

"To settle Estate"

Wm. H. Briggs Esq.
per. rep. Robert Gayard
decd.

Lilla Gayard
Myrtle Gayard
Nathan B. Gayard
Wm. H. Carlett
Emma Carlett

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To The Hon. Geo. Blow, Circuit Court Judge of the
County of Southampton, Va.

Complaining, shew unto the Court, your
Complainant Johnson Lankford.

Your Complainant respectfully represents to
the Court and says, That on the 5th day of December
1860, one C. Holland & Robert Raiford, executed
their writing obligatory to James Holmes adm.
of Jonathan Lankford and for Forty four dollars
and twenty five cents for value received, payable
six months after date — which writing obligatory
was on the 3^d day of July 1861, assigned to your
Complainant; all of which may be seen
by the said writing obligatory & endorsement thereon
hereunto filed as part of this Bill, & is marked "A."

That the said C. Holland is a Bankrupt
& insolvent and has been so for many years.

That the said Robert Raiford died in said
County on the day of _____, Intestate ^{having} ~~& never~~
married & without issue, leaving no father or
mother surviving, but ~~the~~ ^{several} ~~left~~ ~~the~~ ~~following~~
brothers & sister his heirs and distributees at law,
surviving him. That Wm. Atkinson qualified
as adm. of said Ro. Raiford decd. & duly settled
his estate and distributed the personal estate
to his said ^{distributees &} heirs at law —

That said Robert Raiford, did seize
and possessed of several tracts of land of

considerable value, and situated in said County,
which were taken possession of and divided
among his said heirs at law to wit: ~~the~~
Giles Raiford, Merritt Raiford, Nathan G. Raiford,
& Emma the wife of Wm H. Corbett.

That the said Wm Atkinson is dead, and
the estate of said Robt. Raiford ^{has been} committed
to the hands of Wm W. Briggs Sheriff of Smith-
ampton County for further administration, but
your Complainant is satisfied has received no
estate to administer.

Your Complainant is advised that the
said heirs of the said Robert Raiford are
liable to your Complainant for said demand
according to the value of estate, they have
received from his estate.

In consideration whereof, and as this
Court has jurisdiction to grant adequate
Relief, In the end your Complainant prays
that the said Wm W. Briggs Sheriff aforesaid
and personal representative of said Robert Raiford
and, Giles Raiford, Merritt Raiford, Nathan G.
Raiford & Wm H. Corbett and Emma his wife
may be made defendants hereto, and be compelled
to answer on oath, and said Giles Raiford, Merritt
Raiford, Nathan G. Raiford, Wm H. Corbett & Emma
his wife to set forth, state & say how much each
one received from the said Robert Raiford.

estate as his heir, & if in law, how much
in quantity and value & a description of the
same & if in personal estate, how much,
and that each one may be compelled to
contribute ratably to pay your Complainant's
demands, and that said Briggs, may be
required to state whether any such estate
has come into his hands as such personal Rep-
resentative, and that such other and further
relief may be granted, consistent with equity
& and your Complainant will so

Johnston Lankford
by John R. Kelly, p. q.

Southampton County to wit

this day John Lankford personally
appears before me in said County & makes oath
that the statements & facts contained in the foregoing
true are true so far as he knows & believes

Given under my hand 19 Feb 1877

J. W. Clarke J. P.

Executed by delivering Giles Raiford, Merritt Raiford
+ ^{& Nathan G. Raiford} Corbitt + wife, each a copy of this summons on
the 19th day of March 1847.

W W Briggs Shff

Sankford
Sum. Chy

Sankford adm
1847. April Rules

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY—GREETING:

as at another time we have

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON

*Giles Raiford, Merritt Raiford, Nathan G
Raiford Wm H Corbitt & Emma his wife*

if *they* be found within your bailiwick, 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 *April next* — to answer *a bill*
in chancery exhibited against them & another in our said Court by Johnson Lankford

And have then there this writ.

WITNESS, LITTLETON R. EDWARDS, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, this *7th*
day of *March*, 1877, in the *101* year of the Commonwealth.

L. R. Edwards cc

Acknowledge service of this summons

W W Briggs

Came to hand too late to be Executed.

W W Briggs skff

Samuel
us

Replied Personal
representative No

1877 March 2nd

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY—GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON

*W W Briggs Sheriff Personal representative
of Ro. Raiford dec^d Giles Raiford Merritt Raiford Nathan G Raiford
Wm H Corbitt & Emma his wife*

if *they* be found within your bailiwick, 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 *March next* — to answer a bill

*in Chancery exhibited against them in our said Court by Johnson
Lankford*

And have then there this writ.

WITNESS, LITTLETON R. EDWARDS, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, this *22^o*
day of *February*, 187*7*, in the *10th* year of the Commonwealth.

L R Edwards cc

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Raifords adm &
1877 April Rules -

Kilby Hon pg

Executed by delivering
to the within named
W. G. Rayford a true
copy of the within
minutes March
26th 1877

A. B. Edwards
— Shff

J. O. Wright

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY—GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON *Nathan G. Raiford*

if *he* be found within your bailiwick, 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 *April next* — to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against himself & others in our said Court by *Johnson Sankford*

And have then there this writ.

WITNESS, LITTLETON R. EDWARDS, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, this *5th* day of *March*, 1877, in the *10th* year of the Commonwealth.

L. R. Edwards cc

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1879

Nov. 21.

Final order

to be entered

Geo. V. Brown.

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In ch., Cir. Ct. Southampton

On the motion of the plaintiff by John R.
Kilby his counsel. it is ordered that this
cause be dismissed at the cost of the plaintiff.

Lankford
to } Stat. Rules

Raiford's adm 8²

In Southampton Circuit Court

Johnson Lankford

Plaintiff

against

In Chancery.

M. W. Briggs Sheriff. Personal representative of Ro. Raiford dec.
Giles Raiford Merritt Raiford Nathan G. Raiford & Wm H. Corbitt
& Emma his wife Defendants

1877 Feby 22: Summons $\frac{1}{2}$ issued

" Mar R. Summons Executed on Dft Briggs. not executed on the other
Defts. all Sum. & the other Defts.

" Apr - Sum. ret. Executed on Giles Raiford, Merritt Raiford &
W. H. Corbitt wife & Nathan G. Raiford. Bill filed & nisi &
Defts.

" May R. Bill taken for Confessed & Cause set for hearing

" " T. Decree for account

Commissioned for \$100 change to Mainiff.

W. H. Taylor
Commissioned
in change

Laurel
as.
Raiford &c
Sum
in
Deby

1877 Sept. 18th

Executed
W. W. Druggist

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

Jerusalem, Va., Sept. 7th 1877

To Messrs W. Briggs Sheriff & personal representative of Robert
Raiford dec'd. Giles Raiford, Merritt Raiford, Nathan G. Raiford
& Messrs H. Corbitt & Emma his wife —

ad

Johnson Lankford

You are hereby notified that I have fixed upon the 18th day of September next, if
fair, if not, the next fair day thereafter (Sunday excepted) to take and settle, at my office, the following accounts, to-wit:

- 1st An account of the Plaintiff's demand
- 2nd An account showing the value of all estate real &
personal, which has been received by each of the said
Giles Raiford, Merritt Raiford, Nathan G. Raiford & Messrs H.
Corbitt & Emma his wife.

required to be taken by a decree of Southampton County Court, rendered on the 11th day of June
1877, in a suit in Chancery, depending in said Court, in which you are parties, plaintiffs and defend-
ants; 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.

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1861 July 3rd pay the ~~but~~ in to
Johnson Sankford
James Holmes admr
Jonathan Sankford de?

Charles Hallam

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One demand six months after date we the undersigned do promise and oblige our selves each and severally to pay or cause to be paid to James Holmes Administrator of Jonathan Sanford decd. the sum of Forty four dollars & Twenty five Cents for Value Recd. as Witness our hands and seals this the 5th day of December 1865

Witness
P. Rorr

C. Holland *Seal*
Robert Blair *Seal*

Lankford

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(cir St. Suttles)

Larkford
Dinner
Raiford

adr. for day after Sept 11

Dorchester Circuit Court, May Term 1877.

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John Lantford

Plaintiff

Against

William W. Briggs Sheriff and Personal repres.
entative of Robt. Raiford dec'd. Giles Raiford,
Meritt Raiford, Nathan G. Raiford & Wm.
H. Corbitt & Emma his wife. Defendants

This Cause came on this day to be heard on the bill
taken for Compulsory as to all the Defendants, as above
process had been duly executed & they still failing
to appear & make defence, & an exhibit filed with said
Bill, & also argued by Counsel, On Consideration whereof
the Court did adjudge, Order & decree that a Compro-
missor of this Court proceed to take the following
accounts. First, An account of the Plaintiffs demand;
An account showing the value of all Estate, real
or personal or otherwise which has been received by
each of said Giles Raiford, Meritt Raiford, Nathan G.
Raiford & Emma his wife, & make report to Court,
with any matters specially stated deemed pertinent
by himself or that may be required by any of the
parties to be so stated.

Copy
Dated, J. K. Tyler, C. C.

Lankford

v

Raiford to

1877

May 21

on record

To be entered,

Geo. B. Low.

Johnson Lankford

n.

Giles Raiford, Merit Raiford, Nathan G. Raiford
Wm H. Cabell & Emma his wife

This cause on this day to be heard on
the complainants bill taken for confessed as
to all the defendants, on whom process has been
duly executed and they still failing to appear
and make defense, and on Exhibit filed
with said Bill, and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof, the Court doth advise
order and decree that a commissioner of this Court
proceed to take the following accounts:

First an account of the plaintiff's demands;
secondly, an account showing the value
of all estate, real or personal or otherwise
which has been received by ^{each of} said ^{filed} Raiford, Merit
Raiford, Nathan G. Raiford, & Emma Cabell, and
make report to Court with any matters specially
stated deemed pertinent by himself or that
may be required by any of the parties to be so
stated