1906-016
Nansemond Co (Suffolk)

Chancery Causes: Nannie L. Lancaster et al vs R. E Matthews et al

Underwood

$12 75/100

March 22. 1906

Received of R.H. Cowden & J.M. Burgess

Special Commissioners Twelve 75/100 Dollars

in full payment of Clerk's & Sheriff's fees in suit of Lancaster vs Matthews

A.P. Gomez D.C.

No

R. N. Rawles Jr. Esq

1905

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

July 6 — Tax ~~and Clerk Fees~~ in suit In Chancery of Nannie O. Lancaster &c. vs R. E. Matthews & others $ 1,50

Oct. 7/05 — Paid — by R. N. Rawles Atty. — S. M. Lawrence D.C. Clerk.

TO R. A. EDWARDS,

SHERIFF OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED, in the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia, to summon Stephen Whitley to appear at the office of R. H. Rawles, on Washington Square, in Suffolk, Virginia, at eleven o'clock, on Monday morning, the 12th day of February, 1906, to testify, and the truth to say, on behalf of Nannie L. Lancaster and others, in a certain suit in equity, depending in the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, before the Honorable Robert B. Prentis, Judge, wherein the said Nannie L. Lancaster and others are plaintiffs and W. E. Matthews and J. H. Matthews are defendants; and this the witness shall not omit in the penalty of One Hundred Dollars. Have then and there this summons.

Given under my hand this 2nd day of February, 1906.

R. H. Rawles
Notary Public.

Executed by delivering to the within named
Stephen J Whitley a true copy of the within
Summons. Feby 5th 06
my fee of 50¢ paid in stamps Ro A. Eason
Sheff

Summons.

Return to
R H Rawles
Suffolk Va.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

TO THE SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY, GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED, in the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia, to summon W. J. Oliver, S. T. Ellis, John P. Cowling, Solomon J. Saunders, John R. Crumpler, J. Holliday Parker, Mills E. Rodgers, C. B. Godwin, W. C. Moore, Tazewell J. Saunders, Richard Saunders, Thomas J. Saunders and Dr. George W. Butts, to appear before me at the office of R. H. Rawles, in Suffolk, Virginia, on Monday morning, the 18th day of September, at 9 o'clock, to testify and the truth to say on behalf of W. J. Matthews, Nannie L. Lancaster, Maggie C. Underwood and Margaret L. Matthews, in a certain case depending in the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, wherein the said parties are plaintiffs and R. E. Matthews and J. B. Matthews are defendants. And this the said witnesses shall in no wise omit in the penalty of Twenty Dollars.

Given under my hand and seal this 5th day of September, 1905.

L. D. Jacobs Notary Public.

Return to
P H Rawles
Suffolk Va

Executed by deliv-
ering a Copy of
this Notice to the
within named
J. R. Cruppen,
Sept 14th, 1905.
My fee 20¢ paid in
Receipts
Ro. A. Edwards
Dep/K

R. L. WOODWARD.
W. G. ELAM

SUFFOLK, VA., March 19 1906

Mr. A. H. Rawls and J. H. Briggs, Shl Cons
Suffolk, Va.

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

To WOODWARD & ELAM, Dr.

Insurance

OFFICE--No. 6 MAIN STREET.

Date 1906	Policy No.	Company	Property Insured	Term	Amount	Premium
July 16	453405-6	M.S.Fdy. Co	Bldg on Shl Cons to sell Ely Mattress Land	1 yr	2500	10

Paid
Woodward & Elam.
Fred Couch.

$2.00

March 22nd 1906

Received of R. H. Cauble & J. M. Burgess

Three Dollars

in paying Summons issued in

suit of Lancaster vs Martens

Geo. W. Bates

No

$2.00

March 22. 1906

Witness of R H Rawlins & J M Burgess

Special Commrs Two Dollars

for taking Affidavits Answer in

suit of Lancaster vs Mauthus

C B Godwin

No

$2.00

March 22 1906

Petition of D. H. Rauch & Jill Burgess

Special Allen two Dollars

for Capias Ad Vidum Amer

in Suit of Lancaster vs Martens

J. T. Williams

No

$2 00

March 22. 1906

Receive of R H Rambo & J M Burgen

Special Coroners two Dollars

for taping off widow Anna ai

suit of Lancaster vs Mathews

No

F N Gray

$2.00

March 22. 1906

Received of R. H. Rawlins & J. M. Burgess

Special Account Two Dollars

for laying 2 inches down in Zeith

of Lancaster in Mantua.

No. .

S. H. Saunders

Form 1—2m T. P. Co., 12-19-'05

Folio

190

From

To

Norfolk, Va., March 20 1906.

M R H Rawles & J U Burges
admrs Edwin Matthews' estate

To **Virginian and Pilot Publishing Company,** Dr.

Advertising		
Administrators' notice		
four times irregularly		$4 00

Received Payment, VIRGINIAN AND PILOT PUBLISHING CO.,

Per P L Pruden

Pd. March 22 x

ESTABLISHED 1873.

Suffolk, Va., March 20 1906.

R. H. Rawles & J. U. Burges Commissioners.

TO SUFFOLK HERALD, DR.

NEWSPAPER AND JOB PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.

NO. 912 WASHINGTON STREET.

TERMS OF THIS BILL, NET CASH.

Feby	16	100 Bills Lancaster vs Matthews	1	00
March	1	Adv. Sale of Matthews land.	2	50
			3	50

Paid 3/21/06
Suffolk Herald
H

$10—

March 22. 1906

Received of R. A. Rauby & J. M. Burger

Special Deputies Ten Dollars

for selling Land of E. J. Mauters

in suit of Lancaster vs Mauters

No

J. Wade Haid

Deputy

D. S. PHLEGAR,
LAW STENOGRAPHER AND NOTARY PUBLIC,
COMMISSIONER IN CHANCERY,
300 CITIZENS BANK BUILDING,
BELL PHONE 504.

NORFOLK, VA., March 12th, 1906.

Nannie L. Lancaster vs. R.E.Matthews,

To D. S. PHLEGAR, Dr.

To fee for services rendered in the case of Nannie L. Lancaster et als vs. R.E.Matthews et als, pending in the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, as follows:

Sept. 19th:	Attendance -	$10.00	
	139 pages (2 copies)	41.70	
Feb. 12th:	Attendance -	10.00	
	39 pages (2 copies)	11.70	
	Postage	.25	$ 73.65

Recd payment in full, of
R.A.R. Rawles and J.H. Barnes
Special Commissioners. March 15th 1906.
D.S. Phlegar

$200-

March 22. 1906

Received of R.H. Lawler & J.H. Burgess

Two Hundred x x x Dollars

Fee allowed by Court to defendants atty

W.S. Holland. J.H. Burgess & E.E. Holland

in Lancaster vs Mautens.

No

J.H. Burgess

E.E. Hoagland

$129 80/100

March 22. 1906

Receive of R. H. Rauber & J. H. Burgen

Special Common

One Hundred & twenty nine 80/100 Dollars

in full payment of fee allowed me by Court & my Trial Commissioner in Case of Lancaster vs Martens.

No

Robt. H. Walters

$147.00

March 22. 1906

Received of R.A. Rauber & J.H. Bergey

One Hundred & forty Seven Dollars

in full for mule No. 1 Dr delivered me by Cumb. and Pa by them Consigning & tax fee and expenses paid thereof Sch & W. Ft. Co. & mill tax paid by me in Lancaster is Manheim.

R.A. Rauber

No.

Mr E. E. Holland Atty for
E. J. Matthews Est: dec'd to
1905:-

B. P. Baker Co. Surv.

Nov. 9th & 10th to Surveying the Home tract & Holland tract:

95 Stations 6 at 50¢ 89 at 3 cts each 2.67	$3.17
Calculating 95 Courses 6 at 50¢ 89 at 3 cts each 2.67	3.17
measured 1757 poles 100 ps 1.00 1657 at 60¢ per hund. 8.28	9.28
Maps - 91 Courses. 6 at 50¢ 85 at 3¢ each 2.55	3.05
travelled 20 miles to and fro. at 5¢ = 1.00	2.00
	$20.67

Paid.

E. E. Holland Atty

$29 80/100

March 22. 1906

Special Collection

Received of R. H. Rambo & J. H. Bergen

Twenty Nine 80/100 Dollars

in full payment my share Communion &c

in Lancaster vs Matthews

J. H. Bergen

No

$ 29 80/100

March 22. 1906

Special Common

Pay to the order of P. H. Rauber & J. H. Bergen

Twenty nine 80/100 Dollars

in full payment for Common &c

in Lancaster vis Mantems.

E. E. Hoerand

No

For Mrs Matthews.

$578.72.

Received of R. E. Rawles and J. O. Burgess, Special Commissioners, in the Chancery Cause of Nannie L. Lancaster et als vs. R. E. Matthews et als, pending in the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, the sum of Five Hundred and Seventy-eight and 72/100 Dollars, in full of the amount due to me in commutation of my dower in the real estate of which my late husband, E. J. Matthews, died, seized and possessed, and in full release of the said Commissioners from all further demands, whatever .

Witness:
J. O. Lancaster

Signed Margaret L. Matthews

For Mrs Lancaster.

$1100.06.

Received of R. H. Rawles and J. U. Burgess, special commissioners in the Chancery Cause of Nannie L. Lancaster et als vs. R. E. Matthews et als, pending in the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, the sum of Eleven Hundred Dollars and Six Cents, in full payment of the entire amount due and coming to me as my distributive share of the proceeds of the real estate of which E. J. Matthews died, seized and possessed, and in full release of said commissioners from all further demands whatever.

Witness,
J. O. Lancaster

Sign Seal Nannie L. Lancaster

$1100.06.

Received of R. H. Rawles and J. U. Burgess, special commissioners in the Chancery Cause of Nannie L. Lancaster et als vs. R. E. Matthews et als, pending in the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, the sum of Eleven Hundred Dollars and Six Cents, in full payment of the entire amount due and coming to me as my distributive share of the proceeds of the real estate of which E. J. Matthews died, seized and possessed, and in full release of said commissioners from all further demands whatever.

Maggie C. Underwood.

$1100.06.

Received of R. H. Rawles and J. U. Burgess, special commissioners in the Chancery Cause of Nannie L. Lancaster et als vs. R. E. Matthews et als, pending in the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, the sum of Eleven Hundred Dollars and Six Cents, in full payment of the entire amount due and coming to me as my distributive share of the proceeds of the real estate of which E. J. Matthews died, seized and possessed, and in full release of said commissioners from all further demands whatever.

x W. J. Matthews

$350.00.

Received of R. H. Rawles and J. U. Burgess, special commissioners in the Chancery Cause of Mamie L. Lancaster, et als, vs. R. E. Matthews et als, pending in the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty and 00/100 Dollars, in full payment of the entire amount due and coming to me as my distributive share of the proceeds of the real estate of which E. J. Matthews died, seized and possessed, and in full release of said commissioners from all further demands, whatever.

R. E. Matthews by
J. H. Burgess
his attorney

$350.06.

Received of R. H. Rawles and J. U. Burgess, special commissioners in the Chancery Cause of Nannie L. Lancaster, et als, vs. R. E. Matthews et als, pending in the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty and 06/100 Dollars, in full payment of the entire amount due and coming to me as my distributive share of the proceeds of the real estate of which E. J. Matthews died, seized and possessed, and in full release of said commissioners from all further demands, whatever.

J. R. Matthews

by

J. U. Burgess

his attorney

Expenses & Payments.

Vouchers.

Suffolk, Va., April 6th 1906.

Received of R. R. Smith, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County the certificate of deposit of the Farmers Bank of Nansemond ~~xk~~ issued to Geo. W. Butts Admr. for E. J. Matthews in the sum of Three hundred and sixty-nine dollars and seventy-three cents to the credit of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County in the cause of Matthews et als vs. Matthews et als.

The said certificate is hereby withdrawn as authorized by a decree entered in said cause of Lancaster &others vs Matthews and others on the 26th day of March, 1906.

Geo. W. Butts Admr. of E. J. Matthews

by E. E. Holland his Atty.

Mr. Edwin J. Mathews Dr.

1901. To S. T. ELLIS, Treasurer of Nansemond County, Va.

No. 226

No. of Acres 337.

	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, 15c. on $100.	TOTAL TAX.
To Real Estate, value $2633.	7 90	2 63	5 26	2 10	1 31	1 32	3 95	24 47
" Personal Property, value $ 273.	83	28	56	22	14	14	42	2 59
" ____ value $								
" Poll Taxes		1 00					50	1 50
Total								28 56
5 per cent. additional								1 43
Total								29 99

Received payment 16 day of July 1901 W. A. King D.T.M. Treasurer.

Rec'r

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DEPOSITED WITH THE

FARMERS BANK OF NANSEMOND

R H Rawls BY Jas A Bunyan Jr Cashier

Jan 10 1906

	Dollars.	Cents.
Currency,		
Gold,		
Silver,		
Checks and Drafts,		
(Entered Separately.)	5000	00

Deposit Ticket

Amount received of J.B. Matthews from Sale of land $5260.00

Paid out

R.R. Smith Clerk	8.85	
R.R. Smith writ tax	1.50	
A.H. Baker Sheriff Isle of Wight County	3.70	
R.A. Edwards " " "	.70	
Atty tax fee R.H. Rawles	15.00	
	$ 29.95	
Commissions on Sale	114.20	
writing deed to purchaser	5.00	
(these last two items were divided equally between J.H. Burgess R.H. Rawles & E. Holland & R.W. Withers)		
Woodward & Eaton premium on bond	10.00	
Geo. W. Butts. C.B. Godwin F.N. Gray J.I. Williams & A.H. Saunders Commrs who assigned dower each $2.00	10.00	
Virginian Pilot Co. advertisement	4.00	
Suffolk Herald for advertisements	3.50	
J.H. Hosier Clerk of Sale	10.00	
D.S. Phlegar stenographer	73.65	
R.H. Rawles & R.W. Withers fee allowed by Court	200.00	
W.S. Holland & E. Holland & J.H. Burgess ...	200.00	
B.P. Baker Surveyor	20.67	
	$ 680.97	
Mrs. Margaret L. Matthews widow Commuted Dower	578.72	1259.69
		$ 4000.31
Amount advanced to R.E. Matthews in his fee tail for life time		750.00
" " J.B. Matthews . . . " "		750.00
		$ 5500.31
Paid Nannie L. Lancaster heir at law	$ 1100.06	
" Maggie C. Underwood " "	1100.06	
" W.J. Matthews " "	1100.06	
" R.E. Matthews by Special Commissioner	350.06	
Amt advanced to R.E. Matthews by his father in his life time	750.00	
Paid J.B. Matthews by Special Commissioner	350.07	
Amt advanced to J.B. Matthews by his father in his life time	750.00	$ 5500.31

Farmers Bank

OF NANSEMOND,

SUFFOLK, VA.

IN ACCOUNT WITH

R. H. Rowles
Jas. H. Burgess Sheriff's
City

KENTUCKY LITHOGRAPHING CO., LOUISVILLE.

FARMERS BANK
OF NANSEMOND.

Dr. C. In Account with

R H Rawles & Jas A Burgess
Spl Comm'rs Cr.

1918				
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REMAINING PAGES IN VOLUME ARE BLANK AND HAVE NOT BEEN REFORMATTED

R. R. Smith, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County:

Nannie L. Lancaster and J. O. Lancaster, her husband, Maggie C. Underwood and M. L. Underwood, her husband, William J. Matthews and Margaret L. Matthews : Plaintiffs

vs.

R. E. Matthews, J. B. Matthews, and George W. Butts, Administrator of E. J. Matthews, deceased Defendants.

Issue summons to 2nd July rules, 1905, for plaintiffs vs. defendants to answer a Bill in Chancery.

Fay $1.50

R H Rawles
p.q.

R N Rawles Jr &c

Nannie J Lancaster
and others.
vs } Memorandum.
In Chancery
R E Matthews and
others,

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

TO THE SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY , GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED, in the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia, to summon W. J. Oliver, S. T. Ellis, John P. Cowling, Solomon J. Saunders, John R. Crumpler, J. Holliday Parker, Mills E. Rodgers, C. B. Godwin, W. C. Moore, Tazewell J. Saunders, Richard Saunders, Thomas J. Saunders and Dr. George W. Butts, to appear, before me, at the office of R. H. Rawles, in Suffolk, Virginia, on Monday morning at 9 o'clock, the 18th day of September, 1905, to testify, and the truth to say, on behalf of W. J. Matthews, Nannie L. Lancaster, Maggie C. Underwood and Margaret L. Matthews, in a certain case depending in the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, wherein the said parties are plaintiffs and R. E. Matthews and J. B. Matthews are defendants. And this the said witnesses shall in no wise omit in the penalty of Twenty Dollars.

Given under my hand and seal this 5th day of September, 1905.

L. G. Jacobs Notary Public

I have executed the within summons or notice by serving a true copy hereof on W. J. Oliver, Richard Saunders, W. C. Moore, G. W. Butts, C. B. Godwin in person; not finding any person at the usual place of abode of Tazewell J. Saunder on whom I could execute service I left a copy of said notice on the front door of the usual place of abode of said T. J. Saunders: & to Mills Rogers I served same by delivering a true copy to his wife and explaining same to her.

Fee

J. F. DeBerry Deputy
For A. A. Baker Sheff

To R. E. Matthews & J. B. Matthews.

TAKE NOTICE that we shall, on the 12th day of February 1906, at the office of R. H. Rawles in Suffolk Va between the hours of 8 A. M. and 6 P. M., on that day, proceed to take the depositions of Nannie Loncarter and others, to be read in evidence in our behalf, in a certain suit in equity depending in the Circuit Court for the County of Nansemond wherein you are defendants and we are plaintiffs; and if, from any cause, the taking of the said depositions be not commenced on that day, or, if commenced, be not concluded on that day, the taking of the same will be adjourned and continued from day to day, or from time to time, at the same place and between the same hours, until the same shall be completed.

Respectfully yours,

Maggie Underwood
Nannie Loncarter
by R. H. Rawles
R. W. Whitley
Counsel.

Notice.

Original

Executed this 3rd day of February 1906. by delivering a true copy of the within Process C. R. & Matthews and I J. B. Watkins in person.

J. B. Watkins
By Constable Deputy

Return to R. H. Rawls.

CHANCERY SUMMONS.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON R E Matthews J B Matthews and George W Butts admnistrator of E J Matthews 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 Third Monday in July 1905, to answer a Bill in Chancery, exhibited against them in the said Court by Nannie L Lancaster and J O Lancaster her husband Maggie L Underwood and M L Underwood her husband William J Matthews and Margaret L Matthews

and have then and there this summons.

Witness, R. R. SMITH, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this 6th day of July, 1905, in the 130th year of the Commonwealth.

A copy— Teste:

_____, CLERK.

Teste: C L Gomer D.C., CLERK.

R N Rawles p. q.

Nannie L Lancaster and others

vs. | In Chancery.

R E Matthews and others

1905

July Rules.

Third Monday.

Nansemond Circuit Court

Process Book No. 3

Page 4

The suit of R N Rawles p. q. vs R E Matthews and others was instituted in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County on the 15th day of July 1905 and the following papers were filed therein, viz:

Bill filed July 15 1905

Copy of Memorandum

Copy of Notice

Rule

Answer

Exhibit

Know All Men by These Presents, That we, Richard N Rawles and J W Burgess Principals and The United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company Surety

are held and firmly bound unto the COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA in the just and full sum of Twenty five Hundred DOLLARS, to the payment whereof, well and truly to be made to the Commonwealth of Virginia, we bind ourselves, 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 Commonwealth arising under this bond, or by virtue of the office, post or trust herein mentioned, with coupons detached from bonds of said State.

Sealed with our seals, and dated this _____ day of _____ in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and _____, and in the _____ year of the Commonwealth.

In Testimony Whereof, the said Richard N Rawles and J W Burgess have hereto set ~~his~~ their hands and seals and the said The United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company by W G Elam its attorney in fact has caused its corporate name to be hereto signed, and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed, this 16th day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and Six, and in the 130th year of the Commonwealth.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That if ~~the above bound~~ whereas by a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Nansemond pronounced this day in the Chancery cause pending in said Court between Mamie L Lancaster and others Complainants and R E Matthews and others defendants It was by Consent of all parties adjuayed ordered and decreed that the real estate in the bill mentioned be sold and two of the Commissioners R N Rawles and J W Burgess have decided to qualify in said cause.

Now therefore if the said R N Rawles and J W Burgess as Commissioners aforesaid shall faithfully discharge and perform their duties under said decree and all other decrees they may be required to execute in said cause then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and effect

The United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company Incorporated 1896

Richard N Rawles SEAL

J W Burgess SEAL

The United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company SEAL

by W G Elam its atty in fact SEAL

VIRGINIA:

In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, on the 16th day of February, 1906:

The above bond was executed and acknowledged before me by the obligors to the same (~~the securit~~ ~~justifying~~), and ordered to be recorded.

Teste: A P Gurney D.C.

A Copy Teste: A P Gurney D.C.

R. N. Rawles & J. W. Burgess

To Spec. Comrs Bond

The Commonwealth.

1906

February 16th

Recorded in Official
Bond Book No 1
Page 456

A Copy.

No. _____ April 7th 1906

Received of Dr. Geo W. Suttle Admr

E. J. Matthews Estate

Three & 99/100 ~~~~~~~~~~ Dollars.

Taxes due for year 1906, on $369.73

$3.99

W. A. King D.T.C.

Received of Geo W Betts Administrator of
E. J. Mathews deceased. One hundred and
Eighty two dollars and Eighty Seven Cents
as payment in full of my distributive Share
of the Chattel & personal Estate of My Father
the said E. J. Mathews deceased
April 6th 1906

J. B. Mathews

Receive of Geo W Butts Administrator of E. J. Mathews deceased one hundred and eighty two dollars and eighty seven cents as payment in full of my distributive share of the personal Chattle estate of my Father the said E. J. Mathews deceased

April 6th 1906

R. E. Matthews

TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT R. PRENTIS,

JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY:

The undersigned begs to report that pursuant to a decree entered in the chancery cause of Nannie L. Lancaster and others vs. R. E. Matthews and others, on the 26th day of March, 1906, he has collected the certificate of deposit of the Farmers Bank of Nansemond for Three Hundred and Sixty-nine Dollars and Seventy-three Cents ($369.73), payable subject to the order of the Circuit Court of the County of Nansemond in the suit of Matthews and others vs. Matthews and others, and has distributed the same as directed by said decree, as follows:

To amount of certificate of deposit	$369.73
By amount paid J. B. Matthews, per receipt,	$182.87
By amount paid R. E. Matthews, per receipt,	182.87
By County taxes paid,	3.99

The undersigned was charged by the Examiner of Records with taxes on this money for the year 1906, and hence the payment as above stated.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. W. Butts

Commissioner

Report of Geo. W. Batts
Adeir.

Filed May. 1. 1906.

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

The undersigned special commissioners, in the Chancery Cause of Nannie L. Lancaster, and others, vs. R. E. Matthews, and others, now pending in said court, respectfully ask to further report that in pursuance of the decree of the 16th day of March, 1906, in said cause, they have collected from the said John P. Matthews, the purchaser of the lands that were heretofore sold by authority of a decree entered in said cause, the whole of the purchase money, amounting to Five Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty Dollars, that they have made to the purchaser, John P. Matthews, a ~~de~~ deed for both of said tracts of land, with the usual covenants of title, and have delivered the same to him; that they have paid all the cost and expenses of this suit and of said sale, including the attorney's fees allowed by the court; that they have paid to the widow, Margaret L. Matthews, the amount due to her in commutation of her dower, ~~in~~ the lands of her deceased husband, Edwin J. Matthews, and that they have paid over the remaining part of said funds to the heirs-at-law of the said Edwin J. Matthews, according to their respective interest in said land; and they herewith file a schedule of all their said payments, accompanied by proper vouchers;

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. H. Rawles.
W. H. Burgess
Special Commrs.

Amount received of J. B. Matthews from sale of land $5260.09.

Paid out.

R. R. Smith, Clerk	✓	$5.85	
R. S. Smith writ tax	✓	1.50	
A. H. Baker, Sheriff Nansemond County	✓	3.90	
R. A. Edwards " Isle of Wight County	✓	.70	
R. H. Rawles, Atty. tax fee		15.00	
		$29.95	
Commissions on sale		114.20	
Writing deed to purchaser		5.00	
(These last two items were divided equally between J. U. Burgess, R. H. Rawles, E. B. Holland and S. W. Withers)			
Woodward & Elam premium on bond	✓	10.00	
Geo. W. Butts, O. B. Godwin, F. T. Gray, J. T. Williams and A. H. Saunders, Commissioners who assigned dower, each	$200 ✓	10.00	
Virginian Pilot Co. advertisements	✓	4.00	
Suffolk Herald for advertisements	✓	3.50	
J. W. Hosier, Crier at Sale	✓	10.00	
D. F. Phlegar, stenographer	✓	73.65	
R. H. Rawles and W. W. Withers fee allowed by court	✓	200.00	
W. E. Holland, E. B. Holland and J. U. Burgess,	✓	200.00	
L. P. Baker, surveyor	✓	20.67	
		580.97	
Mrs. Margaret L. Matthews, widow, dower commuted	✓	578.72	1159.69
			$ 4000.31
Amount advanced to W. B. Matthews in his father's life time			750.00
" " J. B. Matthews " " " " "			750.00
			3500.31
Paid Minnie L. Lancaster, heir-at-law	✓	$1100.00	
" Maggie C. Underwood " "	✓	1100.00	
" W. J. Matthews " "	✓	1100.00	
" B. B. Matthews by special commissioners	✓	550.00	
Amt. advanced to W. B. Matthews by his father in his life time	✓	750.00	
Paid J. B. Matthews by special commissioners	✓	550.00	
Amt. advanced to J. B. Matthews by his father in his life time		750.00	3500.31

Report of Distribution

Filed May 1st 1906.

Nannie L. Lancaster, et als #

vs. # In Chancery.

R. E. Matthews, et als #

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

The undersigned R. H. Rawles and J. U. Burgess, special commissioners heretofore appointed in this cause, respectfully beg leave to report that pursuant to a decree entered in said cause on the 10th day of March, 1906, they have collected from John B. Matthews, the purchaser of the said real estate, heretofore sold under a decree in said cause, the sum of $5,200.00 being the whole of the purchase money for said real estate, and that they have made and delivered to the said John B. Matthews a good and sufficient deed for the said real estate, with the usual covenants of title, and that they have depositied the said purchase money in the Farmers Bank of Nansemond to the credit of this cause.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R H Rawles
J. U. Burgess } Spec. Comrs

Nannie L. Lancaster, et als	#	
vs.	#	In Chancery.
R. E. Matthews, et als	#	

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

Your undersigned special commissioners, appointed as such, in the Chancery Cause of Nannie L. Lancaster and others vs. R. E. Matthews and others, by an order of the Circuit Court of said county, entered on the 10th day of February, 1906, to sell the real estate of which the late Edwin J. Matthews died, seized and possessed, and fully described in the bill filed in said cause, respectfully ask leave to make the following report of their transactions under said decree:

Your commissioners first report that their co-commissioners, E. E. Holland and R. W. Withers, declined to act as such, and requested that these commissioners proceed to execute the said decree:

They further report that, after having advertised the said real estate for the time prescribed by said decree, and having given bond, as required by said decree, and with security deemed sufficient by the Clerk of this Court, and having, in all other respects, fully complied with all the terms and conditions of said decree, they proceeded to sell the said real estate at public auction, before the Postoffice in Suffolk, Virginia, at eleven o'clock A. M., on Saturday, the 3rd day of March, 1906; that, at said sale, the tract of land known as the "Holland tract" containing eighty acres, was struck off to John B. Matthews for the sum of $2,150, he being the highest bidder for the same; and the tract of land known as the "Home place" containing one hundred and three acres, was struck off to John B. Matthews for the sum of $3,110.00, he being the highest bidder for the same, making a total amount of $5,260.00, for the two tracts of land.

Your commissioners respectfully suggest that, in their opinion, this

is a most excellent sale, and they recommend that it be confirmed.

They further report that the purchaser, John B. Matthews, has expressed a desire to pay the whole of the purchase money in cash, so that he may get a proper deed for said land. Your commissioners therefore ask that they be permitted to collect the whole of the purchase money in cash, from the said John B. Matthews, and that, when he has so paid the same, they be allowed and directed to make him a proper deed, with the usual covenants of title, for the said land.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. H. Rawles.
J. K. Rees } Special Comrs.

Report of Sale.

Filed March 5th 1906.

Suffolk, Va., September I4, I905.

I, W. A. King, Deputy for Sydney P. Ellis, Treasurer of Nansemond County, do certify that the Official Records, in our said Treasurer's Office, show that, in the year I902, Edwin J. Matthews was assessed with land as follows:

40 acres valued at	$240.00
I07 acres valued at	856.00
Total valuation	$I096.00

And

In I903 and I904 he was assessed with the same land, valued as follows:

40 acres valued at	$240.00
I07 " " "	656.00
Total valuation	$896.00

I further certify that for the year I902, and since that time, E. M. Matthews has been assessed with

93, I/4 acres of land valued at $746.00

and J. E. Matthews has been assessed with I03, I/2 acres valued at 828.00

Total Valuation ..... $ 15-74.00

W. A. King Dep'y C & S
Nansemond Co

CIRCUIT COURT.
Second Monday in January, March, May, July and October.

HON. ROBERT R. PRENTIS, Judge.
ROBERT R. SMITH, Clerk.
E. E. HOLLAND, Commonwealth's Attorney.
ALEX. H. BAKER, Sheriff.
SYDNEY T. ELLIS, County Treasurer.
LEE BRITT, Commissioner of Accounts.

Nansemond County Clerk's Office.

SUFFOLK, VA., Feby 15th 1906.

I, R. R. Smith, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County do certify that the following re-assessment of lands for this County for the year 1905 appears in this office, to wit:

John B. Matthews, 103 1/2 acres- $828.00 plus $517.15, Total $ 1345.15

Robert E. Matthews 93 1/4 acres $559.50 plus $559.50, Total $ 1119.00

R. R. Smith Clerk

Assessments

G. W. Butts, M. D.

Chuckatuck, Va., Dec 1st 1905

Judge R H Rawles
Suffolk Va

My Dear Sir

In reply to yours asking for our reasons in making the assignment of Brown & the widow of E. J. Mathews in the manner as reported to the Court. would beg leave to say that we found the real estate left by the late E. J. Mathews to consist of two tracts namely, the Homestead on which he lived and what is called the Holland tract which is adjacent. the relative acreage of the two tracts being as one to two - That while the Homestead, had its value in the improvement of its soil. the Holland tract had it in timber & timber prospects. We considered the Homestead about one third in excess of the Holland

and a liberal third in value

The widow is old. and it will not be long before the part assigned as her dower will have to pass for a division -, and as it is a small farm. at best, we deem that to take or cut off any portion of it in this division. would materially lessen its value. while not adding much to the lot of the property, and if there should be any inequality in the division of the property at this time, the Heirs would be more than amply Compensated in the final division by letting the division lines of the two farms remain as they were. Therefore we. grant the widow. Mrs Margaret L Walters the Homestead as her dower deeming it under the Circumstances. a just and equitable division and assignment & in accordance with that degree of liberality usually shown to the widow - in such Cases

Yours Respectfully
Geo. W Bullitt

G. W. BUTTS, M. D.
CHUCKATUCK, VA.

Judge R. H. Powell
Suffolk
Va

DEC
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El Paso Tex

Judge Pauls

Dear Sir I have decided to give up my right to my home so you can advertise and sell at once so may be best for me

Yours Truly

Margaret L. Martin

In the Circuit Court of Nansemond County.

Mannie T. Lancaster, et als #
vs. # In Chancery.
R. E. Matthews, et als #

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

I, Margaret L. Matthews, widow of the late Edwin J. Matthews, deceased, beg leave to state that I desire to commute my dower interest in the real estate, of which my late husband died seized and possessed, and to receive my rights in the same, in cash, and I herewith respectfully file this petition and ask that this be done in my behalf.

Witness:
Wm. J. Matthews

X Margaret L. Matthews X.

To Hon R. R. Prentis
Judge of Nansemond Circuit Court-

We the undersigned, Commissioners appointed to view the lands of which E. J Mathews died seized and possessed, and to lay off and assign the dower of the widow Mrs Margaret L Mathews, would respectfully make the following report,

After being sworn, & viewing the land above referred to, have laid off and assigned the Farm on which the widow now resides known as the Mathews Farm or Homestead, (said to consist of forty acres,) as the proper dower of the widow, Margaret L Mathews of dec the lands of which her husband E. J Mathews died seized & possessed.

Oct 18th 1905.

Respectfully Submitted
C R Godwin
Geo W Bates
J T Williams
F N Gray
H H Saunders

Virginia, Nansemond County, To-wit:

I, Charles F. Pinner, a ~~Notary Public~~ Justice of the Peace for the county aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, do certify that C. B. Godwin, Geo. W. Butts, J. T. Williams, F. M. Gray and A. W. Saunders, commissioners, who were duly appointed by a decree of the Circuit Circuit of Nansemond County, entered on the 9th day of October, 1905, in the Chancery Cause of Nannie L. Lancaster et als vs. John E. Matthews et als, to lay off and assign unto Margaret L. Matthews, the widow of E. J. Matthews, deceased, one equal third, having reference to quantity and quality, as and for her dower in the lands of which her late husband died, seized and possessed, have this day personally appeared before me, in my county aforesaid, and, after being duly sworn, made oath before me that they would discharge all their duties, as said commissioners, under said decree, to the best of their judgment and belief, and according to the law.

Given under my hand this 18th day of October, 1905.

My term of office expires on the _____ day of _____, _____.

Chas. F. Pinner J.P.

~~Notary Public~~.

Assignment of Dower

AUCTION SALE

OF

Valuable Real Estate.

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On Saturday, March 3, 1906,

AT 11 O'CLOCK A. M.,

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY, IN VACATION, ON THE 26th. DAY OF MARCH, 1906.

NANNIE L. LANCASTER AND OTHERS

vs.

R. E. MATTHEWS AND OTHERS.

This cause came on this day by consent of all parties, all of whom are adults, to be again heard on the papers formerly read and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof, it appearing to the Court from the statements of counsel for all parties that George W. Butts, as administrator of E. J. Matthews, deceased, holds a certificate of deposit of the Farmers Bank of Nansemond for Three Hundred and Sixty-nine Dollars and Seventy-three Cents ($369.73), payable subject to the order of the Circuit Court of the County of Nansemond in the suit of Matthews and others vs. Matthews and others, and it further appearing to the Court from the statements of counsel for all parties to this suit that the said sum is the distributive share of R. E. Matthews and J. B. Matthews in the personal estate of the late E. J. Matthews, deceased, and it further appearing to the Court from the statements of counsel for all parties to this suit that the said R. E. Matthews and J. B. Matthews are entitled to the same, the Court, by consent of all parties, doth adjudge, order and decree that George W. Butts, administrator of E. J. Matthews, deceased, the holder of said certificate, shall collect the same and distribute it equally between R. E. Matthews and John B. Matthews, take their receipts therefor and file the same in these papers. All of which is certified to the Clerk of this Court to be entered by him in the chancery order book of this Court.

Robert R. Butts

Lancaster Doctrey
Vs } In Chancery
Matthews Doctrey.

We Consent:
R H Rawles for
plaintiffs
J N Berry

Entd March 26/1906
Robert Rennie
Entered in Chancery
Order Book No 4 Page 52.

Nannie L. Lancaster, et als #
vs. # In Chancery.
R. E. Matthews, et als #

This cause came on this day to be again heard, by consent of all parties, on the papers, formerly read, as well as on the report of R. H. Rawles and J. U. Burgess, special commissioners, which said report was filed on the 14th day of March, 1908, and to which no exception has been filed, and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof the court doth confirm the said report, and by consent of parties
~~the court being of opinion from the evidence submitted in this cause, and~~ by the consent of all parties hereto, it is adjudged ordered and decreed that the said E. J. Matthews to his two sons, Robert E. Matthews and J. B. Matthews, by deeds dated the 24th day of August, 1901, and recorded in Deed Book No. 50 Pages 277 and 220, in the clerk's office of Nansemond County Court, was intended, by the said E. J. Matthews, as an advancement to his two sons and as a proportionate part of their share of his said estate, and that, at the date of such advancements, the two said tracts of land, conveyed to them, were of the value of $750.00 each, or a total of $1500.00, the by consent of parties
court doth order, adjudge and decree that the said real estate be held to be and treated as an advancement and that the said R. E. Matthews and J. B. Matthews be required to account for said two tracts of land at the sum of $750.00 each, and that the same be brought into hotchpot previous to a distribution of the estate of said E. J. Matthews, deceased.

The court doth further order, adjudge and decree that the said special commissioners, R. H. Rawles and J. U. Burgess, shall draw from the Farmers Bank of Nansemond the funds heretofore deposited by them as said commissioners in this cause, and from said funds shall first pay all the costs and expenses of this suit and sale, including a fee of $200.- to R. H. Rawles and R. M. Withers, counsel for the plaintiffs, and a like fee of $200.- to W. S. Holland, J. U. Burgess and E. E. Holland,

counsel for the defendants. And from writings filed in this cause it appearing that Margaret L. Matthews, the widow of E. J. Matthews, deceased, has signified her intention and desire to commute her dower in the real estate, of which her said husband died, seized and possessed, and to take the same in cash, the court doth further order, adjudge and decree that the said special commissioners shall pay to the said Margaret L. Matthews the amount due to her as commutation of her said dower, in cash, in accordance with the statute in such cases, made and provided, and the remainder of the funds arising from the sale of the real estate, heretofore sold , together with the said sum of $1,000.00, brought into hotchpot as above stated, the said special commissioners shall pay over to the heirs at law of the said E. J. Matthews, according to their respective interests therein.

The said commissioners are required to take proper vouchers for all their disbursements under this decree and to file the same with the papers in this cause, and they are directed to report all their actions under this decree to this court and this cause is continued.

W. Z. Sorrell to Filed
January
R. A. Rawls Counsel for
Plaintiff
D. H. Berger
E. E. Hartsfield
Atty for Defendants

Entered March 16, 1906
Robert R. Ellis

Entered in Chy. Order
Book No. 4. Page 50.

In the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, in vacation: on the 10th day of March, I906.

Nannie L. Lancaster, et als #
vs. # . In Chancery.
R. E. Matthews, et als #
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This cause came on this day, by consent of all parties, all of whom are adults, to be again heard on the papers, formerly read, as well as on the report of R. H. Rawles and J. U. Burgess, special commissioners, which said report was filed on the 5th day of March, I906, and to which no exception has been filed, and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof, it appearing, from said report, that the said special commissioners, R. H. Rawles and J. U. Burgess, after having given bond for the faithful discharge of their duties, as required by decree entered in this cause on the I6th day of February, I906, and, after having duly advertised the real estate, in the bill and proceedings mentioned, for sale, for the time required by said decree, and having, in all respects, fully complied with all the terms and conditions of said decree, have sold the real estate of which the late Edwin J. Matthews died, seized and possessed, to John B. Matthews, for the price and sum of $2,I50.00 for the tract known as the "Holland tract" and the sum of $3,II0.00 for the tract known as the "Home place" making a total sum of $5,260.00 for both of the said tracts of land, the court doth confirm the said report, and doth also confirm the sale of the said land, and, it further appearing, from the said report, that the purchaser, John B. Matthews, desires to pay the whole of the purchase money in cash , the court doth further order, adjudge and decree that the said special commissioners proceed to collect the whole of the said purchase money, in cash, from the said purchaser, and, when it has been so paid to them, that they make to the purchaser, John B. Matthews,

a good and sufficient deed for the said real estate, with the usual covenants of title, and that the said special commissioners deposit the said money in the Farmers Bank of Nansemond, taking from said bank a certificate of deposit which they will file with the papers in this cause, and this cause is continued.

All of which is certified to the Clerk of this Court, to be entered by him in the Chancery Order Book of this Court.

Robert R. Hawes

Decree
Confirming Sale.

Ord Received to File
Application for this decree—
E. E. Hyseaud
J. L. Georges } Attys for Applicants
R. H. Rawles Atty for Plaintiffs.

Filed March 10, 1906
Robt R. Harris

Entered in Chy. Order
Book No. 4 Page 42.

In the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, in vacation: on the 16th. day of February, 1906.

Nannie L. Lancaster, et als #
vs. # In Chancery.
R. H. Matthews, et als #
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This cause came on this day, by consent of all parties, all of whom are adults, to be again heard on the papers, formerly read, and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof, it appearing to the court, from the statements of counsel for all parties to this suit, plaintiffs and defendants, made in open court, that the real estate of which Edwin J. Matthews died, seized and possessed, is not susceptible of partition in kind among those entitled thereto, without a sacrifice of interest, and it further appearing that none of those entitled are willing to take the whole of the said real estate and pay the other parties for their respective interest therein, and it being agreed by all parties that it will be for the best interest of all to sell the said real estate for a division, and it further appearing, from letter filed herewith, that the widow, Margaret L. Matthews, is willing to commute her dower and to receive cash for same, the court doth, by the consent of all parties, entered of record, order, adjudge and decree that R. H. Bowles, F. E. Holland, J. O. Burgess and R. W. Withers, who are hereby appointed special commissioners for that purpose, any of whom may act, shall, after having first advertised the time, place and terms of sale of said real estate for 14 days in such manner as they may deem best, proceed to sell the said real estate at auction before the Postoffice, in Suffolk, Virginia, upon the following terms, to-wit, one-half cash and the remainder on a credit of twelve months, the purchaser to give bond for the deferred payment, with interest

from date until paid, and the title to be retained until the further order of the court, but with the option to the purchaser, after the sale, to pay the whole of the purchase money in cash, if it be so desired. But, before the said commissioners shall act under this decree, they, or such of them, as shall qualify, shall enter into a bond before the clerk of this court, in the penalty of Twenty five hundred Dollars, with security deemed sufficient by said clerk, for the faithful discharge of their duties under this and all other decrees hereafter rendered in this cause. And the said special commissioners shall report all their actions, under this decree, to this court, and this cause is continued.

All of which is certified to the Clerk of said Court to be entered by him in the Chancery Order Book of this Court.

Robt R Davis

Decree for Sale.

Entered July 16, 1906
Robt R. Rawls

Entered in Chancery
Order Book No 4
Page 40.

We consent to this decree.

R & R Rawls
R W. Wicker
Counsel for Plaintiffs.
C. C. Maddox
D. H. Burgess
Counsel for defendants

Nannie L. Lancaster, et als	#	
vs.	#	In Chancery.
John B. Matthews, et als	#	
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This cause came on this day to be heard on the bill and exhibits filed, as well as on the answers of John B. Matthews and F. E. Matthews, who appear to have been proceeded against regularly, ~~in the manner prescribed by law~~, and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof, the court, without, at this time, deciding any other issues raised by the bill and answers, doth hereby order, adjudge and decree that C. B. Godwin, Geo. W. Bell, Jos. T. Williams, F. N. Gray and A. H. Saunders, being first duly sworn, any three of whom may act who are hereby appointed commissioners, for that purpose, shall proceed to lay off and assign unto Margaret L. Matthews, the widow of E. J. Matthews, deceased, ~~her dower~~ one equal third having reference to quantity and quality in the lands of which her late husband, the said E. J. Matthews, died, seized and possessed, she having elected to take her dower in kind. And the said commissioners are hereby authorized, if they dee it necessary, to employ a competent surveyor to assist them in laying off the said dower; and they are required to make report to court of their proceedings, under this decree, and this cause is continued

And, by consent of all parties to this cause, plaintiffs and defendants, entered of record, the court doth further order that the papers in this cause may be submitted to the Judge of this Court, for such decisions, decrees, judgments or orders therein, in vacation, as might be made in term.

Lancaster

vs

R L & J Battles et als.

Entd Octo. 9, 1905

Robt R. Reeves

Decree

W. A. Rawls Jr
Master
was directed to

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Edwin J. Matthews

1884

To PETER B. PRENTIS, Clerk of Nansemond County Court, Dr.

Feby. 11. Inf recording Deed 1.80 from Wm. H. Morris. 1.25 $3.05

Peter B. Prentis Clerk.

...en J. Matthews

$3.00

1884

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Single Deed of Bargain and Sale. H. Anstice & Co., Stationers, 23 Nassau Street, N. Y

This Deed,

made the eleventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ~~seventy~~ Eighty-four between William H. Morris of the City of Norfolk ~~of the county of~~ and State of Virginia, of the one part, and Edwin J. Matthews of the County of Nansemond Virginia of the other part, witnesseth: That the said William H. Morris in consideration of the sum of Eighteen Hundred Dollars doth grant, with general warranty, unto the said Edwin J. Matthews and his heirs and assigns, forever, the following real estate, to wit: a certain tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in Chuckatuck Magisterial District, Nansemond County, containing one hundred and ninety-two (192) acres more or less, bounded North by the lands of Thos. J. Saunders and Everetts creek; East by the lands of Wm. Wells and Kit. Burkett (Col.); South by the road to Millnor's wharf and West by the land of Jas. W. Hall and the Millnor's wharf road; it being the same land conveyed to the said William H. Morris by Jno. H. Wright, Special Commissioner, by deed dated the 10. day of May 1881, and duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of Nansemond County Court on the 9. day of June 1881 (See Deed Book No. 9 P 393.)

together with all and singular the appurtenances belonging to the same.

And the said Grantor covenants that he has the right to convey the said land to the grantee; that the said grantee shall have quiet posfesion of said land; that he has done no act to encumber the said land; and that he will execute such further afsurances of the said land as may be requisite.

Witnefs the following signature and seal.

W. H. Morris [SEAL.]

Witnesses;

State of
Virginia;
County of Nansemond **To wit:**

I Robt. P. Prentis a Commissioner in Chancery of the Circuit Court, in and for the said county in the State of Virginia, do certify that William A. Morris whose name is signed to the writing above, bearing date the eleventh day of February 1884 has acknowledged the same before me in the county aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 11. day of February 1884

Robt. P. Prentis.
Comm'r in Chancery.

In the Clerk's Office of Nansemond County Court, the 11th. day of February 1884.
This Deed was presented with the Certificate annexed, and admitted to record.

Teste: Peter B. Prentis. Clerk.

Deed of Bargain and Sale.

Wm. S. Morris

TO

Edwin J. Matthews.

Feby: 11th: 1884 Presented in the Clerk's Office with the Certificate annexed. A.R.

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Recorded Deed Book 2012 page 673

This Deed, Made this 24th. day of August , in the year one thousand nine hundred and one, between Edwin J. Matthews and Margaret L. Matthews, his wife of Nansemond County in the State of Virginia of the first part, and Robert E. Matthews, their son, of the said county and State of the second part-

Witnesseth: That in consideration of the sum of one dollar in hand paid, and of natural love and affection which the said grantors have and bear to and for their said son the said Edwin J. Matthews and Margaret L. Matthews do grant unto the said Robert E. Matthews with General Warranty, all that certain tract or parcel of land situated in Chuckatuck district in Nansemond county Virginia containing ninety three and one fourth (93 1/4) acres by survey, and bounded and described as follows; Beginning at a corner on A. L. Saunders land, on the main county road leading to Milners, and running thence N. 78 deg. E. 11 poles to a pine; thence on the same course 10 poles to a red oak; thence on same course 69 poles to a dead pine; and thence on 28 poles to a sliped maple tree on a ravine; thence down or up the said swamp in its various courses, and in a northeasterly direction along A. L. Saundres land to the intersection of another swamp or cove; thence southerly down said swamp or cove to a station; thence S. 84 deg. W. 10 poles to a tree; thence S. 86 deg. W. 14 poles to a white oak; nearly opposite the grave yard; thence S. 67 deg. W. 22 poleS to a station; thence S. 35 deg. W. 48 poles to a back gate; thence same course 20 poles and seven links to another gate, thence S. 24 Deg. W. 80 1/2 poles to a yard gate on said main county road; thence along the said county road in a northwesterly direction to the point of beginning; and bounded by the lands of A. L. Saunders; the land this day conveyed by the grantors herein to J. E. Matthews; the said swamps or coves and the said main county road. A plat of this land accompanies this deed as a part of the same. It being a part of the land conveyed to E. J. Matthews by W. H. Morris & wife by deed duly recorded.

The said E. J. Matthews covenants that he has the right to convey the said land to the grantee; that he has 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 he, the said party of the first part, will execute such further assurances of the said land as may be requisite.

Witness the following signatures and seals.

E. J. Matthews, (SEAL)
Margaret L. Matthews (SEAL)

State of Virginia,
County of Nansemond To wit:

I, R. H. Rawles a Notary Public for the county aforesaid, in the State of virginia, do certify that Edwin J. Matthews and Margaret L. Matthews his wife whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed, bearing date the 24" day of August, 1901, have acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid.

Given under my hand this24" day of August, 1901.

R. H. Rawles,
N. P.

County of Nansemond, To wit:

In the office of the Clerk of the County Court for the County of Nansemond, the 24th. day of August, 1901, this deed (with plat attached) was presented, and, with the certificate a annexed, admitted to record.

Teste:

A. P. Gomer, Deputy
for R. R. Smith, Clerk.

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E J Matthews Wife
To Deed
Robert E Matthews

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A Plat is on record with
Deed but not Copied on
account of size.

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This Deed, Made this 24th day of August, in the year one thousand nine hundred and one, between Edwin J. Matthews and Margaret L. Matthews his wife of Nansemond county in the State of Virginia of the first part, and John B. Matthews, their son, of the said county and State of the second part-

Witnesseth: That in consideration of the sum of one dollar as well as of the natural love and affection, which they have and bear for their said son the said Edwin J. Matthews and Margaret L. Matthews do grant unto the said John B. Matthews with General Warranty, all that certain lot or parcel of land situated in Chuckatuck district in Nansemond county Virginia, containing one hundred and three and one half (103 1/2) acres, more or less, and bounded and described as follows: beginning at the gate at the corner of the land this day conveyed by said grantors to Robert E. Matthews on the main county road leading to Milners, and running thence N. 24 deg. E. 80 1/2 poles to a yard gate; thence same course 20 poles and 7 links to a back gate; thence N. 35 Deg. E. 48 poles to a station; thence N. 67 deg. E. 22 poles to a white oak nearly opposite the grave yard; thence N. 86 deg. E. 14 poles to a tree; thence N. 84 deg. E. 10 poles to a swamp or cove, thence down said swamp or cove to A. L. Saunders line on a cove; thence along the said cove or swamp in an easterly direction by the log landing to Everetts creek; thence along said creek easterly 12 poles to another cove; thence southerly down said cove, swamp, or ravine to a white oak and dead pine; thence to another white oak; thence southeasterly along a line of marked trees to Kit Burkett's estate; thence along the land of Kit Burkett's to another tree on main county road leading to Milners, thence northwesterly down said county road to the said gate at the point of beginning. A plat of said land accompanies this deed as a part of the same. It being part of the same land conveyed to the said E. J. Matthews by W. H. Morris & wife by deed duly recorded.

The said Edwin J. Matthews covenants that he has the right to convey the said land to the grantee; that he has 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 he, the said party of the first part, will execute such further assurances of the said land as may be requisite.

Witness the following signatures and seals.

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Margaret L. Matthews (SEAL)

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County of Nansemond To wit:

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Given under my hand this 24th day of August, 1901.

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Teste:

A. P. Gomer, Deputy
for R. R. Smith, Clerk.

A Copy Teste: A P Gomer D.C

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E J Matthews et ux
To
Deed
John B Matthews

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Mannie L. Lancaster, et als	#	
vs.	#	In Chancery.
R. H. Matthews, et als	#	

This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read, as well as on the report of S. H. Rawles and J. U. Burgess, special commissioners, and the report of George W. Butts, administrator, which said reports were filed on the 1st day of May, 1906, and to which no exception has been filed, and were argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof, it appearing from the first said report that the special commissioners, S. H. Rawles and J. U. Burgess have collected the whole of the purchase money, for the sale of the lands, heretofore ordered to be sold by decree in this cause; that they have made to the purchaser of said lands a deed with the usual covenants of title; that they have paid out all the costs and expenses of this suit and sale, including the fees allowed to the attorneys in said cause; that they have paid to the widow, Margaret I. Matthews, the amount due to her, in full as commutation of her dower interest in the real estate of which her husband, R. J. Matthews, died seized and possessed; and that they have paid over and distributed the remainder of the said funds to the proper heirs-at-law and distributees of the said R. J. Matthews, deceased; the court doth confirm said reports.

And it appearing from the report of George W. Butts, administrator, that he, the said administrator, has withdrawn from the Farmers Bank of Nansemond, the certificate of deposit for the sum of Three hundred and Sixty-nine Dollars and Seventy-five cents; that he has paid the taxes due on the funds in his hands, and has

paid the balance over to J. R. Matthews and R. E. Matthews, who appear to have been entitled to receive the same, and that he has filed proper vouchers for all said disbursements, the court doth also confirm his said report.

And it appearing that nothing further remains to be done in this cause, it is ordered that the same be stricken from the docket.

Final Decree.

Enter May 18/1906
Robt. E. Ellis

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

The joint and separate answer of J. B. Mathews and R. E. Mathews to a bill in equity exhibited against themselves and another in the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, Virginia :

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

They admit that Edwin J. Mathews died intestate on or about the 8th. day of March 1905, that he left a widow Magaret L. Mathews and left these respondents, William J. Mathews, N. L. Lancaster and Maggie C. Underwood as his only children and heirs at law, and that Geo. W. Butts qualified as administrator of the estate of the said Edwin J. Mathews deceased, but they deny that thirteen hundred and fifty dollars is the correct amount in the hands of said administrator, These respondents say that there are debts due said estate which have been or should be collected, and that said William J. Mathews is indebted to said estate and should be compeled to pay the same. They say he should have in hand much more that sum as will be shown by a proper inventory and appraisement and by a proper account of sales.

If by a statement as to the assessed valuation of the lands of which said E. J. Mathews died siezed and possessed, it is meant to allege the true value of said lands, they utterly deny the accuracy thereof ; and to make the absurdity of said indirect allegation appear and to emphasize their denial they will offer three times eight hundred and ninety-six dollars for a clear title to said lands. They deny that the area of said land is correctly stated and believe the area thereof is much more than one hundred and forty acres.

These respondents utterly deny that their said father ever made any advancement to them or either of them as alleged. These respondents are advised that an advancement made by an ancestor to a child is A GIFT made by the ancestor to the child and INTENDED to be a part or

the whole of the child's share of the ancestor's estate. These respondents deny that any gift has been made to them or to either of them as alleged, and that in making the conveyance mentioned in the said bill their father did NOT INTEND it to be any advancement. They deny the alleged gift and the alleged intent and every allegation, direct or indirect and every insinuation or intimation in said bill contained tending to show or to prove that the said Edwin J. Mathews made any advancement to these respondents or to either of them. On the contrary these respondents say that on the th. day of I8 said land which is the physical part of the alleged advancements was conveyed to their said father by W. H. Morris for the sum of eighteen hundred dollars, and that said father informed said sons at the time that if he could get his money back, he wanted them to have said lands. They say he rented said lands for two years, sold timber, ties and other things therefrom, and at the end of two years put them in possession ; putting the respondent J. B. Mathews in possession of that portion of said land lying on side of road containing I03 acres, and said respondent R.E.Mathews in possession of that portion of said land on the other side of the said road containign 93 and I/4 acres. They were put in possession of said land as the purchasers and fee simple owners thereof and from that time began to build on and otherwise improve said land, and have continues so to do until now and have by said improvements alone increased the value of said land more than four fold. At their time these respondents say their father, according to his own statement, had not quite gotten all his money back and he required of each of them a part of the crop for a few years till he had gotten all his money back, and they continued to pay till said father said he had gotten all his money, (meaning all the purchase price) back and then informed his said sons that land was paid for and that he would give them deeds, but the execution of these deeds was carelessly neglected from time to time till the 24th. day of August I90I when they were executed and delivered. The said J. B. Mathews remained with and worked for his said father two years after he was of age, and the said R. E. Mathews four years after he was of age, and said father promised at the time to compensate ~~sia~~ said

sons for their labor. They day they worked all their lives for their said father and never had any opportunity for education, were never sent toschool at all. These respondents say that said land when they came in possession thereof was in very bad shape, had no buildings or fences, and the timber was cut thereupon before and after they got possession by said father, and at that time with the timber off as aforesaid, and said land was bought from daid W. H. Morris including both pieces deeded to these respondents as aforesaid, was not worth more than five hundred dollars, the element of value when sold by Morris was mainly the timber thereon and the timber was the main consideration thereofre to said E. J. Mathews. It is true said father did assist his said sons in getting a home, but did so without giving or advancing to them one dollar, he having gotten back every dollar of the money expended by him for it. Except as herein specifically admitted, these respondents deny each and every allegation in said bill contained just as if here repeated and categorically denied.

And these respondents deny all unlawful combination or confederacy; and having fully answered said bill of complaint they pray that said land of which E. J. Mathews died siezed and possessed, be sold unless one or more of the heirs will pay what it is worth and will sell for, they pray that the said administrator be required to make a full report of his doings and transactions and to pay out money in his hands under proper orders of court, that these respondent's share be paid their full share of the estate, real personal, and mixed of their said father E. J. Mathews, that they may be hence dismissed with their costs so unreasonably in this behalf expended including a proper fee for their attorney. And they will ever pray &c.

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R. E. Matthews.

J B Matthews

J B & R. E. Mauthews

vs } In Chancery

Lancaster et. als.

Answer of

J B. & R. E. Mauthews

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

Humbly complaining sheweth unto the court your complainants, William J. Matthews, Nannie L. Lancaster, and J. O. Lancaster, her husband Maggie C. Underwood and M. L. Underwood, her husband, and Margaret L. Matthews, all of Nansemond County, Virginia, the following case:

Your complainants say that, on the 8th day of March, 1905, Edwin J. Matthews, of said county, departed this life intestate, leaving his widow the said Margaret L. Matthews, and the following children as his heirs-at-law, to-wit, R. E. Matthews, J. B. Matthews, William J. Matthews, Nannie L. Matthews who married J. O. Lancaster, and Maggie C. Matthews, who married M. L. Underwood.

They further say that, about two or three months ago, George W. Butts was appointed and duly qualified as the administrator of the estate of the said Edwin J. Matthews; they further say that, at the time of the death of the said Edwin J. Matthews, he was seized and possessed, in fee simple, of two tracts of land, in said county, one tract containing one hundred and seven acres, and the other containing forty acres, making a total of one hundred and forty-seven acres, which, for many years past, has been assessed on the land books of said county at the value of Eight Hundred and Ninety-six Dollars; they further say that the said Edwin J. Matthews left personal property and estate worth about Thirteen Hundred and Fifty Dollars, after the payment of funeral expenses, debts, and charges of administration; that, out of this sum, the widow has received from the administrator the greater part of what is due her, leaving a balance in the hands of the administrator of about Nine Hundred and Fifty Dollars for distribution among the heirs-at-law; Your complainants further say that, before the death of the said Edwin J. Matthews, to-wit, on the 24th day of August, in the year 1901, he conveyed to his son, the defendant R. E. Matthews, ninety-three and one-fourth acres of land, by a survey, by deed of a gift which has been duly recorded, which said tract has, for many years, been assessed on the land book at Seven Hundred and Forty-six Dollars; and that the said Edwin J.

Matthews likewise on the 24th day of August, in the year 1901, by deed of gift, conveyed to his son, J. B. Matthews, a tract of land containing one hundred and three and one-half acres, which has been valued, since that date, on the land book at Eight Hundred and Twenty-eight Dollars. See Exhibits A. & B. which are made a part of this bill Now your complainants charge that both of the said conveyances to the said R. E. Matthews and J. B. Matthews were made as advancements by the said E. J. Matthews to his two sons, and that he intended that they should be treated as advancements made to them as and for their share of his said estate. And that he never intended that the said two sons, R. E. Matthews and J. B. Matthews, should have and hold said two tracts of land, as their own, and then, at his death, come in with the other heirs-at-law for another equal share of the said estate, without accounting for what they had already had by way of said advancements; and the said complainants say that, before the said heirs-at-law R. E. and J. B. Matthews, shall come into the partition and distribution of the said estate of their late father, with the other parceners and distributees, such advancements should be brought into hotchpot with the whole estate, real and personal, descended or distributive, to said heirs.

Your complainants further say that, upon a fair computation of the value of the whole estate of the said Edwin J. Matthews, real and personal and the said amounts already advanced to the said defendants, R. E. and J. B. Matthews, that the said R. E. and J. B. Matthews have already had over and above their fair and just share of their father's said estate, real and personal, and are not entitled to any further partition in said estate or in any other distribution of same; the complainants further say that the dower of the said widow, Margaret L. Matthews, has never yet been assigned to her, and this ought to be done.

The complainants further say that the said real estate, of which the said Edwin J. Matthews died seized and possessed, is, in their opinion susceptible of a partition in kind among those entitled to the same; and, if it be so susceptible of partition, they ask that the same may be divided in kind among those entitled; but, if it be not susceptible of partition in kind, without a sacrifice of interest, and if not one of the said parties is willing to take the whole of the said real estate and pay to

the other parties for their respective interest therein, then, in the opinion of the complainants, it will be best to sell the entire real estate, subject to the widow's dower, and divide the proceeds among those entitled to receive the same.

In tender consideration whereof, and forasmuch as your complainants are remediless in the premises, save by the aid of a court of equity, where such matters are alone and properly cognizable, your complainants pray that the said R. E. and J. B. Matthews and George W. Butts, administrator of the estate of the said E. J. Matthews, deceased, may be made parties defendant to this suit and required to answer this bill, though an answer under oath is hereby expressly waived; that proper process may issue; that the dower of the said Margaret L. Matthews may be assigned to her on the real estate of her said husband, E. J. Matthews, by commissioners, duly appointed by this court; that all proper accounts may be taken; and that the court shall determine by proper accounts or depositions, or both, the value of the real estate left by the said E. J. Matthews, at his death; the amount in the hands of the said administrator after paying debts, charges of administration, and funeral expenses; and after paying the widow her distributive share of said estate; the value of the real estate conveyed as a gift by the said E. J. Matthews to the said R. E. Matthews and J. B. Matthews; that the said R. E. Matthews and J. B. Matthews shall bring such advancements made to them by their father into hotchpot, and that the court may determine by a fair computation whether they are entitled to any further part of their late father's said estate, real or personal, and, if so, how much they are entitled to receive; that the said George W. Butts, administrator, may be required to pay over to the said heirs the amounts determined by the court to be due to them from the said personal estate, and that the said real estate left by the said E. J. Matthews, at his death, after the assignment of the widow's dower may be divided among the heirs-at-law who are entitled to receive the same, if such division in kind be practicable, and if such division in kind be not practicable, that the said real estate shall be sold and the proceeds divided among those entitled to receive the same.

and notice be had that a reasonable fee for counsel will be asked to be allowed in this cause.

And for all such other, further and general relief, as this case may require, and which to equity may seem meet, and your complainants will ever pray, &c.

Wm. J. Matthews

Mrs Maggie C. Underwood.
M Underwood
Mrs Margaret L. Matthews

Bro Jamie L. Lancaster,
J. O. Lancaster

Virginia, Nansemond County, To-wit:

I, R. H. Rawles, a notary public for the county aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, do certify that William J. Matthews, whose name is signed to the foregoing bill, has this day personally appeared before me in my said county, and, after being duly sworn, made oath that the statements, contained in the said bill, as coming of his own knowledge are true, and that all other statements, therein contained, as coming from knowledge or information derived from others he believes to be true.

Given under my hand this I7th day of July, I905.

My commission expires on the 28th day of January, I907.

R H Rawles N.P.

Mamie O Lancaster
and others
vs } Bill
R E Matthews
and others.

1905-July 17th Filed

Nannie O Lancaster &others
against In Chancery
R E Matthews &others

1905 July 6th. Process issued returnable
July Rules Third Monday

" " 17th Process returned executed
Bill filed and decree nisi
against said defendant

" Aug 7th. Decree nisi confirmed
and cause set for
hearing.

Chancery Notes

R. N. Rowles Esq

Nannie L. Lancaster
and others
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1906
May 18th
Final Decree

Costs

Clerk	$8.85
Tax	1.50 R
Shff Nan.	3.90
" Dofw	.70 R
Atty	15.00
	$29.95