1909-052
Nansemond County [Suffolk]

Chancery Causes: Petition of Trustees of Harmony Lodge No 149 of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons

Wagner, Driver, Jordan, Ames

Order entered 21st. April 1898

In the matter of the Petition of James Wagner Elliott J. Diver Walter Jordan and John W. Ames Sr Trustees of Harmony Lodge No 149 of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons for the sale of the property of said Lodge and the investment of the proceeds in other property } Ex parte.

This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read and on the report of James Wagner Elliott J. Diver Walter Jordan and John W. Ames Sr Trustees of Harmony Lodge No 149 of Ancient Free and accepted masons this day filed by leave of the Court the same being a report of their transactions in pursuance of the order entered herein on the 19th day of October 1895 and was argued by Counsel

On consideration whereof the Court doth approve ratify and confirm the said report to which no exception has been

taken and doth adjudge order and decree that the sale of the property of said Lodge to Eugene McKain Edwards as stated in the report of said trustees filed in this cause on the 15th day of October 1894 be and the same is hereby with the consent and at the request of said Lodge and said Edwards cancelled and annulled and that the four bonds of said Edwards mentioned in said last mentioned report each for the sum of one hundred dollars executed for part of the purchase price of said property be and the same are hereby with like consent and on like request also cancelled and annulled and the said trustees are hereby directed to withdraw said bonds if not already withdrawn from the papers in this cause and deliver the same to said Edwards

And with the further consent of said Lodge and said Edwards

the Court doth further adjudge order and decree that the sum of one hundred and eight dollars part of the sum of two hundred and forty dollars received by said trustees from said Edwards on account of the purchase money for said property be refunded and paid by said Trustees to said Edwards and that said trustees place the remainder of said purchase money, to wit: the sum of one hundred and thirty two dollars to the credit of said Edwards as rent for said property while in his possession since said sale thereof to him

And the Court doth further adjudge order and decree that said trustees proceed to again sell said property on the terms and conditions stated in the order entered herein on the 15th day of October 1894 and make report to Court of their proceedings hereunder

A Copy Teste: A. L. Gomez Clerk

In the matter of the Petition of James Wagner, Elliott J. Driver, Walter Jordan, and John W. Ames Sr. Trustees of Harmony Lodge No 149 of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons for the sale of the property of said Lodge and the investment of the proceeds in other property.

Ex parte

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

In pursuance of an order of the Circuit Court for the County of Nansemond entered in the above-mentioned cause on the 21st day of April 1898, the undersigned Trustees of said Lodge, respectfully report to Court as follows:

That they, the said Trustees, proceeded on Friday, the 6th day of April 1900 to sell the parcel of land, mentioned and described in said Petition, on the terms and conditions stated in the order entered herein on the 15th day of October 1894, but were unable to obtain any bid for the

property.

That before offering said land for sale as aforesaid, the said Trustees gave notice of the time, place and terms of the sale by printed hand-bills posted once a week, for a period of more than three weeks, on the premises and at various public places in the neighborhood of the land and at the front door of the Court-house in said County, and by publication of the notice of sale once a week for several weeks before the day of sale in the "The Suffolk Herald", a newspaper printed and published in the Town of Suffolk in said County.

That said land was offered for sale at public Auction on the said 6th day of April 1900 on the premises and on the terms and conditions aforesaid.

That since said effort to sell said land, the said Trustees have received from Mr E.K. Rabey an offer of two-hundred and sixty (260) dollars, which he proposes to pay in cash for said property

upon the execution and delivery to him of a good and sufficient deed conveying the said property to him.

The said Trustees would respectfully recommend that the said offer of C. K. Rabey be accepted and that they be authorized to receive said sum of $260 and make to said Rabey the deed aforesaid.

The said Trustees would state that since the said Petition was filed six years ago, the Lodge building upon said land has greatly depreciated in value and in consequence thereof, the said property is worth very much less than when said Petition was filed. The estimated value of the property six years ago was about $500 and the said Trustees were then authorized to sell it for that sum; that the said Trustees in the interest of ~~the said Lodge~~ the said Lodge, of which they are members, have, during several years past, used their best efforts to obtain privately (as they were authorized

to do) as much as $500 for said property but without success, owing to the gradual decadence of the property and the refusal of every person approached by them, to offer as much as $500 for it. And so it has happened that while the said Trustees have been endeavoring to sell said property at its original valuation of $500, it has steadily declined in value until now they could not hope to obtain a higher bid for it than that of Mr Raley.

The membership of said Lodge desire and ask that said offer of Mr Raley be accepted and that said Trustees be directed to invest the money by purchasing the building at Dinber in said County known as Grange Hall, built by the Association known as Sleepy Hollow Grange on the land ~~[illegible]~~ of Berea Christian Church. The said Grange Hall having been abandoned by said Association, has become the property of the said Church. The desire of said Lodge is to

purchase said Grange Hall building only and not the land upon which it stands, the proper authorities of said Church being willing to allow said Hall to stand permanently on the land belonging to their said Church and to agree that said Lodge shall not be disturbed in the use and enjoyment of said Hall, nor be required to remove the same from its present location. The Trustees of said Lodge recommend that said sum of $260 be invested as desired by said Lodge in the purchase of said Hall. The said sum of $260 is now a fair price for said Lodge property and the highest price that can be obtained for it.

The said Trustees of said Lodge further report that as directed by said order of the 21st day of April 1898, they have withdrawn from the papers in this cause the four bonds of Eugene McKain Edwards, each for the sum of $100 and have delivered them to said Edwards; they having been cancelled by said last mentioned order; that the sum of $108 received by said Trustees from said Edwards has been refunded and paid by them

to said Edwards, and that said Trustees have ~~placed~~ received the sum of $132, also received by them from said Edwards, as rent for said Lodge property while in his possession, and have deposited such last mentioned sum of money in the treasury of said Lodge.

Respectfully submitted this 28th day September 1900.

James Wagner
Elliott F Dixon
Walter Jordan
John W. Ames

} Trustees.

Virginia:

County of Nansemond, to wit:

This day James Wagner and John W. Ames Sr. two of the above-named Trustees, appeared in person before me, Wilbur J. Kilby, a Commissioner in Chancery of the Circuit Court for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia, and made oath that the matters in the foregoing Report stated as of their

our knowledge are true and those stated upon information of others they believe to be true.

Given under my hand this 16th. day of October 1900.

Wilbur J. Kilby,
Commissioner in Chancery.

Harmony Lodge
No. 149 A. F. & A. M.

In the matter
of the application
of Trustees of, for
Sale of property etc,

Report of Trustees
under order
of 21st. April
1898

In the matter of the Petition of James Wagner, Elliott J. Driver, Walter Jordan, and John W. Ames Sr. Trustees of Harmony Lodge No. 149 of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons for the sale of the property of said Lodge and the investment of the proceeds in other property. } Ex parte

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

In pursuance of an order of the Circuit Court of the County of Hancock, entered in the above-mentioned cause on the 19th. day of October 1895, the undersigned, Trustees of said Lodge, respectfully report to court as follows:

That they have not been able to execute said order or discharge the duties thereby required of them, with the exception of the collection of the sum of forty dollars on account of the bonds of Eugene McKain Edwards mentioned in said order, and the payment

to Wilbur J. Kilby, their counsel, of the fee of thirty dollars directed by said order to be paid to him; That the sum of two hundred dollars mentioned in said order is still on deposit in The Farmers Bank of Hansemond, and that there has been added thereto the sum of ten dollars, being the remainder of said sum of forty dollars left after payment of said fee of thirty dollars. That the total sum ~~of it~~ now in said Bank to the credit of the undersigned and subject to the order of court in this cause, is two hundred and ten dollars. That the Bonds of said Edwards mentioned above remain uncollected subject to the credit of the forty dollars paid as above stated. That with matters standing as herein stated, the said Edwards has asked that the sale ~~of~~ to him of the property of said Lodge as stated in the Report of the undersigned filed in this cause on the 15th. day of October 1894. be cancelled,

and his said bonds as they now stand be also cancelled and returned to him: that the sum of one hundred and eight dollars, part of said sum of two hundred and forty dollars be refunded to him: and that the ~~undersigned be allowed to retain the balance thereof, to wit, the sum of $102~~ remainder thereof to wit, the sum of one hundred and thirty-two dollars (which includes the ~~fund~~ fee of $30 paid by the undersigned as aforesaid), be passed to his credit as rent for said property since its sale to him. That the proposition of Mr. Edwards stated above was approved and accepted by said Lodge on the 15th. day of January 1898. as will appear from the annexed transcript from the minutes of its meeting on that day

The undersigned, therefore, recommend that said proposition be approved by the court and that they be allowed to re-sell said property and invest the proceeds of the sale in the manner directed

by the order entered in this cause on the 19th. day of October 1895.

Respectfully submitted this 16th. day of March 1898.

James Wagner
E. J. Bowie
Walter Adams
John W. Ames
} Trustees

I. Eugene McKain Edwards, respectfully state, that the facts stated in the foregoing report are correct and that such report is approved by me.

Respectfully

16 Mar. 1898 Eugene McKain Edwards

At a stated communication Harmony Lodge No 149. A. F & A M held in their Hall at Bruces on Saturday Jan 15th 1898 the following preamble and resolution was unanemously adopted

Whereas, under a decree of the Circuit Ct of Nansemond Co, the Trustees of the Lodge did ~~bargain to~~ sell to E M Edwards the Belleville property, belonging to said Lodge for the sum of six hundred dollars, and reported the same to Court, the said Edwards having paid on the purchase money, for said property the sum of $240.00 now asks the Lodge to release him from said purchase and refund to him the sum of $108.00 of the amt paid by him, and the Lodge to return the balance $102.00 after deducting the Attorney's fee of $30.00 for rent of said property while occupied by him.

Resolved That the proposition of Mr Edwards (provided the Court will order and decree the same) be accepted by the said Trustees and that they the said Trustees pay to the said E M Edwards the said sum of $108.00

A. Lowe Chm

Jno W. Ames Sec

Harmony Lodge
No. 149 A. F. & A. M.
In the matter of the
application of the
Trustees of, for sale
of property etc.

Report of Trustees
of collections &c,
under order of
19 Octo. 1895

Filed and con-
firmed 21st.
April 1898

DEPOSITED WITH

THE FARMERS BANK OF NANSEMOND

BY

Dollars. Cents.

Currency, ...

Gold, ...

Silver, ...

Checks and Drafts, . .

(*Entered Separately.*)

Total, ...

4-2-95-10m—2 E.

DEPOSITED WITH

THE FARMERS BANK OF NANSEMOND

BY

Dollars. | Cents.

Currency, ...

Gold, ...

Silver, ...

Checks and Drafts, . . 00

(Entered Separately.)

Total, ... 20 00

4-2-95-10m—2 E.

DEPOSITED WITH

THE FARMERS BANK OF HANSEMOND

BY

	Dollars.	Cents.
Currency,		
Gold,		
Silver,	30	00
Checks and Drafts,		
(Entered Separately.)		
Total,	30	00

4-2-95-10111—2 E.

Virginia:

At a Circuit Court Continued and held for the County of Nansemond at the Court house in the Town of Suffolk on Monday the 15th day of October. A.D, 1894.

In the matter of the Petition of James Wagner, Elliott J. Driver Walter Jordan and John W. Ames Sr. Trustees of Harmony Lodge No. 149. of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons for the sale of the property of said Lodge and the investment of the proceeds in other property. } Ex parte.

This cause came on this day to be heard on the petition of James Wagner Elliott J Driver, Walter Jordan and John W Ames Sr Trustees of Harmony Lodge No 149 of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and the exhibits therewith filed and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof and upon the evidence produced before the Court showing that it is the wish of said Lodge and its members to sell their property mentioned and described in said Petition and invest the proceeds of the sale in the purchase of so much land at or near Driver in Sleepy Hole

Magesterial District in Nansemond County and the erection of such Hall or Lodge Building thereon as may be necessary for the use of said Lodge and its members, the Court doth adjudge order and decree that the parcel of land of which said trustees are seised and possessed for the use of said Lodge and which is mentioned and described in said petition, be sold and that said trustees proceed to sell the same by public auction at such time and place and after such advertisement thereof as they may deem best on the terms of payment by the purchaser of one third of the purchase money in cash and the remainder in four equal installments at the end of three, Six, nine and twelve months respectively, and take of the purchaser bonds in evidence of the deferred payments with good personal security and retain the title to said parcel of land until the further order of Court. But the said trustees may make a private sale of said land on the terms aforesaid provided in such case the price shall not be less than five hundred dollars.

The land to be sold as aforesaid is situated at Belleville in said District and County, contains one acre, more or less (but the same is to be sold in gross and not by the acre) and is bounded on the North by the land of James C Bidgood, on the East by the land of Daniel M Cherry, on the South by the County road and on the West by the land of W. J and S. A. Davenport.

And the said trustees will make report to Court of their transactions under this order.

A Copy

Teste:

A. P. Gomey Clerk

Entered in Chancery
Order Book
No 2. Page 595.

To the Circuit Court of the County of Nansemond, Va.

In pursuance of an order of the Circuit Court of the County of Nansemond, Virginia, entered on the 15th. day of October 1894 in the matter of the Petition of James Wagner, Elliott J. Driver and others, Trustees of Harmony Lodge No. 149 of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons for the sale of the property of said Lodge and the investment of the proceeds in other property, the undersigned, the said trustees, respectfully report to Court as follows:

That the said Trustees have sold the parcel of land mentioned and described in said Petition and order on the terms specified in said order:

That the said land was sold privately, as authorised by said order, to Eugene McKain Edwards on the 19th. day of July, 1895 for the sum of six hundred (600) dollars, that being a good and fair price for the same;

That in compliance with the terms of the sale, the said Eugene Mc. Kain Edwards has paid to said Trustees in cash the sum of two hundred dollars, being one-third of said sum of $600, and for the remainder of the purchase-money, has executed his four bonds each for the sum of $100, dated the 19th. day of July 1895 with Joseph Etheridge as his surety, payable three, six, nine and twelve months respectively after their dates with interest from their dates;

That the cash payment of two hundred dollars has been deposited to the credit of the undersigned in the The Farmers Bank of Chuckatuck, in Suffolk, Va. subject to the order of Court, as will appear by the Certificates of said Bank hereto with returned;

That the title to said land has been retained until the further order of Court;

And that the said bonds are

herewith returned.
Respectfully submitted this
21st. day of September 1895.

James Wagner
Jno W. Ames
E. J. Dorsey
Walter Jordan
} Trustees

1898 May 9 Received of A. P. Gomer. Clerk. the four bonds of Eugene McKain Edwards mentioned in the foregoing Report. for the purpose mentioned in the order entered in the above-mentioned cause on 21 April 1898

Jno. W. Ames Trustee
and others Trustees
of Harmony Lodge No 149

Harmony Lodge No.
149 A. F. & A. M.
In the matter of the
application of the
trustees of, for sale
of property etc.

Report of sale
under order of
15 Octo. 1894.

Confirmed 19th.
Octo. 1895

1895 Oct-1st-Filed
A. P. Gomez clerk

Point of beginning on main Road leading from Pigpoint to Shoulderslide. Beginning at M. G. Raley's line. Thence along said Co. Road westardly 263 7/12 ft. to Run crossing said Co Road Thence along said Run Northardly 400 ft. to a Sweet-Gum tree the same being the line between W. J. & S. H. Davenport & the Land formerly owned by T. L. Jones. Thence Right-angle Eastenly up a Run 360 ft. Said Run being the line between Bidgood Property and Lodge Property to M. G. Raley's line. Land formerly owned by D. M. Avery & wife. Thence along said M. G. Raley's line South 160 ft. to Co. Road Point of beginning.

Description
Belleville Lodge
Property

MASONIC HALL FOR SALE!

Will be sold FOR CASH, to the highest bidder at public auction (if not sold privately before),

ON FRIDAY, APRIL 6th, 1900,

at 3 o'clock P. M., at Belleville, Nansemond county, the MASONIC HALL, with about one acre of land.

☞ Persons desiring further information will please apply to any of the undersigned.

JAMES WAGNER,
E. J. DRIVER,
WALTER JORDAN,
JOHN W. AMES,
TRUSTEES.

In the matter of the Petition of James Wagner, Elliott J. Driver, Walter Jordan, and John W. Ames, Sr. Trustees of Harmony Lodge No. 149 of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons for the sale of the property of said Lodge and the Investment of the proceeds in other property. } Ex parte

This Cause came on this day to be heard on the papers formerly read and on the Report of James Wagner, Elliott J. Driver, Walter Jordan and John W. Ames, Sr., Trustees of Harmony Lodge No. 149 of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, this day filed by leave of the Court, (the same being a Report in pursuance of the order entered herein on the 21st. day of April 1898), and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof the Court doth approve and confirm said Report to which no exception has been taken.

And it appearing from said Report that the said Trustees have not been able to see the parcel of land mentioned in said Report and Petition and

held by said Trustees for the benefit of said Lodge, at public auction nor privately on the terms and conditions named in the order entered herein on the 15th. day of October 1894, but that E. K. Rabey has proposed to purchase said property and has offered said Trustees the sum of two hundred and sixty (260) dollars for it; and it further appearing from said Report that said offer of said Rabey is a fair price for said property in its present depreciated condition, the Court doth adjudge, order and decree, with the consent and at the request of said Lodge, its members and said Trustees, that the said offer of said E. K. Rabey be accepted for said property, and that upon the receipt of said sum of two hundred and sixty dollars from him, the said Trustees execute and deliver a good and sufficient deed with special warranty in the usual form conveying said Lodge property, or land, to him, and hold said sum of money subject to the order of Court, to be re-invested according to law. And the said Trustees

wise make report to court of their transactions under this order.

Harmony Lodge No.
149 A. F. & A. M.

In the matter
of the application of
the Trustees of, for
sale of property etc.

In the Circuit
Court of Kanawha
County
October 18, 1900

Order
To be entered

Robert R. Ellis

Entered in Chancery
Order Book No 3
Page 325.

In the matter of the Petition of James Wagner, Elliott J. Driver, Walter Jordan and John W. Ames Sr. Trustees of Harmony Lodge No. 149 of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons for the sale of the property of said Lodge and the investment of the proceeds in other property } Ex parte

This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read and on the Report of James Wagner, Elliott J. Driver, Walter Jordan and John W. Ames Sr. Trustees of Harmony Lodge No. 149 of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, this day filed by leave of the court (the same being a Report of their transactions in pursuance of the order entered herein on the 19th. day of October 1895), and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof the court doth approve, ratify and confirm the said Report to which no exception has been taken and

doth adjudge, order and decree that the sale of the property of said Lodge to Eugene McKain Edwards as stated in the Report of said Trustees filed in this cause on the 15th. day of October 1894. be, and the same is hereby, with the consent and at the request of said Lodge and said Edwards, cancelled and annulled and that the four bonds of said Edwards mentioned in said last-mentioned Report, each for the sum of one hundred Dollars, executed for part of the purchase-price of said property, be and the same are hereby, with like consent and on his request, also cancelled and annulled and the said Trustees are hereby directed to withdraw said bonds, if not already withdrawn, from the papers in this cause, and deliver the same to said Edwards.

And with the further consent of said Lodge and said Edwards the court doth further adjudge

order and decree that the sum of one hundred and eight dollars part of the sum of two hundred and forty dollars received by said Trustees from said Edwards on account of the purchase-money for said property, be refunded and paid ~~to said~~ by said Trustees to said Edwards, and that said Trustees ~~retain~~ place the remainder of said purchase-money to wit. the sum of one hundred and thirty-two dollars to the credit of said Edwards as rent for said property while in his possession since said sale thereof to him.

And the Court doth further adjudge, order and decree that said Trustees proceed to again sell said property on the terms and conditions stated in the order entered herein on the 15th. day of October 1894 and make Report to Court of their proceedings hereunder.

Harmony Lodge
No. 149 A. F. & A. M.
In the matter of
the application of
the Trustees of, for
sale of property etc.

In the Circuit
Court of Rausse=
mond County
April 21. 1898

Order
To be entered

Robert R. Prentis

Entered in Ch order
Book No 2 Page 152

In the matter of the Petition of James Wagner, Elliott J. Driver, Walter Jordan, and John W. Ames, Sr. Trustees of Harmony Lodge No. 149 of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons for the sale of the property of said Lodge and the investment of the proceeds in other property. } Ex parte

This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read and on the Report of James Wagner, Elliott J. Driver, Walter Jordan and John W. Ames, Sr. Trustees of Harmony Lodge No. 149 of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons filed on the first day of October 1895 (the same being a Report of the sale of the property of said Lodge located at Belleville in this county in pursuance of the order entered herein on the 15th. day of October 1894) and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof the court doth confirm the said report and sale to which no exception has been taken and doth adjudge, order and decree that said

trustees collect and receive the sum of two hundred dollars deposited in the The Farmers Bank of Nansemond to their credit as stated in said Report and also collect and receive of Eugene McKain Edwards the principal sums of his ~~several~~ four bonds each for the sum of $100.00 filed with said Report together with the interest thereon as said bonds mature, and, when all of said bonds shall have been paid, ~~execute~~ make to said Eugene McKain Edwards a deed with special warranty in the usual form convey-ing to him the property sold to him as stated in said Report.

And the Court doth further adjudge order and decree that the said trustees ~~payout of said money all the costs and expenses of this cause and including a fee of thirty dollars to Loftus Tally, their counsel and interest and expend the remainder of said~~ in the purchase of so much land at or near Driver in Sleepy Hole Magisterial District in this County and the erection thereon of such Hall or Lodge Building as may be necessary for the use of said Lodge or its members, (if there shall not be such building on said land when it is purchased), and take of the person from whom such land may be purchased a deed with general warranty and the usual covenants

of title conveying such land to themselves and their successors in office in trust for the use and benefit of said Lodge of Masons, such land to be ~~such~~ acceptable to said Lodge and such as its members shall desire to have.

And the clerk of this court will deliver to said Trustees ~~and take their receipt, to be filed with the papers herein for~~, the certificates filed with said Report showing the deposit of said sum of $200. in said Bank, and also said bonds to be collected by them.

~~And the said trustees will make report to court of their transactions under this order~~ and will take of them a receipt for such certificates and bonds and file the same with the papers in this cause.

And the said trustees will make report to court of their transactions under this order.

Harmony Lodge No. 149
A. F. & A. M.
In the matter of
the application of
the trustees of, for
sale of property etc.

In the Circuit
Court of Crawse-
mond County.
October 19, 1895

Order.

To be entered

Robert R. Ellis

Entered in Chancery
order Book No 3.
Page 3

In the matter of the Petition of James Wagner, Elliott J. Driver, Walter Jordan, and John W. Ames, Sr. Trustees of Harmony Lodge No. 149 of Free and Accepted Masons for the sale of the property of said Lodge and the investment of the proceeds in other property. } Ex parte

This cause came on this day to be heard on the petition of James Wagner, Elliott J. Driver, Walter Jordan and John W. Ames, Sr. Trustees of Harmony Lodge No. 149 of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and the exhibit therewith filed, and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof and upon the evidence produced before the Court showing that it is the wish of said Lodge and its members to sell their property ~~herein~~ mentioned and described in said Petition, and invest the proceeds of the sale in the purchase of so much land at or near Driver in Sleepy Hole Magisterial District in Nansemond County and the erection of such Hall or Lodge Building thereon as may be necessary for the use of

said Lodge and its members, the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that the parcel of land of which said trustees are seised and possessed for the use of said Lodge and which is mentioned and described in said Petition, be sold, and that said trustees proceed to sell the same by public auction at such time and place as they may deem best after such advertisement thereof on the terms of payment by the purchaser of one-third of the purchase-money in cash and the remainder in ~~equal sums~~ four equal installments at the end of three, six, nine and twelve months respectively, and take of the purchaser bonds in evidence of the deferred payments with good personal security and retain the title to said parcel of land until the further order of Court. But the said trustees may make private sale of said land on the terms aforesaid, provided ~~the~~ in such case the price shall not be less than five hundred dollars.

The land to be sold as aforesaid is situated at Belleville in said District and county, contains one acre, more or less (but the same is to be sold in gross and not by the acre) and is bounded on the North by the land of James C. Bidgood, on the east by the land of Daniel M. Cherry, on the South by the county road and on the west by the land of W. J. and S. H. Davenport.

And the said trustees will make report to Court of their transactions under this order.

Harmony Lodge
No. 149 A. F. & A. M.
In the matter of the
application of the trustees
of, for sale of property
etc.

In Chancery
County Circuit
Court.
October 15 1894

Order
To be entered
C W H

Entered in Chancery
Order Book No. 2
Page 595. -

At a regular Communication of Harmony Lodge No 149. A. F. & A. Masons held at Davies on Saturday Sept 15th. 1894. The following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted;

Whereas. The Hall or Lodge building of this Lodge, together with the land on which it stands, is inconveniently located at Belleville in Seely Hole Magisterial District in Isle of Wight Co Virginia, and it is the desire of this Lodge to sell said land and building and with the proceeds of the sale to purchase a more convenient site and erect thereon a Hall for its use.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Trustees of this Lodge be and they are hereby authorized to file their petition, according to Law, in the circuit Court of said County, or before the Judge thereof in vacation setting forth that it is the wish of this Lodge to sell its said property and reinvest the proceeds thereof. And praying that such order as may be proper be made, providing for such sale and the purchase of so much land at or near Davies in said District in said County and the erection of such a Hall or Lodge building, thereon as may be necessary for the use of this Lodge. and that a copy of this ~~order~~, duly attested by the Worshipful Master and Secretary of this Lodge, be produced before said Court as evidence of the wish aforesaid.

A Copy
Teste:
William R. Old. W. M.
J M Arthur Sec

Exhibit B. filed
with the Petition

Virginia:

At a Circuit Court begun and held for the County of Nansemond at the Courthouse in the Town of Suffolk on Monday April the 11th. A.D. 1892.

On the application of the proper authorities of Harmony Lodge Number 149 of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in the County of Nansemond the Court doth appoint James Wagner, E.J. Driver, Walter Jordan and John W. Ames trustees for the purpose of promoting the interests of said Lodge and of holding and using for the benefit of the same any real estate which may have been lawfully conveyed or may be hereafter conveyed for that purpose.

A Copy
Teste:
A.P. Gomey Clerk

Harmony Lodge
No. 149 A. F. & A. M.
In the matter of the
application of the
trustees of, for sale
of property, etc.

Exhibit A.
filed with the
Petition

THE GLOBE LEGAL WRAPPER. Patented Feb. 11, 1890. SIZE No. 2.
DIRECTIONS.—Elevate the metal points—attach the manuscript—then bend the points down flat—dampen the gummed flap and stick it down—this fastens the papers and hides the metal.

To Hon. Chandler W. Hill, Judge of the Circuit Court for the County of Nansemond, Virginia;

Your Petitioners, James Wagner, Elliott J. Driver, Walter Jordan and John W. Ames, Sr. respectfully represent and show unto Your Honor the following case:

That as trustees and the legal successors of former trustees they are seised and possessed of a small parcel of land for the use and benefit of Harmony Lodge No. 149 ancient of Free and Accepted Masons as appears by Exhibit A.

That the said parcel of land is situated at Bellevue in Sleepy Hole Magisterial District in the County of Nansemond and State of Virginia, contains one acre, more or less, and is bounded on the North by the land of James C. Bidgood, on the East by the land of Daniel M. Cherry on the South by the county road and on the west by the land of W. J. and S. H. Davenport.

That upon said land the

Hall or Lodge Building of the said Lodge of Masons is located

That said Hall or Lodge Building together with said land is inconveniently located and for that reason the members of said Lodge wish to sell the same and re-invest the proceeds of the sale in the purchase of so much land at or near Driver in said District in said County and the erection thereon of such Hall or Lodge Building as may be necessary for the use of said Lodge.

That in evidence of such wish Your Petitioners herewith file a transcript from the records of a regular meeting or communication of said Lodge held on Saturday the 15th day of September 1894 marked Exhibit B, setting forth the preamble and resolution which were then unanimously adopted by said Lodge, expressing and declaring the wish aforesaid and

authorising Your Petitioners, who are members of said Lodge, to file this petition accordingly.

Your Petitioners, therefore, pray in their own behalf and in behalf of said Lodge and all its members, that the said land upon which their present Hall is located at Belleville may be sold and that such order as may be proper may be made providing for the sale thereof and the proper investment of the proceeds: that the proceeds of the sale may be invested in the purchase of so much land at or near Driver in said District in said County and the erection of such Hall or Lodge Building thereon as may be necessary for the use of said Lodge and its members according to their said wish and the laws in such case made and provided: and that a reasonable fee may be allowed and paid to the Counsel for Your Petitioners and such order made as to the costs of the proceedings in pursuance of this Petition as may seem proper. And Your

Petitioners will ever pray etc.

James Wagner
Elliott J. Driver
Walter Jordan
John W. Ames, Jr.
} Trustees

By Wilbur J. Kilby.
their counsel.

9th. October 1894

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Harmony Lodge

No 149. A. F. & A. M.

In the matter of the application of the Trustees of for sale of property etc.

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No 149 A F & A. M

On application to

Sell property.

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July 16th.

H. Harmony Lodge on application