

1899-007 Chancery Causes - Trustees of the Baptist Church of Smithfield, Virginia

Isle of Wight County

Other SURNAMES: Grimes, Cofer,
Jordan, Delk, Holloway, Boykin,
Barrett, [African Baptist Church
of Smithfield, Virginia], Tynes,
Godwin

At a conference of the members of the Baptist Church of Smithfield
we held on the 24th day of September AD 1899 The following preamble and
resolutions were adopted to wit Whereas at a conference of the members
of the said Baptist Church held on the 13th day of September 1876, W^g
James, R. F. Bassell and J. B. Baykin were appointed a committee to sell
the old church building and lot and they did sell the same to the
African Baptist Church of Smithfield Va and have subsequently
reported the sale of the same and that the price therefor had been paid
in full it was ordered by a conference of the said Baptist ^{Church} of Smithfield Va
held on the day of 1881 that the trustees of the said
Church should make a proper deed for the said church building
and lot to the said African Baptist Church and whereas W^g James,
J. B. Baykin, A. J. Cooper, W^g W. Cooper and R. F. Bassell, trustees of the said
Baptist Church of Smithfield duly appointed by the General Court
of Isle of Wight County, did by their deed dated on the 28th day of
February 1881 and duly recorded in the clerk's office of the county
court of Isle of Wight County, grant and convey the said old church
building and lot situated in the town of Smithfield in the County
of Isle of Wight and State of Virginia adjoining the Masonic
lot and the lots of John W. Chalmers and others, to Daniel Sykes,
Jacob Jordan, Sundry Godwin, and James J. Sykes in Trust for the use
of the members and members of the African Baptist Church
of Smithfield Va, and whereas it appears that no application has ever
been made to the said General Court for authority to sell and convey
the said lot and church building and none has been granted and the
~~title~~ title of the said African Baptist Church therein is defective now
therefore be it resolved that the said sale and conveyance having been
made by and with the consent of the said members of the said Baptist

Church of Smithfield and the said members are desirous that the said
title should be perfected, the trustees of the said Baptist Church of
Smithfield be and are authorized and directed to ask the said Board to
ratify and confirm the said sale and conveyance and do whatever
may be necessary to perfect the title of the said African Baptist
Church to the said lot and church building,

Paul B. Clifton,
Moderator.

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John I. Coffey
Church Clerk

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1 In the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight county, October 23rd, 1899

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3 On the petition of W S Thomas, of Isle of Wight county, J R Jordan & S E Bell and
4 Als following trustees of the Baptist Church of Smithfield Virginia asking
5 the confirmation of the sale and conveyance of the lots situated in the town of
6 Smithfield in the county of Isle of Wight and State of Virginia adjoining the W
7 some lot and the lots of John D Chalmers and others, conveyed by W S
8 Thomas, of Isle of Wight county, and to J B Russell trustees of said Baptist Church
9 by them ~~made~~ sold on the 24th day of February 1881 and duly recorded
10 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight county, to
11 Daniel Sykes, Jacob Jordan, Timothy Jordan and James J Sykes, trustees,
12 for the use of the members and members of the before Baptist
13 Church of Smithfield Virginia, appearing to the court, upon satisfactory
14 ^{evidence} ~~being presented~~ before it that the said sale and conveyance was made by
15 the vote and choice of the congregation of the said Baptist Church of
16 Smithfield Va, the court doth ratify and confirm the said ^{sale} conveyance
17 and to the said before Baptist Church of Smithfield Virginia, and
18 the instrument of the proceeds of said sale in the purchase of the
19 church property now owned by the said Baptist Church of
20 Smithfield.

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Done
October 23 1899
S. M. White

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1 To The Honorable Robert R. Parrott Judge of the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight
2 County.

3 The petition of W S Grimes, W J Coffey, W W Coffey, J R Jackson, J E Welch
4 and H G McElwain, Trustees of the Baptist Church of Smithfield Virginia
5 respectfully represents. That at a conference of the said Baptist Church held
6 on the 13th day of September 1874, W S Grimes, Robt F Parrott and J E Bayless
7 were directed to sell the old church building and lot in said town and the
8 contained in the sale of the same to the members of the African Baptist
9 Church of Smithfield Va and the purchase price therefor having been paid
10 the trustees of the said Baptist Church of Smithfield were directed by a
11 conference of the members of the said church held on the day of
12 1881 to make a proper deed for the said church building and lot and W S
13 Grimes, J E Bayless W J Coffey W W Coffey and R F Parrott, the then survi
14 ving trustees by their deed dated on the 28th day of February 1881 and duly
15 recorded in the clerk's office of the County Court of Isle of Wight County, did
16 grant and convey the said old church building and lot, situated in the
17 town of Smithfield in the County of Isle of Wight and State of Virginia
18 adjoining the Massena Lodge lot and the lots of John Whalms and
19 others, to Daniel Sykes, Jacob Jackson, Timothy Graham and James
20 J Sykes in trust for the use of the members and members of the said
21 African Baptist Church of Smithfield Va as well appear by a
22 duly certified copy of the said deed and of the certificate of the re
23 cordation thereof which I and ~~my~~ ^{be} to be taken as part of this
24 petition.

25 Your petitioners further show that it does not appear upon a care
26 ful search of the ~~records~~ records of this honorable court that the con
27 ~~sent~~ ^{by it} of this court was ever obtained or any order
28 ever made for the said sale and conveyance as required by law and
29 your petitioners are informed that the title of the said African
30 Baptist Church to the said lot and church building is now
31 void. Your petitioners further show that after this violation was
32 called to their attention a conference of the members of the Baptist

1 Church of Southfield was held on the 27th day of September 1899, and
 2 my your petitioners to ask your honorable court to satisfy and con-
 3 vey the said sale and conveyance and do whatever may be necessary
 4 to perfect the title of the said before Baptist Church to the said
 5 lot and church building as well others by a copy of the proceedings
 6 the said conference number B and has well held and prayed to be
 7 taken as part of this petition, and your petitioners will ever pray.

W. B. Patterson for
 for trustees

Return of
 W. B. Patterson
 trustees