

1856-010

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

HARRISON vs. HARRISON'S ADM'R, et al

5/10/56

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other surnames: Moore,
Davis, Jenkins, Williams

Harrison's

is } Papers.

Harrison's at 4

1856 May Term

Harrisons

~ } Stat. Rules

Harrisons adm: f^o

Mary Harrison. James S. Charles C. & Nancy B. Harrison^{ans} infants by Mary
Harrison her next friend Piffs

v.

Leth D. Williams adm. Edwin Harrison dec^d? Harrison D Moore, Minn J. Davis &
Jno. B. Jenkins Dfts.

1855 Jan 16th Sum. issued rble. to Feby. Rules.

" Feby. R. Sum. ret^d Executed

" Mar. " Bill filed & Decree nisi v. Dfts.

" Apl. " Bill taken for confessed and cause set for hearing.

" May. J. Mary J Darden admitted party piff: Ans. of Spt Williams as. rep. & Decree of

1856 Apr. 21st Report.

" May J. Decree for Piffs.

Ally's boat

Ally's boat \$7.50

Shiff 4.00

Saw &c 15.75

Board 22.50

\$ 49.75

Harrison & others Harrison
 & } Bill
 vs. } Bill - Harrison ad.
 Harrison & Law.

1855 March Rules.

To The Honorable Richard H. Baker, Judge of the
Circuit Court of Southampton.

Humbly complaining show unto your Honor,
your complainants, Mary Harrison, James S. Clarke &
and Nancy B. Harrison, are infants, by Mary Harrison her next
friend - who are the widow and children of Edwin Harrison
are - That Edwin Harrison late of the county of Southampton,
was in his lifetime and at the time of his death
possessed of and entitled to a considerable personal estate,
consisting of a large number of valuable shares and
chattel estate of great value more than sufficient to
satisfy and pay all his just debts and funeral expenses,
and being so possessed and entitled, he the said Edwin
Harrison departed this life intestate in the year 18
leaving your complainants his only next of kin him
surviving.

That sometime after the death of the said intestate, and
before the said Williams obtained letters of administration of his
goods and chattels rights and credits, from the ^{Circuit} ~~Circuit~~
Court of Southampton, and entered into Bond & security acco-
-rding to Law - which will fully appear by copies of
the oath and bond herewith filed and prayed to be taken
as parts of this bill: and also, by virtue thereof possessed
himself of the said personal estate of his intestate to a
large amount in value, - and more than sufficient to
satisfy all his debts, with a surplus; which surplus
your complainants charge he comes indebted to, among
others, according to the Statute made, respecting the
distribution of intestates personal estate,

That your complainants, being so entitled have
frequently and in a friendly manner, applied to the said
Seth L. Williams as aforesaid, and requested him
to come to an account with them, for the personal estate
and effects of the intestate, and pay to them their
respective shares of the same ~~and~~ ~~thereof~~

and well hoped, the said John D. Williams as aforesaid, would have complied with their request, as in justice and Equity he ought to have done.

But so it is the said Adm. Refuses to comply with their demand under various pretences; sometimes, pretending that the whole personal estate has been exhausted in the payment of debts and expenses of administration. and that notwithstanding, remained against the intestate under its mortgage and proper that he should retain the estate to meet such liabilities. Whereas your complainants charge, that the reverse is true - That more has come into his hands than sufficient to pay for such purposes, and the surplus should be distributed

Your complainants further charge, that the said Adm. has wasted the assets of his intestate; that he has incurred useless and unnecessary expenses, in the course of his administration; that he has sold property, under circumstances and at times and places, when the same could not reasonably and did not, bring its full and true value; and particularly that he sold

slaves, at a small hiring, in a retired place, and that the said slaves were sold for less than their full value, and for less than they would have commanded, if the said sale had taken place, more publicly and with full notice of the time and place - and that ~~such~~ ^{such} ~~losses~~ and savings are against the rights of the parties and contrary to the laws of the land, and the duties of the administrator.

That the said administrator has sold slaves, to pay debts when he was indebted to the estate; and has, with the money of his intestate's estate, paid claims, against it, at a discount, (pretending to creditors that the ~~estate~~ ^{estate} ~~was~~ ^{was} condition of the estate was doubtful) and charged the full amount, to the estate - with many other acts, equally iniquitous, that your complainants, expect to move arising the progress of this cause.

That the Adm. has returned to the ~~court~~ ^{Circuit} court of

Southampton, several ~~separate~~ ^{separate} statements, purporting to be accounts of his fiduciary transactions; ~~but~~ that these statements are enormous - and not entitled to be regarded by this court, and in no way binding on your complainants -

In your consideration of all which and in as much as your complainants are residing in the premises, except in a court of Equity where matters of this kind are peculiarly cognizable - To the Hon. Judge, they pray your Honor to make John D. Williams Adm. of Edwin Harrison dec'd. Harrison D. Moore, Minn. I Paris, & Robt. Jenkins his Executors - May be made defendants - and compelled to make full answers to all the allegations herein contained: That an account may be taken under the direction of this court, of the personal estate and effects of the said intestate Harrison, disposed by or come to the hands of the said Williams Adm. as aforesaid - and that he be made chargeable with the full and fair value of all such property and effects, which may have come to his hands - And that an account may also be taken of all debts which have been paid by the Adm. including a full account of all his transactions: and grant such other and general relief in the premises as Equity may require - as in duty bound -

May it please the Court

Chauncy Mapeley
for Plaintiffs

Harrison authors

1. { Author of
2. { J. D. Williams

Harrison adm &c

1855 May 3^d

To the Hon. Judge of the Circuit Court of the County
of Southampton - In Chancery -

Answer of Seth D. Williams administrator of Edwin Harrison
to a bill of complaint exhibited in the Circuit Court for the County
aforesaid, against him and others by Albany Harrisons and others

This respondent, suing and answering, do for answer
to said bill - say - that after he qualified as administrator of the
said Edwin Harrison, he found the estate considerably indebted
on its own account, and bound as security for one H. S. Smith
for a much larger amount than the whole of the personal assets
of the estate would pay - that said estate was bound as sole security
for debts due Jonathan Edwards, S. D. Winburn, M. S. Battle, J. C.
Holland and others, amounting to about the sum of \$1500., to J. P.
Parker for a debt of about \$425. - and as co-security for a debt due
Hardy Corp, and one due Richard Dorden, each upwards of
\$2000. and for the last named two debts, the estate of his intestate
and one ex. Priodicta are the only solvent and responsible secu-
-rities - that the said Smith, the principle debtor, was considered in-
-solvent, and had conveyed the whole of his property in several
deeds of trust, which resulted in no benefit to the estate of his
intestate; the property conveyed not paying the preferred debts
therein specified - This respondent further states that there are
now in his hands nearly \$1500 - in money due the estate of his
intestate, which is the balance of all the assets of the estate which
have come into his hands, and that there are now outstanding
debts against the estate, due as security, one or two of which have
recently come to the knowledge of this respondent, more
than sufficient to consume the whole of said balance - that
he would, long since, have settled the estate and paid over any bal-
-ance in his hands, but for the existence of security debts, from
the payment of which it has been his constant aim to save the
estate; and has so managed, in a manner hereinafter explained,
to save the estate from the payment of the above specified
debts for which it was solely bound as security, amounting,

to about \$1925., and also the further sum of about \$600. in
part of the debt due Hardy Corp., for which said estate is bound.
This respondent therefore states, in answer to the first charge in
the bill of the complainants, that there are still outstanding debts
against the estate of his intestate, which he believes will consume
the whole of the balance in his hands, and that he has not, nor
has had at any time, any surplus in his hands which could
be distributed among the complainants.

In answer to the second charge in the bill, this respondent posi-
tively denies that he has wasted the assets of his intestate - that
he has incurred useless and unnecessary expenses in the course of
his administration, and that he has sold property under circum-
stances and at times and places when the same could not rea-
sonably and did not bring its fair and full value. This
respondent did sell slaves on one occasion at a public selling,
at the late residence of his intestate, in the presence of a con-
siderable number of persons, and after the usual and reason-
able notice of the time and place of sale had been publicly
adverted at newspapers in St. Paulina, Louisiana in the
County of Eastthampton and other public places in the vicinity
of the place of sale - and this respondent believes that the
slaves sold on the occasion alluded to for a full and fair
price according to their value at the time. This respondent owns
that, as for from having incurred useless and unnecessary expense
in the course of his administration, he has taken upon himself
unusual trouble and incurred personal responsibility in
attempting to save the estate in behalf of the distributees; and
that he has incurred personal expense in visiting the state
of St. Paulina on the business of the estate for which he has
made no charge. In answer to the third charge in the bill
stated, this respondent says that he may have sold slaves to
pay debts, when he was indebted to the estate, but it was only
when the amount in his hands was not sufficient to pay the de-
mands against the estate - in the month of January 1858 this re-

spondent sold slaves of the estate to the amt. of \$1925. and his last
account returned shows a balance against him of \$496.64 - but
at the time of said sale, there were claims against the estate
known to this respondent, to the amount of about \$2150. besides
one or two claims for which suit is now depending, and upon
which the estate will be bound for the payment of about \$400
more - as to the remaining part of the charge in the bill - that this
respondent, with the money of his intestate's estate, paid claims against
it at a discount and charged the full amounts to the estate. This
respondent says - that on one occasion there were two executions in
the hands of the Sheriff of Eastthampton, against the estate, for
debts for which the estate was bound as security for the said Jb.
J. Smith, before referred to - one due Hardy Corp for about \$2500.
and the other due Lepie Portno for about \$425. - At the same time
the estate was indebted on its own account, to various persons
in St. Paulina to the amount of about \$1400. - Most of which
last mentioned claims had been sent to the County of Eastth-
ampton for collection - that the said Smith informed this re-
spondent if he sold the slaves of the estate, or permitted them
to be sold by the sheriff under the executions above mentioned
he would put himself to no further trouble to save the estate
from loss as his security; but that if this respondent would
make any arrangement to prevent the sale of the slaves, he
would immediately pay the executions in favor of the said
Lepie Portno, and he thought would eventually be able to pay
off all the claims for which the estate was bound as his security.
In consideration of this promise on the part of Smith, this re-
spondent became personally responsible to the said Corp for the
amount of his executions, and thus induced him to take no
further steps against the estate - By virtue of this arrangement
the said Smith or some friend for him, immediately paid the
execution in favor of Lepie Portno; and subsequently paid the
debts due Jordan, Holland and others before mentioned, amounting
to about \$1500 for which the estate was bound as sole security.

and also about \$600 in part of the execution due Corp. In order to prevent the sale of the slaves for the payment of the debts due to persons in St. Carolina, before mentioned, this respondent incurred much trouble and some personal expense in visiting the several creditors, and induced them to make a small discount on their debts (which at the time certainly were doubtful and portions of which, but for the arrangement with Smith, would certainly have been lost - a portion of these debts ~~was~~ paid out of the funds of the estate, but the larger portion out of the private funds of this respondent; and in consideration of the above stated facts, this respondent thought he had a right to charge the whole amount of the debts to the estate, as was done in his subsequent account; intending to bestow the amount of the discount, between sixty and seventy dollars, as a gratuity upon Mary Harrison the youngest daughter of his intestate. In consequence of this respondent having become personally responsible for the payment of the execution due Corp, and having advanced in part, his own funds to satisfy the creditors in St. Carolina, and thus preventing the sale of the slaves at the time, he confidently believes he saved the estate from the payment of the security debts before referred to, amounting to about \$2325 - and this respondent has reason to believe that but for the death of the said Smith, the above stated arrangement with him would have saved the estate from most if not all the debts for which it was bound as his security. This respondent therefore submits to the Court with what justice the several charges in the bill are made against him -

For further answer this respondent says that Mary Jane Bonden infant child of a deceased daughter of his intestate, is interested in the subject of this suit and ought to be made a party - that he has regularly returned accounts of his transactions, copies of which are herewith filed in part of this answer - and that he is ready at any time to render a complete and final account of his administration so far as it can be made during the dependence of a suit

Harrison others

2. } Answer of
 } J. D. Williams

Harrison adm etc

1855 May 3^d

in the Circuit Court of Southampton in ^{which} the estate is a party -
that he holds claims due the estate, against Mary & Harrison
one of the complainants, amounting, as he believes upon a
settlement with her, to upwards of \$300, which he has retained
in his hands in order to pay over to her in part or in full
of her portion of the estate should there be any balance to dis-
tribute. - This respondent believes that the estate will not be
able to pay all the claims against it, and that he will be com-
pelled to call on the said Mary Harrison for payment of the amt.
due from her. - And having answered this respondent prays to
be dismissed the Court with his reasonable costs in this behalf
expended. - This respondent further says that he has purchased the interest of
James C. Harrison, one of the plaintiffs, and files herewith a copy of his assignment for the same
Southampton County to wit -

This day personally appeared before me a justice of
the peace for the County aforesaid, S. D. Williams who made
oath that the facts contained in the above answer are true to
the best of his knowledge and belief - Given under my
hand this day of May 1855 -

James Majors J.P.

Harrison

as

sever

Harrison

May 1855 -

To be entered

R. H. B.

May Co. 1855.

1855 May Term

Harrison

vs

Harrison. Exr.

By leave of the court, and with
the consent of the parties, Mary J. Harrison an infant
being by Mary Harrison her next friend, is admitted
a plaintiff in this suit, and the Bill having
been taken for consigned at Rules, as to the
defendants, Harrison & Moon, Merrit J. Davis
and John B. Denton, this cause came on
this day to be heard on the Bill, answer of the
defendants, with D. Williams, ^{admr of Edwin Harrison} ~~filed~~ this day by
leave of the court, replication thereto, exhibits
filed, and was argued by counsel. On
consideration whereof, the court with adjudge
over and order, that a bond of this court,
return, state and to the court, report an account
of the transactions of with J. Williams, admr of
Edwin Harrison, taking the ex parte accounts,
filed in this cause, as prima facie correct, liable
to be discharged and falsified, by the plaintiffs.
The court is required to state any matters, specially
demanded pertinent by himself or which may be
required by either of the parties to be so stated.

Harrison's J.

is } Copy Done

Harrison's (Adm. J.)

Continued to Tuesday after
Sept. Court-

Sandwich Island Circuit Court, May Term, 1855.

May Harrison, James S., Charles C. & Nancy D. Harrison, an
infant by May Harrison her next friend Plffs
against

Seth D. Williams, (admr^r of Edwin Harrison dec^d. Harrison D.
Moon, Merit J. Davis (and John B. Jenkins Defts.

By leave of the Court (and with the consent of the parties
May J. Darden, an infant suing by May Harrison her next
friend is admitted a plaintiff in this suit, and the bill having
been taken for confessed at Rules as to the defendants Harrison
D. Moon, Merit J. Davis, and John B. Jenkins, this cause
came on this day to be heard on the bill, answer of the defendant
Seth D. Williams (administrator of Edwin Harrison) filed
this day by leave of the Court, replication thereto, exhibits
filed (and was argued by counsel. On consideration
whereof, the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that a
Commissioner of this Court settle, state and report to this
Court an account of the transactions of Seth D. Williams
(administrator of Edwin Harrison, taking the ex parte
accounts filed in this cause as prima facie correct
liable to be surcharged (and falsified by the plaintiffs.
The Commissioner is required to state any matters spe-
cially deemed pertinent by himself or which may be required
by either of the parties to be so stated.

Teste,

A. R. Edwards, C. C.

Harrison. L.

at. note for
acc

Harrison. acc.

May June 1956 -

To be entered

R. H. Baker

Harrison & Co.

vs

Harrison & Co.

This day, this cause came on to be
heard, on the papers, formerly read, and on the
report of Leow. Leow. made upon an order of
this court made at May Term 1855. - and was
argued by counsel. - On consideration whereof
the court ^{approving} ~~the~~ said report. To which no excep-
tion ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ consideration of the sum of \$42.76 retained by the at-
-torney has been filed, ^{costs} ~~costs~~ ^{as an} ~~as an~~
and decreed, that Seth D. Williams, agent of
Eakin Harrison and Kay is the Plaintiff's share
costs, by them, in this suit expended.

Harrison

~ } Sum.

Harrison admn $\frac{1}{2}$

1855 February Rules.

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Executed on M^{rs}. S. Davis
by delivering to him a copy.
& on John B. Jenkin Jan 27th
on H. E. Moore 19th of Jan.
& Jeth S. Williams 12th of
Feb 1855 by delivering to
each a copy of the within
notice

J. C. Edwards Dep^y.
for G. Wells Shff.

The Commonwealth of Virginia :

To the Sheriff of Southampton County, Greeting :

We command you to summon *Seth D Williams admor. of Edwin Harrison, dec? Harrison D. Moore, Merit J Davis & John B. Jenkins*

to appear at the Clerk's Office of our Circuit Court of Southampton County, at the Rules to be holden for the said Court, on the first Monday in *February next* — to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against *them* — in our said Court by —

Mary Harrison. James L Harrison. Charles C. Harrison & Nancy B. Harrison and infant by Mary Harrison her next friend

and have then there this Writ. Witness, LITTLETON R. EDWARDS, Clerk of our said Court, at the Courthouse, this *16th* day of *January* 1855 in the *79th* year of the Commonwealth.

L. R. Edwards Clk

Commissioner's office.

June 19th 1885.

To Mary Harrison, and James S. Charles C. and Nancy
B. Harrison, and Mary J. Warden infants suing by
Mary Harrison her next friend, Plaintiffs,
and Seth W. Williams admr. of Edwin Harrison dec'd
Harrison W. Moore, Merritt J. Davis and John B. Perkins
defendants.

You are hereby notified that I have appointed
Thursday the 17th day of July next, at my office,
in the town of Jerusalem, to take and settle the
account required to be taken by a decree of the
Circuit Court of Southampton County rendered
at May term 1885, in a suit therein depending
in which you are parties plaintiffs and defendants;
at which time and place you are required to
attend.

Wm. W. Cobb Commissioner

I acknowledge service for Eliza Harrison
Linfenck -
Chapman & Mapenbury
sum for Puff.

Harrison &
D. & White
Harrison's adm &

Executed on 10th
D. Williams John B.
Jenkins Mary J.
Darden & H. D.
More by deliver-
ing Copies to each
July 16th 1855
J. C. Edwards
Dept. for I. Kello 1855

Harrison & others

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Harrison's adm^r & others

Commissioner's Report.

1856 April 21st.

The Estate of Edwin Harrison dec?

In account with Seth D. Williams Administrator.

1850			Drs.	Cr.
Nov.		To paid Elisha Warden, appraiser	1 00	
"		" " Ethelred Warren, "	1 00	
"		" " J. W. Dewey, auctioneer	2 00	
"		" " Smith & Davis, acct.	4 70	
Decr	31	" amount due W. C. Harrison on guardian account retained.	219 01	
"	"	To amount due M. E. Harrison on guardian account retained.	209 65	
"	"	To amount due Laura Harrison on guardian account retained.	212 11	
"	"	By amt due from J. C. Harrison		157 09
"	"	" sales of negroes Tom & Grace		195 25
"	"	" sales of negroes		7 50
"	"	To Balance due the administrator		295 63
			649 47	649 47
1851		To Balance due brought down	295 63	
Jan'y		" account due administrator retained	39 55	
"		" paid James S. Harrison, acct.	45 67	
"		" " J. W. Whithead, 2 accts	11 99	
"		" " M. J. Davis, acct	4 00	
"		" " Same, bond	6 34	
"		" " Leonard Cobb "	23 25	
Feby		" " Taxes & tickets	13 34	
"		" " R. H. Baker "	21 87	
May		" " James Wells "	134 19	
"		" " J. W. Cobb "	28 93	
"		" " William Murphy, executor	55 57	
		Amount carried forward	680 53	

1851		Amount brought forward	680	53		
May		To paid B. D. Smith, 2 bonds,	50	98		
"		" " G. W. Fute, bond,	36	90		
"	28	By account of sales due this day			662	66
June		To paid William Murfee, executions,	87	34		
"		" " Same, bond,	109	00		
"		" " M. Holland "	8	89		
"		" " A. Riddick "	92	23		
Augt		" " J. W. Harrell Exor & "	30	10		
"		" " J. H. Laffiter "	32	50		
"		" " Same "	57	66		
Decr		" " Wm B. Shauds Commr.	14	00		
"		" " M. J. Davis for &c. acct.	39	39		
"		" " Taxes & tickets	7	76		
"	28	By amount of sale of negroes			1204	50
"	31	" Hire of Riddick & Africa			103	00
"	"	" Rent of land 2/3			36	67
"	"	To Interest on the balance of 1850	17	73		
"	"	" Commissions on \$1344.17	67	20		
"	"	By Balance due the Estate	644	62		
			2006	83	2006	83
1852		By Balance due brought down			644	62
		To paid B. D. Smith, bond	9	85		
		" " Sheriff, 2 executions	260	55		
		" " Ann Daughtry	163	63		
		" " Sheriff's tickets	1	00		
Decr	31	" " Mrs. Harrison - keeping negro	24	00		
"	"	" " Amos Copeland, acct.		50		
"	"	" " Wm G. Goodwyn, atty.	15	00		
		Amounts carried forward	474	53	644	62

1852		Amounts brought forward	474	53	644	62
Decr	31	To paid W. G. Goodwyn, Commr.	10	00		
"	"	By hire of Riddick this year			83	00
"	"	" Rent of land " " 2/3			26	67
"	"	" Interest on the balance of 1851.				38.67
		To Commissions on \$109.67	5	48		
"	"	By Balance due the estate,	264	28		
			754	29	754	29 38.67
1853		By Balance brought down			264	28 38.67
Jan'y		To paid J. W. Southall, acct.	27	50		
"		" " Lawrence & Vaughan, "	6	50		
"		" " Taxes & tickets	20	82		
"		" " William Dunning, Judgt.	47	93		
"		" " W. B. Day Const.	56	97		
"		" " William Murfee Const.	122	82		
"		" " F. M. Capheart	2	34		
"		" " W. B. Day Const.	33	59		
"		" " Lawrence & Vaughan, acct.	55	83		
"		" " J. G. Wilson, bond,	389	03		
"		" " Z. J. Deans, acct.	10	26		
"		" " J. W. Harrell, bond	97	40		
"		" " Lawrence & Vaughan, acct.	3	19		
"		" " W. H. Warden "	2	00		
Mar		" " W. B. Day Const.	3	79		
"		" " Same "	6	57		
"		" " Same "	2	84		
"		" " P. D. Story "	21	45		
"		" " Same "	30	90		
"		" " Same "	5	09		
		By amt of discount on the above debts			65	00
		Amounts carried forward,	946	76	329	28 38.67

1853		Amounts brought forward	946	76	329	28	38.67
Mar		By amount of sale of two negroes			1260	00	
Decr	31	" Interest on balance of 1852					15.85
June		To paid Taxes & tickets	7	01			
Augt		" " P. D. Story, Comtable	19	22			
"		" " S. H. Lapiter, bond.	21	85			
Decr	31	" " W. G. Goodwyn, Commr.	1	50			
"		By rent of land this year			76	00	
"		" " Amount recd. for shingles			39	00	
"		To Commissions on \$1375.00	68	75			
"		By Balance due the estate.	639	19			
			1704	28	1704	28	54.52
1854		By Balance due brought down.			639	19	54.52
		To paid M. B. Butler, acct.	12	05			
"		" " P. D. Story, "	18	90			
"		" " J. I. Kinard atty at l.	152	49			
"		" " S. B. Jenkins "	4	82			
April		" " William Munfords "	"	00			
"		" " W. G. Goodwyn "	37	25			
Augt	10	" " Hardy Crop, Execution.	400	00			
Decr	31	" " W. G. Goodwyn, Commr.	2	00			
"		By interest on the balance of 1853.					38.35
"		" " Balance due the estate		68			
			639	19	639	19	92.87
1855		By Balance due brought down				68	92.87
July	1	To paid Mr. Harrison - buying negroes	30	00			
"	"	" " M. Holland, Auctioneer	2	00			
"	15	By sales of negroes Sophia & children.			1925	00	
"	"	To Commissions thereon	96	25			
"	"	" paid R. Boyet	3	00			
		Amounts carried forward.	13125		1925	68	92.87

1855		Amounts brought forward	731	25	1925	68	92.87
Jan'y	15	To paid W. Barden, Auctioneer	1	00			
"	"	" " " for board of negroes	2	00			
"	"	" " Sheriff, Execution	400	00			
Mar	7	" " Same, "	500	45			
May	2	" " Same, "	120	40			
May	16	" " Hardy Crop, "	420	00			
June	2	" " Same, "	396	00			
"	31	" " Clerk's tickets	3	69			
"	"	" " Sheriff's tickets	1	00			
"	"	By Interest account brought down				92	87
"	"	To amount retained at the request of the admr. to pay further expenses of administration.			42	76	
			2018	55	2018	55	

Respectfully Submitted
Wm. W. Cobb Comr.

Commissions office,
April 4th 1856.

In obedience to a decree of the Circuit Court of Southampton County rendered at May Term 1855, in the Chancery suit of Mary Harrison & others vs Seth W. Williams admr. of Edwin Harrison dec^d & others therein depending, the undersigned Commissions of said Court begs leave to submit the foregoing account of Seth W. Williams's transactions as admr. of the estate of Edwin Harrison dec^d. He reports that the plaintiff Mary Harrison objected to the said

administrator being allowed commissions on such receipts as he had failed to lay before a Commissioner within the time required by law. The administrator failed to lay before a Commissioner, a statement of the receipts for the first year after his qualification within the time required by law, and the Commissioner has therefore not allowed him any commissions for that year. He has allowed him commissions on the receipts of the subsequent years as he had complied with the requisitions of the law. The administrator qualified at November term of the Circuit Court of Southampton County 1850.

The Commissioner has also charged the adm^r with \$65.⁰⁰/₁₀₀ the amount of discount on the claims against his intestate's estate admitted by him in his answer.

The decree and notice are herewith returned.

Respectfully submitted
Wm. W. Cobb Com^r

Commiss fee \$22.50.
charged to Plaintiff }

Harrisons

v } Exhibit with Bill

Harrisons ad *g*

Southampton Circuit Court - November the 7th 1850.

On the motion of Seth D Williams who made oath according to law and together with Harrison D Moore, Merit J Davis and John B Jenkins his securities, who qualified on oath as to their sufficiency, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of three thousand dollars, conditioned as the law directs, certificate is granted the said Seth D. Williams for obtaining letters of administration on the estate of Edwin Harrison deceased, in due form.

I know all men by these presents that we Seth D Williams, Harrison D Moore, Merit J Davis, and John B Jenkins are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia the just and full sum of three thousand dollars 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 7th day of November 1850.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Seth D. Williams has this day qualified as administrator of Edwin Harrison. Now if the said Seth D. Williams shall faithfully discharge the duties of his Office or trust as administrator as aforesaid then the above obligation to be void or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Seth D. Williams (Seal)

Harrison D Moore (Seal)

Merit J Davis (Seal)

John B. Jenkins (Seal)

Copies.

Teste.

L R Edwards Ck

Harrison

2 } Exht. with ans. of J^r. Williams

Harrison's adm. 8^o

The Estate of Edwin Harrison

In Account with Seth D Williams Executor

		Dr.	Cr.	Int.
1850				
Nov	To amt paid Elisha Darden	1 00		
	" " Etheldred Warren	1 00		
	" " Jesse Drury	2 00		
	" " Smith & Davis	4 70		
Dec 31	amt retained due W. C. Harrison on grt. acc ^t	219 01		
	" " M. E. Harrison "	209 65		
	" " Laura Harrison "	212 11		
	By amt due from J. C. Harrison "		151 09	
	" " Sale of negroes Tom & Grace		195 25	
	" " Wives of Negroes - bal. this year		7 50	
	To Commissions on \$355.84	17 69		
	By bal. due the Executor		313 32	
1851		667 16	667 16	
Jan'y	To bal. due the Executor brot. down	313 32		
	" amt due Exor. retained	39 55		
	" " paid James S. Harrison	25 67		
	" " " J. W. Whitehead , (2 acct.)	11 99		
	" " " M. J. Davis ,	4 00		
	" " " Same , bond	6 54		
	" " " Leonard Cobb ,	23 25		
Feb'y.	" " " Taxes & Fickels	13 34		
	" " " R. H. Baker ,	21 87		
May	" " " James Wells ,	134 19		
	" " " Jesse Cobb ,	28 93		
	" " " William Murfee Const - executions	55 57		
	" " " B. D. Smith , 2 bonds	50 98		
	" " " L. W. Pate ,	36 90		
" 28	By amt. Credit Sales due this day		662 66	
June	To amt. paid William Murfee Const executions	87 34		
	" " " Same , bond	109 00		
	" " " M. Holland ,	8 89		
	" " " A. Risdick ,	92 23		

Aug.	"	"	I. M. Harrell Ex. of	"	30	10		
"	"	"	I. H. Lafister	"	32	50		
"	"	"	Same	"	57	66		
Dec.	"	"	W. B. Shands	act.	14	00		
"	"	"	M. J. Davis for of	"	39	39		
"	"	"	taxes & tickets	"	7	76		
"	"	"	Mrs Harrison - keeping negroes	"	30	00		
"	28		By amt. Sale of negroes				120	50
"	31		" " hire of Rodrick and Amie				105	00
"	"		" " rent of land 2/3				36	67
1851			Am't: car? forward		1294	97	2006	83
Dec.	31		Am't: brot. forward		1294	97	2006	83
"			To interest on bal. of 1850. due Executor		18	79		
"			" Commissions on \$2006.83		100	34		
"			By bal. due Estate		592	73		
1852					2006	83	2006	83
"			By bal. due Estate brot. down				592	73
"			To amt. paid B. D. Smith	bond	9	85		
"			" " " Shiff. 2 Exors	"	260	55		
"			" " " Ann Daughtrey	"	163	63		
"			" " " Sheriffs ticket	"	1	00		
Dec.	31		" " " Mrs. Harrison - keeping negroes		24	00		
"			" " " Amos R. Spelman	act.	"	50		
"			" " " W. S. Goodwyn atty		15	00		
"			" " " Commrs: fees for acct. returned		10	00		
"			By hire of Rodrick this year				83	00
"			" rent of land " 2/3				26	67
"			" Interest on bal. of 1851				35	56
"			To Commissions on \$107.67		5	48		
"			By balance due Estate		247	95		
"					737	96	737	96
"			By bal. due Estate brot. down				247	95
"			with interest on \$212.39 part thereof from this day - Respectfully Submitted					
Comr: fee for Report \$10. ch: in account -								
			W. S. Goodwyn Comr					

The Commissioner States Specially at the request of the Executor, that in addition to the above he has also paid out the sum of \$90 for the board & clothing of Nancy and Charles Harrison, children of his testator, since the death of the testator.

W. S. Goodwyn Comr

The Comr. is directed by the Exor. to state Specially that the only property of his testator now in his hands, besides the above balance consists of one negro man Rodrick and a negro woman and four or five children - the negro woman and children are now hired out in N. Carolina - There is also a tract of land belonging to the estate, in the County of Southampton, containing about 280 acres.

W. S. Goodwyn Comr

Commissioners Office Aug. 17 1852.

Upon the application of Seth D. Williams Executor of Edwin Harrison dec'd the undersigned Comr. gave notice to the creditors of said Harrison by posting the same at the Courthouse door for the County of Southampton on two successive Court days to wit. in June and July, that he would on the 17th August 1852 at his office in Jerusalem proceed to take an account of the transactions of said Williams Exor. as aforesaid, and also receive proof of all claims outstanding against the estate of said Harrison, in order to enable the said Executor to settle the estate according to law. Pursuant to said notice the Comr. has been to report the annexed account current of the transactions of the Exor. showing a balance in his hands on the 31st Dec 1852 of \$247.95; and also the following report of claims still outstanding against the estate of said Harrison which were produced and proved before the Comr. to wit.

Bond executed by Edwin Harrison, H. J. Smith and A. Reddick with costs of suit added in the sum of \$1705.00. Int. on \$1697 from Jan 1st 1848 bond now in suit, due Hardy Bros.

Bond due Richard Darden in the sum of \$2000.00 with Int. from the 5th Nov. 1849 (co. obligor with several others)

Account due Thomas H. Chalk for the benefit of Lawrence & Daughtrey for the sum of \$155.10 with Int. from 1st Jan 1851.

The following Exors. in the hands of William Murfee Comr.

due Hill & Spies for \$34.04 Int. on \$32.99 from Aug. 26. 1851.

" Eli Carter " 18.43 " 17.38 " 30. "

" I. H. Lafister " 35.07 " 24.27 " Jan 1 "

" Bing Wall " 18.55 " 17.75 " " "

" St. J. Mahone " 40 cost of warrant

Respectfully Submitted

W. S. Goodwyn Comr

At a Court held for the County of Southampton on the 3^d day of May 1853.

This account current and Commissioners report of Elisha D Williams executorial proceedings on the estate of Edwin Harrison dec^d having lain one month and upwards in the Clerks Office and there being no exceptions thereto was examined, confirmed and ordered to be recorded.

Teste.

S R Edwards Ck

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Harrisons.

2 } Exh't with Lft. Williams' ans.

Harrisons Colon. &c

The Estate of Edwin Harrison dec^d

An Account with Peter D. Williams administrator

1853			Dr	Cr	Int
Jan	1	By bal. due estate from last report		217 96	
		To amt paid J. W. Southall	27 50		
		" " Lawrence & Vaughan	6 50		
		" " Chff. taxes & tickets	20 82		
		" " William Dunning Judg.	47 93		
		" " W. B. Day Const.	56 97		
		" " William Murfu Const.	122 82		
		" " J. M. Capehart	2 54		
		" " W. B. Day Const.	33 59		
		" " Lawrence & Vaughan	55 83		
		" " J. I. Willson	389 03		
		" " J. I. Deans	10 26		
		" " J. W. Harrell	97 40		
		" " Lawrence & Vaughan	3 19		
		" " W. H. Darden	2 00		
March		" " W. B. Day Const.	3 79		
		" " Same	6 57		
		" " Same	2 84		
		" " P. D. Story	21 45		
		" " Same	30 90		
		" " Same	5 09		
		By amt. sale of two negroes		1260 00	
"	31	" " Int. on \$212.22 part of bal. to date			3 18
		To Amt. Commissions on \$1260.00	63 00		
		" " Comrs. for account reserved	1 50		
		By balance due Estate	496 64		
			1507 96	1507 96	
		By bal. due Estate brot down		496 64	3 18
		with int. on \$461.07			
		Coms. for \$1.50			
		Ch ^r in acc ^t			
		Coms.			
		Respectfully Submitted			
		W. E. Goodwyn Comr			

At a Circuit Court held for the County of Southampton on the 3rd day of May 1854
 This account current of Seth D Williams adm^r on the estate of Edwin Harrison dec^d having
 one item and there being no exceptions thereto, was examined, confirmed and ordered to be recorded.

Jestv.

J R Edwards Esq

A G Spay

Jestv.

J R Edwards Esq

The Estate of Edwin Harrison

An Account with Seth D Williams adm^r.

1853			Dr.	Cr.	Int.
Mar	31	By balance due Estate from last report.		496 64	
June		To amt. paid Taxes & tickets	7 01		
Aug.		" " " P. D. Story Const. as for receipt	19 22		
		" " " J. H. Lapsier & Co. to this day	21 85		
Dec	31	By Int. on \$461. 07 as for last report			20 74
		" amt. rec ^d for rent of land 1853		76 00	
		" " " for Shingles		39 00	
		To Commissioners on \$115. 00	5 75		
"	"	By balance due the Estate	557 81		
1854			611 64	611 64	
		By bal. due Estate brot. down		557 81	20 74
		To amt. paid M D Butler	12 05		
		" " " P. D. Story	18 90		
		" " " C. J. Kendrick atty & Co	152 49		
		" " " J. W. Jenkins	4 82		
April	17	" " " William Marfee for W ^o	11 00		
		" " " W. L. Goodwyn atty & Co	37 25		
		By Int. on bal. of 1853 to this day			9 75
		To Commis ^r fee for this report returned	2 00		
"	"	By bal. due the Estate	319 30		
			557 81	557 81	
		By bal. due Estate brot. down		319 30	
		" Interest account brot. down		30 49	
		" bal. due the Estate		349 79	
		with Int. on \$319 30 from this day.			

Respectfully Submitted

Comm. Office - June 1854 -

W L Goodwyn Com^r

At a Circuit Court held for the County of Southampton the 2nd day of May 1855.

This account current and Commissioners report of Seth D Williams administration
 on the estate of Edwin Harrison dec^d was this day returned and ordered to lie till

The next Term for exceptions -

Teste

L R Edwards clerk

Attest

Teste. L R Edwards clerk