1896-002
Nansemond Co. (Suffolk) Chancery Causes: L.M. Roberts et al vs Admr of Adminter Stephenson et al

Spivey, Turner

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
SUFFOLK, VA., February 28, 1894.

TO THE CREDITORS OF ADMINTA STEPHENSON, deceased, or her estate, and all others concerned:

You are hereby notified that, in pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of Nansemond county, I shall, on the 15th day of March, 1894, at 10 o'clock A. M., proceed, at my office, in Suffolk, Va., to take and settle an account of all debts or demands against the said decedent or her estate, and that at that time and place you are required to attend and file your claims and proof in support thereof according to law.

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

LEE BRITT,
Commissioner.

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Office of The Herald.

Suffolk, Va., Mch 12 1894

I hereby certify that the order of which the annexed is a copy has been published in THE SUFFOLK HERALD in the manner prescribed by law==once a week for ~~four~~ two successive weeks.

J. E. Booker

Editor Herald.

uffolk, Va., Mar 7 1894

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1894

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January	" " deferred payment		70.00		
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To	Retained taxed fee	(self)		15	00
"	paid writ Tax	(self)		1	50
"	Comm. on $109.20	(self)		5	46
"	Fee for deed to purchaser	(self)		5	00
"	paid Lee writ Comr.			12	50
"	" A.P. Romer Clk			8	55
"	" A.H. Boker Sheriff			4	50
"	" R.A. Edwards "			1	00
"	" J.E. Booker			2	00
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"	" Lee Etta Stephens			15	00
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Bal. due W.S Halland Spc. Comr. 4 87

April 24th 1896

W.S. Halland Spc. Comr.

Rec'd. Dec. 14th 1895 of W.S. Holland Fifteen (15) dollers in part on collection from Sole of land in suit of Roberts v Stephenson vs Stephenson other st. Atty.

Lucretia D. Stevenson

Rec'd. Dec. 6th 1895 of W.S. Holland Pte Cum in Roberts v
Stephenson vs Stephenson adcm. et als twenty (29)
dollars and sixty two cents, it being for burial expense and a
witness fee of 80 cts as allowed by Cum. Brill.

L. M. Roberts

William S Holland Atty

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To A. P. GOMER, Clerk Circuit Court of Nansemond County, Dr.

~~Fees~~ ~~and~~ Clerk Fees in ~~suit~~ Chancery Suit ---- $

of L M Roberts & L E Stephenson Vs

Stephenson's admr. $ 8 55

Jany 8th 1896 Paid by W S Holland atty A P Gomer Clerk. Clk.

No. 322 Suffolk, Va., Janiy 7th 1896

The Farmers Bank of Nansemond.

Pay to the order of Jno. J. S. Branch

Three 20/100 Dollars

Fee as Clerk for Selling Admrs Stephens land sold by me as Spl. Comr. in suit of Robert & Stephens admrs vs Stephens admrs. & Ors

$3 XX/100

William S. Holland

Wm Mann Co., Philadelphia.

No. 321 Suffolk, Va., January 7th 1896

The Farmers Bank of Nansemond.

Pay to the order of Merritt Briggs attd. for Monroe

nine and 94/100 Dollars

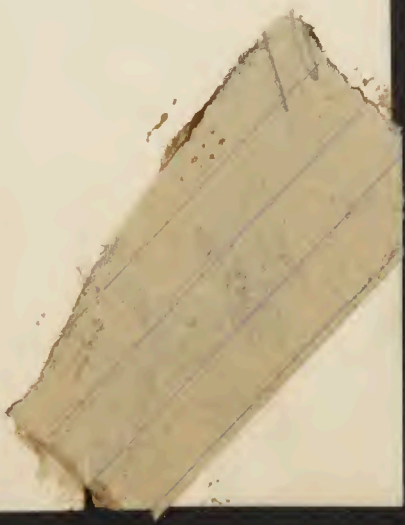
It being one fifth amt. after paying costs in suit of Roberts & Stephenson vs Briggs & others as per a decree made in said cause

$9 94/100

W. S. Holland

Wm. Mann Co., Philadelphia

Mrs. Wiggs alley
by Alice Hegan Rice.



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Suffolk, Va., Jan. 8, 1896

THE SUFFOLK HERALD

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J. E. BOOKER, Proprietor

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1894

March	2	Advertising notice to creditors of Admiinta Stephenson, 2 in. 2t.				$2 00
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Jan.	8	Received payment. Paid by W.S. Holland, attorney.	J. E. Booker M'g'r.			

SUFFOLK, VA.

Jany 8. 1896

Rec'd of Mr. W. S. Holland atty for plaintiffs and Special Commissioner in Chancery cause of Roberts & Stephenson vs Stephenson's administrator & als the sum of four & 50/100 dollars in payment of costs due me in said cause.

A. L. Baker Sheriff

Rec'd of Mr. W. S. Holland Special Commissioner in Chancery cause of Roberts & Stephenson vs Stephenson's admr & als the sum of twelve & 50/100 dollars in payment of fee due me for report as Commissioner in said cause made Sept 1894.

June 9, 1896

Lee Britt
Commissioner

Law Offices of Lee Britt.

Suffolk, Va., Jany 9, 1896.

Mr Halland,

Dear Sir:-

At your request I have delivered the checks in the Roberts vs Stephenson's admrs dals cause and herewith enclose receipts from the parties. Accept thanks for check to me as Commissioner.

Yours very truly

Lee Britt

Return to LEE BRITT,
Lock Box 285, SUFFOLK, Va.,
If not delivered within 5 days.

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4 PM
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U.S. TWO 2 CENTS

Mr. W. L. Holland,
Windsor,
Va

CHANCERY SUMMONS.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON A A Baker Sheriff and Administrator of Administer Stephenson deceased, Monroe Stephenson, Lucy J Shivey, William A Shivey, Josephine Turner Nee Stephenson, James C Stephenson and George Shivey, the last three being infants under the age of twenty one years

to appear at the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, at the Rules to be held for the said Court, on the third Monday in September 1893, to answer a Bill in Chancery, exhibited against them in the said Court by L M Roberts and Lee Etta Stephenson

and have then and there this summons.

WITNESS, A. P. GOMER, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this 13th day of September 1893, in the 118th year of the Commonwealth.

Teste:

A P Gomer Clerk.

A copy for
Lucy P. Tivey

I hereby accept service
of this process and
waive service by
an officer.

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witness

Everett Waddey,
Stationer and Printer,
Richmond, Va.
Form No. 400.

Commissioner's Office,

Suffolk Va, Feby 28th 1894

To L. M. Roberts and Lee Ella Stephenson Plaintiffs —
and A. N. Baker Sheriff, and Administrator of Adminter Stephenson
deceased, Monroe Stephenson, Lucy J. Spivey, William N. Spivey,
Josephine Turner nee Stephenson, James C. Stephenson, and George
Spivey, the last three being infants, Defendants

You are hereby notified that I have fixed upon the 15th day of March at 10 o'clock A.M. next,
the following:
if fair, if not, on the next fair day thereafter (Sunday excepted), to take and settle at my office, the ~~account~~

"(1) An account of the debts outstanding and unpaid
against the estate of (Admintar) Stephenson, deceased, especially
the debt due the plaintiff.
(2) Enquire and report the annual and fee simple value
of the land in the bill and proceedings mentioned.
(3) Any fact deemed pertinent by the Commissioner or any party in interest"

required to be taken by a decree of the Circuit Court of the County of Nansemond
rendered on the 12 day of October 1893, in a suit in chancery depending in said
court, between you, as above named.

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.

Lee Britt
Commissioner

We hereby acknowledge legal and
sufficient service of the within notice
Monroe Stephenson by
Rauba Briggs Counsel.

Minnie Briggs Guardian
ad litem. Jos. E. Turner
vs Stephenson, Jas. C.
Stephenson & George
Spivey
W. S. Hall as sheriff

Executed by delivering to the within
named W. H. Spivey & Lucy J. Spivey each
a true copy of this notice March 8th
1894

Ro. A. Edwards Sheff.

Fee furnished by W. S. Hall $1/ cc

Ro. A. Edwards Sheff.

Form No. 400.

I M Roberts Pet

vs. } COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.

Stephenson Defts

Minnie Spivey

COURTS:
ISLE OF WIGHT, NANSEMOND,
AND SOUTHAMPTON.

OFFICE OF

W. S. HOLLAND,

Attorney at Law and Commissioner in Chancery,

Windsor Station, Va. Mar. 3, (4

Mr. Lee Pritt, Com.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find the notice in Darden case.

In the matter of Stephens - L.M.Roberts please summon for the plaintiff Charles T.Norfleet, Abram J.Norfleet, J.T.Spivey, and J.H.Byrd. I should have sent you these before but forgot I had them till I got a letter this morning from my client.

Yours Very Truly

W. S. Holland t.g.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,
To the Sheriff of the County of Nansemond, Greeting

We command you, that you summon Charles T. Norfleet, Abram J. Norfleet, J. T. Spivey, and J. H. Byrd, to appear before the undersigned, a Commissioner in Chancery of our Circuit Court of the County of Nansemond, at his office, in Suffolk, Virginia, on the 15th day of March at 10 o'clock, A.M., next, to testify and the truth to say on behalf of the plaintiffs, in a certain matter of controversy in our said Court depending and undetermined, between L. M. Roberts et al., plaintiffs, and Adminter Stephenson's Administrator, et als., defendants; And this he shall in no wise omit under penalty of $20.00, and have then and there this writ.

Witness, Lee Britt, Commissioner in Chancery of the said Court, at his office this 6th day of March 1894, in the 119th year of the Commonwealth.

Teste,

Lee Britt

Commissioner.

Executed This the 7th day of March 1894 by
delivering a true Copy of this within
Summons to each of the within Named
Defendants in person.

Fee 1.50

Sheriff

Lynn Roberts D.C.
25 Summons
3 Subpoenas Ad Test
Original

The Commonwealth of Virginia,
To the Sheriff of Nansemond County,-Greeting.

We command you, that you summon Charles T. Norfleet Abram J. Norfleet, J. T. Spivey and J. H. Byrd, to appear before the undersigned, a Commissioner in Chancery of our Circuit Court of the County of Nansemond, at his office in Suffolk, Virginia, on Tuesday, the IIth day of September I894, next, at IO o'clock A.M., to testify, and the truth to say on behalf of the plaintiffs, in a certain matter of controversy in our said Court depending and undetermined, between L.M. Roberts et al. plaintiffs and Adminter Stephenson's Administrator et als. defendants.
And this they shall in no wise omit under penalty of $2000 each, and have then and there this writ.

Witness, Lee Britt, Commissioner in Chancery of the said Court, at his office in Suffolk, Va., this 5th day of September I894, and in the II9th year of the Commonwealth.

Teste.

Lee Britt

Commissioner in Chancery

Executed by delivering a true
copy of the within summons to each
of the within named persons
on this 7th day of September 1894.

A H Bixby
Sheriff

Roberts vel
vs
Jr Chaney
Stephenson et als

The Commonwealth of Virginia,
To the Sheriff of Nansemond County,-Greeting.

We command you,that you summon Charles T.Norfleet Abram J.Norfleet,J.T.Spivey and J.H.Byrd,to ap- , pear before the undersigned,a Commissioner in Chancery of our Cirduit Court of the County of Nansemond,at his office in Suffolk,Virginia,on Tuesday,the IIth day of September I894,next,at IO o'clock A.M.,to testify,and the truth to say on behalf of the plaintiffs,in a certain matter of controversy in our said Court depending and undetermined,between L.M.Roberts et al.plaintiffs and Adminter Stephenson's Administrator et als. defendants;
And this he shall in no wise omit,under penalty of $20.00,and have then and there this writ.

Witness,Lee Britt,Commssioner in Chancery of the said Court,at his office in Suffolk,Va.,this 5th day of September I894,and in the II9th year of the Commonwealth.

Teste.

CHANCERY SUMMONS.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF ~~NANSEMOND~~ Isle of Wight COUNTY—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON A A Baker Sheriff and Administrator of Administer Stephenson deceased, Monroe Stephenson, Lucy J Spivey, William H Spivey, Josephine Turner nee Stephenson, James C Stephenson and George Spivey, the last three being infants under the age of twenty one years

to appear at the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, at the Rules to be held for the said Court, on the Third Monday in September, 1893, to answer a Bill in Chancery, exhibited against them in the said Court by L M Roberts and Lee Etta Stephenson

and have then and there this summons.

WITNESS, A. P. GOMER, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this 13th day of September 1893, in the 118th year of the Commonwealth.

Teste:

A P Gomer Clerk.

W S Holland p.q

L. M. Roberts &c
vs
In Chancery
A. D. Baker Sheriff &
Admr &c &c

1893
September Rules
Third Monday

Executed this 18 day of
Sept 1893 by delivering a
true copy to Wm H. Spivey
in Person

J. A. Johnson Dep. for
R. A. Edwards Sheriff

Fee of 50 cts paid by W. S. Holland
J. A. Johnson

Nansemond
Circuit Court
Process Book
No 2 Page 87.

CHANCERY SUMMONS.

The Commonwealth of Virginia, Isle of Wight

TO THE SHERIFF OF ~~NANSEMOND~~ COUNTY—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED ~~TO SUMMON~~ as at another time you have been commanded to Summon A N Baker Sheriff and Administrator of Administer Stephenson deceased, Maime Stephenson, Lucy J Spivey, William H Spivey Josephine Turner nee Stephenson James C Stephenson and George Spivey the last three being infants under the age of twenty one years

to appear at the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, at the Rules to be held for the said Court, on the First Monday in April 1894, to answer a Bill in Chancery, exhibited against them in the said Court by L N W Roberts and Lee Etta Stephenson

and have then and there this summons.

WITNESS, A. P. GOMER, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this 22nd day of March 1894, in the 118th year of the Commonwealth.

Teste:

A. P. Gomer Clerk.

Executed by delivering a copy of the within
Summons to Levy Dg. Spivey in person
this 29th day of March 1894.
J. T. Johnson Deputy sheriff
Fee Co. & Edwards & Sheriff.

W S Holland p q

L. M. Roberts & others

vs } In Chancery

A N Baker & others

1894

April Rules

First Monday

Nansemond
Circuit Court
Process Book
No 2. Page 87

CHANCERY SUMMONS.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON A. H. Baker Sheriff and Administrator of Administer Stephenson deceased, Monroe Stephenson, Lucy J. Spivey, William H. Spivey, Josephine Turner Nee Stephenson, James C. Stephenson and George Spivey, the last three being infants under the age of twenty one years

to appear at the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, at the Rules to be held for the said Court, on the Third Monday in September, 1893, to answer a Bill in Chancery, exhibited against them in the said Court by L. M. Roberts and Lee Etta Stephenson

and have then and there this summons.

WITNESS, A. P. GOMER, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this 13th day of September 1893, in the 118th year of the Commonwealth.

Teste:

A. P. Gomer Clerk.

Wat Tomanawa
My County
A. L. Baker
Sheriff

A Copy for
Lucy J. Spivey

CHANCERY SUMMONS.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON A N Baker Sheriff &
and Administrator of Admiral Stephenson
deceased, Monroe Stephenson, Lucy J Spivey
William H Spivey, Josephine Turner nee
Stephenson, James C Stephenson and
George Spivey, the last three being infants
under the age of twenty one years

to appear at the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, at the Rules to be held for the said Court, on the Third Monday in September 1893, to answer a Bill in Chancery, exhibited against them in the said Court by L M Roberts and Lee Etta Stephenson

and have then and there this summons.

WITNESS, A. P. GOMER, Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this 13th day of September 1892, in the 118th year of the Commonwealth.

Teste:

A P Gomer Clerk.

Executed by delivering
a true copy to A H H Baker Esq Attorney
and Monroe Stephenson in person
the other Within named
defendants not residing in any
County Sept 5th 1893
J E Norfleet Sept
for A H H Baker Sheriff

U.S. Marshal's Office
Eastern District of North Carolina
Raleigh, N.C. Sept. 6th 1893

Received this writ on the 5th day of September 1893 at 11 o'clock A.M. and executed the same on the 5th day of September 1893 at 12 o'clock M. by delivering a true copy of the same and of the Bill of Complaint to A. H. H. Baker Sheriff of Johnston County and Monroe Stephenson in person, the other defendants not residing in said County.

This 6th day of September 1893.

J. E. Norfleet
Deputy U.S. Marshal

Marshal's Office
Civil Docket
Book 2
No 2 Page 87.

COURTS:
ISLE OF WIGHT, NANSEMOND,
AND SOUTHAMPTON.

OFFICE OF

W. S. HOLLAND,

Attorney at Law and Commissioner in Chancery,

Windsor Station Va. Sept. 12th 1893

L.M.Roberts and Lee Etta Stephenson vs. A.H.Baker sheriff and administrator of Adminter Stephenson deceaesed, Monroe Stephenson, Lucy J.Spivey, William H.Spivey, Josephine Turner nee Stephenson James C.Stephenson and George Spivey, the last three being infants under the age of twenty-one years. Summon in chancery to 2 Sept Rules 1893

W.S.Holland p.q.

Tax $1.50 pd.

To the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Nansemond county :

P.S. Please return to me the papers I gave you yesterday in the suit of John King vs. J.R.Johnson and A.L.Nelms. Mr King has seen Nelms to day and some arrangemnts have been made. Nelms ask me to wait till to-morrow and that is why I left the note on your table in the C.H. and asked you to read. I will fix this writ tax in the above the firwt time I see you.

Yours truly
W. S. Holland

Memorandum
Roberts &c
to
Baker Shiff &c

To the Clerk of the District Court of Hennepin County:

U.S. Please issue subpoena to be the person I gave you yesterday in the
suit of John King vs. U.S.,Holmes and A.L.Holmes. Mr King has been
also to call and some arrangements have been made. Holmes ask me to
write him to-morrow and that I left the note on your table
in the U.S. and he would send it. I will try this note with for it
above the first time I see you.

Know All Men by These Presents, That we, William S Holland and Merritt Briggs

are held and firmly bound unto the COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA in the just and full sum of Four Hundred DOLLARS, to the payment whereof, well and truly to be made to the said Commonwealth, we bind ourselves, and each of us, our and each of our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

And we waive the benefit of our exemption as to this obligatiou, and also waive any claim or right to discharge any liability to the said Commonwealth arising under this bond, or by virtue of the office, post or trust herein mentioned, with coupons detached from bonds of said Commonwealth.

Sealed with our seals, and dated this 12th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety four, and in the 119th year of the Commonwealth.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas by a decree of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County Virginia pronounced on the 16th day of October 1894 in the Chancery cause pending in the said Court between L M Roberts and others Complainants and Mouve Stephenson and others defendants it was decreed that the real estate mentioned in said bill be sold and the said William S Holland was appointed Special Commissioner to sell the same and was required before proceeding to sell to execute a bond in the penalty of four hundred dollars conditioned for faithful dischaige of duty under said decree and all other decrees he may be required to execute in said cause. Now if the said William S Holland shall faithfully dischaige his duties as Special Commissioner aforesaid then the above obligation is to be void, otherwise it is to remain in full force and effect.

W S Holland SEAL

Merritt Briggs SEAL

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In the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, on the 12th day of November 1894

The above bond was executed and acknowledged by the obligors (the surety justifying on oath as to his sufficiency) and recorded.

A Copy Teste; A P Gomey Clerk

Teste: A P Gomey CLERK.

William S Holland

To } Spec. Comr Bond

The Commonwealth.

1894

Novr 12th

A Copy.

Recorded in official
Bond Book No1 Page 89

Roberts
vs
Stephenson

Roberts & Stephenson

vs

Stephenson's administrators &c.

The undersigned your Commissioner begs to report that pursuant to a decree in this cause, a copy of which is filed herewith he sold at public auction after due notice as required requiring the land in the bill and proceedings mentioned, at which sale Rev. T. Luter became the last and highest bidder at the price and sum of one hundred & fifteen of which he has paid $85 and says he is ready to pay when called on dollars $115. This sale is for a low price and your Commissioner has asked the parties in interest to file an upset bid, but they have not done so, nor have they expressed a purpose so to do. Your Commissioner says the sale was fair, upon due notice, one of the heirs at law made the bid next to the last, and for these reasons, and the further reason, that a resale would cost more than could be gained, he asks that this sale be confirmed.

Respectfully Submitted
W. S. Holland
Spe. Comr.

Roberts v Stephens

vs

Stephens's Admr. et. al.

Report of Sale
by Comr. W. S. Holden
filed April 10th
1895 by leave of
Court.

Everett Waddey, Stationer and Printer, Richmond, Va. } Form No. 400.

Commissioner's Office,

Suffolk Va Sept 1. 1894

To L. W. Roberts and Lee Etta Stephenson, Plaintiffs
and A. A. Baker, Sheriff, and Administrator of Armita Stephenson
deceased, Monroe Stephenson, Lucy J. Spivey, William H. Spivey
Josephine Turner nee Stephenson, James C. Stephenson and George
Spivey, the last three being infants Defendants

You are hereby notified that I have fixed upon the Tuesday 11th day of September at 10 o'clock a. m. next,

if fair, if not, on the next fair day thereafter (Sunday excepted), to take and settle at my office, ~~the account~~

of (1) An account of the debts outstanding and unpaid against the estate of (Armita) Stephenson, deceased, especially the debts due the Plaintiffs

(2) Enquire and report the annual and fee simple value of the land in the bill and proceedings mentioned

(3) Any fact deemed pertinent by the Commissioner or any party in interest

required to be taken by a decree of the Circuit Court of the County of Nansemond rendered on the 17th day of October 1893, in a suit in chancery depending in said court, between you

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.

Lee Birdsall
Commissioner

We hereby acknowledge legal and sufficient service of the within Notice.

Rawls & Bro. Att'ys for Minnie Stephenson

Minnie Briggs
Guardian ad Litem
for infant children
A. H. Bates
Sheriff and
ex officio
Administrator Stevenson
deceased

Form No. 400.

COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.

Roberts et al

vs.

Stephenson et al

Chancellorsville, Va. July 7th 1894

In obedience to the annexed decree I will proceed to execute the duties therein assigned me at my office in Chancellorsville, Va. on Saturday the 28th day of July 1894 at 10 o'clock A.M. when and where all persons interested will govern themselves accordingly.

Jos. A. Johnson
Special Commissioner

L.M.Roberts et al.

VS In Chancery.

Stephenson's Administrator et als.

To the Honorable C.W.Hill, Judge of the Circuit Court of the County of Nansemond.

Pursuant to decrees made in this cause on the 12th day of October 1893 and the 11th day of April 1894, upon reference to me as one of the Commissioners in Chancery of said court, and after and in accordance with due notice to the parties, returned herewith, I proceeded, on the 11th day of September 1894, to make the inquiries and examination, and to state the accounts and matters, required by the decrees, and report to court as follows:-

(1)-An account of the debts outstanding and unpaid against the estate of (Adminta) Stephenson, deceased, especially the debts due the plaintiffs."

Your Commissioner has sought for information from different sources, both by public advertisement and private inquiry, as to the debts due by the said estate and as the result has learned of two claims only against the said estate, one being in favor of L.M.Roberts for twenty five (25) dollars for a coffin furnished for said Mrs. Adminter Stephenson, deceased, and the other in favor of Miss Lee Etta Stephenson for $288.00 for work and labor done for the said deceased at her instance and request, for the space of two years preceding her death, and also for provisions and goods furnished and delivered to the said deceased in her lifetime at her instance and request, by the said Lee Etta Stephenson.
Your Commissioner has examined many witnesses touching the said claims and begs to report that in his judgment the claim in favor of L.M.Roberts for twenty five dollars has been fully proved and sustained, and that the said amount with interest thereon from date thereof should be paid to the said L.M.Roberts out of the estate of the said Adminter Stephenson deceased, first after the payment of the charges of administration on said estate and the costs of this suit.
That the said Miss Lee Etta Stephenson is entitled to compensation for work and labor done for, and goods furnished to the said Adminter Stephenson, deceased, during the two years preceding her death, and your Commissioner is of the opinion from the evidence before him that one hundred and forty four (144) dollars is a reasonable sum for such services and goods furnished to the said

Adminter Stephenson, deceased, during the said period of her life, and therefore recommends to the court that the said sum of one hundred and forty four (144) dollars with interest thereon from date be allowed to the said Lee Etta Stephenson out of the estate of the said Adminter Stephenson as a debt of the fifth class.

Your Commissioner is advised by the Sheriffas administrator of the estate of the said Adminter

Stephenson, deceased, that he could find no personal estate of the said Adminter Stephenson, deceased.

"(2)-Enquire and report the annual and ~~fee~~ simple value of the land in the bill and proceedings mentioned."

From the best information obtained your Commissioner is of the opinion that the fee simple value of the land in question is $200, and that the annual rental value of the said land is $20.00.
The question of the right of curtesy in the said land claimed by Monroe Stephenson has not been looked upon by your Commissioner.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

Lee Britt
Commissioner.

Fee on this report $12.50

Roberts &al
vs In Chancery
Stephenson's Adms &als

Report of
Commissioner Lee Britt

Filed
September 18th 1894
A P Gomey clerk

NOTICE.

Pursuant to a decree in the cause of Roberts and Stephenson vs. Stevenson's administrator et al, I shall on

DECEMBER 10, 1894,

(it being court day) at the court house in the town of Suffolk, offer for sale the lands in the proceedings of said suit mentioned, a small farm near Myrtle Station, in Nansemond county, containing about 25 acres, more or less; sale in gross and not by the acre. This is a good little farm, and is the farm on which Adminter Stephenson, the wife of Monroe Stephenson died, and of which she was seized and possessed.

Terms of sale—One-third cash, the balance in one year, purchaser to give bond and security for deferred payment, title retained till the further order of court.

W. S. HOLLAND, Spe. Comr.

November 13, 1894.

I, AZRA P. GOMER, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, Virginia. do certify that the bond required of William S. Holland, as Special Commissioner under the decree of said Court made on the 16th day of October, 1894, in the Chancery cause pending in said Court between L. M. Roberts and others, complainants, and Monroe Stephenson's Administrator and others, defendants, has been executed with security deemed sufficient by me.

Given under my hand this 13th day of November, 1894.

A. P. GOMER, Clerk.

Rev T. Lake

Virginia:

At a Circuit Court Continued and held for the County of Nansemond at the Court house in the Town of Suffolk on Tuesday the 16th day of October A D 1895.

L. M. Roberts and Lee Etta Stephenson } Complainants

Against } In Chancery

A. A. Baker Sheriff and Administrator of Admiuter Stephenson deceased, Monroe Stephenson, Lucy J. Spivey, William N Spivey, Josephine Turner nee Stephenson, James C Stephenson and George Spivey the last three being infants under the age of twenty one years. } Defendants.

This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read and on the report of Special Commissioner W. S. Holland this day filed by leave of ~~the~~ Court to which there is no exception; and was argued by counsel;

On consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that said report and the sale therein reported

be, and they ~~are~~ are hereby confirmed, that said special Commissioner Holland collect the balance of said purchase price and that when the same is paid with accrued interest, then said W. S. Holland who is hereby appointed a special Commissioner for that purpose, make, execute and deliver to said George P. Lake, the purchaser reported, a good and sufficient deed with special warranty for the land in the bill and proceedings mentioned.

And the Court doth further adjudge order and decree that out of the money in the hands of said Commissioner Holland he pay, first, the cost of this suit and sale, and pay the balance as follows; One fifth to Monro Stephenson or his attorneys and the other four fifths to the Creditors as reported by Commissioner LeBritt whose report has been heretofore confirmed, and that said W. S. Holland special Commissioner make report to Court.

And the Court doth further direct that the Clerk of this Court furnish said Commissioner Holland a copy of this decree with costs of suit up to and including a final decree herein taxed at the foot thereof.

A Copy Teste:

A. P. Gomez Clerk

L M Roberts & others Complainants
against } In Chancery
Stephensons Administrator & others Defendants

costs.

A P Gomer Clerk		$ 8.55
A A Baker Sheriff Nansemond		4.50
R A Edwards " Isle of Wight		1.00
J E Booker Suffolk Herald		2.00
Lee Britt Commissioner		12.50
Attorney		15.00
Writ Tax	pd	1.50
		$ 45.05

A P Gomer Clerk.

Roberts & Stepehnson

vs.

Stephenson's Admr. et. als.

This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read and on the report of special commissioner W. S. Holland this day filed by leave of court to which there is no exception; and was argued by counsel:

On consideration whereof the court doth adjudge, order and decree that said report and the sale therein reported, be, and they are hereby confirmed, that said special commissioner Holland collect the balance of said purchase price and that when the same is paid with accrued interest, then said W. S. Holland who is hereby appointed a special commissioner for that purpose, make, execute and deliver to said George T. Luke, the purchaser reported, a good and sufficient deed with a special warranty for the land in the bill and proceedings mentioned.

And the court doth further adjudge, order and decree that out of the money in the hands of said commissioner Holland, he pay, first, the cost of this suit and sale, and pay the balance as follows: one fifth to Monroe Stephenson or his attorneys and the other four fifths to the creditors as reported by commissioner Lee Britt whose report has been hereto confirmed, and that said W. S. Holland special commissioner make report to court.

And the court doth further direct that the clerk of this court furnish said commissioner Holland a copy of this decree with costs of suit up to and including a finial decree herein taxed at the foot thereof.

Roberts & Stephenson

vs.

Stephenson's Admr.et.als.

Decree

To be entered

Robert I Roberts

April 10, 1895.

We consent to the decree

W.S. Hamilton Atty

Randolph Bryan

Entered in Chancery

Order Book No. 2

Page 62-5.

L M. Roberts et. als.
vs
Stephenson's admr. et. als.

This Cause come on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read and on the report of Commissioner Britt filed herein on the 18th day of September 1894 and on a memorandum of agreement as to compromise settlement with Monroe Stephenson who was the husband of Admiter Stephenson; and was argued by Counsel:

On Consideration whereof the court doth adjudge order & decree that said report of Comr. Britt be confirmed, no exceptions having been filed, and the court doth further adjudge order and decree that W. S. Holland who is hereby appointed a Special Commr. for that purpose proceed to sell the lands in the bill mentioned at public auction: first having given at least twenty days notice by hand bills printed & posted, and that said sale shall be made for one third cash and the balance in one year purchaser to give bond for deferred payments,

title remain -- till the further order of Court, but the said Comr. Holland shall not enter on his duties till he first give bond before the clerk of this Court in the penalty of £400— with surety by said clerk deemed sufficient and conditions according to law & that said Comr. Holland make report to next

L. M. Roberts et al
vs
Stephenson's adm'r et al.

Decree

To be entered
CMS
Oct 16, 1894

Entered in Chancery
Order Book No. 2
Page 597.-

Virginia:

At a Circuit Court continued and held for the County of Nansemond at the Court-house in the Town of Suffolk on Tuesday the 16th day of October A.D 1894

L.M. Roberts & als - Complainants
Against } In Chancery
Stephenson's Admr & dls. Defendants

This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read and on the report of Commissioner Britt filed herein on the 18th day of September 1894 and on a memorandum of agreement as to compromise settlement with Monroe Stephenson who was the husband of Admrter Stephenson, and was argued by Counsel:

On consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge order & decree that said report of Comr. Britt be confirmed, no exceptions having been filed, and the Court doth further adjudge order and decree that W.S. Holland who is hereby appointed a Spe-

cial Comnr for that purpose proceed to sell the lands in the bill mentioned at public auction, first having given at least twenty days notice by hand bills printed & posted, and that said sale shall be made for one third cash and the balance in one year purchaser to give bond for deferred payments, title retained till the further order of Court, but the said Comr. Holland shall not enter on his duties till he first gives bond before the Clerk of this Court in the penalty of $400 - with surety by said Clerk deemed sufficient and conditioned according to law & that said Comr. Holland make report to Court.

A Copy. Teste

A. L. Gomez Clerk

Roberts & Stephenson

vs Deaver

Stephenson's admr. et al

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Roberts & Stephenson

vs.

A. H. Baker Sheriff & as such admr. &c,

This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read and on the bill taken for confessed as to the adult defendants and on the answer of the infant defendants by their guardian ad-litem and was argued by counsel on consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge order and decree that that a commission of this Court ~~to~~ execute the decree herein of the Oct. term 1893 of this Court.

Robert v Stephenson

vs

Stephenson's admr.
and others

Decree

Is to be entered

CTDT

April 11, 1879

Entered in Chancery
Order Book
No. 2. Page 545.

L. M. Roberts et. al.

vs

Stephenson dec'd et. al.

This came on on this day to be heard on the bill, answer of infant defendants with general replication thereto & was argued by counsel for plaintiffs and defendants

On consideration whereof the court doth adjudge order and decree that one of the commissioners of this court take, state and report the following:

(1) An account of the debts outstanding and unpaid against the estate of Stephenson dec'd. especially the debts due the plaintiffs.

(2) Enquire & report the annual and fee simple value of the land in the bill and proceedings mentioned.

(3) Any fact deemed pertinent by the commissioner or any party in interest.

Roberts et. al.

vs

Stephenson adm'r &c.

Decree

To be entered.

Oct 12. 1873

Entered in Chancery
Order Book
No. 2 Page 519.

Zuate Va
Mar 19/94

Mr Lee Britt
Suffolk Va

Dear Sir:-

we are willing to carry thing except the $144.00 if she is willing to take the Chattle Prosperty and let the land be sold ~~it~~ and divided Equal it will be all right but if she is not willing to that the Chattle prosperty will have to come. she had no right to move it as there was no administrator

Mr Spivey say [redacted]
one of his witnesses
says she had to work at
his house to get provis-
ions to support his mother
Mr Spivey told me after
his death he carried
Bacon off and sold for
Lee Etta Stephenson.
You had better write
to me if you want
to here from me any
more.

Yours truly
Lucy J Spivey

Augusta Va

L. M. Roberts

vs

Stephenson, s Admr. et als.

This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read and on the reoprt of disbursements by W. S. Holland special commissioner filed this day by leave of court, and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof the court doth adjudge, order and decree that said report, to which no exceptions have been filed, be, and the same is hereby confirmed, it appearing that all the money in hand has been paid out and payments being supported by proper vouchers, and nothing further appearing to be done in this cause, it is ordered that the same be ~~dismissed~~ stricken from the docket.

L.M.Roberts

vs

Stephenson,s Admr. et als

April 24th 1896

D E C R E E.

To be entered.

Apl. 24, 1896

Robt. C. Stevens

Circuit Judge

Chancery

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L.H.Roberts and Lee Ettas Stephenson.

vs

Stephenson's Administrator and als.

In the Circuit Court of Nansemond County.

Whereas in the bill and proceedings in the above mentioned chancery cause the legality of the claim for curtesy in the land of which Adminter Stephanson died seized and possessed, by Monroe Stephenson, husband of said Adminter Stephenson, is brought in question, now therefore it is hereby agreed by and between the parties in interest in the said cause, either in person or by counsel, that the said Monroe Stephenson shall have one sixth of the net proceeds arising from the sale of the land in the said bill and proceedings mentioned, in lieu of said claim for curtesy, the said agreement being a compromise of the said claim.

Given under our hands this 15th day of March 1894.

W. S. Havens atty for Plaintiffs

Rawles & Briggs attys for
Munro Stephenson

In the Circuit Court of the County of Nansemond.

The Answer of Mrs. Stephens to a bill of Complaint exhibited against her and others in the Circuit Court of Nansemond County by L. N. Roberts and others.

For answer to said bill this defendant answers and says: that it is true that his wife Alice Stephens died about the day of Feb: 1893, seized and possessed of the land in the bill mentioned. But ~~upon oath~~ this defendant denies that he ever wilfully abandoned and deserted his said wife; that on the contrary he says, he was a true and faithful husband at all times and as long as he was physically able to do so, he fully provided for his said wife and family with all the necessaries and comforts of life as far as he was able to do: that previous to his said wife's death he became badly afflicted with
so that he was no longer able

to earn a livelihood or to do any labor whatever; that he remains in said condition until the death of his said wife, and that he is still in this condition; that he walks with great difficulty and can scarcely talk or so to be understood.

That on account of his own afflictions, he became helpless and while in this helpless condition some members of his family seized upon him and drove him off; that he was driven off without any fault on his part. That by reason of the facts he does not think he ought to be deprived of his right of custody in said land. He therefore prays that he be allowed all his legal rights in the premises and having fully answered he prays to be hence dismissed with his reasonable costs in this behalf expended and he will ever pray

&c.

Benjamin Stephenson
By Commissioner.

Virginia:
In the County Court of
Wise County, the 7th day of
October 1895.

Answer of

Monroe

Stephenson

OFFICE OF

W. S. HOLLAND,

Attorney at Law and Commissioner in Chancery,

COURTS:
ISLE OF WIGHT, NANSEMOND,
AND SOUTHAMPTON.

Windsor Station, Va., Sept 13th 1893

My Dear Mr. Briggs,

Please hand the enclosed formal answer of some infant defendants in a small suit of mine to the Clk. Mr Gomer and swear to same for me if you please. By sodoing you will confer a special favor.

Yours Truly,
W. S. Holland

In the Circuit of the county of Nansemond:

The answer of Josephine Turner nee Stephenson and James C. Stephenson and George Spivey infants under the age of 2I years by Merritt Brigs (a discreet and competent attorney at law) their guardian ad litem assigned to defend them in this suit, and the answer of the said Merritt Briggs , guardian ad litem of the said infant defendants, to a bill of complaint exhibited against the said infants and others in the Circuit Court of the county of Nan semond by L.M.Roberts and another :

For answer to the said bill the said infant defendants by the said guardian ad litem answer, and say; that being of tender years they do not know what their true interests are in relation to the subject matter of the said bill, nor do they know whether the statements therein contained are true or not. They confide the protection of their interests therein to the care of the court.

And the said guardian ad litem of the said infant defendants for answer to the said bill , answers and says, that he knows noth ing as to the truth or falsity of the statements in the bill contained . He prays full protection for the infant defendants. And now having fully answered, these defendants pray to be hence dismissed with their costs & C.

Josephine Turner nee Stephenson
James C. Stephenson
and
George Spivey

By Merritt Briggs
Guardian ad Litem

Guardian ad litem of the said inf

Sworn to before me by Merritt Briggs this 14 th day of Sept I893

E. E. Hascond
N.P.

L.M.Roberts et als

vs.

Stephenson,s admr. et als

Answer of Infant Defendants et

THE GLOBE LEGAL WRAPPER. SIZE NO. I.
Patented Feb. 11, 1890.
DIRECTIONS,—Elevate the metal points—attach the manuscript—then bend the points down flat—dampen the gummed flap and stick it down—this fastens the papers and hides the metal.

In the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, to Wit:

2 Sept Rules I893

Your orators L.M.Roberts and Miss Lee ETta Stephenson, humbly complaining, respectfully represent that Mrs Adminter Stephenson died intestate on or about the ~ day of May I893 leaving Lucy J.Spivey, William H. Spivey Josephine Turner nee Stephenson and James C. Stephenson her children and George Spivey a grandchild as her only heirs at law, and leaving Monroe Stephens who for a long time prior to the death of his said wife had wilfully deserted and abandoned her which desertion and abandonment continued till the death of the wife and for that reason your orators are advised that his right as tenant by the curtesy is barred by section 2296 Code of Virginia, that said deceased left no personal estate as your orators are advised but left a small tract of land, lying, being and situate in the county of Nansemond in the state of Virginia containing about thirty acres more or less adjoining the lands of George Luke and C.A.Pruden and others on which she lived priorto her death.

Your orators say that the estate of said Aminter Stephenson is indebted to them as follows; to your orator L.M.Roberts in the sum of twenty-five dollars for a coffin for said deceased , and to said Lee Etta Stephenson in the sum of one hundred and forty four (I44) dollars for work and labor done the said deceased at her special instance and request for the space of two years next preceeding the death of said Adminter which work consisted in taking care of , waiting on and providing for said deceased; and also in the sum of one hundred and forty four (I44) dollars for goods furnished and deliverd to the said deceased in her lifetime at her own special instance and request. Your orators say that said debts are just due and

have never been paid, nor has any one of said debts been paid in whole or in part, but is still due and payable with all accruee interest.

Forasmuch as your orator is remediless save in this honorable court where such matters are alone and properly cognizable, they pray that said A.H.Baker sheriff and administrator of said Adminter Stephenson , Monroe Stephenson, Lucy J.Spivey, William H.Spivey, Josephine Turner nee Stephenson, James C.Stephenson and George Spivey (the last three are infants under the age of 2I years) be made parties defendants to this bill and required to answer the same, an answer on oath is hereby waived as provided by statute in such cases, that said administror ascertain and report if there is any personal estate, that said tract of land be sold and out of the proceeds of sale pay first the costs and expenses of suit and sale and pay the debts of said plaintiffs with interses and pay the balance, if any, to the parties entitled thereto, that all such enquiries and accounts be taken, stated and reported to court as may be necessary and proper in this suit, that all such other, further and general relief may be afforded your orators as the nature of their case may require or as to equity and good conscience may seem meet. And they will ever pray & C.

W.S. Holland p.q.

U.S. Hallock 115.

Robert L. Hallock.

N. J. In Chancery.

Stephen A. Winter, adv

and others

L M Roberts
Vs
Chauncey Noles
A N Baker Sheriff Admr & others

1893 Sept 13th. Process issued returnable to September Rules third Monday.
Merritt Briggs appointed Gdr. ad litem for infant defendants Josephine Turner nee Stephenson James L Stephenson and George Spivey

" 18th " Process returned executed on all adult defendants except Lucy Spivy. and decree Nisi Vs all adult defts except Lucy Spivey.
Answer of M Briggs Gdr ad litem of infant defendants filed and decree nise.

Oct 2nd Decree Nisi Confirmed and Cause Set for hearing.

Roberts
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Baker et al
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W. S. Holland & p. q.

L. M. Roberts & others

vs. In Chancery

Stephenson's Admr.

1896

April 24th

Final Decree

Nansemond

Circuit Court.

Costs

Clerk	$ 8.55
Shff Nansd	4.50
" Isle of Wight	1.00
Suffolk Herald	2.00
Brit Commissioner	12.50
Attorney	15.00
Tax	1.50
	$ 45.05