

1909-017 Chancery Causes: Amos Griffin v d vs John Barton (Barden) 's admr, +
Isle of Wight County Selary Barton (Barden), widow of John Barton

Petition of Richard J. Griffin v Archer Sonnerell, sometimes called
Archer Griffin

other SURNAMES: Watts,
Edwards, Bowden

Commissioner's Office, Isle of Wight C. & Va.
August 28th 1902 ~~189~~

To Anna Griffin, Frank Griffin, John Barton sometimes called John Barden, and Julian Barton sometimes called Julian Barden vs. R. A. Edwards sheriff and administrator of John Barton sometimes called John Borden, and Selvy Barton sometimes called Selvy Borden, widow of said John Barton deceased

You are hereby notified that I have fixed upon the 1st day of September 1902 ~~next~~,

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

of following inquests and accounts 1st The annual and full simple value of the land in the bill & proceedings mentioned, together with a brief description of the said land 2^d What liens for taxes or otherwise, if any, there are on said land, whether the said land can be conveniently partitioned among the parties thereto entitled. 3^d Who are the parties thereto entitled. 4th An account of the doings and transactions of the said Robert A. Edwards sheriff administrator of John Barton deceased. 5th An account of the debts outstanding and unpaid against the estate of the said John Barton deceased. & 6th Any matter deemed pertinent by the said Commissioner or any party interested.
required to be taken by a decree of the Circuit Court of the County of Isle of Wight

rendered on the 28th day of April 1902 ~~189~~, in a suit in chancery depending in said

Court between the parties aforesaid, 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.

N. J. Young comm

I acknowledge legal service of the within Notice
Sept 5th 1902
Re A. Edwards Shiff and
about of
John Barden died.

Executed by delivering a Copy to Julian Barden
John Barden ^{and Amos Griffin} Sept 5th 1902 Re A. Edwards Shiff
Not finding the estate named Silvy Barden
at her usual place of abode I delivered a copy
to Martha Moody a member of the family and
over its age of sixteen years of age.

Sept 5th 1902

Re A. Edwards Shiff.

Form No. 400.

Griffin state

COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.

vs.

Bentley and state

Do 11 Sept 1902

Amos Griffin et als #
vs #
John Barton's Admr. et als #
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This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read on the report of collections and disbursements by Wm. S. Holland, Special Commissioner, filed this day by leave of court, and to which there is no exceptions, and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof the court doth adjudge, order, and decree that said report of Commissioner Wm. S. Holland is hereby approved, ratified, and confirmed.

And it appearing to the court that the last bond due by G. V. Jenkins has been assigned to A. B. P. Holland for its face value and the proceeds thereof having been paid to the parties, the court doth further adjudge, order, and decree that when the said bond becomes due and payable, the said Special Commissioner is hereby ordered to collect the same and pay the amount collected to A. B. P. Holland, the assignee of said bond. And the said Special Commissioner shall make report to court.

Amos Griffin et als #
vs #
John Barton's Admr. et als #
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D E C R E E .

To be entered.

December 5th, 1904.

Robert W. French

Chancery Order Book, No. 6

Page, 386.

Amos Griffin, Frank Griffin, John Barton, sometimes called John Barden, Julien Barton sometimes called Julien Barden, Richard Griffin and Archer Somerell

Vs

Robert A. Edwards, Sheriff and administrator of John Barton, sometimes called John Barden deceased, and Sylvia Barton sometimes called Sylvia Barden, widow of the said John Barton deceased.

This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read, on the report of the Commissioners assigning dower, ~~lodged in the papers sometime ago, and~~ this day filed by leave of Court, and on the report of Special Commissioner, Wm. S. Holland, this day filed by leave of Court, and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof, the Court doth adjudge, order and decree, that the said report of G. Emmett King, Jas. A. Johnson and J. L. Freeman, assigning dower to Sylvia Barton, widow of John Barton deceased, to which there is no exception, be, and the same is, hereby ratified, approved and confirmed; that the said report of sale to which no exceptions have been filed, be, and the same is, hereby ratified, approved and confirmed; that the sale of the farm in Isle of Wight County near Carrsville to G. V. Jenkins at the price and sum of four hundred and seventy (470) dollars be, and the same is hereby confirmed; and that the sale of the lot in Norfolk County in the suburbs of the City of Portsmouth to Jno. F. Duke, at the price and sum of three hundred (300) dollars, be, and the same is, hereby confirmed.

The Court doth further adjudge, order and decree, that out of the money in hand the said Special Commissioner pay first the cost of this suit including a fee to Wm. S. Holland, attorney for the plaintiffs in this cause, of \$75- and pay the rest in hand, if any, to those entitled as shown by the report of Commissioner Young filed herein October 17, 1902.

And the Court doth further adjudge, order and decree that the said Special Commissioner, Wm. S. Holland, proceed to collect the rest of the purchase money for the said land when due, and to receive the said purchase money before due if tendered, and when the said purchase money is all paid with all accrued interest the said Wm. S. Holland, who is hereby appointed a Special Commissioner for that purpose, do make, execute and deliver to the said Jno. F. Duke and to the said G. V. Jenkins, good and sufficient deeds conveying to each of them, respectively the lands bought by him and her respectively. And the said Special Commissioner shall make report to Court.

Griffin et als

Vs

Barton's Admr. et als.

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D E C R E E

To be entered

October 26, 1903.

Robert R. Prentiss

C.O.B. No. 6 page 307.

Griffin etc et als.

vs

Barton,s Admr. et als.

This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read, and on the report of Commissioner N.F.Young filed in this cause on the 17th day of October 1902, to which there is no exception, and was argued by counsel:

On consideration whereof the court doth adjudge, order ^{and decree} ^{that on the petition of Archer Somers and Dick Griffin, they are} and decree that said report of Commissioner Young, be, and the same is, hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

And the court doth further adjudge, order and decree that C.Emmett King, J.L.Freeman, R.H.Butler, J.A.Johnson, and R.Y. Butler, who are hereby appointed commmissioners for that purpose, any three of whom may act, do go on the lands in the bill and proceedings mentioned of which the late John Barton was seized of an estate of inheritance during his marriage with the said Silvey Barton, and assign and allot by metes and bounds, to her the said Silvey Barton, widow of John Barton deceased, one equal third part in value of the said land as and for her dower in the said lands.

And the court doth further adjudge, order and decree that when the said dower commissioners shall have filed their report if there is no exception to the same by any one, then Wm.S.Holland who is hereby appointed a special commissioner for that purpose, after having advertised the time, terms and place of sale for at least twenty days by printed hand bills and by notice published at least twice in some newspaper circulated in that part of the county, proceed to sell the land in the bill and proceedings mentioned, at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash one third, and the rest in two equal instalments, payable one and two years from date with interest from January 1st 1903 till paid, retaining title till all is paid, with the privelege to the purchaser to pay all cash, but before the said special commissioner proceeds to do anything under this decree, he shall enter into a bond before the clerk of this court in the penalty of \$800, with surety by the said clerk deemed sufficient, payable according to law, and conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties as such special commissioner under this and all subsequent decrees in this cause.

And the said special commissioner shall make report to court

made plain bills in
these, and

Subject only to the dower right
of Silvey Barton widow of John Barton, dec'd.

Griffin & Co. et. al.,

v-s

Barton, s. Adm. et. al.

Dece

Oct. 27th 1902

To be entered
Robert H. H. H.

C.O.B. No. 6, page 274.

Amos Griffin, Frank Griffin, John Barton, sometimes called Barden,
Julian Barton, sometimes called Barden,

VS

Robert A. Edwards, Sheriff, and Administrator of John Barton, some-
times called John Barden, and Silvy Barton, sometimes called Silby
Barden, widow of John Barton, deceased

This cause came on this day to be heard on the bill of complaint
taken for confessed as to the defendants, on whom process has been
duly served, they still failing to appear, plead, answer, or demur,
and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof, the court doth adjudge, order and decree
that one of the Commissioners of this court inquire, take, state and
report to the next term of this court, the following inquiries and
accounts:

- (1) The annual and fee-simple value of the land in the bill and
proceedings mentioned, together with a brief description of the said
land?
- (2) What liens for delinquent taxes or otherwise, if any, there
are on said land; whether the said tract of land can be conveniently
partitioned among the parties thereto entitled?
- (3) Who are the parties thereto entitled, and what is the share of
each party?
- (4) An account of the doings and transactions of the said Robert
A. Edwards, Sheriff, and Administrator of John Barton, deceased?
- (5) An account of the debts outstanding and unpaid against the es-
tate of the said John Barton, deceased.
- (6) Any matter deemed pertinent by the said Commissioner of any
party in interest.

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Amos Griffin et. als.
vs
John Barton's Admr. et. als.

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DECREE:

April 28th, 1902.

Enter:

Robert H. Smith

C.O.B. 6, page 260

Memorandum of agreement made this first day of April 1903, between Wm. S. Holland and John Bowden, Witnesseth: that the said Holland doth rent to the said Bowden one ~~NEW~~ pair new cart wheels and axle and whenever said Bowden shall get his money out of the Chancery Suit of Amos Griffin et als Vs Barton's ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Administrator et als. then he is to pay me fifteen (15) dollars with interest from date for the wheels and have the same. In case he gets no money then he is to return the wheels and pay forty cents per month for the wheels, for rent. The said John Bowden agrees to deliver the wheels to the said Wm. S. Holland when called for after the expiration of three months. The said Bowden is to take good care of the property while in his possession.

Witness the following signatures and seals.

Wm S. Holland SEAL.
John ^{his} Bowden SEAL.
mark

witness to Jno. Bowden
J. A. Saunders

John Bowden vol
Cent wheels

to the
John Bowden
vol
Cent wheels

John Bowden
vol
Cent wheels

Griffin et als. vs. berton's Admr.et als.

Bill of Costs to final decree.

Atto. fee and tax	\$16.50
Clerk's fee	8.33
Sheriff's fee	5.50
Comr. Young	15.75
C. E. King Comr. to set aside dower,	8.00
J. A. Johnson, Comr. to set aside dower,	8.00
J. L. Freeman, Comr ^d to set aside dower,	8.00

Amos Griffin et als

vs

John Barton's admr. et als.

The undersigned, your Special Commissioner begs to report to court that he has collected all the purchase price of the land in the bill and proceedings mentioned sold by him, except the last payment due by Mrs. T. T. Jenkins or Mrs. G. V. Jenkins. The parties being anxious to receive their money and your Special Commissioner being perfectly willing to pay them, they have assigned their interest in said bond evidencing said last payment to A. B. P. Holland and she has advanced the money. Taking this last payment, due by Mrs. Jenkins, as money received from said assignee, your commissioner has collected in all seven hundred and seventy (770) dollars of principal and twenty-eight (28) dollars and twenty (20) cents as interest, making an all collected seven hundred and ninety-eight (798) dollars and twenty (20) cents. Your commissioner has paid the entire cost, including delinquent taxes and including taxes up to date and including attorneys fees amounting in all to two hundred and ten (210) dollars and eighty (80) cents leaving a balance in hand to be distributed to the parties entitled, the sum of five hundred and eighty-seven (587) and forty (40) cents; of which, one-fourth belongs to Richard Griffin, the only son and heir at law of Winnie Griffin deceased; one-fourth belongs to Amos Griffin; one fourth to John Bowden and Julian Bowden who are the children and only heirs at law of Frank Griffin, sometimes called Wilton Griffin, and the other fourth to Archer Somerell, sometimes called Archer Griffin and Frank Griffin, the only sons and heirs at law of Nancy Griffin deceased. Your Commissioner begs to report that these original Griffins were slaves before the war and had different names, but he has most carefully investigated and the parties to this suit as herein repeated are the only heirs at law of John Barton deceased. A statement is herewith filed along with vouchers for the money paid out.

Yours very respectfully,

W. S. Hall and, Spe. Comr.

A statement of collections and disbursements in suit of Amos Griffin et als vs John Barton's Admr. et als.

By price of lot sold to Duck		\$300.00
" Farm sold to G. V. Jenkins		470.00
" Interest collected on both and interest on Jenkins bond not paid to date		<u>28.20</u>
Principal and interest		\$798.20
To pay tax fee and writ tax	\$ 16.50	
" Clerks fee to final decree <i>paid J. D. Young</i>	8.83	
" Comr. Young <i>from J. D. Young</i>	15.75	
" Sheriff's fee <i>paid A. S. Johnson for R. L. Edwards</i>	5.50	
" G. E. King Dower Comr.	8.00	<i>Paid W. S. Holland</i>
1 " J. A. Johnson Dower Comr.	8.00	
2 " J. L. Freeman Dower Comr.	8.00	
3 " Crier J. A. J. <i>Johnson</i>	5.00	
4 " Notices and Advertising in Graphic	5.00	
" Wm. S. Holland fee allowed by court	75.00	
" Wm. S. Holland fee two deeds	10.00	
" Commissions on \$798.20	24.96	
5 " Delinquent Taxes	2.26	
" Taxes against Wm. S. Holland, Special Comr.	8.00	
" Paid Wm. S. Holland for negotiating assignment of Jenkins bond	10.00	
" Paid parties as per voucher	<u>587.40</u>	
	\$ 798.20	\$798.20

Amos Griffin et als

vs

John Barton's admr. et als.

We, the undersigned do hereby affirm that we are the only heirs at law of John Barton deceased, that we have seen and heard read the report and distribution by Wm. S. Holland, Special Commissioner, and we know that the kinship and relationship mentioned in that report and in this suit is correct. We hereby acknowledge the receipt of the money due us by said Special Commissioner as follows:

Amos Griffin-----	\$146.65.
Richard Griffin-----	146.65.
Frank Griffin-----	73.32.
Archer Somerell-----	73.32
John Bowden alias Barton-----	73.32
Julian Bowden alias Barton-----	73.32

We acknowledge the receipt of this money in full settlement of all that is due us from the sales of the lands of John Barton deceased, but it does not include the amount in the hands of R. A. Edwards, Sheriff and Administrator. We assign Jenkins bond for last payment to Mrs. Holland.

Given under our hands and seals this 3rd day of December, 1904.

Witness to all
S. G. Gaine

<u>Amos^x Griffin</u>	Seal.
<u>Buffalo, Va.</u>	P. O.
<u>Archer^{is} Griffin alias Somerell</u>	Seal
<u>Berkeley, Va</u>	P. O.
<u>Frank^x Griffin</u>	Seal
<u>Berlin, Va</u>	P. O.
<u>Richard^x Griffin</u>	Seal
<u>Franklin, Va</u>	P. O.
<u>John^x Bowden</u>	Seal
<u>Windsor, Va</u>	P. O.
<u>Julian^x Bowden</u>	Seal
<u>Windsor, Va.</u>	P. O.

Witness S. G. Gaine

Amos Rupper et al

vs

Jur Burton's Admors

Report of Collection
& Disbursements

Filed Dec 8th
1904 by leave of
Court.

WM. S. HOLLAND.
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.

.....
vs. }
.....

No.....

WINDSOR STATION, VA July 29, 1904.

Mr. T. T. Jenkins,
Gorrsville, Va.

Dear Sir:

I am sending you enclosed a deed made to your wife. I have found her name in the papers and hope it is correct. I also send a deed of trust for the last payment. You will note that I have dated the bond July 25th which makes exactly one years interest and is the same as your other payments. You asked me not to charge for drawing the deed of trust and I will meet you half way by charging half price, \$2.50. Mr. Young will charge for recording and transferring the deed \$3.25 and \$1.75 for the deed of trust so if you will send me a check for \$7.50 I will have the two deeds recorded for you and have Mr. Young send you a receipt and then the matter will be closed. The deed of trust bond is made in my wife's name because I am Special Commissioner in this matter and it will be all right. I know we can get along. In case some of these negroes should die it might cause you considerable trouble to get a deed one year from now and it would save me trouble if you can get the money and pay them off now because they are here about once a week. Let the deeds and the bond and the check come to me at your earliest convenience and then I will send you my receipt as Special Commissioner. The deed is sent to you for inspection and not to be delivered until the matter is closed as above mentioned.

Yours very truly,

July 29, 1904

vs.

No.

Windsor Station, Va., _____ 190_____

Rec'd July 27th 1904 of W.S. Hall and Spe. Cur. The sum
of five & 20/100 in part on money in hand and to
come in hand in part of Lippin et al v Border's adew.
et. al. for last acct. This makes in all paid to me
fifty dollars.

Witness John S. Vaughan _____ Amos ^{his} ~~x~~ Lippin
note

(4)

Franklin, Va., Nov 2, 1903

Mr. Wm. S. Holland,

TO THE J. P. HOLLAND PUBLISHING COMPANY, Dr.

Publishers of THE GRAPHIC.

..PRINTERS, Engravers and Binders.

1903

BOOK WORK A Specialty.

June 30	To 75 Circulars, as Spl Com'r in Chancery cause of Amos Griffin et al vs. Geo. Barton's administration et al.	1	25	
July 3	To Spl Com'r Chancery cause of Amos Griffin vs. Geo. Barton's Admin et al. Lot of farm for sale & inches, 1 time	3	75	\$5.00

PAID
Nov 5, 1903

The J. P. Holland Publishing Co.

Per J. P. Holland

W. S. HOLLAND,

ATTORNEY AT LAW.

No. 3047.

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Windsor, Va. Dec 19th 1903

THE FARMERS BANK OF NANSEMOND
SUFFOLK, VA.

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Jas. A. Johnson

Eight & 25/100

DOLLARS

Assigning down to widens of our Borden in unit of truffer n?
Borden by going to Ports mouth at house in date of
weight county - two days & on fence.

\$ 8 $\frac{25}{100}$

Wm S. Halland

W. B. HOLLAND
W. B. HOLLAND

Jas Johnson
P.R. H. Doughty

W. S. HOLLAND,

ATTORNEY AT LAW.

No. 3046

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Windsor, Va. Dec. 19th 1903

THE FARMERS BANK OF NANSEMOND
SUFFOLK, VA.

PAY TO THE ORDER OF J. L. Freeman

Eight & no/100

DOLLARS

For assigning dower to widow of Jas Borden in suit of James
Griffin et al v Borden - heirs to Borden's mouth and
lands in Isle of Wight County. Two days and an hour.
Wm S. Holland

\$ 8 ^{xx}/₁₀₀

J. L. Freeman
E. R. H. Doughty

(3)

Rec'd. Jan 6th 1904 of Wm S. Hall and the
Cm. in amt of Amos Brigham et al vs
John Bardens widow et al five (5) dollars
for services as Crier in selling two tracts
of land.

Jas A. Johnson. Crier

\$10^{xx}/₁₀₀.....

on demand 9

.....promise to pay unto

Wm S. Hall and

.....his Heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigns,

the just and full sum of.....
Ten & no/100

.....DOLLARS and.....9.....CENTS,

current money of the United States, for value received, with interest from date; for the payment of which.....

bind.....my.....sel.....,.....by.....Heirs, Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents; and... I.....

hereby waive the benefit of my.....Homestead Exemption as to this debt, obligation or contract.

As witness.....my.....hand....and seal.....this.....28th.....day of.....the 10th....., in the
year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and.....four.....

.....of my money that my be in hand in suit of dues
Griffin et al v Jno Borden's adms et als

WITNESS.....

P. J. Rhodes

.....[SEAL.]
.....Anna^h Griffin.....[SEAL.]
mark

Red June 7th 1904 of W. S. Haller
the. curr. in suit of James
Griffin et al v John Bowden
adver. et al two (2) dollars
in part
witness
B. L. Cass
John ^{his} Bowden
vs

No. 1937

(5)

Clerk's Office, Norfolk County Court, Virginia.

April 4

1904

Received of

John Barton (Pd by J. H. Johnson)

the sum of

Two & 26/100

Dollars,

100

State Taxes, County levies, interest and charges on

1 Lot

of land

W. Leigh & Co

delinquent for the year 1902, and purchased by the Commonwealth at a sale of delinquent lands.

\$

2 26

Calvin W. Martin

Clerk.

Carville Va

7 25 - 1904

Mr Holland

Dear Sir

I will send
you check for the amount
which you said was due
I hope you wont charge for
the trust deed and make
all papers as I told you in
Mrs J. name.

Yours truly
J J Jenkins

See outside of envelope
W.S.H.

10 Rec'd. Dec 23rd 1903 of Wm. S. Holland
spe. curr. in Amos Griffie v John
Barden's admn. it, also five (5)
dollars in part an amt. in hand
and to curr in hand
witness Amos ^{his} Griffie
J. E. Everett

10 Rec'd. of Wm. S. Holland spe. curr. in suit of
Griffie v Barden's admn. it, also, see
23rd 1903 ^{ten dollars} in hand an amt in
hand & to be paid.
witness James ^{his} Barden
J. E. Everett

Received of Wm. S. Holland twenty- (20) dollars in cash in part on my share in the sale of the land in the suit of Barton Vs Barton pending in the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County. This property has not been sold but is to be sold in a short time, and when sold this receipt shall be a receipt to Wm. S. Holland Special Commissioner of sale in the said suit. I hereby state that I have not given any lien of my share of the proceeds of the sale of the said property and that I will not give any other except this.

Witness my hand and seal this 22d day of May, 1903.

Witness -

M. E. W. Crumpler.

Amos ^{his} Griffin
m/v

SEAL.

State of Virginia,

County of Isle of Wight to-wit:

I, M. E. W. Crumpler, a Notary Public in and for the County of Isle of Wight and State of Virginia, do certify that Amos Griffin whose name is signed to the foregoing writing bearing date on the 22d day of May, 1903, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 22d day of May, 1903.

M. E. W. Crumpler - N. P.
My commission expires Nov. 29, 1906.

Amos Kniffin
Recd per
\$20 $\frac{47}{100}$

Griffin et als

Vs

Barton's Admr. et als.

Your Special Commissioner appointed by a decree entered in this cause on the 27th day of October, 1902, begs to report that after advertising the said tract of land in the Graphic, a newspaper published at Franklin, Va. about four miles from the farm in Isle of Wight County, and in the neighborhood where the parties interested resided, and by printed hand bills posted at various public places, in accordance with the terms of the said decree, ^{he} offered for sale at Carrsville, Va., on Saturday July 25, 1903, the tract of land containing seventy-five acres, more or less, in the bill and proceedings mentioned, and also the lot on High Street, in Norfolk County, in the suburbs of the City of Portsmouth, for sale by public auction; at which sale Jno. F. Duke became the last and highest bidder for the said lot in Norfolk County in the suburbs of the said City of Portsmouth, at the price and sum of three hundred (300) dollars and he has paid in part payment thereof, the sum of one hundred (100) dollars; and G. V. Jenkins became the last and highest bidder for the said farm subject to the dower therein of the said widow of John Barden deceased at the price and sum of four hundred and seventy (470) dollars, and has paid thereon the sum of one hundred and fifty-six (156) dollars and sixty-seven (67) cents. Your commissioner believes the said property sold for a good price, and therefore recommends the confirmation of the sale.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. Halland

Special Commissioner.

Amos Griffin et al.

v

Jno Barton Order. et
al.

Report of Sale by
W. S. Hall and Son.
Com. filed by law
of court Oct. 26th
1903.

SEABOARD
AIR LINE RAILWAYCarrville, Va.
Aug. 12. 03Mr. W. E. McLean
Kindsor Va.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please
find check for \$100.00 just payment on bk
in Portsmouth Va. Please fix up papers to
J. F. Duke and J. A. Johnson, jointly - equal owners.

Yours truly
J. F. Duke

LAW OFFICE
OF
WM. S. HOLLAND.

COURTS---ISLE OF WIGHT, NANSEMOND AND
SOUTHAMPTON.

WINDSOR STATION, VA.. August 15, 1903.

Mr. W. H. Jones, Jr., Cash.,
Suffolk, Virginia.

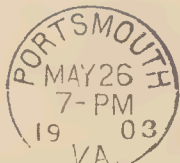
Dear Sir:-

Enclosed I send you one check for one hundred(100) dollats
to go to my credit. I also send you for collection one note by
W. T. Fergusson, Agt. which please collect and credit my account.

Yours truly,

W S, Holland

Aug 15, 1903



THE SPACE ABOVE IS RESERVED FOR POSTMARK.

POSTAL CARD.

THE SPACE BELOW IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.

Mr. Wm. S. Holland,

Windsor Station,

Virginia.

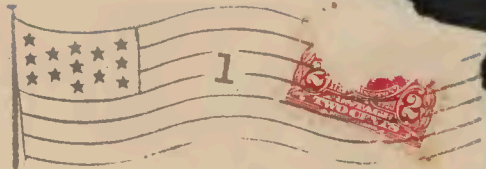
Portsmouth, Va May 26" 1903.

Dear Sir:

From the location of the property in your letter we think it is in the County, just beyond City limits. You write to Clerk of County Court of Norfolk County for all delinquent taxes due prior to 1902 and to the County Treasurers for taxes due for 1902. Mr. Geo. D. Moore, Comr. of Revenue will most probably know the property and can give you an estimate of its fee simple and annual value. The post office address of all of the above parties is this City.

Very truly
Edward V. H. Sp. Set.

RETURN IN FIVE DAYS TO
WM. S. HOLLAND,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
WINDSOR STATION, VA. (N. & W. R. R.)



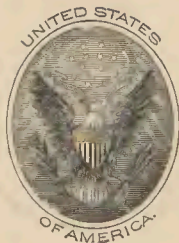
Mr. Wm. S. Holland,
Windsor Station,
Virginia.



Portsmouth Va May 29th 1903
Mr. W. E. Halland

Dear Sir: Replying to yours
of 27th inst.: will say that the Jno
Barton property on High Street near
Portsmouth City, would sell for about
three hundred dollars for the lot.
I do not think that the house amounts
to much.

Yours Truly
Jno L Moore



THE SPACE ABOVE IS RESERVED FOR POSTMARK.

POSTAL CARD.

THE SPACE BELOW IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.

*Wm. S. Holland Esq.,
Windsor Station,
Virginia*

Portsmouth Va.

June 12, 1903.

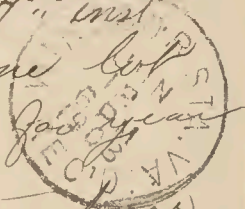
Dear Sir:

In reply to your B. 27th inst.
John Barton is assessed with one lot
on High St. the tax on which for year
1902 amts. to \$1.⁵⁸

Write to A. W. Martin, Clerk, for taxes prior
to 1902.

Very Truly,
J. W. Lyons.

Treas.
by E. M.



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Correct - J. A. Johnson, Clerk

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Lat bid off by John H
Duke at # 300 $\frac{x x}{100}$

Correct

J. A. Johnson, Clerk

John H Duke

LAW OFFICE
OF
WM S. HOLLAND.

COURTS—ISLE OF WIGHT, NANSEMOND AND
SOUTHAMPTON.

WINDSOR STATION, VA.. March 19, 1903.

To

Mr. C. Emmett King and others,

Gentlemen:- I hand you herewith an abstract from a decree in the cause of Griffin et als Vs Barton's Administrator et als, directing that you assign dower to his widow. He owned a tract of land near Carrsville, and a lot in the City of Portsmouth on High Street, near the Ice Factory and near Godwin Street. Any three of those named in the order of Court can act. It is necessary that three should act, but not any more than three, You have to go on the land, I mean both pieces, and you will see from the order of Court that it is your duty to give the widow one-third in value. If she is willing to take the lot in Portsmouth for her dower, then I think it will give satisfaction to the parties I represent. If she is not willing to do that, you will have to give her one-third in value of both pieces as best you can.

Very truly yours,

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Teste A. J. Young C.C.

A copy Teste A. J. Young cc.

To the Honorable Robert R. Prentiss, Judge of the Circuit Court of
Isle of Wight County.

Amos Griffin et als

Vs

Barton etc. et als.

The undersigned, your commissioners appointed by a
decree entered in this cause on the 27th day of October, 1902, to
assign dower to Sylvia Barton, widow of John Barton, by metes and
bounds on the land of which the said John Barton died seized and
possessed; beg to report, that they have been upon the land in
the bill and proceedings mentioned, consisting of a lot in the City
of Portsmouth, and a farm near Carrsville, in the County of Isle of
Wight. They are of opinion that the said lot is worth four hundred
dollars and that the said farm is worth five hundred dollars,
and that they have assigned to the said widow one-third in value

of the said real estate as follows: beginning at Mill pond with
corner line between Bradshaw and Barton. running
the old line North to little oak, thence straight across field
East to a pine thence to the line between Barton and Scott.
thence down the old line South to Mill pond, thence
down pond East to the point of beginning. Suffered to be
thirty acres

Very respectfully submitted.

Emmett King
 Jas. A. Johnson
 J. L. Freeman

Commissioners.

Emmett King
3 days. @ \$2.00 6.00
Expenses to Portsmouth 2.00
8.00
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Amos Griffin et al.

v

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Report of Dawer
Commissioners

2705 1902

The Estate of John Barton deceased
In account with R. A. Edwards, Sheriff & Admr.

1902

Feb. 3	To Comms. on \$54.62 receipts	275	
	" paid taxes for 1902	262	
	" pay Clk's fee	150	
	" Balance	4777	

1902

Feb. 28	By This amount received of D. A. Holland		5462
		5462	5462

By balance due the estate		4777
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Commissioner's Office, Isle of Wight County
October 15th - 1902.

To the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight Co.

The undersigned, one of the Commissioners of the said Court, respectfully reports to the Court that pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County rendered on the 28th day of April, 1902, in a suit in Chancery therein depending between Amos Griffin, Frank Griffin, John Barton, sometimes called John Barden, and Julian Barton, sometimes Julian Barden, versus Robert A. Edwards, Sheriff and administrator of John Barton sometimes called John Barden, and Silvy Barton, sometimes called Silvy Barden, widow of the said John Barton deceased, to whom was referred the taking 1st The annual and fee-simple value of the land in the proceedings mentioned, together with a brief description of the said land - 2d. What liens for delinquent taxes or otherwise, if any there are on said land; whether the said tract of land can be conveniently partitioned among the parties thereto entitled - 3rd. Who are the parties thereto entitled and

what is the share of each party - 4th -
An account of the doings and transac-
tions of the said R. A. Edwards, sheriff
and administrator of John Barton, deceased.
5th - An account of the debts outstand-
ing and unpaid against the estate
of the said John Barton deceased -
6th - Any matter deemed pertinent by
the said Commissioner or any party
in interest reports to the Court on
the 28th day of August, 1902, he
issued notices to the several parties
aforesaid, requiring them to attend
the taking and settling the account
before him, at his said office, on
the 16th day of October, 1902, which
notices were returned to him duly
executed and from the evidence
before him, your Commissioner,
he reports that John Barton sometimes
called John Barden died seized of a
tract of land situated in the County
of Isle of Wight containing by estima-
tion 70 acres, adjoining and formerly
belonging to J. J. Butcher, and about
one mile from the village of Carsville,
and the full simple value thereof is
\$400. and the annual value \$25 -

This land has been rented out for some years, and has been badly cultivated, and is in need of new forces, and the house is in need of repairs. There is another lot of land lying in the City of Portsmouth which was conveyed to the said John Barton by Ann E. Watts, by her deed dated Feby. 16th. 1894, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Norfolk County, in deed book 97. page 463, and is described as "lying on the south side of High Street, sixty feet west of the eastern boundary of the town of Holladay, thence running south one hundred and thirteen feet, thence west thirty feet, thence north one hundred & thirteen feet to High Street, and thence east along High Street thirty feet to the beginning". The full simple value of this lot is \$250. and the annual \$30. Your Commissioner reports that there are no liens on either the land in Isle of Wight or the lot in or near Portsmouth; and he does not think the land can be conveniently partitioned among those thereto entitled. Your Commissioner reports that John Barton deceased had one half-brother, Amos Griffin, who is now living, and entitled

to one fourth interest: John Barton and Julian Barton, sometimes called Junius Bowden, who are the sons of Milton Barton who was half-brother to John Barton deceased, and are each entitled to one eighth interest. Richard Griffin son of Winnie Griffin deceased, who was half-sister to John Barton deceased, and is entitled to one fourth interest; and Archer Griffin sometimes called Archer Somrell, son of Nancy Griffin deceased, and entitled to one fourth interest. Your Commissioner reports that there were no debts proved before him against the estate of John Barton deceased, but he was informed that there is a small account due the Albemarle Steam Navigation Company, of Franklin, Va.

Your Commissioner reports that he has completed an account of the transactions of Wm. A. Edwards, sheriff and administrator of John Barton, deceased, and finds a balance of \$47.77 due by the administrator to the estate. The aforesaid account is hereto attached, marked "A".

Respectfully submitted.

N. J. Yarnall commr

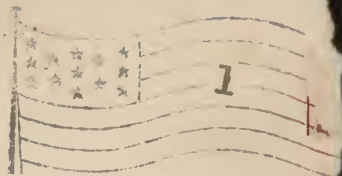
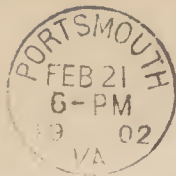
Time comp'd 21 hours
Comm. fee 15.00
sheriff " 2.50

Griffin et al

vs { Report of Conn

Barton's Admir et al

Filed Oct 17th 1902



W. S. HOLLAND,

ATTORNEY AT LAW,

Windsor Station,

N. & W. R. R.

V.

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Rolland
in absence



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LAW OFFICE
OF
W. S. HOLLAND.

COURTS--ISLE OF WIGHT, NANSEMOND AND
SOUTHAMPTON.

WINDSOR STATION, VA., Feb. 12, 1902.

Mr. Amos Griffin,
Portsmouth, Virginia.

Dear Sir:

Please go to the Clerk's Office wherein the deed for John Barden's lot is recorded and ask the clerk to tell you what real estate is charged to him, and whether his title is a fee-simple or otherwise, and what is the assessed value of the same. It will be well for you to show him this letter, and we will give you a written statement which please send to me to be used in the suit for the decision of his property.

Yours truly,
W. S. Holland

E.L.W.

John Barton - colored - 1 Col N. High Street - Assessed @ 125.00

Deeded to him by Anna C. Watts July 17 1874

The little will have to be looked into -

*Please come at once, to attend to the same
as I have not money to have the books
reholled or refilled - you can find me
#1315 County St Portsmouth Va
A. Mas, Griffin*

Feb 12, 1902

POSTAL CARD - ONE CENT.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THIS SIDE IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY

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1902



Mr. Wm. S. Holland,

Windsor Station,

Virginia.

Isle of Wight Co.

Smithfield Va

25. 1902

Yours of the 14th just received and
I have directed the clerk to con-
vey the estate of John Burden to
the Sheriff.

Yours Truly

Geo R. Wilkinson

1125 Queen St.,
Portsmouth Va
July 6, 1902.

W. S. Halland Esq.,
Windsor Station, Va

"Dear Sir: - I received
your letter and am sorry
that I have not answered
it before now but being
busy I neglected.

Archie Sumrell of Berkeley
Richard Griffin of Franklin
and Frank Griffin of Berline Va
are the names I sent you.

When ever you need me
at Isle of Wight Court
House let me know and
I will be on hand.

You ask me about me
about "Brandenburg on
Bankruptcy". I don't know
where I could get a copy.

I don't understand you
when you say in your
letter that you want
me to script B. on Bank-
ruptcy and you will
send him. I don't know
you what you mean.
Please give me an
explanation.

Hoping to hear from
you soon

Yours Truly
James Griffith.



W. S. Holland Esq.,
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Amos Griffin who resides at #1315 County St., Portsmouth, Va., is a brother to George Barden, who died on the 28th day of last January, 1901 on Keystone steamboat at Murpheysborro. This boat runs between Murpheysborro and Franklin.

John Barden left a tract of land in Isle of Wight Co., containing 75 acres, more or less, and a house and lot in the city of Portsmouth, Virginia. Mr. Davy Holland owed him money, and Pretlow & Co., onwed him money, and he had some chattel property at his house.

John Barden the deceased, left a widow, whose name is Silvy Barden; and he left Amos Griffin a half brother ; and he left Frank Griffin a son of Nancy Griffin, who was a half brother to the deceased, making the said Frank Griffin a nephew to John Barden, and entitled to one third of the estate; and he left two nephews by his brother wilton, who died about twenty years ago, namely; John Barden, of Windsor, Va., and Julius Barden, of Windsor, Va.

Amos Griffin, # 1315 County Street, Portsmouth, Va.,

Frank Griffin , Berlin Southampton Co. Va.,

John Barden & Juliun Barden of Windsor, Va.,

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

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

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon Robert A. Edwards Sheriff and
administrator of John Barton sometimes called John
Borden and Selvy Barton sometimes called Selvy
Borden, widow of said John Barton deceased

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 1st Monday in March 1902

1899, to answer a bill in chancery exhibited against them in our said court by
Amos Griffin, Frank Griffin, John Barton sometimes
called John Borden and Julian Barton sometimes
Julian Borden

And have then there this writ. Witness, N. F. Young, Clerk of our said Court,
at the court-house, the 21st day of March 1902 1899, and in the 126 year of the
Commonwealth.

N. F. Young cc

I acknowledge legal service of the
within apt 6th 1902

Ro. A. Edwards Esq.
adm. of John Barton
and
Est.

Form No. 300½

Amos Griffin et al

SUBPOENA

vs.

IN CHANCERY

John Barton's adm. estate

Wm. J. Hallam

p. q.

To

Rules

1st April

1
Circuit

Court

Entered on the
within named
Silas Barton
apt. 7 and 1902

Ro. A. Edwards
Esq.

In the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight county:

Amos Griffin and other vs R.A. Edwards, Sheriff and Admr. of
Jno. Barton, some times called John Barden deceased, and others.

To the Hon. Robert R. Prentiss judge of the Circuit Court
of Isle of Wight county, Virginia.

Your petitioners, Richard Griffin and Archer Som-
erell, sometimes called Archer Griffin, respectfully represent to
the court that, your petitioner Richard Griffin is a son of Winnie
Griffin who was the half sister to John Barton, sometimes called
Jno. Barden; and that Archer Somerell sometimes called Archer Grif-
fin was the son of Nancy Griffin and is a brother to Frank Griffin,
and that by mistake or inadvertance they were omitted as plaintiffs
or complainants in the said suit of Amos Griffin et als. vs Barton,
Admr. et als., and as they are interested in the said suit, they
pray to be made parties plaintiffs to the said suit and that the
same proceed in like manner as they had been made plaintiffs in
the beginning and had been served with process and notices to take
accounts, that they hereby expressly waive any notice already given
in the proceedings of the suit, and they pray that the court will
proceed to pronounce and enter such decree in this cause as they
had not been omitted. And they will ever pray etc.

Witnesses.

P. M. Rouelle
E. A. de Bordenave

Archer Somerell
Dick + Griffin
mark

Amos Griffin

vs

Borontau & c it als

Petition of

Griffin & 
Somersell

Filed Sept. 20th 1902

L. M. A. F. 7.

Clear file in
papers.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY, TO THE HONORABLE
ROBERT R. PRENTIS, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY.

Your complainants, Amos Griffin, Frank Griffin, John Barton, sometimes called John Barden, and Julian Barton, sometimes called Julian Barden, humbly complaining, respectively represent to the Court that John Barton, sometimes called John Barden (col) departed this life intestate, leaving a small personal estate and two parcels of land, as follows:

1. A tract of land near Carrsbille in the County of Isle of Wight, State of Virginia, containing seventy-five (75) acres, more or less, and which adjoins the lands of the estate of J. J. Cutchin, dec'd, and which was deeded to him by Wm. S. Holland, Special Commissioner, by a deed dated on the *January 17th 1887 and recorded in G. B. No 46 page 382.*
2. A lot of land on N. High Street, in the City of Portsmouth, Virginia, which was conveyed to the said John Barton by A E. Watts on the 17th day of February, 1874.

The personal estate of the said John Barton, deceased, has been committed to the hands of R. A. Edwards, Sheriff of Isle of Wight County and as such Administrator of the said estate.

The said John Barton, deceased, left him surviving a widow whose name is Silvy Barton, and resides on the said tract of land, situate in Isle of Wight County, near Carrsville, and left your complainant, Amos Griffin, who is a half brother. Your complainants, John Barton, and Julian Barton, the sons of Frank Griffin, deceased, who was a half brother to the said John Barton, deceased. The said John Barton and Julian Barton being nephews of the said intestate; and Frank Griffin a son of Nancy Griffin, deceased, who was a half brother to the said John Barton, deceased, is the only heirs at law, of the said intestate.

Your complainants say that they are informed and believe that

the said intestate owed no debts; that his burial expenses were paid out of money on hand when he died, and that he had some other money.

Your complainants say that the said tract of land cannot be partitioned in kind among the parties herein before mentioned, who ~~are~~ thereto entitled according to law. They are advised that they have a right to have the property sold subject to the dower interest therein of the said widow, and to have the proceeds of sale divided between them.

For as much as your complainants are remediless save in this honorable Court, where matters of this sort are alone and properly cognizable, they pray that Robert A. Edwards, Sheriff and Administrator of John Barton, sometimes called John Barden, deceased, and Silvy Barton, sometimes called Barden, widow or John Barton, deceased, be made parties defendants to this suit; and be required to answer this bill of complaint, but an answer under oath is hereby expressly waived; that the lands in the bill and proceedings mentioned be sold subject to the dower interest of the said widow, and that the proceeds of said sale be applied to the payment of the cost of this suit, including a reasonable fee for counsel conducting the same, expense of sale, and the rest be divided among the parties there to entitled under orders of this Court; that the dower of the said widow in the said land be assigned her; that the said administrator be required to settle his transactions under orders of Court in this suit.

Your complainants pray for all such other and further general relief as the nature of this suit may require or as to equity and good conscience may seem meet, and they will ever pray etc.

Ames Kipper
by Wm S. Walcott
his atty.

Amos Griffin et al

vs. }

Jno Barton's admr et al

Bill of complaint

Filed March 2nd 1902

1st April rules 1902. Bill
exhibits filed sum. account
de neg.

2nd April rules 1902. Bill
taken for confessed and case
set for hearing.

April term 1902 de em
for accounts

October term 1902. de:
confg report. apping em to assign
downer, to sell &c

October term 1903. de: confg. rpts:
to sell. collect from ant

April 9, 1909