected with, Thomas Hall, who received money or anything ~~else~~ from him, directly or indirectly, during his last sickness?

Answer: I do not.

8th Question by same. Did Thomas Hall and his wife, one of the plaintiffs in this cause, live at different places during his last sickness? If so, state the reasons for their so living apart?

Answer: From the statements of the parties I learned that their so living apart arose from difficulties with Thomas Hall's children by a former wife. Mr. Hall stated to me that his children did not treat their mother-in-law with proper respect. On one occasion I was at Hall's house, and witnessed the fact that his children did not sit down at table with Mrs. Hall - except the youngest, a small boy,

sister, and we were intimate. It was about two months before his death that I saw him for the last time - he then being quite feeble, and having been so for some time before, and he then remarked to me that he did not expect to live but a short time.

3rd Question by same. Did you know that Thomas Hall was possessed of any money, and of what kind, during his last sickness?

Answer: I do not know that Thomas Hall had any money. He offered to loan, and urged me to ^{borrow} ~~take~~, the last time I saw him, ten thousand dollars - five thousand in Bank money and five thousand in Confederate money - which he desired me to take and said I could have it as long as I wanted it and without interest.

(Counsel for defense excepts to so much of the above answer as contains the statements of Thomas Hall)

4th Question by same. Was not Thomas Hall a money making, thriving man? And up to the beginning of his sickness did he not have the command of money?

Answer: I always thought so. I never saw him have much money except on one occasion, when he had bought some pork, two or three years before the war, when he seemed to have a large amount of money, and to a jovial remark of mine as to the large quantity, he replied that it was not half that he had.

Kitchen v. et al. { The Depositions of Timothy E. Langston
v. et al. { Hardy Chapman
Hall's Executors and others, taken before me, W. L. Peardick
a Special Commissioner in Chancery for the
Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County, pursuant
to the notice hereto annexed, and adjournments,
at the office of said W. L. Peardick in the Town
of Suffolk, on the 12th day of March, 1867, between
the hours of 6 A. M. & 6 P. M. to be read as evi-
dence on behalf of Arnold Kitchen & wife in a
Certain suit in Equity depending ⁱⁿ the said Circuit Court
of Isle of Wight County, wherein the said Arnold
Kitchen and wife are plaintiffs, and Hardy Chapman
& A. P. Young, Executors of Thomas Hall dec'd, and
others, are defendants:

Present: Robert H. Whitfield, Atty. for Plaintiffs
Char. B. Hayden {
Geo. R. Kilby { Attys. for Defendants.

Timothy E. Langston being duly sworn on the
Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, deposes and saith as
follows:

1st Question by Pltff's Atty: What is your age?

Answer: I am forty three years old.

2nd Question by same: Were you intimate with
Thomas Hall, now dead, and how long before his death
did you see him?

Answer: Thomas Hall and myself married

Kitchen street.

no. of subp.

Hall's Ex. et al.

Presented March 11th 1867 & a true copy hereof
delivered to Clementine Chapman
Thos Day M

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of ~~Isle of Wight~~ ^{Nauseam} County—Greeting.

WE COMMAND YOU to summon

Timothy Langston

my special Commissioner
to appear before ~~the~~ of the *Circuit* Court of the County of Isle of Wight,
my office in the town of Suffolk
at the ~~Court house~~, on the *12th* day of *March* 1867, to testify and the truth

to say in behalf of *Arnold Kitchen & wife*
in a certain *Suit in Chancery* in said Court pending and undetermined,

between *said Kitchen & wife* *Complainants*
and *Jos. Hall's Executors and others* defendant,

and this *he* shall in no wise omit under the penalty of £100. And have then
there this writ.

W. L. Riddick, Spl. Commissioner of
Witness, ~~NATHANIEL P. YOUNG, Clerk of said Court~~, this *5th* day of *March*

A. D. 1867, in the

91st

year of the Commonwealth.

W. L. Riddick
Spl. Comm.

Kitchen etwp.

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Halli Exr. etali.

Executed by delivering
a Copy of the within
Summons to Richard
Almon to 12th March 1873

E. M. Hare
deputy

for W. Duggo
Lsg

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

Sergeant Norfolk City
To the ~~Sherriff~~ of ~~Isle of Wight County~~ Greeting.

WE COMMAND YOU to summon

Richard Clements

was a Special Commissioner
to appear before ~~the~~ of the *Circuit* Court of the County of Isle of Wight,
my office in the town of Suffolk
at ~~the~~ on the *12th* day of *March* 1867, to testify and the truth

to say in behalf of *Arnold Kitchen & wife*
in a certain *Suit in Chancery* in said Court pending and undetermined,
between *Said Kitchen & wife* *Complainants*
and *Mrs. Halli' Egn. and others* defendants,
and this *he* shall in no wise omit under the penalty of £100. And have then

there this writ.

W. L. Riddick, Spl. Commissioner of
Witness, ~~W. L. Riddick, P. Young~~, Clerk of our said Court, this *5th* day of *March*

A. D. 1867, in the

91st

year of the Commonwealth.

W. L. Riddick
Spl. Comm.

Received by delivery a true copy
to Henry H. Womble Thos. Schmitt
Geo. H. Hall & Charles H. Darden
on the 5th March 1867

George W. Clay William Hale
Mary Edwards wife of Thomas
Edwards & Martha Hall daughter
of William Hall March 7th 1857

Samuel Clay Shiff
Wm. S. E. Fowler Esq.

Kitchen Stays.

n: Gough.

Hall's Ex. Hall.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Isle of Wight County—Greeting.

WE COMMAND YOU to summon *Timothy Langston, Thomas J. Clements, Richard Clements, George F. Hall, George W. Eley, H. Womble, William Hall, Mary Edwards, wife of Thos. Edwards, Martha Hall (daughter of Wm. Hall) Virginia Eley & Charles H. Darden* me, a Special Commissioner to appear before ~~the~~ of the *Circuit* Court of the County of Isle of Wight,

at ~~my office, in the Town of Suffolk~~ *my office, in the Town of Suffolk* on the *12th* day of *March* 186*7*, to testify and the truth

to say in behalf of *Arnold Kitchen wife*

in a certain *Suit in Chancery* in said Court pending and undetermined,

between *Said Kitchen wife* — *Complainants,*

and *Thos. Hall's Executors and others* — *defendants,*

and this *They* — shall in no wise omit under the penalty of £100. And have then

there this writ.

Witness, *W. L. Riddick, Special Commissioner of* said Court, this *8th* day of *March*

A. D. 186*7*, in the _____ year of the Commonwealth.

W. L. Riddick
Special Commr.

Kitchen & wife vs: Halli' Exr. & others.

Isle of Wight County Clerk's office. March 5th 1867.

Pursuant to the annexed notice, the Special Commissioner named in the decree, attended at Isle of Wight County Clerk's Office, for the purpose of taking, stating & settling the accounts required by said decree, and the same having been begun, was adjourned and continued, to the office of the Special Commr. in the Town of Suffolk, on Tuesday, the 12th day of March 1867 - this being done owing to the absence of witnesses for the Complainants, and for the convenience and at the instance of Counsel for the Plaintiffs.

M. L. Riddick

Spl. Commr.

Executed by delivering a true copy
to Hardy Chapman Arnold Kitchen
N P Young as for N P Young as Guar
addition Sydney Birdsong & Georgina
his wife Feb 23rd 1867

\$2.50 Shff for

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miles & Powell
Dept-

Kitchen et seq.

vs. E. M. Lee & Co.

Attest: E. M. Lee & Co.

Feb. 23rd 1867: I certify that I this day executed this
Notice by delivering a copy hereof to John M. Shepherd, the
husband of Caroline M. Hall.

M. L. Riddick,
Clerk in Chy.

Commissioner's Office,

Suffolk, Va. Feby 5th 1867

To

Arnold Kitchen, and Susan M. his wife }
(who was Susan M. Hall. } Complainants

(and) In Chancery

Hardy Chapman & N. P. Young, Executors of }
the last will and testament of Thomas Hall }
decd., Caroline M. Hall, A. Sidney Birdsong, & }
Georgianna, his wife, who was Georgianna Hall, }
Francis B. Hall, Angerutta Hall, and Joseph }
W. Hall, the last three infants. } Defendants

You are hereby notified that I have fixed upon the 3rd day of March, next (Tuesday) if fair, if not the next fair day thereafter (Sunday excepted) to take and settle, at the Clerk's Office of Isle of Wright County, the following accounts directed and required to be taken by the decree of Isle of Wright Circuit Court, rendered on the 5th day of October, 1866, in a suit in Chancery depending in said Court, in which you are parties, Complainants & Defendants. viz:

- 1st. An Account of the transactions of Hardy Chapman and N. P. Young, Executors of Thomas Hall, decd.
- 2nd. An Account of the personal Estate bequeathed by the last Will and Testament of Harrison Joyner, decd. to the said Thomas Hall and Susan M. his wife.
- 3rd. And a Distributee account, shewing the amounts due the legatees & distributees of said Hall, decd.

And in making up said accounts (the Decree directs) the Commissioner is at liberty ^{to examine} any one, or any, or all of the parties to the suit. — At which time and place you are required to attend.

Given under my hand, as Special Commissioner appointed by said Court, the day and year first aforesaid.

M. L. Riddick
Special Com^r. &c.

Arnold Kitchin & wife
copy drawn
for acct.

as
Hall & als.

In the Circuit Court held for Isle of Wight County October the ^{19th} 1866.

Arnold Kitchen and Susan M his wife (who was Susan M Hall) Comptts.

Against

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3 In Chancery

Harvey Chapman & N. P. Young Executors of the last will and Testament of Thomas Hall decd? Caroline M Hall, A. Sidney Birdsong & Georgianna his wife who was Georgianna Hall, Francis B. Hall, Angemilla Hall & Joseph W. Hall the last three infants. Defts

This Cause came on this day to be heard on the Bill; Answers of the Adult parties, the Answers of the Infant defendants, general replications thereto, and exhibits and was argued by counsel;

On Consideration whereof, the Court, not deciding any principle in the Cause, doth Order, Adjudge & decree that the defendants, Harvey Chapman & N. P. Young Executors of Thomas Hall decd? render an account of their transactions as Executor aforesaid, before Washington L. Reddick who is appointed a Special Commissioner of this Court for that purpose. An

Account of the personal estate bequeathed by the last will and Testament by Harison Jayner decd? to the said Thomas Hall & Susan M his wife, and a distributer Account;

Shewing the Amounts due the legates & distributees of said Hall decd? All of which Accounts the said Commissioner will examine, State settle & report to the Court, With any Matters specially Stated, deemed pertinent by himself, or which may be required by the parties to be so Stated, deemed pertinent by himself ~~or which may be required by~~ And in making up said Accounts, the Commissioner is at liberty to examine any One, or any, or all of the parties to the Suit, if required by any of said parties

Teste N. P. Young Clk.

Kilchen Stufe

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Hall, Enr

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filed apr 24.
1877

To the Circuit Court of DeFuright County

The undersigned Reports to Court that
the amount decreed to be paid herein by
by Decree of May 1890 in the cause
of Kitchen Wife vs. Hales' Exors. has
been paid me.

J. A. Kitchen for
Self Wife
by Geo. R. Kelly atty.
apc 1891.

Kitchen & wife
H. Secord

Hall's Bros & Co,

October 1856

To be entered

R. H. Baker

Entered

Kitchen & wife

A

Decree.

Hall's Exors:

This Cause came on again, this day to be heard on the Bill, answers of the abats parties, the answers of the Infant Defendant's Counsel, general replications thereto, and exhibits, and was argued by ~~consideration~~ ^{not yet deciding any matter, involved in the cause} ~~the~~ consideration whereof, the Court, doth order, adjudge and decree, that the defendants, Hardy Chapman & Nat. P. Young Executors of Thomas Hall and Under an account of their transactions, as executors aforesaid, before a Washington I. Riddick who is appointed a Special Commissioner for that purpose, Commissioner of this Court: All of which: An account of the personal estate bequeathed by the last will & testament of Harrison Joyner dec'd to the said Thomas Hall & his son his wife: All of which accounts the said Commissioner will examine, state, settle & Report to the Court, with any matters ~~therein~~ specially stated, deemed pertinent by himself, or which may be required by the parties to be so stated: and in making up said accounts, the Commissioner is at liberty to examine any one, ~~more~~ or any, sale of the ~~party defendants~~, parties to the suit, if required by any of said parties -

be required by any one of the parties to be so
stated; and in which accounts there
to be taken a further settlement of the
several distributee accounts as taken
by said special Com Rid Dick, shall be
made and reported to Court; and that the said
Executors pay the costs of this suit out of their
testator's estate.

Kitchin Jr

vs

Galley Executors

1867

Oct. Ct. Decree

To be entered.

R. H. Barker

C. H. Barker

Kitchin v. Hall, Exor.

This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read for the Report of W. L. Riddick Special Comr. made pursuant to the decree of the 19th of Octo. 1866: to which report no exception has been filed, and was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof the Court doth confirm the said Report and doth adjudge, order & decree that A. P. Young & Hardy Chapman Executors of Thomas Hall decd, pay to the plaintiffs the sum of \$225.75, being the value of articles to which the female plaintiff is entitled for articles sold by said Executors & to which she was entitled under the Law as the widow of said deceased, and as reported on page 17 of said Comr. Riddick's report; and that the said Executors proceed as speedily as the Law will allow to collect the debts due to said Estate and in their hands as appears by said Special Comr. Riddick's report, and that they the said Executors render a further account of their transactions as such Executors before one of the Comrs. of this Court, who will state and settle the same with any matters specially stated deemed pertinent by him or that any

Kitchen Stove

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Hale, Sr

1891

ape of. Final

Deed

To be entered

Geo Blod

Ent^d

Kitchen sink &

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Hales' Exrs.

By paper this day filed marked (+)
It appearing to the Court that
the amount decreed to be paid to Hales
& Kitchen sink under the Decree of May
Court 1870 has been paid, & that
nothing more remains to be done in
the cause it is ordered to be removed
from the docket but without prejudice
to any of the parties.

Kitchen Staff

by

Hall, Esq

1891

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Scene

To be entered

Geo Blood

Ent^d

Thomas Hall's
Will & etc.
of Probate.

Ex. A "
(with other Exhibits)

I Thomas Hall, of the County of Isle of Wight
& State of Virginia do make this paper writing to
be my last will and testament in the following manner.
1st Item. I loan my wife Susan the farm in Southampton
county known as the Joyner farm, containing 200 acres,
with the apple mill & corks, & the small still, one horse
one cow, one sow & pigs, one bed & furniture, twenty five bbls.
of corn, one thousand pounds of fodder, one thousand
pounds of bacon, with the following negroes; Jane, Cecy,
^{& ditta} Olya, Lucinda, Francis, & Laura. The above & increase I loan
to her during her life, and at her death, I then give the
lands to my daughter Anginetta Hall, and the negroes
to be equally divided between all my children, that
is then living, except Jane; she is to be permitted to
choose her own master or owner. 2nd Item - I give to my
daughter Caroline M. Hall, the farm known as John Hall's
farm, with the Caggin place, the line to commence at
the swamp, at Madison Kedd's line, then up said
swamp by the old dam, thence up swamp to the Tar
road, at the Keady Branch, thence down the road toward
Windsor to Betsey Hall's line, thence to William Hall's
line, thence to John Hall's line, thence to Benjamin Griffin's
line, thence to Madison Kedd's line, containing 380 acres,
with all the apple mills & stills on it, to her and her
heirs forever. - 3rd Item - I give to my daughter Georgeanna

Hall, all the lands on the east side of the new road, known as the Round Beacon farm, with the Crumpler land, containing 200 acres, bounded North by the road leading to Barber's Cross Roads, by Benjamin Coggen's land, Cley Pearce and Betsy Hall's lands, and \$500 in cash to equal hers with Caroline's. 4th Item. - I give to my son Joseph W. Hall the home plantation with all lands on the north side of Burke's swamp, with all the lands on the north side of the road leading to Barber's Cross Roads, containing 270 acres, with all the apple Mills, casks & stills; these are to him & his heirs forever. 5th Item - I give to Francis B. Hall all the lands I bought from Monroe Gray near Horry, Chapman's, containing 82 acres, with all the hogs & cattle that is now on the farm, known as Mary Jenkins's farm, to him & his heirs forever. 6th It is my will and desire that my executors deliver one bed and furniture to each one of my children, then sell all the balance of my estate in this county and in Southampton, that is not given or lent, collect all my money, pay all just debts, and divide the balance equally between all my children that is then living. I also direct them to hire out all my negroes, not lent to my wife, to good homes, until my youngest child arrives to the age of twenty or marries; educate my young children with the hires; then select two good persons, value all the negroes, and equally divide them amongst my children then living.

I also direct my executors to pay to my son Joseph W. and Anginetta Hall (\$500) five hundred dollars each ^{for them} to convey their interest in their Grandmother's land to F. B. Hall, and pay to Caroline & Georgeanna (\$50) fifty dollars each to convey their right in the same lands to F. B. Hall; and if either should refuse to convey such right, said F. B. Hall is to have five hundred dollars out of each one's legacy who shall refuse to make such right, when called on to do so. And I constitute my friends Hardy Chapman & Nathaniel P. Young my executors to this my last will, with full power & authority to make an inventory of my property, as soon after my death as possible, without any appraisers or appraisements; and I hereby revoke all former wills by me made. Given under my hand & seal this 30th day of January 1863. Thomas Hall. Seal

July 1st 1863. In addition to what I bequeathed my wife in the 1st Item of my will, I give her (\$300) three hundred dollars in cash, provided she stands to this will. And I also direct my executors to see that none of my negroes be sent out of this state under no considerations. Given under my hand and seal this day.

Thomas Hall. Seal
I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the last will and testament of Thomas Hall, deceased, as the same appears from the records of the probate court of the county of Southampton, South Carolina, this 10th day of July, 1863.

At a County Court held for the County of Shropshire
Wight, the 2nd. day of November 1863.

A paper purporting to be the last will & testament of
Thomas Hall Esq. bearing date the 30th Jan'y. 1863,
and a codicil thereto bearing date 1st July 1863, were pre-
sented in Court for probate, and there being no subscribing
witnesses thereto, Ro. H. Whitfield & C. B. Hay came into Court
and severally deposed that they are well acquainted with
the testator's hand writing and verily believe the said
writing & codicil & the name thereto subscribed, to be in
the proper hand writing of the testator, and therefore
the said writing & codicil are ordered to be recorded, &
the true last will & testament of said Thomas Hall

Esq. - And on the motion of Hardy Chapman & N. P.
Young the executor named in the said will, who made oath,
and with Ro. H. Whitfield & Thomas J. Clements & John W.
Duck their securities, who justified, entered into and
acknowledged a bond in the penalty of £5000s. 0s
conditioned according to law, Certificate of probate
is granted them in said will in due form of
law.

Test,

A. P. Young Esq.

A Copy.

Test

A. P. Young Esq.

(copy)

Harrison Joyner

will

"B"

At a Court held for the County of Southampton July 15th 1861.

This last will and Testament of Harrison Joyner dec^d was this day proved by the oaths of Wm. J. Beale, Jordan Beale and Seth E. Beale the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And on the motions of Thomas Hall and Timothy Langston the Executors therein named, who made oath and together with Hardy Chapman, William Atkinson, John R. Kelly and Zachariah E. Holland their Securities, (who justified on oath as to their Sufficiency) entered into and acknowledged a bond in the Penalty of Sixty thousand dollars conditioned according to Law Certificate is granted the said Thomas Hall & Timothy Langston for obtaining a Probate of the said Will in due form.

Teste

J. R. Edwards Clk

a Copy

Teste

J. R. Edwards Clk

I Harrison Joyner of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia, do make this paper writing to be my last will and Testament in the following form and manner, to wit.

Item 1st I give to Timothy Langston all the lands from a Sassafras Stake near William Griffin's corner down a line of marked trees to the white oak Spring, down the run to Cheely's line, all on the South side, the number of acres not known and the following negroes Hanner & her children and her grandchildren and their increase & one half of my other property to him and his heirs forever.

Item 2^d I give to Thos. Hall & Susan his wife all the lands on the North Side of Timothy's line, the number of acres not known and all the Stills, ^{and} Apple mill & apparatus with ^{the} following negroes Sirows, Jane & all her children and grandchildren and their increase to them and their heirs forever. I also give Thos. Hall half the balance ^{of my estate} not given away to him and his heirs forever. It is my will and desire that my executors hereafter named sell at their discretion all the timbers on the lands known as the Dove lands and Potty Bradshaw lands and then sell the lands as they may see fit and the proceeds of the sales to be equally divided as follows, one fourth to Timothy & Langston, one fourth part to Thos. Hall, one fourth to Rosiller Joyner, one fourth to the children Lemuel & Parker that may then be living and if either one of his children dye to the next surviving child. If all dye then to T. & C. Langston, T. Hall and Rosiller Joyner.

Item 3^d It is my will and desire that my executors select two good persons and have all the land appraised and negroes with all the chattle property appraised and pay as follows T. & C. Langston to pay L. & C. Parkers children one fourth of the valuation to go as above described and T. Hall to pay to Rosiller Joyner one fourth of the valuation. And I desire at my death that my moneys be divided in the same manner as above described, and I hereby constitute and appoint Thos. Hall and Timothy & C. Langston my Executors to this my last will and Testament. Given under my hand and seal this 16th day of August 1860.

Witness Wm J Beale.

Jordan Beale

Leth E Beale

Harrison Joyner (Seal)

Widows Remuneration

Exhibit 'C'

To the worshipful county court of Isle of Wight
County.

Know all men by these presents, that I Susan Hall
widow of the late Thomas Hall, of the county aforesaid,
do hereby renounce and relinquish all right or claim
to the provisions made for me by the last will and
testament of the said Thomas Hall, & that I elect to take
that part of his estate to which I am entitled by law.
Given under my hand & seal, in the county of Southampton
state of Virginia this - day of November in the year
1863

Susan M. Hall deed

Southampton county to wit:

This day Susan Hall appeared before me,
a justice of the peace in & for the county aforesaid,
& acknowledged the above writing to be her voluntary
act & deed. Given under my hand this - day of November
1863

William Griffin J.P.

In the county court of Isle of Wight county Va., 4th 1864
the foregoing renunciation being duly certified by a
justice was admitted to record.

Teste

H. P. Young cc

A Copy. Teste H. P. Young clk

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. Timothy Langster - Thos. J. Clements, Recd. Clement
Geo. Eley. Hiram Hinkle Mr. Hall (sister of Mrs. Hall -
Mary Edward wife of Thos. Edward - Martha Hall
(daughter of Mr. Hall). Virginia Eley. Chas. H.
Barton - Geo. H. Hall.

A list of Property missing at
the sail of Mr. Hubert Thom
as Hall and was not sold

Susan. M. Hall
The Widow of Thomas Hall
1. sorrell horse
1 still and aperasis at John Hall
plantation.

1 bed and furniture

1 set of china

all of the bet. bed clothes

all of the carpet on the floor

32 yds new carpetting not
made

Nearly all of the books
above, 12 glass tumblers, book
ing glasses, 1 pair fine candle
sticks, 1 pair brass and iron
st. rivers and for his, tea and
table spoons, 1 fine ~~canon~~
oven and castors

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Wash boots and pitchers
Milk pails. stone jars
table cloths and towels
all the gold and silver money
and bank and state money
and I believe to the best of
my judgment to be about
ten thousand dollars