

1848-004 SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

COTTON

VS. SMITH et al

11/1848

other surnames: Vaughan,
Riddick, Cross, Johnson,
Harcum, GORDNER, Harcum,
GARDNER

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Cotton

v } Papers.

Smith &c.

1828 July 17

Calc	9.18
Stiff	7.31
Loam	2.57
Sand	17.21
	46.46

Cotton

v. } Stat: Rules

Smith J

Leh. . . .	\$16.43
Shiff. . . .	10.77
Comm. . . .	2.00
Law & . . .	17.41
	\$46.81

Allen Cotton

to:
Josiah C Smith, Matthew W Vaughan, Abram Riddick, Joseph Johnson, Thomas
Harcum & Nancy Gardner adms of Lemuel R Gardner dec.

1846. Apr. 13 Subpa. v. issued.

" May Rules. Subpa. v. ret. Executed on Riddick - Smith & Vaughan not
found. Bill of amendment bill filed. & Subpa. awarded against
" all the defts.

" June. " Sp. Ret. executed on all the defts: except Vaughan - new sp. a-
warded against him

" July. " Sp. Ret. Executed -

" Aug. " Cause set for hearing as to all the defts: except Vaughan

" Sep. " Cause set for hearing as to Dft. Vaughan.

" Nov. T. continued

1846 Decr. R. Amended bill filed

1847 Feby. " Process awarded to answer amended bill

" Mar. " Process executed on Smith, Vaughan, Harcum & Cross - other
defts. not found. - New process awarded

" April 4, 5. Process executed on Riddick - others not found
26. New process awarded &c.

" June. R. Process ex. on Nancy Gardner adms: no ret. as to Johnson,
etw. Sp. & Johnson. Set for hearing as to Dfts. Vaughan, Har-
cum, Cross & Smith. Answer of Smith Gen. Rep. thereto.

" July. " Sp. v. Johnson not returned.

" Aug. " Set for hearing as to Dft. Gardner adms - and new sp. a-
warded to Johnson

" Sep. " Sp. not ret. new process awarded to Johnson.

" Oct. " Sp. ret. executed -

" Nov. T. continued.

" Decr. R. Cause set for hearing as to Dft. Johnson

1848. May T. Deceit for account -

" Nov. " Deceit v. Smith.

Cotton
or
Smith et al } Bill.

1846 May Rules

R. G.

To Honk. N. H. Baker Judge First
Judicial District. First Circuit
Southampton County to wit.

Humbly complaining sheweth unto your
honor your complainant Allen Weston
that at last Court 1836. One Josiah C. Smith
qualified as Guardian to your Compt. and
entered into bond with Matthew W.
Vaughan and Abram Middick his securities
as will more fully appear by reference to
his bond, herewith filed, marked A. which is
prayed to be taken as a part of this bill
that in his character of guardian he took
possession of all the estate of your Compt., which
he continued to hold during the minority of your
Compt. and still continues to hold, notwithstanding
your Compt. has attained to lawful age and
has frequently invited him to pay over the amount
due him, as ascertained by an account returned
to and approved by the County Court of Southampton
on the 20th March 1843. And in as much as
he is advised that he is remediless at Law
and only relievable in a Court of Equity, where
matters of this kind are alone cognizable,
he prays this Court sitting as a Court of
Equity to grant a decree against sd
Smith and his securities for the sum
of \$317-81/100 with interest from 28th
January 1843 till paid, that being the
amount reported due by the account above
referred to and which is herewith filed, marked
B - and prayed to be taken as a part
of this bill. He further prays that
sd Josiah C. Smith, Matthew W. Vaughan
and Abram Middick may be made parties

be set here to and be compelled to answer the
same. Praying the Commonwealths writ of
Habeas Corpus, directed to the Commanding Officer and
praying such other general and specific
relief in the premises as the nature of
the case may require and the rules of
the Court will allow your Oration
will ever pray &c.

Respectfully & Goodnight.

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Cotton

2 } Amended
Bill

Smith & others

1846 May 4th

James B. Smith 1846

Bills

To the Hon. Judge of the Circ. Sup. Court of Law & Chancery
for the County of Southampton - In Chancery sitting,

Humly complaining sheweth unto your Honor
your complainant - Allen Cotton of the County aforesaid
that sometime since he ^{filed} a bill in Chancery against Joseph
C Smith, Matthew Vaughan and Abraham Priddick
praying for a settlement of his guardian account, with ~~the~~
said Smith, his former guardian, and a decree for the balance
found due him - Your complainant here to state
by way of amendment to his former bill, that in the year
the said Priddick one of the securities to the bond
executed by the said Smith for the guardianship of your
complainant, by motion in the County Court, required the
said Smith to give counter security, according to an act
of Assembly, which was accordingly done by the said Smith
at the term of the County Court, of the County
aforesaid, by bond executed by the said Smith, to the
said Priddick duly conditioned, with Jesse B Johnson
Thomas Norcum and Lemuel M Gordon his securities
which will more fully appear from a copy of said bond
herewith filed as part of this bill - Your complainant
also states that since the execution of said bond the
said Gordon has died, and Stanley Gordon qualified as
his ~~representative~~ - In consideration of the premises
your complainant prays that Joseph C Smith, Abraham
Priddick, Matthew M Vaughan, Jesse B Johnson, Thomas
Norcum ^{and Stanley Gordon} ^{"adms. of Lemuel M Gordon"} be made defendants to this
bill - that your Honor will grant him a decree for whatever
balance may be due your complainant from the said
Smith his former guardian and such other relief
as he may be entitled to, and seems just & proper to
your Honor - And he ever as in duty bound ever pray a
Pridley Broderick

Cotton

2 3 Amended
Bill

Smithson

Decr: 2nd 1846

B. B.

To the Hon. Judge of the Circ. Sup. Court of Law & Chancery
for the County of Southampton. In Chancery

Humbly complaining, sheweth your complainant - Alford
Cotton, that some time since he instituted suit by bill in
Chancery against Jos. C. Smith & others, praying for a settlement
of his guardian's accounts - and subsequently filed an amended
bill for the purpose of making other parties defendants
all of which will appear from the bill and amended bill
herewith filed. Your complainant states that he omitted
to make William P. Crop a party to said proceedings; and
in consideration of the premises prays that Josiah C.
Smith, Abram Piddick, Matthew H. Vaughan, Jasper
B. Johnson, Thomas Warens, Nancy Gordon, admrs. of Lem:
R. Gordon decd: and William P. Crop, be made defendants.
That Jos. C. Smith be made to render an account of his
transactions as guardian to your complainant; and that
your Honor will decree to him such balance as may be
found to be due thenow. and such other and general
relief as may seem proper and necessary - and he will be
in duty bound ever pray &c -

Piddick & Gordon
attys

Personally appeared before me, a
Justice of the Peace in and for
Southampton County, Josiah C. Smith
and made oath that the facts
contained herein are true to the best
of his knowledge and belief.

Ja^s Bennett

Colborn
to
Smith &
{ Amos &
Smith

1847
Samuel Smith

To the Hon. Judge of the cir. sup. court of law
& chancery for the county of Southampton sitting
in chancery -

Answer of Josiah C Smith to a bill of complaint
exhibited against him and others by Allen
Collins. This defendant saving & reserving
to himself all manner of benefit and advan-
tage of exception to the errors and imperfec-
tions in the said complainant's bill of
complaint contained for answer thereto
or to so much thereof as he is advised is
material he should answer, says
that it is true he qualified as guardian
of Allen Collins, and that an account of his
transactions as guardian was returned to
and approved of by the county court of
Southampton in the year 1843 as is stated
in the bill of the complainant. That since
the year 1843 he has been greatly in advance
to his ward so that he now owes but a
small part of the amount reported against
him in the account of that year that he
is now and always has been ready and
willing to settle with the complainant
what is really due, and having answered
he prays leave to be dismissed the court
with his reasonable costs in this behalf
expended &c Josiah C Smith

Chambliss Mapesburg

Southampton County, to wit;

This day personally appeared before me a
justice of the peace for the county of said Josiah
C Smith and made oath that the facts stated in the
within answer are true to the best of his knowledge &
belief given under my hand this day of May 1847
J P

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Cotton
i } Decree
Smithson

If the proof,
has been regularly
viewed the decree
may be entered

R.H.B.

The proof has been
regularly carried

(R.H.B.)

1848. May.

Cotton

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Smith & c

Decree

May Term 1847

It appearing to the Court that more than two more than have elapsed since the filing of the plaintiff's original and amended Bills ~~and amendments thereto~~ as well as the service of the subpoenas on the defendants Pickwick, Vaughan, Croft, Norcross, Johnson and Gordon & c. who still fail to appear and answer, on motion of the plaintiff by counsel his ^{are} bills ~~are~~ taken for confessed as to those defendants. And the cause coming on to be heard on the ^{original and amended Bills} ~~best amendments~~ and exhibits filed, together with the answer of the Deft. Smith, ^{& replication thereto} was argued by counsel on consideration whereof the Court doth order that the Deft. speak to Smith render before a Commr. of this Court - an account of his guardianship of the plaintiff Allen Cotton, and said Commr. ^{taking the account filed as before seen correct} is hereby directed to audit, state and settle said account and report the same to Court with any matter specially stated deemed pertinent by himself, or which may be required to be so stated by either of the parties.

Collins

v. } Leo. Deved

Smith &

June 21st

Southampton Circuit Superior Court May 4. 1848.

Allen Cotton

Plffs.

against

Josiah C Smith, Matthew W Vaughan, Abram Riddick, Jesse W Johnson
Thomas Hareum and Nancy Gardner admrs. Samuel R Gardner dec. Dfts.

It appearing to the Court that more than two months have elapsed since the filing of the plaintiffs bill original and amended bills as well as the service of the subpoena on the defendants Riddick, Vaughan, Croft, Hareum, Johnson & Gardner administrator of who still fail to appear and answer. On the motion of the plaintiff by counsel his bills are taken for confessed as to those defendants. And the cause coming on to be heard on the said original and amended bills exhibits filed together with the answer of the defendant Smith and replication thereto and was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof the Court doth order that the Defendant Josiah C Smith render before a Commissioner of this Court an account of his guardianship of the plaintiff Allen Cotton and said Commissioner is directed, taking the account filed as prima facie correct, to audit said account and report the same to Court with any matters specially stated deemed pertinent by himself or which may be required to be so stated by either of the parties.

Attest

Teste. L R Edwards Clk.

Cotton
i } Disease
Smiths ac

To be entered.

P. H. B.

Nov. 10. '48.

1849 Nov. Tenn

Cotton

Nov: Term 1848

v

Decees

Smith & others



This day this cause come on again to
have on the papers for nearly read, and the report of Com. Mr.
Gorswold made pursuant to the order of May Term 1848, to
which no exception has been filed, and was argued by Counsel
On consideration whereof, the Court confirming said report
doth adjudge, order and decree that the defendant Josi-
ah C. Smith pay to the plaintiff Allen Cotton the sum
of two hundred and fifty seven dollars and 10/100, with
interest thereon from the 31st day of December 1843 till paid
together with the costs of this suit. - And liberty is hereby
granted to the plaintiff to proceed against the other
defendants, should this decree prove unavailing,

B. 5. 6

Let Now

$\pi_1 \} \text{Sp}^a \text{ in } \text{Chr}$

Smith &c

1816 May Rules

Executed on

Abraham Rischick

Smith & Vaughan not found
no building

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Southampton County, Greeting:

We command you that you summon *Josiah L Smith. Matthew W Vaughan*
and Abram Riddick

to appear at the Clerk's Office of our Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the
County of Southampton, at the Rules to be holden for the said Court on the first Monday in
May next, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against *them* in
the said Court by *Allen Cotton*

And unless *he* shall answer the said Bill within ^{*two*} ~~four~~ months thereafter, the Court will
take the same for confessed, and decree accordingly. And this *he* shall in no wise
omit, under the penalty of £100. And have then there this writ. Witness, LITTLETON
R. EDWARDS, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-house, the *13th* day of
April - 1846, in the *70th* year of the Commonwealth.

L R Edwards Clk

[One Copy to be delivered each Defendant.]

6.26

Cotton

to Esp. in Chy

Smith & Co

1826 June Rules

Entered
on the within
papers except
Mr Vaughan
Imprinting 1826

Also Vaughan sp.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Southampton County, Greeting:

We command you that you summon *Eosiah C Smith. Abram Riddick.*
Matthew W Vaughan. Joseph W. Johnson. Thomas Harcum. and
Nancy Gardner administratrix of Samuel R Gardner dec^d.

to appear at the Clerk's Office of our Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the
County of Southampton, at the Rules to be holden for the said Court on the first Monday in
June — next, to answer ^{*an amended*} a Bill in Chancery exhibited against *them* in
the said Court by *Allen Cotton*

And unless *they* shall answer the said Bill within ^{*two*} ~~four~~ months thereafter, the Court will
take the same for confessed, and decree accordingly. And this *they* shall in no wise
omit, under the penalty of £100. And have then there this writ. Witness, LITTLETON
R. EDWARDS, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-house, the *4th* day of

May 1846, in the *70th* year of the Commonwealth.

L R Edwards

[One Copy to be delivered each Defendant.]

C.S. 6

Cotton

2 } Sp^a. in ch.

Smith's

1846 July Rules

Presented
Respectfully

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Southampton County, Greeting:

We command you that you summon *Matthew W Vaughan*

to appear at the Clerk's Office of our Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the County of Southampton, at the Rules to be holden for the said Court on the first Monday in *July -* ^{*an amended*} next, to answer ^{*and there*} Bill in Chancery exhibited against *him* in the said Court by *Allen Cotton*

And unless *he* shall answer the said Bill within ^{*two*} ~~four~~ months thereafter, the Court will take the same for confessed, and decree accordingly. And this *he* shall in no wise omit, under the penalty of £100. And have then there this writ. Witness, LITTLETON R. EDWARDS, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-house, the *1st* day of *June* 184*6*, in the *70th* year of the Commonwealth.

L R Edwards

[One Copy to be delivered each Defendant.]

C.S. 6

Cotton

to } Sp^{ts} in Chy

Smith &c

1847 March Rules

Execution

Mr Magor

Deputy for Jacob

Barnes Shpp

Ch. Buldick

Lepp. B. Johnson &

Haney Gardners

Not Found

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Southampton County, Greeting:

We command you that you summon *Joseph B Smith, Matthew W Vaughan*
Abram Riddick, Jesse B Johnson, Thomas Harcum, Nancy Gardner
and Samuel R Gardner & William P Croft

to appear at the Clerk's Office of our Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the
County of Southampton, at the Rules to be holden for the said Court on the first Monday in
March — ^{*an amended*} next, to answer ~~a~~ Bill in Chancery exhibited against *them* in
the said Court by *Allen Cotton*

And unless *they* shall answer the said Bill within ^{*two*} ~~four~~ months thereafter, the Court will
take the same for confessed, and decree accordingly. And this *they* shall in no wise
omit, under the penalty of £100. And have then there this writ. Witness, LITTLETON
R. EDWARDS, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-house, the *1st* day of
February 184*7*, in the *71st* year of the Commonwealth.

L R E d w a r d s

[One Copy to be delivered each Defendant.]

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Cotton

r } Spain Chy

Smiths &c

1847 April Rules

~~Exceeded on~~

A. Reddick

the others not
found

Mrs. Meyer

Left for La. etc.

Barry H. H.

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Southampton County, Greeting:

We command you that you summon

Abram Riddick. Jesse B Johnson
& Nancy Gardner admors of Samuel R Gardner dec?

to appear at the Clerk's Office of our Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the
County of Southampton, at the Rules to be holden for the said Court on the first Monday in
April ^{*an amended bill*} next, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against ^{*and others*} *them* in
the said Court by *Allen Cotton*

And unless *they* shall answer the said Bill within ^{*two*} ~~one~~ months thereafter, the Court will
take the same for confessed, and decree accordingly. And this *they* shall in no wise
omit, under the penalty of £100. And have then there this writ. Witness, LITTLETON
R. EDWARDS, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-house, the *1st* day of
March 1847, in the *71st* year of the Commonwealth.

L R Edwards Clk

[One Copy to be delivered each Defendant.]

C.S.L.

Cotton

r } Sp. in Chy.

Smith J. G.

1847 May Rules

N. Anson and

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, *Nassau and*

To the Sheriff of *Southampton* County, Greeting:

We command you that you summon

Sipe B Johnson & Nancy Gardner
administrators of Samuel R Gardner dec'd

to appear at the Clerk's Office of our Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the
County of Southampton, at the Rules to be holden for the said Court on the first Monday in
May — next, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against *them* ^{& others} in
the said Court by *Allen Cotton*

And unless *they* shall answer the said Bill within ^{*two*} ~~four~~ months thereafter, the Court will
take the same for confessed, and decree accordingly. And this *they* shall in no wise
omit, under the penalty of £100. And have then there this writ. Witness, LITTLETON
R. EDWARDS, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-house, the *5th* day of
April - 1847, in the *71st* year of the Commonwealth.

L. R. Edwards

[One Copy to be delivered each Defendant.]

Executed May 20th 1847 by delivering
to Nancy Gardner administratrix of
Samuel R. Gardner Dec^d.

Ed Raby Dy
for S. E. Epps Dy

Bott on
to } Epps. in ch.
Smith &
1847 June 1st

B. A. A.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

To the Sheriff of ^{Southampton} ~~Southampton~~ County, Greeting:

We command you that you summon

~~John B. Gardner~~ ^{Nancy} Gardner administratrix of Lemuel R. Gardner dec'd

to appear at the Clerk's Office of our Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the County of Southampton, at the Rules to be holden for the said Court on the first Monday in ^{of others} ~~June~~ next, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against ~~them~~ in the said Court by ^{Allen Rott} ~~Allen Rott~~

And unless ^{they} shall answer the said Bill within ^{two} ~~four~~ months thereafter, the Court will take the same for confessed, and decree accordingly. And this ^{they} shall in no wise omit, under the penalty of £100. And have then there this writ. Witness, LITTLETON R. EDWARDS, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-house, the ²⁶ day of ^{April} 1847, in the ^{7th} year of the Commonwealth.

L. R. Edwards ^{clerk}

[One Copy to be delivered each Defendant.]

6.86

Cotton

~ } Spⁿ chy.

Smith's

1847 June Rules

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of ^{Jale of Wright} ~~Southampton~~ County, Greeting:

We command you that you summon

Esse 13 Johnson

to appear at the Clerk's Office of our Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the County of Southampton, at the Rules to be holden for the said Court on the first Monday in

June

next, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against ^{by others} ~~him~~ in

the said Court by

Allen Cotton

And unless *he* shall answer the said Bill within ^{two} ~~four~~ months thereafter, the Court will take the same for confessed, and decree accordingly. And this *he* shall in no wise omit, under the penalty of £100. And have then there this writ. Witness, LITTLETON R. EDWARDS, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-house, the *3rd* day of *May* 1847, in the *76th* year of the Commonwealth.

J. R. Edwards

[One Copy to be delivered each Defendant.]

Received
Lorials 13th Sept
for Lorials 10th Sept
1847

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Cotton

to 3rd Sep. 1847.

Smith & Co

1847 October Rules

Came to hand 1st Monday
in Oct. 1847 to be
Lorials 10th Sept.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, *Isle of Wight*
To the Sheriff of ~~Southampton~~ County, Greeting:

We command you that you summon

Isaac B Johnson

to appear at the Clerk's Office of our Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the
County of Southampton, at the Rules to be holden for the said Court on the first Monday, in

October - next, to answer ^{*the bills*} ~~a Bill~~ ^{*(originally amended)*} in Chancery exhibited against *him* ~~in~~
~~the said Court by~~ *and thus in the said Court by Allen Cotton*

And unless *he* shall answer the said Bill within ^{*two*} ~~four~~ months thereafter, the Court will
take the same for confessed, and decree accordingly. And this *he* shall in no wise
omit, under the penalty of £100. And have then there this writ. Witness, LITTLETON

R. EDWARDS, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-house, the *6th* day of
September 1847, in the *72nd* year of the Commonwealth.

R. Edwards cc

[One Copy to be delivered each Defendant.]

I. Thomas Harcum acknowledge the service of
this notice June the 7/48 Thos Harcum

I. J. C. Smith acknowledge the within
notice June the 7/48 J. C. Smith

I. Jesse B. Johnson acknowledge the service of this
notice June the 8/48 J. B. Johnson

I. Matthew W. acknowledge the service of this
notice June the 10/48 M. W. Vaughan

I. A. Riddicks acknowledge the within
notice June 18/48 A. Riddicks

Cotton

2 } notice

Smith

to June

Allen Cotton, Joseph C Smith, Matthew W Parryson
A. Pridelick, Jesse B Johnson Thomas H Orcutt
and Henry Gordon adms. Genl. W. Gordon do.

The above parties are notified that pursuant
to the decree of the Circ. Sup. Court pronounced in the
case of Cotton v Smith & others, the account therein
required will be taken by the Court at his office in
Jerusalem on the 21st day of June next at 10 o'clock
at which time and place the above parties are re-
quired to attend with the necessary papers and witnesses.

May 25th 1848

W. S. Groves
Clerk.

Cotton

i } Comr. Report

Smith & Co.

1848 July 3^d

Allen Cotton orphan of Beloy D Cotton

In account with Josiah C. Smith, Guardian

		Dr	Cr
1843-			
July 1	By amt recd: from sale of negroes with Int- from March 12 th 1842 to date		316 38
	Is amt paid for tuition	5 00	
	" " " Nat-	3 00	
	" " " Board 4 1/2 mos. -	18 00	
	" " " J. S. French, atty. for yr. proportion	23 33	
	" " " Taxes	1 37	
	" Commissions on \$346 38	15 81	
Decr: 31	By Int on \$302.04 - 1 year		18 12
"	" " bal due the word	267 99	
		334 50	334 50
"	By bal: due the word but down		267 99
	with Int thereon from this day till paid		
	Respectfully submitted		
	M. S. Goodwyn		
	Comr. fee \$2.00		Comr.
	chd to plttf		
	Shffs. fee - 5 cts - \$2.50		
	Comr:		

The Comr. states specially that in the year 1843, the Guardian obtained an order from the County Court authorizing him to expend the sum of forty dollars out of the principle of his wards estate -

M. S. Goodwyn Comr.

Commissioners office

June 21st 1848

Note -

From the above bal. ought to be deducted the sum of \$10.89 - amt paid for tuition, which is as omitted in the above act - The act will then stand -

Bal: due the word

\$257.10

with Int from the 31st Decr: 1843 -

M. S. Goodwyn

Comr.

Dr. C. Smith

To

Bond

Allen Cotton

\$302.00

Nine months after date we promise to pay or cause to
be paid unto Joseph C. Smith junior for Allen Cotton
the just sum of Three hundred & 25^{cts} dollars & four
Cents it being his distributive share of the sale of the
slaves

sold by virtue of a decree of the
County Court of Southampton, for the payment where
of we bind ourselves our heirs &c firmly by these pres-
ents: witness our hands & seals the 12th day of
June 1841.

Witness

William D. Hall

J. C. Smith Pres
J. B. Johnson Pres
Secy

Cottons 3rd
To } 4th Bond
Justices

1836 December

Attest—

A

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we *Josiah C Smith Matthew W Vaughan and Abram Reddick*
are held and firmly bound unto *James Clayton Jacob Barnes Jephtha Darden and George A C Warhapp*

Gentlemen Justices of the *peace for Southampton County*
now sitting, in the sum of *two thousand*
Dollars; to the payment whereof, well and truly to be made to the said Justices, and their successors, we bind ourselves, and each of us, our, and each of our heirs, executors, and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents: Sealed with our seals, and dated this *19th*
day of *Dec^r* ~~18~~ *36*

The condition of the above Obligation is such, That if the above bound *Josiah C Smith*
heirs, executors, and administrators,
shall well and truly pay and deliver, or cause to be paid and delivered, unto *Mary C Allen Cotton*

orphan of *Henry Cotton* all such estate or estates, as now
is, or are, or hereafter shall appear to be due to the said orphan when, and as soon as *they*
shall attain to lawful age, or when thereto required by the Justices of the said
Court, as also keep harmless the above named Justices, their, and every one of their heirs, executors, and administrators, from all trouble and damages that shall, or may arise about the said estate, then the above obligation to be void; otherwise, to remain in full force.

Signed, Sealed and acknowledged }
in open Court.

Josiah C Smith SEAL.

A Reddick SEAL.

M. W. Vaughan SEAL.

Allen Cottons grow
Account

Abby
B

Dr Allen Cotton orphan of Welsey D Cotton decd
On account with Josiah C Smith Guardian

1843	Jan 1	To Board 4 1/2 Mo.	18	00	
"	"	" tuition \$3" for 1 Year \$3	8	00	
"	"	" 5 pr cent Comm on \$302.06	15	10	
1843	Jan 1	" Balance pr contra	317	71	
			~~\$358~~	81	
1843	Jan 1	By Balance due at last return			39 88
	"	" Interest on \$39.88 for 1 yr.			2 39
1842	Mar 12	" his proportion of the sales of Negroes			302 04
1843	Jan 1	" interest on \$302.04 for 7 Mo 12 days			14 50
			~~\$358~~	81	
1843	Jan 1	By Balance due the orphan			317 71
		The Court allows forty Dols. in addition to the income for board & schooling &c			

Josiah C Smith G.

N J Williams one of the Comrs

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 30th day of March 1843
This account of Josiah C Smith Guardianship of Allen Cotton was
returned and ordered to be Recorded

Teste J R Edwards Clk
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Bond for Counter Security

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to } Exhibit with amended bill.

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Know all men by these presents that we Josiah C Smith, William P. Croft & Samuel R Gardner & Thomas Harcourt & Jesse B Johnson are held and firmly bound — Abram Riddick in the sum of two thousand dollars to be paid unto the said Abram Riddick his certain attorney his executors, administrators or assigns: to the payment whereof well and truly to be made we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals and dated this 19 day of July 1841.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Josiah C Smith as guardian of Mary C & Allen Cotton heretofore to wit; At a Court held for the County of Southampton on the 19th day of December 1836 before the Justices of the said Court executed a bond payable to the said Justices with Abram Riddick and Matthew W Vanehoun his securities and conditioned for the discharge of his duties as guardian as aforesaid and whereas by an order made on this day, the said Court of Southampton has directed the said Josiah C Smith to give the said Abram Riddick good counter security, Now if the said Josiah C Smith shall entirely indemnify the said Abram Riddick against any loss or injury already sustained by him or which may be hereafter sustained by him in consequence of the execution of the said first bond, then this obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed & delivered
in presence of

Jos. C. Smith (Seal)
William P. Croft (Seal)
Samuel R Gardner (Seal)
Jesse B Johnson (Seal)
Tho. Harcourt (Seal)

Attest

Teste.

J. R. Edwards (Seal)

Certificate of admn.

Cotton

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ed bill.

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Southampton County Court. November 21st 1842.

On motion of Nancy Gardner who made oath and together with Nelson B Gardner, William Daughtrey and Daniel Fowler his Sureties entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of two thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs certificate is granted her for obtaining letters of administration on the estate of Lemuel R Gardner *de. in due form.*

Attest. J. R. Edwards Clk