

1920-004 Chancery Causes: H.
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other surnames: Crumpler, Bell,
Doles, Sebrell, Spivey, Atkins,
Horne, Dennis, Stott, Jenkins,
Richardson, Boykin, Darden,
Page, Martin, Johnson, Porter,
Holmes, Horn, Herrin

TO THE HONORABLE B. D. WHITE, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

H. W. Stephenson

v.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER.

Lena M. Stephenson et als.

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The undersigned Special Commissioner, appointed by the decree in the above entitled cause in the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County entered on the 5th day of December, 1910 to sell certain property set forth and described in said decree, begs leave to report that after having given bond, as required by said decree, and after having duly advertised the time, place and terms of sale, as directed in the said decree, of all that lot or parcel of land conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by Ivor A. Page and wife by deed dated the 24th day of December, 1889, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Norfolk County in Deed Book 155, page 291, and also conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by C. H. Richardson and wife by deed dated the 15th day of February, 1905 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Norfolk County in Deed Book 287, page 388, a copy of the advertisement posted, as required by said decree, and a copy of the advertisement published in the Norfolk Landmark, as required by said decree, is hereunto attached, he did on the 18th day of March, 1911, in front of the Court House of Norfolk County, in Portsmouth, Virginia, in accordance with the said advertisement, offer the said property for sale at public auction and the same was bid off by E. F. Truitt for the sum of \$ 440⁰⁰, he being the highest bidder therefor.

The commissioner is of the opinion that the property brought a reasonable price and that the sale should be confirmed and recommends that an order be entered confirming said sale.

Very respectfully,

James H. Corbitt
Special Commissioner.

H. W. Stephenson
53 Dr Chy.
Lena M. Stephenson Adls

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW
SUFFOLK, VA.

Jewell & Co., Phila.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF EIGHT VALUABLE TRACTS OF LAND

Situated in Southampton and Isle of Wight Counties, Va.

By authority of a decree entered on the 5th day of December, 1910, in the chancery cause of H. W. Stephenson v. Lena M. Stephenson et als., pending in the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County, the undersigned will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, IN FRONT OF THE POSTOFFICE AT ZUNI, VIRGINIA,

On Thursday, December 22, '10

AT 12 O'CLOCK M., the tracts of land in the proceedings mentioned as follows:

1. All that lot or parcel of land conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by W. J. Sebrell, Trustee, by deed dated the 17th day of September, 1894, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Southampton County, Virginia, in Deed Book 43, page 331, and described in said deed by referring to the deed of trust from George W. Spivey to W. J. Sebrell, Trustee, under which the said property was sold as follows:

"All the interest of the grantors [George W. Spivey and John E. Spivey] conveyed in said deed, in and to that certain tract of land, containing 69 acres, more or less, and adjoining the Britt tract, the lands of C. N. Herring and others, same being known as the Home Tract."

2. All that lot or parcel of land conveyed to Hugh Stephenson by William J. Richardson and wife by deed dated the 2nd day of November, 1881, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Southampton County, Virginia, in D. B. 36, page 52, and described in said deed as follows:

"A certain tract or parcel of land situated in the county of Southampton and State of Virginia, containing sixty-seven (67) acres, more or less, it being a portion of the land purchased by the said Maria A. Richardson of William J. Jenkins, and bounded as follows: On the north by the land of the said Maria A. Richardson, on the south by the land of C. M. Joyner, on the east by the land of William E. Johnson, on the west by the Public Road leading from Tuckerswamp Church to Seacock Bridge."

Subject to any timber rights that have heretofore been conveyed and that may now be existing.

3. All that lot or parcel of land conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by Richard S. Boykin and wife by deed dated the 25th day of November, 1893, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Southampton County, Virginia, in D. B. 43, page 143, and described in said deed as follows:

"All that piece or parcel of land, lying in Southampton county, Va., containing 25 acres, more or less, and bounded as follows: On the north by the lands of R. S. Boykin, on the east by the lands of R. S. Boykin and Mrs. Irvin Crumpler, on the south by the Public Road running from Tucker's Swamp to Zuni and the land of Mrs. Mohlon Northworthy, on the west by the lands of R. S. Boykin."

4. All that lot or parcel of land conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by J. Allen Stephenson and wife by deed dated the 28th day of July, 1905, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Southampton County, Virginia, in D. B. 50, page 574, and described in said deed as follows:

"All of that certain lot, tract or parcel of land, lying situate and being in Berlin and Ivor Magisterial District, in Southampton County, Virginia, containing one hundred (100) acres, more or less, and bounded by the lands of F. H. Stephenson, Everett Raiford, the Seacock Swamp, the lands of Thomas Mayes and others. It being the same tract or parcel of land conveyed to the said J. Allen Stephenson by deed from J. M. Darden and wife, bearing date the 20th day of September, 1902, and of record in the Clerk's Office of Southampton County, Virginia, in Deed Book No. 47, at page 712."

Subject to any timber rights that have heretofore been conveyed and that may now be existing.

5. All that lot or parcel of land conveyed to L. Hugh Stephenson by Chas. B. Crumpler and wife by deed dated the 2nd day of February, 1881, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, in D. B. 45, page 550, and described in said deed as follows:

"All that lot or parcel of land situated at Zuni, in the County of Isle of Wight in the State of Virginia, described as follows: Commencing at a point on the line of the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio Railroad, fifty feet from the center of the main track thereof, and fifteen feet westerly from the corner of the lot of John C. Thomas and running sixty-five feet along the line of the said railroad, thence a line at exact right angles with the line of the said Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio Railroad southerly, a distance of one hundred and fifteen feet, back towards the County Road leading from the Depot of the said Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio Railroad to Purcell Bridge, thence a line parallel with said County Road a distance of seventy-five feet, thence a line at exact right angles with the said Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio Railroad back to the line of the same, being a distance of eighty feet."

6. All that lot or parcel of land conveyed to Lemuel Hugh Stephenson by R. F. Bell and A. E. Bell and wife by deed dated the 10th day of February, 1883, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, in D. B. 47, page 106, and described in said deed as follows:

"A lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the village of Zuni, in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, and bounded and described as follows: Commencing on the line of the Norfolk and Western railroad, three (3) feet West from the western corner of the said Bell's warehouse, thence in a line at right angles from the said railroad, back in a northerly direction one hundred and eighty-four feet (184 feet), thence a line parallel with said railroad one hundred and fourteen feet (114 feet) to the line of Frances Smith's estate, thence along said line to the line of the said Norfolk and Western Railroad, thence along the line of the said railroad to the point of beginning, containing nearly one-half of an acre, (it being a part of the lot conveyed to the said R. F. Bell and A. E. Bell by R. M. Doles and Lizzie his wife as per deed duly recorded in Isle of Wight County Clerk's Office.)"

7. All that lot or parcel of land conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by R. W. Atkins and wife, and Geo. T. Atkins and wife by deed dated the 13th day of October, 1904, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, in D. B. 71, page 163, and described in said deed as follows:

"All that certain tract of land situate in Hardy Magisterial District in the County of Isle of Wight and in the State of Virginia, containing 52 acres, more or less, and which is bounded by the lands now or late of W. W. Gray, Robert Pope place now owned by Mr. Robertson and M. R. Holland, it being a tract of land conveyed by Geo. T. Atkins to R. W. Atkins by deed in which the wife of the said Geo. T. Atkins did not unite."

8. All that lot or parcel of land conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by Robt. A. Horne by deed dated the 14th day of April, 1908, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, in D. B. 76, page 499, and described in said deed as follows:

"All of that certain tract, piece or parcel of land lying, being and situate in Isle of Wight County and State of Virginia, containing by estimation one hundred acres (100), more or less, sold in gross and not by the acre, in Hardy Magisterial District of said County and State, and bounded as follows: On the North by the lands of S. S. Beal's estate, on the East by the Fletcher Pope tract, on the South and West by the Tar Road and A. J. Turner. It being the same tract of land conveyed to C. J. Dennis by deed from A. B. Stott by deed duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County, in Deed Book 68, page 252."

TERMS--One-third of purchase price to be paid in cash, the residue in two equal credit instalments at twelve and twenty-four months from the day of sale, the purchaser giving his bond for the credit instalments, the title to the property to be retained until the full purchase money is paid and a conveyance directed by the Court, with the privilege to the purchaser or purchasers to pay the entire purchase price, in any case, in cash, and receive a conveyance therefor when directed by the Court.

DECEMBER 9, 1910.

JAMES H. CORBITT, Special Commissioner.

VIRGINIA--In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County.

I, A. S. Johnson, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, do certify that the bond required of James H. Corbitt as Special Commissioner under the decree of said Court, made on the 5th day of December, 1910, in the chancery cause pending in said court between H. W. Stephenson, complainant, and Lena M. Stephenson and others, defendants, has been executed with security deemed sufficient by me.

Given under my hand this 9th day of December, 1910.

A. S. JOHNSON, CLERK.

TO THE HONORABLE B. D. WHITE, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY:

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REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER:

Lena M. Stephenson et als.

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1. All that lot or parcel of land conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by W. J. Sebrell, Trustee, by deed dated the 17th day of September, 1894, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Southampton County, Virginia, in Deed Book 43, page 331, and described in said deed by referring to the deed of trust from

George W. Spivey to W. J. Sebrell, Trsuttee, under which the said property was sold as follows:

"All the interest of the grantors [George W. Spivey and John E. Spivey] conveyed in said deed, in and to that certain tract of land, containing 69 acres, more or less, and adjoining the Britt tract, the lands of C. N. Herring and others, same being known as the Home Tract."

was bid off by H. W. Stephenson for the sum of \$1,575.00, he being the highest bidder therefor.

2. All that lot or parcel of land conveyed to Hugh Stephenson by William J. Richardson and wife by deed dated the 2nd day of November, 1881, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Southampton County, Virginia, in D. B. 36, page 52, was bid off by J. W. Bowden, for the sum of \$1,135.00, he being the highest bidder therefor.

3. All that lot or parcel of land conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by Richard S. Boykin and wife by deed dated the 25th day of November, 1893, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Southampton County, Virginia, in D. B. 43, page 143, was bid off by Lena M. Stephenson, for the sum of \$670.00, but your Commissioner is advised by the said Lena M. Stephenson that she wishes deed therefor made to A. H. Harrison and the purchase price collected from him.

4. All that lot or parcel of land conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by J. Allen Stephenson and wife by deed dated the 28th day of July, 1905, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Southampton County, Virginia,, in D. B. 50, page 574, was bid off by W. P. Vick, for the sum of \$510.00, he being the highest bidder therefor.

5. All that lot or parcel of land conveyed to L. Hugh Stephenson by Chas. B. Crumpler and wife by deed dated the 2nd day of February, 1881, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, in D. B. 45, page 550, was bid off by H. W. Stephenson, for the sum of \$150.00, he being the highest bidder therefor.

6. All that lot or parcel of land conveyed to Lemuel

Hugh Stephenson by R. F. Bell and A. E. Bell and wife by deed dated the 10th day of February, 1883, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, in D. B. 47 page 106, was bid off by Lena M. Stephenson, for the sum of \$900.00, she being the highest bidder therefor.

7. All that lot or parcel of land conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by R. W. Atkins and wife, and Geo. T. Atkins and wife by deed dated the 13th day of October, 1904, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, in D. B. 71, page 163, was bid off by J. M. Darden and H. W. Stephenson, for the sum of \$375.00, they being the highest bidders therefor.

8. All that lot or parcel of land conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by Robt. A. Home by deed dated the 14th day of April, 1908, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, in D. B. 76, page 499, was bid off by J. M. Darden and H. W. Stephenson, for the sum of \$325.00, they being the highest bidders therefor.

While some of the property sold for something less than your Commissioner anticipated, other of the property sold in excess of what he anticipated, and your Commissioner is of the opinion that the property as a whole brought a reasonable price and that the sales should be confirmed, and recommends that an order be entered confirming said sales.

^{Commissioner}
Your ~~orator~~ further reports that the defendant, Lena M. Stephenson, claiming to be 34 years of age on the 27th day of August, 1910, desires her dower interest in the property described in the decree entered herein on the 5th day of December, commuted according to the statute in such cases provided, in order that she may use the said funds towards paying for the property purchased by her as above stated.

Very respectfully,

James H. Corlitt,
Special Commissioner.

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Report of Special
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● Statement of all real estate in Southampton County, belonging to the estate of L. Hugh Stephenson, deceased, as shown from the lands Books of Southampton County, Virginia.

~~Stephenson; see Stephenson;~~*****

Mr A. Sidney Johnson,

Commissioner in Chancery,

Isle of Wight, Va,

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of several days ago, I beg to submit the following statement of lands lying in the County ^{of Southampton} belonging to the estate of L. Hugh Stephenson, deceased, as appears from an examination of the records of Southampton County, Virginia.

On Nov 2nd 1881, I find a deed made by W. J. Richardson, & wife to L. Hugh Stephenson conveying 67 acres of land, said deed being recorded in deed Book 36 at page 52

2) On Mch 18th 1896, and recorded June 15th 1896, I find a deed made by W. E. Johnson & wife to L. Hugh Stephenson, conveying to him 69 acres said deed being recorded in Deed book 44 at page 213.

3) on Nov 25th 1893 and recorded June 17th 1894, I find a deed made by R. S. Boykin & wife to L. Hugh Stephenson conveying to him 30 acres of land, said deed being recorded in Deed Book 43 at page 143.

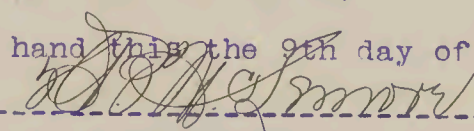
4) On July 28th 1905, and recorded Nov 10th 1905, I find a deed made by J. Allen Stephenson, to L. Hugh Stephenson, conveying 100 acres of land, said deed being recorded in deed book 50 at page # 574.

Virginia:

Southampton County, to wit:

I, H. E. McLemore, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Southampton County, do hereby certify that I have made a careful examination of the records of this Office, and find the above tracts of land to be all the land charged on the lands Books of Southampton County in the name of L. Hugh Stephenson deceased, and I further certify that I do not find any Judgments, Deeds of Trust, Mortgage Delinquent Taxes or Forthcoming Bonds against the property of the said L. Hugh Stephenson, deceased,

Given under my hand ^{this} the 9th day of November 1910.


-----Clerk
Circuit Court Southampton County, Virginia.

Fee \$-----

State of Virginia,

County of Southampton, To-wit:

I, H.B. McLemore, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Southampton County, State aforesaid, do hereby certify that there are no Delinquent Taxes, on the records of said Court against the lands of L.H. Stephenson.

Given under my hand this 10th day of November, 1910.

Teste: *H. B. McLemore,*

Clerk.

By: *B. M. Hills,*

D.C.

Examining records and
certifying [✓] to same.
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CALDWELL HARDY, PRESIDENT
C.W. GRANDY, VICE PRESIDENT
W.W. VICAR, CASHIER

THE NORFOLK BANK FOR SAVINGS AND TRUSTS.

AUTHORIZED DEPOSITARY FOR CURATORS, EXECUTORS, TRUSTEES, ETC.

NORFOLK, VA.

November 18th, 1910.

Mr. A. S. Johnson,
Commissioner in Chancery,
Isle of Wight C. H., Va.

Dear Sir:

In re H. W. Stephenson v. Lena M. Stephenson and others:

The Guardian of Martha Elizabeth Stephenson, one of the parties in the above suit in the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County, which has been referred to you as Commissioner in Chancery, is decidedly of the opinion that the interest of the infant will be promoted by sale of the entire real-estate of which Mr. L. H. Stephenson died seized and possessed, and a division of the money among those entitled thereto.

Very truly,

THE NORFOLK BANK FOR SAVINGS AND TRUSTS
Guardian of Martha Elizabeth Stephenson

by



Cashier.

Suffolk Co, Nov 19-10

Mr A. S. Johnson

Commissioner in Chancery,

Isle of Wight Co, Va.

Dear Sir:

In re Stephenson v. Stephenson

I beg to advise that there are
no liens for taxes due by my
father's estate on the land in
Norfolk County. I also say that
my father nor encumbered
the said land by deed of trust
mortgage or otherwise

Very Truly

A. S. Stephenson

Virginia,
Nansemond County } To-wit

Subscribed and sworn to before me in
my state and County aforesaid

My term of office Expires March 1, 1914.

James H. Corlitt

Notary Public.

VIRGINIA: CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF ISLE OF WIGHT.

H. W. STEPHENSON.

VC) NOTICE TO TAKE PRECAUTION.

MARTHA ELIZABETH STEPHENSON: LENA E. STEPHENSON: HENRY JOHNSON:
JESSE PORTER: JOHN HOLMES: F. H. DOLES.

To the parties in the above styled suit:

my office, Isle of Wight Co. 1st Virginia, Take notice that I shall, at the
 place of C. N. Herring, Zuni, Virginia, on the 6th day of August, 1910, at
 twelve o'clock M. proceed to execute the decrees entered in the said
 cause on the 23rd day of June, 1910, of which the following is an ex-
 tract:

On consideration whereof, the court doth adjudge, order and decree that the papers in this cause be referred to one of the commissioners of this court who is directed to inquire and report to court:

- (1) An account of the real estate of which Lemuel Hugh Stephenson died seized and possessed, together with its annual and fee simple values.
- (2) Inquire and report the heirs and distributees at law of Lemuel Hugh Stephenson, together with their respective interests in said decedent's estate and the liens of record, if any, against their respective interests in the said decedent's estate.
- (3) Whether or not there are any delinquent taxes against the real estate of said decedent.
- (4) Whether or not all the parties in interest are properly before the court.
- (5) Whether or not the said several defendants, Henry Johnson, Jesse Porter and John Holmes, and L. H. Polce, or either of them, have made and entered into any contract or contracts with the decedent for the purchase of the said several tracts of land in the bill mentioned, or any of them, of which they are respectively in possession; whether or not the said contracts, if made, have been performed on the part of the said defendants, or either of them; what rights ~~the said~~ defendants, or either of them, have in the said several tracts of land; and, if any contract or contracts have been made, what amounts are due thereon by each of the said defendants, and ~~whether~~ or not the said defendants, or either of them, are able and willing to pay what is due on the purchase prices respectively of the said several tracts and accept a deed or deeds therefor.

And the court doth decree that the real property in the bill mentioned can be conveniently divided in kind between the several parties entitled to share therein.

And the court doth decree that the same cannot be conveniently divided in kind, whether any party will take the entire property and pay therefor to the other parties such sums of money as their interests may entitle them to.

(8) And if the same cannot be conveniently divided in kind, and if ~~no party~~ will take the entire property and pay the others for their share, whether the interests of those entitled to the said property or its proceeds will be promoted by a sale of the entire property or by the allotment of part and sale of the residue.

(9) And any other matter deemed pertinent by the commissioner or required to be stated by any party ~~in this cause~~.

at which time and place you are notified to return.

WITTEBEN under my hand and seal of the said court this 20th. day of July, 1910.

ME SO KNOWLEDGE AND INTEREST AND JOSEPH AKAUSE OF THE
Commissioner

We acknowledge sufficient and legal service of the
within notice.

H. Stuart Lewis
Guardian ad litem of Martha
Elizabeth Stephenson.

L.H.S. Lena M. Stephenson

H.H.S. H. Stephenson

Witness: R. Horn H.S. Henry Johnson

Witness: R. Horn J.P. John Porter

WITNESS: R. Horn J.H. John Holmes

Witness: R. Horn W.H.S. W. F. D. also

twelve o'clock M.
state of C. H. Holmes, J. H. Holmes, J. H. Holmes

"J"

THIS DEED, made this 28th day of July, 1905, by and between J.Allen Stephenson and Annie P.Stephenson, his wife, parties of the first part and L.H.Stephenson, party of the second part, Witnesseth: That the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Seven Hundred and Forty (\$740.00) Dollars, to them in hand paid at and before the signing, sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey, in fee-simple and with general warranty, unto the said party of the second part, the following described property, to-wit: All of that certain lot, tract or parcel of land lying situate and being in Berlin & Ivor Magisterial District, in Southampton County, Virginia, containing One Hundred (100) acres, more or less, and bounded by the lands of F.H.Stephenson, Everett Raiford, the Seacock Swamp, the lands of Thomas Moyes and others. It being the same tract or parcel of land conveyed to the said J.Allen Stephenson by deed from J.M. Darden and wife, bearing date the 20th day of September, 1902. and of record in the Clerk's Office of Southampton County, Virginia, in Deed Book, No. 47, at page 712. It is understood, however, between the parties to this deed that the above described land is sold and conveyed subject to the timber rights and privileges of the Surry Lumber Company as evidenced by Deed or Deeds, of record in the Clerk's Office of Southampton County, Virginia, and the following covenants of title are made and entered into subject thereto, to-wit: That the said parties of the first part covenant that they are seised in fee-simple of the above described land, that they have the right to convey the same to the grantee; that they have done no act to encumber the said land; that the same is free from all encumbrances; that the grantee shall have quiet possession of the said land free from the claims of all persons, and that they, the said parties of the first part, will

execute such other and further assurances of title to the said land as may be requisite to give the grantee a clear and complete title thereto. It is further understood and agreed between the said parties that the grantee shall remain in possession of the said premises until the first day of January, 1906.

Witness the following signatures and seals.

J. Allen Stephenson (Seal)

Annie P. Stephenson (Seal)

State of Virginia,

Southampton County, to-wit:

I, C.T. Babb, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that Allen Stephenson and Annie P. Stephenson, whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed, bearing date the 28th day of July, 1905, have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 4th. day of August, 1905.

C.T. Babb, J.P.

Virginia:

In the Clerk's Office of Southampton Circuit Court, Nov. 10, 1905. This deed was presented and with the certificate annexed admitted to record.

Teste: B.F. McLemore, C.C.

By: Eula D. Blow, D.C.

State of Virginia,

County of Southampton, To-wit:

I, H.B. McLemore, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Southampton County, State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the writing hereto annexed, is a true copy from the records of said Court. Given under my hand this 10th day of November, 1910.

Teste: *H. B. McLemore* Clerk.

By: *B. M. Hills* D.C.

"B"

Stephenson J. Allen & wife

To } Deed

Stephenson L. H.

\$1.00

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This Deed, made this 15th day of May, 1906, by and between L.H. Stephenson and Lena M. Stephenson, his wife, of Isle of Wight County Virginia, (hereinafter for convenience called Grantors), parties of the first part and J. Peter Holland and J.M. Darden, the former of Southampton County, Virginia, and the latter of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, (hereinafter for convenience called grantees), parties of the second part, Witnesseth: That the said grantors, for and in consideration of the sum of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars, to them in hand paid, at and before the signing, sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged do hereby grant bargain, sell and convey, in fee-simple and with general warranty, unto the said grantees, their successors or assigns the following described property and property rights and privileges, to-wit: All of the timber trees of every description, except oak fruit and ornamental trees, standing, lying and being on that certain tract or parcel of land lying situate and being in Southampton County, Virginia, containing sixty-seven (67) acres, more or less, and bounded by the lands of A.E. Bell, W.J. Richardson, Peter Batten and others. It being the same tract or parcel of land conveyed to the said L.H. (Hugh) Stephenson, by deed from William J. Richardson and wife, bearing date the 2nd. day of November, 1881, and of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Southampton County, Virginia, in Deed Book No. 36, at page 52. Provided, however, that the said grantees, their successors or assigns, shall not cut any trees less than ten (10) inches in diameter across the stump, at the time of cutting said timber, except for right of way or other necessary purposes, provided, further that the said grantors may use such of the said timber as may be necessary for the repairs of the present buildings, on the ^{said} premises, and such rail timber as may be necessary for repairs to the present fence on the said premises. It is further covenanted and agreed by and between the said parties that

the grantees their successors or assigns, shall have the right or license to enter upon the said land at their pleasure, for the purpose of cutting and removing the said timber trees, and all necessary rights of ways of every description, over and across the said lands for the purpose of removing the said timber cut from the said land, and the timber cut from any other land, by the said grantees, their successors or assigns, and also for the purpose of constructing and operating a railway, the right or license to erect and operate a saw-mill, together with all necessary buildings in connection therewith, upon the said premises, the said grantees, their successors or assigns to have the privilege of removing the said saw-mill and buildings also the aforesaid railway provided, same is done within a period of one (1) year after they shall finally cease to be used or operated. The said grantees their successors or assigns shall have the full period of ten (10) years from the date of this deed in which to cut and remove the said timber from the said land as aforesaid.

Witness the following signatures and seals.

L.H. Stephenson (Seal)

Lena M. Stephenson (Seal)

State of Virginia,

Isle of Wight County, To-wit:

I, A.E. Bell, a Notary Public in and for the County aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that L.H. Stephenson, and Lena M. Stephenson, whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed, bearing date the 15th day of May, 1906, have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 21st day of May, 1906.

A.E. Bell N.P.

My commission expires the 18th. day of Dec. 1907.

Virginia:

In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for
Southampton County, June, 18" 1906. This deed was presented and,
with the certificate annexed, admitted to record.

Teste: B.F.McLemore, C.C.

BY: Eula D.Blow D.C.

State of Virginia,
County of Southampton, to-wit:

I, H.B.McLemore, Clerk of the Circuit Court of
Southampton County, State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the
writing hereto annexed, is a true copy from the records of said
Court,

Given under my hand this 10" day of Nov.1910.

Teste:

Clerk.

By:

D.C.

"A"

Stephenson L. H. & wife

to } Deed

Holland J. Peter and

Darden J. M.

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Virginia: Circuit Court of the County of Isle of Wight.

H. W. Stephenson,

v.

IN CHANCERY:

Lena M. Stephenson, et als.

The depositions of C. N. Herrin and others taken before me, A. S. Johnson, a Commissioner in Chancery of the Circuit Court of the County of Isle of Wight, pursuant to adjournment, in the village of Zuni, County and State aforesaid, on the 26th day of October, 1910, to be read as evidence in the above styled cause in the said Circuit Court now pending.

Present J. H. Corbitt, Counsel for plaintiff.

C. N. Herrin being duly sworn deposes and says:

Questions by Mr. J. H. Corbitt.

Q. State your occupation and place of residence.

A. Merchant, Zuni.

Q. How long have you been a resident of Zuni?

A. Four years this December.

Q. How long did you know Mr. Lemuel Hugh Stephenson, now deceased?

A. Now, Mr. Corbitt, I could not be exact about ~~that~~ it, but I suppose about twenty-five or thirty years.

Q. Were you well acquainted with his family during that time?

A. I think so, sir.

Q. Can you tell who were the heirs and distributees of Mr. Stephenson upon his death?

A. H. W. Stephenson, adult, his son, Martha Elizabeth Stephenson, infant, his daughter, and Mrs. L. M. Stephenson, his wife.

Q. As I understand it, H. W. Stephenson is an adult and a son of Mr. L. H. Stephenson by a former marriage?

A. Yes, that is right.

Q. Martha Elizabeth Stephenson, I understand to be an infant and a daughter of the second wife who is still living?

A. Yes.

Q. Now Mr. Herrin you have had placed in your hands a copy of the bill in this cause, showing the real-estate of which Lemuel Hugh Stephenson died seized and possessed, please state whether or not you are familiar with the property described in said bill and whether in your judgment, it can be conveniently divided in kind between the several parties entitled to share therein.

A. No sir, it cannot be conveniently divided in kind.

Q. Have you recently examined all of this property?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Who was with you?

A. Mr. R. A. Horn and J. M. Darden.

Q. Mr. Herrin you have stated that the real-estate described in the bill cannot be conveniently divided in kind between the

several parties entitled to share therein, please state if the interest of those who are entitled to the property or its proceeds will be promoted by sale of the entire property and a division of the money among those entitled thereto?

A. I am certain the interest of all will be promoted by such sale and division, and especially the interest of Mrs. Stephenson and Martha Elizabeth.

Q. In what business was Mr. Lemuel Hugh Stephenson when he lived at Zuni?

A. He used to sell grain and hay and kill hogs in the winter, you might say he was a pork packer.

Q. Was he a farmer?

A. I think not sir.

Q. Did Mr. Stephenson own these various tracts of land for the purpose of farming them himself?

A. No sir.

Q. What was his object, as far as you understand the situation, in buying them?

A. I would say, for speculation to sell principally to negroes.

Q. In your judgment, will this property enhance in value from now on?

A. It will depreciate, evidently.

Q. Please state, Mr. Herrin, what you consider to be the total fee simple value of the real-estate mentioned in the bill.

A. \$5950.00.

Q. What would you say is a fair annual value?

A. Not over \$250.00.

And further deponent saith not.

E. H. Devine

C. N. Harris

J. M. Darden, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

Questions by Mr. Corbitt.

Q: Mr. Darden, did you know Mr. Lemuel H. Stephenson, if so, for how long?

A. Twenty years.

Q. Were you also familiar with his family?

A. I was.

Q. Please name the heirs and distributees of all the property of Mr. Lemuel H. Stephenson, deceased.

A. H. W. Stephenson, adult, his son, Martha Elizabeth Stephenson, infant, his daughter and Mrs. L. M. Stephenson the widow. Martha Elizabeth Stephenson is half sister to H. W. Stephenson.

Q. Mr. Darden, are you familiar with the property of which Mr. Stephenson died seized and possessed described in the bill in this cause?

A. I am.

Q. What would you say is the fee simple value of that property?

A. \$5950.00.

Q. What is the annual value of the entire property?

A. About \$250.00 at the outside, which would not be equivalent to ~~the~~ 6% interest on the fee simple value.

Q. Have you recently examined the property belonging to Mr. Stephenson's estate described in the bill?

A. I have in company with Mr. R. A. Horh and C. N. Herrin.

Q. State whether or not the property mentioned in the bill can be conveniently divided in kind between the several parties entitled to share therein.

A. No, it cannot for several reasons. First, in Mr. Stephenson's life time, he owning these several parcels of land, at times one tenant would cultivate some of the land on two of the parcels and then would draw from one farm to the other such as rail timber, fence posts or anything to keep the farms in a state of cultivation. Second, in my judgment, Mr. Stephenson bought these several parcels of land simply on speculation to sell again, which he did from time to time, and at times it was necessary for him to take the parcels of land back and sell again, ~~which he did from~~ sales being principally to negroes. And other reasons, Mr. Stephens on owning these several parcels of land, and being a merchant, would furnish his tenants during the year supplies, teams and farming implements, fertilizer, lime and land plaster to work these several tracts. For the reasons stated above, I do not see how the property in the bill could be conveniently divided in kind. On some of these parcels the buildings are getting

old and need repairs badly, some have no buildings at all, and it would be necessary to have new buildings if they are going to be rented, and it would be especially to the interest of the infant to have the land sold and the money reinvested as the property is fast depreciating. All of the timber has been cut on these several parcels except the Atkins parcel.

Q. If the real property cannot be conveniently divided in kind, and if no party will take the entire property and pay the others for their share, do you think the interest of those entitled to the property or its proceeds will be promoted by a sale of the entire property?

A. Yes, especially the infant.

Q. Do you think a part of the property mentioned in the bill could be conveniently allotted to some of the parties entitled to share therein and the residue conveniently sold?

A. No.

Q. Do you think, Mr. Darden, that the interest of those who are entitled to the property will be promoted by a sale of the entire property?

A. Yes.

Q. Do I understand you to say that the sale of the entire property would be the best method that could possibly be adopted for the interest of all parties?

A. Yes, especially ^{for} the interest of the infant.

Questions by the Commissioner.

Q. Mr. Darden, have you ever dealt in real-estate in this

same neighborhood where the bulk of this property lies?

A. I have.

Q. You know generally the value of such property and also the market conditions, do you not?

A. Yes.

Q. Then taking a broad view of the subject, are you satisfied that the best method to handle this property for the benefit of the infant described in this suit, is to make sale of the

whole and to invest that part of the proceeds accruing from such sale for the benefit of the infant in accordance with the direction of the Court?

A. My experience in handling such property prompts me to say, that it is the best interest of all parties, and especially ^{of} the infant to make sale of the entire property in a case of this kind, and if I ^{should be} ~~am~~ appointed a commissioner to divide the real-estate in kind between the parties entitled to share therein, I should decline to act for the reason that I ~~would~~ not know how to divide it.

.And further this deponent saith not.

J. M. L. Varden

R. A. Horn, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

Questions by J. H. Corbitt.

Q. Please state, Mr. Horn, if you are familiar with the real-estate of which Mr. L. H. Stephenson died seized and possessed?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you examined the property recently, and if so, in company with whom?

A. Yes, in company with Mr. J. M. Darden and C. N. Herrin.

Q. How long have you been living at Zuni?

A. Fifteen years.

Q. I understand that the heirs and distributees at law of Mr. Stephenson are H. W. Stephenson, Martha Elizabeth Stephenson, an infant, and Mrs. Lena M. Stephenson, the widow.

A. Yes.

Q. From your knowledge of the real property of Mr. Stephenson, please state whether it can be conveniently divided in kind between the several parties to share therein?

A. It cannot be. I would not undertake to make division in kind as a commissioner, as I could not do it.

Q. Are you prepared to give some reason why it cannot be divided in kind?

A. Yes, the first reason, it is the location. Some of the parcels are located in Isle of Wight County and some in Southampton County, and heretofore one has had to help take care of the other, what I mean, some have rail timber and some have none, and some is wood land with the timber cut. The land was principally bought to sell to negroes and was worked principally by them, which negroes he looked after closely.

Q. What did you determine to be the total fee simple value of that property?

A: \$5950.00.

Q. What do you determine to be the annual value?

A. About \$250.00 at the outside.

Q. Would the interest of the parties entitled to the property or its proceeds be promoted by a sale of the entire property and a division of the money between those entitled thereto?

A. It would be, and especially the interest of the infant. If it were possible to have a partition in kind and ~~the~~ part was assigned to the infant her share would constantly depreciate.

And further this deponent saith not.

R. A. Horn *R. A. Horn*

H. W. Stephenson, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

Questions by J. H. Corbitt.

Q. Mr. Stephenson, if the real-estate of which your father died seized and possessed cannot be conveniently divided in kind, will any party take the entire property and pay therefor to the other parties such sums of money as their interest therein may entitle them to?

A. I would not, and I feel sure that Mrs. Lena M. Stephenson would not.

Q. Mr. Stephenson, do you feel that the interest of those who are entitled to the property would be promoted by a sale of the entire property?

A. Yes, I especially do feel that the interest of my infant sister would be promoted by a sale, for if it were possible to

set apart to her any of the real-estate as her share, it would constantly depreciate in value before she becomes of age, and would then be of little value.

And further this deponent saith not.

L. H. Stephenson *L. H. Stephenson*

Mrs. Lena M. Stephenson, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

Questions by J. H. Corbitt.

Q. Mrs. Stephenson, do you think the interest of those entitled to the real-estate belonging to Mr. L. H. Stephenson, deceased, will be promoted by a sale of the entire property and a distribution of the proceeds?

A. I do, and I certainly think it would be more to the interest of my child, Martha Elizabeth Stephenson, than anybody else.

And further this deponent saith not.

Lena M. Stephenson *Lena M. Stephenson*

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VIRGINIA: CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF ISLE OF WIGHT.

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CHANCERY

H. W. STEPHENSON,.....COMPLAINANT.

vs) Report of Commissioner in Chancery.

MARTHA ELIZABETH STEPHENSON:

LENA M. STEPHENSON:

HENRY JOHNSON:

JESSE PORTER AND JOHN HOLMES:

W. H. DOLES:

H. STUART LEWIS, GUARDIAN AD LITEM.,.....DEFENDANTS.

TO HONORABLE B. D. WHITE,

JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF ISLE OF WIGHT.

The undersigned, one of the commissioners in chancery of your Honor's Court, to whom has been referred the papers in the above entitled cause for the execution of a decree entered therein on the 28th. day of June, 1910, begs leave to report as follows:

That on the 20th. day of July, 1910, your said commissioner issued notices to all of the parties to the said suit that he would, on the 6th. day of August, 1910, at his office at Isle of Wight Courthouse, in the County of Isle of Wight and State of Virginia, at twelve o'clock M. on that day, proceed to execute the said decree;

That on the said 6th. day of August, 1910, your commissioner attended at the time and place mentioned in the said notice, a copy of which is herewith filed as a part of this report showing service thereupon, for the execution of the said decree, and there appeared before your commissioner on that day H. W. Stephenson, the plaintiff herein, Henry Johnson, Jesse Porter and John Holmes, and W. H.

Doles, defendants herein, and the said defendants here mentioned, then and there filed with your commissioner, to be placed in the papers of the said suit, their several answers to the bill in the said suit, disclaiming any right to further hold the said several tracts of land in the several answers mentioned, and praying hence to be dismissed with reasonable costs, etc., from these proceedings, which said answers were turned over to the clerk of the said court by your commissioner to be filed with the papers in these proceedings, and which has been accordingly done.

That the execution of the said decree mentioned in the said notice, to-wit: the decree of June 28th. 1910, herein, was then adjourned to be again proceeded with in the village of Zuni on the 26th. day of October, 1910, at which time and place your commissioner attended and proceeded with the further execution of the said decree, in the presence of counsel for the complainant in these proceedings, the said complainant in his own person, and also in the presence Lena M. Stephenson, widow of the said L. H. Stephenson, deceased, and mother of the infant defendant herein, and then and there took the testimony of C. N. Herrin, J. M. Darden, R. A. Horne, the said H. W. Stephenson and the said Lena M. Stephenson, which testimony was reduced to writing, duly signed by the said deponents, and is herewith filed and submitted as a part of this report.

From the evidence so taken and filed as aforesaid, and from an examination of the records and certificates and statements of several parties made to your commissioner, and herewith filed as a part of this report, your commissioner is informed and begs leave to further report:

1. That at the time of the death of the said Lemuel Hugh Stephenson, he was seized and possessed of the several tracts of land fully described in the bill filed in this suit, and which are here referred to as follows:

(a) A lot of land at Zuni, in the County of Isle of Wight, purchased of C. B. Crumpler and wife February 2nd. 1881.

(b) A lot of land at Zuni, in the County of Isle of Wight,

purchased of R. F. Bell et als on the 10th. of February 1883.

(c) A tract of land in the County of Southampton, in the State of Virginia, purchased of W. J. Sebrell, Trustee, September 17th. 1894, containing 69 acres, more or less.

(d) A tract of land in the County of Isle of Wight and State of Virginia, purchased of R. W Atkins et als, on the 13th. day of October, 1904, containing 52 acres, more or less.

(e) A tract of land in the County of Isle of Wight and State of Virginia, purchased of Robert A. Horne April 4th. 1908, containing 100 acres, more or less.

(f) A tract of land in the County of Southampton, in the State of Virginia, purchased of William J. Richardson and wife on the 2nd. day of November, 1881, containing 67 acres, more or less.

(g) A tract of land in the County of Southampton, in the State of Virginia, purchased of R. S. Boykin and wife, on the 25th. day of November, 1893, containing 25 acres, more or less.

9 (h) A tract of land in the County of Southampton, State of Virginia, purchased of J. Allen Stephenson and wife July 28th. 1905, containing 100 acres, more or less.

(i) A certain lot or parcel of land situate in the County of Norfolk and State of Virginia, purchased of Ivor A. Page and wife on the 24th. of December 1889, designated as lot No. 25 on the plat of the Compostella Land Company, filed in the Clerk's Office of the said County of Norfolk in Plat Book No. 2.

That at the time of the death of the said L. H. Stephenson, it appears that one Henry Johnson, colored, was in possession of the tract of land of 52 acres, referred to in this report as (d), purchased by said L. H. Stephenson from R. W. Atkins et als on the 13th. of October, 1904, under some sort of a verbal contract or agreement between the said L. H. Stephenson and the said Henry Johnson. Since the death of the said L. H. Stephenson, and since the institution of this suit, to-wit: on the 6th. day of August, 1910, the said Henry Johnson, in person, appeared before your commissioner and filed his answer to the bill herein stating that he is not entitled to retain the possession

of the said property and is willing to surrender the same at any time and to whomsoever the court may direct.

On the same date, to-wit: on the 6th. day of August, 1910, Jesse Porter and John Holmes, who, it appears, at the time of the death of the said L. H. Stephenson, was in possession of the tract of land herein designated as (e), under some sort of a verbal agreement or contract, containing 100 acres, more or less, appeared before your commissioner and filed their answer stating that they are not entitled to retain the possession of the said tract of land, and that they are willing to surrender the same at any time and to whomsoever the court may direct.

On the same date, to-wit: on the 6th. day of August, 1910, W. H. Doles, who, it appears, at the time of the death of the said L. H. Stephenson, was in possession of the tract of land herein designated as (h), under some sort of a verbal agreement or contract, containing 100 acres, more or less, appeared before your commissioner and filed his answer to the bill in this suit stating that he is not entitled to retain possession of the said tract of land, and is willing to surrender the same at such time and to whomsoever the court may direct.

Your commissioner was informed by the said defendants Johnson, Porter, Holmes and Doles, that no contract of sale, in writing had ever been entered into. The said tracts of land have all remained upon the land books charged to the said L. H. Stephenson.

Your commissioner specially reports that the timber on the tracts of land herein mentioned as (f) and (h), respectively, has been sold, as will appear by certified copies of deeds herewith filed, marked "A" and "B", respectively, the timber on tract (f) being sold by the said L. H. Stephenson since he acquired title to the said tract of land, and the timber on tract (h) having been sold prior to the time when the said L. H. Stephenson acquired title to the said tract, as will appear by deed "B" hereinabove referred to.

It appears from the testimony herewith filed that all of the timber has been cut from all of the land owned by the said L. H. Stephenson at the time of his death, and mentioned herein, save and ex-

cept the timber sold from tract numbered in the Bill as No. 6, and mentioned in this report as (f).

The annual value of this property, according to the evidence submitted, seems to be not to exceed two hundred and fifty dollars. The fee simple value, according to the evidence, seems to be \$5950.00.

It will be observed that all of the parties testifying as to the value of the property do not vary in their testimony. In view of this fact your commissioner feels that he should specially state that the parties so testifying, C. N. Herrin, J. M. Darden and R. A. Morne, are all men of affairs, and should be fully acquainted with the conditions and circumstances surrounding the several interests in the said property and the said property as a whole, and further, since they have, personally, made a careful examination thereof, they should be unusually well informed as to the situation and exceedingly competent to testify in the premises.

2. The heirs and distributees of the said Lemuel Hugh Stephenson are his widow, Lena M. Stephenson, a son, H. Warren Stephenson, and a daughter, Margaret Elizabeth Stephenson, and who is an infant and also the daughter of the said Lena M. Stephenson, the said H. Warren Stephenson being a son by a former marriage.

Your commissioner finds no liens against any of the said property.

3. There is no delinquent taxes against any of the said property.

4. All the parties in interest appear to be properly before the Court.

5. For the reasons stated above in Section 1 of this report, your commissioner is informed, and so reports, that the defendants Henry Johnson, Jesse Porter and John Holmes, and W. H. Doles have no interest in the subject matter of this suit, and as will more fully ap-

pear by their several answers filed in these proceedings on the 6th. day of August, 1910.

6. Your commissioner is of opinion, from the evidence submitted, and so reports, that the property in the bill and in this report mentioned, is not susceptible of partition among the several parties entitled to share therein in kind.

7. It does not appear that any party in interest will take the entire property and pay to the other parties entitled to share therein for their respective interests.

8. It clearly appears to your commissioner, from the evidence submitted, which he believes to be unusually sound, that a sale of the entire property, and a division of the proceeds of sale among the several parties entitled to share therein, according to the statutes in such cases made and provided, will best promote the interests of the several heirs and distributees of the said Lemuel Hugh Stephenson.

Your commissioner specially reports that the tract of land herein designated as (c) does not appear to be charged upon the land books of the County of Southampton, having been left off in error, but from the certificate of the clerk of the circuit court of that county it appears that there are no liens of any character against any of the property of the said Lemuel Hugh Stephenson situate in the said County.

Your commissioner also calls the attention of the court to a letter written by the guardian of the infant defendant herein, which is attached to and made a part of this report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. Johnson
Commissioner in Chancery.

Commissioner's fee,.....	\$ 25.00
Witnesses;	
C. N. Herrin,.....	4.60
R. A. Horne,.....	4.60
J. M. Darden,.....	4.60
Stenographer,.....	5.00
Clerk Southampton County.....	7.50

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H. W. STEPHENSON
VS) COMMISSIONERS REPORT.

MARGARET E. STEPHENSON ET ALS.

Filed November 19th. 1910.

LAW OFFICES OF
HUGH C. DAVIS AND HUGH W. DAVIS
SEABOARD BANK BUILDING
NORFOLK, VA.

November 9th, 1910.

Mr. Jas. H. Corbett,
Attorney at Law,
Suffolk, Va.

Dear Sir:-

In re Stephenson v. Stephenson.

Both Mr. Vicar and Mr. Hardy are out of the City and your letter with enclosure has been handed me.

I have read carefully the evidence which has been taken in this suit and from this evidence it appears to me that a sale of the entire property is not only desirable but absolutely necessary for a division.

As we are relying, however, upon the testimony as to the value of this property, and upon information received entirely from others, the Bank would prefer not to inject its views in this matter.

Please be careful to see that the dower rights of the widow are not commuted, but that the money is invested and the net income paid over to her on dower right.

I am returning herewith the evidence which you kindly sent Mr. Vicar for examination.

With very kind regards.

Yours truly,

Hugh C. Davis

HCD/R
Enc.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY.

H. W. Stephenson

v.

ANSWER.

Martha Elizabeth Stephenson,
Lena M. Stephenson,
Henry Johnson,
Jesse Porter,
John Holmes,
W. H. Doles.

The answer of Henry Johnson, defendant, to the bill of complaint exhibited against him and others in the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County by H. W. Stephenson.

This defendant now and at all times hereafter saving and reserving to himself all benefit and advantage of exception which can or may be had or taken to the many errors, uncertainties and insufficiencies in the said bill contained, for answer thereto or to so much thereof as he is advised is material or necessary for him to answer, this defendant answering saith:

That it is true that he is in possession of that lot or parcel of land in the bill in the proceedings mentioned conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by R. W. Atkins and wife and George T. Atkins and wife by deed dated the 13th day of October, 1904, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Isle of Wight County, Virginia in D. B. No. 71, page 163, for an accurate description of which land reference is hereby made to said deed;

That he entered into possession of the said property by virtue of an oral contract of purchase between him and the said L. H. Stephenson, deceased;

That the defendant admits that he has not complied with the terms of the contract and that he has not paid

to the said L. H. Stephenson or his assigns any part of the principal of the debt and but very little of the interest thereon *and that he is unable to pay what is due on the purchase price;*

That he is not entitled to retain the possession of the said property and is willing to surrender possession thereof at any time to the heirs of the said L. H. Stephenson, or to whomever the court may direct.

And now having fully answered the complainant's bill this respondent prays hence to be dismissed with his reasonable costs in this behalf expended, and he will ever pray.

Int. Johnson

Henry H. Johnson

STATE OF VIRGINIA)

COUNTY OF ISLE OF WIGHT)

To-wit:

This day personally appeared before me, the undersigned, *the Circuit Court of* a *Court as they* in and for the county aforesaid, Henry Johnson and made oath that the statements made in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Given under my hand this *6th* day of *August*, 19*10*

My term of office expires ___ day of ___, 19__

Johnson

Court as they

H. W. Stephenson

v.

Martha Elizabeth Stephenson
et als.

Answer of Henry Johnson

*Filed August 6/1910
J. H. Johnson Clerk*

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These defendants now and at all times hereafter saving and reserving to themselves all benefit and advantage of exception which can or may be had or taken to the many errors, uncertainties and insufficiencies in the said bill contained, for answer thereto or to so much thereof as they are advised is material or necessary for them to answer, these defendants answering say:

That it is true that they are in possession of that lot or parcel of land in the bill in the proceedings mentioned conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by Robt. A. Horne by deed dated the 4th day of April, 1908, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, in D. B. 76, page 499, for an accurate description of which land reference is hereby made to said deed;

That they entered into possession of the said property by virtue of an oral contract of purchase between them and the said L. H. Stephenson, deceased;

That the defendants admit that they have not complied with the terms of the contract and that they have not paid

to the said L. H. Stephenson or his assigns any part of the principal of the debt and but very little of the interest thereon *and that they are unable to pay what is due on the purchase price;*

That they are not entitled to retain the possession of the said property and are willing to surrender possession thereof at any time to the heirs of the said L. H. Stephenson, or to whomever the court may direct.

And now having fully answered the complainant's bill these respondents pray hence to be dismissed with their reasonable costs in this behalf expended, and they will ever pray.

John Holmes

John Holmes
Jesse Porter

STATE OF VIRGINIA)

) To-wit:

COUNTY OF ISLE OF WIGHT)

This day personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a *the Circuit Court of* ~~Clerk in Chy~~ in and for the county aforesaid, Jesse Porter and John Holmes and made oath that the statements made in the foregoing answer are true to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Given under my hand this 6th day of August, 1910

~~My term of office expires~~ day of , 19

John Holmes

Clerk in Chy

H. W. Stephenson

v.

Martha Elizabeth Stephenson
et als.

ANSWER OF
Jesse Porter and John Holmes.

Filed August 6/1910

Test. J. P. Holmes

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY.

H. W. Stephenson

v.

ANSWER.

Martha Elizabeth Stephenson,
Lena M. Stephenson,
Henry Johnson,
Jesse Porter,
John Holmes,
W. H. Doles.

The answer of W. H. Doles, defendant, to the bill of complaint exhibited against him and others in the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County by H. W. Stephenson.

This defendant now and at all times hereafter saving and reserving to himself all benefit and advantage of exception which can or may be had or taken to the many errors, uncertainties and insufficiencies in the said bill contained, for answer thereto or to so much thereof as he is advised is material or necessary for him to answer, this defendant answering saith:

That it is true that he is in possession of that lot or parcel of land in the bill in the proceedings mentioned conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by J. Allen Stephenson and wife by deed dated the 28th day of July, 1905, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Southampton County, Virginia, in D. B. 50, page 574, for an accurate description of which land reference is hereby made to said deed;

That he entered into possession of the said property by virtue of an oral contract of purchase between him and the said L. H. Stephenson, deceased;

That the defendant admits that he has not complied with the terms of the contract and that he has not paid to the said L. H. Stephenson or his assigns any part of the principal of the debt and but very little of the in-

terest thereon *and that he is unable to pay what is due on the purchase price;*

That he is not entitled to retain the possession of the said property and is willing to surrender possession thereof at any time to the heirs of the said L. H. Stephenson, or to whomever the court may direct.

And now having fully answered the complainant's bill this respondent prays hence to be dismissed with his reasonable costs in this behalf expended, and he will every pray.

- W. H. Doles

STATE OF VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF ISLE OF WIGHT

)
) To-wit:
)

This day personally appeared before me, the undersigned, *the Circuit Court of* a *Court in Chancery* in and for the county aforesaid, W. H. Doles and made oath that the statements made in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Given under my hand this *6th* day of *August*, 19 *10*

~~My term of office expires~~ ___ day of ___, 19

[Signature]
Court in Chancery

H. W. Stephenson

v.

Martha Elizabeth Stephenson
et als.

Answer of W. H. Doles.

Filed August 6/1910
Test. Johnson Cur

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA.

TO THE SHERIFF OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY—Greeting;

We command you that you summon Martha Elizabeth Stephenson, Lena
M. Stephenson, Henry Johnson, Jesse Porter, John Holmes
and W. H. Doles,

to appear at the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of
Isle of Wight at the rules to be holden for the said Court on the

Third Monday in April, 1910, to answer a bill in
chancery exhibited against them in our said Court by H. W.

Stephenson,

And have then and there this writ.

Witness, A. S. JOHNSON, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-
house, this 7th day of April, 1910, and in the
134th year of the Commonwealth.

A. S. Johnson, Clerk.

A copy,

Teste, [Signature] Clerk.

I, this 12 day of April, 1910, acknowledge sufficient
and legal service of the within summons.

Lena W. Stephenson

Copy for Lena W. Stephenson

In the Circuit Court of
COUNTY OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF WISCONSIN

this 14 day of April 1910

Returned & filed

Dist. Attorney
[Signature]

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA.

Douglas
TO THE SHERIFF OF ~~ISLE OF WIGHT~~ COUNTY—Greeting;

We command you that you summon Martha Elizaeth Stephenson, Lena M. Stephenson, Henry Johnson, Jesse Porter, John Holmes, and W. H. Doles,

to appear at the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Isle of Wight at the rules to be holden for the said Court on the Third Monday in April, 1910, to answer a bill in chancery exhibited against them in our said Court by H. W. Stephenson

And have then and there this writ.

Witness, A. S. JOHNSON, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-house, this 7th. day of April, 1910, and in the year of the Commonwealth.

A. S. Johnson Clerk.

H. W. Stephenson

vs) Subpoena in Chancery

Lena M. Stephenson et als.

Returnable to the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Isle of Wight 2nd. April rules, 1910.

*Executed this 12th day
of April 1910 in South
ampton County by
delivering a True copy
of the within to
W. H. Sales in person
J. J. Lunnier Sheriff
By A. J. Branch Dpy*

In the CLERK'S OFFICE of the
CIRCUIT COURT,
OF THE
COUNTY OF ISLE OF WIGHT

this 14 day of April 1910

Returned Filed

*Test, J. J. Lunnier
Sheriff*

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA.

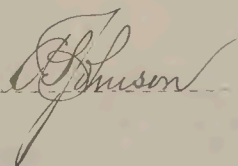
TO THE SHERIFF OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY—Greeting;

We command you that you summon Martha Elizabeth Stephenson, Lena
M. Stephenson, Henry Johnson, Jesse Porter, John Holmes
and W. H. Doles,

to appear at the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of
Isle of Wight at the rules to be holden for the said Court on the
Third Monday in April, _____, 1910, to answer a bill in
chancery exhibited against them in our said Court by H. W.
Stephenson,

And have then and there this writ.

Witness, A. S. JOHNSON, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-
house, this 7th. day of April, _____, 1910, and in the
134th. year of the Commonwealth.

 Clerk.

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W. Stephens
vs { Subpoena in Chy
Lena M. Stephens et al

Returnable to Court Office
of the Circuit Court of
the County of Isle of Wight
2nd April rules 1910

Executed the within
process, this 11th day
of April 1910 by
serving true copies
thereof ⁱⁿ person, on
Henry Johnson, Isaac
Porter & John Holmes
at their residence
in the County of
Isle of Wight.

W. A. Edwards.

Thence by

Isaac J. G. G. G.

In the Clerk's Office
CIRCUIT COURT,
OF THE
COUNTY OF ISLE OF WIGHT

this 14th day of April 1910

Returned & filed

Not. J. Johnson

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY,
VIRGINIA.

H. W. Stephenson,

v.

Martha Elizabeth Stephenson, Lena M. Stephenson,
Henry Johnson, Jesse Porter, John Holmes and
W. H. Doles.

By consent of all parties, either in person or by counsel,
in term time entered of record, it is ordered, adjudged and
decreed that this cause be submitted to the Judge of this
Court for such decision and decree, judgment or order therein
in vacation as might be made in term.

H. W. Stephenson,

v.

Martha Elizabeth Stephenson,
et als.

We consent to the within
decree:

Lena M. Stephenson

Henry Johnson
witness

Joseph Carter

John L. Halpin
witness

W. H. Dales

Witness
C. Astor

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY.

H. W. Stephenson

v.

ANSWER.

Martha Elizabeth Stephenson,
Lena M. Stephenson,
Henry Johnson,
Jesse Porter,
John Holmes,
W. H. Doles.

The separate answer of Martha Elizabeth Stephenson, an infant under the age of twenty-one years, by H. Stuart Lewis, her guardian ad litem appointed to defend her in this suit, to a bill of complaint filed against her and Lena M. Stephenson, Henry Johnson, Jesse Porter, John Holmes and W. H. Doles in the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County, by H. W. Stephenson, complainant.

This respondent, reserving to herself the benefit of all just exceptions to the said bill of complaint, for answer thereto, or to so much thereof as she is advised that it is material she should answer, by her said guardian ad litem, answers and says:

That she is an infant of tender years, and by reason of her infancy is incapable of understanding or of taking care of her rights and interests herein; and that she therefore commends herself and her rights and interests to the protection of the court, and prays that no decrees may be entered that will tend to her prejudice.

And now, having fully answered the complainant's bill, this respondent prays to be hence dismissed with her reasonable costs by her in this behalf expended.

H. Stuart Lewis -
Guardian ad Litem for
Martha Elizabeth Stephenson
Respondent.

H.W.Stephenson
ANSWER OF
v. GUARDIAN AD LITEM

Martha Elizabeth Stephenson,
Lena M. Stephenson,
Henry Johnson,
Jesse Porter,
John Holmes,
W. H. Doles.

1911
June 6.
Filed
B.D.W.

TO THE HONORABLE B. D. WHITE,

JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY:

Your complainant, H. W. Stephenson, respectfully represents:

(1) That your complainant's father, Lemuel Hugh Stephenson, was in his life time seized and possessed of certain real-estate as follows:

✓ 1. All that lot or parcel of land conveyed to L. Hugh Stephenson by Chas. B. Crumpler and wife by deed dated the 2nd day of February, 1881, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, in D. B. 45, page 550, and described in said deed as follows:

"All that lot or parcel of land situated at Zuni in the County of Isle of Wight in the State of Virginia, described as follows, Commencing at a point on the line of the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio Railroad, fifty feet from the center of the main track thereof, and fifteen feet westerly from the corner of the lot of John C. Thomas and running sixty five feet along the line of the said railroad, thence a line at exact right angles with the line of the said Atlantic Mississippi and Ohio Railroad southerly, a distance of one hundred and fifteen feet, back towards the County Road leading from the Depot of the said Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio Railroad to Purcell Bridge, thence a line parallel with said County Road a distance of seventy five feet, thence a line at exact right angles with the said Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio Railroad back to the line of the same, being a distance of eighty feet."

✓ 2. All that lot or parcel of land conveyed to Lemuel Hugh Stephenson by R. F. Bell and A. E. Bell and wife by deed

dated the 10th day of February, 1883, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, in D. B. 47, page 106, and described in said deed as follows:

"A lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the village of Zuni, in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, and bounded and described as follows: Commencing on the line of the Norfolk & Western Railroad, three (3) feet West from the western corner of the said Bells Ware-house thence a line at right angles from the said Railroad, back in a northerly direction one hundred and eighty-four feet (184 ft.) thence a line parallel with said Railroad one hundred and fourteen feet (114 ft.) to the line of Francis Smith's estate, thence along said line to the line of the said Norfolk & Western Railroad, thence along the line of said Railroad to the point of beginning, containing nearly one half of an acre, (it being a part of the lot conveyed to the said R. F. Bell and A. E. Bell by R. M. Doles and Lizzie his wife as per deed duly recorded in Isle of Wight County Clerk's Office)."

3. All that lot or parcel of land conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by W. J. Sebrell, Trustee, by deed dated the 17th day of September, 1894, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Southampton County, Virginia, in Deed Book 43, page 331, and described in said deed by referring to the deed of trust from George W. Spivey and John E. Spivey to W. J. Sebrell, Trustee, under which the said property was sold, as follows:

"All the interest of the grantors [George W. Spivey and John E. Spivey] conveyed in said deed, in and to that certain tract of land, containing 69 acres, more or less, and adjoining the Britt tract, the lands of C. M. Herring and others, same being known as the Home Tract."

✓ 4. All that lot or parcel of land conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by R. W. Atkins and wife, and Geo. T. Atkins and wife by deed dated the 13th day of October, 1904, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, in D. B. 71, page 163, and described in said deed as follows:

"all that certain tract of land situate in Hardy Magisterial District in the County of Isle of Wight and in the State of Virginia, containing 52 acres, more or less, and which is bounded by the lands now or late of W. W. Gray, Robert Pope place now owned by Mr. Robertson and M. R. Holland, it being a tract of land conveyed by Geo. T. Atkins to R. W. Atkins by a deed in which the wife of the said Geo. T. Atkins did not unite."

✓ 5. All that lot or parcel of land conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by Robt. A. Horne by deed dated the 4th day of April, 1908, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, in D. B. 76, page 499m and described in said deed as follows:

"All of that certain tract, piece or parcel of land lying, being and situate in Isle of Wight County and State of Virginia containing by estimation one hundred acres (100) more or less sold in gross and not by the acre, in Hardy Magisterial District of said County and State, and bounded as follows, on the North by the lands of S. S. Beals estate on the East by the Fletcher Pope tract on the South and West by the Tar Road and A. J. Turner. It being the same tract of land conveyed to C. J. Dennis by deed from A. B. Stott by deed duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County in deed Book 68, Page 252."

✓ 6. All that lot or parcel of land conveyed to Hugh Stephenson by William J. Richardson and wife by deed dated the 2nd day of November, 1881, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Southampton County, Virginia in D. B. 36, page 52,

and described in said deed as follows:

"a certain tract or parcel of land situated in the county of Southampton and State of Virginia, containing Sixty Seven (67) acres, more or less, it being a portion of the land purchased by the said Maria A. Richardson of William J. Jenkins, and bounded as follows, on the North by the land of the said Maria A. Richardson, on the South by the land of C. M. Joyner, on the East by the land of William E. Johnson, on the West by the Public Road leading from Tuckerswamp Church to Seacock Bridge,"

✓ 7. All that lot or parcel of land conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by Richard S. Boykin and wife by deed dated the 25th day of November, 1893, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Southampton County, Virginia, in D. E. 43, page 143, and described in said deed as follows:

"all that piece or parcel of land, lying in Southampton County, Va., containing 25 acres, more or less, and bounded as follows:- On the North by the lands of R. S. Boykin, on the East by the lands of R. S. Boykin and Mrs. Irvin Crumpler, on the South by the Public road running from Tuckers Swamp to Zuni and the land of Mrs. Mohlon Norsworthy, on the West by the lands of R. S. Boykin,"

✓ 8. All that lot or parcel of land conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by J. Allen Stephenson and wife by deed dated the 28th day of July, 1905, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Southampton County, Virginia, in D. B. 50, page 574, and described in said deed as follows:

"All of that certain lot, tract or parcel of land lying situated and being in Berlin and Ivor Magisterial District, in Southampton County, Virginia, containing one hundred (100) acres, more or less, and bounded by the lands of F. H. Stephenson, Everett Raiford, the Seacock Swamp, the lands of Thomas Mayes and others. It being the same tract or parcel

of land conveyed to the said J. Allen Stephenson by deed from J. M. Darden and wife, bearing date the 20th day of September, 1902, and of record in the Clerk's Office of Southampton County Virginia, in Deed Book No. 47, at Page 712."

9. All of that lot or parcel of land conveyed to L. H. Stevenson by Ivor A. Page and wife by deed dated the 24th day of December, 1889, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Norfolk County, Virginia, in D. B. 155, page 291; and also conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by C. H. Richardson and wife by deed dated the 15th day of February, 1905, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Norfolk County, Virginia in D. B. 287, page 389, and described in said last mentioned deed as follows:

"All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situated in Washington Magisterial District, Norfolk County, Virginia, and known, numbered and designated as lot Number Twenty-five (25) on the Plat of the Compostella Land Co. Made by J. C. Cooke, Surveyor, dated the 2nd day of April, 1888, and duly recorded in Map Book 2, Clerk's Office, Norfolk County, Va. to which plat reference is hereby made for a more particular description of the property herein conveyed, said property being the same that was conveyed to the said C. H. Richardson by the deed of Alvah H. Martin, Clerk, bearing date the 30th day of January, 1904."

and while so seized and possessed the said L. H. Stephenson on or about the 30th day of April, 1909, died intestate, leaving your complainant and Martha Elizabeth Stephenson his only children and heirs at law, and Lena M. Stephenson, his widow; and

(2) That the said Martha Elizabeth Stephenson is an infant under the age of twenty-one years;

(3) That one Henry Johnson is in possession of that lot or parcel of land herein above described conveyed to

L. H. Stephenson by R. W. Atkins and wife and Geo. T. Atkins and wife, by deed dated the 13th day of October, 1904, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, in D. B. 71, page 163. The said Henry Johnson claims to have purchased the said land from the said L. H. Stephenson, deceased; that he was placed in possession thereof by the said decedent under a contract of purchase, and further claims to be able to pay what is due on the purchase price and demands deed for the said land.

That Jesse Porter and John Holmes are in possession of that lot or parcel of land hereinabove described conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by Robt. A. Horne by deed dated the 4th day of April, 1908, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, in D. B. 76, page 499. The said Jesse Porter and John Holmes claim to have purchased the said land from the said L. H. Stephenson, deceased; that they were placed in possession thereof by the said decedent under contract of purchase, and further claim that they are able to pay what is due on the purchase price and demand deed for the said land.

That W. H. Doles is in possession of that lot or parcel of land hereinabove described conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by J. Allen Stephenson and wife by deed dated the 28th day of July, 1905, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Southampton County, Virginia, in D. B. 50, page 574. The said W. H. Doles claims to have purchased the said land from the said L. H. Stephenson, deceased; that he was placed in possession thereof by the said decedent under contract of purchase, and further claims he is not able to pay what is due on the purchase price and is willing to release all claim to the said land.

Your complainant believes that no one of the parties above named in possession of the said several tracts of land, even if they are in possession of same under a

contract of purchase as claimed by them, which however your complainant does not admit, has made any payment on the said purchase price, and even if any payments have been made no one of them is able to pay what is still due on the purchase price, and your complainant would therefore ask that a Commissioner in Chancery of this Court be directed to make such enquiries in regard to the said several claims as the Court may direct and report same so that a decree may be entered in accordance with the judgment of this Court; and

(4) That the said real-estate is, as he believes, susceptible of partition amongst the parties entitled thereto; but should the property not be divisible in kind complainant believes and here states that the interest of those who are entitled to the said real-estate or its proceeds will be promoted by a sale of the whole of the same, or by an allotment of part and a sale of the residue:

IN CONSIDERATION WHEREOF and forasmuch as your complainant is remediless in the premises, save by the aid of a Court of Equity, he prays that the said Martha Elizabeth Stephenson, Lena M. Stephenson, Henry Johnson, Jesse Porter, John Holmes and W. H. Doles may be made parties defendant to this bill and required to answer the same, but not under oath, the oath being hereby waived, the said adults in their own proper persons and the infant by guardian ad litem; that a proper guardian ad litem be appointed in this cause for said infant, who shall also answer this bill; that proper process issue; that the rights of the said Henry Johnson, Jesse Porter, John Holmes and W. H. Doles in the said property of which they are in possession be determined; that the dower of the said Lena M. Stephenson, the widow, in the real-estate of the decedent be assigned to her, and that the residue of the said real-

estate be divided between the parties entitled thereto, or else, if it cannot be so divided, that it may be sold and the proceeds divided among the adult and infant parties according to their respective rights. The share of the infant to be held as directed by the statute^{for such cases} made and provided; that all proper orders and decrees may be made, accounts taken, and inquiries directed; and that your complainant may have all such further and other and general relief in the premises as the nature of his case may require or to equity shall seem meet.

Notice is hereby given that the Court will be asked to allow reasonable fee to complainant's counsel for services in this cause.

James H. Corbett, p.g.

W. H. Stephenson

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H. W. Stephenson

v.

Martha Elizabeth
Stephenson et als

Bill

2nd April rules 1910
Summons returned
executed on all adult
defendant parties. Bill
filed. Please nisi

1st May rules 1910
Defendants not appear-
ing. Bill taken for con-
ferred, and case set down
for hearing

James H.

~~MEMORE &~~ CORBITT

ATTORNEYS AT LAW
SUFFOLK, VA.

Jewell & Co., Phila.

Virginia: Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County
of Isle of Wight April 7th. 1910.

H. W. Stephenson

vs) Chancery.

Lena M. Stephenson et als.

U on motion of the plaintiff, by counsel, H. Stuart Lewis,
a discreet and competent attorney at law, practising in this
Court, is hereby assigned as guardian ad litem for the infant
defendant, Martha Elizabeth Stephenson, in this suit, to de-
fend her interests herein.

Teste, _____ Clerk.

H. W. Stephenson

vs) Chancery.

Lena M. Stephenson et als.

Order appointing guardian
ad litem.

Filed April 7-1910

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY.

TRUST COMPANY OF NORFOLK, GUARDIAN OF
MARTHA E. STEPHENSON.

v.

MARTHA E. STEPHENSON.

This day came Trust Company of Norfolk, Guardian of Martha E. Stephenson, and by leave of the Court filed its petition, due notice of which for more than five days has been duly served upon the infant defendant, Martha E. Stephenson, and on the motion of the petitioner, *William L. Parker*, a discreet and competent attorney at law is appointed guardian ad litem of said infant defendant, and on his motion leave is granted him to file her answer by him as her guardian ad litem and his answer as her guardian ad litem, and the same is accordingly filed, and the Court having duly heard the evidence in this cause, it is adjudged, ordered and decreed that the said Trust Company of Norfolk, Guardian of Martha E. Stephenson be and hereby is authorized to spend, in addition to the annual income of the ward, such a sum of money, *from the principal of the paternal estate of said* ~~from the principal of the paternal estate of said~~ *Ward* as it deems reasonable, not to exceed six hundred (\$600.00) Dollars per annum, until the further order of this Court, in the education, maintenance and support of the said infant defendant, Martha E. Stephenson.

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Stephenson &
Frank Co. of N. York

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~~Wm. L. Stephenson~~
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order

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1920

~~Apr. 5~~ May 4

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H. W. STEPHENSON,

v. 593

D E C R E E.

LENA M. STEPHENSON, ET ALS.

This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read and upon the report of James H. Corbitt, Special Commissioner, appointed by decree entered in this cause on the 5th day of December, 1910, this day filed, and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof it appearing to the Court from this report that the said Special Commissioner has since making up and submitting his final account, which was approved by decree entered in this cause on the 16th day of August, 1919, collected from the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, of Baltimore, the sum of EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$80.00) refunded on account of excess premiums paid by him on his bond as Special Commissioner, and that he has paid over to The Trust Company of Norfolk, the guardian of the infant defendant, Martha Elizabeth Stephenson, the said sum to be credited to her principal account, for which payment he has submitted voucher, the said payment and action on the part of the said Special Commissioner is hereby approved and confirmed.

And it further appearing to the Court that nothing further remains to be done in this cause it is adjudged, ordered and decreed that the same be removed from the docket.

DECREE.

H. W. STEPHENSON,

v. { 93

LENA M. STEPHENSON, ET ALS.

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H. W. STEPHENSON

V. DECREE.

LENA M. STEPHENSON ET ALB.

This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read and upon the report of James H. Corbitt, Special Commissioner, appointed by a decree entered in this cause on the 5th day of December, 1910, this day filed, showing payments made by him pursuant to the decree entered in this cause on the 22nd day of May, 1919, and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof, the court doth approve said report, and it appearing to the court from the report aforesaid that the said Special Commissioner has paid out the funds of Twenty-five Hundred and Ninety-seven Dollars and Twenty-one Cents (\$2597.21) in his hands in accordance with the decree of May 22, 1919, as follows:

Amount in Special Commissioner's hands, according to said decree,	\$2597.21
Additional fee allowed Special Commissioner,	<u>25.00</u>
	2572.21
 Paid for 4½% Liberty Bonds of the face value of \$2,000	 \$1887.20
 Paid Trust Company of Norfolk, guardian of infant defendant, Martha Elizabeth Stephenson,	 <u>685.01</u>
	\$2572.21

And it further appearing from the said report and from the receipt of the Trust Company of Norfolk, the guardian of the infant defendant, Martha Elizabeth Stephenson, attached to the said report, that the said Special Commissioner has delivered to the Trust Company of Norfolk the said bonds and paid the balance of the funds, amounting to Six Hundred and Eighty-five Dollars and One Cent (\$685.01) in cash to the said guardian, the said action on the part of the said Special

Commissioner is hereby confirmed.

~~And it further appearing to the court that all of
the funds in the hands of said Special Commissioner have been
distributed pursuant to the orders entered herein and that
nothing further remains to be done, it is ordered, adjudged
and decreed that this cause be removed from the docket.~~

H. W. STEPHENSON

v. \$93

LENA M. STEPHENSON ET AL.

Decree.

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Entered
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VIRGINIA,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY:

H. W. STEPHENSON,

v.

LENA M. STEPHENSON ET ALS.

This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read and upon the report of James H. Corbitt, Special Commissioner, appointed by decree entered in this cause the 5th day of December, 1910, this day filed showing payments made by him pursuant to the decree entered in this cause on the 3rd day of April, 1911, and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof the Court doth approve the said report and the payments made by the Special Commissioner, and it appearing to the Court from the report aforesaid that the Special Commissioner has in hand due the infant defendant, Martha Elizabeth Stephenson, the sum of \$2,597.21, as shown by his account as follows:

To cash received from W.P.Vick for land purchased-	\$ 510.00
" " " " J. M.Bowden, " "	1135.00
" " " " A.H.Harrison " "	670.00
" " " " H. W. Stephenson " "	1575.00
" " " " " " "	150.00
" " " " and J.M.Darden, " "	375.00
" " " " H.W.Stephenson " "	
" " " " and J.M.Darden, " "	325.00
" " " " E. F. Truitt, " "	440.00
	<u>\$5180.00</u>

By cash paid to Suffolk Printing
& Stationery Co. for handbills
advertising sale of property
in Southampton and Isle of Wight
Counties,.....\$ 5.75

By cash to R. A. Edwards, Auction-
eer at sale of property in
Southampton and Isle of Wight
Counties,..... 10.00

By cash paid Suffolk Printing &
Stationery Co. for handbills adver-
tising sale of property in Nor-
folk County,..... 1.50

17.25 \$5180.00

To	Amount Forward,.....	\$5180.00	
By	Amount Forward,.....	\$17.25	
By	cash paid F.T.Briggs as follows:		
	Advertising sale of Norfolk County property in Norfolk Landmark,.....	\$ 16.45	
	His fee as auctioneer,....	8.80	25.25
By	Court costs in suit as follows:		
	Writ tax,.....	\$ 1.50	
	Clerk, Isle of Wight Co.,	13.49	
	Clerk, Southampton Co.,...	7.50	
	James H. Corbitt, Attorney,	290.00	
	A. J. Branch, Deputy Sheriff,	.50	
	W. A. Edwards, Sheriff,...	1.50	
	A. S. Johnson, Commissioner in Chancery,.....	25.00	
	Mrs. Fannie Kyle, Stenographer,.....	5.00	
	WITNESSES:		
	C. N. Herrin, \$	4.60	
	R. A. Horne,	4.60	
	J. M. Darden,	4.60	13.80
			358.29
By	Cash paid for seven deeds to purchasers,.....		70.00
By	cash paid first premium on bond of Special Commissioner,.....		30.00
By	Commissions to Special Commissioner on above \$5180.00 and on land sold to Lena M. Stephenson for \$900.00 making total of \$6080.00,.....		130.60
By	cash reserved to pay taxes on \$510.00 in the hands of Special Commissioner to February 1, 1911, received from W. P. Vick,.....		6.12
By	Balance in hands of Special Commissioner,.....	4,542.49	
		\$5,180.00	\$5,180.00
To	Balance in hands of Special Commissioner,.....		\$4,542.49
By	Amount paid Lena M. Stephenson, widow, as follows:		
	Amount due her for her commuted life estate in 1/3 of above \$4542.49 and in 1/3 of the purchase price of property bought by her for \$900.00, or in 1/3 of a total of \$5,442.49, \$1,379.67		
	Less amount due by her for property purchased, 900.00		479.67
By	Balance in hand,.....	4,062.82	
		\$4,542.49	\$4,542.49

To Balance in hand,.....\$4,062.82.

By Cash to H.W.Stephenson, his one-
half interest in balance of
\$4,062.82,.....\$2,031.41

By Balance in hand for one-half
interest of infant,Martha Eliz-
abeth Stephenson,..... 2.031.41
\$4,062.82 \$4,062.82

To Balance in hand for one-half interest
of infant, Martha Elizabeth Stephen-
son,.....\$2,031.41

To Amount reserved to pay taxes on \$510.00
in the hands of Special Commissioner,..... 6.12
\$2,037.53

To Interest on \$2,037.53 from October 15th,
1911, to October 15th, 1918,..... 855.75

1912.

Jan. 10, By Cash paid Woodward & Elam,-Prem-
ium on bond second year,.....\$ 20.00

1913.

Feb. 15, By Cash paid Woodward & Elam- Prem-
ium on bond third year,..... 20.00

By Cash paid W.E.Laine,1912 taxes, 6.49

Nov. 29, By Cash paid W.E.Laine,1913 taxes, 24.75

1914.

Feb. 2, By Cash paid Woodward & Elam -
Premium on bond fourth year,... 20.00

1915.

Jan. 7, By Cash paid Woodward & Elam,-
Premium on bond fifth year,... 20.00

March 24, By Cash paid W.E.Laine,-1914 taxes, 24.75

Dec. 6, By Cash paid W.E.Laine-1915 taxes, 17.10

Dec. 17, By Cash paid Woodward & Elam,-
Premium on bond sixth year,.... 20.00

1916.

Nov. 16, By Cash paid W.E.Laine,-1916 taxes, 3.60

1917.

Feb. 12, By Cash paid Woodward & Elam,-
Premium on bond seventh year,... 20.00

Nov. 24, By Cash paid W.E.Laine,1917 taxes, 4.00

Dec. 10, By Cash paid Woodward & Elam-
Premium on bond eighth year,... 20.00

1918.

Nov. 5, By Cash paid W.E.Laine,1918 taxes, 4.00

1919.

Jan. 11, By Cash paid Woodward & Elam,-Prem-
ium on bond ninth year,..... 20.00

244.69

By Interest on \$244.69 from July
1st,1915,(average date of pay-
ments)..... 51.38

\$ 296.07

\$ 2,893.28

To	Amount Forward,.....	\$ 2,893.28
By	Amount Forward,.....	\$ 296.07
By	Balance in hand due infant, Martha Elizabeth Stephenson,	2,597.21
		<u>\$ 2,893.28</u> <u>\$ 2,893.28</u>

To	Balance in hand due infant Martha Eliza- beth Stephenson,.....	\$ 2,597.21
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it is ordered, adjudged and decreed that the said Special Commissioner out of the said balance of \$2,597.21 in his hands due the infant, Martha Elizabeth Stephenson, first, deduct \$25.00 as additional compensation and out of the balance then in his hands he purchase 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Liberty Bonds of the face value of \$2,000.00 paying for the same the market price at the time of the purchase, which said bonds he shall deliver to the Trust Company of Norfolk, guardian of the said infant, and the balance of the funds still remaining in his hands he shall pay to the Trust Company of Norfolk, guardian of the said infant, the income from the said bonds and the balance of the money paid to the said guardian by the said Special Commissioner to be used by the said guardian in the maintenance, education and support of the said infant, and the said Special Commissioner shall take and present to Court the receipt of the said guardian for the said bonds and for the money paid over to it as herein directed.

And the said Special Commissioner will report to Court.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ISLE
OF WIGHT COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

H. W. STEPHENSON,

v.

LENA M. STEPHENSON ET ALS.

DECREE.

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May 22.

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~~IN VACATION~~ IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF
~~ISLE OF WIGHT ON MARCH~~ _____, 1911.

H. W. Stephenson

v.

DECREE.

Lena M. Stephenson et als.

This cause came on this day to be again heard upon the papers formerly read and upon the report of James H. Corbitt, Special Commissioner appointed by decree entered in this cause the 5th day of December, 1910 this day filed, to which report no exceptions have been taken and it was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof, and it appearing to the court from the report aforesaid that at the public sale of all that lot or parcel of land mentioned in the decree entered in this cause on the 5th day of December, 1910, conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by Ivor A. Page and wife by deed dated the 24th day of December, 1889, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Norfolk County in Deed Book 155, page 291, and also conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by C. H. Richardson and wife by deed dated the 15th day of February, 1905, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Norfolk County in Deed Book 287, page 388, the said property sold for ^{\$440.00} a fair value, the court hereby confirms the said report and said sale, and ~~the court~~ doth direct that the said Special Commissioner do execute a deed, with Special Warranty, to ~~the said~~ E. F. Truitt, the purchaser, or to whomever ~~he may direct~~, upon the receipt of \$ 440.00 —, the purchase price for said property.

And it appearing to the court that the purchaser of the property hereinabove described and the purchasers

of the property described in the decree entered herein on the 23rd day of January, 1911, either have paid cash and have received deeds, or wish to pay cash for all the property described in the two said decrees, and to receive deeds therefor, it is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the said Special Commissioner, after paying the expenses of the sales, and the fees allowed him by law as special commissioner, and after paying the costs taxed in the said suit, including the sum of \$275.⁰⁰ as a reasonable fee to J. H. Corbitt, Attorney for his services as attorney in this cause to be taxed as a part of the costs, and all dues and charges such as taxes that may be against the lands sold and the funds arising therefrom in his hands, shall commute, in accordance with the statute in such cases made and provided, the interest of the defendant, Lena M. Stephenson, in one-third of the balance of the funds in his hands, and pay the said commuted interest to the said Lena M. Stephenson, after deducting therefrom the sum of Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00) due the said Special Commissioner for real estate bought from ^{to her} him, as set forth and described in the decree entered herein on the 23rd day of January, 1911. The said Lena M. Stephenson being thirty-four (34) years of age on the 27th day of August, 1910.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that one-half of the funds still remaining in the hands of the said Special Commissioner shall be paid over by him to the ^{Corbett} defendant, H. W. Stephenson, and that the remaining one-half in the hands of the said Special Commissioner belonging to the infant, Martha Elizabeth Stephenson, the said Special Commissioner will hold subject to the further order of the court.

And the said Special Commissioner will report to court.

#93 Box 57

H. W. Stephenson
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Lena M. Stephenson et al

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW
SUFFOLK, VA.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

H. W. Stephenson,

v.

DECREE:

Lena M. Stephenson. *et al*

This cause came on again this day to be heard upon the papers formerly read and upon ^{the} report of James H. Corbitt, Special Commissioner, appointed by decree entered in this cause on the 5th day of December, 1910, this day filed, to which report no exceptions have been taken, and was argued by counsel;

On consideration whereof and it appearing to the Court from the report aforesaid that at the public sale of the property mentioned in said report the said property sold for a fair value, the Court hereby confirms the said report and said sales, and the Court doth direct that the said Special Commissioner do execute deeds with Special Warranty to the said several purchasers upon the receipt of the purchase price as follows:

1. To H. W. Stephenson a deed for all that lot or parcel of land conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by W. J. Sebrell, Trustee, by deed dated the 17th day of September, 1894, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Southampton County, Virginia, in Deed Book 43, page 331, and described in said deed by referring to the deed of trust from George W. Spivey to W. J. Sebrell, Trustee, under which the said property was sold as follows:

"All the interest of the grantors [George W. Spivey and John E. Spivey] conveyed in said deed, in and to that certain tract of land, containing 69 acres, more or less, and adjoining the Britt tract, the lands of C. M. Herring and others, same being known as the Home Tract."

upon receipt of the sum of \$1,575.00.

2. To J. W. Bowden a deed for all that lot or parcel of land conveyed to Hugh Stephenson by William J. Richardson and wife by deed dated the 2nd day of November, 1881, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Southampton County, Virginia, in D. B. 36, page 52, upon receipt of the sum of \$1,135.00.

3. To A. H. Harrison a deed for all that lot or parcel of land conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by Richard S. Boykin and wife, by deed dated the 25th day of November, 1893, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Southampton County, Virginia, in D. B. 43, page 143, upon receipt of the sum of \$670.00 and further upon Lena M. Stephenson joining in said deed signifying her consent to the making of same to the said A. H. Harrison the said Lena M. Stephenson having been the purchaser at the sale.

4. To W. P. Vick a deed for all that lot or parcel of land conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by J. Allen Stephenson and wife by deed dated the 28th day of July, 1905, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Southampton County, Virginia, in D. B. 50, page 574, upon receipt of the sum of \$510.00.

5. To H. W. Stephenson a deed for all that lot or parcel of land conveyed to L. Hugh Stephenson by Chas. B. Crumpler and wife by deed dated the 2nd day of February, 1881, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, in D. B. 45, page 550, upon receipt of the sum of \$150.00.

6. To Lena M. Stephenson a deed for all that lot or parcel of land conveyed to Lemuel Hugh Stephenson by R. F. Bell and A. E. Bell and wife by deed dated the 10th day of February, 1883, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, in D. B. 47, page 106, upon receipt of the sum of \$900.00.

7. To J. M. Darden and H. W. Stephenson a deed for all that lot or parcel of land conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by R. W. Atkins and wife, and Geo T. Atkins and wife by deed dated the 13th day of October, 1904, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, in D. B. 71, page 163, upon receipt of the sum of \$375.00.

8. To J. M. Darden and H. W. Stephenson a deed for all that lot or parcel of land conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by Robt. A. Horne by deed dated the 14th day of April, 1908, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, in D. B. 76, page 499, upon receipt of the sum of \$325.00.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the dower interest of Lena M. Stephenson in the real-estate sold and decreed to be sold be commuted in accordance with the statute in such cases made and provided, the said Lena M. Stephenson being 34 years of age on the 27th day of August, 1910, and the plaintiff, H. W. Stephenson, and the Norfolk Bank for Savings and Trusts, the guardian of Martha Elizabeth Stephenson, and H. Stuart Lewis, Guardian ad Litem, giving their consent to commuting the said dower interest;

And it is further ordered that said Special Commissioner may accept from the said Lena M. Stephenson in part payment of the property bought by her her commuted interest, or so much thereof as may be necessary, in the real-estate already sold and decreed to be sold.

And the said Special Commissioner will report to Court.

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H. W. Stephenson

v.
Lena M. Stephenson et
als _____

Decree

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We consent to the within
decree.

James H. Corbitt, Atty. for
H. W. Stephenson

Stuart Lewis guardian ad litem
for Martha Elizabeth Stephenson

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James H.
~~McLemore~~ CORBITT
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
SUFFOLK, VA.

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and John Holmes are not entitled to retain possession of the property in the bill and proceedings mentioned conveyed to L. H. Stpehenson by Robt. A. Horne by deed dated the 4th day of April, 1908, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, in Deed Book 76, page 499, for an accurate description of said land reference is hereby made to said deed, and that the said Jesse Porter and John Holmes have no interest or right whatsoever in and to the said property; and that W. H. Doles is not entitled to retain possession of the property in the bill and proceedings mentioned conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by J. Allen Stephenson and wife by deed dated the 28th day of July, 1908, and recorded in the Clerk's Office curate description of said land reference is hereby made to said deed. of Southampton County, Virginia, in Deed Book 50, page 574., for an ac

And it is further adjudged, ordered and decreed that James H. Corbitt, who is hereby appointed a Special Commissioner for the purpose do expose to sale at public auction to the highest bidder:

+ First. In the public road in front of the residence of Mrs. Davis, Southampton County, Virginia, at the west end of the bridge crossing the Blackwater River near Zuni, ^{or at Zuni} the Virginia, several tracts of land in the bill and proceedings mentioned as follows:

1. All that lot or parcel of land conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by W. J. Sebrell, Trustee, by deed dated the 17th day of September, 1894, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Southampton County, Virginia, in Deed Book 43, page 331 and described in said deed by referring to the deed of trust from George W. Spivey and John E. Spivey to W. J. Sebrell, Trustee, under which the said property was sold as follows:

"All the interest of the grantors [George W. Spivey and John E. Spivey] conveyed in said deed, in and to that certain

tract of land, containing 69 acres, more or less, and adjoining the Britt Tract, the lands of C. N. Herring and others, same being known as the Home Tract."

2. All that lot or parcel of land conveyed to Hugh Stephenson by William J. Richardson and wife by deed dated the 2nd day of November, 1881, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Southampton County, Virginia, in D. B. 36, page 52, and described in said deed as follows:

"a certain tract or parcel of land situated in the county of Southampton and State of Virginia, containing Sixty Seven (67) acres, more or less, it being a portion of the land purchased by the said Maria A. Richardson of William J. Jenkins, and bounded as follows, on the North by the land of the said Maria A. Richardson, on the South by the land of C. M. Joyner, on the East by the land of William E. Johnson, on the West by the Public Road leading from Tuckerswamp Church to Seacock Bridge, *subject to any timber rights that have heretofore been conveyed and that may now be existing*"

3. All that lot or parcel of land conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by Richard S. Boykin and wife by deed dated the 25th day of November, 1893, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Southampton County, Virginia, in D. B. 43, page 143, and described in said deed as follows:

"all that piece or parcel of land, lying in Southampton County, Va., containing 25 acres, more or less, and bounded as follows:- On the North by the lands of R. S. Boykin, on the East by the lands of R. S. Boykin and Mrs. Irvin Crumpler, on the South by the Public Road running from Tuckers Swamp to Zuni and the land of Mrs. Mohlon Horsworthy, on the West by the lands of R. S. Boykin,"

4. All that lot or parcel of land conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by J. Allen Stephenson and wife by deed dated the 28th day of July, 1905, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Southampton County, Virginia, in D. B. 50, page 574, and described in said deed as follows:

"All of that certain lot, tract or parcel of land lying situate and being in Berlin and Ivor Magisterial District, in Southampton County, Virginia, containing one hundred (100) acres, more or less, and bounded by the lands of F. H. Stephenson, Everett Raiford, the Seacock Swamp, the lands of Thomas Mayes and others. It being the same tract or parcel or land conveyed to the said J. Allen Stephenson by deed from J. M. Darden and wife, bearing date the 20th day of September, 1902, and of record in the Clerk's Office of Southampton County, Virginia, in Deed Book No. 47, at page 712," *subject to any timber rights that have heretofore been conveyed and that may now be existing*
after first advertising the time, place and terms of sale for ~~fifteen~~ *ten* days by hand bills posted ~~in two or more~~ *at ten* public places in said Southampton County, *and in such other manner as said Special Commissioner may see fit.*

Second. At Zuni, Virginia, the several tracts of land in the bill and proceedings mentioned as follows:

1. All that lot or parcel of land conveyed to L. Hugh Stephenson by Chas. B. Crumpler and wife by deed dated the 2nd day of February, 1881, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, in D. B. 45, page 550, and described in said deed as follows:

"all that lot or parcel of land situated at Zuni in the County of Isle of Wight in the State of Virginia, described as follows, Commencing at a point on the line of the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio Railroad, fifty feet from the center of the main track thereof, and fifteen feet westerly from the corner of the lot of John G. Thomas and running sixty-five feet along the line of the said railroad, thence a line at exact right angles with the line of the said Atlantic Mississippi and Ohio Railroad southerly, a distance of one hundred and fifteen feet, back towards the County Road leading from the Depot of the said Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio Railroad to Purcell Bridge, thence a line parallel with said County Road a distance of seventy five feet, thence a line at exact right angles with

the said Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio Railroad back to the line of the same, being a distance of eighty feet!

2. All that lot or parcel of land conveyed to Lemuel Hugh Stephenson by R. F. Bell and A. E. Bell and wife by deed dated the 10th day of February, 1883, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, in D. B. 47, page 106, and described in said deed as follows:

"A lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the village of Zuni, in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, and bounded and described as follows: Commencing on the line of the Norfolk & Western Railroad, three (3) feet West from the Western corner of the said Bells Ware-house thence a line at right angles from the said Railroad, back in a northerly direction one hundred and eighty-four^{feet} (184 ft.) thence a line parallel with said Railroad one hundred and fourteen feet (114 ft.) to the line of Francis Smith's estate, thence along said line to the line of the said Norfolk & Western Railroad, thence along the line of said Railroad to the point of beginning, containing nearly one half of an acre, (it being a part of the lot conveyed to the said R. F. Bell and A. E. Bell by R. M. Doles and Lizzie his wife as per deed duly recorded in Isle of Wight County Clerk's Office)."

3. All that lot or parcel of land conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by R. W. Atkins and wife, and Geo. T. Atkins and wife by deed dated the 13th day of October, 1904, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, in D. B. 71, page 163, and described in said deed as follows:

"All that certain tract of land situate in Hardy Magisterial District in the County of Isle of Wight and in the State of Virginia, containing 52 acres, more or less, and which is bounded by the lands now or late of W. W. Gray, Robert Pope place now owned by Mr. Robertson and M. R.

Holland, it being a tract of land conveyed by Geo. T. Atkins to R. W. Atkins by a deed in which the wife of the said Geo. T. Atkins did not unite."

4. All that lot or parcel of land conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by Robt. A. Horne by deed dated the 4th day of April, 1908, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Isle of Wight County, Virginia in D. B. 76, page 499, and described in said deed as follows:

"All of that certain tract, piece or parcel of land lying, being and situate in Isle of Wight County and State of Virginia containing by estimation one hundred acres (100) more or less, sold in gross and not by the acre, in Hardy Magisterial District of said County and State, and bounded as follows, on the North by the lands of S. S. Beals estate on the East by the Fletcher Pope tract on the South and West by the Tar Road and A. J. Turner. It being the same tract of land conveyed to C. J. Dennis by deed from A. B. Stott by deed duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County in Deed Book 68, Page 252."

after first advertising the time, place and terms of sale for ^{ten} ~~fifteen~~ days by hand bills posted ^{at ten} ~~in two~~ or more public places in Isle of Wight County; ^{And in such other manner as said} ~~State Commission may see fit.~~

^{In front of the Court House of}
Third. ~~On the premises in~~ Norfolk County, Virginia, the tract of land in the bill and proceedings mentioned as being:

All that lot or parcel of land conveyed to L. H. Stevenson by Ivor A. Page and wife by deed dated the 24th day of December, 1889, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Norfolk County, Virginia, in D. B. 155, page 291; and also conveyed to L. H. Stephenson by C. H. Richardson and wife by deed dated the 15th day of February, 1905, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Norfolk County, Virginia, in D. B. 287, page 389, and described in said last mentioned deed as follows:

"All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situated in Washington Magisterial District, Norfolk County,

Virginia, and known, numbered and designated as lot Number Twenty-five (25) on the Plat of the Compostella Land Co. made by J. C. Cooke, Surveyor, dated the 2nd day of April, 1888, and duly recorded in Map Book 2, Clerk's Office, Norfolk, County, Va. to which plat reference is hereby made for a more particular description of the property herein conveyed, said property being the same that was conveyed to the said C. H. Richardson by the deed of Alvah H. Martin, Clerk, bearing date the 30th day of January, 1904."

after first advertising the time, place and terms of sale for ^{ten}~~fifteen~~ days ^{advertisement} by hand bills posted in two or more public places in Norfolk County, ^{and by advertisement published for five days in some newspaper published in the City of Norfolk.}
+ And it is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the said sales shall be upon the following terms: One-third of purchase price to be paid in cash, and the residue in two equal credit instalments at ~~six and twelve~~ ^{and twelve} months from the day of sale, the purchaser giving his bond for the credit instalments, the title to the property to be retained until the full purchase money is paid and a conveyance directed by the Court, with the privilege to the purchaser or purchasers to pay the entire purchase price, in any case, in cash, and receive a conveyance therefor when directed by the Court.

And the said Commissioner is hereby empowered to have a survey made of all the said property, or any part thereof, if in his judgment it is advisable, and to make sale of same in parcels or as a whole.

And the said Commissioner is directed to report his proceedings hereunder to the Court.

But the said Commissioner shall not receive any money from the purchaser or purchasers at such sale, or under this decree, until he shall enter into bond with sufficient security in the Clerk's Office of this Court, payable to the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the penalty of \$ 7500.00, and con-

ditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties as such
Commissioner.

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H. W. Stephenson

v.

Lena M. Stephenson
et als.

Decree

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Dec. 5.
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SUFFOLK, VA.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

H. W. Stephenson

v.

Martha Elizabeth Stephenson, Lena M. Stephenson,
Henry Johnson, Jesse Porter, John Holmes and
W. H. Doles.

By consent of all parties, either in person or
by counsel, in term time entered of record, it is order-
ed, adjudged and decreed that this cause be submitted
to the Judge of this Court for such decision and de-
cree, judgment or order therein in vacation as might
be made in term.

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H. W. Stephenson
v. decree
Martha Elizabeth
Stephenson et als

We consent to the within
decree.

James H. Corbett atty for
H. W. Stephenson

J. Lewis Guardian
as Litm for Martha.
Elizabeth Stephenson -

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY.

H. W. Stephenson

v.

DECREE.

Martha Elizabeth Stephenson,
Lena M. Stephenson,
Henry Johnson,
Jesse Porter,
John Holmes,
W. H. Doles.

This cause came on this day to be heard upon the bill filed, and taken for confessed as to the adult defendants, *on whom process has been duly served,* the answer of the infant defendant by her guardian ad litem, *(an attorney at law practicing in this court, and hereby appointed as such guardian ad litem),* H. Stuart Lewis, and of the said guardian ad litem, with replication thereto, and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof, the court doth adjudge, order and decree that the papers in this cause be referred to one of the commissioners of this court who is directed to inquire and report to court:

(1) An account of the real estate of which Lemuel Hugh Stephenson died seized and possessed, together with its ~~total~~ annual and fee simple values

(2) Inquire and report the heirs and distributees at law of Lemuel Hugh Stephenson, together with their respective interests in said decedent's estate and the liens of record, if any, against their respective interests in the said decedent's estate.

(3) Whether or not there are any delinquent taxes against the real estate of said decedent.

(4) Whether or not all the parties in interest are properly before the court ~~and their respective shares and interests in the property in the bill and proceedings mentioned~~

(5) Whether or not the said several defendants, Henry Johnson, Jesse Porter and John Holmes, and W. H.

Doles, or either of them, have made and entered into any contract or contracts with the decedent for the purchase of the said several tracts of land in the bill mentioned, or any of them, of which they are respectively in possession; whether or not the said contracts, if made, have been performed on the part of the said defendants, or either of them; what rights the said defendants, or either of them, have in the said several tracts of land; and, if any contract or contracts have been made, what amounts are due thereon by each of the said defendants, and whether or not the said defendants, or either of them, are able and willing to pay what is due on the purchase prices respectively of the said several tracts and accept a deed or deeds therefor.

(6) Whether the real property in the bill mentioned can be conveniently divided in kind between the several parties entitled to share therein.

(7) If the same cannot be conveniently divided in kind, whether any party will take the entire property and pay therefor to the other parties such sums of money as their interests therein may entitle them to.

(8) And if the same cannot be conveniently divided in kind, and if no party will take the entire property and pay the others for their share, whether the interests of those entitled to the said property or its proceeds will be promoted by a sale of the entire property or by the allotment of part and sale of the residue.

(9) And any other matter deemed pertinent by the commissioner or required to be stated by any party in interests.

together with the evidence taken
All of which the said commissioner will report to court in order for further decree.

By consent of all parties in writing, either in person or by counsel, in Term time entered of record, it is

further ordered, adjudged and decreed that this cause be submitted to the Judge of this court for such decision or decree, judgment or order therein in Vacation as might be made in Term.

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H. W. Stephenson

v.

Decease

Martha Elizabeth
Stephenson et. als

Enter 1910

June 28

Enter this.

B.W.

C.O.B. No 7 - D. 34

TO THE HONORABLE B. D. WHITE, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY, VIRGINIA:

H. W. STEPHENSON,

v.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER.

LENA M. STEPHENSON, ET ALs.

The undersigned special commissioner respectfully reports that since making up and submitting his final account in this matter he has collected from the United States Fidelity and Guaranty, of Baltimore, the sum of EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$80.00) refunded on account of excess premiums paid by him on his bond as special commissioner, and that he has paid over to The Trust Company of Norfolk, the guardian of the infant defendant, Martha Elizabeth Stephenson, the said sum to be credited to her principal account for which payment he herewith submits voucher.

Nothing further remaining to be done your commissioner recommends that this cause be removed from the docket.

Respectfully,


Special Commissioner.

Sept. 27, 1919

RECEIVED September 26th, 1919, of James H. Corbitt, Special Commissioner, in the chancery cause in the Circuit Court of the County of Isle of Wight, Virginia, entitled H. W. Stephenson v. Lena M. Stephenson, et als., the sum of EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$80.00) to be credited on the principal account of the infant defendant, Martha Elizabeth Stephenson.

THE TRUST COMPANY OF NORFOLK, Guardian
of the infant Martha Elizabeth Stephenson.

By

Charles T. Stebbins
Trust Officer

H. W. STEPHENSON, P.

v. {93

LENA M. STEPHENSON, ET ALS.

REPORT
of
SPECIAL COMMISSIONER.

Filed Oct 6/1919

JAMES H. CORBITT
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW
SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY:

H. W. STEPHENSON

v.

LENA M. STEPHENSON ET ALS.

The undersigned, James H. Corbitt, Special Commissioner, reports that pursuant to a decree entered in the aforesaid cause on the 22nd day of May, 1919, he has deducted Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) from the balance in hand of Twenty-five Hundred and Ninety-seven Dollars and Twenty-one Cents (\$2597.21), leaving the sum of Twenty-five Hundred and Seventy-two Dollars and Twenty-one Cents (\$2572.21), which he has disposed of as follows:

Amount in Special Commissioner's hands, according to said decree,	\$2597.21
Additional fee allowed Special Commissioner,	<u>25.00</u>
	\$2572.21
 Paid for 4 ¹ / ₂ Liberty Bonds of the face value of \$2,000	 \$1887.20
 Paid Trust Company of Norfolk, guardian of infant defendant, Martha Elizabeth Stephenson,	 <u>685.01</u>
	\$2572.21

Your Commissioner has delivered the said bonds to the Trust Company of Norfolk, guardian of said infant defendant, along with a copy of the decree dated May 22, 1919, and submits herewith the receipt of the said Trust Company of Norfolk for said bonds and for the money paid over to it as by the said decree directed.

Respectfully


Special Commissioner.

C.W. GRANDY, VICE PRESIDENT
A.W. ROCK, TREASURER

H.M. KERR, PRESIDENT.
CHARLES WEBSTER, TRUST OFFICER

A.L. EGGLESTON, ASST TREASURER
J.B.W. TAYLOR, ASST TREASURER

TRUST COMPANY OF NORFOLK

CAPITAL ONE MILLION DOLLARS

NORFOLK, VA.

July 9th, 1919.

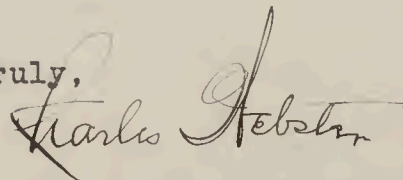
Mr. J. H. Corbett,
Attorney at Law,
Suffolk, Va.

Dear Sir:-

We hereby acknowledge receipt from you in the suit of H. W. Stephenson v. Lena M. Stephenson et al. of the sum of \$2,572.21 and report that, in accordance with the terms of the decree, we have invested in \$2,000. face value Fourth Liberty Loan $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ Bonds, making a principal investment of \$1,887.20. There was accrued interest on these bonds, amounting to \$19.60, as of July 8th, which will be charged against the interest received on these bonds when paid. There remains a balance in our hands of \$685.01 Cash Principal, which we will invest as soon as practicable.

In this connection we will be glad if you will give us the name and address of the Commissioner of Accounts for the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County. We find that this Company has not filed reports in this trust and we will do so promptly upon receipt of the Commissioner's name.

Yours very truly,



Trust Officer.

VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY.

H. W. STEPHENSON

v. 193

LENA M. STEPHENSON ET AL.

Report of Commissioner.

1919
Aug 16
Filed JWW

JAMES H. CORBITT
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW
SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA

RECEIVED, April 21st, 1911, of James H. Corbitt,
Special Commissioner in the Chancery Cause of H. W. Stephenson
v. Lena M. Stephenson et als. in the Circuit Court of Isle of
Wight County, the sum of Four Hundred and Seventy-Nine 67/100
Dollars, (\$479.67), in full settlement of the balance in his
hands of my commuted dower interest, amounting to \$1379.67,
arising from the sales of real-estate made by him, and direct-
ed to be paid me by the decree of Court entered on the 3rd
day of April, 1911, after first deducting the sum of Nine
Hundred Dollars, (\$900.00), due the said Special Commission-
er from the said \$1379.67 for property conveyed to me by
him.

Lena M. Stephenson

Witness:

A. E. Reel

CLERK'S OFFICE
OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY,
ISLE OF WIGHT, VA.
ALBERT S. JOHNSON, CLERK.

March 10th. 1911.

Mr. James E. Corbitt,
Suffolk, Va.

Dear Mr. Corbitt:

~~xxx~~ I beg to acknowledge receipt of your esteemed
favor of the 4th. inst. enclosing to me check for \$25.00 as com-
missioner's fee in the Stephenson suit and to thank you for the same.

Yours very truly,

Clerk.

RECEIVED of James H. Corbitt, Special Commissioner, in the Chancery cause of H. W. Stephenson v. Lena M. Stephenson, et als., in the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, the sum of \$41.29 in payment of the following items of costs taxed in the said suit:

Writ tax,.....\$1.50
Clerk, Isle of Wight County,13.49
Clerk, Southampton County,.. 7.50
Mrs. Fannie Kyle, Stenographer,..... 5.00

Witnesses:

C. N. Herrin,\$4.60
R.A.Horne,... 4.60
J.M.Darden,...4.60 13.80
\$41.29

Clerk.

JAMES H. CORBITT
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW
SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA

July 21, 1919.

Mr. A. S. Johnson, Clerk,
Isle of Wight, Va.

Dear Mr. Johnson:-

H. W. STEPHENSON v. LENA M. STEPHENSON
ET ALS.

Please be kind enough to look at the report filed by me in this matter some time ago and make for me certified copies of the receipts for the following payments:

To Lena M. Stephenson,...\$ 479.67

To H. W. Stephenson,.....\$ 2,051.41

I hope you will let me have these certified copies immediately.

Very truly,

James H. Corbett

IRON SAFES
+
TYPEWRITERS
+
CASH REGISTERS
+
ADVERTISING
+
NOVELTIES
+
FILING DEVICES
+
ETC., ETC.

— OFFICE OF —
Suffolk Printing and Stationery Co., Inc.

PRINTERS

STATIONERS AND GENERAL OFFICE OUTFITTERS

606 MAIN STREET + BOTH PHONES

SUFFOLK, VA., 12/10/10

SOLD TO J. H. Corbitt, City.

125 Bills, 50 on Cards --H. W. Stephenson et als. \$5.75

Handwritten signature:
J. H. Corbitt

SMITHFIELD, VA.

3/20 1911

Mr

James A. Aubert

Supfolk

IN ACCOUNT WITH

R. AUGUSTUS EDWARDS
SHERIFF OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY
SPECIAL ATTENTION PAID TO COLLECTING ACCOUNTS

To Services in Auctioneering
land of Stephenson & Co 1000
By Cash

50

Be

9 50

Recd Payment
Mar 6th 1911
R. Aug Edwards
Shff.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

SUFFOLK, VA., *4/11* 1911

M. *John C. ...*

In account with

Suffolk Printing and Stationery Co.
INCORPORATED

PRINTERS + STATIONERS + AND

GENERAL OFFICE OUTFITTERS

BOTH PHONES

606 MAIN STREET

ALL BILLS DUE FIRST OF THE MONTH

Wm. B. ... New ... 1.50
Other 10

Paid
4/11/11
By Cash
[Signature]

Portsmouth, Va.,

191

M R. James H. Corbitt, Special Commissioner,

INSURANCE
OF ALL KINDS

B O N D S

To **F. T. BRIGGS, Dr.**

332 HIGH STREET

SO. BELL PHONE 2521

REAL ESTATE
AUCTIONEER
NOTARY PUBLIC

DATE	POLICY No.	COMPANY	PROPERTY	AMOUNT	PREMIUM
March 18/11	Auction Sale		Stephenson	\$440.	\$8.80
	Advertisement Norfolk Landmark				16.45
					<u>\$25.25</u>

Paid 10/14/11
F. T. Briggs
Please receipt returned.
Thanks,
W. V. Lee

Premiums are cash and payable on or before 20th day of the month following date of issue of policy, certificate or renewal receipt. If not paid then this insurance is void. See policy.

Mr. *as. N. Corbitt & C. Stephens v. Dr. Stephen* WINDSOR DISTRICT
 To W. E. LAINE, Treasurer of Isle of Wight County, Va. No. *266*

1918	State Taxes	County Levies	District Levies	TOTAL TAXES AND LEVIES
	18c on \$100. Support of Public Schools, Roads and Tuberculosis; Intangibles, 73c and 78c Income. 1%	Gen'l Co 35 c. on \$100 Co. Schools 15 c. on \$100 Poor - - 73c. on \$100 Co. Roads 5 c. on \$100 TOTAL, 62½c.	Dis. Schools 40c. on \$100 Dis. Roads 30c. on \$100 TOTAL 70c. Intang. for Dist. Roads 30c	
Acres, valued.....				
Acres, valued.....				
Acres, valued.....				
Acres, valued.....				
Per. Prop.—Sched. B, val. Classes 1, Int. Per. Prop.—5 and 2				
Int. Per. Prop.—Fiduciaries Classes 3 and 4				
Stock Merchandise, val.....				
Money on Dep., 20c. on \$100 <i>2000</i>	<i>400</i>			
Income, Sched. D, 1%				
Total valuation -				
Capitation -				
TOTAL - - -				<i>1 50</i> <i>400</i>

5% Penalty added Dec. 1, 1918 - - - - -

TOTAL TAXES AND PENALTY - - - - -

Received payment.....day of....., 191.....

EVERETT WADDEY CO. RICHMOND, VA.

Treasurer, per.....

R. J. WOODWARD
J. G. ELAM

SUFFOLK, VA.,

Sept 29 1911

Mrs. H. Corbett, Lpe Comr, H. W. Stephenson Vs
Lena M Stephenson et als

To WOODWARD & ELAM, Dr.

Life, Fire, Accident,
Steam Boiler,
Employers' Liability,
Fidelity, Health.

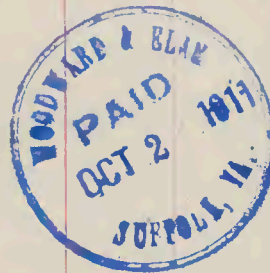


Insurance



OFFICE, -- No. 526 MAIN STREET.

Date	Policy No.	Company	Property Insured	Term	Amount	Premium
1910 Dec 7	450200-11	US F & G Co	Boat	1 yr	7500	3000



Please receipt to return
J. St. C.

Mr. *J. H. Carbett*
1911

HARDY DISTRICT

No. *239*

To B. L. ROBERTS, Treasurer of Isle of Wight County, Va.

No. -----	STATE TAXES.				County Levy	General County School Tax	Poor Tax	General County Road Tax	District School Tax	District Road Tax	TOTAL TAX
	State Tax Support Gov. 20c on \$100 R. E. and P. P. Schedule B.	State Tax Support Gov. 25c on \$100 P. P. Sched C	State School Tax 10c on \$100 R. E. & P. P. Sched. B. & C	State Tax for Pensions 5c. on \$100 R. E. & P. P. Schedule B							
To ----- acres, value \$					27 1-2c on \$100	12 1-2c on \$100	7 1-2c on \$100	2 1-2 on \$100	20c. on \$100	10c. on \$100	
To ----- acres, value \$											
To ----- acres, value \$											
To ----- acres, value \$											
Personal property, sched. B. val. \$											
Personal property, sched. C. val. \$ <i>5-10</i>		<i>27</i>	<i>51</i>		<i>27</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>102</i>	<i>51</i>	
Value, - - - \$											
Income, 1 per cent. -----											
Capitation ----- <i>1.50</i>											
Total -----											<i>1 50</i>
5 per cent. penalty added Dec. 1, 1911 -----											<i>30</i>
Total -----											<i>6 28</i>

Received payment ----- day of ----- 191 ----- Treasurer. Per -----

Received April 15th, 1911, of James H. Corbitt,
Special Commissioner in the chancery suit of H. W.
Stephenson v. Lena M. Stephenson et als. in the Cir-
cuit Court of Isle of Wight County, the sum of Two
Thousand Thirty-one and 42/100 Dollars (\$2031.42) in
full settlement of the amount in his hands due me from
the sales of real estate made by him and directed to be
paid me by decree of the court entered on the 3rd day of
April, 1911.

H. W. Stephenson

WOODWARD & ELAM,
INSURANCE

Stephenson vs Stephenson
Suffolk, Va.,

Jan'y 10th, 1902

Received of

James H Corbett sp Comr

Twenty

no 100 — Dollars

2nd year prem on bond sp Comr, Stephenson vs Stephenson

Woodward & Elam,

Per *W. G. Elam.*

\$ *20⁰⁰*

WOODWARD & ELAM

INSURANCE OF ALL KINDS

Suffolk, Va., July 15 1913

Received of Jas. H. Corbett, Spel Cmn

Twenty & 07/100

Dollars

premium on bond as Special City. Stephenson RJ -
Stephenson & Co

Woodward & Elam

Per W

\$20⁰⁰

Mr. *J. H. Corbett Spec. Comm. Stephenson* *Dr. Stephenson*

1912

HARDY DISTRICT

To W. E. LAINE, Treasurer of Isle of Wight County, Va.

No. *153*

No. _____	STATE TAXES					COUNTY LEVIES				DISTRICT LEVIES		TOTAL TAX
	State Tax Support Gov. 20c. on \$100 R. E. and P. P. Schedule B.	State Tax Support Gov. 25c. on \$100 P. P. Sched. C	State School Tax 10c. on \$100 R. E. & P. P. Sched. B. & C.	State Tax for Pensions 5c on \$100 R. E. & P. P. Schedule B	Income 1 percent.	County Levy 27 1-2c. on \$100	General County School Tax 15c. on \$100	Poor Tax 7 1-2c. on \$100	General County Road Tax 2 1-2. on \$100	District School Tax 30c on \$100	District Road Tax 10c. on \$100	
To _____ acres, value \$												
To _____ acres, value \$												
To _____ acres, value \$												
To _____ acres, value \$												
Personal property, sched. B, val. \$												
Stock Merchandise, val. \$												
Personal property, sched. C, val. \$ <i>510</i>		<i>127</i>	<i>51</i>			<i>140</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>153</i>	<i>51</i>	
Income, 1 per cent. \$												
Total \$												
Capitation												
Total												<i>150</i>
5 per cent. penalty added Dec. 1, 1912												<i>649</i>
Total												<i>33</i>
												<i>881</i>

Received payment _____ day of _____ 191

Treasurer, Per _____

Mr. *J. N. Carbutt Spec. Comm. Stephenson To Stephenson Dr.*
To W. E. LAINE, Treasurer of Isle of Wight County, Va.

HARDY DISTRICT

No. **217**

Form 1

1913

State Taxes

35c. on \$100. Support
Government, Schools
and Pensions and In-
come, 1%

County Levies

Gen'l Co. 25 c. on \$100
Co. Schools 15 c. on \$100
Poor 7 1/2 c. on \$100
Co. Roads 5 c. on \$100
Total 52 1/2 c.

District Levies

Dis. Schools 30c. on \$100
Dis. Roads 20c. on \$100

Total 50c.

TOTAL TAXES
AND LEVIES

Acres, valued

Acres, valued

Acres, valued

Acres, valued

Per. Prop., Sched. B, val.

Per. Prop., Sched. C, val. *1800*

Stock Merchandise, val.

Income, Sched. D, 1%

Total valuation

Capitation

Total

5% Penalty added Dec. 1, 1913

Total Taxes and Penalty

W. E. LAINE, Treas.



PER

180

2175

Received payment day of

191

EVERETT WADDEY CO RICHMOND, VA

Treasurer, per

\$20⁰⁰

Suffolk Va Feb 2 - 1914

Received from Mr J H Corbett, Spl Commr
Twenty ^{no 100} Dollars.

4th year from on bond Stephenson vs Stephenson

Woodward & Glan.

\$20⁰⁰

July 7th 1915

Received from James H. Corby

Twenty & 00/100 ——— Dollars.

James H. Corby

James H. Corby

Mr. *J. A. Corbitt Sec. Comm. Stephenson & Stephenson* Dr. **HARDY DISTRICT**
To W. E. LAINE, Treasurer of Isle of Wight County, Va. No. **219**

Form 1

1914

State Taxes	County Levies	District Levies	TOTAL TAXES AND LEVIES
35c. on \$100. Support Government, Schools and Pensions and Income, 1%	Gen'l Co. 25 c. on \$100 Co. Schools 15 c. on \$100 Poor 7 1/2 c. on \$100 Co. Roads 5 c. on \$100 Total 52 1/2 c.	Dis. Schools 30c. on \$100 Dis. Roads 20c. on \$100 Total 50c.	
Acres, valued.....			
Acres, valued.....			
Acres, valued.....			
Acres, valued.....			
Per. Prop., Sched. B, val.....			
Per. Prop., Sched. C, val. <i>1800</i>			
Stock Merchandise, val.....			
Money on Deposit, 20c. on \$100.....			
Income, Sched. D, 1%.....			
Total valuation.....			
Capitation.....			
Total.....			
5% Penalty added Dec. 1, 1914.....			
Total Taxes and Penalty.....			

W. E. LAINE
630
900
MAR 25 1915

180
2475
124
2599

Received payment..... day of..... 191..... Treasurer, per.....

EVERETT WADDEY CO. RICHMOND, VA.

Mr. Leah Pitt James H. S. L. - Stephenson vs. Stephenson **HARDY DISTRICT**
To W. E. LAINE, Treasurer of Isle of Wight County, Va. No. **222**

	State Taxes	County Levies	District Levies	TOTAL TAXES AND LEVIES
1915	10c. on \$100, Support of Public Schools Intangibles, 65c. Income, 1%	Gen'l Co. 35 c. on \$100 Co. Schools 15 c. on \$100 Poor - - 7½c. on \$100 Co. Roads 5 c. on \$100 TOTAL 62½c.	Dis. Schools 35c. on \$100 Dis. Roads 30c. on \$100 TOTAL 65c. <i>Intang. for Dis. Roads, 30c.</i>	
Acres, valued				
Acres, valued				
Acres, valued				
Acres, valued				
Per. Prop.—Sched. B., val.				
Int. Per. Prop.—Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, & 7				
Int. Per. Prop.—Fiduciaries, Class 5				
Stock Merchandise, val.				
Money on Dep., 20c. on \$100				
Income—Sched. D, 1%				
Total valuation -				
Capitation -				
TOTAL - - - - -				17 10
5% Penalty added Dec. 1, 1915 - - - - -				
TOTAL TAXES AND PENALTY - - - - -				

Received payment.....day of....., 191.....
 EVERETT WADDEY CO. RICHMOND, VA. Treasurer, per.....

WOODWARD & ELAM
INSURANCE OF ALL KINDS

Stephenson, Stephenson

Suffolk, Va., Dec 17th, 1915

Received of Mr J H Corbett, Spc Comr.

Twenty

no/100

Dollars

Pen on bond to Dec 7th - 1916 -

\$20⁰⁰

Woodward & Elam

Per

W J Elam

Mr. *Jas. H. Corbitt S.C. Stephenson To Stephenson* **HARDY DISTRICT**
 To W. E. LAINE, Treasurer of Isle of Wight County, Va. No. *222*

1916	State Taxes	County Levies	District Levies	TOTAL TAXES AND LEVIES
	10c on \$100. Support of Public Schools Intangibles, 65c and 70c Income, 1%	Gen'l Co 35 c. on \$100 Co. Schools 15 c. on \$100 Poor - 7 1/2 c. on \$100 Co. Roads 5 c. on \$100 TOTAL 62 1/2 c	Dis. School 35c. on \$100 Dis. Roads 30c on \$100 TOTAL 65c. Intang. for Dist. Roads, 30c.	
Acres, valued				
Acres, valued				
Acres, valued				
Acres, valued				
Per. Prop.—Sched. B., val.				
Int. Per. Prop.—Classes 1, 5 and 2 -				
Int. Per. Prop.—Fiduciaries Classes 3 and 4				
Stock Merchandise, val.				
Money on Dep., 20c. on \$100. <i>1800</i>	<i>360</i>			
Income, Sched. D, 1%				
Total valuation -				
Capitation -				
TOTAL - - - - -				<i>1 50</i> <i>360</i>

5% Penalty added Dec. 1, 1916 - - - - -

TOTAL TAXES AND PENALTY - - - - -

Received payment _____ day of _____, 191____ Treasurer, per _____

WOODWARD & ELAM
INSURANCE OF ALL KINDS

Suffolk, Va., July 13 1917

Received of Mr. H. Cortright, Spel Cn

Twenty & 00/100

Dollars

Paid on bond on Spel Cnry. Spelman & Spelman

Woodward & Elam

Per W

\$ 20⁰⁰

Mr. *James A. Corbett & Co. Dr.* WINDSOR DISTRICT
 To W. E. LAINE, Treasurer of Isle of Wight County, Va. No. *255*

1917	State Taxes	County Levies	District Levies	TOTAL TAXES AND LEVIES
	10c on \$100. Support of Public Schools	Gen'l Co. 35 c. on \$100 Co. Schools 15 c. on \$100 Poor - 7 1/2 c. on \$100 Co. Roads 5 c. on \$100	Dis. Schools 35c. on \$100 Dis. Roads 30c. on \$100 TOTAL 65c.	
	Intangibles, 65c and 70c Income, 1%	TOTAL, 62 1/2 c.	Intang. for Dist. Roads, 30c	
Acres, valued.....				
Acres, valued.....				
Acres, valued.....				
Acres, valued.....				
Per. Prop.—Sched. B., val.				
Int. Per. Prop.—Classes 1, 5 and 2				
Int. Per. Prop.—Fiduciaries Classes 3 and 4 <i>2000</i>				
Stock Merchandise, val.				
Money on Dep., 20c. on \$100				
Income, Sched. D, 1%				
Total valuation -				
Capitation -				
TOTAL -				<i>400</i>

5% Penalty added Dec. 1, 1917 - - - - -
 TOTAL TAXES AND PENALTY - - - - -

Received payment.....day of....., 191.....
 EVERETT WADDEY CO. RICHMOND, VA. Treasurer, per.....

NOT TO BE DETACHED UNTIL PREMIUM IS PAID.

Mr. Jas H Corbett, Spl Comr. *Suffolk VA Dec 10 1897*
Stephenson vs Stephenson -
TO UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY, Dr.

To current year premium on *Spl Comr* Bond No. *450200-11*

For the renewal of which continuation certificate has been issued.

2000

Paid Woolbert & Co

WOODWARD & ELAM,
INSURANCE

Suffolk, Va., June 11th —

1909

Received of J. H. Corbit, Spl Comm -

Twenty & 00/100 —

Dollars

Amount on bond of a Spl Comm. Stephen W. Stephenson

Woodward & Elam,

\$20⁰⁰ —

Thanks —

Per — W

TO THE HONORABLE B. D. WHITE, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ISLE OF WIGHT, COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

H. W. STEPHENSON,

v.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER.

LENA M. STEPHENSON, ET ALS.

The undersigned Special Commissioner appointed by decree in the above entitled cause in the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County entered on the 5th day of December, 1910, begs leave to report further that in accordance with the decrees entered in this cause on the 23rd day of January, 1911, and on the 3rd day of April, 1911, the said Special Commissioner executed deeds with Special Warranty to the several purchasers mentioned in said decrees and received cash from all of the said purchasers except Lena M. Stephenson, settlement having been made with her by deducting the sum of \$900.00 due by her from her commuted interest in one-third of the balance of the funds in the hands of the Commissioner after deducting the costs and other expenses directed by the decree last aforesaid to be paid.

The said Commissioner begs to report that he made payments and disbursements in accordance with the statement rendered below and herewith tenders his vouchers showing said payments, and that after making said payments he then had in hand belonging to the infant, Martha Elizabeth Stephenson, the sum of \$2031.42, which he has been holding subject to the order of the court. The statement above referred to is as follows:

To cash received from	W. P. Vick for land purchased-	\$	510.00
" "	" J. M. Bowden "	"	1,135.00
" "	" A. H. Harrison "	"	670.00
" "	" H. W. Stephenson "	"	1,575.00
" "	" "	"	150.00
" "	" and J. M. Darden, "	"	375.00
" "	" H. W. Stephenson "	"	
" "	" and J. M. Darden, "	"	325.00
" "	" E. F. Truitt, "	"	440.00
			<u>\$5,180.00</u>

To Amount forward,-----		\$5,180.00
By Cash paid to Suffolk Printing & Stationery Co. for handbills advertising sale of property in Southampton and Isle of Wight Counties,.....	\$	5.75
By Cash to R. A. Edwards, Auctioneer at sale of property in Southampton and Isle of Wight Counties,.....		10.00
By Cash paid Suffolk Printing & Stationery Co., for handbills advertising sale of property in Norfolk County,.....		1.50
By Cash paid F. T. Briggs as follows: Advertising sale of Norfolk County property in Norfolk Landmark, \$16.45 His fee as auctioneer,.....		25.25
By Court costs in suit as follows:		
Writ tax,.....	\$1.50	
Clerk, Isle of Wight Co.,	13.49	
Clerk, Southampton Co.,	7.50	
James H. Corbitt, Attorney,.....	290.00	
A. J. Branch, Deputy Sheriff,.....	.50	
W. A. Edwards, Sheriff,...	1.50	
A. S. Johnson, Commissioner in Chancery,.....	25.00	
Mrs. Fannie Kyle, Stenographer,.....	5.00	
WITNESSES:		
C. N. Herrin, ..	\$ 4.60	
R. A. Horne, ..	4.60	
J. M. Darden, ..	4.60	13.80
		358.29
By Cash paid for seven deeds to purchasers,.....		70.00
By Cash paid first premium on bond of Special Commissioner,.....		30.00
By Commissions to Special Commissioner on above \$5,180.00 and on land sold to Lena M. Stephenson for \$900.00, making total of \$6,080.00,		130.60
By Cash reserved to pay taxes on \$510.00 in the hands of Special Commissioner to February 1, 1911, received from W. P. Vick,		6.12
By Balance in hands of Special Commissioner,.....		4,542.49
	\$5,180.00	\$5,180.00

To Balance in hand of Special Commissioner,..... \$4,542.49

By Amount paid Lena M. Stephenson,
widow, as follows:

Amount due her for her commuted
life estate in 1/3 of above
\$4,542.49 and in 1/3 of the
purchase price of property
bought by her for \$900.00, or
in 1/3 of a total of \$5,442.49, \$1,379.67
Less Amount due by her for prop-
erty purchased,..... 900.00 \$ 479.67

By Balance in hand,..... 4062.82

\$4542.49 \$4,542.49

To Balance in hand,..... \$4,062.82

By Cash to H. W. Stephenson, his one-
half interest in balance of
\$4,062.82,..... \$2,031.41

By Balance in hand for one-half
interest of infant, Martha
Elizabeth Stephenson,..... 2,031.41

\$4,062.82 \$4,062.82

To Balance in hand for one-half interest
of infant, Martha Elizabeth
Stephenson,..... \$2,031.41

To Amount reserved to pay taxes on \$510.00 in the
hands of Special Commissioner,..... 6.12
\$2,037.53

To Interest on \$2,037.53 from Oct. 15, 1911, to
Oct. 15, 1918,..... 855.75

1912.

Jan. 10,

By Cash paid Woodward & Elam- Premium on
bond second year,..... \$ 20.00

1913.

Feb. 15,

By Cash paid Woodward & Elam -
Premium on bond third year, .. 20.00

By Cash paid W. E. Laine, 1912
taxes,..... 6.49

Nov. 29,

By Cash paid W. E. Laine, 1913
taxes,..... 24.75

1914.

Feb. 2,

By Cash paid Woodward & Elam -
Premium on bond fourth year, .. 20.00

1915.

Jan. 7,

By Cash paid Woodward & Elam-
Premium on bond fifth year, .. 20.00
\$111.24

\$ 2,893.28

To	Amount Forward,.....	\$2,893.28	
By	Amount forward,.....	\$111.24	
<u>1915.</u>			
March 24, By	Cash paid W.E. Laine, 1914 taxes,.....	24.75	
Dec. 6, By	Cash paid W.E. Laine, -1915 taxes,.....	17.10	
Dec. 17, By	Cash paid Woodward & Elam, - Premium on bond sixth year,....	20.00	
<u>1916.</u>			
Nov. 16, By	Cash paid W.E. Laine, -1916 taxes,.....	3.60	
<u>1917.</u>			
Feb. 12, By	Cash paid Woodward & Elam, - Premium on bond seventh year,..	20.00	
Nov. 24, By	Cash paid W. E. Laine, 1917 taxes,.....	4.00	
Dec. 10, By	Cash paid Woodward & Elam, - Premium on bond eighth year,....	20.00	
<u>1918.</u>			
Nov. 5, By	Cash paid W. E. Laine, 1918 taxes,.....	4.00	
<u>1919.</u>			
Jan. 11, By	Cash paid Woodward & Elam, - Premium on bond ninth year,....	20.00	
		<u>\$244.69</u>	
By	Interest on \$244.69 from July 1st, 1915, (average date of payments),.....	51.38	
By	Balance in hand due infant, Martha Elizabeth Stephenson,...	2,597.21	
		<u>\$2,893.28</u>	<u>\$2,893.28</u>

To	Balance in hand due infant, Martha Elizabeth Stephenson,.....	\$2,597.21
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Respectfully Submitted,
 James H. Corlett
 Special Commissioner

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H. W. STEPHENSON,

v.

LENA M. STEPHENSON ET ALS.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMIS-
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