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Nansemond Co. (Suffolk) Chancery Causes: Robert A. Edwards, gdn etc vs Nannie L. Riddick et al

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Hon. R. H. Rawles,
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Vouchers.

Judge R. H. Rawles
City.

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May 19 1897

Received of R H Rawls

One & 45/100 — DOLLARS

for copies in case of Edwards Guardian

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R A Edwards &c

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To R. R. SMITH, Clerk of Nansemond County Court, Dr.

Tax and Recording Fee of R A Edwards ..... $ } $5.50

Vs W D A Riddick &c

Oct 27th 97 Paid A P Gorney DC *Clerk.*

R A Edwards Gdr

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To A. P. GOMER, Clerk Circuit Court of Nansemond County, Dr.

Tax and Clerk Fees in suit of R A Edwards &c } $9.57
vs Nannie L Riddick &c

Oct 27/97 Paid A. P. Gomer, Clerk.

Recd of R H Rawls one 57/100
dollars in full payment of my fee
as Commr in case of Edwards Sheridan
v Nannie L. Riddick et alys.
Nov 10 1897 John J. S. Branch

Received of R. H. Rawles, Special Commissioner in the cause of George Williams vs. Hannah Copeland and others, $.

in full of my fee in said cause.

November, I5th. I897.

Everetts Bridge Tract	$700.
Mill Pond Tract (134½A)	450.
One half of (24½A) Lot	65-
	$1215-

Hickory Landing	$600.
Goodman Tract (103⅛A)	300.
one Lot (23⅜A)	250.
one half of (24½A) Lot	65.
	$1215.-

R A Edwards Guardian
Vs In Chancery
R A Edwards & others

Clerk			$ 8.47
Writ Tax			1.50
Sheriff			50
W F Young for Copies		paid	1.45
John P Cowling Surveyor		"	9.75
Chain Bearers		"	1.60
3 Commissioners at 1.50 Ea			4.50
Clerk Nansemond County Court			3.75
" Isle of Wight " "			1.25
for Recording Report			1.25
Attorney		Paid	15.00
			$ 49.02

A G Gomey Clerk

Edwards
vs
Riddick &c

R. H. Rawles. Merritt Briggs.

Rawles & Briggs,

Attorneys at Law and Notaries Public.

Suffolk, Va., Aug 16 1897

B. A. Riddick Dr to

My fees	$40, $15 - $145 -	$8000
	to log cost after cost	56.45
Clerk	8.47	
W. Long	1.50	
Sheff	.50	
Commrs	4.50	
Clerk	3.75	
	1.25	
	1.25	
	$21.22	21.22
		77.67
		2.33
Rec'd in my check for		$80.00

over

County Clerk Fees $49.02
50.
99.02
each to Jay $49.51

Nannie L. Riddick for her part and Gracie Gay for her also

She owes Gracie Gay $65.00
Gracie Gay owes her 49.57
But she and Gay together $15.49
on the $65 allowed
by the Commissioners.

N. F. Young Copies	1.45
John D. Cowling, Surveyor,	9.75
Chain Bearers	1.60
3 Commissioners @ $1.50	4.50
Clerk Nansemond County Court	3.75
" Isle of Wight " "	1.25
for recording report	1.25

Questions for Men Who Were Prevented from Voting.

..... a witness of lawful age,

introduced by contestant, being first duly sworn and cautioned, testified as follows:

1st Question. State your name, age, residence and occupation.

Answer .....

.....

.....

2d Question. State whether you were a registered voter at .....

Precinct, in ..... County or City, November 3d, 1896.

Answer .....

.....

3d Question. Did you vote for Congressman from the Second Congressional District of Virginia at the election held in said District November 3d, 1896?

Answer .....

Recd of R H Rawls fifty cents in full for sheriff fee in case of
R. A. Edwards Guardian of
Gracie Ray vs B. A. & Mamie
L. Ridchick
00 50/11 Oct 29. 97

A. C. Gates
Sheriff

Suffolk Va
July 23rd
1897

Recd of Mr Bally Riddick
Nine Dollars and seventy
five cents ($9.75/100)
payment in full for
Surveying & Map and
Assisting Commissioners
in Dividing Lands of
G M Gays Estate

John P. Bowling

Chain Bearer 1.60
Commy 4.50

CLERK'S OFFICE
ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

N. F. YOUNG, CLERK.

ISLE OF WIGHT C. H., VA. Oct 28th 1897

Judge R. A. Rawles
Suffolk Va

Dear Sir

Yours enclosing report in suit of Edwards gdn vs. Riddick together with your check to pay for same to hand ($1.25)
I will send you the report as soon as spread upon the book.

Yours &c
N. F. Young

I think the check is a good voucher but if you wish a better one let me know.

Yours
N. F. Y.

$1.50 Recd of R. H Rawls attorney one & 50/100 dollars in full for my services as Commissioner in the Case of R. A. Edwards Guardian of B. A. Riddick & Nannie L. Riddick, Nov. 1st 1897.

H. H. Williams

Recd of R. H. Rawles attorney one & 50/100
dollar for service as Commr in the
Case of R. A. Edwards Guardian of Gracie
Gay vs B. A. Riddick & Nobumi L.
Riddick. Nov. 2 1897.

$1.50

Jay I Saunders

B. A. Riddick :-
Nannie L. Riddick = Gay 19 ;
Gracie Gay = 11 years

George M. Gay = deed 1894
= =
Mattie Gay = W. B. Wills wife. =
=
=
=
$60 =
=10 = R. H. Edwards Sheriff & Guardian.

Dower laid off = Wont only remainder sold.

Gardner,
Joe Darden ;
Jesse Whitley
John Cypress.
} Dower recorded

No 6 = 181
11 - 199
20 - 31
24 -
651
652

Griffin = Hickory Lending. Thos. W. Sitterson. 1897 years 20

Evitts = Emily J. Phillips died intestate ;
7 years Rosa Mc Intyre ; & Claudia Outland.

9 - 61
6 - 387

91 3/4 acres D. W. Dick W. Willey
J. M. Banks
Richard Rees

Little Seed #6 - Page 181
Orchard " #11 - 199
Outland " #25 - 691

26 Grass =
5-17

To R. P. Gomer, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County :—

R. A. Edwards Guardian
Gracie Gay; and
Effacie Gay by w.b.s. Wife, her next friend
Vs
Nannie L. Riddick
B. A. Riddick
} In Chancery.

Issue summons for Plaintiff against defendants ~~to answer~~ to First June Rules 1897 to answer a Bill in Chancery,
R. H. Rawles p.q.

The defendant Nannie L. Riddick is an infant.
B. A. Riddick her husband lives on Franklin Street in Suffolk Va.

Fee $1.50

Rawles pg

Edwards Gdn

V. Memorandum

Riddick &c

CHANCERY SUMMONS.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY—GREETING:

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and have then and there this summons.

Witness, A. P. GOMER, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this 27th day of May, 1897, in the 121st year of the Commonwealth.

A copy—Teste:
A P Gomer, CLERK.

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A P Gomer, CLERK.

R N Rawles p. q.

A Copy for
Nannie L Riddick Deft.

vs. } In Chancery.

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R A Edwards Gdn
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Nannie L Riddick
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Executed this 28th day of May 1897 By
delivering a true Copy
in person,

R E Scarborough D.C.
For Wm Baker Sh'ff

R. A. Edwards Guardian of
Gracie Gay

vs.

Nannie L Riddick &
B. A Riddick .

On Motion of the Complainants
S. E. Everett a Complaint, and
discreet atty at Law practicing in this court is hereby
appointed guardian ad litem
for the infant defendant
Nannie L. Riddick and he
is hereby required to defend
her interest in the said
suit. Given under my
hand this 21st day of
June 1897.

A. P. Stoney Clerk
Circuit Court

S E Everett
appt Ass dr ad Litem

Virginia

In the Clerks office of Nansemond Circuit Court on Tuesday the 6th day of July 1897. the following decree pronounced this day has been by the Hon Robert. R. Prentis ordered to be entered of record.

R. A Edwards Guardian of Gracie Gay and Gracie Gay who sues by W B Wills her next friend } Complainants

Against In Chancery

Nannie L. Riddick Infl and B A Riddick } Defendants.

This cause came on this day to be heard on the bill of the complainants and the exhibits filed, the answer of Nannie L. Riddick an infant over the age of fourteen years in her own proper person the answer of Nannie L. Riddick an infant by S. E Everett her guardian ad litem and the added defendant B. A Riddick on whom process appear to have been duly served failing to plead answer or demur the said Bill is taken as confessed as to him and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof it appear.

ing that notice has been duly given on all the defendant that this decree would be asked for by the Complainants on this day at this place, the Court doth order, adjudge and decree that E. J Matthews, Sydney J Ellis Hugh H. Williams John J. S. Branch and Tazwell J Saunders who are hereby appointed Commissioners for that purpose any three of whom may act after having been duly sworn shall go upon the land of which Geo M Gay died seized and possessed (other than that assigned as the widows dower with which dower land they shall not interfere) and lay off and divide the same by metes and bounds into two equal parts or shares having due regard to quality as well as quantity so that each of the said shares may be worth as the other: and one of the said shares they shall assign to the said Grace Gay as hers in fee simple and the other share they shall assign to

said Nannie L Riddick as her share in fee simple: And if they deem it necessary or best the said Commissioners are hereby empowered to employ a competent surveyor to assist them in laying off and dividing the said land: and they are required to make report to Court of their transaction under this decree showing how they have divided the said land and giving the metes and bounds of each tract. But if they said Commissioners be of opinion that the said land cannot be divided without a sacrifice of interest they shall report that fact to this Court, and this cause is continued

To the Hon. Robert R. Prentis, Judge of the circuit Court of Nansemond County ;

We the undersigned, being three of the commissioners appointed by a decree of your honorable court on the 6th day of July 1897 in the chancery cause of R. A. Edwards guardian of Gracie Gay vs. Nannie L Riddick et als to lay off and divide the lands of which George M. Gay died seized and possessed (not including the dower land) and to assign one part thereof to Gracie Gay, and the other part to Nannie L. Riddick, respectfully beg leave to submit the following report of our transactions. In obedience to the said decree and after having been duly sworn we went on the said lands mentioned in the bill on the day of July 1897 accompanied by John P. Cowling a competent surveyor (we deeming his services absolutely necessary to the proper discharge of our duties) and set apart ~~and~~ and divided the said several tracts of land into two parcels ~~w~~ which we deem to be of equal money value, we having had due regard to both quality and quantity in making said division.

Lot No. One.

The Hickory Landing Tract valued at	$ 600.
The Goodman Tract 103 1-8 acres being part of the Home tract	300.
One lot 23, 3-8 acres being part of Home tract	250.
One half of 24, I-2 acre lot part of Home tract	65.
	$ 1215.

Lot No Two.

Everetts Bridge Tract	valued at	$700.
Mill Pond Tract 134, I-2 acres part of Home tract		450.
One half of 24, I-2 acre lot		65.
		$1215.

As the last mentioned tract of 24, I-2 acres cannot be very well divided without impairing its value we decided to add the whole of the said 24 I-2 acre lot to lot No. two, it being in close proximity to said lot, and to require the owner of lot No. Two, to pay to the owner of Lot NO/ One, the sum of $65 ~~which~~ which we deem a fair cash value for one half of said 24, I-2 cre acre lot. We were one ~~and~~ and one half days in discharging our duty and visited all the different tracts and inspected them closely and we think and feel that —

we have divided the same justly and fairly.

Lot No. One we have assigned to Gracie Gay as her share in fee simple and the same is described in metes and bounds as follows:

First ; Hickory Landing Tract ;All that tract of land situated in the county of Nansemond in the State of Virginia and bounded as follows:

On the North by Mrs Nelms and John T. Harrell : on the South by the land of Thomas Little and on the East by the western Branch of Nansemondriver and called Hickory Landing containing 121 acres more or less and being the same land conveyed to George M. Gay by Jethro Powell by deed dated the first day of January 1883 and recorded in the clerks office of said county court.

Second ;the Goodman Tract :atract of land situated in the county of Isle of Wight in said State and bounded as follows;beginning at the corner of the Ellis land and the road leading from Suffolk to Isle of Wight Court house and running North westerly along said road to its intersection with the road leading from Everetts Bridge to Windsor; thence running westerly along said road to a pine stump on the corner of the land of J. J. Tynes heirs;thence runningsoutherly along said line to a stump on the corner of George W. Whitleys land;thence along sad said Whitleys line southerly to a corner on said land ; thence running easterly along said Whitley land to a pine on the path on the corner of the saisd Ellis land; thence easterly along said Ellis land along a line of marked trees to the beginning containing 103 1-8 acres.

Thirdlt ; the 23 3-8 acre lot;bounded and described as follows; commencing at a stob on the corner of the dower land of Mrs. Mattie wi Wills and the road leading from Everetts Bridge to Windsor and running westerly along said road to its intersection with the road leading from Isle of Wight court house to Suffolk ;thence running southerly down said road leading to Isle of Wight court house to a line pine dividing S. T. Ellis land ; thence running easterly along a line of marked trees to a big pine ; and thence running south easterly to a dog wood and pine on the corner of the road to Exit ; thence running northerly along the said dower land to the beginning. x x x x x x x x x x .

Lot No. Two we have assigned to Nannie L. Riddick as hers in fee simple and the same is described by metes and bounds as follows :
First, the Everetts Bridge Tract; all that certain tract of land in Nansemond county Virginia containing 68 acres more or less and bounded on the North and East by a creek below the Burnt Mills ;on the south by the county road ; and on thw west by an old road leading from the Burnt Mills to Phillips Mill /and being the same land conveyed to George M. Gay by Claudia M. Outland and others by deed dated June the 13th 1892and recorded in the clerks office of said Nansemond County.
Second ;the Mill Pond Tract;atract of land situated in Isle of Wight county Virginia and described as follows: beginning at a pine on the corner of the two roads leading respectively to Everetts Bridge and Burnt Mills and thence running up the said road leading to Burnt Mills to a corner of C. B. Lyons land;thence northerly along a ravine to a mill pond;thence along the channel of said mill pond to a cove dividing A. L. Saunders land; thence up a swamp and abong a line of marked tres on A. L. Saunders land to a fork in the swamp and a corner in the said dower land ; thence southerly along a ravine and swamp adjoining the dower land to a sweet gum at the county road ;thence down the said county road to the point of beginningcom containing 134 1-2 acres.
Thirdly ; the 24 1-2 acre tract ; lying partly in Nansemond and partly in Isle of Wight counties in the said State and bounded as follows:beginning at the intersection of the road leading from Everetts Bridge to Windsor and the road leading to the Burnt Mill and running up the said Windsor road to a pine tree in the corner of the said dower land ;thence southerly along the said dower land along a line of marked trees to a pine

on the road leading to Exit; thence North easrerly along said road to the beginning.

And we assess the said Nannie L. Riddick with the sum of $65 which we consider the value of one half the said 24 I-2 acre lot and require that she shall pay the said sum to the guardian of the said Gracie Gayso as to equalize the whole ; the whole of the said 24 I-2 acre tract having been assigned by us to the said Nannie L. Riddick.

We return with this report a map,of the said land so far as the home tract is concerned it being the plat or map made by the surveyor employed by us to assist in the discharge of our duties,and we desire that the same be made a part of this report. We regret that two of the gentlemen named as commissioners could not be with us as we wold have been glad to have had the benefit of their services and judgement. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Hugh H. Williams
Jazwell J. Saunders
Jno. J. S. Branch

Commissioners of
the Estate of Geo. M Gay
To
Gracie Gay and
Nannie L Ruddick

Admitted to record
the 28th day of
October 1897.

$24 30.

Tax 2.50
Fee 1.20
Paid "

Virginia

At a circuit Court continued and held for the County of Nansemond at the Courthouse in the Town of Suffolk on Tuesday the 19th day of October 1897.

R. A Edwards guardian of Gracie Gay by W B Wells } Complainants
her next friend.
vs } In Chancery
Nancy L Riddick and B A Riddick } Defendants.

This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read as well as on the report of Hugh H Williams Dayvee J Saunders and John J. S Brantley three of the commissioners appointed by a decree in this cause on the 6th day of July 1897 to lay off and divide the land in the bill and proceedings mentioned which said report was filed on the 28th day of September 1897 and to which said report no exception has been filed and was argued by Counsel

On consideration whereof it appearing from the said

report that the said commissioners have discharged their duty by dividing the said land in said between the parties entitled thereto, the Court doth confirm the said report and division and doth order and decree that a copy of the said report be certified by the clerk of this court to the clerk of the County Court of Nansemond County and another copy of the same to the clerk of the County Court of Isle of Wight to be by them recorded as prescribed by law; that each of the said parties, to wit: Grace Gay and Nannie L Riddick shall hereafter have and hold the land assigned to them respectively by the said Commissioners as set forth in said report me fee simple. But it is ordered that Nannie L. Riddick shall pay to Grace Gay or her guardian the sum of sixty five (65) dollars; and this sum shall

be a charge on her land until paid & that the cost of this suit including a fee of $50. to R H Rawles Counsel in this cause for his services be paid equally by the said two parties to the said suit and nothing further remaining to be done it is ordered that this cause be removed from the docket.

I A P Gomer Clerk of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County do certify that the foregoing is a copy of the report and decree in the Chancery Cause of R A Edwards guardian of Gracie Gay Vs Nannie L Riddick et als which said report was confirmed by a decree in said cause rendered on the 19th day of October 1897 and required by said decree to be certified by me to the County Court of Nansemond and Isle of Wright Counties to be there duly recorded in the Deed Book as required by law and the State tax on same has been paid in Nansemond County

Teste: A P Gomer Clerk
Circuit Court of
Nansemond County

In the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Nansemond County the 28th day of October 1897;
This Report of Commissioners and Copy of Decree were received duly certified by the Clerk of the Circuit Court and admitted to record.

Teste; R. R. Smith dcc

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Geo. M. Gay's Ex-
Vs. Report of
Commissioner.

Grace Gay &
Nannie L. Riddick

Admitted to record
the 28th day of
October 1897

Nansemond
378 Wm & Pa. 351
1898 Jany 14th
Examined & verified
and accounts &
R & Rawles

R. R. Smith dcc

$1430.

Sam $2.50
Fee 1.25
Paid $3.75

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Lot No. One.

The Hickory Landing Tract valued at	$ 600.
The Goodman Tract I03 1-8 acres being part of the Home tract	300.
One lot 23, 3-8 acres being part of Home tract	250.
One half of 24, I-2 acre lot part of Home tract	65.
	$ I2I5.

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Saymill J. Saunders

John J. S. Branch

Virginia;

Nansemond County to-wit ;

I , R. H. Rawles a notary public for the county of Nansemond in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Hugh H/ Williams, Tazwell J. Saunders, and John J. S. Branch, commissioners appointed in the chancery cause of R. A. Edwards Guardian of Gracie Gay vs Nannie L. Riddick et als, to lay off and divide the land of which George M. Gay died seized and possessed, have all of them this day appeared before me and after being duly sworn by me in my county aforesaid, made oath that they would execute and discharge their duties under the said decree to the best of their judgement and ability and with fairness and impartiality .

Given under my hand this 14th day of July 1897.

R. H. Rawles.

Notary Public.

Report of
Commissioners

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CLERK'S OFFICE
ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY, VA.

N. F. YOUNG, CLERK.

ISLE OF WIGHT C. H., VA., April 30th 189 7

Judge R. N. Rawles
Suffolk Va.

Dear Sir.

I find standing on the Land Book of this county for the year 1896 in the name of Geo. M. Gay's estate. Five Hundred and Nineteen acres of land. (519)

I have looked up this land with the following result.

By deed dated April 20th 1871 C. B. Gwaltney & wife did convey to David Horned 519 acres of land, lying partly in Isle of Wight and partly in Nansemond. In refering the Land Book of 1871 I find charge to C. B. Gwaltney of Norfolk. 129¾ acres of land.

By deed dated Jany 2d 1872, David Horned & wf. convey to Jos. Bourke trustee the same land as 519 acres,

By deed dated Jany 15th 1873 Jos. Bourke trustee conveys the said land to A. S. Horned as 500 acres. and I find that in 1873 the 129¾ acres of land is transfered from C. B. Gwaltney to David Horned.

By deed dated April 20th 1873 Aaron S. Horned & wf conveys the same land to B. N. Watts as 500 acres.

By deed dated April the 20th 1881 B. N. Watts conveys the same land to Geo. M. Gay as 500 acres. but in 1874 the land is charged on the land book to B. N. Watts as 519 acres. ~~and~~ continues

CLERK'S OFFICE
ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY, VA.

N. F. YOUNG, CLERK.

ISLE OF WIGHT C. H., VA., ... 189

to Davis B. N. Walls at 519 acres until the year 1882 when it is transfered to Geo. M. Gay as 519 acres as stood so on the land book for 1896.

I have given you these dates &c so you could trace up the land if necessary, and show that the tract now standing to Geo. M. Gay should be 519 a.c.m.

This is all the land I find in the name of Geo. M. Gay. If you need copies of any of these deeds or will let me know just what sort of a certificate you wish to file as an exhibit I will make it for you at once.

Yours truly

N. F. Young Clk

In Vacation:
Circuit Court of Nansemond County, on the 6th day of July 1897.

R. A. Edwards, Guardian of
Gracie Gay, and Gracie Gay by W.B. Wills her next friend.
vs
Nannie L. Riddick
and B. A. Riddick.

~~In vacation.~~

This cause came on this day to be heard on the Bill of the Complainants and the Exhibits filed, the answer of Nannie L. Riddick, an infant over the age of fourteen years, in her own proper person, the answer of Nannie L. Riddick an infant by S. E. Everett, her guardian ad litem, and the adult defendant B. A. Riddick on whom process ~~notice~~ appears to have been duly served, failing to plead, answer or demur, the said Bill is taken as confessed as to him, and was argued by counsel. On consideration whereof, it appearing that notice has been duly served on all the defendants that this decree would be asked for by the complainants on this day at this place, the court doth order, adjudge and decree that E. J. Matthews, Sidney T. Ellis, Hugh H. Williams, John J. S. Branch and Taswell J. Saunders who are hereby appointed commissioners for that purpose any three of whom may act after having been duly sworn, shall go upon the land of which Geo. M.Gay died seized and possessed, (other than that assigned as the widow's dower with which dower land they shall not interfere) and lay off and divide the same by metes and bounds into two equal parts or shares having due regard to quality as well as quantity, so that each of the said shares may be worth as much as the other: and one of the said shares they shall assign to the said Gracie Gay as hers in fee simple: and the other share they shall assign to the said Nannie L. Riddick as her share in fee simple. And if they deem it necessary or best, the said commissioners are hereby empowered to employ a competent surveyor to assist them in laying off and dividing the said land: and they are required to make report to court of their transactions under this decree showing how they have divided the said land and giving the metes and bounds of each tract. But if the said commissioners be of opinion that the said land cannot be divided in kind without a sacrifice of interest they shall report that fact to this court and this cause is continued.

To the Clerk of the
Circuit Court of
Nansemond County. —

Robert A. Dentis.

To Nannie L. Riddick, B. A. Riddick and S. E. Everett guardian ad litem of Nannie L. Riddick:

Please take notice that I shall move the Honorable R. R. Prentis Judge of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County Virginia, at his office in Suffolk Virginia on the 6 day of July 1897 to make and enter the foregoing or annexed decree in the chancery cause of R. A. Edwards Guardian of Gracie Gay vs Nannie L. Riddick and B. A. Riddick; and if from cause the said motion be not heard that day I shall renew the same from day to day at the same place until the same is heard and determined.

R. A. Edwards Guardian
of Gracie Gay
Gracie Gay by W. B. Tisdale her
next friend.

We hereby accept due and legal service of the above notice and agree that the said decree may be entered in the said cause.

~~S. E. Everett Guardian ad litem~~
S. E. Everett Guardian ad litem
for Nannie L Riddick

Nannie L. Riddick in her
own proper person.
Benjamin A Riddick

Decree for
Commissioners.

Enter

Entered in Chancery
Order Book
No 3 Page 91

R. A. Edwards, guardian of Gracie Gay; and Gracie Gay by W. B. Wills her next friend.

vs

Nanny L. Riddick and B. A. Riddick,

This cause came on this day to be again heard on thepapers formerly read as well as on the report of Hugh H. Williams, Tazwell J. Saunders and John J.S.Branch three of the commissioners appointed by a decree in this cause on the 6th. day of July 1897, to lay off and divide the land in the bill and proceedings mentioned, which said report was filed on the 28th. day of Setpember I897, and to which said report no exception has been filed and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof, it appearing from the said report that the said commissioners have discharged their duty by dividing the said land ~~in a fair and equitable manner~~ in kind between the parties entitled there to, the court doth confirm the said report and division, and doth order and decree that a copy of the said report be certified by the clerk of this court to the clerk of the county court of Nansemond County and another copy of the same to the clerk of the county court of Isle of Wight county to be by them recorded as prescribed by law; that each of the said parties, to;wit; Gracie Gay and Nannie L. Riddick shall hereafter have and hold the land assigned to them respectively by the said commissioners as set forth in said report in fee simple; that the cost of this suit including a fee of $50. — to R. H. Rawles, counsel in this case for his services, be paid equally by the said two partis to the said suit, and nothing further remaining to be done it is ordered that this cause be removed from the docket .

Buck it is ordered that Nanny L. Riddick pay to Gracie Gay the sum of sixty four ($64) dollars and this sum shall be a charge on her land until paid.

Decree
Confirming Division

Entered Oct 19,
1897.

Robert D. Davis

Entered in
Chy O.B. No 3,
Page 106.

R. A. Edwards, Guardian &

vs

Nannie L. Riddick et al.

The answer of Nannie L. Riddick to a bill in chancery exhibited against her and another in the Circuit Court of Nansemond County by R. A. Edwards, Guardian of Gracie Gay, and others
This defendant now and at all times hereafter reserving to herself all manner of exceptions which can or may be had or taken to the said Bill of Complaint, answers in her own proper person and says; that she is under 2I years of age but over I4 years to wit: of the age of nineteen years. That it is true that her said father Geo. M. Gay died about the year I894 seized and possessed of all the Real Estate named in the bill; it is also true that her mother Mattie M. Gay, now Mattie M. Wills has had her dower assigned in the said land: and in fact so far as she knows or is informed all the facts atated in said bill are true. She believes that the said real estate, independant of her mothers dower, can be partitioned according to law, between her and her sister, who are the only heirs at law of the said Geo. M. Gay, without any sacrifice of any interest or without doing any injustice to any party concerned: and she also believes that it will be to the interest of both her and her sister to have the said land divided in kind between them. She is more anxious for this to be done because she is now married as set forth in said bill and she desires to know exactly what part of the said land will be hers so that she may at once enter upon the same and make improvements thereon in order to make her a permanent home. If this is not done she will be compelled to wait until she is of age and even then would have to bring a similar suit to this in order to have partition. She therefore, under all the circumstances of the case, joins in the prayer of the bill, and prays that the said land may be partitioned as asked by the Complainant. And having fully answered she prays to be hence dismissed with her reasonable costs in this behalf expended. And she will ever pray &

Nannie L. Riddick.

Sworn to before me in the County of Nansemond by Nannie L. Riddick this
29 day of May I897.

R. H Rawles

Notary Public for
Nansemond County Va.

Answer of

Nannie L. Riddick

Everett Waddey,
Stationer and Printer,
Richmond, Va.
Form No. 35.

In the Circuit Court for the County of Warwick,

to wit:

THE ANSWER OF Nannie L. Riddick an

infant under the age of twenty-one years, by S. E. Everett her guardian *ad litem*, assigned to defend her in this suit, to a bill of complaint exhibited against her and others in the Circuit Court for the County of Warwick, by R. A. Edwards, querent ~~and others.~~ Diena J. Gracie Ragsdale.

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

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

S. E. Everett, Guardian *ad litem*.

p. d.

Form No. 35.

Edwards, Guardian

vs
~~adv.~~

ANSWER
OF
INFANT DEFENDANT.

Riddick et al.

To the Hon. George R.Atkinson, Judge of the County Court of Isle of Wight County, Virginia.

The undersigned commissioners appointed by an order of your court, a copy of which is herewith filed, beg leave to report that on the Ist day of February I895, we went upon the lands of which Geo. M.Gay died seized and possessedand of which he was so seized during the coverture with his said wife, the said Mattie M. first having been duly sworn according to law, and after having carefully viewed the same, proceeded to allot and assign by metes and bounds as and for her dower of said Mattie M.Wills who was the widow of the said Geo.M.Gay, for and during her natural life the following: Commencing at a corner of the fence of A.L. Saunders on the County road leading from Isle of Wight C.H. to Suffolk, thence in an easterly course along said County road towards Goodwin's Cross Roads to the first fork of the road, thence down the Isle of Wight road leading from Barber's Cross Road's to Everetts Bridge to a ced ar post planted by us, thence across the field in frnt of the house to another County road at a line pine, thence down said road towards the Burnt Mill to another line ~~pine~~ pine near corner of the fence, thence along a line of chopped trees back to said Isle of Wight road and across said road to the head of a branch at a line tree, thence down said branch to the line between said A.L.Saunders and the said Geo.M.Gay, deceased, thence up another branch to the road at the starting ~~point~~ point, this assignment includes home house andcurtilage, and is partly in the County of Isle of Wight and partly in the County of Nansemond in the Sate of Virginia.
We beg to report that in making this assignment we have due reference to quality and quanity, assigning one equal third part of said lands as and for said dower.

Respectfully Submitted.

Mathew Gardner

J.F.Uzzell

Wm.Joe Darden

Commissioners.

In the County Court of Isle of Wight County June 3rd I895, this report of the assignment of dower to Mattie M.Wills who was the widow of Geo.M.Gay, was confirmed and ordered to be recorded.

Teste: N.P.Young, Clerk.

A C O P Y. Teste: N. P. Young ---------Clk.

Report of Commissioners
assigning dower to the widow
of Geo.M.Gay, deceased.

A COPY

To the Hon. George K.Atkinson, Judge of the County Court of Isle of Wight County, Virginia.

The undersigned Commissioners appointed by an order of your Court, a copy of which is hereto filed, do leave to report that on the 1st day of February 1905, we went upon the lands of Mrs.Ida. M.Gay died seized and possessed of which he was so seized during the coverture with his said wife, the said Ida M. first having been duly sworn according to law, and after having carefully viewed the same, proceed to allot and assign by metes and bounds to and for her dower of said Ida M.Gay, who was the widow of the said Geo.M.Gay, for and during her natural life the following: Beginning at a corner at the fence of W.B. Saunders on the County road leading from Isle of Wight C.H. to Suffolk. Thence in an easterly course along said County road towards Smithfield's Cross Roads to the first fork of the road. Thence down the (cross road) to Everett Bridge to a gate post planted by us, thence across the field in front of the house to another County road at a line pine, thence down said road to the Burt Mill to another line pine near corner of the fence, thence along a line of chopped trees to said Isle of Wight road and across said road to the beginning at a stake. Thence down said branch to the line between said A.J.Saunders and the said Geo.M.Gay, thence up another branch to the road at the place beginning, and is partly in the County of Isle of Wight and partly in the County of Nansemond to the State of Virginia. reference to quality and quantity, assigning one equal third part of said lands as and for said dower.

Respectfully Submitted.

[illegible] Gardner

G.T.O'Farrell

W.Jno Darden

Commissioners.

In the County Court of Isle of Wight County June 3rd 1905, this report of the assignment of dower to Mrs. M.Miss Ida M. Gay the widow of Geo.M.Gay, was confirmed and ordered to be recorded.

Teste: N.P.Young, Clerk.

A COPY. Teste:----------Clk.

This Deed, made this 13th day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety two between Rosa O McIntyre and Joseph M McIntyre her husband Brooklyn N.Y. and Claudie M Outland of Baltimore Md, of the first part and Geo M Gay of Nansemond County Virginia of the Second part- Witnesseth: That in consideration of the sum of one thousand ($1000.00) Dollars, the said parties of the first part do grant unto the said Geo M Gay with General Warranty, all their right, title and interest of whatever it may consist in and to all that certain tract of land in Chuckatuck Magisterial District in Nansemond, County Virginia of which Emily J. Phillips died Seized and possessed containing sixty eight acres, more or less, but the same is expressly sold in gross and not by the acre, at Everetts bridge in said County and bounded on the North and east by a Creek below Burnt Mills on the south by the County road and on the West by an old road leading from "Burnt Mills" to Phillips Mill, and originally conveyed to said Emily J. Phillips by Geo M

Day by deed duly recorded in Nansemond County Clerks Office, the said grantors covenant that they have the right to convey the said land to the grantee; that they have done no act to encumber the said land; that the grantee shall have quiet possession of the said land free from all encumbrances, and that they the said part of the first part will execute such further assurances of the said land as may be requisite.

Witness the following signatures and Seals

Witness to Rosa O McIntyre and Joseph J McIntyre
S. H. Hastings

Claudie M Outland (Seal)
Rosa O. McIntyre (Seal)
Joseph J McIntyre (Seal)

State of Virginia
County of Nansemond } to wit:

I, E. E. Holland a notary Public for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do Certify that Claudie M. Outland whose name is signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date the 13th day of June, 1892, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 14th day of June

1892,

E. E. Holland N.P.

State of New York }
County of Kings } S.S. On the seventeenth day of June one thousand eight hundred and ninety two personally appeared before me Rosa C. McIntyre and Joseph J. McIntyre her husband to me known and known by me to be the individuals described in the within instrument and who severally acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

S. H. Hastings
Notary Public Kings Co N.Y.

S. H. Hastings Co. Notary Public Kings Co N.Y.

Kings Seal County

State of New York }
County of Kings } S.S.

I, John Cottier, Clerk of the County of Kings and Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, in and for said County (said Court being a Court of Record) do hereby certify that S. H. Hastings whose name is subscribed to the certificate of proof or acknowledgment of the annexed instrument, and thereon written, was at the time of

taking such proof or acknowledgement, a Notary Public of the state of New York in and for the said County of Kings dwelling in said County Commissioned and sworn and duly authorized to take the same, And further, that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of such Notary and verily believe the signature to the said certificate is genuine and that said instrument is executed and acknowledged according to the laws of the State of New York. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County and Court this 18 day of June 1892.

John Collier Clerk.

In the Clerks office of Nansemond County Court the 21st day of July 1892.

This Deed was presented with the certificates annexed and admitted to record,

Teste; R. R. Smith Clerk

A Copy
Teste;

Rosa. C. McIntyre
and others
To } Deed of Trust
Geo M Gray

Ex D.

A. Copy

Recorded in
Deed Book No 25
Page 631.

This Deed, made the 1st day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty three (1883) between Jethro Powell and Sarah J his wife of the County of Nansemond and State of Virginia of the one part and Geoge M Gay of the County and State aforesaid of the other part, Witnesseth: That in consideration of the sum of one thousand (1000) dollars the said Jethro Powell and Sarah J. his wife do grant with general warranty unto the said Geoge M Gay and to his heirs and assigns forever the following real estate to wit: all that tract, piece or parcel of land situate lying and being in the County of Nansemond (Chuckatuck District) in the State of Virginia and bounded and described as follows: containing one hundred and twenty acres (120) acres more or less and bounded on the north by Mrs Nelms and John T. Powell (lately Alex Oliver) on the west by the Little tract; on the South by Thomas Little and on the East by the Western Branch of Nansemond River and being called "the Hickory Landing" a part of the old Nelms tract the land convey and sold hereby

being the same which the said Jethro Powell purchased of the said George M. Day and his wife Mattie M by their deed dated the 15th day of January 1881 and recorded in the Clerks Office of Nansemond County Court the 27th day of January 1882 in Deed Book No 10 page 148. together with all and singular the appurtenances belonging to the same, And the said Jethro Powell covenants that he has the right to convey the said land to the said grantee: That the said grantee shall have quiet possession of the said land, that he has done no act to encumber the said land, and that he will execute such further assurances of the said land as may be requisite. Witness the following signatures and seals,

Witnesses

Jethro Powell (Seal)

Sarah J Powell (Seal)

State of Virginia
County of Nansemond, to wit:

I, Peter B. Peters a Commissioner of the Circuit Court in Chancery, in and for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Sarah J Powell the wife of Jethro Powell whose names are

signed to the writing above bearing date the 1st day of January 1883 personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid and being duly examined by me privily and apart from her husband, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Sarah J Powell acknowledged the said writing to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this 1st day of January eighteen hundred and eighty three (1883)

Peter B Prentis
Commr in Chy

Virginia
County of Nansemond } to wit:

I, Peter B. Prentis, a Commissioner in Chancery of the Circuit Court in and for the said County in the State of Virginia do certify that Julius Powell whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date the 1st day of January 1882 has acknowledged the same before me in the County

aforesaid
Given under my hand this 1st day
of January 1883.

Peter B. Prentis
Commr in Chy.

In the Clerks office of Nansemond County
Court the 2nd day of January 1883
This Deed was received and with the
certificates annexed admitted to
record.

Teste; Peter B. Prentis Clerk

A Copy
Teste;

A. Gomey D.C.

Fee C.

A Copy

Received and
Recorded Book N
No 11 Page 199

Justice Powers & wife
to
Geo. W. Gaines

This deed made this 20th day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty one, between Barnabus N.Watts of Brooklyn, State of New York of the one part, and Geo.M.Gay of Nansemond County, State of Virginia of the other part, Witnesseth: That the said Barnabus N. Watts, in consideration of the sum of Eighteen Hundred Dollars doth grant with general warranty unto the said Geo. M. Gay and his heirs and assigns forever, the following real estate to-wit: A tract of land situated partially in Isle of Wight County and partially in Nansemond County state of Virginia, and known as"Sandy Ridge" farm, containing by estimation Five Hundred acres(500)more or less, and bounded by the public road leading from the Burnt Mill(formerly owned by Watson P.Jordan, but at present owned by Comfort B. Lyon or his wife), by the lands of Emily J. the wife of Henry T. Phillips; the land of Henry C.Brown or Misourie C. his wife,(formerly the land of Geo. Goodwin) by the land of Thomas J.Saunders, the lands of Sidney T. Ellis(formerly that of Edwin E.Phillips); by the land of Geo. W.Whitley (formerly that of Stephen Whitley) and by the land of Jno. D.Pitman formerly that of Georgie Morris, and being that same land which by deed the 26th day of April A.D.1873, and recorded the 28th day of April A.D.1873, in the Clerk's Office of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, was conveyed to said Barnabus N. Watts by Aaron S.Horned, and Emma J.his wife, together with all and singular the appurtenances belonging to the same . And the said Barnabus N.Watts covenants that he has the right to convey the said land to the grantee; that the said grantee shall have quiet possession of the said land; that he has done no act to encumber the said land ; and that he will execute such further assuran-

-ces of the said land as may be requisite.

Witness the following signature and seal.

Barnabus N.Watts, (seal)

Witness

D.D.Whitney Jr.

State of New York.

City of Brooklin, County of kings, to-wit:

I D.D.Whitney Jr, a Notary Public in and for the said County in the State of New York, do certify that Barnabus N.Wat-ts, whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date the 20th day of April 1881, has acknowledged the same before me in the County aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 6th day of May 1881.

D.D.Whitney Jr, N.P.

King County N.Y.

State of New York

County of King: s.s.

I Charles B.Elliot Clerk of the County Court of Kings and Clerk of the supreme Court of the State of New York in and for the County and said State, being a court of record do hereby certify that D.D.Whitney Jr, whose name is subscribed to the certificate of proof, or acknowledgment of the annexed instrument, and thereupon Written was, at the time of taking such proof or acknowledgment, a Notary Public of the State of New York in and for the said County of Kings dwelling in said County commissioned and sworn, and duly authorized to take the same. And further that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of such Notary, and verily believe the signature to the said certificate is genuine,

and that the said instrument is acknowledged and executed according to the laws of the State of New York.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said County & Court this dayxx 6th day of May I88I.

Charles B.Elliott, Clerk.

In the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Isle of Wight County the I6th day of May I88I; This deed from Barnabus N.Watts to Geo.M.Gay, was admitted to record upon the certificate of a Notary Public hereon written.

Teste: N.P.Young, Clerk.

A C O P Y.

Teste: N. P. Young ----------Clerk.

Barnibus N Watts

703 Deed Bargain
& Sale

Geo M. Gay,

A Copy,

To the Honorable Robert R. Prentis, Judge of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County;

Humbly complaining showeth unto your Honor your orator Robert A. Edwards, Guardian of Gracie Gay the following case to wit;

That some time during the year I894 George M. Gay of Isle of Wight County departed this life leaving his widow, Mattie M. Gay who has since become the wife of W. B. Wills, and two children Nannie L. Gay, who has since be come the wife of B. A. Riddick, and Gracie Gay as his only heirs at law: that the said Gracie Gay is now eleven years of age and the said Nannie L. Riddick is nineteen years of age. That at a County Court held for the County of Isle of Wight on the 4th day of February I895 your orator was appointed and qualified as the guardian of the said Gracie Gay: and that he was also appointed and qualified as the guardian of Nannie L. Gay, all of which will appear from a copy of the order of said court herewith filed marked "Exhibit A", and prayed to be taken as a part of this bill.And your orator further says that when the said George M. Gay departed this life he was seized and possessed of the following real estate to wit:

First;--A tract of land situated partly in Isle of Wight County and partly in Nansemond County Virginia known as the Sandy Ridge farm containing by estimation 500 acres more or less and bounded by the public road leading from the Burnt Mill; the land formerly belonging to Emily J. Phillips; the land of H. C. Brown; the land of T. J. Saunders;the land of Sidney T. Ellis; Geo. W. Whitley and John D. Pitman, as appears by a copy of the deed for said land made by B. N. Watts, to the said Geo. M. Gay dated April 20th I89I herewith filed marked "Exhibit B", and prayed to be read as a part of this bill.

Secondly;--All that tract of land situated in the county of Nansemond and State of Virginia and bounded as follows: on the North by Mrs. Nelms and Jno. T. Harrell; on the South by Thomas Little and on the East by the Western Branch of Nansemond River and called Hickory Landing,containing I2I acres more or less and being the same land conveyed to the said Geo. M. Gay by Jethro Powell by deed dated the Ist day of January I883, a copy of which deed is herewith filed marked "Exhibit C", and prayed to be read as a part of this bill.

Thirdly;-- All that certain tract of land in Nansemond County Virginia,containing 68 acres more or less, situated at Everetts Bridge and bounded on

the North and East by a creek below the Burnt Mills;on the South by the county road and on the West by an old road leading from the Burnt Mills to Phillips Mill and being the same land conveyed to the said Geo. M. Gay by Claudia M. Outland and others by deed dated June 13th 1892, a copy of which said deed is herewith filed marked "Exhibit D", and prayed to be taken as a part of this bill. And your orator further says that since the death of the said Geo. M. Gay certain proceedings were had in the County Court of Isle of Wight County by which the dower of the said Mattie M.Gay in the said real estate was laid off by metes and bounds and assigned to her as her said dower in the land if the said Geo. M. Gay and that she the said Mattie M. Wills (nee Gay)now holds the same as her dower, all of which will more fully appear from an order of the County Court of Isle of Wight County herewith filed, marked "Exhibit E",and prayed to be read as a part of this bill.

And your orator further says that outside of and not including the land assigned as the dower of the said Mattie M., the remainder of the said Real Estate is,as he verily believes, susceptible of partition and division in kind among the two heirs at law of the said Geo. M. Gay. He states this from the fact that there is a large body of the said land and the same being in different tracts and there being only two of the said children it will be an easy matter to so divide the same that no injury or injustice will be done to either of them and that no interests will be sacrificed whatever. He is also well acquainted with the said land and thinks it will be easy to divide the same into two equal parts. And your orator further states it will be to the interest of the said parties and heirs to have the said land partitioned between them. One of them is now married and she and her husband are anxious to begin life as farmers and consequently greatly desire to know what part of the said land is to be hers, so that she may move on the same and make improvements thereon which she cannot well do until the same is divided.

In tender consideration whereof and forasmuch as your orator is remediless in the premises save by the aid of a Court of Equity where matters of this kind are alone and properly cognisable your orator prays that the said Nannie L. Riddick (formerly Gay) and B. A. Riddick her husband may be made parties defendant to this bill and required to answer the same though an answer unless oath is waived; that a proper guardian ad litem may be assigned the infant defendant to defend her interest in the suit: that all proper accounts may be taken;that proper process may issue;

that commissioners may be appointed to lay off and divide the said real estate among the parties entitled to the same and assign to each party her share of the same; that a reasonable fee may be allowed counsel for bringing this suit; and that all such other, further and general relief may be afforded your orator as the case may require or which toeq-
uity may seem meet and your orator will ever pray &

R. A. Edwards
Guardian of Gracie Gay.
Gracie Gay by W B Wilkins her
next friend! R H Rawles Jr.

Virginia:--

Nansemond County to wit:--

I R. H. Rawles a Notary Public for the county and state aforesaid do certify that R. A. Edwards, Guardian of Gracie Gay whose name is signed to the foregoing bill has this day appeared before me in my county aforesaid and made oath that the statements contained in said bill as coming of his own knowledge are true and all other statements derived from the knowledge or information of others he believes to be true. Given under my hand this 26th day of May 1897.

R. H. Rawles
N. P.

Bill.

R A Edwards Gdr et als
against } In Chancery
B A Riddick & others.

1897 May 27th. Process issued returnable to June Rules 1st Monday

" June 7th. Process returned executed on adult defendants
Bill filed and decree Nisi as to them.
Gdr. ad litem appointed for infant defts

" " 21st. Decree Nisi confirmed as to adult deft and Cause set for hearing as to them.
Ans of Gdr ad litem filed

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Notes.