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Nansemond Co (Suffolk) Chancery Causes: Charles B Godwin etc vs Mary Emma Gray, Admx et al

Moody, Stephenson, Grimes, King

COMMISSIONERS' SALE OF REAL ESTATE!

By authority of a decree of the Circuit Court of Nansemond county, in the State of Virginia, entered on the 12th day of October, 1899, in the chancery cause pending in said court between Charles B. Godwin and others, plaintiffs, and Mary E. Gray and others, defendants, the undersigned will sell by public auction to the highest bidder, before the Courthouse door of Nansemond county, in Suffolk, Va.,

ON MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1900,

(County Court day), at 12 o'clock M., the following real estate, to wit:

First. All that certain real estate, containing eight acres, more or less, situated in Barrett's Neck, Nansemond county, Va., and adjoining the lands of Mary E. Addison, W. A. Moore, Theodore Haughwout and Vienna W. King, and being the same land conveyed to William A. Gray by James E. King and wife by deed recorded in the Clerk's office of said county, in Deed Book No. 24, page 40, less one-half of an acre which W. A. Gray sold and conveyed in his lifetime to Anna E. Gray, and also exclusive of that certain part of said land, with the dwelling-house thereon, forty feet wide and running back between parallel lines from the roadway ditch a distance of 240 feet, assigned to Mary Emma Gray as her dower in the lands of William A. Gray, deceased.

Second. Also the reversionary estate in the said lot of land, with the buildings thereon, assigned to the said Mary Emma Gray as her dower.

Third. An undivided one-fifth interest in and to the old "Ebsuezsr Church" land of which John T. Gray, Sr., died seized and possessed, consisting of one and one-half acres, more or less, and situated in said Barrett's Neck, in said county.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-half cash and the balance on a credit of six months; taking from the purchaser or purchasers a bond or bonds for the deferred payment or payments, bearing interest from day of sale, and title to be retained until the further order of the Court.

LEE BRITT,
E. E. HOLLAND,
de1-2t Special Commissioners.

I, Azra P. Gomer, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Nansemond county, Virginia, do certify that the bond required of Edward E. Holland and Lee Britt as Special Commissioners under the decree of said Court made on the 12th day of October, 1899, in the chancery cause pending in said court between Charles B. Godwin and others, complainants, and Mary E. Gray and others, defendants, has been executed with security deemed sufficient by me.

Given under my hand this 14th day of November, 1899. A. P. GOMER, Clerk.

ESTABLISHED 1876.

Suffolk, Va., Aug 11 1900.

Mrs. Lee Bill & E. R. Holland Dec'd Coms

To SUFFOLK HERALD, Dr.

Newspaper and Job Printing Establishment,

No. 9 WASHINGTON SQUARE.

☞ TERMS OF THIS BILL, NET CASH.

1899

Dec	1	To Publishing Notice Dissolution of Partnership between Mary E. Gray & Lee Bill 7 in 12 weeks	6 00
		Printing 50 Hand Bills for Same	1 25
			7 25

Rec'd Payment for Lee Bill & E. R. Holland Coms

J. L. Porter

Aug 11 1900

Horace a/c

V1

Bill & Hollands

Copy

ESTABLISHED 1876.

Suffolk, Va., Apr 20 1900.

Mr E. G. Holland Late Sheriff &c Comy

To SUFFOLK HERALD, Dr.

Newspaper and Job Printing Establishment,

No. 9 WASHINGTON SQUARE.

☞ TERMS OF THIS BILL, NET CASH.

1899			
Dec 7	2	50 Bills – Notice of Sale of the Gray Land 8th Street	1 25
8	4	adv'g Sale of Grays Land in Herald 7 inches 2 ds	6 00
			$ 7.25

Suffolk Herald

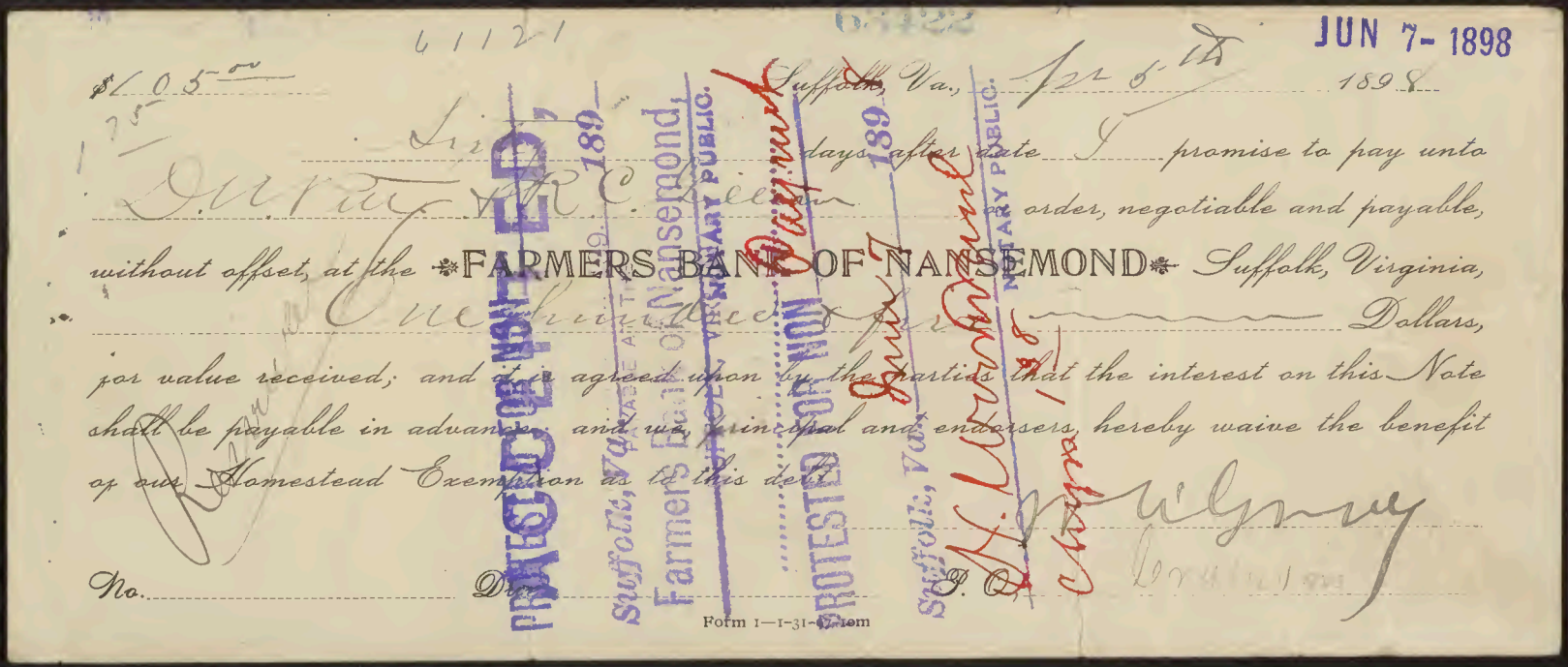
$7.25

C.B.Godwin-Plaintiff

VS--In Chancery---

Gray's Administratrix et als.

Vouchers for Dixbursements made by E.E.Holland and Lee Britt,Special Commissioners returned with report of said Commissionersdated October I, I900,and filed in said cause in the Clerk's Office of Nansemond County Circuit Court October I,I900.



$105.00

Suffolk, Va., Jan 6th 1898

JUN 7- 1898

_____ days after date I promise to pay unto

_____ order, negotiable and payable,

without offset, at the FARMERS BANK OF NANSEMOND Suffolk, Virginia,

_____ Dollars,

for value received; and it is agreed upon by the parties that the interest on this Note shall be payable in advance, and we, principal and endorsers, hereby waive the benefit of our Homestead Exemption as to this debt.

No. _____ Due _____

Form 1—1-31-Nom

PROTESTED

Suffolk, Va. Farmers Bank of Nansemond. NOTARY PUBLIC.

PROTESTED FOR NON

Suffolk, Va. NOTARY PUBLIC.

4063

Aug 18th 1900

Received of E. Ethel and
daughter Specimens
Forty 62/100 Dollars on account
of within note from
proceeds sale of Real
estate.
$40 62/100

C B Goodwin

Received of E.E.Holland and Lee Britt, Commissioners the sum of twenty five dollars in full settlement of judgment against W.A.Gray, estate, amounting to $55.64 with interest thereon from November 29, 1894 and one dollar and twenty ~~fifty~~ five cents costs, subject to a credit of $35.67 dated September 10, 1895, reported by Commissioner in the chancery cause of C.B.Godwin vs Gray's administratrix and others.

August 11, 1900.

W.B. Bynum C

STATEMENT.

Fredonia, N. Y., May 23 1898

M W. A. Gray

Crittenden, Nansemond, Va.

To **Dr. M. M. FENNER,** Dr.

Terms

Proprietor of

Peoples Remedies.

189

Oct. 3/96	To Mdse.	$1875
1 dz. C. B.	60	450
1 " Cough Honey	25	175
1 " Soothing S.		175
1 " Golden Relief.	25	175
1/2 " Kidney C.		400
		1375

State of New York:
County of Chautauqua: S. S. M. M. Fenner being duly sworn deposes and says that the above account is correct and just, that no part of it has been paid and that there are no legal offsets to the best of his knowledge and belief.

M M Fenner

Sworn and subscribed before me this 31st day of May. 1898.

W. C. Bird.

Notary Public.

Received of E.E.Holland and Lee Britt, Commissioners in the Chancery cause of Godwin vs W.A.Gray's administratrix and others the sum of four dollars and eleven cents ($4.II) in payment of the sum of $5.7I, the distributive share of the said M.M. Fenner of the said estate, less fee of $I.60 to attorneys conducting the cause.

August II, I900.

Dr M. M. Fenner

per

Mercantile Credit Co.

A. N. MacNabb, Mgr.

Received of E.E.Holland and Lee Britt, Special Commissioners in case of Godwin vs Gray and others the sum of Four Dollars in payment of fees in said case.

September 4, 1900. A S Baker Sheriff

Charles B. Godwin &c Vs Mary E. Gray Admx &c E. E. Holland } Lee Britt } Lg

1900 To A. P. GOMER, Clerk Circuit Court of Nansemond County, Dr.

Aug 10th ~~Tax~~ ~~and~~ Clerk Fees in ~~suit~~ the above named

Suit $8.26

Received payment A. P. Gomer Clerk Clk.

$3.24/100

Sept 13th 1900

Received of E. E. Holland & Leo Britt Special Commissioners

Three & 24/100 Dollars

in payment of tax on $341.00 the purchase price

of the Realestate of W. A. Gray Dec'd sold by

them Jany 8th 1900 in the Chancery cause of C. B.

Nol Godwin vs. S. S. Gray's Adm'x & others.

D. A. King D. C.

L. D. BLOUNT, President.
D. P. BLOUNT, Sec'y and Treas.

Norfolk, Va., NOV 15 1898 189

OLD PHONE 397.
P. O. BOX 437.

NEW YORK AND... KENTUCKY CIDERS. 30 TO 60 GRAIN VINEGAR.

Mr W. A. Gray Executor

Bought of **BLOUNT MANUFACTURING CO.**

MANUFACTURERS OF

TERMS CASH. **CIDER AND VINEGAR.**

Receivers and Jobbers of **Butter and Cheese,**

Office and Wareroom:
35 and 37 ROANOKE DOCK.

Factory:
36 ROANOKE STREET.

PEACH, PEAR, RASPBERRY, GRAPE AND... CHERRY CIDERS.

1898

July 12 To 20 Bbls Cider apples @ 4 50

" " 15 " Peaches @ 5 75

79 1004

Rec'd of E. E. Holland & Lee Britt Commissioners in Chancery cause of Sidonia Gray &c the sum of one hundred 88/100 dollars being $38 8/10 the distributive share (35 1/3 pc) of your account against W. A. Gray's Estate less atty fee of $12.00

Aug 11, 1900

Virginia.
Corporation of the City of Norfolk. To-wit:-

D.P. Blount being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the Agent of L.D. Blount trading as the Blount Manufacturing Company, and that the account on the reverse side hereof is a just and correct account of the amount due said L.D. Blount from the Estate of W.A. Gray, that no part thereof has been paid, and that interest is claimed on said sum of Ten Dollars & four cents from March 12th 1898.

D.P. Blount

Witness my signature & notarial seal this 16th day of November, 1898.

Harry Kilvoth. Notary Public

Mr. Wm A. Gray Est Dr.

1898. To S. T. ELLIS, Treasurer of Nansemond County, Va.

No. 123

No. of Acres 91/2

	State Tax 30c. on $100.	State School Tax, 10c. on $100.	County Levy, 20c. on $100.	Parish Levy, 8c. on $100.	County School Tax, 5c. on $100.	District School Tax, 5c. on $100.	County Road Tax, 10c. on $100.	TOTAL TAX.
To Real Estate, value $ 570.	1 71	5 7	1 14	X	28	29	5 7	4 56
" Personal Property, value $ 128	38	13	26		6	6	13	1 02
" Merchandise, value $								
" Poll Taxes		1 00					50	
Total								5 58
5 per cent. additional								28
Total								5 86

Received payment 3 day of Feby 1899

J. T. Ellis Treasurer.

Per W. A. King Dep'y

House Fire 130
Car 1266
1436
F D Moody

Received of E.E.Holland and Lee Britt, Commissioners in the Chancery Cause of Godwin vs Gray's Administratrix and others the sum of three dollars in payment of fee as crier of real estate sold January 1900 under proceedings in said cause.

August 20, 1900.

J. Walter Lucas
Crier

Received of L.E. Holland and Lee Britt, Commissioners in the chancery cause of Godwin vs Gray's Administratrix and others the sum of ten dollars in payment of fee due me as Commissioner in said case, for making report.

August 11, 1900.

John R. Turner
Comr in Chy.

Feby 3rd 1899

Received of Thos D. Moody

Six 80/100 Dollars

it being in full for taxes and interest &c

paid for the Delinquent land taxes &c due on

the Estate of Wm A. Gray J. C. Stubbs

$6 80/100

Feb 3 1899
Payed to Joseph Hubbard
$4.00 for Septandinest

Rec'd of E. C. Holland and Lee Britt Special Commissioners in Chancery cause of Godwin vs Gray the sum of one dollar ~~as~~ each payment of fee as Commissioner in assignment of Dower to widow of W. A. Gray.

Aug 9, 1900–

W. C. Whitney
J. P. Rives
W. F. Collier
W. H. Britt

Mr. Wm A. Gray Est. Dr.

1899. To S. T. ELLIS, Treasurer of Nansemond County, Va.

No. 189 / No. of Acres 9 1/2	State Tax, 30c. on $100.	State School Tax, 10c. on $100.	County Levy, 20c. on $100.	Parish Levy, 8c. on $100.	County School Tax, 5c. on $100.	District School Tax, 5c. on $100.	County Road Tax, 10c on $100.	TOTAL TAX.
To Real Estate, value $ 475	1 43	48	96	X	24	24	48	3 83
" Personal Property, value $								
" value $								
" Poll Taxes		~~1 00~~					~~50~~	
Total								3 83
5 per cent. additional								19
Total								4 02

Received payment 13 day of Sept 1900 W. A. King Jr. Treasurer.

of E. E. Holland & Lee Brett

Special Comrs in Chancery Cause of C. B. Godwin &c.

Errors Admt + others W. A. King Dep'y Treas.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

May E. Gray

Suffolk, Va., June 21st 1899

Mr. H. A. Grays Est.

To R. W. BAKER & CO., Dr.

Furniture Dealers and Undertakers.

1898			
April	15	To 1 Casket & Services	$ 45-00

R.H. Rawles Adm.

For value received I do hereby assign this claim of $45- to R.H. Rawles without recourse and direct that same be paid to him.

Nov. 6. 1899.

R.W. Baker & Co

Rec'd of E.C. Holland & Lee Britt Commissioners forty five dollars in payment of above account.

Aug 11, 1900 — R.H. Rawles assignee

R.W. Baker & Co

INSURE WITH THE

Magdeburg Fire Insurance Co.

OF GERMANY.

ESTABLISHED 1844.

THE LARGEST FIRE INSURANCE CO. IN GERMANY.

Reserve Prices
for 1900

Aztecs, an early Mexican people.

Godwin vs Gray et als –

Taxed Costs	$46.76
Advertising	7.25
Auctioneer	3.00
Commissioner's Deeds (3)	15.00
Commissions on Sales	15.82
Taxes for 1900 on $341-95	3.24
" " 1899 vs W. A. Gray	4.02
" " 1899 " " " "	~~.51~~
	95.60
	.51
	$95.09

$341
95.60
24540
12.66
232.74
45.00
187.74

10638
13.71
10.00
185.00
6435
21.22
400.74 | 187.74

21.25
8.1480

Bay of Bengal is south of India.

W. B Grayson & Co.
vs.
W. A Gray — } $55.64. int. from Nov. 1894.
1 vs. costs —

June 1st. 1895 — Dec. 5th April grown.

$35.67 Sept. 10, 1895 —

J. S. Bates

20,00
06
1200
120
1320

13.20
20.00
$43,20

Superior Trans A.
vs
W. A Gray. $63 vs Jul 4 Jany. 1893 —
1st 1894. Jany 27 — Date — 1894. Apr 19 Dec.

State of Virginia,
City of Norfolk, To wit:-

In consideration of the sum of Fifteen dollars and Eighty One Cents($15.81) to us in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we hereby assign and transfer unto Charles B. Godwin a certain judgment obtained by the Imperial Guano Company against W.A. Gray, deceased, for the sum of sixty three dollars and twenty five cents $63.25), with interest thereon from the 4 day of January 1893 and costs of $1.10, docketed in the County Clerk's Office of Nansemond County Court, which judgment was assigned for value to us by the Receiver of the said The Imperial Guano Company, together with all, and singular, the rights and privileges appertaining to said judgment.

Given under our hands and seals this 18th day of May 1900.

J. R. Young Jr. (SEAL)
Assignee of
The Imperial Guano Co. (SEAL)

Rec'd of E. C. Holland & Lee Britt, Special Commissioners in case of C. B. Godwin vs W. A. Gray's Administrator & others the sum of Thirty one & 82/100 Dollars in settlement of ~~pro rata share~~ judgment of Imperial Guano Co. vs W. A. Gray for $63.25, interest and costs assigned to J. R. Young, Jr.

C. B. Godwin

Aug 1, 1900 -

Know all by these Presents that I [illegible] of the County of [illegible] and State of [illegible] am held and firmly bound unto the United States of America in the sum of One hundred Eighty five $185.00 Dollars lawful money of the United States for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made I bind myself my heirs Executors Administrators firmly by these presents and hereby waive the benefit of the Homestead exemption as to this debt obligation or contract as witness my hand and seal this 1st day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and [illegible] Six

[illegible]

Seal

Witness [illegible]

Aug 1st 1900. Received of E. E. Holland
& Lic Brit. & Pl Commrs Eighty 27/100
dollars on account of auction bond from
proceeds sale of real estate

C B Sudduth
Assignee

CHANCERY SUMMONS.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON Mary E. Gray, a ammistratrix of the goods and chattels of William A Gray deceased Ida C. Moody and Thos D Moody her husband ~~Georgie Stephenson and I L. Stephenson~~ her husband and John T. Gray Jr ~~his husband Mattie A Gunn and George Gunn~~, and Mary E Gray widow of said William A Gray 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 March 1899, to answer a Bill in Chancery, exhibited against them in the said Court by Charles B. Godwin who sues on behalf of himself and such other creditors of William A Gray deceased, as shall come in and contribute to the costs of this suit

and have then and there this summons.

Witness, A. P. GOMER, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this 15 day of February 1899, in the 123th year of the Commonwealth.

Teste:

A P Gomer Clerk.

Executed in the City of Norfolk va on the 28th day of February 1899. by delivering a copy here of on Mattie A. Grimes. and not finding John T. Gray Jr at his usual place of above this 28th day of February 1899. I served a copy here of for him on to Mattie A Grimes she being there, and a member of his family above the age of sixteen years and gave information of its purport to her. And not finding J. L. Stevenson or Georgella Stevenson or any member of their family over the age of sixteen years, at their usual place of abode this 28 day of February 1899. I tacked copies here of for each of them on the front door of their abode.

Georg- Grimes not found.

J. T. Lawler Sergt
City of Norfolk va

by L. L. Quinn Dpus

E E Holland }
Lee Butt } p.q

Charles B Godwin Sachs

Vs In Chancery

Mary E Gray &c &c

1899
March Rules
1st Monday

Mrs Mattie A Grimes
says her maiden name
was Gray.

Received of attorneys for plaintiff the sum of Two & 50/100 Dollars in payment of fees for serving process on J. T. Gray Jr. Mrs Georgella A. Stevenson, J. L. Stevenson, Mrs Mattie A. Grimes and L. L. Quinn

L. L. Quinn DS

CHANCERY SUMMONS.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE ~~SHERIFF~~ Sergeant OF ~~NANSEMOND COUNTY~~ the City of Norfolk —GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON Mary E Gray Administratrix of the goods and chattels of William A Gray deceased, Ida C Moody and Thos D Moody her husband, Georgette Stephenson and T. C. Stephenson her husband Mattie A Grimes and Robert L Grimes her husband John S Gray Jr and Mary E Gray widow of said William A Gray 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 March 1899, to answer a Bill in Chancery, exhibited against them in the said Court by Charles B Godwin who sues on behalf of himself and such other of the creditors of William A Gray deceased as shall come in and contribute to the costs of this suit

and have then and there this summons.

Witness, A. P. GOMER, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this 1st day of March, 1899, in the 123rd year of the Commonwealth.

A copy—Teste:

_____, CLERK.

Teste:

A. P. Gomer, CLERK.

Robert L. Grimes
is dead,

J. T. Lawler Dept
Clerk of Norfolk Va
by E. L. Grimes

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Commissioners

E E Holland
Lee Britt } p. q.

Charles B Godwin
and others

vs. } In Chancery.

Mary E Gray
Admx & others

1899

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First Monday.

Nansemond Circuit Court.

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Dead
1 Jan

Robert L Grimes
has been dead about
1 Jan. E L Grimes Ds

CHANCERY SUMMONS.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE ~~SHERIFF~~ Sergeant OF ~~NANSEMOND COUNTY~~ the City of Norfolk —GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON Mary E Gray Administratrix of the goods and chattels of William A Gray deceased, Ida L Moody and Thos. D Moody her husband Georgette Stephenson and T L Stephenson her husband Mattie R. Grimes and Robert L Grimes her husband John T Gray Jr and Mary E Gray widow of said William A Gray 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 March 1899, to answer a Bill in Chancery, exhibited against them in the said Court by Charles B Godwin who sues on behalf of himself and such other of the Creditors of William A Gay deceased as shall come in and contribute to the costs of this suit.

and have then and there this summons.

Witness, A. P. GOMER, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this 1st day of March, 1899, in the 123rd year of the Commonwealth.

A copy—Teste:
A P Gomer, CLERK.

Teste:
A P Gomer, CLERK.

E E Holland }
Lee Britt } p. q.

A copy for
Robert L. Grimes

vs. } In Chancery.

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Suit ---Monday.

Nansemond Circuit Court.

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CHANCERY SUMMONS.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE ~~SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY~~ Sergeant of Norfolk GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON Mary E. Gray administratrix of the Goods and Chattels of William A Gray deceased Ida C Moody and Thos D Moody her husband Georgelle Stephenson and J. L. Stephenson her husband Mattie A Gunnes and George Gunnes her husband and John T. Gray Jr and Mary E Gray Widow of William A Gray 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 March 1899, to answer a Bill in Chancery, exhibited against them in the said Court by Charles B Godwin who sues on behalf of himself and such other creditors of William A Gray deceased as may come in and contribute to the cost of this suit

and have then and there this summons.

Witness, A. P. GOMER, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this 15 day of February 1899 in the 123d year of the Commonwealth.

Teste:

A Copy Teste A P Gomer Clerk A P Gomer Clerk.

Copy for George Barnes
Lines on Churchland
Transport Company

CHANCERY SUMMONS.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE ~~SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND~~ Sergeant &c of Norfolk ~~COUNTY~~ GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON mary E Gray admrx of the goods and chattels of William A Gray deceased Ida C. Moody and Thos O Moody her husband Virginia Stephenson and T. L. Stephenson her husband Mattie A Guines and Geoge Guines her husband and John T. Gray Jr and Mary E Gray widow of said William A. Gray 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 March 1899., to answer a Bill in Chancery, exhibited against them in the said Court by Charles B Gowen who sues on behalf of himself and such other of Creditors of William A Gray deceased as shall come in and contribute to the Costs of this suit

and have then and there this summons.

Witness, A. P. GOMER, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this 15 day of February 1899, in the 123rd year of the Commonwealth.

Teste:

A. P. Gomer Clerk.

Executed by delivering a true copy of the within summons to the ~~Thomas H. Moody~~ Ida C. Moody his wife at his residence and explaining the nature of the same to her, he not being found at his usual place of abode, ~~this 8th day of February 1899~~, also a true copy of the within summons to each of the within named Mary E. Gray, administratrix of Estate of William A. Gray deceased, Ida C. Moody and Mary E. Gray, widow of William A. Gray, deceased in person, in the County of Nansemond this 24th day of February 1899. R.E. Norfleet Dep. for A.H. Baker Sh'ff

E. E. Holland Jr. p.q.
Lee Bros.

Charles B. Commissioner
By Inc. Chancery
Mary E. Gray et als

1899
March Rules
1st Monday

To A.P.Comer,Clerk of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County,Virginia.

Please issue process in the following case:

Charles B.Godwin,who sues on behalf of himself and such other of the cred i tors of William A.Gray,deceased,as shall come in and contribute to the c osts of this suit- Plaintiff -

VS-

Mary E.Gray,administratrix of the goods and chattels of William A.Gray, d eceased,Ida C.Moody,and Thos.D.Moody,her husband,Georgette Stephenson a nd T.L.Stephenson,her husband,Mattie R. and Robert L. Grimes, Her husband, Grimes,John T.Gray,Jr.,and Mary E .Gray,widow of said William A.Gray,deceased- Defendants.

Issue summons in chancery to Rules on Ist Monday in March,1899.

Say $150

E. C. Kilgore

Lee Britt Jr.

Charles B Godwin
Vs. In Chancery
Mary E Gray Admx &c

Know All Men by These Presents, That we, E E Holland
and Lee Britt and Luther R Britt and
Wm N Jones Jr

are held and firmly bound unto the COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA in the just and full sum of Six Hundred DOLLARS, to the payment whereof, well and truly to be made to the said Commonwealth, we bind ourselves, and each of us, our and each of our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

And we waive the benefit of our exemption as to this obligation, and also waive any claim or right to discharge any liability to the said Commonwealth arising under this bond, or by virtue of the office, post or trust herein mentioned, with coupons detached from bonds of said Commonwealth.

Sealed with our seals, and dated this 14th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Ninety Nine, and in the 124th year of the Commonwealth.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas by a decree of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, Virginia pronounced on the 12th day of October 1899 in the Chancery cause pending in said Court between Charles B Godwin and others Complainats against Mary E Grey and others Defendants the above bound E E Holland and Lee Britt who were apponted Special Commissioners for the purpose Specified in said decree. Now therefore if the said E E Holland and Lee Britt shall faithfully discharge their duties under said decree and all other decrees they may be required to execute in said cause then the above obligation is to be void, otherwise it is to remain in full force and effect

Lee Britt SEAL
Luther R Britt SEAL
Edwd E Holland SEAL
Wm N Jones Jr SEAL
SEAL

In the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, on the 14th day of November 1899.

The above bond was executed and acknowledged by the obligors (the sureties justifying on oath as to their sufficiency) and recorded.

Teste: L P Gomey CLERK.

A Copy Teste:
L P Gomey Clerk

E E Holland
and Lee Britt

To } Spec. Com. Bond

The Commonwealth.

1899
Novr 14th

Recorded in Official
Bond Book No 1 Page 192.

A Copy

Clarence Gray

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

Godwin vs Gray's Administratrix et als.

The undersigned, Special Commissioners in said cause, respectfully report to Court that they have collected the entire purchase price of the lands and interest in land sold in said above entitled cause, have made deeds to the purchasers for the lands and interest in land sold, and have distributed the proceeds as follows:-

I900			
March 3,	To amount proceeds from sales of lands&c.		$34I.00
By amount paid	Clerk's fees Voucher)	$8.26	
" "	Sheriff's fees (Voucher)	4.00	
" "	Sergeant's fees (Voucher)	4.00	
" "	John B.Pinner, Com'r's fee(	I0.00	
" "	Dower Commissioners' fees (Voucher)	44.00	
" "	Attorney tax and writ tax	I6.50	
" "	Advertisement of land (Voucher)	7.25	
" "	for Commissioners' deeds (3)	I5.00	
" "	taxes on land for I899 (Voucher)	4.02	
" "	taxes on land for I900 (Voucher)	3.24	
" "	Stamp tax on deed to C.B.Godwin, purchaser,	.50	
" "	R.H.Rawles assignee of R.W. Baker&Co. account (Voucher)	45.00	
" "	T.D.Moody, Tax Accounts (Voucher)	I3.I6	
" "	W.B.Ferguson&Co, judgment, compromised for (Voucher)	25.00	
" "	C.B.Godwin, assignee of J.R. Young, Jr., assignee of Imperial Guano Company Receiver (Voucher)	3I.82	
" "	C.B.Godwin assignee of W.M. Brittain, bond in part (Voucher)	80.2I	
" "	C.B.Godwin, note, in part Voucher	40.63	
" "	M.M.Fenner, open account, in part, to attorney, (Voucher)	5.7I	
" "	Blount Mfg Co., open account, in part, to attorney (Voucher)	3.88	
" "	J.W.Hosier, auctioneer, (Voucher)	3.00	
" "	Commissions on sales	I5.82	
		$34I.00	$34I.00

All of which disbursements were made in accordance with the report of Commissioner Pinner and decree of court, except the judgment in favor of W.B.Ferguson&Co. which was a preferred claim but reported as an unpreferred claim by said Commissioner. Your Commissioners effected a compromise of said judgment. Vouchers for disbursements are herewith returned.

Respectfully, submitted,

E. E. Hare and
Lee Britt
Commissioners

C.B.Godwin-

VS--In Chancery--

Gray's Administratrix et a

Report of Distribution of assets by Special Commissioners, E.E.Holland and Lee Britt, with Vouchers.

Filed October 1, 1900.

A.P.Garnett Clerk

AUCTION SALE

OF

Valuable Real Estate

By authority of a decree of the Circuit Court of Nansemond county, in the State of Virginia, entered on the 12th day of October, 1899, in the chancery cause pending in said court between Charles B. Godwin and others, plaintiffs, and Mary E. Gray and others, defendants, the undersigned will sell by public auction to the highest bidder, before the Courthouse door of Nansemond county, in Suffolk, Va.,

On Monday, January 8th, 1900,

(court day), at 12 M., the following real estate, to wit:

First. All that certain real estate, containing eight acres, more or less, situated in Barrett's Neck, Nansemond county, Va., and adjoining the lands of Mary E. Addison, W. A. Moore, Theodore Haughwout and Vienna W. King, and being the same land conveyed to William A. Gray by James E. King and wife by deed recorded in the Clerk's office of said county, in Deed Book No. 24, page 40, less one-half of an acre which W. A. Gray sold and conveyed in his lifetime to Anna E. Gray, and also exclusive of that certain part of said land, with the dwelling-house thereon, forty feet wide and running back between parallel lines from the roadway ditch a distance of 240 feet, assigned to Mary Emma Gray as her dower in the lands of William A. Gray, deceased.

Second. Also the reversionary estate in the said lot of land, with the buildings thereon, assigned to the said Mary Emma Gray as her dower.

Third. An undivided one-fifth interest in and to the old "Ebenezer Church land of which John T. Gray, Sr., died seized and possessed, consisting of one and one-half acres, more or less, and situated in said Barrett's Neck, in said county.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-half cash and the balance on a credit of six months; taking from the purchaser or purchasers a bond or bonds for the deferred payment or payments, bearing interest from day of sale, and title to be retained until the further order of the Court.

LEE BRITT,
E. E. HOLLAND,
Special Commissioners.

I, Azra P. Gomer, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Nansemond county, Virginia, do certify that the bond required of Edward E. Holland and Lee Britt as Special Commissioners under the decree of said Court made on the 12th day of October, 1899, in the chancery cause pending in said court between Charles B. Godwin and others, complainants, and Mary E. Gray and others, defendants, has been executed with security deemed sufficient by me.

Given under my hand this 14th day of November, 1899.

A. P. GOMER, CLERK.

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

Godwin----------Plaintiff-

VS

Gray and others----------Defendants-

The undersigned,Special Commissioners appointed by decree entered in the above entitled cause on the I2 day of October I899,beg to report that on the 8 day of January I900,after advertisement of the time,terms and place of sale required by said decree,they sold before the Court-house door of Nansemond County,at public auction, in the bill and proceedings mentioned the following real estate, to wit:-

Ist-All that certain real estate,containing eight acres, more or less,situate in Barrett's Neck,Nansemond County, Virginia,and adjoining the lands of Mary E.Addison,W.A. Moore,Theodore Haughwout and Vienna King,and being the same land conveyed to William A.Gray by James E.King and wife by deed recorded in the Clerk's Office of said County,in Deed Book No.24,Page 40,less one half of an acre which W.A.Gray sold and conveyed in his lifetime to Anna E.Gray,and also exclusive of that certain part of said land,with the dwelling house thereon,forty feet wide,and running back between parallel lines from the roadway ditch,a distance of 240 feet,assigned to Mary Emma Gray,as her dower in the lands of William A.Gray, deceased,and that at the said sale Charles B.Godwin made the highest bid therefor,and became the purchaser thereof at the price of two hundred dollars.

2nd-The reversionary estate in the said lot of land,with the buildings thereon,assigned to the said Mary Emma Gray,as her dower,and that at the said sale Benjamin

D.Bains made the highest bid therefor,and became the purchaser thereof at the price of forty six(46) dollars. 3rd-An undivided one fifth interest in the old "Ebenezer Church" land of which John T.Gray,Sr.,died seized and possessed,consisting of one and one half acres,more or less,and situate in said Barrett's Neck,in said County, and that at said sale Mrs.Elizabeth L.Johnson made the highest bid therefor,and became the purchaser thereof at the price of ninety five(95) dollars.That the said purchasers have complied with the terms of the sale in electing to pay the entire purchase money in cash, which amounts have been paid to your Commissioners and by them deposited to their credit as Special Commissioners in this cause in the Farmers Bank of Nansemond,a certificate of which deposits is herewith returned.

Your Commissioners return herewith a copy of the advertisement of sale.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. Holland

Lee Britt

Special Commissioners.

Godwin
vs
Report of Sale
&
Gray and others

Apl 10th 1900

Filed March 9th 1900.

Original

To Charles B.Godwin,creditor of Wm. A.Gray,who sues on behalf of himself and all other creditors who shall come in and contribute to the costs of this suit Plaintiffs

and

Mary Emma Gray,Administratrix of Wm. A .Gray deceased,the said Mary Emma Gray,widow of Wm. A.Gray,deceased,Ida C. Moody and Thomas B.Moody,her husband,Georgette Stephenson and T.L.Stephenson,her husband,Mattie R.Grimes and John T.Gray,Jr. Defendants.

You are hereby notified that on the 20th. day of July 1899at my office,in Suffolk,Va. (at which time and place you arecrequired to attend) I shall take state and settle the following accounts which are to be taken,stated and settled and reported to Court in pursuamce of the decree of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County,Va.,rendered the 13th. day of April 1899 in the suit in chancery pending in said Court to which you are parties plaintiff and defendan to-wit:-

1. An Account of the transactions of Mary Emma Gray,Administratrix of William A.Gray,deceased.
2. An Account of the debts due to your complainant,and of all other debts which were due and owing by the said William A.Gray at the time of his death,and which still remain unpaid,together with their respective dignities and priorities.
3. An Account of the real estate of which the said William A.Gray died seized and possessed together with the fee simple value thereof.
4. An Account of all unpaid taxes on said property,if any.

Together with any other matter specially stated deemed pertinent or required by any party to be stated.

Given under my hand as Commissioner in Chancery of said Court this 7th. day of July 1899.

John B. Pinner

Commissioner in Chancery.

We hereby accept and acknowledge
legal service of the within notice
Mary Emma Gray Admx
Wm A Gray decd
Mary Emma Gray
Admx of Wm A Gray decd
Per H Rawls atty.
C L Godwin
By E E Hare and
Lee Britt
J D Moody
Ida C Moody

Original

To Charles B.Godwin, creditor of Wm. A.Gray, who sues on behalf of himself and all other creditors who shall come in and contrbute to the costs of this suit Plaintiffs

and

Mary Emma Gray, Administratrix of Wm. A.Gray, deceased, the said Mary Emma Gray, widow of Wm. A.Gray, deceased, Ida C.Moody and Thos D.Moody, her husband, Georgette Stephenson and T.L.Stepehson, her husband, Mattie R.Grimes and John T. Gray, Jr. Defendants.

You are hereby notified that onnthe 20th. day of July 1899 at my office in Suffolk, Va. (at which time and place you are required to attend) I shall take, state and settle the following accounts which are to be taken, stated and settled and reported to Court in pursuance of the decree of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, Va. rendered the 13th. day of April 1899 in the suit in chancery pending in said Court to which you are parties plaintiff and defendant to-wit:-

1. An Account of the transactions of Mary Emma Gray, Administratrix of William A.Gray deceased.
2. An Account of the debts due to your complainant and of all other debts which were due and owing by the said William A.Gray at the time of his death, and which still remain unpaid, together with their respective dignities and priorities.
3. An Account of the real estate of which the said William A.Gray died seized and possessed together with the fee simple value thereof.
4. An Account of all unpaid taxes on said property, if any.

Together with any other matter specially stated deemed pertinent or required by any party to be stated.

Given under my hand as Commissioner in Chancery of said Court this 7th. day of July 1899.

John B. Sumner
Commissioner in Chancery.

Executed in the City of Norfolk on the 12th day of July 1899. by delivering copies here of to Georgette Stephenson and Mattie R. Grimes. and not finding J. L. Stephenson at his usual place of abode this the 12: 1899. I served a copy hereof on Georgette Stephenson his wife, she being there, and a member of his family above the age of sixteen years, and gave information of the purport to her, and not finding John T. Gray Jr at his usual place of abode this the 12th day 1899. I served a copy hereof on Sarbin and Mattie R. Grimes she being there and a member of his family above the age of sixteen years and gave information of the purport to her,

J. T. Lanier Sergt
City of Norfolk
by C. L. Jenkins Deputy

Sergt's fee 2.00 paid
C L Jenkins

Commissioner's Office.

Suffolk,Va.

Charles B.Godwin,creditor of Wm. A.Gray who sues on behalf of himself and all other creditors who shall come in and contribute to the costs of this suit Plaintiff

vs. In Chancery.

Mary Emma Gray,Administratrix of Wm. A.Gray deceased,the said Mary Emma Gray,widow of Wm. A.Gray ,deceased Ida C.Moody and Thos D.moody her husband,Georgette Stephenson and T.L.Stephenson,her husband,Mattie R.Grimes and John T.Gray Jr. Defendants

To The Circuit Court of Nansemond County,Virginia.

Pursuant to a decree of the Court pronounced in the above entitled cause on the 13th. day of April 1899,the undersigned one of the Commissioners of this Court,having first given notice as required by law,which notice is herewith returned duly acknowledged and served proceeded on the day named in said notice to take the accounts as directed in said decree and begs to report upon said accounts as follows,

1. An Account of the transactions of Mary Emma Gray Administratrix of Wm. A.Gray deceased.

Your Commissioner begs to report that the account of the said Adminstratrix is now pending before your Commissioner as the Commissioner of Accounts of Nansemond County Court and that the said account shows no balance to be due by the said Administratrix to the said Estate ,the receipts of which amounted to $12.45 and the disbursements the same amount and that the account is duly supported by vouchers.

2. An Account of the debts due the complainant and all other debts which were due and owing by the said William A.Gray at the time of his death and which still remain unpaid together with their respective dignit ies and priorities.

Your Commissioner begs to report that the debts ascertained to have been due at the time of the death of the said ~~William A.~~

.and due by his Estate unpaid
William A.Gray are as follows,

(a)A debt due by note to Charles B.Godwin for the ~~principal~~ sum of One Hundred and Six Dollars and Thirty-eight cents with interest thereof from the 5th. day of June 1898 on $105 principal the remainder being a protest charge on said note of One Dollar and Thirty-eight Cents.

(b) A debt due Dr. M.M.Fenner by open account for the sum of Thirteen Dollars and Seventy-five Cents dated Oct. 3,1896.

(c)A debt due Blount Manufacturing Co. due by open account for the sum of Ten Dollars and Four Cents. dated February 12,1898

(d) A Debt due by bond to W.M.Brittain dated January 1st 1896 for the sum of One Hundred and Eighty-five Dollars with interest thereon from date.

(e) A debt due Thos D.Moody for taxes paid for the year 1898 amounting to Five Dollars and Eighty-six cents and a debt due Thos D.Moody for delinquent taxes (prior to 1898) and costs paid amounting to Six Dollars and Eighty Cents, the two debts due on account of taxes so paid amounting to the sum of Twelve Dollars and Sixty-six cents.

(f) A debt due R.W.Baker and Co. for casket and services rendered at burial of William A.Gray. dated April 15,1898 for the sum of Forty-five Dollars. (assigned to R&R Banks)

(g) A debt due Imperial Guano Company by judgment, duly docket-ed in the Clerk's Office of the Nansemond County Court for the sum of Sixty-three Dollars and Twenty-five Cents with interest thereon from the 4th. day of January 1893 and One Dollar and Ten Cents costs.

(h) A debt due W.B.Ferguson and Co. by judgment duly docketed in the Clerk's Office of the Nansemond County Court for the sum of Fifty-five Dollars and Sixty-four Cents with interest thereon from the 29th. day of November 1894 and One Dollar and Twenty-five Cents costs, subject to a credit of Thirty-five Dollars and Sixty-

seven Cents paid thereon 10th. day of September 1895.

All of said debts are of equal dignity, except those in favor of Thos D.Moody $12.66, noted above under caption (e), and R.W.Baker and Co. $45, noted above under caption (f), both of which are of superior dignity and priority to all others noted.

3. An Account of the real estate of which the said William A.Gray died seized and possessed together with the fee simple value thereof.

Your Commissioner begs to report that the real estate, of which the said William A.Gray died seized and possessed, consists of the tract of land first named in the bill in this cause, it being a certain tract of land containing about eight acres situated in Barrett's Neck, in Nansemond County, Virginia conveyed unto William A.Gray by James E.King and wife 19th. of August 189o, the deed conveying the same being duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Nansemond County Court in Deed Book No.24, Page 40, and from the best information obtainable by your Commissioner the fee simple value of the said real estate with the improvements thereon is $500,

and further an undivided one-fifth interest in another certain tract of land second named in the bill in this cause, it being a certain tract of land containing about one and a half acres with situated in Barrett's Neck in Nansemond County, Virginia conveyed unto John T.Gray Sr. the father of William A.Gray by the Trustees of the Old Ebenezer Methodist Church, the deed conveying the same being duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Nansemond County Court in Deed Book No. 24, Page 57 and from the best information obtainable by your Commissioner the fee simple value of the said real estate with the improvements thereon is $400, thus making the one-fifth undivided interest of the value of $80.

4. An Account of all unpaid taxes on said property, if any

Your Commissioner begs to report that there are no unpaid taxes due on said property.

No other matter is deemed pertinent or has been required by any party to be specially stated.

Respectfully submitted.

Commissioner in Chancery.

Sept. 30,1899.

Fee $10.

Charles B Godwin

vs. } In Chancery.

Emma Mary Gray
Administratrix &c and
Others

Commissioner's Report

1899 Sept 30th Filed
A R Gomez Clk

To the Hon. Robert R. Prentis, Judge of the Circuit Court for the County of Nansemond, Virginia-

The undersigned Commissioners appointed by decree of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County entered on the 13 day of April, 1899, in the chancery cause of Charles B. Godwin, who sues, &c vs Mary Emma Gray Administratrix and others to assign dower to Mary Emma Gray the widow of W.A. Gray, deceased in the lands of which he died seized as of an estate of inheritance, would respectfully report to court that on the 20th day of September, 1899, they entered upon the lands of said W.A. Gray mentioned in these proceedings, and, after being first duly sworn, proceeded to discharge the duties imposed on them by said decree, and assigned to said Mary Emma Gray, wid the widow of said W.A. Gray, deceased, the following described land, which in the opinion of your commissioners is one equal third part in value of the said land, and which said land by metes and bounds is described as follows:

That certain part of the land of which W.A. Gray died seized and possessed, described as follows:- Beginning at a point on the East side of the roadway ditch at a stob and running to another stob and fronting on said roadway ditch forty (40) feet and running back between parallel lines from said roadway ditch a distance of two hundred and forty (240) feet, upon which land is located the dwelling house. It being the intention of this assignment to assign to the said widow the said dwelling house with a parcel of land forty feet wide and two hundred and forty feet deep, the North line being ten feet North of the North end of the said house and the South line being ten feet South of the South end of the said house the front side of said house being twenty feet in length.

Respectfully submitted,

J R Rives
W F Potter
Wm Brittain
W. C. Whitney
} Commissioners

Virginia, Nansemond County, towit:

I, Lee Britt, a commissioner in Chancery of the Circuit Court ~~in and~~ for the county aforesaid, in the State of Virginia do certify that J. P. Rives, W. F. Cotton, W. M. Brittain and W. L. Whitney ~~were~~ of the commissioners appointed by the Circuit Court of Nansemond County by decree entered in the chancery cause of Godwin, who sues, &c vs Mary Emma Gray, adm'x and others on the 13 day of April, 1899, to assign dower to Mary Emma Gray the widow of William A. Gray, deceased, in the lands of which he died seized as of an estate of inheritance this day personally appeared before me, and made affidavit that they would discharge the duties imposed on them by said decree impartially and to the best of their ability and judgment. Given under my hand this the 20 day of Sept. 1899.

Lee Britt
Commissioner in Chancery

Godwin et als.

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VS) Report of Commissioner
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Gray, Admrx et als.

Report filed Sept. 23, 1899.

A. P. Gomerbeck

In the Circuit Court of Nansemond County-

Charles B.Godwin

VS

Mary E.Gray,Admrx and others.

This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read,and on the report of sales made by Special Commissioners E.E.Holland and Lee Britt on the 8 day of January 1900,to which no exceptions have been filed,and was argued by counsel.On consideration whereof the court doth approve,ratify and confirm said report and said sales ,and,it appearing to the court that the purchase price of the parcels of land therein reported has been fully paid by the respective purchasers,doth order,adjudge and decree that the said E.E.Holland and Lee Britt,Special Commissioners,convey by good and sufficient deeds,with special warranty,unto Charles B.Godwin the parcel of land described as parcel No.I in said report,unto Benjamin D.Bains the reversionary estate described as parcel No.2 in said report and unto Elizabeth L.Johnson the undivided fifth interest described as parcel No.3 in said report mentioned.

And it is further ordered,adjudged anddecreed that the said Special Commissioners withdraw from the Farmers Bank of Nansemond the money,to wit,the sum of $341.00, deposited to their credit as said Commissioners in this cause,and for which purpose they are hereby authorized and directed to withdraw from the papers in this cause the certificate of deposit filed with their said report, and after paying the costs of this cause,including an attorney's fee of ten per cent of the dividends coming to such of the creditors as are not represented by counsel to counsel for the plaintiff that the said Commissioners distribute the balance

among those entitled to the same ,in accordance with the report of Commissioner John B.Pinner filed on the 30 day of September I899 and confirmed by this court on the I2 day of October I899,having due regard to the dignities and priorities of the claims reported therein.

And the said Commissioners Holland and Britt shall make report to court of their proceedings under this decree.

Godwin----------

VS

Gray and Others-----

Decree Confirming Sale and Directing Distribution of Proceeds&c.

To be entered this 10, day of April 1900.

Robert R. Lewis

Entered in Chancery Order Book No. 3. Page 268.

In the Circuit Court of Nansemond County:-

Charles B. Godwin
~~Robert H. Bandell~~ ~~and others~~ ----------Plaintiffs.

VS

Mary Elgray
~~Martha Brown~~, and others----------Defendants.

This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read ,on the report of Commissioners,J.P.Rives,W.F.Cotten,Wm.M.Brittain and W.C.Whitney,four of the Commissioners appointed by decree of this court entered on the I3th day of April I899,to assign the widow's dower,which report was filed on the 23rd day of September I899,and on the report of Commissioner John B.Pinner,filed as of the 30th day of September I899,to which reports no exceptions have been filed,and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof the Court doth ratify, approve and confirm the said reports,and doth adjudge,order and decree that E.E.Holland and Lee Britt,who are hereby appointed Special Commissioners for that purpose,do proceed,after advertising the time,place and terms of sale in some newspaper published in the County of Nansemond,Virginia,once a week for two successive weeks,and otherwise if deemed best by said Commissioners,to sell the real estate and interest in real estate in the bill and proceedings mentioned,exclusive of that part assigned as dower to the widow,and also to sell the reversionary estate in the dower land assigned,in separate parcels as may be deemed best by the said Special Com-

missioners, Holland and Britt, at public auction, in front of the Court-house door of Nansemond County, on some County Court day, upon the following terms, to wit:-One half cash, and the balance on a credit of six months, taking from the purchaser, or purchasers, a bond or bonds, for the deferred payment, or payments, bearing interest from the day of sale, and the title to be retained until the further order of this Court. But the said purchaser, or purchasers, may pay the entire purchase price in cash, if desired by him, or them. And the said Commissioners are hereby directed to deposit the cash instalment, or the whole purchase Price if paid, in the Farmers Bank of Nansemond, to their credit as such Commissioners, in this cause, and to return with their report a certificate of such deposit. But the said Commissioners shall not advertise the said property or receive any money under this decree until they shall enter into bond with approved security in the penalty of $600., payable to the Commonwealth of Virginia, and conditioned for the faithful discharge of their duties under this or any other decree entered in this cause. And the said Commissioners are directed to append to their advertisement of sale a certificate from the Clerk of this Court that the bond required hereby has been given.

And the said Commissioners shall make report to Court.

Godwin------

VS

Gray and others------

Decree for Sale.

To be entered this 12

day of October 1899.

Robert R Davies

Entered in Chancery
Order Book No 3
Page 234

In the Circuit Court of Nansemond County:

Charles B.Godwin,creditor of William A.Gray,who sues on behalf of himself and all other creditors who shall come in and contribute to the costs of this suit. Plaintiffs

vs-In Chancery

Mary Emma Gray,Administratrix of William A.Gray,deceased,the said Mary Emma Gray,widow of William A.Gray,deceased,Ida C.Moody and Thomas D.Moody,her husband,Georgette Stephenson and T.L.Stephenson,her husband,Mattie R.Grimes and John T.Gray,Jr.Defendants

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

On consideration whereof,the court doth adjudge,order and decree, that George W.Butts,W.C.Whitney,W.P.Cotton,W.M.Brittain and Jas.P.Rives, who are hereby appointed commissioners for that purpose,any three or more of whom,being first duly sworn,may act,do go upon the lands in the proceedings mentioned of which William A.Gray was seized of an estate of inheritance during his marriage with the said Mary Emma Gray,widow of the said William A.Gray,and assign and allot to the said Mary Emma Gray,widow as aforesaid,by metes and bounds,one equal third part in value of the said land as her dower therein;and if for the proper performance of their duties under this decree,it become necessary,in the opinion of the commissioners who shall act hereunder,they are authorized to employ a competent surveyor,who shall lay off the said land so allotted to said Mary Emma Gray,widow as aforesaid,or such part thereof as may be necessary, and make a plat thereof.

And the court doth further order, adjudge and decree that the papers in this cause be referred to one of the Commissioners of this court,who is directed to take,state and report to court the following accounts:

Ist.An account of the transaction of Mary Emma Gray,Administratrix of William A.Gray,deceased.

2nd.An account of the debts due to your complainant,and of all other debts which were due and owing by the said William A.Gray at the time of

his death,and which still remain unpaid,together with their respective dignities and priorities.

3rd.An account of the real estate of which the said William A.Gray died seized and possessed together with the fee-simple value thereof.

4th.An account of all unpaid taxes on said property,if any.

Together with any other matter specially stated deemed pertinent by the commissioner or required by any party to be so stated.

Godwin, Alcorn & Co
vs
J. Deere
W. Gray, Admx &c

Apl 13, 1899

Do be entered

Robert N. Davis

Entered in Chancery
Order Book No 3
Page 206.

In the Circuit Court of Nansemond County-

C.B.Godwin,who sues&c.----------Plaintiff-

VS

Gray's Administratrix et als.----------Defendants-

This cause came on this day to be again heard upon the papers formerly read,and upon the report of E.E.Holland and Lee Britt,Special Commissioners,filed October I,1900,to which no exceptions have been filed and was argued by counsel:-On consideration whereof,it appearing to the Court that the said Commissioners have properly distributed the amounts coming into their hands and have returned vouchers for the amounts paid out,it is ordered that the said report be approved and confirmed,and there being nothing further to dispose of in this suit,it is ordered that the same be removed from the docket.

Godwin

VS

Gray's Administratrix, et. a

Final Decree.

Enter Oct. 9, 1900

Entered in Chancery
Order Book No. 3
Page 307

In the Circuit Court of Nansemond County:-

To the Honorable Robert R.Prentis, Judge of the said Court.

Your orator, Charles B.Godwin, creditor of William A.Gray, who sues on behalf of himself and all other creditors who shall come in and contribute to the costs of this suit, respectfully shows unto your honor the following case:-

That in the year 1897 or 1898 the said William A.Gray died intestate leaving a widow, Mary Emma Gray, and the following sisters and brother as his heirs at law, to wit: Ida C.Moody, the wife of Thomas D.Moody, Georgette Stephenson, the wife of T.L.Stephenson, Mattie A.Grimes and John T.Gray, Jr.

That the said William A.Gray, deceased, left some personal property but of little value, and not sufficient to pay his debts, and certain real estate containing eight acres, more or less, situate in Barrett's Neck, Nansemond County, Virginia, and adjoining the lands of Mary E.Addison, W.A.Moore, Theodore Haughwout and other lands of Vienna W.King as described in deed from James E.King and wife to said William A.Gray, bearing date the 19th day of August 1890 and recorded in D.B.No.24, Page 40 in the Clerk's Office of said County, less one half of an acre which said Wiliam A.Gray in his lifetime sold and conveyed to Ann E.Gray by deed bearing date the 23rd day of August 1893 and recorded in D.B.No.26, Page 534 in said Clerk's Office. And also left an undivided one fifth interest in and to "the old Ebenezer Church "land which his father John T.Gray, Sr., died seized and possessed of in the year 18-, consisting of one and a half acres, more or less, and situate in said Barrett's Neck, in said County near the Johnson land.

That the said Mary Emma Gray qualified at the July term 1898 of the County Court of Nansemond County as administratrix and proceeded to administer on the estate of her husband, the said William A. Gray, deceased.

Your orator says that the said estate of William A. Gray is indebted to him in the sum of one hundred and six dollars and thirty eight cents ($106.38), with interest thereon from the 5th day of June 1898 until paid, which debt is evidenced by a certain note executed by said William A. Gray, dated April 5, 1898 and payable in sixty days in the sum of one hundred and five dollars to D.U. Pitt and R.C. Gilliam and endorsed by them, for value, to your orator, and upon which there is a protest charge of $1.38, which note is now held by your orator, and is due and unpaid.

For as much as your orator is remediless, save in a court of chancery, where matters of this kind are alone and properly cognizable, he prays that the said Mary Emma Gray, administratrix of the estate of said William A. Gray, the said Mary Emma Gray, widow of the said William A. Gray, deceased, Ida C. Moody and Thomas D. Moody, her husband, Georgette Stephenson and T.L. Stephenson, her husband, Mattie A. Grimes and John T. Gray, Jr., be made parties defendant to this bill and required to answer the same, but answers under oath are hereby waived; that an account may be taken of the doings and transactions of said Mary Emma Gray, administratrix, aforesaid; that an account may be taken of the debt due to your orator as aforesaid, and of all other debts which were owing by the said William A. Gray at the time of his death, and which still remain unpaid with their priorities; that dower be assigned to the said Mary Emma Gray, widow, in the land aforesaid; that the said real estate,

exclusiveof the dower land, be sold and the proceeds from the sale of the real and personal estate be applied (1st) to the payment of the expenses of this cause and (2nd) to the payment of the debts due by said William A.Gray , deceased, according to their priorities; that proper fees may be allowed the counsel who prosecute this cause; that the remainder of said proceeds, if any, may be paid over to those legally entitled to the same; that proper process may issue; that all proper orders and decrees may be made and inquiries directed; and that all such other, further and general relief may be granted your orator, and others who may join in this cause, as to the court may seem meet, or the nature of the cause require. And your orator will ever pray&c.

E. E. Kellers
Le Britt & Pr. Q

C. B. Godwin
vs
Bill
&
Gray & others

Filed Mar 20 1877

Charles B Godwin
Vs In Chancery.
Notes
Mattie E Gray & others

1899 Feby 15th. Process issued returnable to March Rules 1st Monday

" Mar. 6th Process returned executed on all defendants except Robert Grimes who is dead.

" " 20th Bill filed and decree nisi against said defendants

" Apl. 3rd Decree nisi Confirmed and cause set for hearing

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D. Chancery Rolls
Gray v Selthen.

E. E. Holland, Jr. & Lee Britt, Jr. & Co.

Charles B. Godwin et al

vs/ In Chancery

Mary E. Gray et al

1900 Octo 9th

Final Decree

D.C.

Costs

Clerk	8.26
Shff	4.00
Com.	10.00
Jay	1.50
Atty	15.00
Cmrs	4.00
Sergt	4.00
Mess.	
	$46.76