

1898-004

Jale of Wight County

Chancery Causes : Henry M. Murphrey's estate vs Mary Sophia Cofield,
Emmett Cofield vs

Other surnames: Darden,
Turner, Pruden, Holland,
Murphey, Morphey, Murphy

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Murphy Executor
vs. { In chancery
Cofield et al.

April Term 1897
returning suit, pay over to order
of Mr. Murphy

Bill of Complaint

1st Sep. rules. Bill and
complaint filed, sworn, & sealed as
to all parties. Also an order was
made to show. H. L. Took all gone and
later this answer filed, with
proofs.

20 Sep. rules.
Bill taken for confessed
and set for hearing as
to all parties.

September 20th 1897
No. 1000000000

Oct. Term 1897
Re. Confessed, returned &c

Re. Confessed, returned &c
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To the Hon. Robert R. Prentis, judge of the Circuit Court of the county of Isle of Wight, Virginia.

Your orator Wm. H. Darden executor of Henry W. Murphrey deceased respectfully presents to the court the following case:-

That in the year 1866 said Henry W. Murphrey died leaving a will which was duly admitted to probat in the county court of Isle of Wight county as will more fully appear by reference to an office copy of the said will and order of court herewith filed as an exhibit marked "A" and is prayed to be taken and read as a part of this bill. That said Henry W. Murphrey left him surviving a widow Matilda and three children as follows:- Mary Sophia Murphrey, Martha Murphrey and Elizabeth Jane Murphrey, that said Mary who intermarried with one Emmet Cofield is still living and the other two are dead. Martha married Peyton R. Turner who is also dead and she left as her only heirs at law and distributees two children Peyton R. Turner and Martha L. Tuner, Elizabeth Jane married Wilbur Pruden who is still living and that she left one child named Bessie Pruden. Your complainant says that said Matilda the widow of said Henry W. Murphrey died in July 1896 leaving a will which your orator is informed has not as yet been admitted to probat but which he has seen and it leaves all her property to the grandchildren above named of said Henry W. Murphrey and who are also her own grandchildren, that said daughter Mary Sophia Cofield who was Murphrey and the said grandchildren are the heirs at law and sole distributees of both Henry W. Murphrey and Matilda Murphrey.

Your orator says that at the August term 1896 of the county court of said Isle of Wight county he qualified as the executor of the said Henry W. Murphrey deceased and gave bond in the penalty of fourteen hundred dollars as will more fully appear by reference to a copy of the order of said court herewith filed as an exhibit marked "B" and which is prayed to be taken and read as a part of this bill.

Your orator says that from the year 1866 up to her death a few weeks ago the said Matilda lived on the farm devised and that she reared the said children

and educated them and after their marriage gave them very little, that during that time she sold and consumed in the use all the personal property left by her said husband excepting a very few articles of household furniture of little value, and that she sold and conveyed some of the real estate leaving at her death undisposed of a tract of land containing about three hundred acres, in the said county of Isle of Wight and in the state of Virginia. Your orator says that he has not taken charge of any property at all as yet and will wait for the orders of this court before sodoing .

Your orator says that a doubt has arisen as to what estate the said wife Matilda took under the will, whether in fee-simple or for life with remainder to the three children named by the testator; or, whether the will creates a trust with the wife Matilda as trustee with power to sell Just such portion of the proerty named in the will as in her judgment would carry out the provisions thereof with direction to your Orator at her death to sell the ~~portion~~ portion not disposed of by said trustee during her life. The latter is the construction which your orator places on the said will. Any as to the title would so injure the sale of the land that your orator considers it his duty to invoke the aid of this court for the purpose of construing the will and in giving him direction and instruction in the premises. Your orator has not taken possession of the few articles of personal property that he is informed remains in kind for the reason that he is not advised as to whom it belongs. Your orator says that all the parties in interest whatever may be the true construction of the said will are before the court except any creditor of the said Matilda, and he is informed and believes that she has no creditors except for burial expenses and a small doctor,s bill. The interest of all the parties will be promoted by a sale of the land and distribution of the proceeds of sale.

For-as-much as your orator is remediless save in this court where matters of this sort are alone and properly cognizable

he prays that said Mary Sophia Cofield who was Murphrey and Emmett Cofield her husband, Wilbur^h Pruden;

Peyton R. Tuner; Martha L. Turner and Bessie Pruden, the last three are infants under the age of twenty-one years, be made parties defendants to this bill and required to answer the same, but an answer on oath is hereby expressly waived, that a proper guardian ad litem be appointed to represent said infant defendants, that the will of Henry W. Murphrey be construed, that the executor of said testator be directed and instructed as to his duties under said will, that said land and property be sold and the proceeds of sale be invested or paid out under orders of this court, that the estate coming into the hands of said executor be administered by this court, that all such other, further and general relief may be afforded your orator as to equity and good conscience may seem meet or as the nature of his case may require. And he will ever pray. Let a subpoena go.

_____ p. q.

Chas. H. Ward

Executor of Hen-

ry Murphrey deceased.

At a county Court held for the
County of Ish of Weyber August the
3rd 1896

On motion of Wm H. Darden, the
Executor named in the will, who made
oath, and together with W. S. Holland
his security, who justified as to his
sufficiency, entered into and acknowledged
a bond in the penalty of \$1400⁰⁰
with conditions according to law.

It is ordered that certificate of
administration be granted him upon
the estate of Henry W. Murphy decd.

A Copy Test

H. F. Younger
by Saml. H. Edwards
Deputy

I Henry W. Murphy of the County of Islet of Wight
Va being full in body, but of sound Mind and
perfect Memory, do make this my last Will and
Testament, revoking all former Wills heretofore
Made by me, In manner and form following.
1st. It is my Will and desire that my Wife Matilda
have entire Control of my property. So long as she
may live, educate my Children so far as she may
be able from the proceeds thereof. Giving her the
privilege of selling any portion that she may
deem Necessary for the benefit of my three Children,
and after they arrive to the age of eighteen Years.
it is my Will that my wife give them any
portion of my estate taking their receipt for the
same:

2nd After the death of Wife Matilda it is my
Will & desire that my Neighbor and friend
Mr. A. Dardan, whom I leave sole Executor
of my estate, sell my entire estate either publicly
or privately as he may deem expedient, and
divide the proceeds of the same equally between
my three Children, Mary Sophia, Martha and
Elizabeth Jane, as Witnesses my hand and Seal
this 17th day of June 1866.

Witness

Henry W. ^{his} Murphy Seal
mark.

James S Turner

Marinda ^{per Jane} ~~mark~~

John C Hancock

In the County Court of Islet of Wight County August
the 6th 1866. This Will was proved by the Oaths
of James S Turner and Mariah Jane two of the
Witnesses and Ordered to be recorded.

Teste A. J. Young Clerk

a Copy Teste. A. J. Young Clerk.

N. W. Murphy
will

copy

In the Circuit Court for the County of Isle of Wight,
to wit:

THE ANSWER OF Peyton R. Turner, Martha L. Turner and Bessie Pruden

infants under the age of twenty-one years, by W.L. Folk, Attorney-at-Law,
guardian *ad litem*, assigned to defend them in this suit, to a bill of complaint exhibited against
themselves and others in the Circuit Court for the County of
Isle of Wight, by Wm. H. Darden executor of Henry Murphree ~~deceased~~.

The respondents, reserving to themselves the benefit of all just exceptions to the said bill, for
answer thereto, answering by said guardian *ad litem*, say that they are infant s of tender
years, and by reason of such disability are incapable of understanding, or of taking care of their
rights and interests, they therefore commend the same to the protection of the court, and prays that
no decree may be pronounced which will tend to their prejudice.

And having answered, the respondents pray to be hence dismissed with their reasonable costs,
in this behalf expended; and they will ever pray, &c.

W.L. Folk Guardian *ad litem*.

Wm. S. Holland. p. d.

County
OF
Isle of Wight } ss.

This day, W.L. Folk, whose name is signed to
the foregoing answer, personally appeared before me, James P. Robinson ~~James P. Robinson~~ ^{Justice of the Peace} in and for the County of Isle of Wight,
and made oath that the statements made therein, so far as they depend upon his own knowledge, are true,
and so far as they depend upon knowledge derived from others he believes them to be true.

Given under my hand, this 19th day of August 1896.

James P. Robinson
Justice of the Peace

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Form No. 35.

Cofield et als

adv. {

ANSWER
OF
INFANT DEFENDANT.

Murphrey,s Executor.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

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

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon Mary Sophia Cofield who was
Mrs. Murphy and Emmett Cofield her husband Wilbur
B. Pruden, Peyton A. Turner, Martha L. Turner and
Bessie Pruden the last three are infants under
the age of twenty one years

to appear at the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Isle of Wight
at the rules to be held for the said Court on the first Monday in September, 1896,
to answer a bill in Chancery, exhibited against them in our said Court by Wm. N.
Pruden executor of the last will and testament
of Henry W. Murphy deceased

And have then there this writ. Witness, M. F. Young Clerk of our said
Court, at the court-house, the 20th day of August 1896, and in the 121 year
of the Commonwealth.

M. F. Young ckl

Executed by according to the within
named Mary S. Copfield & Edmund
Copfield each a true copy
of this Summons Augt 31st 44.

Ro L. Edwards
Sff

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Form No. 300.

Wm H. Dandine exor.

US. } SUBPOENA
IN }
CHANCERY.

Mary S. Copfield et al.

Wm S. Halland

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To First September Rules

Quorum Court.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of the County of Hammermond, Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon Mary Sophia Gofield who was
Murphy and Emmal Gofield her husband: William B.
Pruden: Peyton A. Turner: Martha L. Turner ^{Wife}
Bessie Pruden the last three are infants under the
age of twenty one years.

to appear at the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Isle of Wight
at the rules to be held for the said Court on the First Monday in September, 1896,
to answer a bill in Chancery, exhibited against them in our said Court by Wm A.
Darden executor of the last will and testament of
Nenny W Murphy deceased

And have then there this writ. Witness, A. J. Young Clerk of our said
Court, at the court-house, the 20th day of August 1896, and in the 121 year
of the Commonwealth.

A. J. Young clerk

Executed this the 1st day Sept 1896 by leaving
a true copy of the within process with Mrs
L S Pruden the wife of Melber B Pruden a
female over the age of 16 years the Melber
B Pruden not found at his usual place
of abode

R E Noylark Deft
For Adm Paver Shff

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Form No. 300.

Wm St. Mandan exor:

U.S.

SUBPOENA
IN
CHANCERY.

Mary S. Bedford et al

Wm S. Stoddard
D. G.

To Phil September Rules

Prudent Court.

Let above
process be done

Esteemed Sir,
all of the Grand
children are under
twenty one - His
three children he left,
were over twenty one.

Mary the oldest is
between 40 and 50 years
old, now living; she
married Emonet Cofield,
he is also living: she
has 7 or 8. children now
living. Mary and her
family live in Isle of
Wight County, except
two or three who are
married and live in
suffolk -

Peyton R. The oldest of
Metha's two children is
about eighteen years of

a son is living on
the Murphy farm in
Sole of Wright County;

looking after the crops
which he cultivates
this year for his grandmother.
Martha L. Peyton's sister
lives abroad with her
relatives, principally
with Mrs Lucia A.
Ward and Francis
Proude in Hantsmont
County — Elizabeth left
one child. Wilma Proude
her father has placed her with
some of his relatives in
Hantsmont Co. Proude
her father, lives in Tan-
sermona County: She is
some 12 or 14 years of age.

Truly & 
W. H. Warden

"The name, undiscussed below,
is not "Enoch nor Edmund"
But "Emmet" who is
Mary's husband.

Certified To
Aug. 7. 96
W. S. Hollander
Attorney at Law
Esteemed Sir
Henry W. Mur-
phy died, leaving
three children by his
wife Matilda.
Name: Mary.
Martha S.
and Elizabeth.
I think you will find
their names in the
will of Henry W. Murphy.

Mary married Emmet
Leopold and is now liv-
ing.

Martha named Peyton
R. Turner, both of whom
are dead, leaving two
children, named

Peyton R
and Martha L
after their Parents, both
of whom are living.

Elizabeth named Willa
Pruden, she is dead,
leaving one child,
named Bessie, who
is living.

If any other points should
arise let me hear, and
perhaps, I can assist in
hunting them out.

Very truly Yrs

Wm. H. Warren

Dr. J. C. Doolittle
of Boston
Mass. of Holland

3 Aug 89

Account A

An account of the real estate belonging to Henry W. Murphy deceased which remains undistributed by the widow and trustee and the amount and per cent value thereof.

One tract adjoining the lands of W^m H. Warden containing 256 acres.
 See simple value

768 00

Account B.

An account of the personal property left by Henry W. Murphy and which remains in kind.

Two Beds.	2 Bedsteads.	one Chest
one Blanket	one small Table	one Windsor
Two Coats	one Grief.	
Two Suits.	Five Shirts	

Account C.

An account of such other property which may be clearly shown by testimony to have been bought with trust funds derived from said Henry W. Murphy's estate.

One Black Horse. one Cart and wheels
 old Plow. one Bullwheeler, 1 set of Plow
 Hinges. one pitch fork one chisel
 one hoe. Bed clothing. crop of Corn. Five Hubs and spokes.

Commissioner's Office
 Smithfield October 12th 1896

To the Circuit Court of Holt of Wright County

Pursuant to order of the said court rendered on the 26th day of September 1896 in a suit in chancery pending therein between W^m H. Warden executor of Henry W. Murphy deceased, Plaintiff and Mary S. Buford and others, defendants, the undersigned a Commissioner in chancery of the said court to whom was referred by said decree the settlement of the following accounts and expenses, reports that on the 3rd day of October 1896 he issued notices requiring the said parties to appear before him at his office aforesaid on the 13th day of October 1896 to attend the taking and settlement of the following accounts

and expenses ~~expended to be taken and reported by the said decess.~~ to wit
1st the debts, if any due by said testator together with priorities and deductions, 2nd
what real estate belonging to the said testator remains undisposed of by his
widow and trustee together with the annual and fee simple value
thereof. 3rd what personal property, if any, is then remaining in kind of the
personal property left by the testator, and such other articles of property,
which may be clearly shown by testimony to have been bought with said
trust funds derived from the estate of said testator, together with the value
of each article thereof, which that on the 3rd day of October 1896 he issued no-
tices against the said parties requiring them to attend the taking and settle-
ment of the same at his office aforesaid on the 13th day of October 1896 and
which were returned duly served, and on the date of this report he com-
pleted the foregoing accounts marked A, B and C. respectively. By account A
he finds the land belonging to the said Henry W. Murphy which remains
undisposed of by his widow and trustee consists of one tract and its fee
simple value is \$768. Your commissioner is unable to report on its annual
value as no evidence in relation thereto was introduced.

Account B is of articles of personal property remaining in kind of
of those left by testator and account C is of such other articles of property
as the testimony shows were bought with trust funds derived from said
Henry W. Murphy's estate. The testimony in relation to accounts B and
C is shown herewith. There was no testimony offered to your com-
missioner in relation to the value thereof.

Given under my hand as a commissioner in chancery of the said court the
day and year first aforesaid

Time employed 11 hours

Commissioner's fee \$8.25

Shuffle's fees \$1.50

Wm R. Robinson Cfo.

Murphy's Executor
vs

Coffield and others

Report of

Commissioner Atkinson
under decree of September 26th
1896.

Filed October 10th 1896

1 has earned it in bank in Suffolk, but I don't know how the note was paid
2 as I was not present when it was paid. I don't know when it was paid from time to time paying
3 given her checks for the lumber and she would go to Suffolk to collect
4 them, and I know she had no other money except what she got
5 for wood sold. She never made enough on the farm for her support and
6 had to sell wood of some kind from the farm every year even to pay her
7 for labor. My father left more bed clothing, toys and so forth than we now
8 left but I don't know whether she says we paid off the old debt, or whether
9 she sold them and bought new. She has a note she received I don't
10 know but a judgment has been obtained against Edward Pope the amount
11 of which was not paid and said lies sold from the land. She was in
12 her note for us sold to a negro living on John Wells land. for \$20 or
13 which I don't say \$11. or \$11.50 has been paid but I can't recall his name. I
14 have no idea of the value of the property named in the mortgage.
15 And further this defendant sixth not

Mary L. Cofield

17 I have been and subscribed before me the 1st day of October 1896
18 by R. H. Johnson

An inventory of the personal property
found on the Estate of Henry W.
Murray, together with that of
The Widow of said Henry W. Mur-
phy dec'd - By W. H. Gardner

- 2 Beds, and Steads, Clothing
- 1 old chest. old desk & clock
- 1 Small Table & old stove
- 2 Sows and 5 sheep
- 2 Cows and Calf.
- Crop of Corn. Peasants, &c
- 1 Lot of Sweet Potatoes about
1/2 half acre
- 1 Black Horse
- Cart and wheel.
- Grass stone old plow and
Cultivator
- 1 Set of Plow Harnes
- Pitch fork & shovel & hoe

Paper marked A which is referred to in deposition of
Mary L. Gifford and which was sent to Commissioner
by Wm. H. [illegible] of Henry W. Humphrey
Esq. P. O. [illegible] Co.

Paper marked A referred to in Mary L.
Gifford's deposition.
Esq. P. O. [illegible] Co.

1 The deposition of Mary L. Gofels taken on the 14th day of October 1896 before
2 me a commissioner in chancery of the Circuit Court of Lake of the Pines
3 county to be read as evidence in a certain matter of record referred
4 to me by decree of the said court read and on the 26th day of September
5 1896 in a suit in chancery pending there between William H. W.
6 son executor of Henry W. Murphy deceased plaintiff and Mary L.
7 Gofels and others defendants.

16 Mary L. Gofels being duly sworn deposes and says, that she is the
17 daughter of Henry W. Murphy deceased and was six years
18 old at the date of his death.

Question 1st

18 Examine the paper marked A and purporting to be an inventory of
19 the estate of said H. W. Murphy and of his widow and state which articles
20 named therein were left by said H. W. Murphy?

21 Answer. I saw ^{with} the 2 Bids and his tools, 1 old chest 1 old dish 1 clock
22 one round table and one joint stove.

23 State which of the other articles, if any, were bought with the first funds
24 derived from H. W. Murphy's estate, and the value of each article?

25 I don't know how the bed clothing, nor the saw and pigs, the plows, the cutti-
26 ng and other farming implements were bought, but I know the
27 usual quantity of all stock and farming implements ^{were there when he died} and bed clothing.
28 The two cows and calf were the property of those he left and the cart and
29 wheels were bought with wood cut of the land, I mean with money which
30 was paid for the wood. The horse was bought of ~~Mr. Sweeney~~ ^{Mr. Sweeney}, I saw
31 ~~what~~ ^{what} some saw logs to Geo. Sweeney who gave her part of the money ^{\$35-}
32 to pay for the horse, and she gave her note for the balance which was

I, Wm. H. Darden, do hereby name, constitute and appoint William S. Holland my true and lawful attorney in fact, for me and in my name, to do all things and acts necessary or proper to be done by me as executor under the will of Henry W. Murphy deceased, to sell and advertize all property, to collect the proceeds of sales and to make any and all other collections and to distribute said proceeds of sales and collections and to sign my name for me in all things concerning said office, position or trust and to finally settle said estate, and to institute and prosecute all suits or actions at law needful or necessary in the opinion of said William S. Holland concerning the said estate; and generally to my said attorney I give full power and authority touching the premises; to do, execute, proceed with and finish all things, in as ample a manner as I might do if personally present; hereby ratifying and confirming all lawful acts done by my said attorney by virtue hereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 3rd day of August 1896.

Wm. H. Darden Seal

Virginia:

County of Isle of Wight, to wit:-

I, L.J. Darden a justice of the Peace in and for the county of Isle of Wight in the said state of Virginia, do certify that Wm. H. Darden whose name is signed to the foregoing writing bearing date August 3rd 1896 acknowledged said writing before me in my said county.

Given under my hand this 3rd. day of August 1896.

L. J. Darden J.P.

1896 H W Murphrys Estate
Nov To Ibrahim Brothers

2nd To 6 days work in digging
sweet potatoes and pulling

corn @ 60¢ per day = 3.60

To stacking peaches 40¢ = 1.40

Total

\$4.00

Paid, Ibrahim Brothers

By P R Turner

Received November 14th 1896 of Wm.S.Holland attorney for W.H.Daden executor
of H.W.Murphrey deceased the sum of nine dollars and twenty-eight cents
taxes assessed against said estate for the year 1895 and I gave to said
Mr. Holland the tax account which he says has been lost.

John H. Roberts County Treas-
urer of Isle of Wight county, Virginia.

Mr. *W. H. Harden Esqr, for J. R. Hen*

No. _____

1895.

To JOHN W. ROBERTS, Treasurer of Isle of Wight County, Va., Dr.

SUBJECTS OF TAXATION.	State Tax, 30c. on \$100.	State School Tax, 10c. on \$100.	County Levy, 40c. on \$100.	County School Tax, 5c. on \$100.	District School Tax, 5c. on \$100.	County Road Tax, 5c. on \$100.	TOTAL TAX.
To _____ acres Land, value \$ _____							
" Personal Property, value \$ <i>300</i>	<i>90</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>285</i>
" Capitation Taxes _____	~~<i>100</i>~~		~~<i>60</i>~~				
" Income _____ \$ _____							
Total _____							<i>285</i>
5 per cent. additional _____							<i>13</i>
Total _____							<i>300</i>

y W. S. Holland
Received payment *19* day of *Nov.* 189 *6*

John W. Roberts Treasurer.

Memo of costs on the out

Warden exp: W. Cogell's trial

Atty fee & tray	10.50
Clerk's fee	6.41
Shiff Isl of Wight	3.50
" Nansmon	1.50
Comm. fee	8.25

Windsor, Va., Nov. 5th 1896

Mr W.A. Darden Esq. H.W. Murphy ds

Bought of **E. W. EPPS,**

—DEALER IN—

≡GENERAL ❖ MERCHANDISE.≡

Kirkham & Co., Printers, Petersburg, Va.

1896	Nov	5	To	25	pea nuts bags 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ cts	\$	1	63
"	"	"	"	1	lunch twine			06
							\$	1 69
								52
								1 17
					Paid in ch. by W.S. Halladay			
					E.W. Epps			
					YH			

1896
51.62

179.99

1896 H W Murphree's Estate
1008 To William Cook

2 " 3 1/2 days @ 65 per day =

Total

\$1.62 1/2

\$1.62 1/2

Paid, William Cook,

By P R Sumner

An account of the Sale of the Real
and personal estate of the Late Henry W.
Murphy decd. This 18th day of November 1896
by W. H. Darden Executor

Articles	Names	
1 Farm 250 acres.	Mrs. Mary Coffield	445 00
1 bed no 1	H. W. Griffin	3 80
1 bedstead no 1	Granville Chapman	1 00
1 pr shute	H. W. Griffin	3 5-
1 bolster & 2 pillows	H. W. Griffin	90
1 bed no 2.	J. W. Pitt	2 40
1 bedstead no 2	Wm Bradley	90
1 pr pillows & Bolster	G. J. Clarke	1 80
1 quilt no. 1	H. W. Griffin	75-
1 Blanket:	Henry Wallons-	70
1 quilt no 2.	H. W. Griffin	1 10
1 " " 3	J. H. Powell	45-
1 chest:	L. J. Costen	15-
1 clock & Desk	L. J. Costen	35-
1 Table.	Randolph Turner	20
1 grindstone	Moses Allman	45-
1 Fokier Cow.	J. S. Underwood.	7 60
1 Cow.	J. S. Underwood	7 75-
1 calf.	J. S. Underwood	3 80
2 first choice shoates 400?	John. E. Wills	8 00
2 2 nd choice 300 each	E. L. Joyner	6 00
3 3 rd " 285	L. J. Costen	8 55-
1 black horse	W. B. Pruden	3 6 50
1 Cart & wheels	H. W. Griffin	6 00

1 Champion Plow.
 1 Climax "
 1 Cultivator
 1 pitchfork shoe
 1 shovel.
 1 set Plow Harness.
 5 Bbls Corn 1.65
 4 " " 1.65
 1 lot Corn Shuckers
 500 Tbs fodder 75¢ per Hd
 778. " " 66 " "
 1 lot Peanut vines
 9½ Bbls Sweet Potatoes 55¢ per tb
 5 " " " 30 " "
 3 " " " 55 " "
 1 lot of Potato Plantings
 2 bags Potatoes 182 Tbs 2¼
 4731 Tbs Peanuts 2¼

L. J. Costus	70
Henry Copeland	1 25
J. W. Pitt	50
R. E. Pierce	60
Geo. Powell	50
Stephen Butler	35
J. E. Edwards.	8 25
M. M. Jones	6 60
Robert Butler	1 15
Henry Holland	3 75
J. W. Pitt	5 13
J. W. Pitt	4 00
Geo Rodgers.	5 23
W. H. Darden	1 50
W. H. Darden	1 65
W. H. Darden	40
W. H. Darden	4 09
L. H. Whitley	106 45
	709 85
Dead land	445 00
	\$264 85

Wm H Darden
 Executor of H. M.
 Murphy and —

F. C. Roberts
 Clerk



Murphy's execution
 as
 testified to by
 account of
 also made
 by F. C. Roberts.

Estate of H. W. Murphy
In account with
W. H. Dorden Executor

1896

Mr

18	By amount of sales as per account sales	250.80	
"	Peas sold at Smithfield	14.05	
	To paid pea pickers @ 10¢ bu.	24	20
"	" " " " "	5	00
"	" " P. R. Turner as per rept,	21	00
"	" " black sales two days	5	00
"	Com. retained by executor on \$266.85	13	24
"	Paid Taxes	9	28
"	" " E. W. Epps for byss	5	2
"	" " Hand bills of sale	1	00
"	" " Graham Brooker for labor as per rept	4	00
"	" " Wm Cook for labor as per rept	1	62
"	Bal in hand	179	99

W. H. Dorden Executor
H. W. Murphy decd

Recd. Mr. 21-1896 of W. H. Dorden
executor twenty one (21) dollars
for 21 days work in caring
for crops and superintending
the Sowing House as above.
P. R. Turner.

Recd. of W. H. Dorden executor five
(5) dollars as per above
Mr. 24th 1896. H. L. Roberts

"B"

Filed with
rept of sales

Murphrey, s Executor

vs.

Cofield et als.

The undersigned begs to report that pursuant to a decree in the above named cause, after advertizing by printed hand bills posted all over this section of the county and at the Court-House and many other public places he did on the 18th day of November 1896 sell all the personal estate reported by Commissioner Atkinson as belonging to the estate of H.W.Murphrey deceased for cash and the gross sales of same amounted to \$250.80 as will appear by a statement or account of sales made and kept by Mr. F.C.Roberts who acted as clerk of sales which is herewith filed as a part of this report marked "A". Before the day of sale I sent to Smithfield six bags of pea-nuts and sold the same for \$14.05 which was just a little more per pound than the sale made of the rest at auction. I have paid expenses of sale, expense of caring for and saving the crops and herewith filed a statement marked "B" which is asked to be taken and read as a part hereof. This statement will show disbursements and receipts for personal estate.

At the same time and place I sold the tract of land and Mrs. Mary S.Cofield one of the heirs or devisees became the last and highest bidder at the price and sum of four hundred and forty five dollars, and since that time she has expressed a willingness to raise that bid to five hundred dollars and I unhesitatingly recommend the sale as a good one and ask that your Honor may confirm the same. It is considerably below the assessed value made last year by Mr. J.C.Counsell who in most instances followed the old assessment. On last Sept. court a tract of land adjoining the lands in question belonging to my son was sold at auction under a decree of court and brought only six hundred dollars which was less than half the assessed value. That tract is worth almost twice that of the Murphrey tract. The timber has been cut including cord-wood on the land and for the last thirty years since the death of Mr. Murphrey the place has been going down. I am sure the fact of Mrs. Cofield having sold her own farm is what induces her to raise the bid fifty-five dollars.

Most Respectfully Submitted.

Wm. H. Landrum Executor
L. N. Murphy Clerk

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Murphrey, s Exor.

vs.

Cofield et als.

Report of sales by Wm.H.Dar-
den executor of H.W.Murphrey
deceased .

Nov 18, 1896

Chuckatuck Va
Nov 26th 1896

Mr W. S. Holland
Windsor Va

My Dear Sir

Mrs Emmet Cofield being
desirous of settling a judgment I
have against her husband Emmet
Cofield for \$98⁰⁰ with interest
now on record in Clerk's office of
this County. I write to state that I
will take seventy five (\$75⁰⁰) dollars
as payment in full of said
claim.

Yours Respectfully
Geo. W. Sells

Mr. W. S. Halland
- Windsor

Sec of freight \$
90

Suffolk, Va., Nov 30, 1896

Mr W H Darden ~~Amelia Dr~~

❖ TO SUFFOLK HERALD ❖

Newspaper, Book ^{AND} Job Printing Establishment.

J. E. BOOKER, Proprietor.

TERMS CASH.

No. 9 WASHINGTON SQUARE.

1896

Nov

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100 Bills -

Sale of
W W Murphy Farm

\$ 100

Recd Payment of
W S Holcomb atty

J E Booker

W. S. Hollen
for Sir

I am clearly
of the opinion, that if
the Law was resolved, it
would not bring a penny
more than the first sale
as it is clear to my
mind and feasible from
from the sale of L. L.
Larden Lane which
was sold a short time
ago by Tennyson Court —
for six hundred which
is worth ~~more~~ twice as
much as the Muckley
Lane. — The sale is an
excellent one and I
cheerfully confirm it

W. S. Hollen

W. S. Hollen Esq.

Mr. S. Hollander
Miss _____

WM. S. HAWLAND
ATTORNEY
WINDSOR, VIRGINIA

88 766

SUFFOLK, VA.

June 12th 1897

TRICE

FARMERS BANK OF NANSEMOND

Pay to the order of L. H. Whitley Exec. Matilda Murphy decd.

One and fifty and no/100 Dollars

Paid as per decree in suit of the Murphy's
et al vs Copfield and others entered April Term 1897
Cir. Court of W. Co. This paid for W. H. Darden Exec.
Wm S. Hallard

\$150 ^{xx}/₁₀₀

SAM W. BOWMAN, SUFFOLK, VA.

All Available Text Successfully Captured

L. H. Whitley Esq
Matilola Murphy de

RECEIVED, Nov 13th, 1897, of Mrs Mary S. Cofield
Eight $\frac{4}{100}$ DOLLARS,

paid in redemption of 256 acres land charged upon the Commissioner of Revenue's land
book to Melchad Murphy, which land was returned delinquent for
the taxes of 1896. Paid By W. H. Gardner, Secy

John W. Roberts Treasurer.

Rec'd. April 20th 1898 of Wm S. Hallaw for Wm H. Darden
executor of Henry W. Murphy one hundred & thirty
five (135) dollars and forty four (44) cents
it being the share of Bessie Edmonds who was
Partner in the land of Henry W. Murphy deceased
sold by Wm H. Darden Executor.

Sign & return

sign her M. L. Edmonds
Receiver for Bessie Edmonds &c

Right
to be returned

$$\begin{array}{r} 215.95 \\ - 92.50 \\ \hline 123.45 \end{array}$$

500.00 Paid for land
 - 2.50 money Butler did

 502.50

600.00 For S. Y. Butler
 132.94 on 7 in the W.W. in land

 732.90
 502.50

 230.44 Bal. to be paid in money
 and which is paid on balance

75.00 Balance for Dr. New Mills as per
 85.00 Paid in money in land
 70.44 Paid by check

 230.44

$$\begin{array}{r} 175 \\ 75-0 \\ \hline 92-50 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 526 \\ - 541 \\ \hline 15 \end{array}$$

230.44
 160

 70.44

250

$$\begin{array}{r} 45.00 \\ 30.00 \\ \hline 155.42 \\ 210.42 \\ \hline 12.65 \\ \hline 223.07 \\ 26.93 \\ \hline 250.00 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 250 \\ 1.75 \\ \hline 8.40 \\ \hline 12.65 \end{array}$$

Bin empty

Wm H. L. or decd Ex'or. H. W. Murphy decd.

By Proceeds sale of land	500 00		
" Bal. in hand probat Challed Ent.	179 99		
To paid costs of suit (bottan decd)		21 16	
" " fee to Wm S. Hollen		50 00	
" " " " " " " decd			
to per ch'ee		5 00	
" Com on 500 \$ per ch'ee		25 00	
" Paid May B. Lapie		135 44	
" " L. H. Whitley genl.		135 44	
" " M. L. Edwards Reamer		135 44	
" " L. H. Whitley Ex'or. of Mrs H. W. Murphy decd.		150 00	
" Paid Tax 1896		8 04	
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Humphreys ex or

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Copied st. ab.

Report of Collection
- disbursements
in full.

Murphy's Exr.

vs

to apptd et. al.

The undersigned begs to report that he has paid out all the money in his hands arising from sales of personal and real estate. A statement of my receipts and disbursements since last report is herewith filed and vouchers for disbursements.

Wm H. Dorden Exr. of
H. W. Murphy, Decd

by

Wm. S. Hallard his atty.

In the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight county in vacation September
26th 1896.

Wm.H.Darden executor of H.W.Murphrey deceased

vs

Mary Sophia Coffield, Emmett Coffield, Wilbur B.Pruden, Peyton R.Turner,
Martha L.Turner and Bessie Pruden, the last three being infants under the
age of twenty-one years.

This cause came on this day to be
heard on the bill of complaint taken for confessed as to the adult defend-
ants on whom process has been duly executed, they still failing to appear,
plead, demur or answer, on the answer of the infant defendants by their
guardian ad litem duly appointed at rules according to law, with general
replication thereto, and on reasonable notice to the defendants of the
purpose of the plaintiff to apply for this decree, and was argued by coun-
sel:

On consideration whereof, the court being of opinion that the
will of said H.W.Murphrey creates a trust with his widow as trustee and
that the estate of said testator not disposed of by the said trustee should
be sold as provided by said will, doth adjudge, order and decree that
one of the commissioners of this court make, take, state, enquire and re-
port to the next term of this court as follows:-

(1)--- The debts, if any, due by said testator, together with their prior-
ities and dignities.

(2)--- What real estate belonging to the said testator remains undis-
posed by the said widow and trustee, together with the annual and fee-
simple value thereof.

(3)--- What personal property, if any, is there which remains in kind of
the personal estate left by said testator and such other articles of prop-
erty which may be clearly shown by testimony to have been bought with
said trust funds derived from the estate of said testator, together with
the value of each article thereof.

(4)-- Any matter deemed pertinent by the commissioner or any party in in-
terest .

Robert A. Pruden
do the clerk of the circuit court of Isle of Wight Co.

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Murphrey, s Executor

vs

Cofield et als.

Sept. 26th. 1896.

D E C R E E.

To be entered.

Robert C. Dentis

Received in the clerk's office
of the Circuit Court of the County of
Wright County Oct. 30 1896
and entered of record.

Teste J. Z. Garrison Clerk

Murphrey,s Executor

vs.

Cofield et als.

This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read and on the report of commissioner Atkinson filed herein on the 16th day of October 1896 to which no exception has been filed, and was argued by counsel:

On consideration whereof the court doth adjudge, order and decree that said report of commissioner Atkinson be, and the same is, hereby confirmed and that said Wm.H.Da~~x~~den executor of Henry W. Murprey deceased proceed to execute the last will and testament of said testator by selling after reasonable notice the lands , and the personal property in accounts "B" &"C" of the said report at public auction on the premises on such terms as he may deem expedient for all parties concerned, and make report to court of his doings hereunder .

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Murphrey, s Executor

vs

Cofield et als.

October 26th 1896.

D E C R E E .

To be entered.

Robert J. Huntis

Entered

In the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight county November 28th 1896 in vacation:

Wm.H.Darden Executor of H.W.Murphrey deceased

Vs

Coffield et als.

This cause came on to be again heard on the papers formerly read, on the report of sales and partial disbursement of said Wm.H.Darden Executor showing a balance in hand of one hundred and seventy-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents as proceeds of sale of chattel estate filed this day by leave of court, and on reasonable notice to the defendants, and was argued by counsel:-

On consideration whereof the court doth adjudge, order and decree that said report of said executor, to which there is no exception, be, and the same, is, hereby confirmed and that the sale of the real estate to Mrs Mary S.Coffield at the price and sum of ^{five}~~four~~ hundred and ~~forty-five~~ dollars be, and the same is, hereby ratified and confirmed.

And the court doth further adjudge order and decree that if said purchaser so elects and pays all cash for said lands then said executor is hereby directed to make, execute and deliver to her a good and sufficient deed with special warranty for said lands, and that out of the proceeds of sales of lands, whether all paid or whether paid in instalments as advertized and sold, the said executor shall pay first, all costs of suit and sale including a fee of \$⁵⁰~~50~~^x_x to William S. Holland attorney for the plaintiff, and then pay the residue in hand or as fast as collected to the parties entitled or to their guardians or attorneys and make report to court.

The court doth further adjudge order and decree that said executor retain in hand till the further order of court the said balance of \$179.99 derived from proceeds of sale of personal estate.

Robert R. Proutis

To the clerk of the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight Co. Va.

Wm. H. Darden Exor. H. W. Murphrey

deceased.

vs.

Cofield et als.

Decree.

Nov. 28th 1896.

To be entered.

Robert R. Phillips

Dec 3rd 1896

Received and entered
of record.

Justi-

W. J. Gorman

In the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County
November 28th 1896, in Vacation
Wm L Darden Executor of W & Murphy dec'd
vs
Cecilia Stas

This Cause came on to be again heard
on the papers formerly read, on the report of sales
and partial disbursements of said Wm L Darden
Executor showing a balance in hand
of One hundred and seventy nine dollars
and ninety nine cents, as proceeds of sales
of chattel estate filed this day by leave of
Court, and on reasonable notice to the
defendants, and was argued by Counsel

On Consideration whereof the Court
doth adjudge, order and decree that said
report of said Executor, to which there
is no exception, be, and the same is
hereby confirmed and that the sale of
the real estate to Mrs. Mary S Cecilia at
the price and sum of Five hundred dollars
be and the same is hereby ratified and
confirmed

And the Court doth further adjudge order
and decree that if said Purchaser do elect
and pays all cash for said lands then
said executor is hereby directed to make
execute and deliver to her a good and
sufficient deed with special warranty

for said lands, and that out of proceeds
of sales of lands, whether all paid or whether
paid in installments as advertised
and sold. The said Executor
shall ^{pay} first, all costs of suit and
sale including a fee of \$50.00 to
William S. Hall and Attorney for
the plaintiff. And then pay
the residue in hand or as
fast as collected to the parties
entitled, or to their guardians or
attorneys, and make report to
Court.

The Court doth further adjudge
order and decree that said Executor
retain in hand till the further
order of Court. The said balance
of \$179.99 derived from proceeds of
sale of personal estate.

Robt. B. Prentiss

To the Clerk of the Circuit Court
of Dist. of W. Va. Co. &c.

In the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court
of Dist. of W. Va. County - Dec 30 1896
This decree was read and entered of
Record

Teste W. F. Young, et al
a Copy-Teste

W. F. Young cl

Costs

Dec. 19th 96.

Atty fee & stay		16.50
Clerk's fee	N. J. Young & Co.	6.41
Shff of Sale of Rights fee	Edw. A. Edwards & Co.	3.50
do Nanson & Co	"	1.50
Comm. for reply	ask - Wm R. Robinson	8.25
		<u>19.66</u>
		<u>1.50</u>
		21.16

Rec'd. of Wm H. Dorden Executor of
 Henry W. Murphy dec'd one hundred
 and thirty five and forty four cents
 (135.44) it being her share of proceeds
 of sale of land after deducting
 costs and expenses.

Mary D. Cofield

Rec'd. of Wm H. Dorden by check from
 Wm S. Hall and his atty one hundred
 and thirty five dollars and forty
 four cents, it being the share of P. R.
 Turner & Lillian Turner grand children
 of H. W. Murphy dec'd. in the
 net proceeds of sale of lands
 as per decree of court.

May 27th 1897.

check.

L. A. Whitley.

Edw. P. R. & Lillian Turner

Wm L. Darden
Esq. W.
Murphy de can
vs

Leofield et al
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and on the petition of L. H. Whitley, Executor of the will of M. A. Murphy, to this cause - and it is ordered, that he be made a party defendant to this cause, and he be proceeded with against him as such Executor - party defendant.

Murphy Ex<sup>r</sup>

is } In the Circuit Court of the County of Isabella  
Cofied uals

This cause came on this day -  
to be again heard upon the papers formerly  
read, and was argued by counsel, on con-  
sideration whereof the Court with advice,  
order and decree, That W. H. Dorden Executor  
of H. W. Murphy decd. out of the sum of \$172.<sup>89</sup>  
shown by his report herein to have come  
whence from the sales of the personal  
property in said report mentioned, pay so  
much thereof, as is the proceeds of sale  
of personally other than the proceeds of sale  
of personal property devised by the last  
will and Testament of the said H. W. Murphy -  
and remaining in kind - at the death of  
Matilda Murphy - to L. H. Whitley Executor  
of the said Matilda Murphy - or his attorney,  
taking a receipt therefor and return the  
same to Court with a report of his proce-  
dings under this decree.

Murphy's 24<sup>r</sup>  
or } on chey  
Cofine u als

Rough Draw  
Apr 26 - 1897  
To be entered -  
Robert R. Davis

Entered

Murphrey,s Executor

vs

Cofield and others.

This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read and on the report of Wm.H.Darden executor of H.W. Murphrey deceased, being a further and final report of his collections and disbursements, filed this day by leave of court, and was argued by counsel:

On consideration whereof, the court doth adjudge, order and decree, that said report of Murphrey,s executor be, and the same is, hereby confirmed, it appearing to the court that the said executor has settled his transactions and paid out all money in his hands. And nothing further appearing to be done in this cause it is ordered that it be stricken ~~from~~ from the docket.

Murphrey, s Executor

vs

Coffield and others.

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D E C R E E .

To be entered.

April 25th 1898.

*Robert H. Hunt*

*Entered  
# 8.*

*Received of the 13th of Sept 1888*  
*by attorney in law*  
*of the*  
To Messrs Sophia Corfield who was Marphrey and Emmett Corfield her  
husband, Wilbur H. Pruden;

*Received of the 13th of Sept 1888*  
I hereby give notice that I shall on the 26th day of September  
at the town of Suffolk apply to the Hon. Robert E. Prentiss, Judge of  
the Circuit Court of said county to grant an interlocutory decree  
for enquiries and accounts in the suit in equity of Wm. H. Darden executor  
vs Corfield et als, in which suit I am plaintiff and you are of the defendant

Respectfully,

Wm. H. Darden Executor of Henry

Marphrey deceased by his attorney

*Wm S. Hallam*

by entering this 13 day of Sept 1894  
by delivering a true copy of  
the within notice to W B  
Pruden in person

A H Baker  
Sherrill

*Wm H Darden Executor of Henry W. Murphrey deceased by his attorney*  
To Mary Sophia Cofield who was Murphrey and Emmett Cofield her  
husband, Wilbur B. Pruden: *and W L Froese Edmund Wilson*

Please take notice that I shall on the 26th day of September  
1896 in the town of Suffolk apply to the Hon. Robert R. Prentis, Judge of  
the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight county to grant an interlocutory decree  
for enquiries and accounts in the suit in equity of Wm. H. Darden executor  
vs Cofield et als, in which suit I am plaintiff and you are of the defendants

Respectfully,

Wm. H. Darden Executor of Henry  
W. Murphrey deceased by his attorney

Wm S. Hallam

Exhibited by delivery to the within named  
Mary S. & Edmund Cowfold each a true copy of  
the within notice Sept 22nd, 1846.

No. 1, Edward St.

I hereby accept service of this notice and  
waive service here of it as officer.

Wm. L. Dock

Respectfully,

Wm. H. Barton Esq. of Newy  
W. H. Barton Esq. of Newy

Wm. L. Dock

Commissioner's Office,

Smithfield October 3<sup>rd</sup>

1896

To William H. Barker executor of Henry W. Murphy deceased Plaintiff. Mrs  
Mary Sophie Buford who was Murphy, executrix of her husband Wilbur B  
Ponder. ~~and~~ William L. Pock guardian ad litem of Martha L. Ponder, Pylon R. Ponder  
and Bessie Ponder infants under the age of twenty one years Defendants.

You are hereby notified that I have fixed upon the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 1896 <sup>next</sup>  
following

if fair; if not, on the next fair day thereafter (Sunday excepted), to take and settle, at my office, the accounts

of and expenses to wit 1<sup>st</sup> The debts, if any, due by said testator, together with their provi-  
dents and disbursements. 2<sup>nd</sup> What real estate belonging to the said testator remains undi-  
posed by ~~his widow and trustee~~ together with the annual and per simple value thereof. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
What personal property of any, is there which remains in kind of the personal estate left  
by said testator and such other articles of property which may be clearly shown by testimony  
to have been bought with said testator's funds derived from the estate of said testator together  
with the value of each article thereof. 4<sup>th</sup> Any matter which is put in issue by the commission-  
er or any party in interest

required to be taken by a decree of the Circuit Court of the County of Isle of Wight

rendered on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 1896, in a suit in chancery depending in said

Court between you as plaintiffs and defendants,

at which time and place you are required to attend.

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

W. B. Fiske

W. B. Fiske

W. B. Fiske

Executed this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1896  
By delivering a true copy of the within Notice  
to W. B. Pruden in person.

R. J. Ballard Deputy  
For, A. H. Baker  
Sheriff

Form No. 400.

W. B. Pruden

vs.

COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.

Bohrie & Co.

I accept notice hereof and waive service by an

officer.

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1896

Wm. H. Jordan

Secretary of A. W.

Wm. H. Jordan

Wm. H. Jordan



Exhibited by delivering to the within named  
Mary S. Coffield & to W. L. Falk & read & return  
three copy of this notice Octo 8<sup>th</sup> 1896

Re A Edward Esq

With sending the within named Edward  
Coffield at his usual place of abode  
I delivered a copy for him to Mary S.  
Coffield his wife & explained the  
purport of the same to her.

Octo 8<sup>th</sup> 1896,

Re A. Edward Esq

Form No. 400.

Warden warden of the prison

vs. } COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.

vs.

Leifeld and others

To October 13<sup>th</sup> 1896.

Commissioner's Office,

Smithfield October 3<sup>rd</sup>

1896

To William H Darden executor of Henry W Murphy deceased Plaintiff and Mary Popin  
Defendant who was Murphy, Emmett Boyfield her husband, Wilbur B Pruden and  
William L Park guardian ad litem of Peyton R Pruden, Martha L Pruden and Bertha  
Pruden, infants under the age of twenty one years Defendant

You are hereby notified that I have fixed upon the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 1896 next,

following

if fair; if not, on the next fair day thereafter (Sunday excepted), to take and settle, at my office, the accounts

of and against him with 1<sup>st</sup> The debts, if any, due by said Testator, together with their priorities  
and discharges, 2<sup>nd</sup> What real estate belonging to the said Testator or remaining undivided by  
his widow and heirs, together with the annual and fee simple value thereof, 3<sup>rd</sup> What personal  
property, if any, is there which remains in hand of the personal estate left by said Testator  
and such other articles of property which may be clearly shown by testimony to have been  
bought with said trust funds derived from the estate of said Testator together with the value of such  
articles thereof, 4<sup>th</sup> Any matter deemed pertinent by the court in person or any party in  
interest

required to be taken by a decree of the Circuit Court of the County of Isle of Wight

rendered on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 1896, in a suit in chancery depending in said

Court between you as Plaintiff and Defendants,

at which time and place you are required to attend.

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

Wm. B. Pruden

Executed by delivering a copy of this  
notice to W. B. Prender Oct 9th 1896.  
Ro. A. Edwards Eff

FORM No. 400.

Wardens Expositor

vs.

COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.

Leffield and others  
vs. October 13<sup>th</sup> 1896

COURTS:

Isle of Wight, Nansemond,  
and Southampton.

LAW OFFICE

—OF—

W. S. HOLLAND.

Windsor Station, Va.

To Mary S.Cofield, E.W.Cofield, W.B.Pruden and R.S.Thomas guardian ad litem

Please take notice that I shall apply to the Hon. Robert R. Prentis judge of the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight county at his office in Suffolk, Va. on Saturday November 28th 1896 for a decree in the cause of W.H.Daden executor vs Cofield et als . This decree is for the confirmation of the report of sales and disbursements of the personal estate and for the confirmation of the sale of the lands to Mrs. Mary S.Cofield at public auction at the price of four hundred and forty five dollars and for orders in regard to further disbursement of all money in hand

Wm.H.Darlen executor of H.W.Murphrey deceased by

Wm S. Holland

his attorney.

Presented this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of Nov 1896  
By delivering a true copy of the within  
Notice to Mr B Pruden in person

R. J. Ballard Deputy

Hon A. H. Baker

Sheriff

Witness my hand and seal this 21<sup>st</sup> day of Nov 1896

M. S. Houghton

or

Deputy Sheriff

Notary Public  
for the State of Nevada  
My Comm. Expires

To Mary S. Cofield, E.W.Cofield, W.B.Pruden and R.S.Thomas guardian ad  
litem:

Please take notice that I shall apply to the Hon. Robert R. Prentiss  
judge of the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight county at his office in Suffolk  
Va. on Saturday, November 28th 1896 for a decree in the cause of W.H.  
Darden executor vs Cofield and others. This decree is for the confirmation  
of the report of sales and disbursements of the personal estate and for  
the confirmation of the sale of the lands to Mrs. Mary S. Cofield at public  
auction at the price of \$~~3~~ four hundred and forty five dollars ~~and~~. And  
for orders in regard to further disbursement of all money in hand.

W H Darden Executor of

A. W. Murphrey deceased by

Wm S. Hallam his attorney.

We the undersigned do each of us accept service of the above notice and  
waive service thereof on us by an officer.

Mary S. Cofield  
E. W. Cofield  
R. S. Thomas  
guardian ad litem for  
T. R. Turner, Martha L. Turner  
and Berrie Pruden  
in favor.

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M. L. Edmonds. next  
friend of Bessie Edmonds.  
who was Puden  
Exports

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Enter Apr. 15, 1898  
Robert M. M. M.

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Recd. & Comm. of record  
April 18th 1898

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In the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County, in vacation April 5-1898  
To the Hon. Robert R. Prentiss Judge of the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight  
County, Virginia:-

*J. W. Owens*

Your petitioner ~~M. L. Edmonds~~ the next friend of Bessie Edmonds who was Pruden, now the wife of said petitioner, respectfully represents: That the said Bessie Edmonds who was Pruden is now a minor, being now 16 years old, and who was married to ~~your petitioner~~ *M. L. Edmonds* on the 21st day of December 1896, and who now resides in the County of Isle of Wight in the state of Virginia, is entitled to the sum of one hundred and thirty five (\$135) dollars and forty four (44) cents, and possibly a very few dollars in addition thereto, it being now impracticable to ascertain whether or not there is an additional sum, and if so, the amount of the same, which money is to be paid to her as the grand child and legatee of H.W. Murphrey deceased under decretal orders of the Circuit court of Isle of Wight in the suit of Murphrey's executor vs Coffield and others, the said money is now in hands of W.H. Darden executor of said H.W. Murphrey deceased in the County of Isle of Wight, and your petitioner is informed and believes it can be had at any time, and that said money is the separate estate of said Bessie Edmonds under chapter 103 Code of Virginia (1887)

Your petitioner prays that a receiver be appointed and ordered to collect said money, and ordered to hold and manage the same according to law. Your petitioner respectfully prays that ~~he~~ <sup>receiver</sup> may be appointed as aforesaid and allowed to qualify as such. And your petitioner will ever pray &c.

*J. W. Owens*

Virginia: *A. P. Gomez* Clerk of ~~the~~ *the* Court  
I ~~Wm. S. Holland~~ a commissioner in chancery of the Circuit court of the County of ~~Isle of Wight~~ *Nansemon* in the state of Virginia, do certify that ~~M. L. Edmonds~~ *J. W. Owens* whose name is signed to foregoing petition, came before me in my said County and state, and made oath in due form of law that the statements in the said petition contained are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief. Giving under my hand this 5th day of April 1898.

*A. P. Gomez* Clerk  
Circuit Court of  
Nansemona County

✓ In the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, <sup>in vacation</sup> April 15<sup>th</sup> 1898.

Exparte M.L. Edmonds, the next friend of Bessie Edmonds, who was Pruden, a minor.

This day came <sup>J. W. Owens</sup> ~~M. L. Edmonds~~ and presented the petition of himself as the next friend of Bessie Edmonds, who was Pruden, a minor, and who is also a married woman, praying for the appointment of a receiver; Whereupon <sup>on</sup> his motion M.L. Edmonds is hereby appointed a receiver for said Bessie Edmonds, who with <sup>J. W. Owens</sup> as his surety, entered into a bond, according to law, in the penalty of \$250 <sup>42</sup>/<sub>100</sub> for the faithful performance of his duties as such receiver, the said <sup>J. W. Owens</sup> surety, having justified on oath, and, having satisfied the court as to his sufficiency; and the said receiver is hereby authorized to collect the sum of money in the said petition alleged to be due and coming to the said Bessie Edmonds who was Pruden, and to manage, invest, control and hold the same, and apply the income or interest arising therefrom to the separate use of said Bessie Edmonds under the direction of this court, and when she shall die or attain the age of twenty one years, pay and deliver the principal and any and all interest or income not before that time paid or delivered as aforesaid, to those entitled <sup>thereto</sup> according to law. And it is ordered that the clerk of this Court file and record the said bond and enter this order, and file the said petition.

<sup>Robert R. Hunt</sup>  
To N. F. Young Clerk of the Circuit Court of Isle of  
Wight County Virginia.