

1908-091

Nansemond Co (Suffolk)

Chancery Causes: Martha E. Goodwin et al vs Sarah Matthews, widow et al

Pierce, Straylor, Edney

THIS DEED, Made the 15th day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety (1890) between William T. Edney and Ella V. Edney, his wife, of the Village of Whaleyville, in the county of Nansemond and State of Virginia, of the one part, and Allen Matthews of the same county and state, of the other part-

WITNESSETH: That the said William T. Edney and Ella V. Edney his wife, in consideration of the sum of Nine Hundred (900) Dollars, to them in hand paid, the receipt of the same is hereby acknowledged, doth grant with general warranty, unto the said Allen Matthews and to his heirs and assigns forever, the following real estate, to wit: All that tract, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Village of Whaleyville in Cypress District, and County of Nansemond aforesaid, and is bounded and described as follows. Beginning at a point on the Somerton Road a corner with the lot of Wiley Wiggins, thence along the line of Wiley Wiggins lot to and along the line of Jacob Baker to a corner On Daniel Harrison's lot 100 feet from the Little Mill Road, thence a line parallel with the Little Mill Road, ~~at~~ along the back line of the lots of Daniel Harrison, Jesse Langston, F. R. Ellenor, Wyatt Epps, Estella Glenn, Malissa Pratt, Bembry's & Rhodes, Hunter's, Seabreeze, G. W. Skinner's, G. Taylor, Towny Hunter, and G. W. Skinner, thence along said G. W. Skinner's lot line 100 feet to the Little Mill road at an iron post, thence along said road 30 feet to another iron post on another lot of G. W. Skinner's, thence along said lot 100 feet to the same parallel line, previously mentioned, thence a continuation of said parallel line 100 feet from the Little Mill road by the two lots of G. W. Skinner's, Kenneth Wadson's and Miss Enniss's to David Perkins, lot line, a point 100 feet from the Little Mill road, thence along Perkins line one hundred and eighty four (184) feet to a corner of Perkins lot, thence parallel with the Little Mill road four hundred and ninety (490) feet to the corner of David Perkins at the run of the Horsehead Branch on the

lands of George W. Spivey's estate, deceased, thence along the line of said Spivey's estate, the run of the Horsehead Branch to the Byrd Swamp or head of Mill Pond to a corner of Jesse W. Rodgers, thence up the said swamp or Mill Pond, Jesse W. Rodgers line, to a small ravine the line of Bynam Watford, thence along said Ravine the said Watford's line to a corner of said Watford with Mary V. Hunter, thence along said Hunter's back line thirty five feet to another, the north corner of said Hunter's lot, thence along said Hunter's lot one hundred (100) feet to the Somerton road, thence along the Somerton road to Mrs. Craig' lot, thence running back one hundred (100) feet to the northwest corner of said Craig's lot, thence sixty-six (66) feet to the north corner of said lot, thence one hundred (100) feet to the Somerton road, thence along the road sixty-six (66) feet to the corner of Mrs. Jesse Rodgers lot, thence along her lot line one hundred (100) feet to the northwest corner of said lot, thence along the line of said lot to Scott's corner, thence along Scott's lot to the north corner of the ravine, thence along Scott's line one hundred (100) feet to the Somerton road, thence along the said road to the Beginning, and is estimated to contain fifty seven (57) acres, be the same more or less, but the said land is sold in gross and not per acre, together with all and singular the appurtenances belonging to the same.

And the said William T. Edney covenants that he has the right to convey the said land to the grantee; that the said grantee shall have quiet possession of said land; that he has done no act to incumber the said land, and that he will execute such further assurances of the said land as may be requisite.

Witness the following signatures and seals.

William T. Edney (SEAL)

Ella V. Edney (SEAL)

State of Virginia,
County of Nansemond, to wit:

I, F. W. Rawls, a Justice of the Peace

for the county aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do certify that William T. Edney and Ella V. Edney whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed, bearing date the 15th day of October, 1890, have acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 18th day of October, 1890.

F. W. Rawls, J. P.

In the Office of the Clerk of Nansemond County Court the 21st day of October, 1890. This Deed of Bargain and Sale was presented with the certificate annexed, and admitted to record.

Teste:

R. R. Smith, Clerk.

A Copy-

Teste;

R. R. Smith, Clerk,
By J. M. Lawrence, DC.

Nov. 24. 1905..

WILLIAM T. EDNEY & ELLA V. EDNEY

and DEED OF BARGAIN & SALE.

WITNESSES.

RECORDED IN U. S. D. C. - BOOK 122 -

A COPY -

Whaleyville Va
June 5th 1906

Colo E. E. Holland
Suffolk Va

Dear Sir

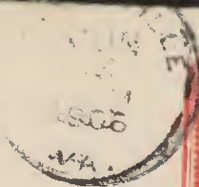
Enclosed please
find the receipt signed - and
I will pay the chain bearers.
Geo. Whitte & W. B. Michael and
the Chopper Stephen Reid -
accept - many thanks.

Yours truly
Rev. P. Baker

After 5 days, return to

B. P. Baker

WHALEYVILLE, VA.



Colo. E. E. Holland
Suffolk
Ga.



\$1.00

Received of E. E. Holland, special commissioner in
the chancery cause of Goodwin vs. Matthews and others, the
sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) in payment of fees as commissioner
in said suit.

H. R. Ellenor

Whaley vs. Ver
June 4, 1906

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June 4 1906

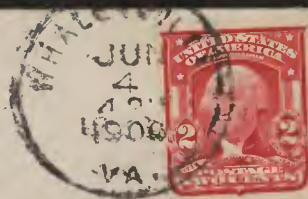
R. E. Hall and Esq.

Suffuck Ma.

Dear Sir

Check for one dollar to hand
I also return receipt
Many Thanks

Yours very Truly
F. R. Ellenor.



E. E. Holland, Esqr.

Suffolk,
Ma



Dear Mr Halland.

I return to you
Receipt for 100 Many Thanks.
Please look out for my fee
for selling the property in
Wahaleville. Thinking you may
have forgotten it.
Yours very truly

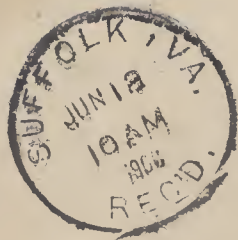
June 9th 1906

A. L. Harrell

After a short return to
A. L. HARRELL, Constable,
Collector of Taxes and Assessments,
Cypress Chapel, Va.



E. E. Halland Esq.
Lynchburg Va.



Received of E.E.Holland, Special Commissioner
in the chancery cause of M.E.Goodwin vs Matthews and oth-
ers the sum of Seventy nine dollars and fifty three cents
for the maintenance, education and support of Lillie N. Mat-
thews, and being the amount due said infant defendant out
of the proceeds of sale of real estate sold in said suit,
and which was directed to paid to me or to my attorney by
decree entered herein on the 3rd day of May, 1907.

Suffolk, Va. June 23rd, 1908.

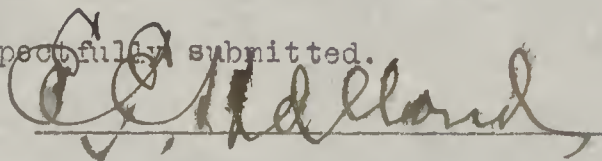
Mrs. S. M. Matthews

TO THE HONORABLE JAMES L. McLEMORE, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF NANSEMOND.

The undersigned commissioner in the chancery cause of Goodwin and others against Matthews and others begs to report that, as directed by decree entered herein on the 31st day of January, 1907, he has paid to Sarah M. Matthews, the mother of Lillie N. Matthews, for the education, maintenance and support of the said Lillie N. Matthews, the sum of Seventy-Nine Dollars and Fifty-three Cents (\$79.53), being amount to which she is entitled out of the proceeds of sale in said suit; and that he has also paid to C. T. Matthews, committee for Margaret Matthews, as directed by said decree, the sum of Seventy-nine Dollars and Fifty-three Cents (\$79.53), belonging to said Margaret Matthews. Receipts for said payments are returned herewith.

As there is nothing further to be disposed of in this suit, your commissioner recommends that the same may be dismissed from the docket.

Respectfully submitted.



Special Commissioner.

June 25th, 1908.

M. E. Goodson others
v. Report of the Comm^r
Matthews others

1908. July 14th filed.
J. M.

\$79.53

Received of E. E. Holland, Special Commissioner in the suit of Goodwin v. Matthews, the sum of Seventy-nine Dollars and Fifty-three Cents (\$79.53) in full payment of amount due to Margaret Matthews from the proceeds of sale of the real-estate sold in said suit.

C. J. Matthews

Committee

A Prompt Report on this Statement of Account is Requested. Please State Differences. If not Advised to the Contrary within Twenty Days after Receipt, we will Understand that you Acknowledge this Statement to be Correct.

Mr. E. E. Holland, Spl. Comm. Goodwyns Matthews

IN ACCOUNT WITH

FARMERS BANK OF NANSEMOND, Suffolk, Va.

July 14, 190*5*

VOUCHERS

*
1.00
3.50
79.53
1.00
10.14
1.00
1.00
3.50
79.53
79.53
1.50
8.56
79.53
1.00
79.53
85.56
1.00
79.53
79.53

DATE

DEPOSITS

May 17

Balance,

753

Vouchers returned as per above list

Total Credits,

Total Debits,

Balance,

753.00

*675.47**

77.53

E. E. HOLLAND

Attorney at Law

Suffolk, Va. June 2 1906 No.
THE FARMERS BANK OF NANSEMOND

SUFFOLK, VA.

Pay to the
order of

A. D. Miller

\$ 1.20

One

Dollars

E. E. Holland
Per Curm Gordon & Matthews

A. S. Weston

[illegible]

E. E. HOLLAND

Attorney at Law

Suffolk, Va. June 28th 1906 No.

THE FARMERS BANK OF NANSEMOND

SUFFOLK, VA.

Pay to the
order of

E. E. Holland

\$ 85.56

Eighty-five & 56/100

Dollars

E. E. Holland
Per Commr Goodwin to Matthews

E. E. Hallam

E. E. HOLLAND

Attorney at Law

Suffolk, Va. June 2 1906 No.

THE FARMERS BANK OF NANSEMOND

SUFFOLK, VA.

Pay to the
order of

F. R. Ellisor

\$100

One

Dollars

E. E. Holland

Per Comm Gordon & Matthews

F. R. Ellnor.

Pay Bank of Suffolk,
Suffolk, Va. or Order

- T. O. KNIGHT.

PAID TO THE ORDER OF
JUN 20 1894
SUFFOLK, VA.
CASH

E. E. HOLLAND

Attorney at Law

Suffolk, Va. June 2 1906 No.

THE FARMERS BANK OF NANSEMOND

SUFFOLK, VA.

Pay to the order of R. R. Smith, Clerk \$ 8.56

Eight & 56/100 ————— Dollars

[Signature]
Saml. L. Matthews

PAY TO THE ORDER OF
The Farmers Bank of Nansemond,
SUFFOLK, VA.

R. R. SMITH. rk.

By S. M. Lawrence, D. C.

E. E. HOLLAND

Attorney at Law

Suffolk, Va. June 2 1906 No.
THE FARMERS BANK OF NANSEMOND

SUFFOLK, VA.

Pay to the
order of

J. O. Carrell, J. O.
One & 50/100

\$ 150

Dollars

E. E. Holland
Per Comm^r Goodwyn & Matthews

J. B. Harrell.

J. W. Brinkley

THE CO. HILERS CO.

E. E. HOLLAND

Attorney at Law

Suffolk, Va. June 2 1906 No.
THE FARMERS BANK OF NANSEMOND

SUFFOLK, VA.

Pay to the order of A. L. Baker, Sheriff \$3.50
Three & 50/100 Dollars

E. E. Holland
Per Curia Goodwyn & Matthews

Wm. Green
Peter Green

PAY TO THE ORDER OF
THE TREASURER OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SUFFOLK, VA.
MORRIS & BRO.

E. E. HOLLAND

Attorney at Law

Suffolk, Va. June 2 1906 No.

THE FARMERS BANK OF NANSEMOND

SUFFOLK, VA.

Pay to the
order of

A. L. Barrul

\$ 1.00

One

Dollars

E. E. Hassard
Per Comm^r Gooden & Matthews

2

A L Harrell

E. E. HOLLAND

Attorney at Law

Suffolk, Va. June 2nd 1906 No. _____
THE FARMERS BANK OF NANSEMOND

SUFFOLK, VA.

Pay to the
order of

Vivian B. Carrul

\$1.00

One

Dollars

E. E. Holland
Per Comm'r Godwyn is Matthews

Union B Harrell

E. E. HOLLAND

Attorney at Law

Suffolk, Va. June 2 1906 No.

THE FARMERS BANK OF NANSEMOND

SUFFOLK, VA.

Pay to the order of C. O. Baker

\$10.14

Ten & 14/100

Dollars

E. E. Holland,
Per Annie Goodwyn Matthews

B. F. Baker
R. B. Hayes

E. E. HOLLAND

Attorney at Law

Suffolk, Va. *June 2nd 1906* No. _____
THE FARMERS BANK OF NANSEMOND

SUFFOLK, VA.

Pay to the
order of

R. B. Hayes
One

\$100

Dollars

G. B. Hallum
Per Commr Goddard & Matthews

R. B. Hayes

E. E. HOLLAND

Attorney at Law

Suffolk, Va. June 15th 1906 No.
THE FARMERS BANK OF NANSEMOND

SUFFOLK, VA.

Pay to the
order of

A. L. Starnell

\$3⁵⁰/₁₀₀

Three & 50/100

Dollars

E. E. Holland,
Per C. M. Goodwin & Matthews

4

R. L. Russell

W. R. RUSSELL

Pay to the order of BANK OF
ALBANY
JUN 18 1901
BANK OF STEROLK
ALBANY, N. Y.
A. W. RUSSELL

E. F. HOLLAND

Attorney at Law

Suffolk, Va. June 2 1906 No.
THE FARMERS BANK OF NANSEMOND

SUFFOLK, VA.

Pay to the
order of

J. D. Knight

\$ 1.00

One

Dollars

E. F. Holland
By C. W. Goodwyn is Matthew

Pay Bank of Suffolk,
Suffolk, Va. in Order

T. O. KNIGHT.

Pay to the order of
JUN 20 1907
SUFFOLK, VA.
CASH

E. E. HOLLAND

Attorney at Law

Suffolk, Va. June 12 1906 No.

THE FARMERS BANK OF NANSEMOND

SUFFOLK, VA.

Pay to the
order of

W. E. Matthews

Twenty nine & ⁰³/₁₀₀

\$ 79.53

Dollars

E. E. Holland } the Comm'r
Gordon & Matthews

W. E. Matthews
Gardner & Baker

Pay CITIZENS BANK,

FOLK, VA. OR ORDER

THE BANK OF TARBORO,

TARBORO, N. C.

JO. J. GREEN, Cashier.

E. E. HOLLAND

Attorney at Law

Suffolk, Va. June 12th 1906 No.
THE FARMERS BANK OF NANSEMOND

SUFFOLK, VA.

Pay to the
order of

L. J. Matthews
Seventy-nine & 53/100

\$ 79.53

Dollars

O. E. Kasaan } Dr. Current
Gordon & Matthews

L. J. Matthews

Pay Bank of Suffolk,
Suffolk, Va. or Order

T. O. KNIGHT.

PAID TO THE ORDER OF T. O. KNIGHT
JUN 20 1897
BANK OF SUFFOLK
SUFFOLK, VA.
A. HOLLINGSWORTH, Cashier

E. E. HOLLAND

Attorney at Law

Suffolk, Va. June 12th 1906 No.

THE FARMERS BANK OF NANSEMOND

SUFFOLK, VA.

Pay to the
order of

Mrs. Martha E. Goodwin

\$ 79.53

Twenty-nine & 53/100

Dollars

E. E. Holland } per Comm^r
Goodwin & Matthews

Mrs M.E. Goodwin

Mary A. Taylor
J. A. Taylor

E. E. HOLLAND

Attorney at Law

Suffolk, Va. June 12th 1906 No.

THE FARMERS BANK OF NANSEMOND

SUFFOLK, VA.

Pay to the
order of

Mrs Mary A. Taylor

\$79.53

Seventy-nine & 53/100

Dollars

E. E. Holland J. H. Connor
Goodby & Matthews

Mary A. Taylor
J. A. Taylor

E. E. HOLLAND

Attorney at Law

Suffolk, Va. Nov. 8th 1906 No.
THE FARMERS BANK OF NANSEMOND

SUFFOLK, VA.

Pay to the order of C. J. Matthews Committee \$ 79.53
Twenty-nine & 53/100 Dollars

In Margaret Matthews

E. E. Holland and
Spe Commr Goodwyn Matthews

C. J. Matthews
Daugherty & Vaughan

E. E. HOLLAND

Attorney at Law

Suffolk, Va. June 23rd 1908

No.

THE FARMERS BANK OF NANSEMOND

SUFFOLK, VA.

Pay to the order of Sarah M. Matthews

Seventy nine & 53/100

For Lillie Matthews under date May 31st 1907

E. E. Holland & Co. Cash
Gordon M. Matthews

\$49⁵³
Dollars

her
Carol H X Matthews

Mark

William

Sillie Matthews

E. E. HOLLAND

Attorney at Law

Suffolk, Va. June 12th 1906 No.
THE FARMERS BANK OF NANSEMOND

SUFFOLK, VA.

Pay to the
order of

John E. Matthews
Twenty-nine & 50/100

\$79.53
Dollars

E. E. Holland } the Commⁿ
Goodman & Matthews

John E. Matthews

D. B. Jones

PAID TO ANY BANK OR BANKER
ALL OTHER ENDORSEMENTS VOID
JUN 28 1861
TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

\$10.14

Received of E. E. Holland, special commissioner
in the chancery cause of Goodwin vs. Matthews and others,
the sum of Ten Dollars and fourteen cents (\$10.14) in pay-
ment of bill for surveying.

Rev. J. P. Baker C.S.

\$8.56

Suffolk, Va., June 1906.

Received of E. E. Holland, special commissioner
in the chancery cause of Goodwin ^{vs} Matthews and others,
the sum of Eight Dollars and fifty-six cents (\$8.56) in
payment of Clerk's fees in said suit.

R. R. Smith Clerk
By W. Lawrence Atty.

\$79.53.

Received of E. E. Holland, special commissioner
in the chancery cause of Goodwin v. Matthews and others,
the sum of Seventy-nine Dollars and Fifty-three Cents (\$79.53),
being the amount of my proportionate part of the proceeds of
sale of real-estate sold in the suit of Goodwin v. Matthews
and others.

Mary A. Taylor

\$79.53

Received of E. E. Holland, special commissioner
in the chancery cause of Goodwin v. Matthews and others,
the sum of Seventy-nine Dollars and fifty-three cents
(\$79.53), in full settlement of my interest in the proceeds
of sale of land sold in said suit. *Mrs. Meli J. Pierce*

\$79.53

Received of E. E. Holland, special commissioner
in the chancery cause of Goodwin v. Matthews and others,
the sum of Seventy-nine Dollars and Fifty-three Cents (479.53),
being my proportionate part of the proceeds of sale of
real-estate sold in the suit of Goodwin v. Matthews and
others.

W H Matthews

\$79.53

Received of E. E. Holland, special commissioner in
the chancery cause of Goodwin v. Matthews and others, the
sum of Seventy-nine Dollars and Fifty-three Cents (\$79.53),
being the amount of my proportionate part of the proceeds
of sale of real-estate sold in the suit of Goodwin V. Matthews
and others.

Mrs Martha E. Goodwin

\$1.50 .

Received of E. E. Holland, special commissioner
in the chancery cause of Goodwin vs. Matthews and others,
the sum of One Dollar and one-half (\$1.50), for fees as
J.P.

J. B. Harrell J. P.

\$1.00

Received of E. E. Holland, special commissioner in
the chancery cause of Goodwin vs. Matthews and others, the
sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), in payment of fees as commissioner
in said suit.

June 2^d 1906

D. O. Knight

\$1.00

Received of E. B. Holland, special commissioner in
the chancery cause of Goodwin vs. Matthews and others, the
sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) in payment of fees as commissioner
in said suit.

A. L. Harrell

\$1.00

Received of E. E. Holland, special commissioner in
the chancery cause of Goodwin vs. Matthews and others, the
sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), in payment of fees as commissioner
in said suit.

June 4th 1906 Vivian B. Harrell

\$1.00

Received of E. E. Holland, special commissioner in
the chancery cause of Goodwin vs. Matthews and others, the
sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), in payment of fees as commissioner
in said suit.

June 4/06.

A. S. Mitchell

\$5.50

Suffolk, Va., June 15, 1906.

Received of E. H. Holland, special commissioner in
the chancery cause of Goodwin v. Matthews and others, the
sum of Three Dollars and fifty cents (\$ 3.50) for selling
land.

A. L. Harrell

ESTABLISHED 1873.

Suffolk, Va., June 16 1906

M. E. E. Halland

TO SUFFOLK HERALD, DR.
NEWSPAPER AND JOB PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.
NO. 912 WASHINGTON STREET.

TERMS OF THIS BILL, NET CASH.

July	7	50	Bills Goodman vs Matthews	100
Aug	20	50	"	100

Francis J. Smith, 1906
200

Suffolk Herald
C. H. R.

\$79.53

Received of E. E. Holland, special commissioner in the chancery cause of Goodwin v. Matthews and others, the sum of Seventy-nine Dollars and Fifty-three Cents (\$79.53), being the amount of my proportionate part of the proceeds of sale of real-estate sold in the suit of Goodwin v. Matthews and others.

J. E. Matthews

\$79.53.

Received of E. E. Holland, special commissioner
in the chancery cause of Goodwin v. Matthews and others,
the sum of Seventy-nine Dollars and Fifty-three Cents (\$79.53),
being the amount of my proportionate part of the proceeds of
sale of real-estate sold in the suit of Goodwin v. Matthews
and others.

C. J. Matthews

IF NOT DELIVERED IN FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

FARMERS BANK OF NANSEMOND,
SUFFOLK, VA,

Mr. E. C. Holland,

City

150
4
600.00

9000
6
540.00

Martha E. Goodwin and
L. S. Goodwin, her hus-
band.

Mary A. Staylor and John
A. Staylor, her husband.

W. H. Matthews Aurora N. B.
C. T. Matthews.

John E. Matthews.

Helie C. Pierce, and J. E.
Pierce, her husband.

Margaret Matthews, now
widow.

Lillie M. Matthews, infant.

Sara Melissie Matthews,
widow.

Ellie Matthews, Farmer.

$$\begin{array}{r} 753 \\ 2 \\ \hline 15.06 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 9 \\ \hline 24.06 \checkmark \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 40 \checkmark \\ \hline 64 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 38.70 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 102.70 \\ 7. \checkmark \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \checkmark \\ \hline 111.70 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 115 \checkmark \\ \hline 116.70 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 11670 \\ 63030 \\ \hline 75300 \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 350 \\ 3 \\ \hline 700 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 7.14 \checkmark \\ 3.00 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 7 \\ \hline 18.10 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 753.00 \\ 116.70 \\ \hline 636.30 \\ 8 \overline{) 636.30} \quad 79.54 \\ \underline{56} \\ 76 \\ \underline{72} \\ 40 \\ \underline{40} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

EDWARD E. HOLLAND
ATTORNEY AT LAW
SUFFOLK, VA.

BOTH PHONES.

BOOTHE BUILDING.

Suffolk, Va.,

April 25, 1905.

A. P. Gomer, Esq.,
Suffolk, Va.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to hand you herewith summons accepted by W. H. Matthews in the chancery case of Goodwin v. Matthews. Kindly file this in the papers and let the case now be set for trial as this is the only party on whom process has not been served.

Very truly yours,

Dic. E. E. H.

E. E. Holland
Per. W. H. Dull

TO THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY:

MARTHA E. GOODWIN and L. L. GOODWIN, her husband, and
NELIE O. PIERCE and J. E. PIERCE, her husband,

v.

SARAH M. MATTHEWS, widow of Allen Matthews, deceased, MARY A. STAYLOR, and JOHN A. STAYLOR, her husband, W. H. MATTHEWS, C. T. MATTHEWS, JOHN E. MATTHEWS, MARGARET MATTHEWS, and LILLIE MATTHEWS; the said MARGARET MATTHEWS being of unsound mind, and the said LILLIE MATTHEWS being an infant under the age of twenty-one years.

Issue summons in chancery returnable to
rules on the first Monday in April, 1905.

E. E. Hall and
R. G. H.

M E Goodwin
vs } Chancery
Sarah N Matthews

CHANCERY SUMMONS.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON

Sarah M. Matthews widow
of *Allen Matthews deceased Mary A. Staylor*
and *John A. Staylor her husband H. H. Mat-*
thews, C. I. Matthews, John E. Matthews, Marga-
ret Matthews and Lillie Matthews; the
said Margaret Matthews being of unsound
mind and the said Lillie Matthews being
an infant under the age of twenty-one
years

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 *April* 1905, to answer

a Bill in Chancery, exhibited against *them*
in the said Court by *Martha E. Goodwin and L. L.*
Goodwin her husband and Nellie C. Peice
and J. E. Peice, her husband

and have then and there this summons.

Witness, R. R. SMITH, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this *30th* day of
March, 1905, in the 129th year of the Commonwealth.

A copy—Teste:

Teste:

R. R. Smith
CLERK.

R. R. Smith
CLERK.

1905, April 1st. Executed this day by delivering a true copy hereof to
each of the within named defendants except W. H. Matthews, whom
I cannot find in my County.

*RE Registered Deput
For A. H. Baker Sheriff*

E. E. Holland p. q.

*A copy for
W. H. Matthews*

vs.

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The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON

Sarah M Matthews
 widow of Allen Matthews deceased, Mary
 A Staylor and John A Staylor, her hus-
 band, W H. Matthews, L S Matthews,
 John E Matthews, Margaret Matthews
 and Lillie Matthews; the said Margaret
 Matthews being of unsound mind,
 and the said Lillie Matthews being
 an infant under the age of twenty-
 one years

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 *April 1905*, to answer

a Bill in Chancery, exhibited against *them*
 in the said Court, by *Martha E Godwin and*
L L Godwin, her husband and
Nellie O Pierce and J E Pierce her
husband

and have then and there this summons.

Witness, R. R. SMITH, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this *30th* day of
March, 190*5*, in the 129th year of the Commonwealth.

A copy—Teste:

Teste:

CLERK.

CLERK.

A. L. Gomez

E E Hallard p. q.

Martha E Goodwin
and others

vs.

In Chancery.

Sarah M Matthews
and others

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I hereby accept due, legal and sufficient service
of the within summons - W. H. Matthews
attest My hand & seal of office this 1st day of April 1905

Know All Men by These Presents, That we, *Edward E Holland and William H Jones*

are held and firmly bound unto the COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA in the just and full sum of *Fifteen 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 *3rd* day of *February* in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and *Six*, and in the *130th* year of the Commonwealth.

~~In Testimony Whereof, the said~~ ~~has~~ ~~hereto set his hand and seal, and the said~~

~~has caused its corporate name to be hereto signed, and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed, this~~ ~~day of~~ ~~in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and~~ ~~, and in the~~ ~~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 on the 9th day of January 1906 in the Chancery Cause pending in said Court between Martha E Godwin and others Complainants and Sarah M Matthews and others Defendants it was adjudged ordered and decreed that the residue of the real estate in the bill and proceedings mentioned and also the reversionary interest of the heirs at law &c should be sold and E E Holland was appointed by said decree Commissioner for that purpose.*

Now therefore if the said E E Holland as Commissioner aforesaid shall faithfully discharge and perform his duties under said decree and all other decrees he may be required to execute in said Cause then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Edward E Holland
Wm H Jones Jr

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VIRGINIA:

In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, on the *3rd* day of *February*, 190*6*:

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

Teste:

A Copy of
Teste, J. H. Gomer D.C.

J. H. Gomer D.C.

Edward E. Holland

To Spec. Comm's Bond

The Commonwealth.

1906

February 3rd

Recorded in Official

Bond Book No 1

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A copy

At Rules held in the Clerk's Office of the
Circuit Court of Nausemond County on
Monday the third day of April 1905
Martha E Goodwin vs thes Complainants
against } In Chancery
Sarah M Matthews vs thes Defendants

On Motion of the Complainants by Counsel
& P Lee an Attorney at Law is assigned
guardian ad litem to the defendant Mar-
garet Matthews who is of unsound mind
to defend her interest in this suit

J P Homer D.C.

J P Lee appointed
Guardian ad litem
~~to~~ Margaret
Matthews of
unsound mind

At Rules held in the Clerk's Office
of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County
on Monday the third day of April 1905
Martha E Goodwin & others Complainants
Against In Chancery
Sarah M Matthews & others Defendants

On Motion of the Complainants by Counsel
J P Lee an Attorney at law is assigned
guardian ad litem to the infant defendant
Lillie Matthews to defend her interest in
this suit-

J P Homer D.C

J P Lee appointed
Guardian ad litem
for infant defendant
Lillie Matthews.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY:

an attorney at law designated as guardian ad litem
The answer of John P. Lee ^{an attorney at law designated as guardian ad litem} to the infant defendant, *Lillie* Matthews, and the answer of the said infant defendant, *Lillie* Matthews by the said John P. Lee, her guardian ad litem, to the bill in equity exhibited against the said *Lillie* Matthews and others, in the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, by *Mattha B* Goodwin and others.

For answer to the said bill the said guardian ad litem answers and says that he does not know whether the interests of the infant defendant would be promoted by the sale of the property as prayed for in the said bill or not: and the said infant defendant, by her said guardian ad litem, answers and says that being an infant of tender years she knows nothing of the matters mentioned in the bill and commits the protection of her interests to the court.

And now having answered, they pray, etc.

COUNTY OF NANSEMOND, To-wit

J. P. Lee
Guardian ad litem

This day personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public for the said county, John P. Lee guardian ad litem of *Matthews*, and made oath that he believes the several statements made in the foregoing answer to be true.

Given under my hand this the day of , 1905.

Gordium & others.
Maurice Gordon & others
Maurice & others

VIRGINIA, NANSEMOND COUNTY, To-wit:-

This day personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace, in and for the County aforesaid, *F R Edderson* *A B Hayes*, and *Vivian B Howell* and made oath that they would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties imposed upon them by a decree of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, in the Chancery suit of M. E. Goodwin and others against Sarah M. Matthews, and others, pending in said court, on the 10th day of October, 1905.

Given under my hand this the *28th* day of November, 1905.

J. B. Howell J.P.

TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT R. PRENTIS, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY.

The undersigned commissioner in the chancery cause
of Goodwin v. Matthews and others begs to report that he
has collected of Frank R. Ellenor, the purchaser of the
real-estate sold in these proceedings, the sum of Seven
Hundred and Fifty-three Dollars (\$753.00), has made him a
deed therefor and has distributed the proceeds of sale as
follows:

To proceeds of sale of real-estate	\$753.00	
By amount paid R. R. Smith, Clerk,	✓	\$ 8.56
By writ tax and tax fee,	✓	16.50
By amount paid Sheriff,	✓	3.50
By amount paid Surveyor,	10.14 ✓	7.14
By amount paid six commissioners	✓	6.00
By fee allowed by Court	✓	40.00
By commissions retained,	✓	24.06
By amount paid auctioneer,	✓	7.00
By amount paid for advertising,	✓	2.00
By fee for deed,	✓	5.00
By amount paid Martha E. Goodwin,	✓	79.53 ✓
By amount paid Mary A. Staylor,	✓	79.53 ✓
By amount paid W. H. Matthews,	✓	79.53 ✓
By amount paid C. T. Matthews,	✓	79.53 ✓
By amount paid John A. Matthews,	✓	79.53 ✓
By amount paid Amelia O. Pierce,	✓	79.53
By amount retained for Margaret Matthews,		79.53 ✓
By amount retained for Lillie N. Matthews,		79.53 ✓
		756.00

Your commissioner begs to report that he has deposi-
ted with the Farmers Bank of Nansemond to his credit as

special commissioner in this cause, the respective amounts belonging to Margaret Matthews and Lillie N. Matthews to await the future order of this Court.

As the amount due and owing to the infant defendant, Lillie N. Matthews, is less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), and by reason of her infancy she is incompetent to handle said fund, your commissioner would ask that he may be permitted to pay to Sarah M. Matthews, her mother, for the education, maintenance and support of said infant, the amount now in his hands belonging to her.

Your commissioner further begs to report that Matthewshas qualified as committee for Margaret Matthews and has given bond in sufficient penalty and with sureties sufficient for the security of the same, and your commissioner requests that in as much as the amount due and owing to the said Margaret Matthews is less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), that he be authorized to pay the same over to said committee, take his receipt therefor and file the same in these papers.

Respectfully submitted,

Oct. 30th

E E Halland
Jl Comr

Gadbury
to J. Report
Matthews

TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT R. PRENTIS, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY:

The undersigned commissioner begs to report that pursuant to a decree of this Court, entered on the 9th day of January, 1906, in the chancery cause of Martha E. Goodwin and others vs. Sarah M. Matthews and others, he proceeded, on Wednesday, February 21st, 1906, after advertising the time, place and terms of sale, as provided by said decree, to sell at public auction in front of the Post-office in Suffolk, Virginia, at twelve o'clock M., the real-estate described in the bill and proceedings as follows, to-wit:

All that certain tract of land near Whaleyville, in Cypress Magisterial District, in Nansemond County, Virginia, containing fifty-seven (57) acres, more or less, but sold in gross and not by the acre, bounded by the Somerton county road, the lands of Jacob Baker, Daniel Harris, the Little Mill Road, Jesse Langston, F. R. Ellenor, G. W. Skinner's estate, G. Taylor, Tony Hunter, Kenneth Watson, David Perkins, Horse-head Branch, G. W. Spivey's estate, Byrd's swamp, Jesse W. Rogers, Bynum Watford, a ravine, the lands of Mary V. Hunter, Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Jesse Rogers, and others, and being the same tract of land sold and conveyed to Allen Matthews by William T. Edney and wife, by deed duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County in Deed-Book No. 24, page 188; save and except seventeen and one-half (17-1/2) acres thereof heretofore assigned to Sarah M. Matthews as and for her dower in the lands of her late husband, Allen Matthews. Also the reversionary interest of the heirs at law in and to seventeen and one-half (17-1/2) acres of land assigned as the dower of Sarah M. Matthews therein.

At said sale Frank R. Ellenor made the highest bid for said property and the same was knocked off to him at the

price of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00).

Your commissioner reports that since said sale several of the heirs have written him letters, stating that they were dissatisfied therewith, and one of the heirs, Martha E. Goodwin, has handed your commissioner a paper, returned with this report, in which she obligates herself, in the event a decree is entered in this cause for a re-sale of said property, to make a bid of Six Hundred and Seventy-five Dollars (\$675.00) therefor. The purchaser, F. R. Ellenor, informs your commissioner that he is ready to pay for the property in cash as soon as the sale is confirmed and a deed made to him.

Your commissioner submits to the Court the question as to whether or not there shall be a re-sale of said property.

Respectfully submitted,

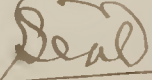
E. E. Hallen
The Commissioner

March 12th, 1906.

Know all men by these presents, that we, Martha E. Goodwin and J. A. Stayler, are held and firmly bound unto E. E. Holland, special commissioner in the chancery cause of Martha E. Goodwin and others vs. Sarah M. Matthews and others, now pending in the Circuit Court of the County of Nansemond, in the just and full sum of Six Hundred and Seventy-five Dollars (\$675.00), to the payment whereof well and truly to be made to the said E. E. Holland, special commissioner, as aforesaid, his executors, administrators, and assigns, ~~we~~ we promise and bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators firmly by these presents, and we hereby waive our homestead exemptions as to this debt, obligation and contract.

Witness our hands and seals this 12th day of March, 1906.

The condition of the above obligation is such that, whereas, on the 9th day of January, 1906, the real estate referred to in the proceedings in the above cause was offered for sale at public auction and knocked off to Frank R. Ellenor, for the sum of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00), and the said Martha E. Goodwin is dissatisfied with the price at which said property was sold and desires that the same shall again be offered for sale, and in the event of a re-sale, is willing to make a bid of Six Hundred and Seventy-five Dollars (\$675.00) therefor. Now, if the said Martha E. Goodwin, in the event the Circuit Court of the County of Nansemond shall enter a decree authorizing a re-sale of said property, shall attend said sale and ~~bid~~ bid for said property the sum of Six Hundred and Seventy-five Dollars (\$675.00), then this obligation shall be void; otherwise, same shall remain in full force and effect.

M. E. Goodwin 
John A. Stayler 

TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT R. PRENTIS, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE COUNTY OF NASEBOND:

The undersigned special commissioner begs to report that pursuant to a decree entered in the chancery cause of Martha E. Goodwin and others vs. Sarah M. Matthews and others, he proceeded, on the 5th day of April, 1906, to sell the said real-estate in the proceedings mentioned at public auction in front of the store of T. O. Knight, at Whaleyville, Virginia, after having advertised the time, place and terms of said sale as directed by said decree. At said sale Frank R. Ellenor made the highest bid therefor and the said property was knocked off to him at the price of Seven Hundred and Fifty-three Dollars (\$753.00). The purchaser informed your commissioner that he desires to pay the entire purchase price in cash as soon as the sale is confirmed.

Your commissioner has given the bond required by the said decree, and begs to return herewith copy of advertisement of sale.

Respectfully submitted,

April 6th 1906

E. E. Haeleund
Sp. Comm^r

Goodbye
is Robert of Sale
Matthews other

TO THE HON. ROBERT R. PRENTIS,

JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY.

We, the undersigned Commissioners, appointed by a decree of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, entered on the 10th day of October, 1905, in the Chancery Cause of Goodwin and Others against Matthews and Others, to assign dower to Sarah M. Matthews, in the lands of her late husband, Allen Matthews, beg to report that on the 28 day of November, 1905, after having been first duly sworn, we proceeded to discharge the duties imposed upon us by said decree, and assign^{ed} to said Sarah M. Matthews the following described land as her dower interest ; which land, so assigned, is, in our judgment, one third part in value of the said land; "All that certain part of said land beginning at the north corner of the John Scott lot, and running thence N. $41\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W. 144 feet to the gate post, thence in an angle of 90° W. 26 feet, thence N. 41° W. 411 feet to the ravine, at a bridge, thence S. 54° W. 1315 feet to a swamp, thence along the edge of the swamp 480 feet to a sweetgum, thence N. 57° E. 570 feet to a pine, thence N. 8° $3\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 118 feet to an iron pipe, thence S. $53\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. $70\frac{3}{4}$ feet to a pipe, thence 57° E. 35 feet, thence S. 49° E. 100 feet to a pipe, thence N. 56° E. 100 feet, thence N. 47° E. 328 feet to a pipe, thence N. 43° W. 110 feet, thence N. 47° E. $66\frac{1}{2}$ ft., thence S. 43° E. 110 feet, thence N. 47° E. 66 feet, thence N. 47° W. 106 feet, thence N. 47° E. 52 feet to the beginning, and being fully shown on plat of said land herewith filed as a part of this report.

Your Commissioners deemed it advisable to employ a surveyor to make a plat of the land assigned.

Respectfully submitted.

J. R. Edlinor
R. B. Hayes
V. B. Harris = Commds

Fri Dec 15, 1905
H. G. O. G.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

July 25th, 1905.

Martha E. Goodwin et als.-----Complainants.

vs. In Chancery.

Sarah M. Matthews et als.-----Defendants.

The Exception of Sarah M. Matthews to the report of A. L. Harrell, A. D. Milteer, and T. O. Knight, three of the Commissioners appointed by a decree of this Court in this cause dated the 19th day of May, 1905, to assign her dower in the lands of which her late husband, Allen Matthews, died seized as of an estate of inheritance during his marriage with her, which report is dated the 11th day of July 1905 and was filed in the Clerk's Office of this Court on the 15th day of July 1905.

Your exceptor excepts to so much of said report as lays off to her by metes and bounds her dower in her late husband's lands, for the reason that said allotment is neither one-third part of said lands in fee simple or rental value or in area, but, on the contrary, is about one-fifth in area of the poorest and most unproductive lands in said farm, with a single two room tenant house in an almost ruinous condition thereon.

And this exceptor prays that said report be annulled and set aside and that these Commissioners, or others appointed in their stead, be required to lay off to his widow, this exceptor, one full third part by metes and bounds and in annual value of the lands of which Allen Matthews died seized and possessed as of an estate of inheritance, so that his widow may enjoy one-third of the income arising from said estate.

And this exceptor will ever pray etc.

Sarah M. Matthews,

by Counsel.

Goodwin, et als
vs } In Chy.

Matthews, et als

Exceptions to Report
of Commissioners laying
off Dower.

ROBT. W. WITHERS,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
SUFFOLK, VA.
PRACTICING IN ALL COURTS IN
FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT.

JEWELL & COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA.

1905 July 25th Filed
J.W. W.

Virginia:

At a Circuit-Court-Con-
tinued and held for the
County of Nansemond at
the Court-house in the
Town of Suffolk on Tues-
day the 19th day of May 1905

Martha E Goodwin and
L L Goodwin her husband
Nellie O Pierce & J E Pierce } Complainants
her husband
against } In Chancery
Sarah M Matthews
widow of Allen Matthews
decd Mary A Staylor and
John A Staylor her hus-
band W H Matthews Le H
Matthews John E Matthews
Margaret Matthews and
Lillie Matthews the
said Margaret Matthews
being of unsound mind
and the said Lillie
Matthews an infant } Defendants

This cause came on this day
to be heard on the bill taken for
Confessed as to the aduet-defendants

on whom process has been duly served they still failing to appear, plead, answer or demur to the said bill, the answer of the infant defendant and the defendant of unsound mind by their guardian ad litem John P Lee and of the said guardian ad litem duly appointed at rules as such with replications thereto and was argued by Counsel,

On Consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge order and decree that A D Miller S O Knight James R Horton A L Harrell and F R Ellenor who are hereby appointed Commissioners for the purpose any three or more of whom may act do go upon the land in the proceedings mentioned of which the late Allen Matthews was seized as of an estate of inheritance during his marriage with the said Sarah M Matthews widow of the said Allen Matthews ^{and assign and all to said widow} 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 becomes necessary in the opinion of the said Commissioners who shall act hereunder, they are authorized and directed to employ a Competent surveyor who shall lay off the said land as such part thereof as may be necessary and make a plat thereof.

And the Court doth further adjuage, order and decree that after the assignment of said dower as aforesaid the said Commissioners shall proceed to lay off and divide the residue of the said real estate of which Allen Matthews died seized and possessed in the bill mentioned into eight equal parts having regard to quality and quantity and assign one of said parts to each of the heirs of the said Allen Matthews deceased. But if the said Commissioners should find it impracticable to divide the said land among the aforesaid parties

or should be of the opinion that the interests of the said parties would be more promoted by a sale of the same in such case, they are required to report the facts upon which their opinion is based to Court and also what in their opinion, is the fair and annual value of the residue of the said real estate of which the said Allen Matthews did seized and possessed, and in either case are required to report their proceedings under this order to the Court. And this cause is continued.

A copy

Teste;

A. P. Gomez, D.C.

M. E. Goodwin to them
W. J. Decece to assign
Dawson & Co

Sarah M. Matthews
and others.

VIRGINIA, NANSEMOND COUNTY, To-wit:

I, J. B. Harrell, a Justice of the Peace, in and for the County of Nansemond, in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that A. L. Harrell, T. O. Knight, and A. D. Milteer, Commissioners, this day personally appeared before me in my Countyafore-said and made oath that they would faithfully discharge the duties imposed upon them by the decree of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, entered on the 19th day of May, 1905, in the Chancery Cause of Martha E. Goodwin and others v. Sarah Matthews widow and others.

Given under my hand this the 11th day of July, 1905.

J. B. Harrell J.P.

TO THE HON. ROBERT R. PRENTIS, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
NANSEMOND COUNTY:

The under signed A. L. Harrell, A. D. Milteer and T. O. Knight, three of the commissioners who were appointed by a decree entered in the Chancery Cause of Martha E. Goodwin and others against Sarah M. Matthews and others on the 19th day of May, 1905, a copy of which is hereto attached, beg to report that on the 11th day of July, 1905, they met on the premises and after being first duly sworn proceeded first to assign and allot to Sarah Matthews, the widow of Allen Matthews, deceased, by metes and bounds one equal one third part in value of the said land as her dower therein. They assigned to her as her dower interest in said land the following part thereof; "All that certain part of what is known as the Allen Matthews farm beginning on the County road in the line of Mrs. Bryant, and thence running in a straight line to a branch, the dividing line between said land and the land of the said A. B. Milteer, thence along said branch and the line of the said A. D. Milteer to Perkins' lot, thence along the line of Perkins' lot, the County road, the lands of A. D. Milteer, Jesse Langston and others, to the lands of Jacob Baker's estate, thence along the line of Jacob Baker's estate to the land of Henry Watson, and thence along the lands of Henry Watson to the County road, and thence along the county road to the beginning.

Your commissioners report that the land above assigned is, in their opinion, one equal one third part of the lands of which Allen Matthews died, siezed as of an estate of inheritance during his marriage with the said Sarah M. Matthews.

Your commissioners found it impracticable to lay off and divide the residue of the said real estate of which Allen Matthews died, seized and possessed in the bill mentioned into eight equal parts, having regard to quality and quantity, and are of opinion that the interests of the parties would be promoted by a sale of the same. To divide the residue of

the farm into eight equal parts would be to destroy its value and against the interest of all of the parties.

Your commissioners are of the opinion that the fee-simple value of the residue of the said real estate is

One thousand dollars and its annual value is
Sixty dollars .

Respectfully submitted.

A L Harrell
A. S. Mitchell
P. O. Knight
Comms

July 11th 1905

1905-July 15-15 Filed
APG oc

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY.

MARTHA E. GOODWIN

vs.

SARAH M. MATTHEWS, *and others* —

This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read and upon the report of E. E. Holland, special commissioner, this day filed, showing that he has paid the costs of this suit and has paid to the heirs at law of Allen Matthews, deceased, their respective portions of the proceeds of sale, save and except the amount due to Margaret Matthews, a defendant of unsound mind, and to Lillie N. Matthews, an infant defendant, and returning with his report proper receipts therefor; to which report there is no exception and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof, the Court doth ratify, approve and confirm said report, and doth adjudge, order and decree that the sum of Seventy-nine Dollars and Fifty-three Cents (\$79.53), belonging to Lillie N. Matthews be paid to Sarah M. Matthews, her mother, for the education, maintenance and support of said infant, that the said special commissioner take a receipt from said Sarah M. Matthews therefor and file the same in these papers.

And the Court being satisfied that *C. J.* Matthews, who has qualified as committee for Margaret Matthews, has given bond in sufficient penalty and with sureties sufficient for the security of the same, doth adjudge, order and decree that the sum of Seventy-nine Dollars and Fifty-three (\$79.53), belonging to said Margaret Matthews, be paid to said *C. J.* Matthews, her committee, his receipt taken therefor and filed in these papers, *and the special commissioner shall make report to court.*

And this cause is continued.

Goodwyn
vs Deere
Matthews

May 31, 1908
To be Entered
Plaintiffs

Entered in Chancery
Order Book No. 4. Page 120.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF HANBREMONT.

MARTHA E. GOODWIN AND OTHERS

VS.

SARAH M. MATTHEWS AND OTHERS.

This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read and upon the report of E. E. Holland, special commissioner, ^{this day filed} reporting the sale of the property in the bill and proceedings mentioned to Frank R. Ellenor, for Seven Hundred and Fifty-three Dollars (\$753.00). To which report there is no exception and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof, the Court doth ratify, approve and confirm said report and said sale, and doth adjudge, order and decree that E. E. Holland, who is hereby appointed a special commissioner for the purpose, shall, upon the payment by the said Frank R. Ellenor of the full purchase price as aforesaid, convey to him by a good and sufficient deed, with special warranty, the real-estate in the proceedings mentioned; and the Court doth further adjudge, order and decree that the said special commissioner, upon the payment of the said purchase price, shall, after deducting therefrom the costs and expenses of this suit and of said sale and a fee of ^{forty (\$40)} dollars to the attorney prosecuting this suit, proceed to distribute the residue of the purchase price among the parties entitled thereto, save and except that the portions of the infant and insane defendants shall be held until the further order of this Court. The said special commissioner shall take from the said parties receipts for the amounts so paid to them, file the same in these papers and make report to Court of his transactions hereunder.

And this cause is continued.

Goodwyn

is

Matthews

May 15, 1906.

To be entered.

Robert Matthews

Entered in Chancery
Order Book No. 4
Page 60.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF NANSEMOND:

MARTHA E. GOODWIN AND OTHERS

vs.

SARAH M. MATTHEWS AND OTHERS.

This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read and upon the report of E. E. Holland, reporting the sale of the property in the bill and proceedings mentioned to Frank R. Ellenor at the price of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00), and also returning with said report a bond executed by Martha E. Goodwin and J. A. Stayler, in which they offer, in the event an order is entered for a re-sale of the property, to make a bid of Six Hundred and Seventy-five Dollars (\$675.00) therefor. To which report there is no exception and was argued by counsel.

ON CONSIDERATION WHEREOF, the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that E. E. Holland, who is hereby appointed a special commissioner for the purpose, shall offer said property for re-sale upon the terms and after the advertisement required by decree entered in this cause on the 9th day of January, 1906, at public auction at Whaleyville, in Nansemond County, Virginia, and at said sale shall accept no bid for a less sum than Six Hundred and Seventy-five Dollars (\$675.00), being the amount of the up-set bid of Martha E. Goodwin for said property, but the special commissioner shall not be required, before proceeding to execute this decree, to give a new bond, the bond heretofore given in this cause being deemed sufficient.

And the said special commissioner shall report his proceedings hereunder to the Court.

Leadings & others
as given
for resale
Matthews & others

Entered March 16, 1906
Robert C. Matthews

Entered in City-
Order Book No. 4.
Page 549.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANTSEMOND COUNTY:

MARTHA E. GOODWIN AND OTHERS

vs.

SARAH M. MATTHEWS AND OTHERS.

This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read and on the report of F. R. Ellenor, R. B. Hayes, and V. B. Harrell, three of the commissioners appointed by decree entered herein to assign dower to Sarah M. Matthews, in the lands of which her late husband, Allen Matthews, died seized as by an estate of inheritance during his marriage with her, which report was filed herein on the 15th day of December, 1905, and to which there is no exception, and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof, the Court doth ratify, approve and confirm said report in the assignment of dower to Sarah M. Matthews, as aforesaid, and doth adjudge, order and decree that E. E. Holland, who is hereby appointed a commissioner for the purpose, do proceed, after having advertised the time, place and terms of sale by hand-bills duly posted for two weeks, to sell the residue of the real estate in the bill and proceedings mentioned, of which Allen Matthews died seized and possessed, and also the reversionary interest of the heirs-at-law, in and to the seventeen and one-half (17 1/2) acres of land assigned to Sarah M. Matthews as her dower, at public auction in front of the Post Office in Suffolk, Virginia, upon the following terms: one-half cash, and the residue on a credit of twelve months from the day of sale, the credit installment to bear interest from the day of sale, and to be evidenced by the bond of the purchaser thereof, and the title to be retained until the further order of the Court.

But before the said commissioner shall proceed to execute this decree he shall enter into bond, with sufficient ~~credit~~ *Security* in the Clerk's Office of this Court, payable to the

Commonwealth of Virginia, in the penalty of *Fifteen hundred*
Dollars, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his du-
ties under this or any other decree entered in this cause.

Enter Jan. 9, 1906
Robert R. Reuter

Entered via Chy. Order
Book No. 4. Page 34.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY:

MARTHA E. GOODWIN AND OTHERS,

COMPLAINANT

v.

SARAH M. MATTHEWS AND OTHERS:

This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read, on the report of A. L. Harrell, A. D. Milteer and T. O. Knight, three of the Commissioners appointed by a decree of this Court on the 19th day of May, 1905, to assign dower to Sarah M. Matthews in the lands of which her late husband, Allen Matthews, died, seized as an estate of inheritance during his marriage with her, and also ~~to~~ report as to whether or not the resid~~ue~~ of the said real estate could be divided in kind between the parties entitled thereto, which report is dated the 11th day of July, 1905, and filed herein on the 15th day of July, 1905, and on the exception of Sarah M. Matthews, widow of Allen Matthews, deceased, to said report, and was argued by counsel.

by consent
On consideration where^{of} the court doth sustain said exception of said Sarah M. Matthews to the assignment of dower as aforesaid, and doth set aside the same, but in all other respects doth ratify, approve and confirm the report of the said Commissioners as aforesaid; and ~~on~~ further consideration thereof, doth adjudge, order and decree that C. M. Rodgers, R. B. Hayes, Frank R. Ellenor, Vivian B. Harrell, and George B. Robertson, who are hereby appointed Commissioners for the purpose, any three or more of whom may act, do go upon the lands in the proceedings mentioned, of which the late Allen Matthews was seized ^{as} of an estate of inheritance during his marriage with the said Sarah M. Matthews, and assign and allot to the said Sarah M. Matthews, widow of the said Allen Matthews, by metes and bounds, one equal one third part in value of the said land, as her dower therein, and for the proper performance of their duties under this decree, the said Commissioners, or such of them as shall act, hereunder, are hereby directed and authorized to employ a competent sur-

veyer, who shall lay off the land, or such part thereof as may be necessary, and make a plat thereof, showing the part thereof assigned to said Sarah M. Matthews, widow as aforesaid.

And the said Commissioners are directed to report their proceedings hereunder to the court.

M. E. Gordin other
as Deene
Sarah M. Matthews and

Oct. 10, 1905

To be entered.

~~Robert H. Smith~~

Entered in Chy. Order
Book No. 4. Page 1.

We consent
Ratt. N. Smith
att. for S. M. Matthews
E. E. Hales and all
for heirs of
J. H. E. Guardian ad litem

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HANSEMOND COUNTY:

North E GOODWIN *ad. L. Goodwin, her husband* PLAINTIFFS
Nellie C. Pierce of E. Pierce her husband
v.

Sarah M. MATTHEWS, *widow of Allen Matthews deceased* DEFENDANT
Mary A. Staylor and John A. Staylor, her husband W. H. Matthews, C. J. Matthews, John E. Mat-
thews, Margaret Matthews and Lillie Matthews, the said Margaret Matthews, being of
unsound mind, and the said Lillie Matthews, an infant

This cause came on this day to be heard on the bill taken for confessed as to the adult defendants on whom process has been duly served, they still failing to appear, plead, answer or demur to the said bill, the answer of the infant defendant and the defendant of un sound mind by their guardian ad litem, John P. Lee, and of the said guardian ad litem, duly appointed at rules as such, with replications thereto, and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof, the court doth adjudge, order and decree that A. D. Milteer, T. O. Knight, James R. Horton, A. L. Harrell, and F. R. Ellenor, who are hereby appointed commissioners for the purpose, any three or more of whom may act, do go upon the land in the proceedings mentioned, of which the late Allen Matthews was seized ^{as} ~~as~~ an estate of inheritance during his marriage with the said *Sarah* Matthews, and assign and allot to the said *Sarah* Matthews, widow of the said Allen Matthews, 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 becomes necessary, in the opinion of the said commissioners, who shall act hereunder, they are authorized and directed to employ a competent surveyor who shall lay off the said land, or such part thereof as may be necessary, and make a plat thereof.

And the court doth further adjudge, order and decree that, after the assignment of said dower as aforesaid, the said commissioners shall proceed to lay off and divide the residue of the said real estate of which Allen Matthews died, seized and possessed, in the bill mentioned, into

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equal parts, having regard to quality and quantity, and assign one of said parts to each of the heirs of the said Allen Matthews, deceased. But if the said Commissioners should find it impracticable to divide the said land among the aforesaid parties, or should be of the opinion that the interests of the said parties would be more promoted by a sale of the same, in such case, they are required to report the facts upon which their opinion is based to court, and also what, in their opinion, is the fee-simple and annual value of the residue of the said real estate of which the said Allen Matthews died, seized and possessed, and in either case they are required to report their proceedings under this order to the court. And this cause is continued.

Entered May 9, 1905
Robert H. Smith

Entered in Chy. Order
Book No. 3. Page 651.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY:

MARTHA E. GOODWIN AND OTHERS

v.

SARAH M. MATTHEWS AND OTHERS.

This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read, on the report of A. L. Harrell, A. D. Milteer and T. O. Knight, three of the Commissioners appointed by a decree of this Court on the 19th day of May, 1905, to assign dower to Sarah M. Matthews in the lands of which her late husband, Allen Matthews, died, seized as an estate of inheritance during his marriage with her, and also to report as to whether or not the residue of the said real estate could be divided in kind between the parties entitled thereto, which report is dated the 11th day of July, 1905, and filed herein on the 15th day of July, 1905, and on the exception of Sarah M. Matthews, widow of Allen Matthews, deceased, to said report, and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof, by consent, the court doth sustain said exception of said Sarah M. Matthews to the assignment of dower as aforesaid, and doth set aside the same, but in all respects doth ratify, approve and confirm the report of the said Commissioners as aforesaid: and on further consideration thereof, doth adjudge, order and decree that C. M. Rodgers, R. B. Hayes, Frank R. Ellenor, Vivian B. Harrell and George B. Robertson, who are hereby appointed commissioners for the purpose, any three or more of whom may act, do go upon the lands in the proceedings mentioned, of which the late Allen Matthews was seized as of an estate of inheritance during his marriage with the said Sarah M. Matthews, and assign and allot to the said Sarah M. Matthews, widow of the said Allen Matthews, by metes and bounds, one equal one third part in value of the said land, as her dower therein, and for the proper performance of their duties under this decree, the said Commissioners, or such of them as shall act hereunder, are

hereby directed and authorized to employ a competent surveyor who shall lay off the land, or such part thereof as may be necessary, and make a plat thereof, showing the part thereof assigned to the said Sarah M. Matthews, widow as aforesaid.

And the said Commissioners are directed to report their proceedings hereunder to the court.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSIMOND COUNTY,

MARTHA E. GOODWIN AND OTHERS

V.

W. H. MATTHEWS AND OTHERS.

We hereby consent that this cause may be submitted to the Judge of the Circuit Court of the County of Nansimond for such decisions and decrees therein in vacation, as might be made in term.

W. H. Matthews
M. E. Goodwin
M. C. Saylor

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY,

MARTHA E. GOODWIN AND OTHERS

VS.

W. H. MATTHEWS AND OTHERS.

We hereby consent that this cause may be submitted to the Judge of the Circuit Court of the County of Nansmond for such decisions and decrees therein in vacation, as might be made in term.

J. E. Matthews

J. E. Pierce.

W. H. Pierce.

Whaleyville Va.

Apr. 9 - 1906

E. E. Holland Esq.

Supper Club Va.

Dear Sir

Enclosed find paper you sent
me, which all assigned willingly
except the widow Mrs S. M. Mathews
she would not,

Yours Very Truly
T. R. Ellsworth.

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

EUREKA LUMBER COMPANY,

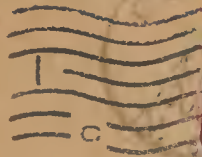
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NORTH CAROLINA PINE, POPLAR

AND GUM LUMBER,

TRUCK BARRELS, MINE ROLLERS, BOXES AND BASKETS,

WASHINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA.



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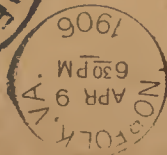
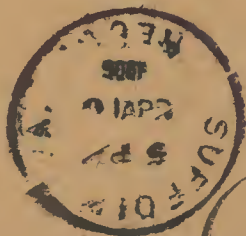
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Whaleyville Va
Decr 9th 1905-

Colo E. E. Holland
Suffolk Va

My Dear Sir,

You will please find enclosed the diagram of Mrs A. G. Matthews Dower as laid of by the Commissioners.

Begin at the North Corner of the John Scott lot and run N 41 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° W 144 feet to the gate post. Then an angle of 90° to the left 26 feet. Then N 41° W 411 feet to the ravine a hollow biga across the same. & so on.) Also the bill for the work. -

There is 44 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres beside the dower in the tract, I have not seen or heard from the Com. I know nothing of their report. I guess they want you to write it out for them

Very Respectfully,
B. W. P. Baker

Mr Allen G. Matthews' Est-

1905-

To Ber. P. Baker Co. Surv.-

Deer 1 $\frac{3}{4}$	To Surveying lower 18 Courses	6. ^{50¢} 12 @ ³⁶ 3¢	86
Deer 2 $\frac{2}{4}$	Calculating ^{the} 18 courses	6. ^{50¢} 12 @ ³⁶ 3¢	86
Deer 9 $\frac{1}{4}$	Mapping 18 "	6. ^{50¢} 12 @ ³⁶ 3¢	86
Deer 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	To Surveying the other lands 16 Courses	6 at ^{50¢} 10 @ ³⁰ 3¢	80
" 2	Calculating 16 Courses	6 at ^{50¢} 10 @ ³⁰ 3¢	80
Deer 1 $\frac{3}{4}$	measured 492 poles 100 at ^{1.00} 392 at ¹⁹⁶ 50¢		2.26

\$ 7.14

George White		\$1.00
W. B. ^{and} Michael	Chain Bearers-	\$1.00
Stephen Reid	Chopper	\$1.00
F. R. Elenor		
John ^{and} Matthews	Guides.	

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF NANSEMOND:

M. E. GOODWIN AND OTHERS

vs.

SARAH M. MATTHEWS AND OTHERS.

This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read and upon the report of E. E. Holland, special commissioner, ^{*There is a file*} showing that he has paid to C. T. Matthews, committee for Margaret Matthews, the sum of Seventy-nine Dollars and Fiftythree Cents (\$79.53) and to Sarah M. Matthews, mother of Lillie N. Matthews, the sum of Seventy-nine Dollars and Fifty-three Cents (\$79.53), as directed by decree entered herein on the 31st day of January, 1907, to which report there is no exception and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof, the Court doth ratify, approve and confirm said report, and there being nothing further to dispose of in this suit, doth adjudge, order and decree that the same be removed from the docket.

Goodwyn others
vs Final Decree
Matthew others

July 14, 1908
To be entered.

James L. Moore,

Entered in Chancery
Order Book No. 4
Page 259.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY:

An attorney at law & appointed as Guardian ad litem
The answer of John P. Lee to the defendant of unsound mind, *Margaret* Matthews, and the answer of the said defendant of unsound mind, *Margaret* Matthews by the said John P. Lee, her guardian ad litem, to the bill in equity exhibited against the said *Margaret* Matthews and others in the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, by *Martha C* Goodwin and others.

For answer to the said bill the said guardian ad litem answers and says that he does not know whether the interests of the defendant of unsound mind would be promoted by the sale of the property as prayed for in the said bill or not; and the said defendant of unsound mind, by her said guardian ad litem says that her mental condition is such that she cannot comprehend the matters mentioned in the said bill and commits the protection of her said interests to the court.

And now having answered, they pray, etc.

COUNTY OF NANSEMOND, To-wit:

J. P. Lee
Guardian ad litem

This day personally appeared before me, the undersigned a Notary Public for the county aforesaid, John P. Lee, guardian ad litem of Matthews, and made oath that he believes the several statements made in the foregoing answer to be true.

Given under my hand this the _____ day of _____, 1905.

N.P.

Gordon and Isaac
vs Andrew & David
Matthew & others

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

First August Rules 1905.

M. E. Goodwin et als -----Complainants.

vs. In Chancery.

Sarah M. Matthews et als. -----Defendants.

The separate answer of Sarah M. Matthews one of the defendants to a bill of complaint filed against her and others in the Circuit Court of the County of Nansemond by M. E. Goodwin, L. L. Goodwin, Nellie O. Pierce and J. E. Pierce complainants.

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

True it is that Allen Matthews was in his life time seized and possessed of the tract of land in the bill mentioned and described, but your respondent is informed and believes and so charges that the said tract of land contains fifty-seven (57) acres instead of fifty-four (54) acres, as asserted in the bill. True it is that sometime in the year 1904, to-wit, the -----day of December, 1904, Allen Matthews departed this life, intestate, leaving your respondent as his widow and the complainants and other defendants his children and heirs at law. True it is that the defendant, Lillie M. Matthews, is an infant and the defendant, Margaret Matthews, is of unsound mind.

This respondent has no objection to the prayers of the bill but, on the contrary, joins therein and prays that the respondent's dower interest in said land be assigned to her and that the residue of the said real estate be divided between the several parties entitled thereto or if the same cannot be petitioned in kind that the said land be exposed to sale and that the

proceeds of said sale be divided among the parties thereto entitled.

On the 19th day of May, 1905, an interlocutory decree was entered in this cause whereby the Court appointed Commissioners for the purpose of laying off and assigning to this respondent her dower in the land of which Allen Matthews died seized and possessed as of an estate of an inheritant as mentioned and described in said bill and for the further division and allotment of the residue of the said tract among and to the parties thereto entitled.

In obedience to said decretal order three of the said Commissioners, to-wit, A. L. Harrell, A. D. Milteer and T. O. Knight, went upon the lands in the proceedings mentioned and attempted to lay off, allot and assign to your respondent her dower in the said lands. But without taking a surveyor as they were authorized to do by the decree of this Court of the 19th of May, 1905; said Commissioners on the 15th day of July, 1905, filed their report in the Clerk's Office of this Court describing by metes and bounds the dower laid off by them for your respondent in the lands in these proceedings mentioned, to which said report your respondent filed exceptions in due time, to-wit, on the 25th day of July, 1905. This respondent denies that the dower laid off to her by the said commissioners in their said report is one-third either in value or area of the lands in the proceedings mentioned of which Allen Matthews died seized and possessed as of fee.

Your respondent represents that since the death of said Allen Matthews, to-wit on the 8th day of December, 1904, she has had asylum in the mansion house of said Allen Matthews where she has supported herself and the infant, Lillie M. Matthews, and the defendant of unsound mind Margaret Matthews. The said

Margaret Matthews is unfortunately afflicted with epilepsy and is to your respondent a source of great care, expense and mental anxiety.

Your respondent represents that A. L. Harrell on the -----day of December, 1904, qualified as administrator of Allen Matthews, deceased; that as such administrator he exposed to sale on the -----day of January, 1905, the goods and chattels of which the said Allen Matthews died seized and possessed; that the said Allen Matthews at the time of his death was a house holder and head of a family and was actually engaged in the business of agriculture; that after the death of the said Allen Matthews your respondent was ^uhouse holder and head of a family and actually engaged in the business of agriculture; that the said administrator exposed to sale and did sell among other things one spinning wheel, one cart, two plows, one drag, one pitch fork, one rake, two iron wedges, and the necessary gearing for two horses; that this respondent is advised that all the foregoing articles are exempted from such sale, that they belonged absolutely to her and the said Margaret Matthews and Lillie M. Matthews.

This respondent prays that her answer may be treated so far as is necessary as a cross bill; that the report of the Commissioners appointed to lay off dower filed in this case be annulled and set aside and that the same or new Commissioners be appointed to allot dower in the lands in the proceedings mentioned to your respondent, which dower shall be a full one-third in area and in value of the said lands; that a committee be appointed for Margaret Matthews, the defendant of unsound mind, to take charge of and receive her property, that the said Margaret Matthews, or her estate, be compelled to pay to your respondent such sum as she may be entitled to by reason of the great care

and maintenance and support of the said Margaret Matthews from the death of the said Allen Matthews to the appointment of the said committee; that said committee be authorized to enter into a contract with some one for the **future** care of the said Margaret Matthews; that your respondent, who is her mother, be appointed guardian for Lillie M. Matthews that A. L. Harrell administrator of Allen Matthews be compelled to make restitution to your respondent of the goods and chattels heretofore mentioned in this bill as having been wrongfully sold by him and for such other and general relief as she may be entitled to in the premises.

And this respondent denies all fraud, unlawful combination and confederacy; and having fully answered the complainants bill, prays to be hence dismissed with her reasonable costs by her in this behalf expended.

And she will ever pray, etc.

Sarah M. Matthews,
By counsel.

Rich. W. Hittes, p.d.

Matthews et als.

ads

Goodwin, et als.

Answer of Sarah M. Matthews

ROBT. W. WITHERS,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
SUFFOLK, VA.
PRACTICING IN ALL COURTS IN
FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT.

JEWELL & COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA.

1905 July 25th Filed
H.G. de

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

Your complainants, Martha E. Goodwin, and L. L.
Goodwin, her husband, Nelie O. Pierce and J. E. Pierce,
her husband, humbly complaining sheweth unto the court
the following case:

That your complainants father, Allen Matthews, was,
in his life time, seized and possessed of a certain
tract of land lying in Cypress Magisterial district in
the county of Nansemond, Virginia, containing fifty four
(54) acres, more or less, and fully described in copy
of deed filed herewith, marked exhibit "A", and asked to
be read as a part hereof; that being so seized and
possessed of the said real estate some time in the year
1904, the said Allen Matthews departed this life, in-
testate, leaving a widow, Sara M. Matthews, and your
complainants, Martha E. Goodwin, Nelie O. Pierce, Mary
A. Staylor, W. H. Matthews, C. T. Matthews, John E.
Matthews, Margaret Matthews, and Lillie M. Matthews as
his only children and heirs at law. The said Lillie
M. Matthews is an infant under the age of twenty one
years, and the said Margaret Matthews is of unsound mind,
and unable to protect her interests.

Your complainants believe that the said real estate
is not susceptible of partition among the parties there-
to, and that the same will have to be sold and the
proceeds of sale divided among the adult and infant
parties according to their respective rights; the shares
of the infant defendant, Lillie M. Matthews, and of the
said Margaret Matthews, who is of unsound mind, to be
held as directed by the statute in such case made and
provided. Should the property not be divisible in kind,
your complainants believe and here state, that the interest
of those who are entitled to the said real estate, or

its proceeds, will be promoted by a sale of the whole of said real estate, or by an allotment of part and sale of the residue.

In tender consideration whereof, and for as much as your complainants are remediless in the premises, save by the aid of the Court of Equity where matters of this kind are alone and properly cognizable, your complainants pray that the said Mary A. Straylor, and John A. Staylor, her husband, W. H. Matthews, C. T. Matthews, John E. Matthews, Sarah M. Matthews, widow, Margaret Matthews and Lillie M. Matthews may be made parties defendant to this bill, and required to answer the same, but answers under oath are waived; that a proper guardian ad litem be assigned to infant defendant Lillie M. Matthews, and the said Margaret Matthews who is of unsound mind, to defend their interests in this suit, who shall also answer this bill; that proper process issue; that proper counsel fees be allowed; that the dower interest of Sarah M. Matthews in said land may be assigned to her; that the residue of said real estate be divided between the several parties entitled thereto, and your complainants portions thereof be allotted to them, and in case the said residue of said real estate cannot be partitioned and divided in kind, that the same be exposed to sale, and the proceeds of such sale be divided among the parties entitled thereto; that all proper orders and decrees may be made, and proper inquiries be directed, and that all such other, farther and general relief may be afforded your complainants as the nature of their case may require, or to equity shall seem meet.

And your complainants will ever pray, etc.

E. E. Halland
H. G.

Mrs. M. E. Goodwin
Julia O. Reese
J. E. Parry, Counsel

L. J. Goodwin

E. E. Holland Esq.

M E Goddwin
and others
vs } In Chancery

Sarah N Matthews
and others

Bill.

E. E. HOLLAND,
ATTORNEY AT LAW
SUFFOLK, VA.

JEWELL & COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA.

M & Godwin & others
against In Chancery
Sarah N Matthews and others

1905 March 30th. Process issued returnable
to April Rules 1st Monday.

" April 3rd. Process returned executed
on all adult resident debts.
and ^{service} accepted by non-resident
W N Matthews.

I P Lee appointed guardian
ad litem for Margaret Matthews
of unsound mind and also to
Lellie Matthews an infant.
Bill filed and decree nisi
against adult defendants.

" " 17. Decree nisi confirmed and
cause set for hearing.

Chancery Notes

E E Hall and Prof

Mr E Goodwin vs

In Chancery

S A Matthews vs

1908

July 14th

Final Decree

Mr E Goodwin vs Matthews vs

Costs
Clerk \$8.56
Tax 1.50
Shff 3.50
Surveyor 7.14
3 Com. 3.00
Atty 15.00

\$38.70