1871 - 17 Southampton County - Chancery Dicks, Patrick & wife Vs Griffin Thos Est -

Settlement of Estate

Griffin, Amanda's Estate

William Atkinson Admr.

John C. Griffin &
Caroline Griffin
children & only
heirs of Thos
Griffin

~~75 74 72 70 67 65~~, 56

48.

Deeds adm Griffin

v. Papers

Griffin

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Doles
vs J. Bill
Griffin

1866 September Rules

To The Honorable Richd H Baker judge of the circuit court of Southampton County in chancery sitting

Humbly complaining your orator Patrick Doles admr of Amanda Griffin Decd who sues for this benefit and at the costs of Demarcus Doles showeth unto this court that he lives and is the owner of a bond executed by Irving Griffin and Robt J Griffin on the 2nd of Nov 1850 for $3.11.76 cts a copy of which bond is herewith filed marked A as a part of this bill the original being files in another suit, That Irving Griffin died on the day of 18— intestate and that Willis J Brantley as his administrator as will be seen by a copy of the order of this county Court of Southampton herewith filed marked B, That Robt. J. Griffin died in the said county on the day of 18— having first duly made his last will and testament which was proved in the Co Court of Southampton a copy of which is herewith filed C and that Danl Griffin and William Atkinson the executors therein named qualified as such and proceeded to administer the estate That the said executors kept separate accounts and that Wm Atkinson one of the said executors made a final settlement of his transactions and that he was indebted to the estate $700 and upwards That Irving Griffin who was one of the executors of Robt J Griffin also qualified as the guardian of John A Griffin and Caroline Griffin children and only distributees and legatees of

Robt. J. Griffin, and that Wm Atkinson one of the obo executors on the 22nd of Feby 1834 paid over to Irving Griffin guardian as aforesaid the sum of $769.62cts Balance in his hands as such executor which together with the estate in the hands of the said Irving Griffin as executor all came into his hands as guardian as aforesaid, as also a number of negro slaves and a valuable body of land, That after the death of his testator Robt J Griffin, Caroline Griffin one of the children died intestate and unmarried and her brother John C Griffin became possessed as his sole heir of her estate, Your orator is advised that Wm Atkinson paid over to the legatees of Robt J Griffin the estate to which they were entitled without having obtained and filed proper refunding bonds, That your orator has the right to prosecute his demand against Wm Atkinson as executor and hold him personally liable therefor, and that the said Atkinson would then have the right to call on the legatees of Robt. J. Griffin to refund the ratable proportion to him Your orator therefore to avoid multiplicity of suits and save the parties all unnecessary expense is advised that he can in a Court of equity call on the legatees of Robt J Griffin to pay your orators demand growing out of the said bond provided the said legatees had estate of their ancestor sufficient for that purpose which your orator charges they have.

Your orator therefore prays that this Court will by its proper officer ascertain how much in value of the estate of Robt J Griffin came to the hands of his legatee. That John C Griffin may be required to answer upon oath all and singular the premises and to make full and perfect discovery of the amount and value of the estate of Robt J Griffin which came to his hands as aforesaid and that he may be decreed to pay your orators demand with interest thereon from the time the same became due and payable and that your orator may have such other and further relief in the premises as to equity may seem meet and as in duty bound your orator will ever pray &c

Solr for Complt

Hands to Killy J.J.

Dole, adw for Dole,

vs 3 amended Bill

Griffin dal.

1866 Dec 24

Cir. ct. Smyth Co.

To the Hon. Richard H. Baker, Judge of the Circuit Court of Southampton County

Complaining shew unto the Court your Complainant Patrick Doles, adm'r. of Amanda Griffin dec'd. who sues for the benefit and at the costs of Demarcus Doles —

Your Complainant respectfully sheweth unto the Court, and says, That at September rule, last of said Court he exhibited his Bill in Chancery in said Court, against John C. Griffin having for its object the recovery of said defendant of $511.77 cents with Interest from the 20th of Nov. 1850, being amount of a Bond due by Irwin Griffin & Robt. G. Griffin as therein stated, on the ground chiefly, that the said John C. Griffin was the son & Legatee of Robt. G. Griffin dec'd. and had received of his father's estate ample assets to pay the same, and praying that a decree to that effect might be granted against said Defendant —

That at Nov. Term 1866, the said Court granted the plaintiff leave to amend his said Bill, and now he accordingly files this his amended Bill, and says —

That your Complainant is advised that the Representative of Irwin Griffin should be a party to this suit and hence he charges that the said Irwin Griffin died as stated in said original

Bill on the day of , Intitled and that Willis E. Bradshaw duly qualified as his admr. in Southampton County Court on the 19th March 1860 as will appear by exhibit (B) with said original Bill — That Irwin Griffin also qualified as the guardian of said John C. Griffin as stated in said original Bill and received a large estate belonging to his said ward, much more than enough to pay your Complainants' demand, and that your Complainant is advised and charges that the estate of said Robt. G. Griffin, whether in the hands of his Legatee, John C. Griffin or his guardian is liable to pay your Complainants' demand, and that the said Irwin Griffin is largely indebted to said Jno. C. Griffin from a part received from Robt. G. Griffin's estate for his said ward — one of the said Defendant in this case — and which a Court of Equity will follow to pay the debts of said Robt. G. Griffin —

In consideration whereof and as this Court has power to grant all proper relief — To the End therefore your Complainant prays that John C. Griffin and Willis E. Bradshaw as admr. of Irwin Griffin dec'd. may be made Defendants hereto and be compelled to answer the allegations herein, and also in the original Bill, and particularly set forth and show what estate

the said Jno. C. Griffin or the said Irwin Griffin
as guardian of Jno. C. Griffin received from
the estate of Robt. G. Griffin dec'd - and
that the same, may be held to pay your
Complainants' demands, and that all
other and further relief may be granted
Consistent with Equity &c.

Shands & Kilby p. q

Doles adm Griffin

v. } Exhbt. with bill

Griffin

C.



The Estate of Robert B. Griffin dec'

In account with William Atkinson Executor.

			Dr		Cr		Interest
1852							
Dec	31	By balance due per report			521	87	1.68
1853		" cash rec'd of B. H. Griffin			3	28	
Feb		" " " of R M Dees bond			41	15	
		" " " of Irvin Griffin account			4	38	
		" " " of John R Mangrum acct.			20	55	
		" " " of John D Johnson			11	36	
		" " " of Levi Hundley			27	15	
		" " " " Nathan Turner			13	70	
		" " " " Jordan Johnson			3	50	
		" " " " Emma Griffin			1	00	
		" " " " Micajah Gilliam			8	17	
		" " for horse claims			123	21	
		" " " of Sam'l Kello			1	00	
		" " for bal. of horse claims			2	50	
		" " " of Alfred Jones			12	61	
		" " " " John Boykin			33	64	
		To Commissions on $307.05	15	35			
		" paid tax account	1	19			
		" " Wm Marsh Constable		30			
		" " Sam'l Kello acct.	2	33			
		" " R M Dees "	41	15			
		" " Clerks ticket	1	37			
		" " Clerks fees retained	1	00			
		" Commor fee & copy of acct.	3	00			
"	"	By interest on balance of 1852					31.49
"	"	" balance due the Estate	766	24			
			831	92	831	92	33.17
"	"	By balance brought down	$		766	24	33.17

Respectfully Submitted

Wm W. Cobb Comm.

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 15th day of May 1854.

This account of William Atkinsons executorial proceedings on the estate of Robt G Griffin dec'd having lain one month and upwards in the Clerks Office and there being no exceptions thereto it was examined, confirmed and ordered to be recorded

Teste

L R Edwards Clk

A Copy

Teste L R Edwards Clk

In the name of God; Amen, I Robert G Griffin of the County of Southampton State of Va being sick in body but of sound mind and memory. thanks be to God for the same. Its desired by me that my body after death should be buried in decent & order. First my will and desire that all my just debts be paid, and my Executors shall collect all moneys due to my estate, and if there should not be a sufficient amt to discharge the debts it should be raised out of my estate. 2dly I give to my daughter Caroline A Griffin and additional sum of three hundred dols more than my son John G Griffin, who is advanced further in life, to her and her heirs forever. The residue of my estate be equally divided between my son John & Caroline to them & their heirs forever. I constitute and desire that my Bro. Irwin Griffin & my friend William Atkinson be my executors to this my last Will and testament. Where of I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th day of September 1851.

Robert G Griffin (Seal)

Signed & sealed
In presence of

Shugars Dain
David A Joyner.
Eli Joyner.

Codicil)

Further my will and desire is that Nancy Griffin should not suffer for any thing to eat or to wear so long as there is any thing of my estate.

Robert G. Griffin (Seal)

Shugars Dain
David A Joyner
Eli Joyner

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 15 day of September 1851. This last Will and testament of Robert G. Griffin deceased and codicil thereto were this day Severally proved by the oaths of Shugars Dain David A Joyner and Eli Joyner the Subscribing witnesses thereto, and Severally ordered to be recorded. and on the motion of Irwin Griffin and William Atkinson the executors therein named who made oath and gave bond and Security according to law. certificate is granted them for obtaining a probat of the said will in due form.

Teste. L R Edwards Clk

A Copy - Teste, L R Edwards Clk

Dolcy Jr.
vs Samuels
Rice
Griffith Sal.

1867 June 18

To the Hon. R. N. Baker, Judge of the Circuit Court of Southampton County.

Complaining shew unto the Court your Complainant Patrick Doles adm'r. of Amanda Griffin dec'd. who sues for the benefit of sd. the City of Demarcus Doles.

your Complainant respectfully represents to the Court and says. That heretofore he has exhibited an original and amended Bill in this Court against Jno. C. Griffin and others, having for its object the recovery a debt due by Irwin Griffin Jno. G. Griffin to your Complainant as set forth in the record, and to charge the estate of Jno. G. Griffin dec'd in the hands of his Representatives or heir or Legatee or Devisee with the payment of the same, and that since the filing of the same, your Complainant is advised that other parties are necessary and hence he files this second amended Bill — your Complainant says that Wm Atkinson also qualified as one of the Executors of Jno. G. Griffin dec'd, jointly with said Irwin Griffin, and kept separate accounts of his transactions, and that on the 22d day of July 1864 the said Wm. Atkinson as such Executor paid paid over to said Irwin Griffin as Guardian of Jno. C. and

and Caroline Griffin, being Balance then in his hands. —

That the Bond aforesaid, the payment of which ~~your Complainant~~ the said Demarcus Doles is now seeking was by said Patrick Doles adm^r of Amanda Griffin dec^d. transferred to Wm R. Stephenson and held by him till his death, and was thereafter to wit on the 13th day 1861, paid over and assigned to said Demarcus Doles by A. J. Stephenson adm^r of W. R. Stephenson dec^d, in payment of a debt due said Demarcus Doles by the said Wm R. Stephenson — That the said Wm R. Stephenson died in said County on the day of Intestate and that A. J. Stephenson qualified as his adm^r. in the County Court of Southampton on the day of as will be seen by a copy of the order of Court granting such qualification filed herewith marked (D).

Your complainant says that the estate of Rev. G. Griffin dec^d. may be responsible to pay said debt, if the same passed into the hands of said Rev. G. Griffin as his guardian as your Complainant says it did — That the account rendered by Wm Atkinson as said Executor recorded in Southampton County Court. may be taken as Court (a copy of which is filed in

this cause — That if the said Jno. C. Griffin as Legatee of Ro. G. Griffin and. is not liable to pay your Complainant said Debt, that then the said A. J. Stephenson as adm'r of W. R. Stephenson dec'd. may be required to do so.

In consideration whereof and as this Court can grant adequate relief to the end your Complainant prays that Jno. C. Griffin, Willis Barham adm'r. of Irwin Griffin and Wm. Atkinson Ex'r of Ro. G. Griffin dec'd, and A. J. Stephenson adm'r of W. R. Stephenson dec'd may be made Defendants hereto, and be compelled to answer the allegations in said original & first amended Bills & this second amended Bill, and that the prayers of your Complainant may be granted, and that all further relief may be granted Consistent with Equity &c.

John R. Kirby p. q.

Doles &c.

vs

Griffin &al.

answer of
Wm Atkinson &c.

1867 August Rules

The Answer of Wm. Atkinson one of the Executors of Ro. G. Griffin dec'd. to an Original & first and second amended Bills filed in the Circuit Court of Southampton County by Patrick Orle &c. for Demurrer Order—

This Respondent says that Ro. G. Griffin died as stated, and that he and one Irwin Griffin qualified as Executors of said Ro. G. Griffin dec'd, and that the Executors kept separate accounts of their transactions. That they proceeded to pay off all the debts & demands against said Estate, and after giving ~~[illegible]~~ legal notice by advertisements at various places for all persons who had claims against said decedent, this Respondent had a final settlement of his transactions made out by W. W. Cobb, a Com. of said Southampton County Court by which he fell in debt to said Estate the sum of $766.24 & $32.62, which he on the 22d day of Sept. 1854 paid over to Irwin Griffin as guardian of Mrs. C. S. Caroline Griffin, as will be seen by Receipt & Refunding Bond filed herewith marked "5". That the negroes belonging to said Ro. G. Griffin dec'd. were managed by Irwin Griffin the other Exr. & were attached by him for this year & consisted of Twenty or more in number— The Land

of said Ro. S. Griffin dec'd was also taken possession of by said Wm Griffin, on the premises aforesaid & consisted of one, a large tract, in Southampton County & was sold under decree of Court by said Wm Griffin for about $3300.
That having faithfully discharged all the duties devolving upon him as such Exor. and having over Sixteen years ago paid over all the assets in his hands as such Exor. to the party entitled, he may be dismissed &c

sign'd
William Atkinson

Southampton Circuit Court Clerks office July 15 1867.
Wm Atkinson this day made oath before me Clerk of the said Court that the facts stated in the foregoing answer are true so far as he knows & believes.
L R Edwards clk

I shall most respectfully expect &c

Pulteney & Trafalgar
For Dist

Southampton County to wit
This day Geo C Griffin appeared before me a
justice in & for the said County & made oath
that the facts stated in the above account are
true — Given under my hand this 5th day May
1869

S. B. Kello J P

Dolls
to S Lindsay
Griffin &c

(Filed 8 May 1869)

The answer of Jno C Griffin to the bill of complaint filed against him &c by Patrick Doles admr of Amanda Griffin who sues for the benefit of Demarcus Doles—

This Defendant saving & reserving all benefit & exception &c for answer unto the said bill & unto so much thereof as he is advised it is material or necessary to make answer unto, answering saith, That the Plaintiff is not entitled in law or equity to recover any thing from him by reason of the bond mentioned in the bill— That the said bond was executed by Jno Griffin as principal with Robt S Griffin as his surety, and it was afterwards sold by Amanda Griffin to Wm R Stephenson Curator of Peter Booth; and that the said Stephenson held the said bond at the time & long after the death of the said Robt S Griffin: That after the death of the said Robt S Griffin one of his Exors Wm A Kinnon did by notice in writing require the said executrix forthwith to institute suit on his demand, but the said Stephenson neglected to take any proceedings as required for the collection of his money and on the contrary allowed the property of both Robt S Griffin and Jno Griffin to be sold on distress & without even presenting his claim for settlement—
For the reasons aforesaid & for the further reason that no effects have been rec'd by this Defdt from the estate of Robt S Griffin he is advised that the Plff ought not to recover from him— And having answered he prays hence to be dismissed with his costs in this

Doles adm Griffin

v. 3 Exhibits will bill
of 113.

Griffin

The following is a copy of a bond, and endorsements thereon, filed in a suit depending in the Circuit Court of Southampton County between Patrick Doles adm. of Amanda Griffin dec^d who sues for the benefit of Demarcus L Doles pltff. and Wm. Atkinson Surviving Executor of himself & Irvin Griffin Exor. of Robert G. Griffin dec^d Deft. to wit.

"On demand we promise and oblige ourselves our heirs. executors &^c to pay or cause to be paid unto Amanda Griffin. administratrix of Goodwin G. Griffin the just and full sum of five hundred and eleven dollars and 77/100 lawful money of Virginia. It being the renewal of a bond which Rob^t. G. Griffin executor of Benj. Griffin dec^d paid to Amanda Griffin in part of a legacy due from Benj. Griffins Est. to the said Goodwin G Griffin. as Witness our hands and seals this 20 day of November 1850.

Irvin Griffin (Seal)
Rob^t. G Griffin (Seal)

Endorsements

"Augst. 20 1852 Rec^d. fifty one dollars & 17 cents in part.
W. R. Stephenson Cur.

May 27 1855. Rec^d One hundred dollars in part of the within bond
W. R. Stephenson Cur. P Booth

Nov 20^th 1857 Rec^d. thirty three dollars and two cents in part of the within bond.
W. R. Stephenson Cur.

Ballance due on the within bond Nov 20^th 1857 is five hundred and eighty five dollars and thirty nine cents

I. Griffin

1861 July 6 Rec^d of Willis Bradshaw adm Irvin Griffin the sum of Seventy one dollars & 9 cents in part of the within note. A. J. Stephenson adm of Wm R. Stephenson.

Pay the within To D. L. Doles - 13^th Augt. 1861.
A J. Stephenson adm
Wm R. Stephenson"



Teste

L R Edwards CC
Sep 28 1866

Southampton County Court March 19th 1860.

On the motion of Willis Bradshaw who made oath and together with Demarcus D Doles. Jesse B. Vick & Mordecai Bradshaw his securities (who justified on oath as to their sufficiency) entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of twenty thousand dollars conditioned according to law, certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of administration on the estate of Drewry Griffin dec'd in due form.

A Copy
Teste. L R Edwards Clk



£571:77

Int. from 20 Nov. 1850
to 20 Aug/1852 — 1y. 9m £53:72
Cr. on Bond 57.17
£2.55

Int: on £571:77 from 20 Aug
1852 to 27 May/1855 — 2y. 9mo. 7d. £84.42
£86:97
Cr. on Bond —— 33.02
£53:95

Int from 27th May 1855. to
6 July 1861 on £571:77
6 yr. 1 m. 9 d £187.58
£241.53
Cr. on Bond 71.09
£170.44 £170.44
and. one £682.21

with Int on £571:77 from 6 July
1861. to be paid

The deposition of William A Atkinson taken before me Henry S Howard a Commissioner in Chancery in the Circuit Court of Southampton County by Consent of Parties by Counsel at the Office of said Comm'r. Howard in the Town of Jerusalem on the 21st day of April 1868. between the hours of 6 A.M and 6. P.M to be read as evidence on behalf of Defendants in a certain suit in equity depending in the said Circuit Court for the County of Southampton. wherein Patrick Doles adm of Amanda Griffin decd who sues for the benefit and at the cost of Demarcus Doles is Plff and John L. Griffin. Willis Bradshaw adm. of Irvin Griffin decd. William Atkinson Exr of Rob G. Griffin decd and A. T. Stephenson adm of Wm R Stephenson decd are Defendants

Question by the Dft's Counsel.

State whether or not the bond filed with the bill in this case marked A. was the property of Wm R Stephenson at the time you posted the notice mentioned in your former deposition given in this case?

Answer. It was in his possession at that time. and he had it.

Question by Defts Counsel

Did you post the notice mentioned in your former deposition at the front door of said Wm R. Stephenson

Answer. I posted it at the front door of his store house in his presence. I do not know whether the store house as his dwelling house at that time or not

Question by Defts. Counsel

Do you know whether the said Wm R Stephenson read the notice, posted up by you or not.

Answer. He did. he was the first man to read it. he gave me I think, a hammer & tacks to nail it up.

Question by Defts Counsel

What did he say about it.

Answer, After he read it. I think I asked him what he thought

of it. he said he thought it was very good. I then asked him if he did not hold a bond with Dr. Rob G Griffin as security to it. and he said he did. I then asked him if he did not see that notice. he said he did. but that he considered the bond a good one. as good as mine or his own or any body elses, and then asked me if I did not think so. I told him I did. but that I did not know how long it might be so. Mr Stephenson and myself became somewhat excited in the conversation. I wishing to relieve Dr. Rob G. Griffin este as security turned off from him remarking at the same time and pointing to the notice. You see that notice

and further this deponent sayeth not

William S Atkinson

The plaintiffs counsil excepts to the taking & reading of the foregoing deposition on the goounds that the witness Wm S Atkinson is a party to the suit, and interested there in. some of the parties to the suit being dead

Henry S. Steward, Comm.

State of Virginia.
County of Southampton to wit
I Henry S Steward Commissioner in Chancery of the Circuit Court of Southampton County do hereby certify that the foregoing deposition was duly taken. sworn to. and subscribed before me at the time & place mentioned therein.
Given under my hand as Commissioner aforesaid this 21 day of April 1868.

Henry S. Steward, Comm.

Comm's fee $2.00

Griffins adm'

v. } Summ. Chy.

Griffin &c

1867 February Rules

Executed on Willis
Bradshaw Jany 10th. 1867
and on Jno. C. Griffin
Jany. 21st. by delivering
to each a copy.

E. L. Story Dept
for S. Kello shff

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

TO THE SHERIFF OF SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY—GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU to summon John C Griffin & Willis Bradshaw admr Irwin Griffin dec'd

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 an amended bill in Chancery exhibited against them in our said Court by Patrick Dds admr: of Amanda Griffin dec'd who sues for the benefit and at the cost of Demarcus Dds

and have then there this writ. Witness LITTLETON R. EDWARDS, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-house, this 7 day of January 1867, in the 91st year of the Commonwealth.

L R Edwards CC

Griffin &c

To } Com. Notice

Griffin &c

17 Dec

Executed on Willis Bradshaw & Wm Atkinson March 17th 1868 & on P. Doles, Jno C. Griffin and A.J. Stephenson March 18th 1868 by delivering to each of them copies

W.G. Holmes Dept
for S. Kells Shff

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

Jerusalem, Feby 29 1868

To Patrick Doles administrator of Amanda Griffin dec'd
who sues for the benefit and at the costs of Demarcus Doles } Pff

Against

John C Griffin. Willis Bradshaw adr of Irvin Griffin dec'd
William Atkinson exor Robt. G. Griffin dec'd and A. T.
Stephenson adr of Wm R. Stephenson dec'd } Defts

You are hereby notified that I have fixed upon the 17 day of March next, if fair, if not, on the next fair day thereafter, (Sunday excepted,) to take and settle, at my office, the following accounts, to wit: That a Commissioner of this Court, take 1st An account of the transactions of William Atkinson as one of the executors of Rob G. Griffin dec'd taking the account returned to Southampton County Court as correct subject to be surcharged and falsified and 2nd An account of all estate that has ben received by the said John C Griffin a legatee of his Father the said Rob G. Griffin dec'd or that the said Irvin Griffin, as the Guardian of said John C. Griffin received from the estate of said Rob G. Griffin dec'd, That the taking of these accounts may be dispensed with if the said John C Griffin shall admit before said Commissioner the receipts by himself or by said Irvin Griffin as his Guardian, of assets from the estate of said Robt G. Griffin dec'd sufficient to pay the plaintiffs demands, and to that end the said Commissioner may require & compel the attendance of said John C Griffin & may examine him on oath relative thereto, and the said Commissioner will make report to Court with any matters specially stated deemed pertinent by him or that either party may require to be so stated

required to be taken by a decree of Southampton Circuit Court, rendered on the day of November Term 1867, in a suit in Chancery, depending in said Court, in which you are parties, plaintiffs, and defendants; at which time and place you are required to attend.

Given under my hand as Commissioner in Chancery of the said Court, the day and year first aforesaid.

Henry S. Howard Commissioner.

To the Sheriff of Southampton County to execute.

Griffiths adv

v } Commiss: Report

Griffin &c

1868 Aprd 2d

The Estate of Robert G. Griffin dec'd
In account with William Atkinson Executor

			Dr	Cr
1851				
Sep	By cash recd of Hardy Chapman			2 25
	" " " Delilah Lowe			25
	" " " Hardy Laurence			5 32
	" " " Lee Gillam			3 00
	" " " Josiah Draper			2 00
	" " " Patrick Rowe			5 45
	" " " Merritt M Wells			1 93
	" " " Henry Boon			2 00
	" " " Nancy Johnson			95
	" " " Eli Joyner			3 00
	" " " Samuel Turner			10 00
	" " " Johnson Corbitt			2 59
	" " " William Griffin			77
	" " " Benj Beals			50
	To Commissions on $40.01		2 00	
	" paid Samuel Wells Clerk		7 00	
	" " A.H. Laynaw acct		1 00	
	" " A A Dewey appraiser		1 00	
	" " Elizabeth Jenkins acct		92	
Dec 31	By balance due the Estate		28 09	
			$40 01	$40 01
1852	By balance due brought down			28 09
	" Cash of Olive Binford			7 40
	" " " William Babb			4 14
	" " " Merit J. Whitney			17 94
	" " " Thomas Johnson			4 25
	" " " Patrick Rowe			7 22
	" " " Ann Tosiverthy			1 00
	" " " Edwin Bradshaw			3 00
	" " " James Vasser			3 00
	" " " Richard H Brown			4 37
	Amt Carried Over			$84 41

	By Amount Carried over			84	41		
	" from William Harris			8	81		
"	" " Copeland Turner				30		
"	" " David Dryall			8	00		
"	" " Allen Raiford			1	86		
"	" " Allen Chappell				31		
"	" " John Lewis			1	92		
"	" " Bland Suter			2	16		
"	" " James Drewry			2	00		
"	" " Rhoda A Dick			2	00		
"	" " Johnson Corbett			20	00		
	" " R A Branch Constable			15	00		
"	" " Wm R Stephenson			1	75		
"	" " William Hatfield			2	34		
"	" " Henry Drake			6	69		
"	" " Lem Gay			1	50		
"	" " Henry Drake			11	32		
"	" " Josiah Whitney			1	00		
"	" " Richard A Branch			75	00		
"	" " Arrington Britt			12	35		
"	" " Augustus Stephenson			6	18		
"	" " Benja A. Travis			5	14		
"	" " David A. Joyner			13	00		
"	" " Francis Holland			9	14		
"	" " Emma Branch			18	19		
"	" " Jack Scott			3	89		
"	" " Levi Pond			1	30		
"	" " Henry Drake			3	19		
"	" " William Womble			2	00		
"	" " Nathan Worrell			19	30		
"	" " Christian Laurence			1	90		
"	" " Wm B. Joyner			9	00		
"	" " Edwin Bradshaw			11	81		
"	" " Bennet I. Griffin			16	98		
				354	55		

	By Amount brought up					354	55
	" " from B H. Griffin					7	70
	" " " Mary Ann White					21	00
	" " " Cary Gay					4	21
	" " " Wm Uzzell					14	40
	" " " A.S. Burgess					71	93
	To Commissions on $473.79			23	68		
June	17 By Account Sales due this day					840	35
	To Commissions thereon			42	01		
	" paid Wilson & Womble acct			1	00		
	" " Kello & Dick "				25		
	" " for bacon furnished at sale			3	08		
	" " A.S. H Burgess bond & acct			75	16		
	" " Calmus & Atkinson "			13	06		
	" " Wm S. Stephenson "			1	25		
	" " Gordwyn G. Griffin "			96	45		
	" " P.C. Gooch "			3	00		
	" " Wm R. Stephenson "			3	88		
	" " Thomas Collier Est "			11	67		
	" " Samuel Kello "			2	00		
	" " Henry Drake "				75		
	" " Wm R Stephenson bond & c			4	90		
	" " Gordwin G. Griffin "			233	81		
	" " Wm R Stephenson "			5	11		
	" " Willis Bradshaw acct			4	32		
	" " James E Mayton "			5	74		
	" " William Babb "			1	25		
	" " James Fagan "			7	75		
	" " Allen Edwards bond &			185	66		
	" " M.D. Butler acct			83	58		
	To Commissions for retained			8	00		
	" bal due Est			524	87		
	Amt Carried over			1342	23	1342	23

			Dr		Cr		½ Int	
1852		To Amounts brot over						
Dec	31	By Balance due Est brot down			524	87		
"	"	interest on balance of 1851					1	68
1853								
Feby		" Cash recd from B H. Griffin			3	28		
		" " " R M. Doles bond			41	15		
		" " " Irwin Griffin Acct			4	38		
		" " " John R Mangum			20	55		
		" " " John D Johnson			11	36		
		" " " Levi Hundley			27	15		
		" " " Nathan Turner			13	70		
		" " " Jordan Johnson			3	50		
		" " " Emma Griffin			1	00		
		" " " Micajah Gilliam			8	17		
		" " for his claims			123	21		
		" " Samuel Kello			1	00		
		" " for balance of horse claims			2	30		
		" " of Alfred Jones			12	64		
		" " John Baskin			33	64		
		To Commspiners on $307.05	15	35				
		" paid Tax Accounl	1	19				
		" " Wm Murfee Constable		30				
		" " Saml Kello acct	2	33				
		" " R M Doles	41	15				
		" " Clerks tickets	1	37				
		" " Clerks fees attended	1	00				
		" Commspiners fees & Copey of acct	3	00				
		By interest on the balance of 1852					31	49
		To Bal due Est	766	24				
			831	92	831	92	33	17
		By Bal due Est brot down			766	24	33	17
Feb	24	To paid Irwin Griffin Gurd John C. & C.A Griffin in full			766	24	33	17

Respectfully Submitted
Henry S. Howard Commis

An Account of all estate that has been received by the said John C. Griffin a legatee of his Father the said Rob G. Griffin decd or that the said Irwin Griffin as the Guardian of said John C. Griffin received from the estate of said Rob G. Griffin decd. That the taking of these accounts may be dispensed with if the said John C. Griffin shall admit before said Commspiners the receipts by himself or by said Irwin Griffin as his guardian of assets from the estate of said Rob G. Griffin decd sufficient to pay the plaintiffs demands. and to that end the said Commspiners may require & compel the attendance of said John C. Griffin & may examine him on oath relative thereto

The Commspiners states that Irwin Griffin as the Guardian of John C Griffin & Caroline A. Griffin received from William Atkinson (on the 22nd February 1834) one of the executors of Rob G. Griffin decd the sum of $767.62 & that Wm A. Pretlow also as the guardian of John C Griffin received the sum of $2000.00 for two bonds of Virginia State Stock as apart of the sale of the proceeds of the land or real estate of which Rob G Griffin died seized and possessed and upon a decree of the Circuit Court of Southampton County and that the land as appears of record in Southampton County clerks of Irwin Griffin has recently been sold for a large amount some $1200.00 or $1300.00 under a decree of the said Circuit Court of Southampton County in the suit of Doles & Others against Irwin Griffins adm & Others, to pay the said John C Griffins as his ward which sums are more than enough to pay the plaintiffs demand in this cause, the Commspiners therefore reports that the said John C Griffins Guardians has received more than enough with what is decreed to him (the said John C Griffin) to pay the plaintiffs demand and he is consequently liable for the same.

Respectfully Submitted
Henry S. Howard
Commis:

Commissioners Office
Jerusalem March 31st 1868

To the Circuit Court of Southampton County

Pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of Southampton County rendered at the November Term 1867 in a suit in chancery pending in the said court between Patrick Doles adm of Amanda Griffin dec who sues for the benefit of and the Cost of Demarcus Doles Plff
And John C Griffin. Willis Bradshaw adm of Irvin Griffin dec William Atkinson Exer R. G. Griffin dec'd & A. T. Stephenson adm of William R Stephenson dec'd. Defts
the undersigned one of the Commissioners of this said Court to whom was referred for settlement. by said decree the following account That a Commissioner of this court take 1st An account of the transactions of William Atkinson as one of the executors of Rob G. Griffin dec'd stating the account returned to Southampton County Court as correct. Subject to the surcharges & falsifications 2nd An account of all estate that has been recd by the said John C Griffin a legatee of his Father the said Rob G. Griffin dec'd or that the said Irvin Griffin as the Guardian of said John C. Griffin received from the estate of said Rob G. Griffin dec'd That the taking of these accounts may be dispensed with if the said John C. Griffin shall admit before said Comms the receipts by himself or by said Irvin Griffin as his Guardian, of efects from the estate of said Rob G. Griffin dec'd sufficient to pay the plaintiffs demand, and to that end the said Commissioner may require & compel the attendance of said John C Griffin & may examine him on oath relative thereto. and the said Comms will make report to Court with any matters specially stated deemed pertinent by himself or that either party may require to be so stated. reports to the court that on the 29 day of February 1868 he issued notices against the several parties aforesaid requiring them to attend the settlement of the said account before him at his said office on the 17 day March 1868 which were returned to your Comms duly executed. that the parties appeared before him in obedience of said notices by their attorys. And he thereupon made up the forgoing accounts. The Commissioner further reports to the court. that after the completion of the said accounts he retained the same in his office ten days for the examination of the parties. which with the decree and notices aforesaid are herewith returned.

Given under my hand as Commissioner aforesaid the day & year first aforesaid

Henry S. Howard
Comm'r

Commis: fee $25.00
Sheff's fee 2.30

Griffin's admor for.

v. } Stat: Rules

Griffin

Costs	$15.69
Stff	5.00
Disp.	~~4.00~~
Com.	25.00
Com'r	15.50
	$61.19

Code ss. 999 sec. 6.

1871 May Removed from the Docket.

In Southampton Circuit Court

Patrick Doles admr. of Amanda Griffin dec^{d} who sues for the benefit and at the costs of Demarcus Doles

against

John C Griffin, Willis Bradshaw ad^{r} of Isum Griffin dec^{d}, Wm Atkinson Exr. Robert G. Griffin dec^{d} & A. J. Stephenson ad^{r}. Wm. R. Stephenson dec^{d}

1866 Aug. 23^{d} Summons issued.
" Sep. R Sum^{s} ret^{d} Executed. Bill filed. Decree nisi v Deft.
" Oct " Bill taken for Confessed
" Nov. " Cause Set for hearing &c
" Dec 9th Leave to amend bill &c
" Dec 24 Amended bill & process awarded To answer.
67 Jany R New process awarded
" Feby " D. Nisi v. Defts.
" Mar " Bill taken for confessed
" Apl. " Cause set for hearing &c
" May 7. Leave to file Second amended bill & Cause cont^{d}
" June 18th 2^{d} amended bill filed & Process issued to answer
" Aug R Sum^{s}. ret^{d} Ex^{d}. D. Nisi v Defts. Ans^{r}. of Defts. Atkinson & Reps. D. Nisi v the other Defendants
" Sep R. Bill taken for confessed as to Defts Griffin, Bradshaw ad^{r}. & A. J. Stephenson ad^{r}.
" Oct " Cause Set for hearing &c

" Nov 7. Decree for account.
1868 April 2^{d} Report
" May 7. Decree for plff

Dukes ad. 5°

5 } Ex: with 2: am:
bill

Griffin

D.

In Southampton County Court 18th February 1861.

On the motion of Alfred T. Stephenson who made oath and together with John P. Boykin M. M. Clayton & Mordecai Bradshaw his securities who justified on oath as to their sufficiency, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of twenty thousand dollars conditioned according to law, Certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of administration on the Estate of Wm R. Stephenson dec'd in due form.

A Copy

Teste J. R. Edwards Clk

Refunding Bond
from Irvin
Griffin in Set
= tlement of Doct
Rob. G. Griffin
Estate

Exhibit
"C"

Bill with Com
missioners Certificate

Know all men by these presents, that I Irvin Griffin am held and firmly bound unto William Atkinson Co. executor of Robert G. Griffin dec'd, in the sum of fifteen hundred and thirty five dollars and twenty four cents, for the true payment whereof I bind myself and heirs. Given under my hand & seal this the 22nd day of February 1854.

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the said William Atkinson has this day paid to Irvin Griffin Guardian to John C. and Caroline A. Griffin the sum of seven hundred and sixty seven dollars and sixty two cents, it being the amount in full due from the said William Atkinson as Co-executor of Robt G. Griffin dec'd. Now if the said John C. and Caroline A. Griffin shall pay their proportion of any debts which may hereafter come against the estate of the said Robert G. Griffin then the above obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue.

Irvin Griffin (Seal)

Jrom Griffin in
Settlement of
Doc.r Griffins Estate

Feby 22nd. 1854. Recd. of William & Atkinson Co. Executors of Robert G. Griffin decd. the sum of Seven hundred and Sixty Seven dollars and Sixty two cents, in full of the balance due from the said Atkinson as executor aforesaid, as well as all claims in his hand belonging to the estate of the said Robert G. Griffin decd.

Jno. Griffin

Feby 22nd. 1854. Recd. in addition to the above the sum of $32.62 —

Jno. Griffin

Test

Wm. H. Cobb

Dole, &c
v.
Lubbin &c

Memo
for clerk

Hon Edward Pierrepont in Chy as follows.

Patrick Doley adm of Amanda Griffin dec'd, who sues for the benefit of the cred of Demarcus Doley

vs.

Wm. C. Griffin, Willis Bradham adm of Wm Griffin dec'd, Wm Atkinson Ex of Ro. L. Griffin and A. J. Stephenson adm of Wm R. Stephenson dec'd

Answer original & first & second amended Bills

Copy A. J. Stephensons qual. as Wm R. Stephensons est filed as Ex. with 2d amended Bill

Kirby
June 1867

Personally appeared before me M. D. Butler a Justice of the Peace for the County of Southampton Jno. G. Kello and made oath, that he did on the 29th. day of August 1866 deliver a copy of the within to Jno. C. Griffin Given under my hand this 1st. day of September 1866.

M. D. Butler J.P.

Griffins adm
vs.
Summers Exr
&
Griffin
1866 September Rules



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THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA:

TO THE SHERIFF OF SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY--GREETING.

WE COMMAND YOU to summon John C Griffin.

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 September next to answer a bill in Chancery Exhibited against him in our said Court by Patrick Doles admr of Amanda Griffin deceased sues for the benefit [redacted] at the costs of Demarcus Doles,

and have then there this writ. Witness LITTLETON R. EDWARDS, Clerk of our said Court, at the Courthouse this 23 day of August 1866, in the 91st year of the Commonwealth.

L R Edwards Clk

Griffins admor &c

vs. } Summ Chy.

Griffin &c

1867 January Rules

Not executed for
want of time.
E. L. Story dep.
for S. Kellogg Sheff

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

TO THE SHERIFF OF SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY--GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU to summon John C Griffin & Willis Bradshaw admr: Irvin Griffin dec'd

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 January next to answer an amended bill in Chancery exhibited against them in our said Court by Patricks Doles admr. of Amanda Griffin dec'd. who sues for the benefit and at the costs of Demarcus L Doles

and have then there this writ. Witness LITTLETON R. EDWARDS, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-house, this 24th day of December 1866, in the 91st year of the Commonwealth.

L R Edwards CC

Griffins admr

v } Sumt Chy.

Griffin &c

1867 August Rules.

Executed on Willis Bradsham
July 15-Th. 1867, on Jno. C.
Griffin July 25-Th, on A. J.
Stephenson July 26th. by
delivering a copy to each
and on Wm. Atherson July
26 Th. 1867 by posting a copy
at his front door, he being
from home.

E. L. Story ass't
for S. Kello Sheff

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

TO THE SHERIFF OF SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY--GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU to summon John C Griffin Willis Bradsham admr Irwin Griffin dec'd Wm Stevenson Exr of R. G. Griffin & A. J. Stephenson admr of Wm R Stephenson

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 August next to answer the original and first & Second amended bills in Chancery exhibited against them in our said Court by Patrick Doles admr of Amanda Griffin dec'd who sues for the benefit of at the costs of Demarcus Doles

and have then there this writ. Witness LITTLETON R. EDWARDS, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-house, this 18 day of June 186 7, in the 91st year of the Commonwealth.

L R Edwards Clk

To Demarcus L Doles

Take notice that on the 17th day of April 1867 between the hours of Six A.M. and Six P.M. at the office of Wm H Pretlow in the Town of Jerusalem, I shall proceed to take the depositions of certain witnesses to be read as evidence for me in a certain suit in Chancery now depending in the Circuit Court for the County of Southampton wherein you are plaintiff and I am defendant. Given under my hand this the 22nd day of March 1867

John G Griffin
By Pretlow & Mapenburg
Attys.

To the Sheriff to execute

March 22nd 1867
The within notice was served on me this day. D L Doty

Doty
vs
Griffin

Notice

March 22nd 1867
Executed
U. S. Marshal Utah
by S. Reed Deputy

Commissioner's Office
Jerusalem April 17th 1867.

This day the ~~deft in the~~ deft ~~appeared~~ by his atty's and the Commissioner not ~~attending~~ attending the taking of the depositions is continued until the 20th April 1867.

Stem S. Stewart Comr.

and Nehemiah Bradshaw

The Depositions of William Atkinson, a witness of lawful age taken on the 20th day of April 1867, before Henry S. Howard, one of the Commissioners in chancery of the Circuit Court of Southampton County pursuant to notice & by adjournment from the 17th day of April 1867 between the hours of Six A. M. and Six P. M. at the Office of Wm N. Drewry in the town of Jerusalem, to be used as evidence in a certain suit in Chancery now depending in the Circuit Court for the County of Southampton between Demarcus L. Doles plaintiff and John C. Griffin Defendant.

The Witness, William Atkinson aforesaid being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

I was left one of the Executors under the last will and testament of Dr Ro. G. Griffin dec'd & qualified with Irwin Griffin and used every effort to ascertain & pay every indebtedness of Dr Ro. G. Griffin & we did pay them so far as I could ascertain. I put up at sundry different times and places at least five notices to all persons holding claims against the said Ro. G. Griffin dec'd either individually or as security for any other person to come forward & present them properly authenticated and they will be paid. A Copy of which notices is herewith returned marked "A." & made a part of this deposition & dated Oct. 31st 1853. I posted one of these notices at Berlin within a mile of Demarcus L. Doles' & at the residence of Wm R. Stephenson

And further this deponent saith not.

William Atkinson

Sworn to and subscribed before me as Commissioner aforesaid. this 20th day of April 1867.
Henry S. Howard Comm.

The Witness Ezekiah Bradshaw being first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows;
I Knew Mr. Irwin Griffin for many years before his death I Know that it was a matter of general notoriety for several years before his death that he the said Irwin Griffin was in failing circumstances & very much embarsed pecuniarily
And further this Deponent saith not. his
Ezekiah x Bradshaw.
mark

Sworn to and Subscribed before me as Commissioner aforesaid, this 20th Day of April 1867.
Henry S. Howard, Comm.

William Atkinson
Ezekiah Bradshaw } 3 days attendance each.

Commissioners fee $3.00
Henry S. Howard, Comm.

Last Notice

The estate of Dr. Robert G Griffin dec'd. will be finally settled on the 31st day of December 1853. All persons holding claims against said estate will present them properly authenticated and they will be paid on the above day and date. all persons indebted to said estate either by bonds or accts. are requested to settle forthwith as further indulgence will not be given

We hereby publish all persons forging the name or signature of Dr Robt G. Griffin as security to any bonds or obligations or holding the said estate responsible in anyway whatever. to proceed to collect and release the said estate forthwith or this notice will be plead in any action that may be brought against said Estate hereafter

Oct. 31st 1853

Irwin Griffin
William Atkinson

Executors

Griffins adv.

vs Co. Deed

Griffin vs

Southampton Circuit Court November Term 1867.—

Patrick Doles administrator of Amanda Griffin decd. who sues for the benefit and at the costs of Demarcus Doles. Plff.

against

John C. Griffin, Willis Bradshaw adr. Irvin Griffin decd. William Atkinson Exr. Robt G. Griffin decd. and A. J. Stephenson adr. Wm R. Stephenson decd. Defts.

} In Chancery.

This Cause Came on this day to be heard on the Original and amended Bills taken for confessed as to Willis Bradshaw administrator of Irvin Griffin decd. and A. J. Stephenson administrator W. R. Stephenson decd. on whom process had been duly Served and they Still failing to answer and on the answer of John C. Griffin and of Wm Atkinson with general replications to Said answers and on Exhibits filed and examination of witness, and was argued by Counsel, On Consideration whereof, the Court doth adjudge, Order and Decree, that a Commissioner of this Court take 1st an account of the transactions of William Atkinson as one of the Executors of Robt G. Griffin, decd. taking the accounts returned to Southampton County Court as correct, Subject to be Surcharged and falsified; and 2d an account of all Estate that has been received by the Said John C. Griffin, a Legatee of his Father, the Said Robert G. Griffin decd. or that the Said Irvin Griffin as the Guardian of Said John C. Griffin received from the Estate of Said Robert G. Griffin, decd. That the taking of these accounts may be dispensed with if the Said John C. Griffin Shall admit before Said Commissioner the receipts by himself or by Said Irvin Griffin as his Guardian, of assets from the Estate of Said Robert G. Griffin decd. Sufficient to pay the Plaintiffs demand, and to that end the Said Commissioner may require and Compel the attendance of Said John C. Griffin and may examine him on Oath relative thereto, and the Said Commissioner will Make report to Court with any Matters Specially Stated deemed pertinent by him, or that either party may required to be So Stated.—

A Copy

Test J. R. Edwards Clk

Dole, adm Griffin

vs.

Griffin et al

1867

Chancr. ct. Decree

To be entered

R. M. B

Doles for Griffin

v.

~~Griffin~~ &c.

This cause came on this day to be heard on the orignal and amended Bills taken for confessed as to Willis Bradshaw admr of Irwin Griffin decd & A. J. Stephenson admr. of W. R. Stephenson decd, on whom process had been duly served and they still failing to answer, & on the answer of Jno. C. Griffin & of Wm. Atkinson, with general replications to said answers, & exhibits filed & examination of witness, and was argued by Counsel.

On Consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge ordr and decree that a Comr. of this Court (1st) take an account of the transactions of Wm. Atkinson as one of the Executors of Ro. G. Griffin decd. taking the accounts returned to Southampton County Court as correct, subject to be surcharged & falsified; and 2d an account of all estate that has been received by the said Jno. C. Griffin as Legatee of his father, the said Ro. G. Griffin decd, or that the said Irwin Griffin as the guardian of said Jno. C. Griffin received from the estate of said Ro. G. Griffin decd., & that the taking of these accounts may be dispensed with if the said Jno. C. Griffin shall admit before said Comr.

the receipts by himself or by said Irwin Griffin as his guardian of apets from the estate of said Ro. G. Griffin and sufficient to pay the plaintiffs' demand ~~&c~~ that and the said Com. may require & compel the attendance of said Ro. G. Griffin & may examine him on oath relative thereto, and the said Commissioner will make report to Court with any matters specially stated deemed pertinent by him or that either party may require to be so stated.

Doler adm Griffin
vs.
Griffin et al
1869
Bill to account
To be entered
R. M. C.

Doles adr &
C.
Griffin

1868
May Ct.
Decree
To be entered
R. H Baker

Code 633

Griffin &c vs. Griffin

This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read & on the Report of Com'r. H. S. Howard, made pursuant to the decree of November Term 1867, and on Examination of witnesses, and was argued by Counsel: On consideration whereof (there being no exception to the said Report) the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that the plaintiff, owner of the debt and claim, John L. Griffin the sum of $1682.71 (six hundred & eighty two dollars and seventy one cents with Interest on $571.77 part thereof from the 6 July 1861 till paid, and the costs of this suit - This decree is made subject to the existing Stay Laws.

Dolan adv Griffin

v.

~~Griffin~~

1871.

May 1st.

Final decree

to be entered.

Geo. T. Brown.

Doles adm Griffin

v.

Griffin.

This cause came on this Day to be again heard on the papers formerly read & it appearing to the Court that all matters in controversy in said suit have been adjudicated, ~~& Decree~~ it is ordered that the cause be removed from the Docket.