

1879-004 Chancery Causes. Benjamin F. Turner & W. vs Joseph Stephenson's admr & ad
Isle of Wight County

other surnames: Gale,
Darden, Young, Shivers,
Whitehead, Hall, Eley,
Butler, Edwards, Jordan,
Wilson, Holt, Powell

Commissioner's Office,

ISLE OF WIGHT COURT HOUSE.

To B. J. Turner and Martha
his wife

June 26th 1866

Plaintiffs.

and to L. B. Edwards, Sheriff and admr. of the estate of Joseph
Stephenson dec.; and of the estate of B. W. Gale dec.; Margaret
Stephenson, widow of J. Stephenson, Peter A. Butler and Polly J.
his wife, Christopher, William & Otelia
D. Stephenson (lost infants) and Chas.
H. Darden

Defendants.

You are hereby notified, that I have fixed upon the 1st of the day of
August 1866, to take and settle the following accounts, at my office, to wit:

First, "An account of the transactions of
L. B. Edwards as admr. of J. Stephenson
and Burton W. Gale";

Second - "An account of the plaintiffs demands
against the said Joseph Stephenson & Burton W.
Gale and those of all other creditors of said
Joseph Stephenson & Burton W. Gale who may choose
to contribute to the costs of this suit, with their
respective dignity";

Third - "An account of the real estate of which the said
Joseph Stephenson or Burton W. Gale died seized
and possessed, with the fee simple and annual
value thereof";

required to be taken by a Decree of the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County, rendered on
the 22nd day of April 1866, in a suit in Chancery depending
in the said Court, in which you are parties, Plaintiffs and Defendants; at which time and place you are
required to attend. Given under my hand, as Commissioner in Chancery of said Court the day and year
aforesaid.

L. B. Edwards Comr.

James H. Hays

E. C. Caus.
to E. H. Hays

Stephenson & Co

To 17. Aug. 1846

Efficiently by delivery
all except
Copies sent to B. H.
James H. B. Edwards

Service acknowledged

C. B. Hayden Esq.

Service acknowledged for B. H. Edwards
C. B. Hayden Esq. for
B. H. Edwards

Clerk's Office,

Isle of Wight Co. N. Va. Feby. 7th 1874,

A. C. H. Hart, Deputy for N. P. Young, Clerk of the County
Court of Isle of Wight County, Certify that there is
charged to Joseph Stephenson, on the Land Book of
Newport Township, Isle of Wight County, Eighty
(80) acres of land, valued at four Hundred
and Eighty (\$480.00) Dollars,
Given under my hand this day and year
above written.

A. C. H. Hart, Deputy for
N. P. Young, Clerk.

B. H. Turner wife

vs } In Chy:

Joth Stephenson's adm^r, & als

Certificate of the quan-
tity & value of Joseph
Stephenson's land,

Given
(4)

\$162.99 Ordinand We promise to pay Martha J.
Stephenson Order or Assigns the Sum of One hundred
and Sixty Two dollars and Ninety Nine Cents lawfull
Money of ~~the~~ United States, for Value Received, for
which we bind our Selves our heirs &c. Given
under our hands and seals this 1st day of December
1868.

Witness

Joseph Stebbins seal

seal

Joseph Stephenson

Note $\frac{1}{2}$ to

M. J. Stephenson

\$162.99¢

paid 1st day Dec. 1868.

Exhibit

(C)

The 1770. & given
 B. whitehead

I resign the within to Jos Stephen
and hold my self responsible

Twelve months
21st July 1860

J. Hall

J. M. Shivers
To

W. Hall

J. Green

50.00
26.75
23.25

(11)
1860

At a Meeting of the Members of the Bar in attendance upon the County Court of Hansemond, held at Suffolk on the 8th day of December, 1873:

On motion of Col. D. J. Godwin, of Portsmouth, John R. Kilby, Esq., of Suffolk, was called to the chair, and R. E. Boykin, of Smithfield, appointed Secretary.

Mr. Kilby having briefly stated the object of the meeting, on motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we, the Members of the Bar in attendance upon this meeting, deeming it expedient, for the speedy and convenient administration of justice, that our Judiciary system should undergo an alteration, and in remembrance of the facility and dispatch with which business was transacted in the County Court prior to the abolition of its former extensive jurisdiction; believing, also, that the Legal Fraternity throughout this Circuit acquiesce in the necessity of such an alteration, we would solicit that the Members of the Bar of this, the First Judicial Circuit, attend a Convention, to be held at Suffolk on the 12th day of January, 1874, for the purpose of memorializing the Legislature in relation to the matter aforesaid, regarding it as an imperative necessity that there should be a return to the recently abolished County Court system or a division of this Circuit.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to inform each Attorney in the First Judicial Circuit of the proceedings of this meeting, and request his attendance upon the proposed Convention.

You are respectfully invited to attend the above Convention.

R. E. BOYKIN, Secretary.

Turner & wife

Stephenson & Amers

Exhibits with
Complainants Bill

Dr. Martha J. Stephenson daughter of Joseph Stephenson
In account with Joseph Stephenson

1860

July 20 To commissions on \$227.98 Receipts 11 39

July 1 " Balance due the Ward 216 59

July 20 By this sum received of Thomas Hall
adm^r of James J. Edwards decd. on
a settlement of his Estate } 227 98
\$227.98 \$227.98

1862

July 1 To Balance due ward 228 94

July 1 By balance due last year 16 59

July 1 " Inst. on same one year (less commⁿ) 12 35

\$228.94 \$228.94

1863

July 1 To balance due ward 241 98

July 1 By balance due on last ac^t 228 94

July 1 To Inst. on same one year (less commⁿ) 13 04

\$241.98 \$241.98

1864

July 1 To balance due the ward 255 87

July 1 By balance due on last acct. 241 98

July 1 To Inst. on same one year (less commⁿ) 13 89

\$255.87 \$255.87

1865

July 1 To balance due the ward 270 45

July 1 By balance on last acct. 255 87

July 1 To Inst. on same one year (less commⁿ) 14 58

Wt. Carried over \$270.45 \$270.45

1865

Amt. brot. over \$270 45 \$270. 45

1866

July - To paid for clothing for ward 23 50

July 1 " balance due the ward 262 36

1865 July 1 By balance on last acct, 270 45

1866 July 1 " Inst. on same one year (less loan) 15 41

\$285. 86 \$285. 86

1867

To pay loan & lck. for this acct. 4 00

July 1 " balance due the ward 273 31

1866 July 1 By balance on last acct, 262 36

1867 July 1 " Inst. on same one year (less loan) 14 95

\$277. 31 \$277. 31

1867

July 1. Balance due the ward \$273. 31

Commissioner's Office, Isle of
Wight Co. House, Nov^r 1st 1867,

To the County Court of Isle of Wight County,

Your Commissioner reports to the Court that on the 3rd day of October 1867, Joseph Stephenson Guardian of Martha J. Stephenson exhibited before him 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 vouchers for the disbursements, That your Commissioner embraces the said guardian in the list of

fiduciaries whose accounts were before
him for settlement, which was posted at the
front door of the Courthouse on the first day
of October term last, And on the date
of this report, made up and completed
the foregoing account of the transactions
of said guardian, And on the ^{first} day of July
1867, finds a balance of \$273.51, due from
the said guardian to his said ward. Upon
examination your commissioner finds
and so reports that the guardian has given
such a bond as the law requires in the pen-
alty and with security sufficient,
Given under my hand as a commis-
sioner of said County Court the day and
year first aforesaid, W. D. Young Clerk
(" ")

In the Clerk's office of Isle of Wight County,
January 6th 1868, the foregoing account and
transactions of Joseph Stephenson guardian
of Martha J. Stephenson, daughter of Joseph Stephen-
son, having been filed for one month and
no exceptions filed thereto, was confirmed
and admitted to record,

Testes W. D. Young clk.
(" ")
Copy Testes,
C. H. Hart, D. C.
(" ")

Martha J. Stephenson
In account with
Joseph Stephenson
her Guardian

Copy

Exhibit

(6)

Know all men by these presents, that
we Joseph Stephenson, Henry Darden
and Bryton W. Gale are held and firmly
bound unto the Commonwealth of Vir-
ginia, in the sum of Four Hundred
Dollars, for the payment thereof well and
truly to be made to the said Commonwealth.
We bind ourselves each of us, our and each of
our heirs, executors & administrators, jointly
and severally firmly by these presents, sealed
with our seals, and dated this 2nd day of July
1860, in the 84th year of the Commonwealth.
The condition of this obligation is, that if
the said Joseph Stephenson who has this
day qualified as the guardian of Martha
J. Stephenson, (his child) shall faithfully
discharge the duties of his office of Guar-
dian aforesaid, then this obligation to be void,
else to remain in full force,

Joseph Stephenson Seal
Bryton W. Gale Seal
H. Henry Darden Seal

For the County Court of Lee of Wight
County, July 2nd 1860, This bond was
executed and ordered to be recorded,
Teste, W. S. Young, C. C.,
Clerk
Lee, Lee, H. Hart, D. C.

Joseph Stephenson
Guardian of
Martha J. Stephenson
Baird -

Copy

Exhibit
(B)

B. F. Turner wife

vs. } In Chaney

Joseph Stephenson's admr.
Certificate of J. Stephenson's
Qualification as guardian
of Martha J. Stephenson.

Copy

Exhibit "A."

In Sess of Wright County Court, July 2nd 1860

On the motion of Joseph Stephenson, he is appointed guardian of Martha J. Stephenson his daughter, and thereupon with Buxton W. Gale and Charles H. Darden, his securities, who justified, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of four hundred dollars, with condition according to law, ordered that said bond be recorded.

Attest, L. H. Hart, Deputy for
W. S. Young, clk.

Thema Surfer

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Stephen Adams et al

This cause this
day came on to be again heard on the
papers formerly read & on the Report
of L B Edwards Esq Sheriff under the
decree herein of Oct Term. 1872
was argued & considered, on considera-
tion whereof the court considered
report in which no exceptions were
filed. doth adjudge & order decree
that the clerk of this court deliver to
said L B Edwards on his filing
his receipt therefor the Certificate of
Deposit of the Cashier of the Farmers Loan
Charter Savings Bank for \$15.00 returned
with his report of aforesaid, which certificate
he is hereby authorized & required to collect
& out of the proceeds pay the Plaintiff
B. F. Turner the sum of \$15.00 the said
sum ^{per} demand & order under a former
decree herein & then pay the costs
of this writ & the docket & any pay to
Shells & Powell Esq of Hartwell & Powell
taking the receipt of said parties therefor &
return the same to court with his report
of his proceedings under this decree & the court
doth further adjudge & order decree that this
cause be removed from the docket & that no
further proceedings be had thereon.

Turner ^{sup}
" ¹¹
Stephenson

Rayburn
April Jan 1829
To be entered

Scott Blod,

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Encl 35
" ¹¹

In the Circuit Court of Isabella County.
October 22^d 1877.

Genl. F. Turner and wife et als. Petts.
vs. J. D. Chas

S. B. Edwards Shff & administrator of
Joseph Stephenson et als. Defs.

This cause came on this day to be heard
again on the papers formerly read, & on
the 2 reports of sale of S. B. Edwards Shff.
made under the decree in this cause
at the April term 1877, of this Court,
to which ~~no~~ exceptions have been filed,
and was argued by counsel, on
consideration whereof the Court with
advisage, order and decree that the said
S. B. Edwards Shff. of record, receive of
the Clerk of this Court, who will deliver
the same to him on his leaving
a receipt therefor, the three bonds of
Geo. S. Whitley and Margaret Stephenson
of \$134.⁹⁹ each, and collect the same when
due, and then make to the purchaser
Geo. S. Whitley a deed in the usual form
with special warranty for the real estate
sold under proceedings herein, and
purchased by said Whitley, and out
of the proceeds of said bonds, pay any
costs of this suit, remaining unpaid

and then pay the plaintiffs Turners wife the residue of their debt not heretofore paid under proceedings herein, and deposit the residue in the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Smithfield V^o, to the credit of this cause, subject to the order of this Court, & file with his report a certificate of the Cashier of said Bank of such deposit, and that the residue of the decree of Decr. Ct. 1877, in this cause be executed as therein directed, make report to Court, it being admitted by Cr. May dec. atty. for the Plaintiffs that the claim reported by Court. Young as due to John Wilson & M. D. Hot Exors. of Jas. S. Wilson decd; has been otherwise provided for, & may be not further considered in this cause.

O Copy Teste.

J. A. Edwards Dec. atty.
 W. D. Young clk.

addl. costs to Decr. 77.
 Clerk's fee. \$1.81

Turners wife et al.
 or John Chy. copy
 of Dec. of Decr. Ct. 77

Deft. Turner et al.
 "

"a copy"

9148.08

for 8th

long atty.

Isle of Wight Circuit Court, April 21st 1877.

Benj. F. Turner wife et als

Pltfs

Against J. M. Chy.

L. B. Edwards Sheriff and of Joseph
Slipsumson decd. et als. Defs.

This cause this day came on to be again
heard on the papers formerly read,
and was argued by counsel
on consideration whereof the court
doth adjudge order and decree
that L. B. Edwards Sheriff, and of
Isle of Wight County Va who is appointed
court for that purpose, sheweth
to sell at auction before the
court house door of Isle of Wight
County, on some court day, after
notice of the time and place of
such sale by printed handbills
for at least twenty days, put up at
the court house door, and at four
other public places, the land of
which Joseph Slipsumson died seized,
described in the proceedings as a
tract of land in said County contain-
ing 80 acres more or less, about two
miles from the court house of said County
adjacent to the lands of Geo. T. Whitley

and others, (subject to any right of
dower in said land) of Mrs. Margaret
Stephenson, widow of said Joseph Steph-
enson dead; The said sale to be made
on a credit of six and 12 months, with
interest from day of sale, the purchaser
to give Bonds with good security, waiving
the homestead for the same, and the
title to said land to be retained by
said Sheriff till ordered by the court
and make report to court.

Attest Teste.

Wm. Edwards D. J. for
A. D. Young Clerk

James & wife

vs. Joseph Stephenson.

Stephenson.

Jurmer & wife v. Stephenson

This cause came on this day to be heard again on the papers formally read & on the reports of Sale of L. B. Edwards Sheriff made under the decree in this cause at the April Term 1877 of this Court. To which no exception has been filed & was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge order & decree that the said L. B. Edwards Sheriff aforesaid receive of the clerk of this Court (who are deliver the same to him on his leaving a receipt therefor) the three Bonds of ^{Geo. D. Whitley &} Margaret Stephenson of \$134.99 each and collect the same when due, & then make to the purchaser (Geo. D. Whitley) a deed in the usual form with special warranty for the real estate sold under proceeding herein & purchased by said Whitley, and out of the proceeds of said Bonds pay any and then pay costs of this suit remaining unpaid, ~~including~~ the plaintiff Jurmer & wife the residue of their debt not ~~the defendants attorneys fees as directed by the said~~ heretofore paid under proceeding herein ~~decree of April Term 1877~~, and deposit the residue in the Farmer & Mechanic Bank of Smithfield Va to the credit of this cause, subject to the order of this Court, & file with his report a certificate of the Cashier of said Bank of such deposits, and that the residue of the decree of April Court 1877 in this cause be executed as therein directed, and make report to Court. It being admitted by C. B. Hayden atty for the pte, that the claim reported by Com Jury as due to John Wilson & M. J. Holt. Exors of Jas. S. Wilson and has been otherwise provided for and may be not further considered in this case

Turner wife

Yr

Stephenson.

1877

Oct. 21.

Dear

To be noted.

Geo. B. Brown.

At consent to this decree

John R. Kelly
att'y for deft.

C. B. Brown att'y for
Plff & J. S. Williams

(Entered 13)

Turner strike

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Stephenson's adv.

This cause came on this day to be again heard on the paper formerly read and was argued by Counsel on consideration whereof the Court both advised, order & decree that L. B. Edwards, Sheriff of Isle of Wight County Va. ^{is appointed Com. for that purpose} proceed to sell at auction before the Court house door of Isle of Wight County, on some Court day, after notice of the time & place of such sale by printed Handbills ^{for at least twenty days} ~~notices~~, put up at the said Court house door ~~on some previous Court day~~ & at four other public places, the Land of which Joseph Stephenson died seized & possessed, described in the proceedings as a tract of Land in said County containing 80 acres more or less, about two miles from the Court house of said County, adjacent to the Land of Geo. J. Whitley & others (subject to any right of Home in said land of Mrs. Margaret Stephenson widow of said Joseph Stephenson dec'd?); the said sale to be made in a credit of six and twelve months with interest from day of sale, the purchaser to give Bonds with good security, waiving Homestead for the same, and the title to said land to be retained by said Sheriff till ordered by the Court, and make report to Court.

Turner's wife

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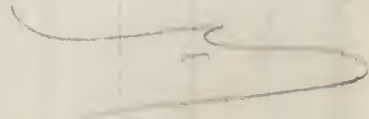
Stephenson's adv

1879

Ape Court

Leaves for sale

Geo. B. Lord



(Entered 31)

Turner wife

Stephen conc. adm. et al -

This cause this day came on to be again heard on the papers formally read and on the report of Commiffioner N. P. Young under the decree herein of April term 1876, and was argued by Council on consideration whereof, the Court doth adjudge order and decree that, said report to which no exceptions were filed, be confirmed, and that the defendant, L B Edwards out of the sum of \$226.76, shown by said report to be due by him as administrator of Joseph Stephenson ^{and also \$30. to John R. Kelly atty for affendants, against the expenses of adm.} pay the cost of this suit, and the balance pay to the plaintiff B. H. Turner in right of Martha J., his wife, in part satisfaction of the sum of \$398.93, with interest on \$294.56 part thereof from the 26th day of October, 1876 till paid, taking the receipt of said B. H. Turner therefor, and return the same to Court with his report of his proceedings under this decree.

But the effect of this decree as to the payment to said husband, shall be suspended until his said wife shall on her privy examination separate before a Notary Public and apart from her said husband, consent in writing to said payment certified and filed in this cause. And the Court doth further adjudge, order and decree, that a Commiffioner of this Court take a further account of the transactions of said L B Edwards as administrator of said Joseph Stephenson, which account the said Commiffioner shall take, settle and report

Turner & wife

vs

Stephenson's adm et al

Ent. 13

Rough Decree

October Term

1876

To be entered

Stephenson

We conveyed to the
within clause
C. B. W. & Co.
1876-1877

John R. Kelly, J. C.

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to Court with any matters specially stated
deemed pertinent by himself or required by
the parties to be so stated. And the Court
doth further adjudge, order and decree that
L. B. Edwards as administrator of said Joseph
Stephenson proceed immediately by suit or otherwise
as far as practicable to collect any outstanding
debts due his said intestates estate

in which it is suggested that since the institution of this
suit, the defendant C H Warden has been adjudicated
a bankrupt, it is a descent that that suit be dismissed
with costs -

Turner wife

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Joseph Stephen - adm & co.

This cause, this

day came on to be argued & heard on the
Complaints Bill, the Answer & taken
for confessed as to The Defendants Margaret Stephen,
son, Peter & Butler & Poly, his wife, ~~that~~
~~ended~~ on whom process has been duly served
they still failing to appear plead answer or
demur, the Answer of L B Edmunds Adm
of Joseph Stephen & Butler & Gole & of the
Plaintiff ad libitum of the infant defendants
Christopher Stephen, William Stephens & Maria
F Stephen, ^{general} ~~replicators~~ to said Answer,
exhibits filed & examination of witnesses,
was argued & counsel, on consideration
whereof the Court doth adjudge order & decree
that a Commissioner of this Court take
the following accounts

1st
The account of the administration of L B Edmunds
as administrator of Joseph Stephen & Butler
& Gole

2nd
The account of the Plaintiff, demand against
the said Joseph Stephen & Butler & Gole
& those of all other creditors of said Joseph Stephen
son & Butler & Gole who may choose to contribute
to the costs of this suit, with their respective
disputes -

3^{ds}

On account of the bad state of which the
said Joseph Stephenson or Benton, St. Louis died
seized & perished with the ~~frustration~~ &
unusual value thereof -

which account he shall take better report
to Court with any matters specially stated
deemed pertinent & binding or required
by the parties to be so stated

Turner wife &

vs

Stephenson or Benton -
and -

Ralph Blum -

Spencer
1876

To be entered -

Geo: Blum

Entered (28)

B. J. Turner wife

vs.

Stephens & adm^r.

On the motion of the
defendants by their attorney, liberty is
granted them to file their answer within
ninety days

Turner wife

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Stephenson &c

1874

May 21st

order - Loan & file
answer

To be entered

Geo. W. Jones

Entered

31.

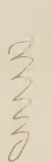
To the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County.

Pursuant to a decree of said court rendered at April term, 1879, in the suit of R. T. Turner wife vs. Joseph Stephenson adm. &c. The undersigned reports to court that he has received from the clerk of the said court, the certificate of deposit of the cashiers of the Farmers and Merchants Savings Bank for \$15.⁰⁰ And that he has collected the same, and after paying the unpaid costs amounting to \$2.⁸⁷ he has paid the balance to said R. T. Turner as directed by said decree, as will be seen by the receipts on the copy of said decree herewith filed.

Given under my hand this 10th day of June 1879.

J. B. Edwards

Turner Keefe

vs.  Chy.

Stephenswood et al.

Report of L. B. Edwards
of collection of
certs. of deposit
under date of
apt. 1877 and
of disbursements.

June 10th 1879.

Filed.

The Island of Wright County
last Circuit Court - April 22 1879

This cause this day came
on to be again heard on the
papers formerly read, & on the
report of S. P. Edwards Shff.
under decree herein of October
term 1877. and was argued by
Counsel, on considerations
whereof, the Court confirming
the said report & which no
exceptions have been filed.
doth adjudge order and
decree that the Clerk of this
Court deliver to said S. P. Edwards,
on his filing his receipts
therefor the Certificate of deposit
of the Cashier of the Farmers and
Merchants Savings Bank
for \$15.⁸⁸ returned with his report
abovesaid, which Certificate
he is hereby authorized and

Sum of \$1000 received of W. A. Edwards & Co. for
 under license of Office of the Court of 1874
 signed & attested by the
 Clerk
 19th June

required to collect, and out
 of the proceeds, pay the plain-
 tiff B. F. Turner the sum of \$15.00
 the taxed attys. fee & send him
 under a former decree him
 and then pay the costs of this
 suit, and the balance, if any,
 pay to Miles & Power, Exor. of
 Hactwen T. Power, giving the
 receipt of said parties therefor
 and return the same to Court
 with his report to Court of his
 proceedings under the decree
 and the Court doth further
 adjudge, order and decree
 that this cause be removed
 from the docket, nothing further
 remaining to be done hereon.

Attest Teste.

Cell's fee unpaid

\$2.87

W. A. Edwards & Co.

Turner et al
 vs J. G. & Co. de.
 re

Stephens

Adm. re

Apr. 21. 1874

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Farlow

To the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County.

Pursuant to a decree of the said court rendered at the Octo. term, 1846, in the suit in chancery then depending between Benjamin F. Turner & wife plaintiffs and S. B. Edwards admr. of Joseph Edwards & co. defendants, the undersigned administrator as aforesaid, reports to the court that out of the sum of \$226.76 shown to be in his hands and decreed to be paid out, he has, in accordance with said decree paid the same as follows To wit:

Am't. in hand as aforesaid	\$226.76
Paid atts. for ptffs: fee & tax	16.50
" " Defs: for draw	30.00
" Clerks. fees	10.00
" Shff: "	5.00
" Commr. in Chg. fee	15.00
" B. F. Turner upon the amount of his wife given before Notary Pub. & 150.20	
	\$226.76 \$226.76

The receipts for the amounts paid above are hereto annexed.

Given under my hand this 1st day
of March, 1847.

L. B. Edwards

Turner & wife

vs.
In chancery

Stephenson adm. est.

Report of pay ments
made by L. B. Edwards
adm. of Stephenson.

filed as a bill

Record of L. B. Edwards admor. of Joseph Stephenson
dec. the account reported as paid to us, respectively,
as shown by the foregoing report of said Edwards.

B H Turner

J. D. Foran, att. genl.

John R. Kelly, atty for debts

L B. Edwards Shff

To The Circuit Court of Isle of
Wight County.

Pursuant to a decree of the
said Court rendered at Oc-
tober Term 1877, in a cause
therein depending between B.
F. Turner and wife plaintiffs, and
L. B. Edwards admr. of Joseph
Edgemoore et als. defts. the
undersigned, sheriff of the
County of Isle of Wight, reports
to the Court that he has col-
lected the bonds of George J.
Whitely the purchaser of the
real estate in these proceedings
mentioned, amounting in the ag-
gregate to the sum of

\$382.13

out of which he has paid
the unpaid costs of

\$2.17

7.17

the balance due to B.

274.96

F. Turner and wife.

274.08

Leaving balance deposited

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which he has deposited in the Farmers
and Merchants' Savings Bank
at Smithfield as directed by
said decree, and herewith returned
the certificate of deposit of the
treasurer of said Bank, and

Wm. L. Sturges & Co. v. J. B. Edwards

that he has made to the said George
J. Whittier a deed for the land
as directed by said decree
Given under my hand this
31st day of September 1875.

My friend and A. B. Edwards, att. Genl,

L. B. Edwards Esq.

Your commission further reports that he has overlooked the sum of
\$16.38 in lands tendered in former report making on the above 8th of the sum of
\$17.38, on 8th of not in balance paid \$17.38 with two as per his report -
I deposited the balance \$16.38 in F. L. Merchant & Son's Bank Southfield
as per the report of deposit herewith filed -

L. B. Edwards

W. L. Sturges & Co.
vs. J. B. Edwards
J. B. Edwards admt.

Report of Collections
disbursement by the
sheriff per

dated Nov 18 1875

disbursement made in payment
of the balance of the balance
of the sum of \$17.38
which was paid on 10th of Nov 1875

Recd. June 10th 1879. the Court.
of deposit from Clerk of
as directed by Court order
L. B. Edwards Esq.

Sept. 1st 1878, Received of L. B. Edwards Esq.
Jesse of Wright County, Two Hundred & Seventy four
dollars and eight cents the balance in full
due me out of the funds in his hands as per the
within report, and in full of demand against
Joseph Stephenson estate. B. H. Garrison

In the Circuit Court of Iss. of Wright County.

B. F. Turner Sheriff.

Off.

"

3rd day.

L. P. Edwards and J. Stephenson, Deft.

In the Circuit Court of said County.

Pursuant to a decree of said Court in this cause, rendered on the 21st of April, 1871, after duly advertising the time & place of sale as therein directed, the undersigned as Sheriff of said County, proceeded on the 2^d day of Sept. 1871, being Court day, to sell at auction, before the Court house and, on a credit of six & twelve months, with interest from the day of sale, the land of which Joseph Stephenson died seized described in the proceedings as a tract of land in said County containing 80 acres more or less, about two miles from the Court house of said County, adjacent to the land of Geo. S. Whitley and others, subject to any right of dower in said land of Mrs. Mary Stephenson, widow of said Joseph Stephenson. At which sale George S. Whitley being the highest bidder, became the purchaser thereof at the price of \$300.00 from which I deducted Taxes on the land \$13.02

Printing Handbills 2.00

Comm^{rs} on sales 50.00 30.00

Leaving balance of \$269.98 for

which I have taken the Board of said Com.
d. Wholly with Margaret Stephens security
for the sum of \$134.99 each which are
herewith reported to the court together
with the receipts of the said Com. for the
cash payment as aforesaid.

Given under my hand as sheriff aforesaid
this 1st day of Sept. 1877.

J. B. Edwards Sheriff

Received

m,

Chas.

Devereaux & Co.,

Shiriffs Rept. of Cash
paid Bonds &c.

Sept. 1st 1877. Paid

Check of the Clerk of the
Circuit of Deveraux & Co.
Amount of the cash bonds
of Bonds, including margin
Stephens for \$134.99 each
as directed by the
Circuit Ct. 1877.

J. B. Edwards
Shff

Statement of Cash of
Sale of Joseph Stephenson land

Am't for which the land sold for. \$300.00

Am't Cash.

Paid Taxes 13.02

" Editor of Suffolk Herald. 2.00

Comm. on Sales. 15.00

\$30.02

Mr. Joseph Stephenson Esq. Newport District,
 1875. **To** *J. C. Borden, Jr. Isle of Wight Co., Va., Dr.*

To State Capitation Tax.....				
To State Revenue on <i>80</i> acres Land, value \$ <i>480</i> at 50c per \$100	<i>2</i>	<i>40</i>		
To State Revenue on Personal Property, Bonds, &c., value \$ " " per \$100....				
Amount of State Taxes.....			<i>2</i>	<i>40</i>
To County Capitation Tax.....				
To County Levy on <i>80</i> acres Land, value \$ <i>480</i> at 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ c per \$100....	<i>1</i>	<i>60</i>		
To County Levy on Personal Property, Bonds, &c., value \$ " at 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ c per \$100....				
To County School Tax on Real and Pers'l Property, value \$ <i>480</i> at 10c per \$100....		<i>48</i>		
To District " " " " " <i>480</i> " 5c " "		<i>24</i>		
Amount of County Taxes.....			<i>2</i>	<i>32</i>
Total Amount of State and County Taxes.....			\$	<i>4, 72</i>
December 1st, 5 per cent. added				<i>24</i>
				<i>4, 96</i>

Received payment.

Treasurer.

Stephenson Post Office

\$4.72

24

4.96

95-

5.91

60

6.51

4 7 5-Receipt

1.76

Sale of
P.H.

Mr. Joseph H. Harrison's Est. Newport District,
 1876. **To** J. C. Garden, Jr. Isle of Wight Co., Va. **Dr.**

To State Capitation Tax.....	1	00	
To State Revenue on 80 acres Land, value \$ 400 at 50c per \$100.....	2		
To State Revenue on Personal Property, Bonds, &c., value " " per \$100.....			
Amount of State taxes.....			2
To County Capitation Tax.....		50	
To County Levy on 80 acres Land, value \$ 400 at 25c per \$100.....	1		
To County Levy on Personal Property, Bonds, &c., value \$ " at 25c per \$100.....			
To County School Tax on Real and Pers'l Property, value \$40 at 10c per \$100 ...		40	
To District " " " " " " " " \$40 at 5c per \$100.....		20	
Amount of County Taxes,.....			1 60
Total amount of State and County Taxes			\$ 3 60
December 1st, 5 per cent. added.,.....			18
Received payment, of L. W. Edwards, Adm'r			3 78

Treasurer.

J. H. Henderson Deputy.

Stephenson for: Est,

~~\$360~~
118

378
105

\$4.83

378
428

806
496

1,302

No. _____
 Mr. *Joseph Shepherdson*
 NEWPORT TOWNSHIP,

1873.

To M. L. WATKINS, Isle of Wight County Treasurer.

To revenue on <i>80</i> acres land, valued at \$ <i>480</i> at 50 cts. on \$100	<i>240</i>	
To revenue on \$ Personal Property at 50 cts. on \$100		
To State Capitation Tax	<i>\$100</i>	
Total State Tax		
To County Levy on \$ <i>480</i> Real and Personal Property at 25 cts. on \$100	<i>120</i>	<i>240</i>
To County Levy on persons at 50 cts		
To County School Tax at 10 cts. on \$100		
Total County Tax	<i>48</i>	<i>168</i>
Total State and County Tax		<i>408</i>
December 1st, 5 per cent. added		<i>20</i>
		<i>428</i>

Treasurer

Collector

Joseph S. Thompson

425

T. G. ELAM.—Largest Circulation of any Paper in Nansemond, Isle of Wight, Southampton and Gates Co's—E. E. HATHAWAY

Mr L. B. Edwards *Suffolk, Va Aug 1st 1877*

TO "Suffolk Herald," Dr.
Newspaper and Job Printing Establishment,

1877

WASHINGTON SQUARE NEAR MAIN ST.

<i>Aug</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>500 1/8 Dills. Stephenson's Land</i>	<i>2. 00</i>
		<i>Rec'd Payment</i>	
		<i>Elam & Hathaway</i>	

L. B. Edwards adm. of Jas. Stephenson. Dr
1876 To the bill of Sale of Wright Co. let.
Contd. on Ct. Docket of Horneshead
sept. at June, July 50. Aug. Disin^{re} of
same 36. Copy 20. Filg. papers 20.
N. P. Young letk —

\$1.26

Edwards L. B. . .

Adm. 1/4

Jas. Stephenson

\$1.26

To be paid
when the Good
money is collected

L. B. Edwards adm^t Jos. Clephenson
1876 To the Clerk of Sale of Wright County De
Jany. Continuing report of Mrs Clephenson of
homestead on Docket . 25-
Feb'y. Same. 25. Mar. Same. 25. Apl. do. 25. May do. 25. 1.00
1.25-
N. P. Young clerk.

Edwards L. B.
Adm: \$1.25

To be paid when
the land survey
is complete

Eleventh Circuit Court October 21st 1870.

B. F. Turner & Martha his wife & als. Plffs.

Against J. Edwards Shff.

as such admr. of Jos. Stephenson decd. Margaret Stephenson & als. Defs.
This cause this day came on to be again heard on the papers formerly read, & on the report of Counsel H. P. Young under the decree herein of April term 1870, & was argued by counsel, on consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge, order, & decree that said report to which no exceptions were filed be confirmed, & that the defendants, J. B. Edwards out of the sum of \$220.⁰⁰, shown by said report to be due by him as administrator of Joseph Stephenson pay the costs of this suit, & also \$500.⁰⁰ to John R. Kilby atty for defendants, as part of expenses of administration and the balance pay to the plaintiff B. F. Turner in right of Martha J. his wife in full satisfaction of the sum of \$598.⁹³, with interest on \$274.⁵⁶ part thereof from the 20th day of Oct. 1870 till paid, taking the receipt of said B. F. Turner therefor, & return the same to court with his report of his proceedings under this decree.

But the effect of this decree as to the

payment to said Husband, shall be suspended until his said wife shall on her privy examination before a Notary Public, separate & apart from her said husband consent in writing to said payment, certified & filed in this cause. And the court doth further adjudge order & decree that a Commissioner of this court take a further account of the transactions of said L.B. Edwards as administrator of said Joseph Stephenson, which account the said Commissioner shall take & report to court with any matters specially stated, deemed pertinent by himself or required by the parties to be sustained. And the court, doth further adjudge, order & decree that L.B. Edwards as admr. of said Joseph Stephenson, proceed immediately by suit or otherwise as far as practicable to collect any outstanding debts due his said intestate Estate.

A Copy Teste

Allo. for self & tax. \$16.50

Allo. for def. (by court) 30.00

Allo. Co. Ct. 1.60

Do. Cir. Ct. 8.46

Diff. 5.00

Comm. (Garny) 15.00

Costs \$ 76.56

L.B. Edwards Adm. for
N. P. Young & Co.

Isle of Wight County, Court.

I Martha J. Turner, the wife of Benjamin S. Turner, plaintiff in the preceding case, do hereby consent that the payment directed to be made to me by the said assumed decree, may be made to my said husband B.S. Turner.

Given under my hand and seal this 14th day of Nov. 1896.
Martha J. Turner

Isle of Wight County, Court.

I Geo M Waddell a Notary Public in and for the County aforesaid, do certify that Martha J. Turner, the wife of Benjamin S. Turner, who has made and signed the foregoing consent personally appeared before me and being examined by me, privy and apart from her said husband and having the said matter fully explained to her, by me in my said County, she the said Martha J. Turner acknowledged the same and declared that she had fully volunarily given & signed said consent & that she does not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand as a Notary Public this 14 day of November, 1896.

Geo M Waddell N.P.
for Isle of Wight County, Va.

Turner + wife

as 3 Copy of
Oct. 1895

Stephenson

Stiff Cane

For 224-2000

Dr. The Estate of Joseph Stephenson decd.
In account with L. W. Edwards shff. + administrator

1873

Sept.	To p ^r Clerks for County: estate B. G. Est	1 00	
"	" Comr. for registering	50	
Oct.	" " appraisers of the est.	3 00	
1874 Jan'y. 24	" " B. W. Johnson for coffee etc.	20 00	
"	" " Daniel Bates deigning grave	1 50	
Sept. 6	" " Clerks fees	5 85	
"	" " Taxes for 1874 on personally	3 89	
"	" " C. B. Hayden att. fee	5 00	
"	" " Commissioners on (nothg) receipts	-	
"	" " Balance per contra		

1874

Sept. 6	By balance per debit	3	
	due the adm.	3	
			1,0 74
		\$ 4,0 74	\$ 4,0 74

1875	To Balance on last years acct.	40 74	
Sept. 6	To paid Clerks fees for appraisment	50	
"	" Retained to pay comm. for registering do.	25	
"	" Do. to pay Clerks fees unpaid	4 75	
"	" paid comm. in chg. for deposition	5 00	
"	" Comm. on \$350.50 receipts	17 50	
"	" Balance per contra	281 76	

1875

May	By this sum received from A. H. Ashburn Pres. of Sand Lumber Co. for timber trees on contract with intestate during life		350 00	350 00
			\$ 350 00	\$ 350 00

1876

Sept. 5th To paid B. D. Turner in right
of his wife in part of amt.
due her on decedent's gdw. Act. 55 00
" Balance per contra 226 76

1875

Sept. 5 By balance per contra 281 76
\$ 281 76 \$ 281 76

An account of the plaintiff demand against
the said Joseph Stephenson and those of all
other creditors of said Joseph Stephenson.

Debts of 3rd. Clasp.

Demand of the Plaintiff
B. D. Turner and Martha J.

his wife, being the amount
due by the said Joseph
Stephenson on his account
as guardian of the said M.

J. Turner, who was Stephenson,
on 29th Dec. 1875. when she married

less \$4.⁵⁰ paid by gdw. to cont. & clks. 274 56

Int. thereon to 7. Aug. 1876 \$176.17

By amt. recd. from Adm. this day 55.00

Bal: of int. 7. Aug. 1876 128.17

Int. on \$274. 56 from 7. Aug. 1876

To 20th Octo. 1876 2.20

Bal. of int. to 20. Octo. 1876 124.37

Plffs: demand & of 1st dignity. . . \$ 398. 93

Debt of 1st class.

amt. brot. fwd.

\$398 93

Hayden

Debt due John Wilson & M.

Q. Holt Libs. of James S. Wilson
dec. evidenced by judgment
of the Circuit Court of Isle
of Wight, rendered on the
9th of Aug. 1871, against
Noble Stephenson, Joseph
Stephenson & R. C. Edwards for
the sum of

477 23

Interest thereon from the 9th day
of Decy. 1867, to 31. May, 1875, \$235.53

By amt. paid 31. May /75

140.69

91 84

Int. on 477. 23, from 31. May 1875

To 20. Octo. 1876

41 04

Costs of suit at law

8 60

Debt of second dignity

\$621 71

Kelly

Debt due by bond to Mills E.

Powell Esq. of Hartwell S. Powell,
on the 14th day of Nov. 1872, signed
by Joseph Stephenson, Geo. St.
Darden, A. J. Williams & John E.

Adams, upon which judgment
has been rendered in said Darden,
Williams & Adams, for

600 00

Interest thereon from 14. Nov. /72
to 20th Octo. 1876. \$138.60

Left amt. paid on 19. Sept. 74.

38.49

100 11

Debt of third dignity

\$700 11

Total amt. of debts brot.

\$1720 75

An account of the real estate of which Joseph
Stephenson died seized and possessed, with
the fee simple and annual value thereof.

A tract of 80 acres of land
lying about two miles South
of the Courthouse, in Isle of
Wight County, adjacent to the
lands of Geo. F. Whitney Esq.,
valued in fee simple at \$ 400 00
Annual value thereof \$ 40 00

An account of the real estate of which
Burton W. Gale died seized and possessed, with
its fee simple and annual value.

Burton W. Gale died seized
of an undivided one
third interest in a tract
of 100 acres of land near
the Courthouse of Isle of
Wight County, the whole
tract valued in fee simple
at \$1000. 00, his interest at \$ 333 33
Annual value of his interest \$ 33 33

Commissioner's Office, Isle of Wight Co. Va.
August 27th 1846.
To the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County.
Pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court

of Isle of Wight County, rendered at April
term, 1846, directing a commissioner of
the said court to take and report the follow-
ing accounts, First. An account of the trans-
actions of S. B. Edwards as administrator of
Joseph Stephenson and of Burton W. Gale decd.
Second. An account of the plaintiffs demand
against the said Joseph Stephenson & Burton
W. Gale, and those of all other creditors of
said Joseph Stephenson and Burton W. Gale
who may choose to contribute to the costs
of this suit, with their respective dignity.
Third. An account of the real estate of which
the said Joseph Stephenson and Burton W. Gale
did seized and sequestrated, with the furniture
and annual value thereof, Your commissioner
reports to the court that he issued notices to the
parties interested, that he had appointed the
17th. of August, 1846, to take and settle at
his office aforesaid, the accounts so required.
Which notices were executed or served thereof
acknowledged and returned to your com-
missioner. That on the day so appointed, S.
B. Edwards admor. of Joseph Stephenson laid
before your commissioner a statement of all the
money he had received, become chargeable
with or had disbursed, together with the vouchers
for the disbursements; That your commis-
sioner examined the same and made up the
 foregoing account marked A. and found on
the 6th of September, 1846, a balance of \$326.76
due from the admor. to the said Joseph Stephenson Es.

The said S. B. Edwards as administrator of
 Buxton W. Gale decd: requests your court. to report
 that he has neither received nor disbursed
 any money for the estate of said B. W. Gale.
 From evidence before your commission, he has
 made the foregoing account marked B. of the
 Plaintiffs demand and that of all other credits
 as of Joseph Stephenson decd: with their dignity
 and finds the total amt. of debts proved
 to be \$1720.75. Of which, the debt of \$398.93
 with interest on \$274.56 from 20. Octo. 1846, is
 the debt due the Plaintiffs and is of the
 first dignity. That the debt of \$621.71
 with interest on \$477.23 from 20. Octo. 1846, is
 due to the Executors of James J. Wilson decd:
 and is of the second dignity, and that the
 debt of \$700.11, with interest on \$500.00 from
 the 20th Octo. 1846, is due to Miles E. Powell Exor.
 of H. D. Powell decd: and is of the third dignity.
 That the only debt proved against the Estate
 of Buxton W. Gale decd: is the debt of the
 Plaintiffs of \$398.93, with interest on \$274.56
 from 20th Octo. 1846, and being the same debt
 that was proved in favor of the Plaintiffs
 against Jos. Stephenson Est. —

Your Commission has made the foregoing
 accounts C. and D. of the real estate of
 said Joseph Stephenson and said B. W. Gale

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

S. B. Edwards com.

Commiss. fee	\$12.00
Shff. "	2.50
	\$14.50
Taking depts.	3.00
	17.50

Turner & wife
v. $\frac{3}{4}$ In Chgo.
Stephenson et als

Comm. Convey Rpt.
under de. of Apts. 1876

Filed 9th Sept. 1876.

In the Circuit Court of the County,
April 22, 1876 -

B. F. Turner and Martha J. his wife vs. Myrtle
against J. In bankruptcy.

L. B. Edwards, plff. and as such Admin of Jos. Stephenson
decd; Margaret Stephenson vs. Defts

This cause in which it is suggested that since the institution of this suit, the defendant L. H. Starden has been adjudicated a bankrupt, it is ordered that this suit be dismissed as to him, this day came on to be heard on the complainants Bill taken for confessed as to the defendants Margaret Stephenson, Peter A. Butler and Polly J. his wife, on whom process has been duly served, they still failing to appear plead answer or demurr, the answers of L. B. Edwards Admin of Joseph Stephenson and Buxton W. Gale, and of W. P. Young the guardian ad litem of the infant defendants Christopher Stephenson William Stephenson and Maria F. Stephenson, several applications to said answers, exhibits filed and examination of witnesses, And was argued by counsel: On consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge order and decree that a Commissioner of this Court take the following accounts:

- 1st - An account of the transactions of L.B. Edwards as Administrator of Joseph Stephenson and Buxton W. Gale.
- 2^d - An account of the plaintiff's demands against the said Joseph Stephenson and Buxton W. Gale and those of all other creditors of said Joseph Stephenson and Buxton W. Gale, who may ~~choose to~~ contribute to the costs of this suit, with their respective dignity.
- 3rd - An account of the real estate which the said Joseph Stephenson or Buxton W. Gale did seize and possess, with the full simple and annual value thereof, which accounts he shall take title and report to Court, with any matters specially stated deemed pertinent by himself or required by the parties to be so stated.

A Copy, Dated.

A. D. Forney Clerk.

Hayden
Turner & wife

3 Co. Dr. of
3 Sept. 1876

Stephenson's adm. et al

from 26th 1876,
noting to 17. Sept., 76

Adm. in Reg.

Credit the Est. of
Jas. Stephenson by
L. P. Edwards

L. W. Edwards Esq

to Robert L. Edwards

for Stephen

more about
account
ack. to April

Sept 10

No credit given
to no acct. sales

Stephenson Estate

June 25 1873
The estate of Joseph Sterner dec'd
To B. R. Johnson Dr
To furnishing Coffin \$20 00

Jan. 24 1874 Recd of A. B. Carvood Shff an
adv. of Joseph Stephenson the above acc. in full
B. R. Johnson

1873
Sept,

L. B. Edwards Esq: Admr. of Joⁿ Stephenson
To the Com^r. of accts. of Esq^r Wright Co. let. Dr.
Registering you as fiduciary
N. P. Young Com^r. 50¢

Edwards, L. B.

Plff. V. Adm.

50¢

✓

L. B. Edwards acmt of Joseph Seaman's
1843. To Daniel Bates Dr.
To Digging Grave 9/- \$150

Received payment Jan. 3rd 1844

Witness
L. B. Edwards

Daniel^{his} Bates
mark

We the undersigned Appraisers Reciv. of.
A. B. Edwards Shff. & adm. of Joseph Stephenson
Acw. one dollar each for our Services
in appraising the the Estate of said Stephenson

Exm. J. Holland
John J. McMurphy

1874 A. B. Edwards Shff. & Adm. Jos. Stephens

To the Clerk of Just of High Cin. Court

May 10. Ord. Sh. Co. 20. filing your Answer & that of Widow & children
to Bill of Turner & Wife

Copy of Bill & Expts. of Turner & Wife

96

56

\$4 52

A. B. Edwards

(Stephens on)

x

L. B. Edwards
Chff. &c

4.52

Y

1874
Feb.
Mar.

L. B. Edwards Suff. admr. of J. S. Stephenson	
To A. P. Young clk. of Isle of Wight Co. Va. Dr.	
Contg. Exceptions to Homestead report	.36
Copy Report of Mrs. Stephenson's homestead	.36
<u>A. P. Young, clk.</u>	<u>.72</u>

Edwards.
L. B. chff. Sadm.

72

✓

1873
Sept.
1874
Jan'y,

L. B. Edwards Shff: admr. of Joseph Stephenson
vs M. P. Young clk. of Sale of Wight County Court - Dr.
Comm'tg. Est. to your hands. per F. Turner .50
atto. vs. M. Stephenson (widow) 10. filg. exerts. }
to rept. of Homestead 15. Cont'd Rept. 36 } .61
N. P. Young, clk., \$1.11

Estimable Sir,
I beg to inform.

11.11

v

No. 827

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP, Isle of Wight County, Va.

or 161800

Mr. Joseph Stephenson (See L. B. Edwards),

1874.

To J. C. DARDEN, County Treasurer.

To State Capitation Tax	\$ 1 00		
To State Revenue on 80 acres Land, value \$ 480 at 50c. per \$100.....	2 40		
To State Revenue on Personal Property, Bonds, &c., value \$ per \$100.....			
Amount of State Taxes.....		2 40	
To County Capitation Tax	50		
To County Levy on 80 acres Land, value \$ 480 at 10c. per \$100.....	48		
To County Levy on Personal Property, Bonds, &c., value \$ at 10c. per \$100...			
To County School Tax on Real and Personal Property, value \$ 480 at 10c. per \$100	48		
Amount of County Taxes.....			96
Total amount of State and County Taxes	\$	3 36	
December 1st, 5 per cent. added		17	

Received payment, of L. B. Edwards
advers J. C. Darden

R. A. Edwards H. Collector.

Treasurer.

Joseph Stephen & Son
L. B. Cannon
\$3.89

✓

10/10/10
10/10/10
10/10/10

10/10/10
10/10/10
10/10/10

Mr Joseph Stephenson Esq
1874 To Newport Township
Taxes on \$480

36

Recd payment of L. B. Edwards
admr. of J. Stephenson
R. A. Edwards H. R.

Jose,

84

✓

1875

Opel.

L. B. Edwards adm^r of Joseph Stephenson
To the clerk of Isle of Wight Co. Va.
Recd: filing app^rment:
N. D. Young, clk: .50¢

Edwards L. B.
Adm

50

✓

1844. J. P. Edwards, shiff: & adm. J. W. Stephenson
do H. P. Young comm. in ch. Is. Light dist.
Sept. Taking depositions at: Turnbridge £5.00
(J. P. Young comm.)

Edward Shiff
Adm^r. of Ste-
phens.

\$5.00.

✓

Received of L B Edwards Adm of
Joseph S Stephenson Fifty Five Dollars
in part payment of the amount due
me in right of my wife Martha J.
James Stephenson from the estate of
said Joseph S Stephenson

C B Hayden

B H Tanner

Augt. 7/26

1874
June

L. B. Edwards, Shff. townr. of B. W. Gale
To M. P. Fournellek; of Eskoswight Leo, let.
Comity. est. To your hands our motu. of Jno. R. Kelly
M. P. Fournellek.

Dr.
50¢

Calvin
L. B. Hoff.
Adm.

50

J. H. Post or
Wm. H. H. H.
To be returned
out of the John
Post.

✓

Received of L B Edwards a sum of \$5.00
Stephen on fir committee; enter five dollars.

C. B. Hayden

B. F. Turner and Martha J. his wife
 late Stephen's or
 n.
 Joseph Stephenson's Per. Rep. &c.

In Chancery
 Cir. Ct. J. of W.

Depositions of D. Geo. W. Jordan &
 Chas. W. Darden, ^{L.D.B. Edwards} taken by consent of parties
 to be read as evidence in behalf of the Defendants
 in a suit in Chancery depending in the
 Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County, wherein
 said B. F. Turner and Martha J. his wife are
 plaintiffs and Joseph Stephenson's Personal
 Representative &c. are Defendants;

The said Geo. W. Darden being duly
 sworn says, as is set forth in his answer,
 below

Q. Sworn by Defts. atty. How old are you?
 what is your profession or calling? where
 do you reside & are you acquainted with
 the parties to this suit

Ans.

I am 41 years of age, I am a physician,
 reside in Isle of Wight County and am
 acquainted with the parties to this suit.
 2^d quest. by same.

State what you may know, if any
 thing, of any settlement had or made
 by Jos. Stephenson with his daughter

Sworn Martha J. Turner as aforesaid, and
all the circumstances that took place
between them at the time, and anything
you may have said to the parties at that
time & and at what time this took place?

Ans,

Mrs Martha Stephenson the daughter of Geo.
Stephenson, now Mr. Turner, lived with me
before she was married. Her father, Mr.
Stephenson, came to my house before she was
married, for a settlement with her, he
presented an account against his daughter
which were allowed by her. She had lived
with Mr. Stephenson several years, nothing
was allowed her for her services but ^{little} ~~any~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~
article of clothing she found to have had
when with him was charged to her. A
settlement did take place between them
and in paying her the balance due
her he paid her the bond of Shivers &
Whithead as, filed with plps. bill or 24th & D.,
I understood that the settlement was
for what ~~was~~ due her as her portion
by him - I remarked to her that the bond
of Shivers & Whithead was worthless, but she
could use her own discretion as to whether
or not she would take it. She hesitated
about it, but I inferred that she would

The Ch^l. H. Darden being duly
sworn, deposes and says -
I am now 55 years of age - reside
in State of Wright County and am well
acquainted with the parties to this cert^{ific}
Ist Ques by Adv: acts.

State if you know, whether any ~~receipt~~
~~may~~ receipt was ever executed by the
self: Martha J. to said Jos. Stephenson
her father & guardian whether you
have seen the same & where & when?

Ans. About three weeks before the death
of Jos. Stephenson I was at his house.
I called for a small paper box to look
for a paper between him & myself &
in looking over the box he came across
a receipt given him by M. J. Stephenson -
his daughter showed it to me to look at.
I read it & found it to be a receipt from
her ~~for~~ him for settlement in full, which
I recognized to be in D. Dardens hand
writing - He replaced the receipt in
the box. Said Jos. Stephenson died
in April or May. 1843, & the aforesaid
receipt appeared to be for settlement of
his guardian mother - I have never
seen Mr. Dardens hand writing & of course
do not know it. The said receipt was signed

by D. Jordan as witness.

And further the deponent soith not.

C. H. Parker

L. B. Edwards being duly sworn
deposes and says. viz.

As sheriff of the County of Isle of Wight
the estate of Joseph Stephenson Esq. was
committed to my hands for administration
as such admor. I have examined all
the papers left in the house of said Esq.
Stephenson that I have been able to find
but have not found any receipt from
Mortua J. Stephenson to him for any
settlement between them.

And further this deponent soith not.

L. B. Edwards

The foregoing depositions were taken
and sworn & subscribed to before
me W. P. Perry a Commissioner in
Chancery of the Circuit Court of Isle
of Wight County the 8th day of Sept.
1844.

W. P. Perry Com.

Stephenson's adm.
at 3/3 Defia.

Turner's wife

Filed 8th Sept.
1844

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY—GREETING:

We command you to summon *J. B. Edwards* Sheriff of the County of Isle of Wight & as such administrator of *Joseph Stephenson decd.*; *Margaret Stephenson* widow of said *Joseph Stephenson*; *Peter A. Butler & Polly* his wife, late *Stephenson*; *Christopher William & Ottilia T. Stephenson* (last three infants of *Joseph Stephenson*) and *Chas. H. Darden*, and *Saml. L. Eley* adminr. of *B. W. Gale decd.* 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 *J. B. T. Turner and Martha J. his wife* suing on their own behalf and that of all others entitled of said *Joseph Stephenson*

And have then and there this writ.

Witness, NATHANIEL P. YOUNG, Clerk of our said *Circuit* Court, at the Courthouse, the *5th* day of *February* 18*94*, in the *9th* year of the Commonwealth.

N. P. Young

I acknowledge the Service of the within
Book. 24. 1874
X 13. Edwards Shiff
Editor of S. Stephens

Turner & wife

2 Sum. to acc.
3 Bill.

Stephenson for. Adv. Sale.

To March Rules 1874.

Hayden & Boykin 17.

Specimen by delivering
to the within name
Margaret Stephenson
Peter A. Butler Polly
J. Butler & A. Gordon
J. A. Eby a true copy
of the within Summ
Feb. 20 1874

R. A. Edwards SS
for X 13. Edwards Shiff

The joint and separate answer of L. B. Edwards
Sheriff of Isle of Wight County & personal Represent-
ative of Joseph Stephenson dec'd, & of Buxton W.
Gale deceased, to a Bill in chancery exhibited
in the Circuit Court of ~~Sale~~ of Wight County by
B. J. Turner and Martha J. his wife, against said
L. B. Edwards, Sh. said, aforesaid others.

This Respondent says, that so far as he
knows it is true that said Complainant B. J.
Turner married Martha J. Stephenson, & that her
father, Joseph Stephenson qualified as her guardian
before her marriage as stated; That the said
Joseph Stephenson, father and guardian of
Joseph Stephenson, did owe his ward the sum
of \$273.31 as stated.

But your Respondent says that the
said sum of \$273.31 has long since been
paid — That some two or three years after
the said Martha J. Stephenson became of age,
and before her marriage with said B. J. Turner
& before the death of her father & guardian the said
Joseph Stephenson; she had a full, fair & final
settlement with her said guardian, released him
from all further liability as her guardian. That
the settlement took place in the presence of her
friend Dr. Geo. H. Jordan, a gentleman of
intelligence & integrity, and who called
the attention of the said Martha J. to the fact
that one of the Bonds which her father said

guardian was about to pay her, in part of the Balance due her of \$273.³¹, (to int. the Bond of Geo. W. Shivers & J. B. Whitehead of \$87.) was insolvent, and that in taking the same & her guardian's own Bond for \$162.⁹⁹, she would release her said guardian, to which she replied that she was aware of all that, but the settlement she was making with her guardian, was also with her father so he wished to relieve him. & ~~stated~~ that she would take the Bonds referred to with full knowledge of their character & release her father as guardian, and accordingly did so —

Your Respondent says, that the said Martha J. made this settlement with deliberate purpose to release her guardian who was also her father of all responsibility as guardian, & that the said Joseph Stephenson & his associates as guardian should not now be held responsible for the debt claimed in the Bill.

Your Respondent further says, that he has been informed & believes & says that the said Joseph Stephenson did not represent the Bonds paid over to said Martha J. as good & that they should be paid, but their condition was well known when taken by her as above set forth.

That it is not true as stated that the said Joseph Stephenson did not take or ask for any receipt, on the contrary a Receipt was signed

executed by said Martha J., in the presence of
said Dr. Geo. H. Jordan, which your Respondent
has not been able to find, but hopes to do so, will
when found file with this answer. That the
receipt has been seen by others, whose testimony
will be taken if the receipt is not found.

Your Respondent denies that the said
Joseph Stephenson when he settled with the said
Martha J., told her to take ^{the said Bond} ~~them~~ & take care
of them and he would certainly pay her", but the
reverse as herein before stated.

Your Respondent denies that any fraud
had been perpetrated on said Martha J. by her father
& grandfather, & that it is an unjust reflection on
his memory, should never have been made
by her, but is now made by her husband the
said B. F. Turner, who seeks to disturb a fair
& final settlement made by his wife the said
Martha J. with her father & grandfather in the
presence & under the caution of Dr. Geo. H. Jordan
a gentleman of intelligence & honor, who would
never have allowed in his presence any fraud
to have been perpetrated on her. — That Mr
Joseph Stephenson was an illustrious but honest man
would have scorned to defraud his own daughter

Your Respondent therefore prays to be hence dismissed
L. B. Edwards, Clerk at Law
of Joseph Stephenson & B. F. Turner
John P. Kelly, J. D. Gale Decd.

Turner's wife

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Stephenson's adm'r

answ'r of
L. B. Edwards Sh.,
& com'r of
Wm. Stephenson
&
Buxton Gale

Filed the 6th day of
July, 1874.

Suorn to before me as clerk of Circuit
Court of Isle of Wright County by L. B. Edwards,
on the 6th day of July, 1874.

J. P. Young

To the Honl. Geo. Blaw Judge of the Circuit
Court of Isle of Wight County in chancery
sitting.

The joint and several answers of Christopher
Stephenson, William Stephenson, and Otello D.
Stephenson infant children of Joseph Stephenson
decd: by N. P. Young their guardian ad litem,
to the bill of complaint filed against them
and others in the said Court by B. D. Tamm Esq.
These defendants jointly and severally, answering
say, that they are infants under twenty one
years of age, and submit their interests in
the premises to the protection of the court,
and having answered, pray leave to be
discharged with their costs &c.

And they will ever remain

N. P. Young, guardian ad litem

James H. H. H.

" 1/2 inch.

Stephens, adw. 1844

Infants answer

1844 March 18th

To the Honorable Geo Blow Judge of the
Circuit Court of Law and Chancery
for the County of Del of Right in Chancery
sitting.

Humbly complaining sheweth to
the Court, your complainants B F Turner
and Martha C his wife late Stephenson
suing on their own behalf and that of all
other creditors of Joseph Stephenson deceased,
who may choose to contribute to the costs
of this suit.

That your said complainant Martha C
before her marriage with your said com-
plainant B F Turner was Martha C
Stephenson a daughter of Joseph Stephenson.
That on the 2^d day of July 1860, the said Joseph
Stephenson qualified in the County Court
of said County as the guardian of said
Martha C and with Buckson, A Ball and
Le Henry Barden as his sureties entered
into a bond in the penalty of four hun-
dred dollars conditioned according to
law for the faithful performance of his
duty as such guardian, as well appears from
the Certificate of such qualification and a
certified copy of said bond respectively
marked A and B herewith filed and incorporated
in the return as a part of this bill.

Exhibits
A & B

That by virtue of said guardianship the said Joseph Stephenson received on account of said ward on the 20th day of July 1868, the sum of \$227²⁵/₁₀₀.

That the said Martha I attained lawful age of twenty one years on the 1st day of July 1867 that the said guardian, ^{Joseph} Stephenson on the 1st day of November 1867 rendered an a/c of his transactions as guardian of the said Martha I before H. P. Young one of the commissioners of the County Court of said county. which a/c regularly made up and confirmed shows a balance due the said Martha I on the said 1st day of July 1867 the sum of her majority as aforesaid of \$273.³¹/₁₀₀ as will appear from an official copy of said a/c herewith filed marked A and B and is taken as a part of this Bill.

Exhibit
(A)

That the said Martha I on the 29th day of December, 1868, intermarried with B. F. Turner now complainant as aforesaid.

That a few days previous to her said marriage the said guardian, went to the said Martha I, who was not then a resident of her father's family and delivered to her the Bond of John B. Linn and a B. Whithead for eighty seven dollars payable on the 25th day of November 1859. a

Y Hall and Cy Sinn assigned on the 21st
day of July 1860 to the said Joseph Stephenson with recourse for twelve months from the date of the assignment, and the bond of Joseph Stephenson for one hundred and Sixty Two dollars and ninety nine cent, bearing date on the 1st day of December 1868, payable on demand to the said Martha J. Stephenson in settlement of the Chancery due on the said guardianship on the 25th day of December 1868, the two bonds with interest to that date amounting to \$297.65 amount due on said date as of that date, the said bonds marked respectively B & C are herewith filed and prayed to be taken as a part of this bill.

Attest
W & C

That the said bond of John M. Shivers and J B Whithead was on the case of the children of the same to the said Martha J utterly worthless, as the said guardian paid them; nevertheless the said guardian represented the same to the said Martha J as good, and said that both bonds should certainly be paid.

That the said guardian did not take or ask for any receipt for the amount of the said bonds or any release from his liability as said guardian a/o or said the said

Martha I accept the said bonds in payment
or discharge of the balance due her as
said guardian abt. that she may take the
said bonds because her father was a guar-
dian in whom she had confidence and
her to take them and take care of them
and the money certainly stay her.

That the said Martha I, had no knowledge
of the indebtedness of her father to her
as her guardian, except from her own
statements, which were always accom-
panied with promises of payment.

That these promises of payment were con-
tinued by the said guardian to the
said complainant up to the time of his
death and thereby your complainant were
induced not to sue for the recovery of the
same, and only gave them to Counsel for
suit about a fortnight before the death of
said guardian.

That the intended settlement of account by
the said guardian was a fraud upon her
and no legal discharge of the said guar-
dian or his heirs from liability on the
said guardian abt and payment of the
same may be enforced against their
estates.

That the said Joseph Stephenson and

Exhibit
(4)

Burton & Lane have both departed this
life intestate in the County of Nevada, both
of them possessed of considerable personal
estate and the said Joseph Stephenson
of a tract of land in the County of Nevada
containing by estimation eighty acres
more or less, lying adjacent to the lands
of

as will appear from the Certificate returned
from the Land Book of said County, and
that H. Herewith Field and Marya to be
taken as a part of this bill,

That the estate of the said Burton & Lane
was committed for administration to Edwin
L. Day then Sheriff of the County of Clark
of right for administration and that of
said Joseph Stephenson to L. B. Edwards
the present Sheriff of the said County,
for administration.

That the said L. B. Edwards has been ad-
judged a bankrupt.

That by virtue of their administration
aforesaid the personal estate of said
intestates has come to the hands of their
respective administrators aforesaid.

That the whole of said balance due on
said guardian account of \$273.31 with inter-
est from the 1st day of July 1867 is still

wholly due and unpaid, no portion there
of having been paid either by the said
Joseph Stephenson or Buxton or Sale in
their life time or by their paid admin-
istrators since their death or by the said
Henry Darden although often re-
quested, and your complainants are
entitled to recover the same as a fidu-
ciary debt, from the estate of the said
Joseph Stephenson or if that should prove
insufficient, to resort for any defi-
ciency to the estate of the said Buxton
or Sale.

That the said Joseph Stephenson left a
widow, Margaret Stephenson, and the
following children; Polly & Butler for-
merly Stephenson the wife of Peter A Butler,
your complainant Martha & Turner
Christopher Stephenson, William Stephe-
son and Orelia A Stephenson, the last three
infants as his heirs at law.

In tender consideration whereof and for
as much as your complainants are with-
out remedy at law and can only be
relieved by the aid of this honorable
court of Chancery where matters of this
sort are cognizable in this end, that justice
may be done in the premises, a decree

complainant Gray, that the said L B Edwards
sheriff of the county of San Diego
and as such administrator of Joseph
Stephenson deceased. Margaret Stephenson
Peter A Butler and Follie L Whisnife, ex-
um L Ely late sheriff of the county of
San Diego and as such administra-
tor of Burton A. Lee deceased, Christo-
pher Stephenson. William Stephenson
and Orelia L Stephenson the last three
infants; by some one appointed their
guardian ad litem to appear here
in this suit, may be made parties adver-
sant to this bill and be required to
answer the same, and by the decree of this
Honorable Court an ap may be taken of
the transactions of the said L B Edwards
as administrator of said Joseph Stephe-
son and of said Eum L Ely as admin-
istrator of the said Burton A. Lee and
of your complainant Edwards ex-deceased
and of the demands of all other cred-
itors of the said Joseph Stephenson and
Burton A. Lee who may choose to con-
tribute to the cost of this suit, and that an
ap may be taken of the real estate of the
said of which the said Joseph Stephenson
did seize and possess, and that

satisfaction of your complainant's demand,
and that of all other creditors of equal dig-
nity may be decreed out of the personal
assets of the said Joseph Stephenson, and
if that should prove insufficient that
resort may be had to his real estate and
if necessary to the value of the said security
Buxton W. Sale, and that such other fur-
ther and general relief may be granted in
the premises as the nature of the case may
require or a Equity shall seem meet,
And your complainant's wife prays &c
Hayden & Boykiss & g

Turner wife

} In Chancery

Joseph Stephensons admr et al,

April 74. De. for sale of
Stephensons land

Decr. 1877. Rpt of sale Compt. to Court & before

Apr. & Decr. 1878. Contd.

Apr. 1879. Report compt. De to collect
crit. of account pay out. re. &
final Decr

Complaints Bill

Mar. Mo. 1874 - Bill r. filed
sum. et d. & decr. in re. adult
deft. - Edw. ad litem app. to inf.
his am. filed & repl.

Apr. Mo. Bill taken for conf.
& set for hearing.

May term 1874. leave to file an.

Octo. 74. Contd.

July. apl. & decr. / 75 - contd.

Apr. 76. De. for act.

Octo. 76. De. for adv. to pay
repl.