

1898-002
Nansemond Co (Suffolk)

Chancery Causes: Lovic Smith et al vs John C. Goodman et al

Harrell, Williams, Hill, Morgan

Smith vs Goodman & others

R & L Watkins p q.
Lovic Smith & others
vs In Chancery
John C Goodman & others

1898
April 12th
Final Decree

But see the final decree
on the 27th

Costs

Clerk 588

Stk n 200

" So. 50

Tax 150

\$ 9.88

Loric Smith & others
against? In Chancery
John le Goodman & others.

1897 July 17th. Process issued returnable to September
Rules First Monday.

" Sept 1st. Process issued for 10 of Smith of Southampton
County returnable to September Rules
First Monday.

" " 6th. Process returned executed on all
resident defendants.

Bill filed and decree nisi against
resident defendants

" " 6th. Order of Publication against
non resident defendants.

" " 20th. Decree nisi confirmed as to
resident defendants and cause
set for hearing as to them,

" Octo 18th. Cause set for hearing on order
of Publication

Lovell Smith to the
W. Chancery Notes.
John L. Goodman to the

(1)

To the Honorable Robert R. Prentiss, Judge of ^{the} Circuit court of Nan
-semond county:

Complaining sheweth unto the court, your complainants, Lovic
Smith, John S. Smith, and Hattie B. Smith:

Ist. That your complainants' uncle Jas. H. Goodman was in his ~~life~~
lifetime seized and possessed of the following real estate lying
in Nansemond county:

Ist. A tract of land known as "Pigeon Hill", containing three
hundred and fifty (350) acres more or less and bounded by the
lands of Daniel Brinkley and others. It being the land formerly
owned by James Goodman, deceased.

2d. A tract of land in said county containing four hundred and ~~ni~~
nineteen (419) acres, purchased by the said Jas. H. Goodman from
Willis S. Riddick deceased, and bound by the lands of Henry
Brothers and others.

3d. A tract of land known as "Branton" containing one hundred and
ninety five (195) acres purchased by the said Jas. H. Goodman
from Edward C. Riddick and bound by the lands of Dempsey Jones
and others.

4th. A tract of land known as the "Griffin tract" containing one
hundred (100) acres and bound ~~am~~ by the lands of John Riddick's
estate and Daniel Brinkley and others.

2d. That the said Jas. H. Goodman being so seized and possess~~d~~
-ed of said estate departed this life on the 6th., day of June
A.D. 1891, intestate and unmarried, leaving your complainants,
John C. Goodman, Mollie Smith, Kate Sue Hatrell, B.G. Williams,
Benjamin Goodman, Mattie D. Hill, W.J. Smith, Almata Smith and
D.B. Smith, his only heirs at law.

3d. Your complainants state that John C. Goodman, Mollie Smith,
D. B. Smith and Benjamin Goodman are residents of the state
Georgia

and that B.G. Williams and Kate Sue Harrell are residents of the state of North Carolina.

4th. Your complainants further state that there is a debt, so they are informed, of ⁹nine hundred (\$900.) Dollars against said estate due Henry A. Morgan of Suffolk, Va.

5th. Your complainants further state that the said real ^{estate} is, as they believe, ~~not divisible~~ susceptible of partition among the parties thereto; but if ^{it} be not, then your complainants ^{desire} desires the same to be sold, and the proceeds divided among the parties, according to their respective rights; should the property not be divisible in kind, your complainants believe, and here state, that the interests of those who are entitled to the said real estate, or its proceeds, will be promoted by a ~~sale~~ sale of the whole of said real estate, or by allotment ~~and~~ of part and sale of the residue

6th. Your complainants further state that Bruce Smith Administrator of the goods and chattles of the said Jas. H. Goodman has been enjoying the said property, the whole of it, ever since the death of the said Jas. H. Goodman, and has been receiving the rents and profits thereof, one fifth of which should have been divide into ~~five~~ ^{five} parts and one ~~sixth~~ ^{sixth} of a fifth share paid to each of your complainants and the other shares thereof to the parties entitled thereto.

In tender consideration whereof, and for as much as your complainants are remediless in the premises save in a court of equity where matters of this kind are alone and properly cognizable, your complainants pray that the said John C. Goodman, Mollie Smith, Kate Sue Harrell, B.G. Williams, Benjamin Goodman, Mattie D. Hill, W.J. Smith, Almata Smith, and D.B. Smith, Henry A. Morgan and Bruce Smith Administrator of the goods and chattles

of the said Jas. H. Goodman dec'd.. may be made parties defendant to this bill and required to answer the same(but answer on oath is hereby especially waived), ~~and~~ that an order of publication be made against the said John C. Goodman, Mollie Smith, D.B. Smith, Benjamine Goodman, B.G. Williams, and Kate Sue Harrell; that the said real estate be divided between the several parties entitled thereto, and your complainants portion be allotted to them and in case the said real estate cannot be partitioned and divided in kind, that the same be exposed to sale, and the proceeds of such sale be divided among the parties entitled thereto; that an account be taken of the rents and profits of the said real estate from the death of the said Jas. H. Goodman and the said Bruce Smith Administrator, be decreed and ordered to pay to your complainants their portion thereof; that the ~~expenses~~ debts against the said estate, if there be any, be paid; that proper process issue, that all proper orders and decrees may be made, and proper enquiries be directed, and that all such other farther and general relief may be afforded your complainants as the nature of their case may require, or to equity shall seem meet.

And your complainants will ever pray & co.

Hattie B Smith

R. E. D. Matthews

p.q.

John L Smith
Louie Smith

Notice is hereby given that the Court will be asked to allow a reasonable attorney's fee in this suite.

State of Virginia

Southampton County to wit:

This day personally appeared before me the undersigned a Notary Public in and for the County aforesaid state of Virginia, Lovic Smith John ^S Smith and Hattie B. Smith, and made oath that they believe that the statements made in the foregoing bill are true.

Given under my hand this ...6....day of. *August* 1897-

.....*Wm. B. Smith*.....Notary Public.

Bill.

Equity.

Smith vs
Goodman

Southampton County to wit:

This day personally appeared before me the undersigned a Notary in

and for the County aforesaid state of Virginia, James

Smith John Smith and Mattie B. Smith, and made oath that

they believe that the statements made in the foregoing Bill

are true.

.....to day of.....Notary Public.

Smith et al
vs
Goodman et al.

Loric Smith, John S. Smith and
Hattie B. Smith. Complainants

Against } In Chancery

John C. Goodman, Mollie Smith
Kate Sue Harell, B. G. Williams
Benjamin Goodman, Mattie D.
Hill, W. J. Smith, Almata Smith
Henry A. Morgan, D. B. Smith and
Bessie Smith, Administrator of the
goods and chattels of Jas. H.
Goodman deceased. Defendants

On the motion of the Com-
plainants made in writing
and filed with the papers
herein, it is ordered that
this cause be dismissed.

Lonic Smith Sal.

vs. } In Chy,

Goodman Sal.

In the Circuit
Court of Chause-
mand County
April 11th. 1898

Order

To be entered

Robert R. Smith

Entered in

Chy DB 3 Page 137

Louie Smith, John S. Smith and Hattie B. Smith
Plaintiffs

vs.

John C. Goodman, Mattie D. Hill, W. J. Smith
Almeta Smith, Mollie Smith, Kate Lure
Harrell, B. G. Williams, W. B. Smith
and Berenice Goodman, and Bruce
Smith Adm. of the goods and chattels of
Jas H. Goodman.

Defendants.

This cause in which the non-resident
defendants have been proceeded
against in the mode prescribed by
the statute against non-resident
defendants and which has regularly
matured at rules, against resident
defendants, with order of publication
only issued come on now to be
heard with the exhibits filed, bill taken
for confessed, as to other defendants;
On consideration whereof the court doth
order, adjudge and decree that the papers
in this cause be referred to one of the
commissioners of this court who is
directed to enquire into and report to this
court;

And, whether the real estate in the here men-
tioned can be conveniently divided in kind
between the parties entitled thereto.

Second, 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 sum of money as their interest therein may entitle them thereto.

Third, and if the same cannot be conveniently divided in kind and no party will take the entire property or its proceeds, then will the interest of all the parties be promoted by a sale of the entire property, or by an allotment of cash and a sale of the residue.

Fourth, What liens, if any, upon the property in said bill mentioned.

Fifth, Enquire into and report to this court the transactions of Bruce Smith as Administrator of the Goods and Chattels of Jas H Goodman.

Which said Enquiries the said Commissioner shall make and report to this court together with any matter specially stated deemed pertinent by himself or required by any party to be so stated.

Smith ch als
vs
Goodman ch als.

Enter this

OFFICE OF

R. E. L. Watkins,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.

Practice in Southampton
and adjoining counties,
and in the courts of
North Carolina.

SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN TO COLLECTIONS AND
ADJUSTMENTS FOR VIRGINIA AND NORTH
CAROLINA.

Smith ch als

US.
Goodman ch als

Franklin, Va., *Aug 17* 189*7*

Capt A P Gorman, Clerk Ch Court
Suffolk, Va

Dear Sir,

I am under the impression that
the order of publication should be
in the "Herald" at this time, but
I have not been able to find it.
Did you place it in any other
paper? If it has not been published
I will have to have an alias as
to the first I suppose. Kindly
look into the matter and oblige

Yours truly
R E L Watkins.

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North Carolina.SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN TO COLLECTIONS AND
ADJUSTMENTS FOR VIRGINIA AND NORTH
CAROLINA.

Smush.....

vs.

Goodman et al.....

Franklin, Va., July 9, 1897.

Capt. A. P. Gomer, Clerk Circuit Court
Suffolk, Va.

Dear Sir,

Herewith find enclosed memo.

Affidavit and order of Publication, together
with cost (\$1⁰⁰/₁₀₀). Kindly place the order
with the Herald for publication.Yours truly
R. E. L. Watkins

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Capt A D Gomer
1112 Central Ave
Safford, Ariz.

Dear Sir,

Franklin, 6-11

Replying to your favor
in reference to W. B. Smith
in case of Smith or Goodman
it also will be my duty that the
order of publication to correct
and Smith should be in
the Memorandum. Thanks

Yours

Robt. L. Wallcut.

POSTAL CARD - ONE CENT

United States of America

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Capl A P Homer
clerk of Circuit Court
Suffolk Co

Dear Sir,

Franklin, Va
Aug 30/97

A. J. Smith is in this
County at this place.

Yours truly
R. E. Watkins

Summons mailed to Shiff
17 So. Co immediately at Courtland Va

Affidavit

Virginia:

Southampton County to Wit:

This day Sovie Smith appeared in person before me,
a Notary Public in and for the county and State
aforesaid, and made oath that J. C. Goodman, Mollie
Smith, Benjamin Goodman, B. G. Williams, Kate
Lucy Harrell and D. B. Smith against whom, he,
with John S. Smith and Hattie B. Smith are about
to institute a suit in equity in the Circuit Court
of Hanseman County, are non-residents of this
Commonwealth.

Given under my hand this 9th day of July in
the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and Ninety
Seven

J. O. Porter

Notary Public

Smith itals

vs

Goodman itals

Alldrich & non residence /

Virginia:

At the Rules held in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court
for the County of Gloucester on Monday September
the 6th day eighteen hundred and ninety seven
Sovie Smith, John S. Smith and Hattie B. Smith } Plaintiffs
vs.

John C. Goodman, Mollie Smith, Kate Sue Harrell,
B. G. Williams, Benjamin Goodman, Mattie G. Hill
M. J. Smith, Almita Smith, Henry C. Morgan, and
Bruce Smith Administrator of the goods and
chattels of Jas. H. Goodman deceased } Defendants

The object of this suit is to enforce a division of the
estate of Jas. H. Goodman deceased. The estate consists
of land; which is divided into four (4) tracts or
lots containing in the aggregate one thousand and
Sixty four acres; lying situate, and being in Gloucester County.
And affidavit having been made that the said defendants
J. C. Goodman, Mollie Smith, Benjamin Goodman, B. G.
Williams, Kate Sue Harrell and H. B. Smith are not
residents of this State, the said defendants are required
to appear within fifteen (15) days after due publication
of this order in the Clerk's Office of our said Court
on Rules to be holden thereof, and do what is necessary
to protect their interests. And it is ordered that a copy
of this order be forthwith published once a week for
four (4) successive weeks, in the "Suffolk Herald," a
newspaper printed in the Town of Suffolk in the County

L. Hansmann and be posted at the front door of the
Court-house of said County on the first day of the
next County Court for the said County after the date
of this order.

R. E. S. Watkins J. C.

A. P. Gomez.

Clerk

Smith chals.
or
Goodman & Co.

Order of Publication

Circuit Court.

Tuesday after the Second Monday
in April and October.

HON. ROBERT R. PRENTIS, Judge.

AZRA P. GOMER, Clerk.

Nansemond County

Suffolk

VIRGINIA.—AT THE RULES HELD
in the Clerk's office of the Circuit
Court for the county of Nansemond on
Monday, September 6, 1897—

Lovie Smith, John S. Smith and Hattie
B. Smith.....Plaintiffs,

AGAINST

John C. Goodman, Mollie Smith, Kate Sue
Harrell, B. G. Williams, Benjamin Good-
man, Mattie D. Hill, W. J. Smith, Almata
Smith, Henry A. Morgan, D. B. Smith,
and Bruce Smith, administrator of the
goods and chattels of James H. Good-
man, deceased.....Defendants.

IN CHANCERY.

The object of this suit is to enforce a
division of the estate of James H. Good-
man, deceased. The estate consists of
land which is divided into four (4) tracts
or lots, containing in the aggregate one
thousand and sixty-four acres, lying, situ-
ate and being in Nansemond county. And
affidavit having been made that the said
defendants J. C. Goodman, Mollie Smith,
Benjamin Goodman, B. G. Williams, Kate
Sue Harrell and D. B. Smith are not resi-
dents of this State, the said defendants are
required to appear within fifteen (15) days
after due publication of this order, in the
Clerk's office of our said court, at rules to
be holden therefor, and do what is neces-
sary to protect their interests. And it is
ordered that a copy of this order be forth-
with published once a week for four (4)
successive weeks in the SUFFOLK HERALD,
a newspaper printed in the town of Suf-
folk, in the county of Nansemond, and be
posted at the front door of the Court-
house of said county on the first day of
the next County Court for the said county
after the date of this order.

A copy—Teste:

A. P. GOMER, Clerk.

R. E. L. WATKINS, p. q. se10-4w

*I A. P. Gomer Clerk of the Circuit Court
of Nansemond County do certify that the
above order of publication was posted
at the front door of the Court house of Nan-
semond County on Monday the 13th day
of September 1897 it being the first day
of the ^{September} term of the Nansemond County
Court.*

A. P. Gomer Clerk

Memo.

To the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of - Lawrence -

Lovie Smith, John S. Smith and Hattie B. Smith
Plaintiffs

vs.

John C. Goodman, Mollie Smith, Kate Sue Harrell, B.G.
Williams, Benjamin Goodman, Mattie D. Hill, W.F.
Smith, Almira Smith, Henry A. Morgan ^{D.B. Smith} and
Bruce Smith Administrators of the Goods and Chattels of
Jas. H. Goodman deceased. } Defendants.

Issue order of Publication as to J.C. Goodman, Mollie
Smith, Benjamin Goodman, B.G. Williams Kate
Sue Harrell and D.B. Smith; and Summons in
Chancery to first September rule as to other defen-
dants.

Pay \$150 Paid R.E. McKee P.g.

Smithals

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Goodmanals.

Memo.

CHANCERY SUMMONS.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON

John C. Goodman
Mollie Smith Kate Sue Hamell
B. G. Williams Benjamin Goodman
Mattie D. Hume W. J. Smith Almesta
Smith Henry A. Morgan and
Bruce Smith Administrators of the
goods and chattels of Jas. H. Goodman
deceased

to appear at the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, at the Rules to be held
 for the said Court, on the *First* Monday in *September* ~~August~~ *1897*, to answer

a Bill in Chancery, exhibited against *them*
 in the said Court by *Lovie Smith John S. Smith*
and Mattie B. Smith

and have then and there this summons.

Witness, A. P. GOMER, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this *17th* day of

July, 189*7*, in the 12*2nd* year of the Commonwealth.

A copy—Teste:

Teste:

A. P. Gomer, CLERK.

A. P. Gomer, CLERK.

Not found
in my County

R E L Watkins p. q.

A copy for
W J Smith
vs. } In Chancery.

¹⁸⁹⁷
September
~~August~~ Rules.
First Monday.

Nansemond Circuit Court.

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The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON

*John C. Goodman,
Mollie Smith, Kate, Sue Karrell,
B. L. Williams, Benjamin Goodman,
Mattie D. Skill, W. J. Smith, ^{Elizabeth} ~~Almeta~~ Smith,
Henry A. Morgan, and
Bruce Smith Administrator of
the goods and chattels of
Jas. C. Goodman deceased*

to appear at the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, at the Rules to be held
for the said Court, on the *First* Monday in *September* ~~August~~ 1897, to answer

a Bill in Chancery, exhibited against *them*
in the said Court by *Lovie Smith, John S. Smith,
and Mattie B. Smith*

and have then and there this summons.

Witness, A. P. GOMER, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this *17th* day of

July, 189*7*, in the 122nd year of the Commonwealth.

A copy—Teste:

Teste:

A. P. Gomer, CLERK.

A. P. Gomer, CLERK.

R. E. L. Watkins p. q.

Atty for
John C. Goodman

vs. } In Chancery.

September¹⁸⁹⁷
~~August~~ Rules.

First Monday.

Nansemond Circuit Court.

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CHANCERY SUMMONS.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON

John C. Goodman
Mollie Smith Kate Sue Howell
B. G. Williams Benjamin Goodman
Mattie O'Brien W. J. Smith Almeta
Smith Henry A Morgan and Bruce
Smith administrator of the goods and
chattels of Jas H Goodman deceased

to appear at the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, at the Rules to be held
 for the said Court, on the *First* Monday in *September* ~~August~~ 1897, to answer

a Bill in Chancery, exhibited against *them*
 in the said Court by *Lovie Smith John S Smith and*
Mattie B. Smith

and have then and there this summons.

Witness, A. P. GOMER, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this *17th* day of
July, 189-*7*, in the 12*2*th year of the Commonwealth.

A copy—Teste: *A. P. Gomer*, CLERK. } Teste: *A. P. Gomer*, CLERK.

R E L Watkins p. q.

A copy for
Kate Sue Harrell

vs. } In Chancery.

September¹⁸⁹⁷
~~August~~ Rules.

Just Monday.

Nansemond Circuit Court.

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The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON

*John C Goodman Mollie
Smith Kate Que Harrell B & Williams
Benjamin Goodman Mattie D Hill W & Smith
Himela Smith Henry & Morgan D B Smith
and Bruce Smith administrator of the
goods and chattels of Jas C Goodman
deceased.*

to appear at the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, at the Rules to be held
for the said Court, on the *First* Monday in *September 1897*, to answer

a Bill in Chancery, exhibited against *them*
in the said Court by *Lovie Smith John S Smith
and Mattie B Smith*

and have then and there this summons.

Witness, A. P. GOMER, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this *17th* day of

July, 189*7*, in the 12*2nd* year of the Commonwealth.

A copy—Teste:

A P Gomer, CLERK.

Teste:

A P Gomer, CLERK.

R L Watkins p. q.

A copy for
DR Smith

vs. } *In Chancery.*

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CHANCERY SUMMONS.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON

John C Goodman
Mossie Smith Kate Sue Harrell B.G.
Williams Benjamin Goodman Mattie
D Hice W. J. Smith Alyneta Smith
Henry A Margaret ^{D H Smith} and Bruce Smith
Administrator of the goods and Chattels
of Jos H Goodman deceased.

to appear at the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, at the Rules to be held
for the said Court, on the *First* Monday in *September* 189*7*, to answer

a Bill in Chancery, exhibited against *them*
in the said Court by *Livie Smith John S Smith*
and Hattie B Smith

and have then and there this summons.

Witness, A. P. GOMER, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this *17th* day of
July, 189*7*, in the 12*2nd* year of the Commonwealth.

A copy—Teste:
A. P. Gomer, CLERK.

Teste:
A. P. Gomer, CLERK.

R E L Watkins p. q.

Acopy for
Mollie Smith

vs. } *In Chancery.*

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Nansemond Circuit Court.

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CHANCERY SUMMONS.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON

*John C. Goodman,
Mollie Smith, Kate, Sue Karrell,
B. G. Williams, Benjamin Goodman,
Mattie D. Hill, W. J. Smith, Almira
Smith, Henry A. Morgan, and
Bruce Smith Administrator of
the goods and chattels of Jas. H.
Goodman deceased.*

to appear at the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, at the Rules to be held
for the said Court, on the *First* Monday in *September 1897*, to answer

A Bill in Chancery, exhibited against *them*
in the said Court by *Lovie Smith, John S.
Smith and Mattie B. Smith*

and have then and there this summons.

Witness, A. P. GOMER, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this *17th* day of
July, 189*7*, in the 12*th* year of the Commonwealth.

A copy—Teste: *A. P. Gomer*, CLERK. } Teste: *A. P. Gomer*, CLERK.

R E L Watkins p. q.

*Copy for
Benjamin Goodman*

vs. } In Chancery.

1897
September Rules.

First Monday.

Nansemond Circuit Court.

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The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON

John C. Goodman
Mollie Smith Kate Sue Hamell B. G.
Williams Benjamin Goodman
Mattie D Hile W. J. Smith Almata
Smith Henry A Morgan, ^{D. B. Smith} and a
Bruce Smith Administrator of the
goods and chattels of Jas. S. Goodman
deceased

to appear at the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, at the Rules to be held
 for the said Court, on the *First* Monday in *September* 1897, to answer

a Bill in Chancery, exhibited against *them*
 in the said Court by *Lovie Smith John S. Smith*
and Hattie B. Smith

and have then and there this summons.

Witness, A. P. GOMER, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this *17th* day of

July, 189*7*, in the 12*2*th year of the Commonwealth.

A copy—Teste:

A. P. Gomer, CLERK.

Teste:

A. P. Gomer, CLERK.

R E L Watkins p. q.

A Copy for
B G Williams

vs. } *In Chancery.*

1897
September Rules.
First Monday.

Nansemond Circuit Court.

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The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON

John C Goodman, Mollie Smith, Kate Sue Warrell, B. Williams, Benjamin Goodman, Mattie D Hill, W. F. Smith, Myeta Smith, Henry A Morgan, and Bruce Smith Administrator of the goods and Chattels of Jas C Goodman deceased

to appear at the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, at the Rules to be held for the said Court, on the *Tuesday* ~~Monday~~ in *September* ~~August~~ 1897, to answer

a Bill in Chancery, exhibited against *them* in the said Court by *Lovie Smith, John S Smith and Mattie B Smith*

and have then and there this summons.

Witness, A. P. GOMER, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this *17th* day of *July*, 1897, in the 122nd year of the Commonwealth.

A copy—Teste:

Teste:

, CLERK.

, CLERK.

Executed this 19th day of Aug 1897 by Sewing a true
Copy of the within process on Mother & Hill
Abner Smith Henry A Morgan and Bruce
Smith administrator of the goods & Chattels of
James H. Swannan Deceased, H. J. Smith not found
in my County

R. E. Hopkins J. S.
For A. H. Koser Shff

R. E. Hopkins p. 9.

Leone Smith
and others

vs.

In Chancery.

John Swannan
and others

1897
September
~~October~~ Rules.

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Nansemond Circuit Court.

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CHANCERY SUMMONS.

The Commonwealth of Virginia, *Southampton*

TO THE SHERIFF OF ~~NANSEMOND~~ COUNTY—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON

John C Goodman
Mollie Smith, Kate Sue Harrell, B. G.
Williams Benjamin Goodman, Mattie
O Hill, W J Smith, c. Meta Smith
Henry A Morgan D B Smith and
Bruce Smith Administrator of the
goods and Chattels of Jas H Goodman
deceased

to appear at the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, at the Rules to be held
 for the said Court, on the *First* Monday in *September 1897*, to answer

a Bill in Chancery, exhibited against *them*
 in the said Court by *Lovie Smith John S Smith*
and Mattie B Smith

and have then and there this summons.

Witness, A. P. GOMER, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this *1st* day of
September, 189*7*, in the 122nd year of the Commonwealth.

A copy—Teste:

Teste:

CLERK.

CLERK.

A. P. Gomer

H. J. Smith not being found at his usual place
of abode I executed this process by delivering a copy
hereof to H. B. Smith a member of the family over the
age of sixteen years and explaining its purport to him on
the 4th day of September 1897

M. Williams
Suff

R. G. Watkins p. 9.

Levie Smith testee

v.s.

In Chancery.

John L. Goodman
and others

1897--

September Rules.

Smith Monday.

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Shiff's fee 50 cts
not paid.

Mr. A. P. Gomer, Clerk of the
Circuit Court of Chaussemond
County, Va.

You will please dismiss
or request the Judge of said
Court to dismiss the Chancery
suit recently brought by us
through our attorney, R. E. L.
Watkins, in said Court for the
purpose of selling or dividing
the Jas. H. Goodman land in
which we are interested with
others, we having decided not
to prosecute the suit any fur-
ther

Respectfully

Octo. 19, 1897

John L. Smith

Loic. Smith

Smithe sal.

vs. } In Chy.

Goodman sal.

Request of two
of Complainants
to dismiss the
suit

Mr. A. P. Comer, Clerk of Circuit Court,

Nansemond County, Va:

You will please dismiss the Chancery suit recently brought by us through our attorney, R. E. L. Watkins, in your Court, for the purpose of selling or dividing the "Jas. H. Goodman land", in which we are interested with others. We having decided not to prosecute the suit any further.

Hattie B Smith

Aug. 27th, 1897.

Smith sal

vs. } In Chy

Goodman sal

Request of one
of complainants
to dismiss the
suit.