

1874-007 Chancery Causes: Blake E. Darden's admr vs Meredith H. Watkins, comt of Blake E. Darden
Jde of Wright County Petition of Martha Prouden, by v.c.

other SURNAMES: Gay,
Edwards, Ballard, Marshall,
Bailey, Wilson, Boykin, Eley,
Stephenson [Ashburn & Watkins]
[A. H. Ashburn & Company],
Ashburn, Phillips, Rhodes
[Robert L. Eley & Company]

B. E. Darden adm.

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no. 3

Watkins late comtee. of
Darden &

March Rules, 1871, Bell &
Giles & decem nisi.

Apr. Rules, 1871. Bell
taken for confeder and
set for hearing.

Sept. Ct. 1871. Dean to file
an. & same filed & took. gn.

Acto. v. Gov. Dec. con.

Jan/73- con.

Feb. " Dean for act.

Octo. 1874. Final Decree

File if

of his transactions down to
the death of said Plot; & the
amount due from him as
such committee ascertains
& payment of the same
to your complainant
accrued against him; &
that such other & further relief in the
premises may be granted your
Complainant as to the best
may seem meet, & may suit the
equity of the case, & your complain-
ant will ever pray &c.

Hayden J. J.

your said Complainant has
been paid although he has been
frequently requested to pay the
same, but has hitherto
neglected & refused & still
neglects & refuses; intender
consideration whereof &
for as much as your
Complainant is without
remedy at law, & can only be
relieved by the aid of this
Honorable Court of Chancery,
where matters of this sort
are cognizable; to this end
your Complainant prays that
the said J. M. Watkins late Com-
mitter of the said Bloke & Dodder
may be made a party Defendant
to this Bill & be required to
answer the same & that
by decree of this Honorable Court
the said accounts may be
corrected in the foregoing
particulars, & in all other
respects, in which they may be
found to be erroneous, & that the
said Committer may be required
to render a further account

returned an account of his transactions from the 6th of November 1855 to the 5th of November 1862 on which date the account shows an indebtedness from said Committee to said Idiot of \$3135.²⁸/₁₀₀.

Exhibits
A. B. C. & D.

The said accounts marked respectively A - B - C & D are herewith filed & prayed to be taken as a part of this Bill.

Your complainant charges that said accounts are erroneous in the following particulars;

1st

That no interest is charged in the account (A) ending Nov 6th 1856 on the sum of \$1729.⁷⁵/₁₀₀ received by said M^r. Watkins on November the 6th 1855;

2nd

That in each year of said accounts the said Committee is allowed \$30.⁰⁰/₁₀₀ for extra services on the farm of said Blake & Dorden; from the date of said last account Nov the 5th 1862 the said Committee has returned no account of his transactions, that no portion of the account due from said Committee to

George Blom Jr.
To the Honorable ~~Libertine~~^{Circuit} Judge of the ~~County~~^{Circuit} Court of the
County of Cole of Wight in Chancery
sitting; Humbly complaining,
sheweth to the Court your Com-
plainant Josiah P. Gay, Administrator of
Blake E. Darden Deceased; that on
the day of December 1870 the said
Blake E. Darden, who was an
Idiot departed this life in the
County aforesaid, & at the Janu-
ary Term 1871 of the County Court
of said County your complain-
ant qualified therein as the Admin-
istrator of the said Blake E. Darden.
That at the Term 1855 on
M. H. Watkins qualified in said
Court as the Committee of said
Blake E. Darden, Idiot as aforesaid,
& as such Committee took posses-
sion of the real & personal Estate of
said Idiot consisting of land,
Negroes & Money, & received the
rents, & profits thereof from the
date of his said qualification
as Committee, until the death
of said Idiot as aforesaid.
That the said Committee has

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Petition of
Martha Pruden
by next Friend
for Equity of Settlement

Filed May 15th
1891

Tuesday June

v.

Tuesday June

The Petition of ~~Her~~ Martha
Pruden wife of Erastus Pruden, by Joseph
S. Gray, ^{her next friend} respectfully represents:

1. That she is one of the heirs at-law of
Blake Pruden Decedent
2. That she is as stated the wife of Erastus
Pruden.
3. That the said Erastus Pruden is totally insol-
vent, and of her interests in the estate of the said
Blake Pruden he decedent to her husband the
whole of it will go to and be controlled by the said
Erastus Pruden & his creditors.
4. That she is in need, and desires to have control
to and be entitled upon her, by this her application
for her sole and separate use and benefit, free
from the control of her said husband and his
creditors whatever she may be entitled to out of the
estate of the said Blake Pruden.
5. That such other and further relief may be
granted as the nature of her case will re-
quire & she will ever pray &c
Martha Pruden

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Joseph S. Gray, her next friend

Blake E. Darden's adv

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Mr. H. Watkins late
Committee &

Answer of Mr. H.
Watkins Comtee &
_____.

Sept. 5th 1841 filed

See entry

him on the first amount received.

Your respondent files herewith an account of his entire transactions, corrected as he considers is just and right and prays that the same be adopted as the correct account, ^{which is filed herewith marked no. 5.} He prays that the Bond due him by Martha Marshace, may be offsetted against the share she, as one of the heirs of said Blake E. Sandow, may be entitled to.

Your Respondent is ready to render an account of his transactions as such Committee whenever required to do so

(and having answered to

John R. Kilby J. D. + M. W. Watkins

Seal of High County Court

This day M. W. Watkins came before me & made oath that the facts contained in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief. Given under my hand & stamp. — 1871.

Benja. C. Roberts J. D.

~~Wm. on the 3^d June 1851.~~ To Levi Stephenson,
Allen Stephenson & John P. Boykin \$219.21. on the
29th September 1858, & to C. H. Co. Bailey \$58.57
& that he has the Bond of S. J. Wilson & J. M. Boykin for \$127. for horse sold
on the 1st of April 1859, - the Bond for which sum
he now has Spragg that he may be allowed the
same in his settlement -

That his accounts have been made out by the Commissioners before whom the same was settled, ~~as then~~ erroneously, in this, to wit: Your Respondent is charged Compound Interest on the Balances reported against him, whereas he claims that the said accounts should have been settled on the Principal of an administration account. That in the account for 1862 all the Credits were in Confederate money, which he claims should be reduced to present Currency, and that the Item charged to him of \$45⁵⁰ for pork sold Ishmael Johnson, he never received and should be stricken out of the account.

That there have been no receipts by the undersigned since 1862, as the negroes belonging to said Blake E. Warden were freed by the Government & he has paid out a small amount for which he has the vouchers

That on some of the items, charged to you, Respondent for negro hires, he has lost, the parties proving Involunt, which loss should be, & as he prays, may be allowed to him —

That the management of said Garden ^{Land} requires [&] at-
tention to himself this interest requires ~~extra~~ attention
& for which he charged the sum of \$50. per year -
That no Interest should have been charged against

To the Hon. George R. Atkinson, Judge of the County
Court of Isle of Wight County, Virginia

The answer of Meredith S. Watkins, Com-
mittee of Blake E. Garden dec'd to a Bill in
Chancery filed in the said Court against
him, by Josiah P. Gay admr. of Blake E. Garden
dec'd, & others.

This Respondent says, That it is
true he qualified as the Committee of said
Blake E. Garden as stated in said Bill
and had various settlements of his said
transactions as such Committee, made out
and which were returned to Court recorded
- to wit. for the years 1856, 1857, 1858, 1859,
1860, 1861 & 1862, Copies of which accounts
are filed herewith & numbered 1. 2. 3 & 4

That when he qualified as such Committee
he received of the Executors of the former Committee
of said Blake E. Garden, the sum of \$1729.75
in Bond, to wit: W. D. Watkins, Admr ^{J. P. Gay} \$183.04;

Wiley Watkins Bond \$749.07, Davis Edwards Bond
\$585.40 ~~Moses Marshall's Bond \$214.00~~ ^{J. P. Gay}

~~Stephen Marshall's Bond \$214.00~~ ^{J. P. Gay} Some smaller ones -

That the Bond of W. D. Watkins, has never been paid
on which suit has been brought. He asks that the same
may be deducted from any amount to which said Gay may
be entitled in this cause
That he ~~transferred~~ ^{received} part of the said sum
also rec'd of E. L. Ballard former Comr of B. E. Garden a Bond of
Martha Marshall \$246.83 for
the 31 Dec 1856. ^{received the said Bond} Done James Marshall & J. W. Atkins

Blake E. Darden's Rep.

3 Sum. To
3 am. Bill
d.

W. H. Watkins

20 March Rules 1844.

Sir. Lf.

~~Hayden~~ my

Executed by deliv-
ering a copy to the
party.

E. J. Chapman off

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY, Greeting:

We Command you to Summon *Meredith H. Watkins late Comptroller*
of Blake E. Darden an idiot

to appear at the Clerk's Office of the *Circuit* Court of Isle of Wight County,
at Rules to be holden for the said Court, on the first Monday in *March*
next to answer *the Bill in Chancery of Josiah*
P. Roy administrator of said Blake E.
Darden dec'd.

a plea of ~ ~ ~ for \$ ~ ~ ~ Damages, \$ ~ ~ ~ And have
then there this writ.

Witness, NATHAN L. P. YOUNG, Clerk of our said *Circuit* Court,
at the Courthouse, the *20th* day of *February* 18*71*, in the
year of the Commonwealth.

N. P. Young Clk.

Balkins M. H.
Ken Hilby-
\$4.75

M. H. Watkins, per Kilby Dr
1871 To N. D. Young clk. of Isles & Wright Co., let
Mar, Searches & copies your 4 accts as above
of B. E. Darden & postage 4.90
N. D. Young clk.

207-76

1211-75

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207-76

175-85

105-0.30

5257

2520

120

7.975

105-4.561

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Upon the settlement of Augustus Ballard's transactions on the
Estate of, Blake E. Darden, for the year 1853. I find the said Ballard
indebted to the said Blake E. Darden on the 31st of December 1853 the
sum of \$1570. 67 —

W. Lightfoot. Com^r.
May 27. 1854

Recd. of Mr. M. Watkinson through
the hands of Mr. R. Kelly eight
thousand dollars & forty five cents
in full of the within acct.

M. C. Jordan

The Estate of Blake E. Darden

B^{ts}

To Merrick E. Darden for work &c.

1867

by Nancy Darden his wife &c.

Octo.

For coarsening and mending for B. E. Darden

one year & eight months 80.00

" ^{10 yards} 6 yds. double cloth @ 1 1/2^{ts} per yard 45

" Do. 9 yds. plain do. @ 5^{ts} " " 45

" Making 3 shirts & 1 pair pants 1.25

" 2 lbs. wool at 50^{ts} 1.00

\$ 83.45

Ant. abated

20.00

By balance paid by M. M. Watkins

Cash on hand

363.45

\$ 83.45

1870

✓

1870

M. A. Machin, Curator for B. E. Hadden

To A. H. Achburn & Co

To \$ 20.00 per

14.75-

Paid

A. H. Achburn & Co

Col M. H. Watkins

Com - Gen

Blake & Jordan

Dec 1870

Che
\$16 ⁰³/₁₀

Taxes, Charles

C. M. W. Huttons "Cait" Blake E. Adam

1871
Sept 10th To J. J. Eley & Co
50 7 gro 60 Cans 95 .88
8 60 Sugar 14 1.12
3 " Coffee 165 78
1 " Tobacco 78
" 8 " Bacon 32 1.76 5.26
Mar 29th 1 Suit Burial C. 8.00
" " 5 gro 60 Cans 95 .62
" " 1 pr shoes & Socks 2.75
11.33
\$ 16.63

Cover 15th 1870

1.00 Payment in full

N. J. Eley & Co
for W. K. Eley

Blake & Darden

No. 21

1868

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Mr. Blake E Darden

1868. To E. L. ELEY, Sheriff of Isle of Wight Co., Dr.

To	Capitation Tax, 60 cents.....	60
"	<i>318½</i> Acres of Land, value \$..... <i>7 55.50</i>	<i>3 97</i>
"	Ditto for county.....	<i>1 44</i>
"	County Levies at \$2 05.....	<i>2 05</i>
"	Rev. on personal property, bonds, &c.....	<i>23</i>
"	Ditto for county.....	<i>12</i>
"	Clerk's Fees.....	
"	Commissioner's Fees.....	<i>7 21</i>

Received Payment,

Will E. Pounce
.....Sheriff.

1867

✓

M. A. Mackin's Quator for B. E. Darden

1867

To C. H. Achtem & Co

1st 1 yds Black jeans

\$3.31

" Goods & Linings for pants.

\$3.01

Paid
C. H. Achtem & Co

Blake & Darden

11/13

At the Tavern

To pay

1867

✓

Mr. Blake E Darden

1867.

To E. L. ELEY, Sheriff of Isle of Wight Co.

To Capitation Tax, at 60		
" County Levies, at.....		
" County Tax on Lands, Property, &c.....	1	02
" Revenue on Personal Property, Bonds, &c.....		24
" 318 $\frac{1}{2}$ Acres of Land, Valued at 9.55.10.....	2	87
Clerk's Fees, \$; Commissioner's do.	4	13

Received Payment.

.....*Wm. E. Powers*.....*Sheriff.*
.....*Deputy.*

1865

Oct 6.

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1865

M. H. Watkins Curator for B. & L. Ordway

1845 To A. H. Achburn & Co.

June 9.	To 2 gallons Molasses -	1.50
"	12 ^{lb} flour	1.00
"	3 ^{lb} casing	.35
Oct. 6	To 2 ^{1/2} pair shoes -	5.75
"	each 15 Taxes.	79.0

Paid
A. H. Achburn & Co. \$16.50

1864 May

#96

reduced to #9.

Confed

✓

M. H. Watkins, Curator for B. H. Loomis
G. A. P. Phillips.

1864
Jan. 26 76 lbs. flour \$5.00

Good. fragment of paper
G. A. P. Phillips

Jan 1894

Expd

1

18.75

advised to

1.75

13 2 10 10 10 10

15

J. Rhodes

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Mr. H. Watkins: Creator for B. E. Gardner

1864. ¹¹ John H. Rhodes Dr.

Same, 16th 5 weeks - peas @ \$15 = \$18.75

Arr & Recd. paym^t. - John H. Rhodes

M. H. Watkins
comdr

65.00

1863

Mar 20
O. J. Lawrence
P. M.

1863

May

M. H. Watney Comr. of B. E. Dardew. Dr.
To J. P. Young Comr. of Isle of Wight
Making Deputy. acts: from 1860 to 1862. £ 5.00
J. P. Young Comr.

1563 NW 13.

13.90

reduced to \$2.50

Amf

M H Watkins, Senator for B & Harden.
1873 To C. H. Hutchins 25
1878 To 23rd Century Co 60 - \$1380

Reckon

C. H. Hutchins.

1862

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I have to thank
Mr. J. M. McCallister his committee
of friends & of

1543

8.50

reduced to
// 2.

Compt

Meredith A. Watkins (Comdr of T.S.E. Cavalry)

To Bro. P. Gay \$5

1862 To mill troughs furnished \$5:00

1863 To 7th Cavalry Co \$3.50

Recd. payth Bro. P. Gay \$8.50

Blair E Darden
Christmatties

\$39.25 - Today

~~5.50~~

~~4.00~~

~~8.50~~

~~7.69~~

1862

39.75

18.90

7.00

8.00

107 6.9.18 4.61

6.00

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1.11

18 Mr. Philip E. Ward. Not returned

1862. To T. J. CLEMENTS, Sheriff of Isle of Wight County, Dr.

		DOLLARS.	CTS.
To	Tax on 318 Acres land, value \$ 955 ⁵⁰	95	53
"	" White males over 21 years of age,	1	20
"	" White males over 16 years of age,		
"	" 5 Slaves over 12 at		
"	" Male free negroes above 21 at		
"	" Male free negroes above 16 at		
"	" Personal property, moneys, &c., value \$ 406	24	70
"	" County levies, at \$ (white)	16	27
"	" do do " (F. N.)	6	35
"	" 4 do do " (slaves)		
"	Clerk's fees, \$		
"	Commissioner's fees, \$		
"	Militia fines,		
Received payment,		39	25

Sheriff.

Deputy.

Blake, C. Darden

\$ 6.94

W. H. Martin,
to pay

1870

v

Mr. Blake E. Darden

1870. To F. SMITH, Sheriff of Isle of Wight Co., Dr.

To	Capitation Tax.....		
"	<i>318 1/2</i> Acres of Land, value \$..... <i>755.50</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>78</i>
"	Ditto for county.....	<i>2</i>	<i>16</i>
"	County Levies at.....		
"	Revenue on Personal Property, Bonds, &c.....		
"	Ditto for county.....		
"	Clerk's Fees.....		
"	Commissioner's Fees.....		

RECEIVED PAYMENT,

J. A. Williams
R. L. Smith Sheriff.

N. N. Watkins
Counter.

\$2.00

1862

paid
C. H. Clemens
1862

1861. W. H. Watkins Comdr. of Blake & Dardur

To the bill. of fish & weight Co. Ct. Dr

Nov. Filz: Confing: Recd. Settlement. (all?) \$ 3.00

A. P. Spring C. C.

10 Nov 1862

Plot

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$$\begin{array}{r} 3181 \\ \underline{12} \\ 26172 \end{array}$$

1861

W. W. Wackin, Committee for B. E. Darden
To Ashburn & Wackin.

To 1866 ft Lumber @ 9/- 2724

" 366 .. " " 7/6- 457

3181

Reed Paye

Ashburn & Wackin

Walter Watson
pract. for
1862 to '71

Examined fall

to your commissions duly executed. That at the instance of the parties the taking of said account was postponed until the 8th of April then coming, for the purpose of taking evidence &c. And on that day, the same was again continued & kept continued for cause, from time to time, until the date of this report, at which time, your commissions, having examined the vouchers and evidence before him, and considered the notes and arguments of the counsel, stated and settled the foregoing account of the transactions of said M. H. Watkin as committee of said Blake E. Dardue up to the 5th day of August, 18th 1, and on that day finds a balance due the Estate of said Blake E. Dardue he having died on that day, from the said committee, of thirty four hundred Dollars & eight tenths (\$3400.18) of which sum \$16⁷/₈ is interest.

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

N. D. Young Com.

Time employed 30 hours.
Comm. fee \$30.00
Shff. fee 1.00
\$31.00

Dardue's adm.

Chas. W. Rept.

W.

Watkin &

July 22nd - 18th / 4 Filed.

1870

Nov. 6	By balance fur contra prof. shul.	2023 43 1729 75
1871		
Aug. 5	" int. on ful. 9 mos., l/c end?	73 97
	" " " prof: 7 " " "	67 28
		<u>\$2164 68 / 1729 75</u>

1871

Aug. 5	Balance due Estate of Princel.	1729 75
" "	Do. Do. " Int.	1670 43
	Total prl: & int. due Estate	<u>\$3400 18</u>

Commissioners Office, Isle of Wight Court House,
July 9th 1874.

To the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County.

Pursuant to a decree of the county court of Isle of Wight County rendered on the 3rd day of February, 1873, in a suit in chancery then depending in the said court, but now depending in the circuit court of said County, between Josiah P. Gay administrator of Blake E. Darden decd: Plaintiff, and Meredith H. Watkins late committee of Blake E. Darden defendant, the undersigned, one of the commissioners of the said county court, to whom was referred for settlement, a further account of the transactions of Meredith H. Watkins as committee of said Blake E. Darden, reports to the court, that on the 11th day of March, 1873, he issued notices against the several parties aforesaid, requiring them to attend the settlement of the said account, before him, at his said office, on the 26th day of March, 1873, which were returned

1868

Nov. 6	1869	By balance prof. spl. per contra	1843	71	1729	75
Nov. 6		" int. on spl. 1 year, less cont.	98	60		
"	"	" " " prof. 10 mn. less "	87	55		
			\$2029 86			
			\$1729 75			

1870

Nov. 6		To paid Ro. J. Eley & Co. act.	16	63		
"	"	" " Ashburn & Co. "	14	75		
"	"	" " Taxes for 1869 & 70	14	24		
"	"	" " M. E. Darden act.	63	45		
"	"	" " services recd. by contra.	50	00		
"	"	" Balance per contra prof. spl.	2023	43	1729	75
			\$2172 50			
			\$1729 75			

1869

Nov. 6	1870	By balance per contra prof. spl.	1979	86	1729	75
Nov. 6		" int. on spl. 1 year, less cont.	98	60		
"	"	" " " prof. 10 mn. " "	94	04		
			\$2172 50			
			\$1729 75			

1871

Aug. 5		To paid clerks fees	4	90		
"		" loss on Bond of Martha Marshall which was received by contra. by former contra. & which was worthless at the time it was received & lost without cashes, for \$244.83	244	83		
"		" interest thereon from 31 st of Dec. 1856, to 5 th of Aug. 1871	214	52		
"		" paid atty. tollur for in suit	30	00		
"	"	" Balance of prof. spl.	1670	43	1729	75
			\$2164 68			
			\$1729 75			

1865

Nov. 6 By balance prof. shrl: per contra 1485 93 1729 75

1866

Nov. 6 " int. on shrl: one year, left cont. 98 60

" " " prof. 10 mos., " " 70 68

\$ 1655 20 \$ 1729 75

1867

Nov. 6 To paid Ashburn shrl. 5 82

" " Taxes 1867 4 13

" services sent by contra. 50 00

" " " Balance prof. shrl. 1720 60 1729 75

\$ 1780 05 \$ 1729 75

1866

Nov. 6 By balance prof. shrl. per contra 1605 20 1729 75

1867

Nov. 6 " int. on shrl. 1 year, left cont. 98 60

" " " prof. 10 mos: " " 76 25

\$ 1780 05 \$ 1729 75

1868

Nov. 6 To paid taxes for 1868 7 21

" " services rendered 50 00

" " " Balance per contra prof. shrl. 1843 71 1729 75

\$ 1910 92 \$ 1729 75

1867

Nov. 6 By balance per contra prof. shrl: 1720 60 1729 75

1868

Nov. 6 " int. on shrl. 1 year, left cont. 98 60

" " " prof. 10 mos: " " 81 72

\$ 1900 92 \$ 1729 75

1869

Nov. 6 To services rend. 50 00

" Balance pt. shrl: w. contra 1979 86 1729 75

\$ 2029 86 \$ 1729 75

1863				
Nov. 6	By balance prof. & int. per contra	1219 30	1729	75
1863				
Nov. 6	" int. on bal. one year, 6% ann.	98 60		
	" " " prof. 10 mms. " "	54 91		
		<u>1375 81</u>	<u>1729</u>	<u>75</u>

1864				
Nov. 6	To paid cont. fee conf. money worth	18		
	" " J. P. Rhodes \$18.75 " " "	68		
	" " W. P. Phillips \$96.00 " " "	3 50		
	" " A. H. Ashburn " "	2 50		
	" " J. P. Gay " "	2 00		
"	" Balance prof. & int.	<u>1435 64</u>	<u>1729</u>	<u>75</u>
		<u>\$1444 40</u>	<u>\$1729</u>	<u>75</u>

1863				
Nov. 6	By balance per contra prof. & int.	1284 78	1729	75
1864				
Nov. 6	" int. on bal. one year	98 60		
	" " " prof. 10 mms.	61 00		
		<u>1444 40</u>	<u>\$1729</u>	<u>75</u>

1865				
Nov. 6	To paid Ashburn & Co.	16 50		
	" services recd. in 1862 '63 & '64	100 00		
"	" Balance per contra prof. & int.	<u>1485 93</u>	<u>1729</u>	<u>75</u>
		<u>1602 43</u>	<u>\$1729</u>	<u>75</u>

1864				
Nov. 6	By balance per contra prof. & int.	1435 64	1729	75
1865				
Nov. 6	" int. on bal. one year, 6% ann.	98 60		
	" " " prof. 10 mms. " "	68 19		
		<u>1602 43</u>	<u>\$1729</u>	<u>75</u>

1866				
Nov. 6	To services rendered by contra:	50 00		
"	" Balance of profits & int.	<u>1605 20</u>	<u>1729</u>	<u>75</u>
		<u>\$1655 20</u>	<u>\$1729</u>	<u>75</u>

1860				
Nov. 6	By balance for contra pref. sh.	715 56	1729 75	
1861				
Nov. 6	" int. on pref. left amt.	98 60		
	" " pref. " "	33 98		
	" Credits in former act. " "	310 29		
		<u>\$1158 23</u>	<u>\$1729 75</u>	

1862				
Nov. 6	To disbursements in Confed. money	33 33		
	for old act. \$84. 32, scaled to	42 16		
	" Do. do. in good currency	52 50		
	" Comm. on \$214. 49 Receipts	10 47		
"	" Balance for contra pref. sh.	1219 30	1729 75	
		<u>\$1321 68</u>	<u>\$1729 75</u>	

1861				
Nov. 6	By balance for contra pref. sh.	957 04	1729 75	
1862				
Nov. 6	" int. on pref. left amt. 10 yrs.	54 55		
	" " pref. " " 14 r.	98 60		
	" Credits in former acct. in Confed. money including Cr. for stock sold which should have been collected amtg. to \$428. 98 - scaled to	214 49		
		<u>\$1324 68</u>	<u>\$1729 75</u>	

1863				
Nov. 6	To paid Ashburn Swathins in 1861	31 81		
	" int. on same 2 years	2 61		
	" " Clerks fees	2 00		
	" " Com. tax: for his personal services	50 00		
	" " other bills & amtg. to \$19. 15 3/4			
	in Confed. money, scaled to	4 61		
"	" Balance pref. sh. for contra	1284 78	1729 75	
		<u>\$1375 81</u>	<u>\$1729 75</u>	

1857				
Nov. 6	By balance profits. spl.	411 90	1729 75	
1858				
Nov. 6	" int. on bal. pd. lfs. cont.	98 60		
	" " " " profits. " "	19 56		
	" Credits in old act. other than int.	140 41		
		<u>\$ 700 47</u>	<u>\$ 1729 75</u>	

1859				
Nov. 6	To disbursements former act.	104 50		
	" Balance for contra. profits. spl.	690 40	1729 75	
		<u>\$ 794 90</u>	<u>\$ 1729 75</u>	

1858				
Nov. 6	By balance for contra. pr. spl.	538 72	1729 75	
1859				
Nov. 6	" int. on bal. lfs. cont.	98 60		
	" " " " profits. " "	25 58		
	" Credits in former act.	132 00		
		<u>\$ 794 90</u>	<u>\$ 1729 75</u>	

1860				
Nov. 6	To disbursements former act.	260 41		
"	" Balance for contra. pr. spl.	715 56	1729 75	
		<u>\$ 975 97</u>	<u>\$ 1729 75</u>	

1859				
Nov. 6	By balance for contra. pr. spl.	640 40	1729 75	
1860				
Nov. 6	" interest on bal. lfs. cont.	98 60		
	" do. on profits. 10. mo. " "	32 80		
	" Credits in former act.	154 17		
		<u>\$ 975 97</u>	<u>\$ 1729 75</u>	

1861				
Nov. 6	To disbursements past year	201 39		
"	" Balance pr. & spl. for contra	957 04	1729 75	
		<u>\$ 1158 43</u>	<u>\$ 1729 75</u>	

D^r Blake E. Dardew of, unowned mined
In account with Meredith St. Watkins, Committee.

1856

Nov. 6	To disbursements former act. filed	290 01		
" "	" Balance per contra pt. Huf. 4.	223 07	1729 75	
		\$ 513 08	\$ 1729 75	

1855

Nov. 6	By amt. received from the Exor. of A. Ballard, late comtee: of B. E. Dardew, in interest bearing bonds		1729 75	
Nov. 6	" interest on same 1 year, less cont.	98 60		
	" other credits in said act.	414 48		
		\$ 513 08	\$ 1729 75	

1854

Nov. 6	To disbursements past year	207 35		
" "	" Balance profits. & int.	411 90	1729 75	
		\$ 619 25	\$ 1729 75	

1856

Nov. 6	By balance last year	223 07	1729 75	
	" credits in old act. filed, less interest credited, 3	286 74		
Nov. 6	" interest on year on pr. less cont.	98 60		
	" do. 10 mos. on profits	10 84		
		\$ 619 25	\$ 1729 75	

1858

Nov. 6	To disbursements past year	162 05		
	" Balance per contra, profits. & int.	538 72	1729 75	
		\$ 700 77	\$ 1729 75	

Dorden's Adm'r.
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Watkins late Committee &c

Order
April Term
1871

To be entered.

Geot. 2605.

Ent'd,

Dordens Admr.

vs.

Watkins late Committee

On motion of the
Plaintiffs & by consent of parties it is
ordered that this cause be transferred to
the County Court of this County.

Landmark Adm
as

Watkins Committee

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Feb Term 1873

To be entered

Prostitution

Entered

B. E. Gardner Admr

vs

Gardens Committee &c

This cause ~~in which~~
Came on this day to be heard on the Bill, the
Answer of the Defendant Meredith & Watkins
as Committee of Blake & Gardner an idiot;
general replications thereto & exhibits filed &
on the petition of Martha Parden was
argued by Counsel on consideration whereof
the Court doth add that a commissioner
of this Court take a further ope of the transactions
of ~~the~~ said M & Watkins as Committee of
said Blake & Gardner, in taking which
account the said commissioner shall
take as prima facie correct the accounts
heretofore taken & filed in this cause, subject
to be searched & objected by either party
which account he shall take & the report
to Court with any matters specially stated
deemed pertinent by him or as required
by any party to be so stated —

Ex. Secy of Wright County Court, Feby. 3rd 1873
Josiah S. Gay adms^r of Blake Co, Sanders dec^d Plff.
vs. } Ex. Secy.
M. H. Watkins late Comml^r of Blake Co.
Darden ex Doria Deft.

Darden's adms^r,

vs. } Copy decree
} Feby. Co. Ct,
} 1873,

Watkins vs. D,

Return of 11. March
to 26th March 1873.
+ quit to shff.

In Isle of Wight County Court, Feb: 3rd 1873,

Josiah P. Goyadmr, of Blake E. Darden dec^d Plff:
vs. In lby,

Mr. H. Watkins late Com^{tee} of Blake E. Darden an
Idiot. Deft,

This Cause came on this day to be heard on the bill, the answer of the defendant Meredith H. Watkins as committee of Blake E. Darden an Idiot, general replications thereto & Exhibits filed, & on the petition of Martha Pruden, & was argued by Counsel; On consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge, order & decree that a Commissioner of this Court take a further account of the transactions of the said Mr. H. Watkins as committee of said Blake E. Darden, in taking which account the said Court, shall take as prima facie correct the accounts heretofore taken & filed in this Cause, subject to be surcharged & falsified by either party, which accounts he shall take settle & report to Court, with any matters specially stated deemed pertinent by himself or requires by any party to be so stated,

Attest, Clerk,

Geo. H. Hart, D. C.,

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Oct term 1874
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Geo. B. B.

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Wathier Committee of Board of Health
in 1841, 1842, 1843, 1844, 1845, 1846, 1847, 1848, 1849, 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856, 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2188, 2189, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2230, 2231, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2235, 2236, 2237, 2238, 2239, 2240, 2241, 2242, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2246, 2247, 2248, 2249, 2250, 2251, 2252, 2253, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259, 2260, 2261, 2262, 2263, 2264, 2265, 2266, 2267, 2268, 2269, 2270, 2271, 2272, 2273, 2274, 2275, 2276, 2277, 2278, 2279, 2280, 2281, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2286, 2287, 2288, 2289, 2290, 2291, 2292, 2293, 2294, 2295, 2296, 2297, 2298, 2299, 2300, 2301, 2302, 2303, 2304, 2305, 2306, 2307, 2308, 2309, 2310, 2311, 2312, 2313, 2314, 2315, 2316, 2317, 2318, 2319, 2320, 2321, 2322, 2323, 2324, 2325, 2326, 2327, 2328, 2329, 2330, 2331, 2332, 2333, 2334, 2335, 2336, 2337, 2338, 2339, 2340, 2341, 2342, 2343, 2344, 2345, 2346, 2347, 2348, 2349, 2350, 2351, 2352, 2353, 2354, 2355, 2356, 2357, 2358, 2359, 2360, 2361, 2362, 2363, 2364, 2365, 2366, 2367, 2368, 2369, 2370, 2371, 2372, 2373, 2374, 2375, 2376, 2377, 2378, 2379, 2380, 2381, 2382, 2383, 2384, 2385, 2386, 2387, 2388, 2389, 2390, 2391, 2392, 2393, 2394, 2395, 2396, 2397, 2398, 2399, 2400, 2401, 2402, 2403, 2404, 2405, 2406, 2407, 2408, 2409, 2410, 2411, 2412, 2413, 2414, 2415, 2416, 2417, 2418, 2419, 2420, 2421, 2422, 2423, 2424, 2425, 2426, 2427, 2428, 2429, 2430, 2431, 2432, 2433, 2434, 2435, 2436, 2437, 2438, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2442, 2443, 2444, 2445, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2450, 2451, 2452, 2453, 2454, 2455, 2456, 2457, 2458, 2459, 2460, 2461, 2462, 2463, 2464, 2465, 2466, 2467, 2468, 2469, 2470, 2471, 2472, 2473, 2474, 2475, 2476, 2477, 2478, 2479, 2480, 2481, 2482, 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490, 2491, 2492, 2493, 2494, 2495, 2496, 2497, 2498, 2499, 2500, 2501, 2502, 2503, 2504, 2505, 2506, 2507, 2508, 2509, 2510, 2511, 2512, 2513, 2514, 2515, 2516, 2517, 2518, 2519, 2520, 25

for this cause, this day came

like that

The said Court, in consideration whereof, the Court
 do hereby affirm said report, to which no ex-
 ceptions were filed, and do hereby order
 that the said Plaintiff, Thomas J. Thomas, do
 recover of the said Defendants, Blake & Worn,
 the sum of \$3400.00, with interest on
 \$1729.75 (part thereof) from Aug 3rd 1871
 & the said Plaintiff recover from the said
 Defendants the cost of this suit.

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From
J. R. K.

In *Harvey v. Steptoe*. 17 Cal. 302, 5
While the Trust continues, the act. should
be settled as *Exr.* acts - and then as
Dr. JCR.

The Principle on which *Exr.* acts.
should be settled are familiar to you but I
refer to *Burner v. Anderson* 3 Leigh 348
Hamby v. Hamby 1 Wash 246
Garret v. Carr. 3 Leigh 407
Humbley v. Snodgrass 9 Leigh 490 & " Jr.

as to the \$50 Charge it is the same the former
Come ch? & the law fixes no amo. leaving
it to the Court to allow Compensation by Coms
or otherwise - while Col W. may not
have gone on the premises every week, yet he had
the care & responsibility & arrangement, incident
to the Trust

The Marshall debt is just as he rec'd it - "as
assets" turned over to him under the full
belief she was entitled to part of the estate -

This relieves him of "gross neglect" & as
he is only responsible for "ordinary" care, I
submit, any ordinary judgment, would have
decided the debt good - as an advancement -

It would be hard to make him loose, see
Elliot v. Leister 9 Grant - 529, specially

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W. E. Watkins his
 Committee

Memorandum of
 Harriett Atty.
 21 Oct 713, 4 Oct 48

Blake, E. Dardens admits

Mr. E. Watkins his committee.

The Plaintiff charges the following errors in the a/c

- II No interest is charged on \$1729.70 received November 6th 58 during the first financial year, which should be charged after sixty days, even if received in money, whereas this amount was paid in interest leaving bonds as appears from the defendants answer.
- III Whether the a/c should be allowed \$3.00 annually for his services is left to the discretion of the Com^r, influenced by the depositions of Watkins who admits the competency of the negro manager, and the deposition of the manager who claims to have managed the farm himself, and alleges that Lee Watkins visited the farm not oftener than twice a year.
- III the receipts and disbursements in confidential money should be sealed during the years 62.63.64
- IV It is not denied that any bonds taken in discharge of the trust with sufficient security and lost without any lack on the part of the committee should be credited to the same, but this principle will not entitle him to any credit on the bonds of Martha Marshall or

le, St. le Bailey and there is no proof as to the
bond of Stephenson et al, unless the Compt
should have knowledge of his own raising
the same.

The position taken by the defendants
counsel, that the committee ap should be made
up on the principle of an administration ap
charging the disbursements against the princi-
pal and not investing the interest for a period
of sixteen years is utterly untenable, even in
an administration ap after the settlement of
the estate, and holds the fund for the benefit
of the minor children. His transactions as a
such children are to be made up on the prin-
ciple of a guardian ap, see Matthews Guide
(2 Ed) Ga 134 S 183.

A committee ap should be made upon the prin-
ciple of a guardians ap except that at the close
of the ap, the principal and interest should
not be compounded and interest charged on
the gross amt. See Biras Committee v Bird
21 Gral 712, 720. Cunningham v Cunningham
How 4 Gral 43

J. P. Gay's letter

Nov. 13th. 1872

Mr. Young

Dr Sir you will please advise for
me as adm. of Black E. & order ~~and~~ my ^{financial}
in regards said Estate. I am ready to ~~submit~~ ^{submit} my ^{own} ~~trans~~
-action - the Committee of said Estate has not called
his acct with me - I have brought a suit as
you are aware for a settlement, I shall object to
his return - Mr. Hayden says he has ~~been~~
~~consider~~ made to have an acct taken ^{your} by, "Please
attend to it forthwith and let me & William know
the time as I may have witnesses present - if
your ~~case~~ I had better have an acct made
of my transacting as adm. ~~Let~~ ^{Let} me know and
I will furnish you with my vouchers.

Yours Truly

Jonah P. Gould

Has a soul to save & must tell the truth.
Col. Watkins came to the farm ^{about} here
again - Did not see Col. Watkins
afterward more than once in few weeks & then
it was about Windsor - He & the farm
to manage himself.

It was necessary for him to see Col.
Watkins & did see him -

and further deposed to the fact.

May. 18. 1873.

A N. Ashburn, being sworn, says that
Col. Watkins after the his qualification
as com. of B. & D. Darden took
charge of ~~and~~ gave the form of
said Darden such attention as was
required until he went into the prison
and that during his absence, he the
deponent as agent for Watkins did
the same, and that he does not
think the chg. for attention & confusion
undone at all too much. That he,
the deponent, would not have performed
the service for ~~the~~ the agent, chg.
He is confident Watkins gave the form
all the attention that was required and
that it was attended with considerable
trouble judging from the experience

Charged by the former committee for similar services. That there was on the farm during the time of his administration a very competent negro whom he relied on in a great measure who had been managing the farm since of time - That the \$50.⁰⁰ charged was not a sufficient compensation for the trouble he had & if the matter was again to occur he would not perform the service, for ^{undergo the mental trouble} any thing like that said. He does not think the charge of \$50.⁰⁰ more than enough to cover the actual service rendered.

John Darden, Col. aged 84 yrs. being sworn says that he has lived on B. E. Darden's farm all his life except about three years, was there during all the time said Darden was an idiot & scholastic Col. Watkins had charge of it - carried on the farm himself under direction some times - seldom - Was there under the management of Col. Watkins, had the farm to manage & managed it best he could.

Comm. Office, 8th Apr. 1848.

Clay adm. of W. C. Darden

s. $\frac{3}{4}$ In Chy.

W. H. Watkins late comr. of W. C. Darden, Deft.

In this case it appears before the Comm.
upon the statement of the defendant, that the
bond held by him against Martha Marshall
was taken by him in renewal of an old
bond which was received by him from
Augustus Ballard, ^{late comr. of said idiot} against said Marshall
and which at the time it was so renewed
by him there was no security therefor, but
Martha Marshall being one of the supposed
heirs of said idiot the bond was deemed
good & held with the view of passing the
same over to her in distribution of said
idiot's estate when the same should be
made. That at the time said bond was
so received from Ballard, Martha Marshall
was not ~~supposed~~ supposed good unless
she should be made so as an heir of said
idiot and which defendant supposed
and believed to be the case.

The deft. states that his charge for supervising
the farm of idiot was for the general super-
vision of the farm & attention paid thereto
and he thinks the charge of \$50.⁰⁰ made
therefor was not exorbitant but a little
less than the value of services rendered by
him. The said amount of \$50.⁰⁰ was

Haslam & Co.

2. 1/2 Day.

Watkins

Points claimed by the Deft.

- 1st That the Compt. act. must be re-modelled & settled on the principle of Exor. act.
- 2^d That he rec'd. the funds from the former Compt. in bonds & should be allowed for the losses thereon without further. See answer and statement of Deft. X.
- 3^d The items in list for 1862, both Ex. & D. should be scaled to their value at the time paid. See A. H. Chubb's statement as to date.

Darden's Adm'r.

1857

Darden's Committee

Exhibit A.



My hand as a Commissioner
of the said Court the day & year
first aforesaid —

A. J. Young Comr.

In the County Court of Islesworth
County September 7th 1857. The forego-
ing account having been filed in
the Clerk's office of said Court for
one month no exceptions being
filed thereto was confirmed by said
Court - & ordered to be recorded.

Teste

H. C. Satter D.C.

Attest

Teste

Chas. Hart D.C.

Commissioner's Office
Seleswright County, July 10th 1857
To the County Court of said County.

Your Comm^r. reports to the Court, that on the 6th day of April 1857, Meredith H. Watkins Committee of Blake & Darden a man of unsound mind, Exhibited before your Comm^r. a statement of all the money he had received, become chargeable with - or had disbursed during the year ending on the 6th day of November 1856, together with the vouchers for such disbursements, That your Comm^r. embraced the said Committee in the list of Fiduciaries whose accounts were before him for settlement, which list was posted at the front door of the Courthouse of said County on the first day of April last & on the date of this Report (Ten days having elapsed since the said account was mentioned in said list) made up & completed the foregoing account of the transactions of said Watkins as Committee aforesaid, and on the 5th day of November 1856 finds a balance of \$1854.18 due from the Committee to the said Estate of Blake & Darden Your Comm^r. further reports, that the said Committee has given such Bond as the Law requires, in a penalty and security sufficient, Given under

The Estate of Blake C. Darden
In acct. with M. H. Watkins his Committee.

1856			
Jan'y.	To paid M. C. Darden for Cart. & wheels	14	44
	" " Do for Blk. Smith work in 1854 (omitted)		
	in former Contee & paid in this year	4	00
Sept.	" " Do Services of Stallion	4	00
	" " Mary Roberts Blk. Smith acct.	2	13
	" " Shff. for 1855 & 56 & Clk's fees	38	34
	" " Nancy Spivey for making clothes		25-
	" " Wm. A. Hare Blk. Smith acct.	2	00
Oct'r.	" " Wiley Watkins for wheat	4	50
	" " Mahlon Johnson "	3	00
	" Comm ⁿ on \$1729.75 Recd. of princ'l. from A. Ballard's Exors.	86	48
Nov'r 5-	" paid Ashburn & Watkins acct. on settlement	38	12
	" Comm ⁿ on \$187. Sale of Horse	9	35-
	" Do on \$218.09 profits Received	10	90
	" This sum allowed Committee for extra Services in managing farm of Lunatic	50	00
	" This sum to pay for this acct. to Com ⁿ	2	50
" "	" Bal: due the Estate per contra	1854	18
		\$2144	19
1855-			
Nov'r 6 1856	By this sum Recd. of Exors. of former Committee	\$1729	75-
Nov'r 6	" " " for hire of Jacob	139	61
	" " " " Brandy from on the farm 4 th Jan'y. 1856	78	48
	" " " " Sale of horse - including Int. from	196	35-
		\$2144	19

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Darden's Admr.
vs. Nov. 2

Darden's Committee

Exhibit B.

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him for settlement - which was posted
at the front door of the Courthouse of said County
On the first day of December Court last -
and on the date of this report - (ten days hav-
ing elapsed since the said account was men-
tioned in said list -) made up and
completed the foregoing account, and on
the 5th day of November 1858. finds a bal-
ance of \$2173.16 due from the said Com-
mittee to the said Blake E. Darden. The
account is supported by satisfactory vouchers
Your Comm^y. finds that the Committee has
given such bond as the Law requires, with
ample & sufficient penalty & security.
Given under my hand as a Comm^y.
of said Court, the day & year first
aforesaid —

N. P. Young Com^y

In Elder Wright County Court. May. 2nd 1859. The
foregoing account having been filed in the Clerk's
office of said Court. for one month & no
exceptions being filed thereto was
confirmed by said Court. & ordered to
be recorded —

Teste. N. P. Young clk.
Attest. Teste.
L. H. Hart, D. C.

1858

Fruits. brot. over. 2252 17 2252 17

Nov. 8 th	To paid Ashburn Watkins ac. for necessities	72	12
"	" " Foyes for 1858	25	27
"	Comm. on Receipts of 283.39	14	66
"	Extra Compensation to Committee for managing farm &c. for 1858	50	00
"	Balance per contra	2173	16

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Nov. 5 th 1858	By this sum bal. on last year		2044	82
Nov. 5 th	" Inst. on bal. to date		122	68
"	" Hires of Negroes for 1858		122	00
"	" This sum for wheat sold		41	41
"	" " " " peas "		7	30
			2338	21

Commissioner's Office
Essex Wight County Mass. 18th 1857

To the County Court of Essex Wight County
Your Commissioner reports to the Court, that
on the 6th day of December 1858, Meridith H.
Watkins Committee of Blake E. Darden
exhibited before your Comm^y, a statement of
all money he had received, become charge-
-able with or had disbursed during the
periods embraced in the foregoing ac-
-count. That your Comm^y, embraced
the said Guardian in the list of Finan-
-caries, whose accounts were before

Blake E. Darden, an Idiot.
In acct. with M. H. Watkins his Committee.

1857

Nov ^r 5-	To paid Ashburn & Watkins for goods bot.	53	36
"	" for doors & Windows for house	18	75
"	" S. G. Darden for shoeing horse	1	25
"	" J. C. & Rhodes a/c.	5	62
"	" for Seed wheat	6	00
"	" for D ^o (W. Watkins)	1	50
"	" M. Johnson for D ^o	3	00
"	" for cutting wheat	1	00
"	" for Manling Rails	5	40
"	" for Blk. Smith Bellows	14	00
"	" for Guano for farm	20	80
"	" Fayes & Ellis: Tickets for 1857	26	57
"	pay Committee Services managing lunatic & farm 1857	50	00
Nov ^r 5-	" Balance due the Est. per contra	2044	82
		<u>\$2252</u>	<u>17</u>

1856

Nov ^r 5-	By this sum due on last settlement	1854	18
1857			
Nov ^r 5-	" Inst. on bal: to date	111	25
"	" this sum from C. H. C. Bailey for pork	51	38
"	" Hires of Negroes for 1857	120	00
"	" This sum for chickens, Eggs, beef, peas & ^{lard} Turc.	58	93
"	" " from Gay & Watkins for work done by negroes	56	43
		<u>\$2252</u>	<u>17</u>

^{3.}
Darden's Admr.
vs. no. 3

Darden's Committee

Exhibit-C.

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to be recorded —

State

N. P. Young - C.H.

atlas by

State

C. H. Starbuck

made up & completed the foregoing of the trans-
actions of the said Committee. And on the
5th day of November 1860, finds a balance
of \$2365.45 due from the said Committee
to the said Ediot. Your Comm^y has allowed
the Committee his commissions & compen-
-sation (for the receipts of 1859 "60 & compen-
-sation for "1858 & "1859") for extra services
in managing the farm of the Ediot. Not-
withstanding his accounts were not returned
to your Comm^y within the time prescribed
by law, it appearing before your Comm^y
the reason for not making such return in
time, was that the Committee was in
the service of the Confederate States
as Capt. and could not do so earlier
The Committee has given such bond as
the law requires, in a penalty & with
security ample & sufficient —
Given under my hand as Comm^y of
the said Court, the day and year first
aforesaid — N. F. Young Com^y

In the County Court of Salsburg Wight County, Nov^r 4th
1861. The foregoing account having been filed
in the Clk's. office ^{of said Court} for one month & no
exceptions being filed thereto: was
confirmed by said Court and ordered

1860	Amt. brot. over	
Nov ^r 5-	To Comm ⁿ on Receipts of \$294.07 this year	14 70
	" pay clk. for filing & recdg. this acc.	2 00
	" Balance per contra	2365 45
	By bal: due 5 th Nov ^r	2331 79
1860		
Nov ^r 5-	" Inst. on bal: to date	139 90
	" Hire of Jacob. for 1859	100 00
	" This sum for fork-staves - Tar & c. coed	54 17
		<u>\$2625 86</u> <u>\$2625 86</u>

Commissioner's office Escof
Wright Co. House Sept. 20th 1861

To the County Court of Escof Wright County
Your Commissioner reports to the Court
that on the 12th day of July last, Meriah H
Watkins, Committee of Blake E. Darden an
Adist, exhibited before your Commⁿ a state-
ment of all the money he had received, be-
come chargeable with or had disbursed
during the period embraced in the follo-
wing account, together with the vouchers
for the disbursements. That your Commⁿ
embraced the said Committee in the list of
Fiduciaries whose accounts were before
him for settlement, which was posted at
the front door of the Courthouse door of said
County, on the first day of August last
last, and on the date of this report (ten
days having elapsed since the said ac-
count was mentioned in said list)

Blake E. Darden In acct. with
M. H. Watkins his Committee

1859

Nov ^r 5 th	To paid Ashburn & Watkins a/c.	67	77	
" "	" " Benj ⁿ Spivey "	25		
" "	" " Josiah P. Gay "	1	17	
" "	" " M. E. Darden (2) "	10	00	
" "	" " Taxes for 1859	25	31	
" "	" " Balance per Contra	2331	79	

1858

Dec ^r 21	By bal: on last Settlement			2173	16
1859	" " this sum recd. for 9 Turkeys			4	50
Jan ^y 6	" " Cash of J. H. Rhodes			2	50
" 14	" " from Pork			25	00
July 23	" " " Apples				75
" "	" " Hire of Jacob for 1858			100	00
Nov ^r 5	" " Crut. on last year's balance			130	38
				2436	29
				2436	29

1859

Dec ^r 19	To paid Rawls & Co. a/c.	7	92	
1860	" " for 1860	25	78	
Aug ^t 24	" " Josiah P. Gay a/c.	4	00	
Nov ^r 5	" " Ashburn & Watkins "	97	76	
" "	" " Retained to pay Com ^r for this a/c	3	00	
" "	" " paid belk's fees & Com ^r 's fees for last year	5	25	
" "	" " pay Committee for services in man- aging Adiot's farm in 1858 & 1859	100	00	
	Am ^t . Carried over -			

penalty and with security sufficient,
Given under my hand as a Commr.
of the said Court, the day and year
first-aforsaid. —

N. P. Young Commr.

In the County Court of Essex & Wright
County, July 6th 1863, the foregoing
accounts having been filed in the
clerk's office of said Court for one
month & no exceptions being
filed thereto was confirmed by
the said Court & ordered to be re-
corded —

Teste

N. P. Young Clerk

Attest

Teste

C. H. Hart, D. C.

Darden's Adm.

vs

Darden's Committee

Exhibit D.

To Dec. 1861

1862

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26 15 77

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Commissioner's Office
Isle of Wight County, May 15th 1863.

To the County Court of Isle of Wight County,
Your Commissioner reports to the Court
that on the 6th day of April last. Meridith A
Watkins Committee of Blake E. Darden
an Ediot, exhibited before him state-
ments of all the money he had received be-
come chargeable with or had disbursed
during the periods embraced in the forego-
ing accounts, together with the vouchers
for the disbursements, that the said Com-
mittee was embraced in the list of Fidu-
ciaries whose accounts were before
him for settlement, which was posted
at the door of the Courthouse of said
County, on the first day of the last
Court, and on the date of this Report
(ten days having elapsed since the said
account was so posted) made up
& completed the foregoing accounts,
for the years ending on the 5th day of Novem-
ber, 1861, and 1862, And on the ^{said} 5th day
of November 1862, finds a balance of \$3035.
28. due from the said Committee to the said
Ediot or his Estate, Your Commissioner
finds that the said Committee has given
such bond as the law requires in a

Blake E. Darden. Idiot.

In acct. with M. H. Watkins his Committee

1862

Nov ^r 5 th	To paid Ashburn & Watkins acct. to date	37	43	
" "	" " M. H. Watkins for oats & work of Sols:	10	13	
" "	" " Ashburn & Darden for shoes	5	50	
" "	" " Jacob Spivey Sow & pigs	7	50	
" "	" " E. Dunston acct.	75		
" "	" " Ashburn & c. for lumber	12	01	
" "	" " D ^o & Peel "Coffin for negro & c	8	50	
" "	" Retained to pay Committee - extra services in attending to farm ^{&c in} 1861,	50	00	
" "	" D ^o to pay Comm ⁿ for this acct. & c	2	30	
" "	" " " " Clk: for filg: & recdg. same &c	2	30	
" "	" Committee's Comm ⁿ on \$585.92 Repts:	29	29	
" "	" Balance due Idiot per Contra	3035	28	

1861

Nov ^r 5 th 1862	By this sum due on last account			\$2615	77
Nov ^r 5 th	" " " from M. Butler for 2 pigs			6	48
" "	" " " " J. H. Rhodes " 2 Turkeys			2	00
" "	" " " " H. D. Holladay " 12 D ^o			12	00
" "	" " " " various persons " wheat			52	00
" "	" " " " A. H. Ashburn " beef			7	00
" "	" " " " Ismael Johnson " pork			45	50
" "	" " " for Jacob's work			54	00
" "	" " " from Josh ^l L. Gay for 2 Bbls. brandy			250	00
" "	" Inst: on last year's bal: to date			156	94

\$3201 69 \$3201 69

Blake E. Garden, Idiot.

In acct. with M. H. Watkins, Committee.

1861

Noor. 5	To paid Ashburn & Watkins a/c. to date	58	75
"	" Wm. H. Darden threshing wheat	5	44
"	" " H. C. Spralley services of Stallion	12	50
"	" " Sheriff Taxes	24	97
"	" " M. & Watkins work on house &c.	18	43
"	" " C. H. C. Baileys acct.	2	19
"	" " A. H. Ashburn cutting wheat	2	00
✓	" Retained to pay Committee for extra services in managing farm in 1860	50	00
"	" Do. to pay Comm ^y for this act. &c	2	50
"	" " " " Clk. for filg. & recdg. Do.	2	00
"	" Committee's Comm ^t . on \$452.21 Recpts	22	61
"	" Balance per contra due Estate	2615	77

1860

Nov ^r 3 th 1861	By this sum on last acct. to date	2365	45
Nov ^r 5 th	" " " rec ^d of Rhodes for 2 Turkey	2	00
" " "	" " " " F. D. Holladay " 12 50	12	00
" " "	" " " " Ashburn for beef	7	00
" " "	" " " " for Jacobs work	100	00
" " "	" " " " of S. L. Ballard for bricks	6	00
" " "	" " " " Ashburn for Turkey	1	75
" " "	" " " " Do " Lallow		48
" " "	" " " " Do " Watkins " peas	2	06
" " "	" " " " " various persons " wheat	52	00
" " "	" " " " " Francis Wilson for horse	127	00
	By Est. on last year's bal: to date	141	92
		2817	66

" No 5 "

1871

Aug 5. Bond. Int. on $\$1001.84 \div 3086.88$

To Bond against D. D. Watkins &
Josiah P. Hay $\$175.05$

" Int. from 30 March 1853

to 5 Aug 1871 - 16 y. 4. 6^{mo} } $171.68 \div 346.73$
~~Left and interest~~

To Schmale Johnsons Bond $\$45.50$

" Int. from 22 Feb 1862 to

5 Aug 1871 - 9 y. 5. 15^{mo} } $25.89 = 71.39.$

" expenses incurred about claim

vs. Watkins & Hay & Johnson } 30.00

" this sum ^{for attys fees} in the present

suit & Laws suit } $100.00 \div 1549.96$

Balance due Estate $\div 1536.92$

5 Aug 1871. }

By part of S J Johnson Bond

100.00

" A D Watkins Bond

$\div 67.18$

" of Johnsons Bond

Repaid M E Carpenter on 63.00

1871
Aug 5 By Bal: due Estate Int. m

// 3086.88

To Bonds on hand included in the
foregoing acct - charged to the
said M. H. Watkins, to wit.

Leg. W. Stephens on fac. Bonds // 219.21

~~Int. from 27 Sep. 1858 to~~

Int. from 21 March 1869 ~~to 27 Sep. 1869~~ ~~// 137.58~~ ~~// 109.09~~
to ~~Exc. Mue~~ ~~// 17.50~~
~~// 182.09~~

5 Aug 1871

1 yr. 4 m. 15 d. // 18.07 // 237.28

To C. N. C. Bailey's Bonds // 58.57

" Int. from 1. Apr 1859 to

26 Oct. 1860 - 11 yr. 6 m. 26 d. 40.62

// 99.19

cr

2.00

to

// 97.19

Int. m // 58.57 from 26 Oct. 1860

1860 to 5 Aug 1871

9 m. 9 d

4.50 // 101.69

To Martha Marshall's Bonds // 244.83

" Int. from 31 Dec 1856

to 5 Aug 1871 - 14 yr. 7 m. 6 d. } 214.52 // 458.35

To S. J. Wilson & Son's Bonds // 127.00

" Int. from 3. June 1861

to 5 Aug 1871 - 10 yr. 2 m. 2 d. } 77.52 // 204.52

Card. over // 1001.84 // 3086.88

1867

Nov. 5 By Bal. of Pr. Int. in \$1660.02
" Dr. Int. \$1257.11

1868 Nov 5 " 1 year Int. on \$1660.02. 99.60

to paid Taxes 1868 & Int. 721

" service, 50 00

" Balance due Est. 1602.81

\$1356.71 \$1660.02 \$1660.02

1868 Nov 5 By Bal. Pr. due estate Int. in \$1602.81

1869 Nov 5 " " Int. Dr. \$1356.71

" 1 year Int. on \$1602.81 96.13

to service 1869 50 00

" Balance due estate \$1552.85

\$1452.84 \$1602.85 \$1602.85

1869 Nov 5 By Bal. Pr. Int. in \$1552.85

" Dr. Int. " \$1452.84

1870 " 1 yr Int. on \$1552.85 93.16

Nov 5 To J. A. N. Arthur Sec. W. R. ~~4.75~~ 41 75

" " Taxes 1870 " ~~6.94~~ 6 94

" " R. J. Eley Sec " ~~16.63~~ 16 63

" service, 1870 50 00

" Bal. due Est. \$1474.53

\$1546.00 \$1552.85 \$1552.85

1870 Nov 5 By Bal. due Estate Int. in \$1474.53

1546.00

1871 Aug 5 " Int. Dr. " 66.35

By Bal. on \$1474.53 — 96.35
Car'd on \$3086.88

1859

Nov 5 By Bal. of Pr. Int. on #1969.73
 " " " Int. do #354.79
 1860 Nov 5 To charges 1860 #260.41
 By Int. on #1969.73-1 yr 118.18
 " other credits 1860 154.17
 To Balance due Estate 1863.49
 #472.97 #2123.90 #2123.90

1860

Nov 5 By Bal. of Pr. Int. on #1863.49
 " " " Int. do #472.97
 1861 Nov 5 To charges 1861 201.39
 By Int. on #1863-49-1 yr 111.80
 " other credits 1861 310.29
 To Balance due Estate 1972.39
 #584.77 #2173.78 #2173.78

1861

Nov 5 By Bal. of Pr. Int. on #1972.39
 " " " Int. do #584.77
 1862 Nov 5 To charges 1862 (settled) #136.11
 By Int. on #1972.39-1 year 118.33
 " other credits 1862 #373.48 in Confid.
 money reduced at 25% }
 + dis. Comitting \$45.50, for put over &
 no money red. for it }
 To Balance due Estate 1986.28
 #703.10 #2122.39 #2122.39

1862

Nov 5 By Bal. of Pr. Int. on #1986.28
 " " " Int. do #703.10
 10 To paid Ashburn Swattins, per red. #31.81
 " " " club fee per " 2.00
 " " " Tax free " 39.25
 1863 " " " M.H. Wattkins " 7.00
 Nov 5 By 1 yr Int. on #1986.28 #119.17
 To Bal. due Estate #1906.22
 over #822.27 #1986.28 #1986.28

1863

Nov 5 By Bal. Int. on - Pr. #1906.22
 " " " Int. do #822.27

1864

Nov 5 To paid club fee 5.00
 " " a. H. Ashburn per red. 2.50
 " " J. P. Gay " 2.00
 " " J. H. Rhoder " 1.75
 " " A. P. Phillips " 9.00
 By 1 yr Int. on #1906.22 #114.37
 To Balance due Estate #1885.97
 #936.64 #1906.22 #1906.22

1864

Nov 5 By Bal. Pr. Int. on #1885.97
 " " " Int. do #936.64
 1865 Nov 5 " 1 year Int. on #1885.97 111.15
 To paid a. H. Ashburn per red. 16.50
 " charge for services 1862-1863 \$64 100.00
 " Balance due Est. #1769.47
 #1047.79 #1885.97 #1885.97

1865

Nov 5 By Bal. due Est. Int. on #1769.47
 " " " Int. do #1047.79
 1866 Nov 5 " 1 year Int. on #1769.47 106.16
 To services 1866 50.00
 " Balance due Estate 1719.47
 #1153.95 #1769.47 #1769.47

1866

Nov 5 By Bal. Pr. Int. on #1719.47
 " " " Int. do #1153.95
 1867 " 1 year Int. on #1719.47 103.16
 Nov 5 To services 1867 50.00
 " p. a. H. Ashburn 160.00 per red. 5.32
 " " Taxes 1867 w " 4.13
 " Balance due estate 1660.02
 #1257.11 #1719.47 #1719.47

(of unsound mind)

Dr. The Estate of Blake E. Garden, ~~deceased~~

In account with Merwin S. Watkins, his Comr.

1855
Nov. 6 By Amou. rec^d. of the Executor of
the Late Committee of said Blake
E. Garden, in Bond (acct. No 1) \$ 1729. 75

1856
Nov. 6 " other credits in acct. No 1. 414.44

To Charges in said acct. \$ 290 01

" Balance due Blake E. Garden 1854. 18

\$ 2144 19 \$ 2144. 19

1856
Nov. 6. By Balance due Blake E. Garden brt. on \$ 1854. 18

1857 Nov 6 " credits in acct. No 2. (1857) left brt. ~~\$ 286. 74~~

To Charges 1857. 207. 35

By Int. 1 year on old Balance of

\$ 1854. 18

\$ 111. 25

To Balance of Pr. due Estate \$ 1933 57

\$ 111. 25 \$ 2140. 92 \$ 2140 92

1857
Nov 6. By Bal. of Principal brt. on \$ 1933. 57

" do. of Int. " \$ 111. 25

1858 Nov 6 " Int. on \$ 1933. 57 1 year \$ 116. 01 ~~\$ 6. 01~~

By other credits 1858 (see Exhibit No 2). 170. 71

To Charges 1858. \$ 162 05

" Bal. due Estate 1942. 23

\$ 227. 26 \$ 2104. 28 \$ 2104. 28

1858
Nov 6. By Bal. of Pr. brt. on \$ 1942. 23

" " Int. do \$ 227. 26

1859 Nov 5 To Charges 1859. \$ 104. 50

By Int. on \$ 1942. 23, 1 year, " 127. 53

" credits 1859. 132. 00

To Balance due estate 1969 73

\$ 354. 79 \$ 2074 23 \$ 2074 23

Card on.

Exhibit I
Voucher filed
with M. H. Watkins
annex in
bag adv Garden
n

M. H. Watkins Jr.

J. Mt. Co. ct.

Blake E. Darden
in af. with Mr H.
Watkins his counter:

Alcopy

no 1

1856

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Fee. 55¢

H. Watkins Committee of Blake E. Darden
a man of unsound mind; exhibited before
your Court a statement of all the money
he had received become chargeable with
or had disbursed during the year ending on the
6th day of November 1856, together with the
vouchers for such disbursements. That
your Court embraced the said Committee
in the list of fiduciaries whose accounts
were before him for settlement, which list
was posted at the front door of the Courthouse
of said County on the first day of April Court last
& on the date of this Report (ten days having
elapsed since the said account was mentioned
in said list) made up & completed the fore-
going account of the transactions of said
Watkins as Committee aforesaid. And
on the 5th day of November 1856, finds a balance
of \$1854.18 due from the Committee to the
said Estate of Blake E. Darden, your Court
further Reports that the said Committee has
given such bond as the law requires, in a
penalty with security sufficient,
Given under my hand as a Court of said
County the day & year first aforesaid.
W. D. Young Com^r

In the County Court of Islesworth
County, September 7th 1857. The
foregoing account having been filed
in the Clerk's Office of said Court
for one month & no exceptions
being filed thereto was confirmed
by said Court and ordered to be

Recorded

Teste

H. L. Latimer, D. C.

Attest

Teste

W. H. Hart, D. C.

The Estate of Blake E. Dardene
In ac. with Meredith H. Watkins his Committee

1856			
Jan'y.	-	To paid M. E. Dardene for cart & wheels	14 44
		" " Do. for Blacksmith work in 1857 (omitted in former Comtee. & paid in this year)	4 00
Sept.		" " Do. for services of Stallion	4 00
		" " Mary Roberts Blk. Smith ac.	2 13
		" " Shff. for 1855 & 1856 & blk's fees	38 34
		" " Nancy Spivey for making clothes	25
		" " Wm. H. Hare Blk. Smith ac.	2 00
Oct.		" " Wiley Watkins for wheat	4 50
		" " Mahlon Johnson " "	3 00
		Comm. on \$1729.75 Recpts. of pol. from Exor. of ^{H. Ballard} J. A.	86 48
Nov.	5	" Paid to Shbun Watkins ac. on settlement	58 12
		" Comm. on \$184.00 Sale of Horse	9 35
		" Do on \$218.09 profits recd.	10 40
		" This sum allowed Comtee. for Extra services in managing farm of Comtee.	50 00
		" " Sum to pay for this ac. to Com.	2 50
		" " Bal. due the Estate per Contra	1854 18
			<u>\$2144 19</u>
1855			
Nov.	4	By this sum recd. of Exor. of former Comtee.	\$1729 75
1856		" " " for hire of Jacob	139 61
Nov.	4	" " " Brandy from on the farm	78 48
		" " " Sale of horse, including interest from 4 th Jan'y. 1856,	196 35
			<u>\$2144 19</u>

Commissioner's office
Sale of Wright County, July 10th 1857.
To the County Court of said County.
Your Commr's reports to the Court that
on the 6th day of April 1857, Meredith

Blake E. Darden
in a/c. with M. H.
Watkins his committee

Slip

no 2

1857

1858

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Fee. 60¢

To shut-bro- over		\$2338 21	
1857			
Nov ^r	5-	By this sum bal: last year	2044 82
1858			
Nov ^r	5-	" Inst: on bal: to date	122 68
		" Hires of Negroes for 185-8	122 00
		" this sum from wheat sold	41 41
		" " " " Pear "	7 30
		\$2338 21	\$2338 21

Commissioner's office
Isles of Wight County Mar. 18th 1859.

To the County Court of Isles of Wight County.

Your Com^r reports to the Court that on the 6th day of December 1858, Meredith H. Watkins, Committee of Blake E. Darden, exhibited before your Com^r, a statement of all moneys he had received, become chargeable with, or, had disbursed during the period embraced in the foregoing account, that your Com^r embraced the said Gardian in the list of fiduciaries whose accounts were before him for settlement - which was posted at the front door of the Courthouse of said County, on the first day of December last & on the date of this report (ten days having elapsed since the said account was mentioned in said list) made up & completed the foregoing account & on the 5th day of November 1858. finds a balance of \$2173.16 due from the said Com^r - mittee to the said Blake E. Darden - the account is supported by satisfactory

vouchers. Your Com^r finds that the Committee has given such bond as the law requires - with ample & sufficient penalty & security. Given under my hand as a Com^r of said Court, the day & year first aforesaid,
N. P. Young, Com^r

In Isles of Wight County Court, May 2nd 1859
The foregoing account having been filed in the Clerk's office of said Court - for one month & no exceptions being filed thereto - was confirmed by said Court & ordered to be recorded —

Teste

N. P. Young Clerk

Attest

Teste

Wm. H. Hart, D. C.

The Estate of Blake E. Darden, an Idiot.
In a/c. with Meredith H. Watkins his Committee.

1857			
Nov ^r	5	To paid Ashburn & Watkins a/c. for goods bought	53 36
"	"	" " for door & windows for house	18 75
"	"	" " S. B. Darden for shoeing horse	1 25
"	"	" " J. H. Rhodes a/c.	5 62
"	"	" " for seed wheat	6 00
"	"	" " " D ^r . (Wiley Watkins)	1 30
"	"	" " M. Johnson for D ^r .	3 00
"	"	" " for cutting wheat	1 00
"	"	" " " hauling Rails	5 40
"	"	" " " Blk. Smith Bellows	14 00
"	"	" " " Guano for farm	20 80
"	"	" " Taxes & Blk's tickets for 1857	26 57
"	"	" pay Comtee. Services managing domestic & farm 1857	50 00
Nov ^r	5	" Bal. due the Estate per Contra.	2044 82
1856			\$2252 17
Nov ^r	5	By this sum due on last settlement	1854 18
1857. Nov ^r	"	" " Inst. on balance to date	111 25
"	"	" " this sum from C. H. C. Bailey for pork	51 35
"	"	" " Hires of negroes for 1857	120 00
"	"	" " This sum for chickens. Eggs-beef. peas, Tar & c - sold.	58 93
"	"	" " Sum from Gay & Watkins for work done by negroes	56 45
1858			\$2252 17
Nov ^r	5	To paid Ashburn & Watkins a/c. for necessaries	72 12
"	"	" " Taxes for 1858	25 27
"	"	" " Comm ^d on Recpts of 1858	14 66
"	"	" " Extra compensation to Comtee. for managing farm & c. for 1858	50 00
"	"	" " Balance per Contra	2173 16
			\$2338 21

Blake E. Darden
in cth. with.
Mr. H. Watkins his
Committee &c

Copy.

No 3

1859

1860

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Dec. 6 1861

Commissioner's Office, Isle
of Wight Co. Va. Sept. 20th 1861.

To the County Court of Isle of Wight County.

Your Comm^r reports to the Court, that on the
12th day of July last, Mr. H. Watkins Committee
of Blake & Darden an Idiot, exhibited before
your Court, a statement of all the money
he had received, become chargeable with or
had disbursed during the period embraced
in the foregoing account, together with the vouch-
ers for the disbursements, that your Court em-
braced the said Committee in the list of
fiduciaries whose accounts were before him
for settlement, which was posted at the front
door of the Courthouse of said County on the
first day of August last, & on the date
of this Report. (Ten days having elapsed since
the said account was mentioned in said list) made
up & completed the foregoing account of the trans-
actions of the said Committee, and on the 5th
day of November 1860, finds a balance of \$2365.45
due from the said Committee to the said Idiot.

Your Court has allowed the Committee his com-
missions & Compensation (for the receipts of
1859, & 60 & Compensation for 1858 & 59, for extra
services in managing the farm of the Idiot.
Notwithstanding his accounts were not returned
to your Court in the time prescribed by law,
it appearing before your Court, the reason for
not making such return in time, was, that
the Committee was in the service of the Confederate
States a Captain & could not do so earlier, The
Committee has given such bond as the law
requires in a penalty with security ample

and sufficient,

Given under my hand as Comm^r of
the said Court, the day and year
first aforesaid —

N. P. Young Comm^r

In the County Court of Isle of Wight
County, November 4th 1861, the fore-
going account having been filed
in the Clerk's office of said Court
for one month, and no exceptions
being filed thereto, was confirmed by
said Court, and ordered to be recorded.

Teste,

N. P. Young Clk.

A. C. P. J.

Teste

J. H. Hart, D. C.

Blake E. Darden, An account with
Meridith A. Watkins his Committee.

1859				
Novr.	5	To paid Ashburn & Watkins A/c	67	77
		" " Benja ⁿ Spivey "		25
		" " Josiah P. Gay "	1	17
		" " M. E. Darden (2) "	10	00
		" " Taxes for 1859	25	31
"	"	" Balance per contra	2331	79
1858				
Decr.	21	By bal: on last settlement		2173.16
"	"	" " this sum recd. for 9 Turkeys		4 50
1859				
Jan'y	6	" Cash of J. H. Rhodes		2 50
"	14	" " " Pork		25 00
July	23	" Hire of Jacob 1858		100 00
Novr.	5	" Inst. on last year's bal:		130 38
			2436.29	2436.29
1859				
Decr.	19	To paid Rawls & Co. A/c.	7	92
1860		" " Taxes for 1860	25	78
Augt	24	" " Josiah P. Gay "	4	00
Novr.	5	" " Ashburn & Watkins "	97	76
		" Retained to pay Com ⁿ for this A/c.	3	00
		" paid blk & com ⁿ 's fees for last year	5	25
		" pay Committee for services in managing Idist's farm in 1858 & 59.	100	00
		" Common Receipts of 29407. this year	14	70
		" pay blk. for filg: & recdg: this acct.	2	00
		" balance per contra	2365	45
		By bal: due 5 th of Novr.		2331 79
1860				
Novr.	5	" Inst. on bal. to date		139 90
		" Hire of Jacob for 1859		100 00
		" This sum for Pork. Slaves. Tar &c. sold		54 17
			2625.86	2625.86

Blake E. Darden
in acct. with M. H.
Watkins his committee,

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1861.

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Blake E. Darden, Idiot.

An App. with Meridith H. Watkins, his Committee

1862

Nov ^r	5-	To paid Ashburn & Watkins App. to date	37	43
"	"	" " M. H. Watkins for oats & work of solo.	10	13
"	"	" " Ashburn & Darden for shoes	5	50
"	"	" " Jacob Sping - Sow & pigs	7	50
"	"	" " E. Dunston acct.	45	
"	"	" " Ashburn & Co for lumber	12	01
"	"	" " Ashburn & Peet - Coffin for negro &c	8	50
"	"	" Retained to pay Committee - extra services in attending to farm &c. in 1861.	50	00
"	"	" " to pay Comm ^r for this acct. &c	2	50
"	"	" " " " blk for filg. & rec'dy: same &c.	2	50
"	"	" Committee's Comm ^r on \$85.92. Receipts	29	29
"	"	" " Balance due Idiot - per contra	30	35

1861

Nov ^r	5-	By this sum due on last account	26	15	77
Nov ^r	5-	" " " from M. Butler for 2 pigs	6	48	
"	"	" " " " A. H. Rhodes " 2 turkeys	2	00	
"	"	" " " " F. D. Holladay " 12. D.	12	00	
"	"	" " " " Various persons " wheat	52	00	
"	"	" " " " A. H. Ashburn " beef	7	00	
"	"	" " " " Esmael Johnson " pork	45	50	
"	"	" " " " Jacob's work	54	00	
"	"	" " " " Esiah P. Gay for 2 bbls. brandy	250	00	
"	"	" Inst. on last year's bal. to date.	156	94	
			<u>\$3201.69 / \$3201.69</u>		

Commissioner's office
Isle of Wight County, May 15th, 1863.

To the county Court of Isle of Wight County,
Your Comm^r reports to the Court that on
the 6th day of April last. Meridith H.

Watkins Committee of Blake E. Darden, an Idiot
exhibited before him statements of all the moneys he
had received, become chargeable with, or had disbursed
during the periods embraced in the foregoing ac-
counts, together with the vouchers for the disburse-
ments. That the said Committee was embraced
in the list of fiduciaries whose accounts were
before your Commissioner for settlement, which
was posted at the Courthouse door of said County
on the first day of the last Court, and on the date
of this report (ten days having elapsed since the said
account was so posted) made up & completed
the foregoing accounts, for the year ending
on the 5th day of November, 1861, and 1862, and
on the said 5th day of November 1862, finds a balance
of \$3035.28 due from the said Committee to the
said Idiot or his estate. Your Commissioner
finds that the said Committee has given such
bond as the law requires in a penalty and
with security sufficient —
Given under my hand as a Comm^r of the
said Court, the day & year first aforesaid.
N. P. Young Comm^r

In the County Court of Isle of Wight County, July 6th
1863, the foregoing account, was confirmed
and ordered to be recorded, having been filed
one month & no exceptions filed thereto.

Teste

N. P. Young Clk.

A. Hopps

Teste

C. H. Hart, D. C.

Blake E. Darden, Idiot, In account
with Meredith A. Watkins, Committee.

1861

Novr	5-	To paid Ashburn & Watkins Ac. to date.	58 75	
"	"	" " W ^m H. Darden threshing wheat	5 44	
"	"	" " A. G. Spratley services of Stallion	12 50	
"	"	" " Sheriff Taxes	24 97	
"	"	" " M. H. Watkins work on house & c	18 43	
"	"	" " C. H. C. Bailey acct.	2 19	
"	"	" " A. H. Ashburn cutting wheat	2 00	
"	"	" Retained to pay Committee for extra services in managing farm in 1860 }	50 00	
"	"	" Retained to pay Com ^{tee} for this acct. &c.	2 50	
"	"	" " " " ltk: " filg: & recdg: D ^o	2 00	
"	"	" Committee Com nd on 1/4 52.21 Receipts	22 61	
"	"	" " Balance per contra due Estate.	26 17 77	
1860				
Novr	5-	By this sum on last. acct. to date.	2365 45	
1861				
Novr	5-	" " " recd. of Rhodes for 2 Turkeys	2 00	
"	"	" " " " of F. D. Halladay " 12 D ^o	12 00	
"	"	" " " " Ashburn for beef	7 00	
"	"	" " " " for Jacob's work	100 00	
"	"	" " " " of E. S. Ballard - bricks	6 00	
"	"	" " " " Ashburn for Turkeys	1 75	
"	"	" " " " " D ^o " Fallow	48	
"	"	" " " " Ashburn & Watkins - pens.	2 06	
"	"	" " " " " Various persons for wheat }	52 00	
"	"	" " " " " Junius Wilson for horse }	127 00	
"	"	" Inst. on last year's balance to date	141 92	
			<u>2817 66</u>	<u>2817 66</u>

Executed by delivering to the within named
J. D. Gay & M. W. Walker a true copy of the within
summons on 12th of March 1843.
A. B. Edwards D. J.

W. W. Walker

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Commissioner's Office,

ISLE OF WIGHT COURTHOUSE:

March 11th 1873.

To Josiah S. Gay adm. of Blake E. Dardur Decd.

Plaintiffs,

And

To W. H. Watkins late Committee of Blake
E. Dardur Decd.

Defendants:

You are hereby Notified, That I have fixed upon the *26th* day of
March 1873, ~~next~~ if fair, if not, the next fair day thereafter, (Sunday
excepted), to take and settle, at my office aforesaid, the following accounts:

*A further account of the transactions of
W. H. Watkins as Committee of the said
Blake E. Dardur.*

Required to be taken by decree of Isle of Wight ~~Courty~~ Court, rendered on the
3^d day of *February*, 1873, in a suit in chancery depending in the
said court, in which you are Parties, Plaintiff's and Defendants, at which time and
place you are required to attend.

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

A. P. Young Commissioner.

Harden's adv.

v. } Bill of costs

Watkins

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Harden's adv.

vs.

Watkins curator of Harden

2 Bill
of costs.

Atto. fee & writ tax \$16.00

Clerk's fees (in suit) 7.32

Do. for copies to file 2.50

Shff. Chapman .50

" Edwards 1.00

Commr. Young 20.00

~~\$56.82~~

\$57.32