

1873-034 SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY  
CHANCERY PAPERS

PRETLOW & US.

JAMES' ADM'R. et al

7/1873

other surnames: Edwards,  
Butts, Urquhart, Moore,  
Williams, Nicholson, Adkins,  
Norfleet, Barham, Little,  
[G.W. McGlaughon & Company],  
Drewry, Sebrell, Woolfrom,  
[A.W. Norfleet & Company]  
McGlaughon

Prattlow

~ } Stat. Rules

James adm y

In Southampton County Court

Judith C. Pretlow who sues for herself & all other creditors of John James dec who will  
come in & bear their share of the costs of this suit -

against  
James E. Seibell admor. with the will annexed of John James dec Richard M. James,  
S. R. Edwards & M. M. Bulles.

1870 Nov. 23<sup>d</sup> Summons if<sup>d</sup>

1871 Jan'y Rules " Ret<sup>d</sup> Executed. Bill filed. D. W. & Sefts.

" Feby " Bill taken for confessed

" Mar " Cause set for hearing if<sup>d</sup>

" T. Decree for acct. if<sup>d</sup>

July 20. Report

Aug T - Decree for distribution B.

1873 July. Removed from the Docket

1871 Aug-

Wiles Costs \$12.04

Shff . \$30

Com Taylor 5.00

\$24.54

Law 50.00

\$74.54

Pattern

as } Bill  
" }  
" } exhibit

James Aclim uals

1871. January Rules.

To the Honorable Joseph W. Ingraham judge of  
the county court of Southampton in chancery  
sitting

Humly complaining your oration. Oliver  
C. Portlow who sues for himself and all the  
other creditors of John James Deed who will  
come in and bear their share of the costs of  
this suit shunt unto your Honor that John  
James in his lifetime executed his bond on  
the 21st of June 1855 to Sam W. Portlow for  
\$339.33 cts on which some \$200 and upwards  
is now due which bond has come to your  
oration hands <sup>by assignment</sup> all of which will more <sup>appear</sup> fully  
by the said bond herewith filed marked A and  
prayed to be taken as a part of this bill.

Your oration states that on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Feb'y  
1870 John James and Eliza his wife made a  
deed of trust to L. R. Edwards as trustee conveying  
120 acres of land to secure a debt due J. M.  
Butts of \$101.60 cts all of which will more fully  
appear by a copy of the said deed herewith filed  
marked B and prayed to be taken as a part  
of this bill and that this debt is still outstanding  
and unsatisfied, That sometime in July or early  
in August 1870 John James departed this life  
leaving both real and personal estate and having  
first duly made his last will and testament  
which was duly proved in the county court of  
Southampton and a copy of which is herewith  
filed marked C and prayed to be taken as a part  
of this bill, That by the said will he gave  
all his estate to his wife Eliza A. James for

life with the power to dispose of it as she pleased, sometime in September Mrs Ely's A James died intestate without having disposed of any of John James estates and the whole estate descended to Richard B James his only child who was also the only child of John James At the November term 1870 of the county court of Southampton James E Selville qualified as the administrator of John James died with the will annexed and your oration states that the personal estate of John James is now held by James E Selville and his lands by his son Richard B James and that both his personal and real estate is subject in equity to the debt which she has demanded in vain from those having the estate in hand

Now under consideration whereof and inasmuch as your oration is without remedy at law and only entitled to relief <sup>in a court of equity</sup> where such matters are peculiarly cognizable she therefore prays that James E Selville administrator with the will annexed of John James died Richard B James L. R. Edwards and W. M. Butts may be made parties defendant to this bill that the court would compel them as full and perfect answer make to the allegations therein contained as if they had been themselves more fully and specially interrogated that the said James E Selville may settle an account of his transactions as administrator of John James deceased and that your oration may be paid out of the personally but if there should be no personal

estate or it should be insufficient to pay John James debts then that the court would decree that L. R. Edwards trustee as agent sell the 120 acres of land and after paying W. M. Butts his debt to apply the residue or as much thereof as may be necessary to the payment of his debts and that the court would grant such other and general relief the premises considered as equity may dictate and the nature of his case may require and as in duty bound your oration will ever pray

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Petition of C. A.  
Dunbar

To the Hon. Judge W. M. M. Judge of the circuit  
county court of Southampton County

Respectfully petitioning your petitioner E. A. Downey  
sheweth unto your Honor that sometime since  
a creditors bill was filed against John James estate  
and that a decree was entered directing a commission  
to take an account of debts outstanding against  
said James estate that Commissioner Tyler has  
taken and reported such an account.

Your petition states that he has an  
account of \$72 against the said estate for  
medical services rendered which is buried  
filed and which has not been proved he asks  
that the said account may be sent back  
to the commission and he be allowed to  
prove his debt and as in duty bound  
your petitioner will ever pray

E. A. Downey  
for James

Petition of  
C. F. Weycherts,  
Ex'r

in of  
 merchants,  
 in

To the Hon Jor W. Argubant Judge of the  
County Court of Southampton.

In Chancery.

Respectfully petitioning sheweth unto  
your Honor that sometime since, a  
creditor bill was filed against John  
James Estate, and a decree was  
entered directing an account of  
debts and in accordance therewith  
the acct: has been taken & returned.  
Your petitioner Jor W. Argubant Exor of  
E. H. Argubant dec'd, states that he  
has a bond against the said  
Jor: James for \$126.00, herewith filed,  
& prayed to be a part of this petition,  
which was not proved before the Commisr.  
He further prays that the same may  
be allowed & that he may receive  
his proportionable share of the proceeds  
of the chattel estate - and as in  
duty bound, your petitioner will  
ever pray.

Jor W Argubant Exor  
by J B Prince

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Pellows

is 3/4

James Adams

Go to entered

J. W. Mearns Judge

March Term 1871

Porter-

on 3 Decr

James' Admin-vals

This day this cause came on to be heard on the bill taken for compes as to all the defendants James E Sebrice administrator of John James decd, Richard Gb James, L.R. Edwards and Gb. M. Butts the exhibits filed and was argued by counsel On consideration whereof the court doth adjudge order and decree that James E Sebrice settle an account of his transactions as administrator with the will annexed of John James decd before one of the commissioners of this court who will also take an account of all the debts outstanding against the said John James estate with their dignity also an account of the actual and annual value of all the real estate whereof the said John James died seized and possessed who will examine state and report the said accounts to this court Together with any special matters deemed pertinent by himself or which may be so required to be stated by any of the parties interested

Dorchester County Court, March Term 1871

Julia C. Fretlow who sues for herself and all other Creditors of  
John James, decd. Plaintiff

Against  
James C. Selwell adm with the will annexed of John James, decd. - Richard H. James, Ld Edwards and  
Henry M. Buttz - Defendants

This day this Cause came on to be heard in the hall taken for  
confered as to all the Defendants James C. Selwell adm of John  
James, decd. - Richard H. James, Ld Edwards and Henry M. Buttz  
The Exhibits filed and was argued by Counsel; the Consideration  
whereof, the Court doth adjudge, order and decree, that James  
C. Selwell settle an account of his transactions as Admin<sup>r</sup>  
with the will annexed of John James decd. before one  
of the Commissioners of this County, who will also take  
an account of all the debts outstanding against the  
said John James decd. in his Estate; with their dignity,  
and also an account of the actual and annual  
value of <sup>all</sup> the real Estate whereof the said John James decd  
died and possessed, who will examine, State and report the  
said accounts to this Court, together with any special  
Matters deemed pertinent by himself or which may  
be required to be so stated by any of the parties  
interested.

At Copy Test,

James D. Tyler, J.C.

Putlow

vs  $\frac{2}{3}$  James

James' Admors

To be entered

J. W. V. Guhart Judge

August Term 1871

And also the debt of C. A. Murray, James E. Seabell, an English W. Hughes -  
creditors of C. A. Murray, and who have come in by petition, this court.

Below  
3<sup>rd</sup> Decr  
James Adams

This day this cause came on  
again to be heard on the papers formerly made  
and commission Tylor's report of James E  
Seabell's administration of John James' estate  
also an account of the debts outstanding  
against the said estate and an account of  
the actual and annual value of all the  
real estate wherof John James did  
seize and possess and to which reports  
no exceptions have been filed and was  
argued by counsel on consideration wherof  
the court doth adjudge order and decree  
that the said reports be confirmed and  
that James E Seabell after paying the costs of  
this suit out of the assets in his hands  
including a fee of fifty dollars to Wm B  
Shanks the plaintiff's counsel distribute  
the balance of the sum of \$710.72 <sup>pro</sup>  
rata among the creditors of John James  
who have proved their debts before Com  
Tylor. And it appearing to the court from  
the said reports that after paying the said  
their <sup>pro rata</sup> share of the money in the  
hands of the administrator the debts and  
profits of John James' real estate will  
pay the residue of the debts due and  
proved in less than five years the court  
doth further adjudge order and decree  
that unless Richard B James the heir at  
law of John James shall by the 1<sup>st</sup> of  
January 1872 pay to the creditors of John

James all this debt paid and left after  
receiving their pro rata share from James M. E.  
Libell then the sheriff of Southampton County  
shall take possession of John James real  
estate estimated at some 634 acres and put  
the same out to auction and apply the said  
moneys to the payment of the said debts  
until they are all paid.

But the court doth further adjudge, order,  
and decree, that this decree shall in no wise  
impair the rights or remedies which H. M. Bate  
has under his trust deed of the 4<sup>th</sup> of Feb'y 1870  
to enforce the payment of the moneys of his  
money by the sale of the said land of  
of John James or the rights of Rich<sup>d</sup> H. James  
creditors to enforce payment of their debts  
out of the said R. H. James real estate interest  
in this land

Trilow James  
25.  
James A. A.

Southampton County Court, August Term 1871.

Julia C. Fitts &c.

Plaintiffs:

against  
James E. Seabrook adm with the execs named of  
John James decd.

In Chancery

Defendants:

This day this Cause came on again to be heard on the papers formerly read, and Commissioner Tyler's Rept of James E. Seabrook's administration of John James' Estate, also an account of the debts outstanding against the said Estate, and an account of the actual and annual value of all the real Estate whereof John James died seized and possessed, and to which Reports no exceptions have been filed, and was argued by Counsel; On Consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge, Order and decree, that the said Reports be confirmed, and that James E. Seabrook, after paying the Costs of this Suit out of the assets in his hands including a fee of Fifty dollars to Wm B. Shanks the Plaintiffs Counsel, distribute the balance of the said of \$710.72 pro rata among the Creditors of John James who have proved their debts before Commissioner Tyler, and also the Debt of Dr. E. A. Drury, James E. Seabrook, and Joseph W. Wagoner Executors of E. F. Wagoner decd. who have come in by petition to this Court, and it Appearing to the Court from the said Reports that after paying the Creditors their pro rata share of the money in the hands of the Administrator, the rents and profits of John James real Estate will pay the residue of the debts due and proved in Sepr 1871 and five years; the Court doth further adjudge, Order and decree, that unless Richard St. James the heir at law of John James shall by the first of January 1872, pay to the Creditors of John James

all their debts provided and left after receiving their proceeds  
 Shown from James E. Seabell, then the Sheriff of Southampton  
 County shall take possession of John James real estate  
 estimated at some 134 acres, and run the same out  
 annually and apply the said rents to the payment  
 of the said debts, until they are all paid. But the  
 Court doth further adjudge, order and decree, that this  
 Decree shall in no wise impair the rights or remaining  
 which Henry M. Butts has under his trust Deed of  
 the 4<sup>th</sup> of February 1870, to enforce the payment  
 of the residue of his money, by the sale of the  
 said Lands of John James, or the rights of Richard  
 H. James' Creditors to enforce payment of their  
 debts out of the said R. H. James' reversionary  
 interest in this Land.

Attest,  
 James R. Tyler, J.C.

|                                                             |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| To Dr. E. A. Drury Medical Bill                             | \$ 72 00 |
| • J. W. Urquhart Exr of C. F. Urquhart dec.                 |          |
| Bond for                                                    | 126 00   |
| Interest from 1 <sup>st</sup> of November 1870, till paid - |          |

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Southampton County, Greeting:

We command you to summon *James E. Sebrall admor with the will annexed of John James dec. Richard B. James. J R. Edwards & Henry M Butts*

if *they* be found within your bailiwick, to appear at the Clerk's Office of our *County* Court of Southampton County, at the Rules to be holden for the said Court, on the first Monday in *January next to answer a bill in chancery exhibited against them in our said Court by Julia C. Pethon who sues for herself & all other creditors of John James dec.*

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And have then there this writ.  
Courthouse, this *23* day of  
the Commonwealth.

Witness, OSWIN WHITE, Clerk of our said Court, at the  
*November* A. D., 1870, in the *95* year of

*Oswin White*

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Dutton  
 v. Sum  
 James adm  
 1871 James Rules

G. W. Vick appeared before me Jas B. Tyler, a commissioner  
 in chancery and made oath that <sup>he</sup> executed on  
 all of the within named parties by delivering each  
 a true copy - sworn 30<sup>th</sup> 1870.

James B. Tyler, Commissioner

# COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

JERUSALEM,

*Jan 19.*

1851.

To the Creditors of the Estate of

*John James* —

deceased, and all others concerned. }

You are hereby notified, that ~~at the request of~~ *By a Decree of the County Court*  
~~Administrator of the estate of the said~~ *of Southampton* deceased,  
I have appointed the *3<sup>rd</sup>* day of *July* next, at my Office, for receiving  
proof of debts or demands, against the said decedent or his estate, at which time and place you are  
required to attend.

Given under my hand, as a Commissioner of the County Court of Southampton County, the day and  
year first aforesaid.

*James D. Tyler*

Commissioner.

Preston  
vs  
James adin } Com. Notice

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Executed

Wm D. 1991. 24

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

Jerusalem, *Mo 24<sup>th</sup>* 1871

To *Julia C. Preston* who sues for herself and all other creditors  
of *John James dec<sup>d</sup>* *Plffs*  
against

*James C. Sebrill* adm<sup>r</sup> with the will annexed of *John James*  
*dec<sup>d</sup>* *Richard H. James* *L. R. Edwards* and *Henry M. Butts*  
*Defts*

You are hereby notified that I have fixed upon the *30<sup>th</sup>* day of *July* next, if fair,  
if not, on the next fair day thereafter, (Sunday excepted,) to take and settle, at my office, the follow-  
ing accounts, to wit:

*That James C. Sebrill settle an account of his*  
*transactions as administrator with the will annexed of John James*  
*dec<sup>d</sup> before one of the commissioners of this Court, who will also take*  
*an account of all the debts outstanding against the said John*  
*James dec<sup>d</sup> or his Estate, with their dignity, and also an account of*  
*the actual and annual value of all the real Estate whereof the*  
*said John James died seized and possessed, who will examine, state and*  
*report the said accounts to this Court.*

required to be taken by a decree of Southampton <sup>County</sup> ~~Circuit~~ Court, rendered on the *March* day of  
*June* 1871, 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.

*James R. Tyler* Commissioner.

To the Sheriff of Southampton County to execute.

Pr. Now

~ { Com. Tylers Report  
James adm & p

1871 July 20

# The Estate of John James Decd.

In Account with James E. Sibrell his administrator

| 1871    |                                                                 |          | Dr       | Cr     |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|--------|
| June 21 | By Amount of account sales of chattel property &c               |          |          | 960 63 |
|         | To Cash paid Taxes for Year 1869                                | 32 05    |          |        |
|         | " Cash paid Taxes for " 1870                                    | 42 68    |          |        |
|         | " Cash paid J. D. A. Barham fees                                | 25 00    |          |        |
|         | " Cash paid J. N. Sibrell clerk at sale                         | 10 00    |          |        |
|         | " Cash paid J. N. Sibrell atty fee                              | 10 00    |          |        |
|         | " Cash paid W. H. Gwaltney for coffin                           | 60 00    |          |        |
|         | " Cash paid J. E. Sibrell at                                    | 6 00     |          |        |
|         | " Commissions on \$960 <sup>63</sup> @ 5%                       | 48 03    |          |        |
|         | Commissioners fee for making up this acct & notices &c retained | 10 00    |          |        |
|         | Balance due Est                                                 | 716 87   |          |        |
|         |                                                                 | \$960 63 | \$960 63 |        |
| July 1  | By Balance due est brot down                                    |          | 716 87   |        |
|         | To amt retained to pay Clubs Tickets                            |          | 6 15     |        |
|         | By Balance due Est brot down                                    |          | \$710 72 |        |

Respectfully Submitted,  
James R. Kyle  
Clerk

An Account of the annual and feed simple Value  
of Land belonging to John James Est. as follows

|                                                   | Feed Simple<br>Value | Annual<br>Value |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Tract of Land on Nottoway<br>River of 574 acres | \$2570 00            | \$200 00        |
| 1 Tract of Land on Nottoway River<br>of 120 acres | 480 00               | 50 00           |
| Total Value                                       | \$3050 00            | \$250 00        |

Respectfully Submitted  
James R. Tyler  
Clerk

An Account of outstanding debt or demands against John  
James Deed. or his Estate who have proved their claims before  
me Jas R. Tyler one of the Commissioners in chancery, and  
classified according to their respective dignities

Bond due Henry M. Butts. Secured by  
Deed Trust. on all the real Est of John James Deed. 501 60  
Int from 4<sup>th</sup> July 1870 to 1<sup>st</sup> July 1871 84 76  
586 36

Bond due Julia C. Butts after Wm. Butts 339 53  
Int from 16 June 1869 to 18 June 1866 20 48  
360 03  
Paid 18 June 1866 150  
Bal due 210 03  
Int on same from 18 June 1866 to 19 Feb 1866 72 46  
282 49  
Paid 19 Feb 1866 100  
Bal due 182 49  
Int on same from 19 Feb 1866 to 15 Feb 1869 32 83  
215 32  
Paid 15 Feb 1869 100 00  
Bal due 115 32  
Int on same from 15 Feb 1869 to 1 July 1871 15 85  
131 17

Bond due Oliver Moore Agt for heirs of  
Wm L. Williams Est for 28 50  
Int from 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 1869 to 1 July 1871 2 57  
31 07

Bond due James St. Williams ad. S. Moore 190 00  
Int from 25 Dec 1869 to 1 July 1871 17 10  
207 10  
955 70

|                                           |          |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|
| Am't Int over                             | \$933.70 |
| Bond due James H. Williams ad S. Thompson | 175.00   |
| Int for 25 Dec 1870 to 1 July 1871        | 10.67    |
|                                           | 185.67   |
| Acct due C. W. Nicholson for              | 44.58    |
| Int for 1 Jan 1870 to 1 July 1871         | 4.01     |
|                                           | 48.59    |
| Acct due A. W. Adams for                  | 12.50    |
| Int for 1 Jan 1871 to 1 July 1871         | .38      |
|                                           | 12.88    |
| A. W. Norfolk & Co for                    | 2.50     |
| Int for 1 July 1870 to 1 July 1871        | .21      |
|                                           | 2.71     |
| Acct due C. C. Williams for               | 5.38     |
| Int for 1 Jan 1869 to 1 July 1871         | .80      |
|                                           | 6.18     |
| Acct due C. C. Williams for               | 2.50     |
| Int for 1 Jan 1871 to 1 July 1871         | .08      |
|                                           | 2.58     |
| Acct due J. E. Sebrill & Bachman for      | 8.65     |
| Int for 1 Jan 1870 to 1 July 1871         | .78      |
|                                           | 9.43     |
| Acct due J. E. Sebrill & Bachman for      | 11.86    |
| Int for 1 Jan 1871 to 1 July 1871         | .70      |
|                                           | 12.56    |
| Acct due W. A. Sebrill & Bachman for      | 12.00    |
| Int for 1 Jan 1870 to 1 July 1871         | 1.08     |
|                                           | 13.08    |
| Acct due H. W. McLaughlin & Co for        | 6.00     |
| Int for 1 Jan 1870 to 1 July 1871         | .34      |
|                                           | 6.34     |
| Acct due Thos. G. Little for              | 1.25     |
| Int from 1 Jan 1868 to 1 July 1871        | .26      |
|                                           | 1.51     |
|                                           | 1257.43  |

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Am't Int over                     | \$1257.43 |
| Acct due Thos. G. Little for      | 35.13     |
| Int for 1 Jan 1870 to 1 July 1871 | 3.16      |
|                                   | 38.29     |
| Acct due Thos. G. Little for      | 7.65      |
| Int for 1 Jan 1871 to 1 July 1871 | .22       |
|                                   | 7.87      |
| Acct due Wm. H. Nicholson for     | 1.68      |
| Int for 1 Jan 1869 to 1 July 1871 | .24       |
|                                   | 1.92      |
| Total debts                       | \$1305.51 |

Respectfully Submitted  
Jas R. Tyler, Com

|                                                                     |         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Bond due J. W. Ughabart by C. F. Ughabart                           | 126.00  |
| Int from 1 <sup>st</sup> November 1870 to July 1 <sup>st</sup> 1871 | 5.04    |
| Acct due D. C. A. Drewry                                            | 72.00   |
|                                                                     | 203.04  |
|                                                                     | 1508.55 |

An Account of outstanding <sup>debts</sup> or demands against John James dec<sup>d</sup> or his Estate, who have proved their claims before me, Jas<sup>d</sup> R. Tyler, one of the Commissioners in chancery, and classified according to their respective dignities

3<sup>rd</sup> Class

Bond due Henry M. Butts, "Secured by Deed Trust" 501 60  
 Int. from 1<sup>st</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1870. to 1<sup>st</sup> July 1871. 84 76

586 36

4<sup>th</sup> Class

Bond due Julia C. Putt for J. H. Putt, 339 55  
 Int. from 16 June 1859. to 18 June 1860 20 48

360 03

Paid 18 June 1860

150 00

bal due

210 03

Int. on same from 18 June 1860 to 19 Mch 1866

72 46

bal

282 49

Paid 19<sup>th</sup> Mch 1866

100 00

bal due

182 49

Int on same from 19<sup>th</sup> Mch 1866 to 15 Mch 1869

32 83

215 32

Paid 15<sup>th</sup> March 1869

100 00

115 32

Int on same from 15 Mch 1869 to 1 July 1871

15 85

131 17

Bond due Iris Moore Agt. for her of  
 Wm S. Williams, Est, for } 28 50  
 Int from 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 1869 to 1 July 1871 2 57

31 07

Bond due James N. Williams ad S. Northam 190 00  
 Int from 25 Decr 1869 to 1 July 1871 17 10

207 10  
 955 70

|                                         |        |           |          |
|-----------------------------------------|--------|-----------|----------|
| Amt brot over                           |        |           | \$955 70 |
| Bond due James H Williams ad S. Wolfson | 175 00 |           |          |
| Int from 25 Dec 1870 to 1 July 1871     | 10 67  |           |          |
|                                         |        | 185 67    |          |
| Acct due C. W. Nicholson for            | 44 58  |           |          |
| Int from 1st Jan 1870 to 1st July 1871  | 4 01   |           |          |
|                                         |        | 48 59     |          |
| Acct due Dr A. W. Adams for             | 12 50  |           |          |
| Int from 1 Jan 1871 to 1 July 1871      | 38     |           |          |
|                                         |        | 12 88     |          |
| A. W. Norfleet & Co for                 | 2 50   |           |          |
| Int from 1 July 1870 to 1 July 1871     | 21     |           |          |
|                                         |        | 2 71      |          |
| Acct due C. C. Williams for             | 5 38   |           |          |
| Int from 1 Jan 1869 to 1 July 1871      | 80     |           |          |
|                                         |        | 6 18      |          |
| Acct due C. C. Williams for             | 2 50   |           |          |
| Int from 1 Jan 1871 to 1 July 1871      | 08     |           |          |
|                                         |        | 2 58      |          |
| Acct due J. E. Sobrell & Barham for     | 9 65   |           |          |
| Int from 1st Jan 1870 to 1 July 1871    | 78     |           |          |
|                                         |        | 9 43      |          |
| Acct due J. E. Sobrell & Barham for     | 11 86  |           |          |
| Int from 1 Jan 1871 to 1 July 1871      | 70     |           |          |
|                                         |        | 12 56     |          |
| Acct due W. A. Sobrell & Barham         | 12 00  |           |          |
| Int from 1 Jan 1870 to 1 July 1871      | 1 08   |           |          |
|                                         |        | 13 08     |          |
| Acct due G. W. McLaughlin & Co          | 6 00   |           |          |
| Int from 1 Jan 1870 to 1 July 1871      | 54     |           |          |
|                                         |        | 6 54      |          |
| Acct due Tho G. Little for              | 1 25   |           |          |
| Int from 1 Jan 1868 to 1 July 1871      | 26     |           |          |
|                                         |        | 1 51      |          |
|                                         |        | \$1258 43 |          |

|                                    |       |       |             |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------------|
| To amt brot up                     |       |       | \$1257 14 3 |
| Thos G. Little acct for            | 35 13 |       |             |
| Int from 1 Jan 1870 to 1 July 1871 | 3 16  |       |             |
|                                    |       | 38 29 |             |
| Acct due Thos G. Little for        | 7 65  |       |             |
| Int from 1 Jan 1871 to 1 July 1871 | 22    |       |             |
|                                    |       | 7 87  |             |
| Acct due W. A. Nicholson for       | 1 68  |       |             |
| Int from 1 Jan 1869 to 1 July 1871 | 24    |       |             |
|                                    |       | 1 92  |             |
| Total debts                        |       |       | \$1305 31   |

Respectfully Submitted  
James R. Tyler

Your Commissioner respectfully states Speciey that there is a medical Bill due Dr Drennon, the amt of which he does not know, as it has not been reported.

James R. Tyler

# Commissioners Office

Jerusalem 20 July 1871

To the County Court of Southampton County,

Pursuant to a decree of the County Court of Southampton County rendered at the March Term 1871, in a suit in Chancery depending in the said Court between Julia C. Prestas and James E. Schell adms<sup>r</sup> of John James dec<sup>d</sup> Richard & James, L.R. Edwards & Henry M. Butts, the undersigned, one of the Commissioners in Chancery of the said Court to whom was referred for settlement by said decree, that James E. Schell settle an account of his transactions as administrator with the will annexed of John James dec<sup>d</sup> before one of the Commissioners of this Court who will also take an account of all the debts outstanding against the said John James dec<sup>d</sup> or his estate with their dignity, and also an account of the actual and annual value of all the real est. wherof the said John James dec<sup>d</sup> signed and proposed, & reports to the Court that on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March last he issued notices against the several parties aforesaid requiring them to attend the settlement of the said accounts before him at his said office on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, which was returned to your Commissioners duly executed, that the parties aforesaid appeared before the Commissioners in obedience to said notices, and he thereafter examined, stated and settled the foregoing acct. up to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 1871, and in that way finds the amount due by Jas E Schell adm of John James Est. to be \$710.<sup>00</sup> cents, without interest, and also made up an account of the outstanding debts against <sup>the said estate</sup> up to the 1<sup>st</sup> of July and find the amount to be \$1305.<sup>31</sup> including interest, also an account of the Annual and fee simple value of the Land wherof John James dec<sup>d</sup> signed & proposed. The Commissioners state specially that the debt due Henry M. Butts is secured by a deed <sup>on the real Est.</sup> of Trust. The Commissioners 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 dec<sup>r</sup> and notices are herewith returned

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

James R. Tyler  
Comm.

Commissioners fee for act  
of debts \$5.00 charged  
to Plaintiff.

89.44  
20.00  
49.44

1872 June 12

A list of debts due by James E. Sebell, adm<sup>r</sup> of John James' Est.  
distributed pro rata among the creditors of John James who have  
proved their debts before Commissioner J. R. Tyler. July 1<sup>st</sup> 1871.

|                       |                                   |   |           |                                                                                         |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|---|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Josiah White          | clerk                             | ✓ | \$ 12 04  | Paid Josiah White by J R Edward                                                         |
| W. W. Briggs          | shff.                             | ✓ | 24 50     | Paid W W Briggs shff                                                                    |
| J. R. Tyler           | Com                               | ✓ | 5 00      | Paid J R Tyler Commissioner                                                             |
| Wm B Shands           | Law                               | ✓ | 50 00     | October 14 <sup>th</sup> 1871 Paid \$30 Wm B Shands                                     |
| H. M. Butts           |                                   | ✓ | 248 45    | November 7 <sup>th</sup> 1871. Paid \$248.45 H M Butts                                  |
| J. C. Pettow          |                                   | ✓ | 55 57     | October 11 <sup>th</sup> 1871 Paid \$55.57 J C Pettow                                   |
| Oasis Moore           |                                   | ✓ | 13 16     | November 7 <sup>th</sup> 1871. Paid \$13.16 O. Moore                                    |
| Jas. H. Williams      | Adm <sup>r</sup> of Susan Holcomb | ✓ | 166 40    | November 12 <sup>th</sup> Paid \$166.40 Jas H Williams                                  |
| C. W. Nicholson       |                                   | ✓ | 20 58     | Nov 21 paid C. W. Nicholson                                                             |
| A. M. Adkins          |                                   | ✓ | 5 45      | October 18 <sup>th</sup> 1871. Paid \$5.45 A. M. Adkins                                 |
| A. W. Norfleets       |                                   |   | 1 15      | May 20 <sup>th</sup> 1872 All unpaid Paid 1 15                                          |
| C. C. Williams        |                                   |   | 3 71      | Nov 8 <sup>th</sup> Paid C C Williams by W W Briggs                                     |
| J. E. Sebell & Barham |                                   | ✓ | 9 35      | Nov 7 <sup>th</sup> 1871 Paid \$9 <sup>35</sup> Sebell & Barham                         |
| W. H. Sebell & Barham |                                   | ✓ | 5 55      | Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> 1871. Paid \$5.55 W. H. Sebell & Barham                             |
| G. W. McLaughlin & Co |                                   | ✓ | 2 75      | Nov 7 <sup>th</sup> 1871. Paid \$2 <sup>75</sup> J. E. Sebell for G. W. McLaughlin & Co |
| J. G. Little          |                                   | ✓ | 20 20     | November 7 <sup>th</sup> 1871. Paid \$20.20 J G Little                                  |
| W. H. Nicholson       |                                   | ✓ | 84        | Nov 21 paid W H Nicholson for sum                                                       |
| J. W. Vignehart       | Ex of C. F. Vignehart             | ✓ | 55 52     | Nov 8 <sup>th</sup> 1871. Paid \$55.52 J W Vignehart                                    |
| C. A. Drewry          |                                   | ✓ | 30 50     | Nov 17 1871. Paid 30.50 C A Drewry                                                      |
|                       |                                   |   | \$ 710.72 |                                                                                         |

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| 50.28   |        |
| 19.96   |        |
| 30.32   |        |
| 6.54    | 529.83 |
| \$36.86 | 446.66 |
|         | 83.17  |
| 40.00   | 27.34  |
| 36.86   | 55.83  |
| 3.14    | 5.55   |
| 50.28   | 482.37 |
| 30.32   | 35.21  |
| 19.96   | 446.66 |
| 6.54    |        |
| 26.50   |        |

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| 125.37 |
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| 529.83 |

Memorandum  
for  
Clark

Papers to be copied on files

Doc of Trust from John James to L R. Edwards  
written for Brits 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 1870

B

John James will

C

\$ 337. 65

On demand I owe and promise to pay unto Jane W. Pethow or her legal representative the just and full sum of three hundred and thirty nine dollars and 65/100 for the true payment of which I bind myself heirs or assigns as witness my hand and seal this the twenty first of June eighteen hundred and fifty five

Teste  
Joshua Pethow

John James Seal

Received interest up to date

No. 16<sup>th</sup> 1857.

Received interest up to date June  
16<sup>th</sup> 1858 J. D. Pretlow

Received one hundred dollars  
on the within Mar. 19<sup>th</sup> 1866

L. B. Pretlow

Received of the within one hundred  
& fifty dollars. June 18<sup>th</sup> 1860

L. D. Pretlow

Received of the within note one  
hundred dollars March 15<sup>th</sup> 1869

L. D. Pretlow

Pay the within to Julia C. Pretlow  
J. D. Pretlow

March 14<sup>th</sup> 1869

Apr 28<sup>th</sup> 1867

Done for Pretlow  
for on H. Pretlow

Sam. E. B. Pretlow

Pay the within to

James  
W. D. Pretlow

Pretlow

Exhibits. 13. 8. 6.

James' adm <sup>of</sup>

(13)

James' adm

Exhibits. 13. 8. 6.

James' adm

Exhibits

13. 8. 6.

James' adm

In the name of God; Amen. I John James of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia, do declare this to be my last Will and Testament, to wit,

I give to my wife Eliza A James all of my property both real and personal to have and to hold as long as she lives and give her all the right and privilege to dispose of the same just as she pleases.

Given under my hand and Seal, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 1865.  
Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of.

Witness.

John James (Seal)

Raynor F. Barkham  
Charles A. Holt }

At a Court held for the County of Southampton on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1870.

This last Will and Testament of John James dec<sup>d</sup> was this day presented to the Court and proved by the oaths of Raynor F. Barkham and Charles A. Holt the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Teste,

Erwin White Clk

At a Court held for the County of Southampton on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 1870

On the motion of James E. Sebrill who made oath as the law directs, and entered into a bond in the penalty of One thousand dollars conditioned according to law with William A. Sebrill his security (who justified on oath as to his sufficiency) and which said bond being acknowledged by the obligors therein is ordered to be recorded. Certificate is granted to said James E. Sebrill for obtaining letters of administration on the estate of John James dec<sup>d</sup> with his will annexed heretofore recorded in this Court, in due form

A Copy

Teste,

Erwin White Clk

This Deed made this fourth day of February in the year 1870, between John James and Eliza<sup>A</sup> his wife of the one part and L.R. Edwards of the other part Witnesseth: That the said John James and Eliza A his wife do grant unto the said L.R. Edwards a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Southampton V. containing by estimation Six hundred and twenty acres being the tract of land on which said John James & Wife reside. In Trust to secure the payment of the sum of five hundred & one <sup>67</sup>ten Dollars due from John James & R. H. James to Henry M Butts by note bearing date with these presents and due ten months after date. Witness the following signatures and Seals.

John James (Seal)  
Eliza A James (Seal)

Southampton County. In the Clerks Office February the 4<sup>th</sup> 1870. This deed of trust from John James and Eliza A his wife to L.R. Edwards, Trustee, for the benefit of Henry M Butts was acknowledged by the said John James to be his act and deed. And Eliza A James the wife of the said John James appeared before me in my office, and being examined by me privately and apart from her husband and having the said writing fully explained to her, she the said Eliza A James acknowledged the same to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Whereupon the said Deed is admitted to record. Stamps of the internal revenue of the United States to the amount of One dollar being affixed thereto and duly cancelled.

Teste

Oswin White bk

Attest

Teste

Oswin White bk

1869 & 1870

John James

\$72.00

Dec 1869

M<sup>r</sup> John James

E. A. DREWRY, Dr.

1869-

|                       |                      |                |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Dec: 29 <sup>th</sup> | Visit & med. to wife | 4.00           |
| " 31 <sup>st</sup>    | " " " "              | 4.00           |
|                       |                      | <u>\$ 8.00</u> |

1870

|                        |                                 |                 |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| March 25 <sup>th</sup> | { 15 day visits + 1 night visit | 64.00           |
| to                     |                                 |                 |
| July 7 <sup>th</sup>   |                                 |                 |
|                        |                                 | <u>\$ 72.00</u> |

Personally appeared before me J. J. Patton  
for a Justice of Southampton County, State  
of Virginia - and E. A. Drewry and  
made oath that the above is a  
true & correct account.

Aug: 21<sup>st</sup> 1871

J. J. Patton J. P.