

1902-004

Nansemond Co (Suffolk) Chancery Causes: Thomas E Griggs vs Edward O Griggs et al
" vs Margaret A Holland

Alford, Holland, Alford, Brinkley, Smith

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both cases deal with same property, no documentation found on the cases being officially combined

C. C. v.
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Chancery Papers

Thomas E. Griggs, on behalf
of the Sues &c

against

Marquet A. Holland late
widow of Thomas Grigg's estate

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Chancery 16.50
S.H. 2.00

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Total 11.00

CHANCERY SUMMONS.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON *Marquet A. Holland, late*
widow of Thomas Griggs, deceased; the same Margaret A. late
Margaret A. Griggs, and as such, Administratrix of Thomas Griggs,
deceased, John R. Holland and the said Marquet A. his wife;
Laura B. Griggs, Eddie O. Griggs, Wilbur J. Griggs and
Jessie Griggs: the last four, 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 *September, 1886* ~~this month~~ ^{next} to answer a

Bill in Chancery, exhibited against them
in the said Court by Thomas E. Griggs, an infant, under
the age of twenty-one years, who sues by Robert R. Smith, his
nephew friend.

and have then and there this Summons. Witness, PETER B. PRENTIS, Clerk of our said
Court, at his office, this *1st* day of *September*, 188*6*, in the *11th*
year of the Commonwealth.

Teste:

Peter B. Prentis. Clerk.

1886 Septem 4th Executed and a true copy being delivered
to each of the within named adult dependents ~~and also~~ in
copy to Peter B. Prater guardian ad litem of the infant dependents
J.B. Vanghan Duly for
J.L. Fulgham Shy

E.E. Holland. p. 9
Thomas E. Griggs, an infant
who sued ~~the~~
vs { same in Chy:

Margaret A. Holland, late
widow of Thomas Griggs, dec'd
vs:
vs. vs. Rules, 1886

Pro: B. H. C. L. Page
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Virginia

At Rules, in the Clerk's Office
of the Circuit Court of Hanse-
mond County on Monday the 6th:
day of September 1886.

Thomas E. Griggs, an infant
under the age of twenty-one
years, who sues by Robert R.
Smith his next friend.

Complainants.

Against } In Chancery.

Margaret A. Holland, late widow
of Thomas Griggs, deceased; the same
Margaret A. late Margaret A.
Griggs, and as such, adminis-
tratrix of Thomas Griggs deceased;
John R. Holland and the said
Margaret A. his wife; and
Laura B. Griggs, Eddie O. Griggs,
Wilbur J. Griggs and Jessie Griggs;
the last four infants, under
the age of twenty-one years.

Defendants.

On the motion of the Com-
plainants, by Counsel, Peter B. Poentis,
is appointed ^{to the} ^{infant} ~~the~~ ^{defendants} guardian ad litem, to
defend them in this suit, and it is
ordered that notice be given the
said guardian of his appointment
by serving on him a copy of this
order.

Teste:

Peter B. Poentis. Clerk

Thomas E. Griggs, an infant
de vs & In Chy:

Margaret A. Hollans,
late widow of Thomas
Griggs, dec'd & al:

Order Appointing
guard ad litem
~~~~~

1886. Left to the best knowledge service of  
the foregoing order and that there  
received a copy thereof.

Peter B. Beards  
Adm: ad litem

At a Circuit Court, continued and held for  
Harrison County, the 12th day of October, 1886.

Thomas E. Gregg, an infant &c who sues  
by Robert R. Smith his next friend Complainant  
Against  $\frac{3}{3}$  In Chancery.

Margaret A. Holland, late widow of Thomas Gregg, deceased, and as  
such, Administratrix of Thomas Gregg, deceased, John R. Holland,  
and Margaret A. his wife, Laura B. Gregg, Eddie O. Gregg, Wilbur  
J. Gregg and Jesse Gregg by their Guardian ad litem Defendants.

This cause coming on to be heard this 12th day of October, 1886, upon

the bill, the answer in person of the adult defendants John R.  
Holland, and Margaret A. his wife, the late widow of Thomas  
Gregg, deceased, the same Margaret A., late Margaret A. Gregg  
and as such administratrix of Thomas Gregg, deceased, and  
of the infant defendants Laura B. Gregg, Eddie O. Gregg, Wilbur  
J. Gregg and Jesse Gregg by Peter B. Prentiss their guardian  
ad litem, who is assigned as such to the said infant defendants  
to defend their interests in this suit, the replications thereto, and  
the exhibits filed, was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof the Court doth order a judge and  
deem that Wm Rogers, Isaiah Longston, Richard St Brunkley,  
Jacob Laushe, and Union Wilson, who are hereby appointed com-  
missioners for the purpose, any three of whom may act, do go  
upon the land in the proceedings mentioned, of which the late  
Thomas Gregg was seized of an estate of inheritance during  
his marriage with the said Margaret A., and assign and  
alter to the said Margaret A. widow of the said Thomas Gregg  
by meter and bound, one equal third part in value of  
the said land as her dower therein, and if for the proper  
performance of duties under this decree it become ne-  
cessary in the opinion of the said commissioners, who  
may act hereunder, they are authorized <sup>and directed</sup> to employ a

Competent surveyors, who shall lay off the said land or such part thereof as may be necessary, and make a plat thereof, And the said Commissioners are directed to report their proceedings hereunder to the Court, and on consideration whereof the Court doth further order, adjudge and decree that the said Margaret A. Holland, late Margaret A. Griggs and as such Administratrix of Thomas Griggs, deceased, do render full, true, and proper accounts before one of the commissioners of this Court, as follows:

1st: An account of all her transactions as administratrix of Thomas Griggs, deceased, producing all necessary papers and vouchers in her possession or under her control, relating to her transactions as such administratrix

2nd: An account of all the rents and profits of the real estate of which the said Thomas Griggs died seized and possessed, and which she then held and enjoyed since the death of the said Thomas Griggs.

3rd And an account of the buildings completed and erected by her on the lands of the said Thomas Griggs deceased since his death and her expenditures concerning the same, producing evidence to show whether such expenditures were to the interest of the infant defendants or not,

And the Commissioner is directed to examine, state and settle the said accounts, and make report thereof, with any matters specially stated, deemed pertinent by himself or which may be required by any of the parties to be stated.

A Copy:

Teste:

Peter B. Pentecost, Clerk.

To the Circuit Court of Nansemond County:

In pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County held on the 12 day of October 1886, we the undersigned commissioners appointed by the said Court to perform the duties required by said decree, to-wit to go upon the land of which the late Thomas Griggs was seized of an estate of inheritance during his marriage with Margaret A. Holland (formerly Margaret A. Griggs) and assign and allot unto the said Margaret A., widow of the said Thomas Griggs by metes and bounds, one equal third part in value of the said land as her dower therein, did meet on the 21 day of March 1887, and after first being duly sworn proceeded to lay off and assign to the said Margaret A. widow of the late Thomas Griggs as and for her dower interest in the lands of which the said Thomas Griggs died seized and possessed as of an estate of inheritance, that certain piece or parcel of land together with all and singular its appurtenances situate a short distance from the Southern limits of the Town of Suffolk, Va. and on the East side of the County Road leading from said Town known as the Somerton Road, said piece or parcel of land being bounded and described as follows; Beginning at the North-west corner of that tract of land first purchased by the said Thomas Griggs from R.R. Smith, whereon the said Thomas Griggs resided at the time of his decease, which corner is on the edge of a ditch and running Southwardly along and fronting on the said Somerton Road to a fence enclosing the main lot or yard whereon is the two-story dwelling house, thence running Eastwardly following the line of said fence and continuing in a straight line with said fence prolonged to the land of R.R. Smith, thence running Northwardly along R.R. Smith's land to a point on the edge of the said ditch three hundred feet from the beginning and thence running along the edge of said ditch to the beginning, it being bounded on the North by the land of R.R. Smith, on the East by the land of R.R. Smith, on the South by land constituting a part of the estate of the said Thomas

Griggs and on the West by the said Somerton Road.

In addition thereto  
your Commissioners would respectfully apportion unto the said Margaret  
A. for and during her life the right of taking from the woods on the  
farm situate about three miles from the town of Suffolk, whereof the  
said Thomas Griggs died seized and possessed, a sufficiency of wood for  
fuel to be used on the tract above allotted unto the said Margaret A  
but for no other purpose, such right in addition being necessary in  
the judgment of your Commissioners to make the said tract allotted  
equal to one-third part in value of the lands whereof the said Thomas  
Griggs died seized and possessed.

Respectfully submitted by your Com-  
missioners and signed by them.

Jacob Lawshe  
W. H. Sinkley  
Wm. D. Rogers  
James J. Mason  
Graham Langston

Thomas E. Griggs, an infant &c.

vs.

} In Chancery.

Margaret A. Holland &c.

Report of Commissioners to  
assign dower.

1887. July 2. Filed  
etc.

To the Circuit Court of Chausemond  
County, Virginia;

In pursuance of a decree of the  
Circuit Court of Chausemond County  
pronounced on the 12th. day of October  
A. D. 1886 in the Cause or suit in Chan-  
cery in said Court depending between  
Thomas E. Griggs, an infant under the  
age of twenty one years, suing by Robert  
R. Smith his next friend, Complainant,  
and Margaret A. Holland, John R. Hol-  
land and others, Defendants, a copy  
of which decree is hereto attached;  
the undersigned, Wilbur J. Kilby one  
of the Commissioners in Chancery of  
said Court respectfully reports to Court,

That, after the papers in said Cause  
had been referred to him and he had  
been requested to execute said decree,  
he gave notice, on the 20th. day of Novem-  
ber A. D. 1886, to the parties to said Cause,  
that on the 18th. day of December A. D.  
1886 at his office in the Town of Suffolk  
in said County, he would proceed to take,  
state, and settle the several accounts  
required by said decree to be taken, stated  
and settled and reported to Court, as  
will appear by the original of said

notice hereto attached and the endorsement thereon;

That the proceedings, begun on said 18th. day of December A.D. 1886 and adjourned from day to day from that day to this 10th. day of January A.D. 1888, have at length been completed, and the result is respectfully submitted as follows:

Account No. 1

An Account of the transactions of Margaret A. wife of John R. Holland, late widow of Thomas Griggs deceased and Administratrix of his estate.

|                    |                                                                                                                                      |         |  |        |           |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--|--------|-----------|
| 1885-<br>March. 19 | The Administratrix qualified                                                                                                         |         |  |        |           |
| 20                 | By Cash had by the deceased at the time of his death in The Commercial Bank of Suffolk.- principal = \$ 713.25                       |         |  |        |           |
|                    | Interest = 138.90=                                                                                                                   |         |  |        | \$ 852 15 |
|                    | To paid Ella W. Beale for tuition of two sons of deceased for two months ending 9 Jan. 1885. per acct.                               | \$ 2 50 |  |        |           |
|                    | " Amount retained for Peter B. Prentiss Clerk of Court in full of his fees and State tax on the qualification of the Administratrix. | 6 00    |  |        |           |
|                    |                                                                                                                                      | 8 50    |  | 852 15 |           |

1885

Mar. 20

brought on

8 50 852 15

To paid Henry R. Culley for digging  
grave for deceased and en-  
closing same with bricks and  
for bricks furnished, per rect.

25 30

27 By Part of J. F. Little's notes \$3.45 and \$10.

13 45

" Principal of note against

Wm D. Rogers = \$70.00

" Interest on same from 13

Jan. 1880 to this date = 21.86 =

91 86

April 1

" Part of Bond against Daniel Brothers.

100 00

2

" Interest of Ballard and Smith on  
their Bond for \$1000 for 6 months  
from 23 Sept. 1884 to 23 Mar. 1885  
(all previous interest having been  
paid to Thomas Griggs in his life-  
time), to wit:

30 00

To paid Bunwell Riddick in full  
of store account, per rect.

19 40

" " A. S. Eley, ditto "

18 87

" " C. C. Batten Ho. ditto "

34 87

3

" " Hall &amp; Holt for coffin etc. "

90 00

7

" " Darden & Eley in full of  
store account, per rect.

54 70

" " Ballard &amp; Smith, ditto "

53 77

23

By Principal of Bond against  
Duke and Smith = \$200.00

" Interest on same from 12

May 1879 to this date, 71.36

271 36

May 3

" Amount of John C. Smith's note  
due this day without interest.

325 00

15

" Amount of Geo. W. Ward's note.

10 00

" " of Mrs. M. A. Royster's "

3 00

" Further part of J. F. Little's notes \$3.30 &amp; \$5.

8 30

To paid Peter J. Kemodle for tuition of  
children of deceased, per rect.

24 00

329 41 1705 12

1885

May 15

Brought on

329 41 1705 12

By Total amount of chattel  
estate at its apprais-  
ed value = \$555.75

except 1 sorrel horse  
appraised at \$40.00  
and a cart with

wheels appraised at 8.00 = 48.00 =

507 75

" Leash for said sorrel horse and cart  
with wheels, sold for -

100 00

June 1

To paid James Roberson wages for labor  
and services as nurse for the  
deceased during his last  
illness, per rect.

53 60

6

" " Geo. W. Curney for use of car-  
riage and horses at the  
funeral of deceased, per rect.

4 00

July 4

" " R. L. Brewer Son in full of  
store account, per rect.

59 75

" " Chas. M. Walsh for tomb stone  
over grave of deceased, per rect.

69 50

" " Ella W. Beale for tuition of sons of  
deceased for one month ending  
9 Feby. 1885. per rect.

1 50

27

By Further part of J. F. Little's notes \$3.23 & \$7.

10 23

Aug. 1

To Amount on deposit in The Commer-  
cial Bank of Suffolk at the time  
of its suspension this day.

66 00

11

By Balance in full of J. F. Little's notes.

323 80

25

" Further part of Bond against Daniel Brothers.

67 67

" Balance in full of same

209 45

Sept. 23

" Interest for 6 months ending this day  
on Bond for \$1000 against Ballard & Smith.

30 00

Nov. 11

" 25 per cent dividend on \$66. on  
deposit in said Bank at the  
time of its suspension

16 50

583 76 2970 52

|              |                                                                                                                                     |         |         |  |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|--|
| 1885         |                                                                                                                                     |         |         |  |
| Nov. 11      | Brought on                                                                                                                          | 583 76  | 2970 52 |  |
| 1886 Jan. 1  | To paid Taxes for the year 1885. per rect.                                                                                          | 14 06   |         |  |
| Mar. 15      | By 10 per cent dividend on the above-mentioned sum of \$66.                                                                         |         | 6 60    |  |
| 20           | To 5 per cent Commissions on \$2977.12                                                                                              | 148 86  |         |  |
|              | " Amount to Balance.                                                                                                                | 2230 44 |         |  |
| 1886         |                                                                                                                                     | 2977 12 | 2977 12 |  |
| Mar. 20      | By Balance brought on.                                                                                                              |         | 2230 44 |  |
| May 6        | To paid Dr. R. E. Parker for medicines furnished and professional services rendered the deceased during his last illness, per rect. | 56 75   |         |  |
| Aug. 2       | By 10 per cent dividend on the above-mentioned sum of \$66.                                                                         |         | 6 60    |  |
| Sept. 17     | To paid Peter J. Kemodle for tuition of Thos. E. Griggs, son of the deceased, during the first half of session of 1884. per rect.   | 14 50   |         |  |
| 1887 Mar. 20 | " 5 per cent Commissions on \$6.60                                                                                                  | 33      |         |  |
|              | By Interest for 1 year on \$2230.44                                                                                                 |         | 133 83  |  |
|              | To Amount to Balance.                                                                                                               | 2299 29 |         |  |
| 1887         |                                                                                                                                     | 2370 87 | 2370 87 |  |
| Mar. 20      | By Balance brought on.                                                                                                              |         | 2299 29 |  |
| Sept. 23     | " Principal of Bond against Ballard and Smith                                                                                       |         | 1000 00 |  |
|              | " Interest on same from 23 Sept. 1885 to this date.                                                                                 |         | 120 00  |  |
| 1888 Jan. 1  | To 5 per cent Commissions on \$1120.                                                                                                | 56 00   |         |  |
|              | By Interest on \$2165.46 the principal part of the above sum of \$2299.29 from 20 March 1887 to this date. - 9m. 10ds.              |         | 101 05  |  |
|              | To Amount to Balance.                                                                                                               | 3464 34 |         |  |
|              |                                                                                                                                     | 3520 34 | 3520 34 |  |

1888  
Jan. 1

By Balance brought on.  
To 1/3 of \$3464.34 retained by the  
Administratrix as her distrib-  
utive share thereof.  
" Amount to Balance

\$3464 34  
\$1154 79  
2309 55

1888

Jan. 1

By Balance brought on.  
To Amounts due the distributees  
of Thomas Griggs deceased  
as follows:

To Thomas E. Griggs 1/5 of \$2309.55 = \$461 91  
" Laura B. Griggs " 461 91  
" Eddie O. Griggs " 461 91  
" Wilbur J. Griggs " 461 91  
" Jesse Griggs " 461 91

3464 34 3464 34  
2309 55  
461 91  
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2309 55 2309 55

## Account chs. 2

An Account of the Rents and profits of the real estate of which the said Thomas Griggs died seised and possessed, received by the said Margaret A. Holland since his death.

|             |                                                                                                                  |     |        |        |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------|--------|
| 1886        |                                                                                                                  |     |        |        |
| Jan. 1      | By Rent for 1885 for the farm in Chaussemond County.                                                             |     | \$ 100 | 00     |
| "           | Rent for 1885 for the Home Place upon which said Thomas Griggs resided at the time of his death.                 |     | 200    | 00     |
| "           | Rent for 1885 for the lot with a one-story house on it next to said Home Place.                                  |     | 48     | 00     |
| "           | Rent for 1885 for the lot with a one-and-a-half story house on it next to said lot with a one story house on it. |     | 60     | 00     |
|             | Total for 1885                                                                                                   |     | 408    | 00     |
| 1887 Jan. 1 | By Rent collected as above for the year 1886, total                                                              |     | 408    | 00     |
| "           | Interest for one year on \$408.                                                                                  |     | 24     | 48     |
|             | To 5 per cent Commissions on \$840.48                                                                            | 42  | 02     |        |
| "           | Amount to Balance,                                                                                               | 798 | 46     |        |
| 1887        |                                                                                                                  | 840 | 48     | 840 48 |
| Jan. 1      | By Balance brought on.                                                                                           |     | 798    | 46     |
|             | To 1/3 of \$798.46 retained by the Administratrix as her distributive share thereof.                             | 266 | 15     |        |
| "           | Amount to Balance.                                                                                               | 532 | 31     |        |
|             |                                                                                                                  | 798 | 46     | 798 46 |

|             |                                                                                                        |       |    |        |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----|--------|
| 1887        |                                                                                                        |       |    |        |
| Jan. 1      | By Balance brought on                                                                                  |       |    | 532 31 |
|             | " Insurance on the barn on said Home Place, said barn having been destroyed by fire.                   |       |    | 50 00  |
|             | " Proceeds of sale of 267 cords of wood cut from said farm and sold at 50 cents per cord on the stump. |       |    | 133 50 |
| 1888 Jan. 1 | " Rent for said farm for 1887.                                                                         |       |    | 100 00 |
|             | " Rent for 1887 for said lot with a one-story house on it.                                             |       |    | 48 00  |
|             | " Rent for 1887 for said lot with a one-and-a-half story house on it.                                  |       |    | 60 00  |
|             | " Interest for one year on \$532.31.                                                                   |       |    | 31 91  |
|             | To 5 per cent Commissions on \$423.44.                                                                 | 21    | 17 |        |
|             | " Amount to Balance                                                                                    | 934   | 55 |        |
| 1888        |                                                                                                        | 955   | 72 | 955 72 |
| Jan. 1      | By Balance brought on.                                                                                 |       |    | 934 55 |
|             | To Amounts due the heirs and distributees of Thomas Gigg's deceased, as follows:                       |       |    |        |
|             | To Thomas E. Gigg's 1/5 of \$934.55 =                                                                  | \$186 | 91 |        |
|             | " Laura B. Gigg's "                                                                                    | 186   | 91 |        |
|             | " Eddie O. Gigg's "                                                                                    | 186   | 91 |        |
|             | " Wilbur J. Gigg's "                                                                                   | 186   | 91 |        |
|             | " Jesse Gigg's "                                                                                       | 186   | 91 |        |
|             |                                                                                                        | 934   | 55 | 934 55 |

## Account cto. 3.

An Account of the Buildings completed and erected by said Margaret A. Holland on the lands of said Thomas Griggs deceased since his death and her expenditures on account of the same, showing whether the said expenditures were to the interest of said infants or not;

Under this head, the Commissioner reports that on the 16th. day of June 1884 said Thomas Griggs purchased about two acres of land with a dwelling and necessary out-houses on the same, situated on the east side of Somerton road in said County and near the Town of Suffolk and known as the Home Place. This Place was purchased of Robt. R. Smith for the sum of \$2000. and upon it said Thomas Griggs resided with his family at the time of his death in February 1885. Before his death said Thomas Griggs had cut off two lots from the South side of said Home Place, each lot being 50 by 100 feet in size and upon these lots had begun to erect small dwelling houses to be let for rent. At the time of his death, the buildings had not been completed. After his death his widow, said Margaret A. deen-

ing it best for his estate and those interested therein, proceeded to complete the buildings and paid therefor out of the moneys belonging to the estate received by her as Administratrix. On the 21st day of March 1887, the said Home Place, exclusive of these two lots, was assigned to said Margaret A. as her dower, thus leaving the income from said lots to the heirs of said Thomas Griggs exclusively. The completion of the houses on said lots was equivalent to the investment, to the extent of the costs thereof, of so much of the estate for the benefit of the heirs. If the money had not been so disposed of, the heirs would have been entitled to it, for the estate was solvent. As it is they get the full benefit of the money invested in the buildings and are not injured by the investment. The Commissioner is of the opinion that the investment was a benefit to the heirs, as the property would sell for the full amount of the money invested and in the mean time produce a larger income in the shape of rents than the money itself would produce in the shape of interest. The said Margaret A. is, therefore, given credit for the moneys disbursed by her for the com-

. . . . .

pletion of said buildings.

The Amounts disbursed by her are as follows:

Statement,

|      |        |                                                                       |    |        |
|------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----|--------|
| 1885 | Apr. 2 | To paid The Suffolk Brick Manufactur-                                 |    |        |
|      |        | ing Co. for bricks, per rect.                                         | \$ | 16 70  |
|      | 10     | " " H. W. Bradshaw for lumber "                                       |    | 71 79  |
|      |        | " " R. W. Ctelus for hauling lumber "                                 |    | 5 37   |
|      | 15     | " " Benj. Smith, carpenter, wages "                                   |    | 150 40 |
|      | 17     | " " Richard Hosier for shingles "                                     |    | 15 00  |
|      | 24     | " " Duke & Smith for lumber "                                         |    | 57 12  |
|      | 25     | " " Benj. S. Pugh for painting "                                      |    | 12 00  |
| May  | 25     | " " E. Patterson for lime & lathes "                                  |    | 10 65  |
| June | 25     | " " Benj. S. Pugh for painting "                                      |    | 6 12   |
|      | 26     | " " The Gay Manufacturing }<br>Co. for lumber & lathes. }             |    | 17 60  |
| July | 3      | " " Eugene Hurley for plastering etc "                                |    | 98 75  |
|      | 11     | " " R. W. Ctelus for hauling lumber "                                 |    | 4 00   |
| Aug. | 2      | " " Thos. C. Goodson, carpenter, wages "                              |    | 1 75   |
|      | 11     | " " Duke & Smith for lumber "                                         |    | 46 12  |
| 1886 | Jan. 1 | " " Jackson R. Brinkley, carpenter, wages "                           |    | 45 00  |
|      |        | " " H. W. Bradshaw for lumber "                                       |    | 49 09  |
|      |        | " " A. S. Cley for nails, paints, doors<br>window sash etc. per rect. |    | 107 54 |
|      |        | Total                                                                 |    | 715 00 |
| 1888 | Jan. 1 | To Interest on \$ 715. from 1 Jan. 1886<br>to this date - 2 y.        |    | 85 80  |
|      |        |                                                                       |    | 800 80 |

This sum of \$800.80 is due by the heirs of said Thomas Gigg's to said Margaret A. Holland as follows:

|                     |       |        |
|---------------------|-------|--------|
| By Thomas E. Gigg's | 1/5 = | 160 16 |
| " Laura B. Gigg's   | 1/5 = | 160 16 |
| " Eddie O. Gigg's   | 1/5 = | 160 16 |
| " Wilbur J. Gigg's  | 1/5 = | 160 16 |
| " Jesse Gigg's      | 1/5 = | 160 16 |
|                     |       | 800 80 |
|                     |       | 800 80 |

# Distributee Accounts

No. 1.

Dr. Thomas E. Griggs, heir and distributee of  
Thomas Griggs deceased.

In Account with Margaret A. Holland  
late Admrx. of said Thos. Griggs. Cr.

|             |                                                                                                     |         |        |  |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|--|
| 1885        |                                                                                                     |         |        |  |
| Aug. 3      | To paid Darden & Eley for shoes, per rect.                                                          | \$ 3 25 |        |  |
|             | " " Jas. R. Baker for a hat "                                                                       | 65      |        |  |
| Octo. 15    | " " Darden & Eley for suit of clothes "                                                             | 14 50   |        |  |
|             | " " Same for a hat "                                                                                | 1 25    |        |  |
|             | " " Same for 2 collars "                                                                            | 25      |        |  |
|             | " " Same for a cravat "                                                                             | 50      |        |  |
| 1886 Jan. 1 | " Board from 20 Feby. 1885 to this<br>date @ \$12.50 per month.                                     | 129 17  |        |  |
|             | By Amount to Balance.                                                                               |         | 149 57 |  |
| 1886        |                                                                                                     | 149 57  | 149 57 |  |
| Jan. 1      | To Balance brought on.                                                                              | 149 57  |        |  |
| Feby. 11    | " paid Jos. P. Webb for school books, per rect.                                                     | 2 98    |        |  |
| 1887 Jan. 1 | " Board for one year ending this<br>day @ \$12.50 per month.                                        | 150 00  |        |  |
|             | " Interest for 1 year on \$149.57.                                                                  | 8 97    |        |  |
|             | By Amount to Balance.                                                                               |         | 311 52 |  |
| 1887        |                                                                                                     | 311 52  | 311 52 |  |
| Jan. 1      | To Balance brought on.                                                                              | 311 52  |        |  |
| Octo. 6     | " paid Ballard and Smith for<br>clothing furnished from 23<br>April 1885 to 3 Sept. 1887, per rect. | 53 63   |        |  |
| 1888 Jan. 1 | By Distributive share of the es-<br>tate of Thos. Griggs deceased                                   |         | 461 91 |  |
|             | " Share of Rents for real estate<br>collected to this date.                                         |         | 186 91 |  |
|             | To Share of the costs of the<br>Buildings above-mentioned.                                          | 160 16  |        |  |
|             | " Board for 1887 @ \$12.50 per month.                                                               | 150 00  |        |  |
|             |                                                                                                     | 675 31  | 648 82 |  |

|        |                                                                                               |     |    |          |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|----------|
| 1888   |                                                                                               |     |    |          |
| Jan. 1 | brought on                                                                                    | 675 | 31 | 648 82   |
|        | To Interest for 1 year on \$302.55<br>the principal part of the above<br>balance of \$311.52. | 18  | 15 |          |
|        | By Amount to Balance.                                                                         |     |    | 44 64    |
| 1888   |                                                                                               | 693 | 46 | 693 46   |
| Jan. 1 | To Balance due Margaret A.<br>Holland brought on.                                             |     |    | \$ 44 64 |

Account No. 2  
 Dr. Laura B. Gigg's, heir and distributee of  
 Thomas Gigg's deceased.  
 In Account with Margaret A. Holland,  
 late Adm'r. of said Thos Gigg's. Cr.

|             |                                                                 |     |     |        |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|--------|
| 1885        |                                                                 |     |     |        |
| March 9     | To paid Ballard & Smith for dress goods, per acct               | \$  | 7   | 93     |
|             | " " Darden & Eley for buttons etc. "                            |     |     | 30     |
| 19          | " " R. L. Brewer Son for breast pin "                           |     | 1   | 50     |
| April 25    | " " Jas. R. Baker for parasol "                                 |     | 3   | 00     |
| May 2       | " " Same for shoes "                                            |     | 4   | 50     |
| 16          | " " Darden & Eley for clothing "                                |     | 13  | 70     |
| June 1      | " " Jas. R. Baker for tarlatan "                                |     |     | 80     |
| Octo. 3     | " " Darden & Eley for shoes "                                   |     | 3   | 75     |
| 7           | " " Same for dress goods "                                      |     | 5   | 63     |
| 1886 Jan. 1 | " Board from 20 Feby. 1885 to this<br>date @ \$12.50 per month. |     | 129 | 17     |
|             | By Amount to Balance                                            |     |     | 170 28 |
| 1886        |                                                                 | 170 | 28  | 170 28 |
| Jan. 1      | To Balance brought on.                                          |     | 170 | 28     |
| Octo. 6     | " paid Jos. P. Webb for school books, per acct.                 |     | 1   | 11     |
| 1887 Jan. 1 | " Interest for 1 year on \$170.28<br>carried on                 |     | 10  | 22     |
|             |                                                                 |     | 181 | 61     |

|             |                                                                                                    |     |    |        |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|--------|
| 1887        |                                                                                                    |     |    |        |
| Jan. 1      | Brought on                                                                                         | 181 | 61 |        |
|             | To Board for 1 year ending this day<br>@ \$12.50 per month.                                        | 150 | 00 |        |
|             | By Amount to Balance                                                                               |     |    | 331 61 |
| 1887        |                                                                                                    | 331 | 61 | 331 61 |
| Jan. 1      | To Balance brought on.                                                                             | 331 | 61 |        |
| Octo. 6     | " paid Ballard & Smith for clothing<br>furnished from 30 April 1885<br>to 29 Sept. 1887. per recd. | 168 | 35 |        |
| 1888 Jan. 1 | By Distributive share of the estate<br>of Thomas Griggs deceased.                                  |     |    | 461 91 |
|             | " Share of Rents for real estate<br>collected to this date.                                        |     |    | 186 91 |
|             | To Share of costs of the buildings<br>above-mentioned.                                             | 160 | 16 |        |
|             | " Board for 1887 @ \$12.50 per month.                                                              | 150 | 00 |        |
|             | " Interest for 1 year on \$321.39<br>the principal part of the above<br>balance of \$331.61.       | 19  | 28 |        |
|             | By Amount to Balance.                                                                              |     |    | 180 58 |
| 1888        |                                                                                                    | 829 | 40 | 829 40 |
| Jan. 1      | To Balance due Margaret A.<br>Holland brought on.                                                  | 180 | 58 |        |

Account No. 3  
 Dr. Eddie O. Gigg's, heir and distributee of  
 Thomas Gigg's deceased.  
 In Account with Margaret A. Holland,  
 late Adm'r. of Thos. Gigg's deceased. Cr.

|             |                                                                                                    |          |        |  |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------|--|
| 1885        |                                                                                                    |          |        |  |
| April 6     | To paid Jas. R. Baker for clothes, per acct.                                                       | \$ 10 00 |        |  |
| May 19      | " " Garden & Eley for shoes "                                                                      | 2 50     |        |  |
| June 1      | " " Ella W. Beale for tuition "                                                                    | 2 62     |        |  |
| 26          | " " Jas. R. Baker for clothing "                                                                   | 1 75     |        |  |
| Octo. 15    | " " Garden & Eley for ditto "                                                                      | 13 50    |        |  |
| 1886 Jan. 1 | " Board from 20 Feby. 1885 to this date<br>@ \$10. per month.                                      | 103 34   |        |  |
|             | By Amount to Balance.                                                                              |          | 133 71 |  |
| 1886        |                                                                                                    | 133 71   | 133 71 |  |
| Jan. 1      | To Balance brought on.                                                                             | 133 71   |        |  |
| June 19     | " paid Annie M. Brinkley for tuition, per acct.                                                    | 2 00     |        |  |
| Octo. 6     | " " Jos. P. Webb for school book, "                                                                | 60       |        |  |
| 1887 Jan. 1 | " Board for 1886 @ \$10. per month.                                                                | 120 00   |        |  |
|             | " Interest for 1 year on \$133.71                                                                  | 8 02     |        |  |
|             | By Amount to Balance                                                                               |          | 264 33 |  |
| 1887        |                                                                                                    | 264 33   | 264 33 |  |
| Jan. 1      | To Balance brought on                                                                              | 264 33   |        |  |
| Octo. 6     | " paid Ballard and Smith for cloth-<br>ing furnished from 8 May<br>1885 to 3 Sept. 1887, per acct. | 32 15    |        |  |
| 1888 Jan. 1 | By Distributive share of the estate<br>of Thomas Gigg's deceased.                                  |          | 461 91 |  |
|             | " Share of Rents for real estate<br>collected to this date.                                        |          | 186 91 |  |
|             | To Share of costs of the buildings<br>above-mentioned                                              | 160 16   |        |  |
|             | " Board for 1887 @ \$10. per month.                                                                | 120 00   |        |  |
|             | " Interest for 1 year on \$256.31, the<br>principal part of the above<br>balance of \$264.33.      | 15 38    |        |  |
|             |                                                                                                    | 592 02   | 648 82 |  |

|                |                                           |     |    |     |    |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------|-----|----|-----|----|
| 1888<br>Jan. 1 | brought on                                | 592 | 02 | 648 | 82 |
|                | To Amount to Balance.                     | 56  | 80 |     |    |
| 1888<br>Jan. 1 |                                           | 648 | 82 | 648 | 82 |
|                | By Balance due Eddie O. Giggs brought on. |     |    | 56  | 80 |

Account No. 4  
 Dr. Wilbur J. Giggs, heir and distributee of  
 Thomas Giggs deceased.  
 In Account with Margaret A. Holland  
 late Admrx. of said Thos. Giggs. Cr.

|                |                                                                                             |    |     |    |        |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|-----|----|--------|
| 1885<br>May 6  | To paid Jas. R. Baker for clothes, per rect.                                                | \$ | 6   | 00 |        |
| June 1         | " " Ella W. Beale for tuition "                                                             |    | 2   | 63 |        |
| Octo. 15       | " " Larden & Eley for ditto "                                                               |    | 6   | 50 |        |
| 1886 Jan. 1    | " Board from 20 Feby. 1885 to this date @ \$8. per month.                                   |    | 82  | 67 |        |
|                | By Amount to Balance                                                                        |    |     |    | 97 80  |
| 1886<br>Jan. 1 | To Balance brought on.                                                                      |    | 97  | 80 | 97 80  |
| June 19        | " paid Annie M. Brinkley for tuition, per rect.                                             |    | 2   | 00 |        |
| 1887 Jan. 1    | " Board for 1886 @ \$8. per month.                                                          |    | 96  | 00 |        |
|                | " Interest for 1 year on \$97.80                                                            |    | 5   | 87 |        |
|                | By Amount to Balance.                                                                       |    |     |    | 201 67 |
| 1887<br>Jan. 1 | To Balance brought on.                                                                      |    | 201 | 67 | 201 67 |
| Octo. 6        | " paid Ballard & Smith for clothing furnished from 23 Aprle 1885 to 3 Sept. 1887. per rect. |    | 22  | 22 |        |
| 1888 Jan. 1    | By Distributive share of the estate of Thomas Giggs deceased.                               |    |     |    | 461 91 |
|                |                                                                                             |    | 223 | 89 | 461 91 |

1888  
Jan. 1

brought on  
By Share of Rents for real estate  
collected to this date.  
To Share of costs of the buildings  
above-mentioned  
" Board for 1887 @ \$8 per month  
" Interest for 1 year on \$195.80  
the principal part of the  
above balance of \$201.67  
" Amount to Balance.

|     |    |     |    |
|-----|----|-----|----|
| 223 | 89 | 461 | 91 |
|     |    | 186 | 91 |
| 160 | 16 |     |    |
| 96  | 00 |     |    |
|     |    | 11  | 75 |
| 157 | 02 |     |    |
| 648 | 82 | 648 | 82 |

1888  
Jan. 1

By Balance due Wilbur J. Griggs  
brought on.

157 02

Account No. 5  
Dr Jesse Griggs heir and distributee of Thomas  
Griggs deceased.  
In Account with Margaret A. Holland  
late Admrx. of said Thos. Griggs. Cr.

1885  
June 27  
1886 Jan. 1

To paid Jas. R. Baker for a hat, per acct.  
" Board from 20 Feby. 1885 to this  
date @ \$8. per month.  
By Amount to Balance.

|    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|
| 75 |    |    |    |
| 82 | 67 |    |    |
|    |    | 83 | 42 |
| 83 | 42 | 83 | 42 |

1886  
Jan. 1  
1887 Jan. 1

To Balance brought on  
" Board for 1886 @ \$8 per month.  
" Interest for 1 year on \$83.42.  
By Amount to Balance

|     |    |     |    |
|-----|----|-----|----|
| 83  | 42 |     |    |
| 96  | 00 |     |    |
| 5   | 01 |     |    |
|     |    | 184 | 43 |
| 184 | 43 | 184 | 43 |

|             |                                                                                                           |     |        |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------|
| 1887        |                                                                                                           |     |        |
| Jan. 1      | To Balance brought on.                                                                                    | 184 | 43     |
| Oct. 6      | " paid Ballard & Smith for clothing furnished from 30 <sup>th</sup> April 1885 to 3 Sept. 1887, per acct. | 16  | 31     |
| 1888 Jan. 1 | " Board for 1887 @ \$8 per month.                                                                         | 96  | 00     |
|             | " Share of costs of the Buildings above-mentioned                                                         | 160 | 16     |
|             | " Interest for 1 year on \$179.42, the principal part of the above balance of \$184.43                    | 10  | 77     |
|             | By Distributive share of the estate of Thomas Giggis deceased.                                            |     | 461 91 |
|             | " Share of Rents for real estate collected to this date.                                                  |     | 186 91 |
|             | To Amount to Balance                                                                                      | 181 | 15     |
| 1888        |                                                                                                           | 648 | 82     |
| Jan. 1      | By Balance due Jesse Giggis brought on.                                                                   |     | 181 15 |

In March 1885, soon after the death of Thomas Giggis, the barn on the Home Place mentioned in this Report, was destroyed by an accidental fire. As there was great necessity for such a building upon the place, the Administratrix caused a new barn to be built and paid therefor out of the moneys of the estate received by her. The Commissioner looks upon this as very irregular to say the least of it, but is, nevertheless, of the opinion that the new barn thus built was a permanent improvement of the place and a substantial benefit to the heirs entitled to the fee. He has, therefore, allowed the Administratrix credit for the

costs of the new barn in the statement of moneys disbursed by her on account of the erection and completion of buildings on the lands herein mentioned, and on the other hand, has charged her with the insurance collected by her on the burnt barn, in the account of rents and profits received by her from said land.

The Administratrix is not charged with Rent for the year 1887 for said Home Place because early in that year the place was assigned to her as her dower, nor is she allowed any part of the Rents for the other realty for the same year. For the years 1885 and 1886, before her dower was assigned to her, she is allowed one-third of all the Rents and the heirs are given credit for the remainder.

As will be seen by reference to the Account of Rents and Profits received by said Administratrix, she is charged with 267 cords of wood cut by her from said lands since the death of said Thomas Griggs, at the rate of fifty cents per cord on the stump, that being the prevailing price for such wood and the

fair value thereof.

Respectfully submitted this 10th.  
day of January A.D. 1888.

Wilbur J. Kilby,  
Counr. in Chancery.

Counr. fee \$75.<sup>00</sup>

To Thomas E. Griggs, an infant under the age of  
twenty-one years, suing by Robert R. Smith his  
next friend. Complainant

and Margaret A. Holland, late widow of Thomas Griggs deceased,  
the same Margaret A. late Administratrix of Thomas Griggs de-  
ceased, John R. Holland and said Margaret A. his wife, Laura  
B. Griggs, Eddie O. Griggs, Wilbur J. Griggs and Jessie Griggs,  
the last four named being infants under the age of twenty  
one years Defendants

You are hereby notified that on the — 18th — day of December 1886  
at my office, in Suffolk, Va., (at which time and place you are required to attend), I shall take, state and  
settle the following accounts which are to be taken, stated and settled and reported to Court in pursuance of the  
decree of the Circuit Court of Hansemond County, Va., rendered the 12th,  
day of October 1886 in the suit in chancery pending in said Court to which you  
are parties plaintiff and defendants, to wit:

1. An Account of all the transactions of said Margaret A. as administratrix of Thomas Griggs deceased
2. An Account of all the rents and profits of the real estate of which the said Thomas Griggs died seised and possessed and which the said Margaret A. has held and enjoyed since the death of said Thomas Griggs.
3. An Account of the buildings completed and erected by said Margaret A. on the lands of the said Thomas Griggs deceased since his death and her expenditures concerning the same together with evidence to show whether such expenditures were to the interest of said infants or not.
4. An Account of any matters specially stated deemed pertinent by myself, or which may be required by any of the parties to be specially stated.

Given under my hand, as Commissioner in Chancery of said Court, this 18th, day of  
November 1886

WILBUR J. KILBY,  
Commissioner in Chancery.

Sufficient and legal service of this notice  
is hereby acknowledged and accepted by us  
severally this 20 day of Nov 1886.

Mr M A Holland

Jno R Holland

R R Smith

Peter B. Prentiss, guardian of the  
for Laura B, Eddie O,  
Wilbur J and Jessie  
Biggs, infants, under  
the age of twenty-one years

At a Circuit Court continued and held for  
Harrison County, the 12th day of October 1886.

Thomas E. Griggs, an infant &c. who sues by  
Robert R. Smith his next friend . . . Complainant  
Against ~~J. In.~~ In. Chancery.

Margaret A. Holland late widow of  
Thomas Griggs, deceased, and as such  
Administratrix of Thomas Griggs, deceased,  
John R. Holland and Margaret A. his wife,  
Laura B. Griggs, Eddie C. Griggs, Wilbur  
J. Griggs and Jesse Griggs by their guardian  
ad. litem. Defendants

This cause coming on to be heard the 12th day of October  
1886, upon the bill, the answer in person of the adult defen-  
dants, John R. Holland and Margaret A. his wife, the late  
widow of Thomas Griggs, deceased, the same Margaret A.  
late Margaret A. Griggs, and as such Administratrix of  
Thomas Griggs, deceased, and of the infant defendants  
Laura B. Griggs, Eddie C. Griggs, Wilbur J. Griggs and  
Jesse Griggs, by Peter B. Painter their guardian ad  
litem, who is assigned as such to the said infant defendants  
to defend their interests in this suit, the replications thereto  
and the exhibits filed was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof the Court doth order, adjudge  
and decree that Wm Rogers, Isaiah Langston, Richard  
H. Brunkley, Jacob Lawshe and Amos Wilson, who are  
hereby appointed commissioners for the purpose, any three  
of whom may act, do go upon the land in the foregoing  
mentioned, of which the late Thomas Griggs was seized  
of an estate of inheritance during his marriage with  
the said Margaret A., and assign and allot to the said Margaret  
A. widow of the said Thomas Griggs by metes and bounds

One equal third part in value of the said land as her dower therein, and if for the proper performance of duties under this decree it become necessary in the opinion of the said commissioners, who may act hereunder, they are authorized and directed to employ a competent surveyor, who shall lay off the said land or such part thereof as may be necessary, and make a plat thereof, and the said commissioners are directed to report their proceedings hereunder to the Court, and

On consideration whereof the Court doth further order adjudge and decree that the said Margaret S. Holland, late Margaret S. Grigg and as such Administratrix of Thomas Grigg deceased, do render full, true and perfect accounts before one of the commissioners of this Court, as follows.

1st: An account of all her transactions as administratrix of Thomas Grigg, deceased, producing all necessary papers and vouchers in her possession or under her control, relating to her transactions as such administratrix

2nd: An account of all rents and profits of the real estate of which the said Thomas Grigg died seized and possessed and which she has held and enjoyed since the death of the said Thomas Grigg

3rd: An account of the buildings completed and erected by her on the lands of the said Thomas Grigg, deceased, since his death and her expenditures concerning the same, producing evidence to show whether such expenditures were to the interest of the infant defendants or not, and the commissioner is directed to examine, state and settle the said accounts, and make report thereof with any matters specially stated deemed pertinent by him-  
self or which may be argued by any of the parties

to be so stated.

a Copy

Teste:

Peter B. Prentiss. Clerk

Thomas Griggs, who <sup>and</sup> sued  
LC ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> E City Court.  
Minnest A. Holland tal.

Griggs etc.  
vs. } In Chy.

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Holland & al.

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Report of Transac-  
tions of Adminis-  
tratrix etc.

10 Jan. 1888.

1888 March 22nd. Filed.  
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In the Circuit Court of Nansemond County.

Thomas E. Griggs an infant  
or who sues by Robert R.  
Smith his next friend Complainant

vs. } In Chancery

Margaret A. Holland late widow of Thomas  
Griggs deceased and as such Administra-  
trix of Thomas Griggs deceased, John R.  
Holland and Margaret A. his wife  
Laura B. Griggs Eddie O. Griggs Wilbur  
J. Griggs and Jessie Griggs by their  
guardian ad litem Defendants

This cause coming on to be heard  
this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 1886 upon the  
bill, the answer in person of the adult  
defendants, John R. Holland and Mar-  
garet A. his wife, the late widow of  
Thomas Griggs deceased, the same Mar-  
garet A., late Margaret A. Griggs,  
and as such administratrix of Thom-  
as Griggs deceased, and of the infant  
defendants Laura B. Griggs, Eddie  
O. Griggs, Wilbur J. Griggs and Jessie  
Griggs by Peter B. Prentiss their

guardian ad litem, <sup>who is</sup> assigned as  
such to the said infant defendants  
to defend their interests in this suit;  
The replications thereto and the exhibit-  
its filed was argued by counsel.  
On consideration whereof the court  
doth order, judge and decree that  
W<sup>m</sup> Rogers Trajak Langston Richard  
H. Brintley Jacob Lawshe and Amos Wilson  
who are hereby appointed commissioners  
for the purpose, any three of whom  
may act, do go upon the land in  
the proceedings mentioned, of which  
the late Thomas Griggs was seized  
of an estate of inheritance during  
his marriage with the said Margaret A.  
and assign and allot to the said  
Margaret A. widow of the said Thomas  
Griggs by metes and bounds, one  
equal third part in value of the  
said land as her dower therein, and  
if for the proper performance of du-  
ties under this decree it become  
necessary in the opinion of the  
said commissioners, who may act  
hereunder, they are authorized and  
directed to employ a competent  
surveyor, who shall lay off the said

land or such part thereof as may be necessary, and make a plat thereof. And the said commissioners are directed to report their proceedings hereunder to the court and

On consideration whereof the court doth further order, judge and decree that the said Margaret A. Holland, late Margaret A. Griggs, and as such administratrix of Thomas Griggs deceased, do render full true and perfect accounts before one of the commissioners of this court as follows

1<sup>st</sup>. An account of all her transactions as administratrix of Thomas Griggs deceased, producing all necessary papers and vouchers in her possession or under her control, relating to her transactions as such administratrix.

2<sup>d</sup> An account of all the rents and profits of the real estate of which the said Thomas Griggs died seized and possessed, and which she has held and enjoyed since the death of the said Thomas Griggs.

3<sup>d</sup> An account of the buildings completed and erected by her on the lands of the said Thomas Griggs deceased.

ed since his death and her expendi-  
 tures concerning the same, producing  
 evidence to show whether such expend-  
 itures were to the interest of the  
 infant defendants or not  
 and the commission is directed  
 to examine, state and settle the  
 said accounts, and make report there-  
 of with any matters specially stated  
 seemed pertinent by himself, or which  
 may be required by any of the parties  
 to be stated.

Thomas G. Groggs  
 who sues &c.

Decree

Margaret A. Holland  
 and others

October 12<sup>th</sup> 1886

To be entered

Ge. W. Deed.

86 of 883 No 2 p 98

Thos. E. Griggs an infant etc.

vs.

Margaret A. Holland & al.

With the consent of parties given in open Court and hereby entered of record, it is ordered that this cause may be submitted to the judge of this Court in vacation for decision, or decree to be made therein, in vacation.

Griggs, infant etc.

vs. } In Chy.

Holland & al

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In the Circuit Court  
of Nausemond County  
11<sup>th</sup> October 1887

Order

To be entered

C. H. H. C.

Entered Chancery order  
Book No. 2. p. 157.

Thomas E. Griggs an infant who sues &c  
vs

Margaret A. Griggs, late widow and Administratrix of Thomas Griggs decd &c &c

This Cause came on this day to be again heard upon the papers formerly read, the report of Jacob Lawshe, R. H. Brinkley, Wm. D. Rogers, Amos Wilson and Trajah Langston, Commissioners appointed to allot to the defendant, Margaret A. Griggs, her dower in the lands of her late husband, Thomas Griggs, decd, the report of Milbur J. Hilby, Commissioner, filed since the last hearing of this Cause, to which reports no exceptions have been filed, and was argued by Counsel. On Consideration whereof the Court doth ratify, approve and confirm said reports, and doth order, adjudge and decree that Margaret A. Holland, late widow of and Thomas Griggs decd be seized for and during the term of her natural life of the land allotted to her, as and for her dower in her said husband's estate, by the report aforesaid, according to the rules and forms therein designated.

Another Cause is continued &c

Spiggs, an infant &c  
of Machinery-  
Manufacture. Holland & al,

Decree Confirming  
Reports

1888 10 April.

To be entered  
C. W. Hill

Entered by order  
Book No 2, P. 192

Griggs her friend

vs.

Holland & al.

This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read and was argued by Counsel.

On consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that the Complainant recover of the defendants or any one or more of them. ~~Her costs in this behalf.~~ ~~ex~~ the costs of this suit to be taxed by the Clerk of this Court and this cause is continued.

Inggs per friend  
vs. } In Chy

Holland - Sal

In the Circuit  
Court of cause-  
mand County  
October 11th. 1888

Decree

To be entered  
at once

Enter by O.B. No 2  
D - 218

To the Circuit Court of Nausemond  
County.

The joint and separate answer of  
Laura B. Griggs, Eddie O. Griggs, Milburn  
Griggs and Jessie Griggs, infants under  
the age of twenty-one, children of Thomas  
Griggs, deceased, by Peter B. Prentiss, Their  
guardian ad litem, to a Bill in  
Chancery exhibited in said Court, by  
Thomas E. Griggs, an infant, under the  
age of twenty-one years, <sup>who sues by Robert R. Smith his next friend,</sup> against them to the  
These Respondents say that the facts  
set forth in said Bill, are true so  
far as they know, but being  
infants & ignorant of their rights  
in the premises submit the same  
to the Court, and pray that no  
order or decree may be made  
in the premises, inconsistent  
with their rights.

(Signed)

Peter B. Prentiss.

Gdn: ad litem

Thomas E. Griggs, an infant,  
who sees &c

To <sup>the</sup> In Chgo  
Margaret N. Holland,  
late widow of Thomas Griggs  
decd &c.

Receiver of Infants

compensation for the past transactions of her administration. She denies however that her failure to settle her accounts periodically as required by law ought to be imputed to her as more than technical or constructive laches, and she avers that no actual loss or injury to any one has resulted or will result from it.

The respondent further avers that guided solely by a desire to advance the interests of the estate and finding upon assuming the said administration certain buildings begun in the life time of her late husband the said Thomas Griggo and in course of erection at the time of his death and certain materials for other buildings contemplated by her said husband the said Thomas Griggo and in ignorance of her authority to deal with the personal assets of the estate she out of those assets proceeded to complete and erect said buildings an account of which buildings and the expense thereof she prays may be made before

The joint answer of John R. Holland and Margaret A his wife, late widow of Thomas Griggs deceased, the same Margaret A. late Margaret A Griggs and as such administratrix of Thomas Griggs deceased, to a bill of complaint exhibited against them and others in the Circuit

Court of Hansemond County by Thomas E. Griggs who is an infant under the age of twenty-one years & who sues by Robert R. Smith his next friend.

The respondent reserving to herself the benefit of all just exceptions to the said bill, for answer thereto, or to so much thereof as she is advised is material that she should answer, answers and says,

That true it is that Thomas Griggs died at the time alleged in the bill, being intestate, and possessed of real and personal estate, leaving as his heirs the children therein named and the respondent his widow, who as the bill alleges has since intermarried with one John R. Holland; that the respondent became as is in the bill stated the said Thomas Griggs's administratrix and that in that capac-

ity she entered upon the administration of his estate receiving all the decedent's personal estate whereof a true inventory and appraisement is exhibited with the bill; that she has since her intermarriage continued in possession but without the knowledge however that such marriage worked any extinguishment of her power as administratrix and she avers that this ought not to be imputed to her as wrong such fact being foreign to her intelligence.

The respondent confesses without hesitancy that true it is that she has remained, since her late husband's the said Thomas Griggs's death in possession of his real estate and this she is advised she had a perfect right to do without being chargeable for the same, her power never having yet been assigned her. And the respondent avers that this complaint is both bold and groundless inasmuch as although the respondent was entitled by law to one-third of the rents and profits of the lands for her own use, yet she has freely afforded a

shelter and a home to the complainant and her co-defendants, the children named in the bill, and certainly never at any time received as much as one-third of the profits of the lands but of this as well as of all other matters pertaining to the closing of the administration of the estate she concurs with the complainant in desiring that the accounts of her administration may be settled before a commissioner of this court.

The respondent further concurs with the complainant in asking that her dower be assigned (which she prays may be done without delay) being entirely willing to take her portion in severalty.

The respondent in answer further says that she believed, in the ignorance of business incident to her sex, that a formal settlement of her administration would be superfluous, and should the complainant insist upon it; she has nothing to allege why she should not suffer the penalty of the forfeiture of all

a commissioner of this court and  
that evidence be taken to enquire  
whether such an expenditure has  
not been of great benefit and with-  
out ~~injury~~ to the estate.

The respondent denies all fraud, un-  
lawful combination and confederacy,  
and having fully answered the  
complainant's bill, prays to be hence  
dismissed with her reasonable costs  
in this behalf expended, and she will  
ever pray &c.

John B. Holland

Margaret A. Holland.

John B. Holland }  
John B. Pinner } p. s.

Virginia

County of Hanover to-wit:-  
This day personally appeared before  
me William T. Pinner a Notary Public  
for the County and State aforesaid  
John B. Holland and Margaret A.  
Holland whose answer is above written  
and made oath that the statements  
contained in the said answer, so far  
as made of their own knowledge  
are true and so far as made from

knowledge or information derived from  
others they believe to be true.  
Given under my hand this 11<sup>th</sup> day  
of October, in the year 1886.

Millard T. Pinner

A. P.

John R. Holland  
& Margaret A. Holland  
ads. In Chancery  
Thomas E. Griggs  
who cues re

Answer)

# Inventory and Appraisement of the Personal Property of Thomas Griggs Dec<sup>r</sup>.

|   |                                                 |        |
|---|-------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 2 | Beds, Steads and furniture @ \$25 <sup>00</sup> | 50 00  |
| 1 | Bureau @ 6 <sup>00</sup>                        | 6 00   |
| 1 | Wash stand, Bowl and Pitcher                    | 3 00   |
| 4 | Chairs and (1) Towel Rack                       | 2 25   |
| 1 | Carpet                                          | 2 00   |
| 3 | Window Curtains and looking Glass               | 2 00   |
| 1 | Table and 1 Lamp                                | 1 00   |
| 2 | Beds and steads @ \$20 <sup>00</sup>            | 40 00  |
| 1 | Wardrobe and Looking Glass                      | 5 00   |
| 1 | Wash stand and Curtains                         | 1 50   |
| 1 | Crib and Dick                                   | 2 00   |
| 1 | Stair Carpet                                    | 2 00   |
| 1 | Hat Rack                                        | 8 00   |
| 1 | Folding Table                                   | 2 00   |
| 1 | Hall oil Cloth and Mat                          | 2 00   |
| 1 | Parlor Suit, Carpet and Curtains                | 100 00 |
| 1 | Bureau                                          | 10 00  |
| 2 | Tables                                          | 15 00  |
| 1 | Sewing Machine                                  | 10 00  |
| 1 | Cafe                                            | 8 00   |
| 6 | Chairs                                          | 1 50   |
| 1 | Carpet in Dining Room                           | 3 00   |
| 1 | Hat Rack and Lamp                               | 1 50   |
| 1 | Clock                                           | 5 00   |
| 1 | Bureau                                          | 8 00   |
| 6 | Chairs                                          | 4 00   |
| 1 | Dressing Table                                  | 2 50   |
| 1 | Stove and Fixtures                              | 6 00   |
| 1 | Table (1) Rack (1) Bowl and (1) Pitcher         | 2 50   |
| 1 | Carpet                                          | 10 00  |
| 4 | Curtains                                        | 5 00   |

amt carried over \$320 75

# Inventon and Appraisement of the Personal Property of Thomas Griggs Decd. (continued)

|                                                                                                      |          |           |   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|---|
| Amb. boat over                                                                                       |          | \$320.75  |   |
| Kitchen Furniture                                                                                    |          | 75 00     |   |
| 1 Cow                                                                                                |          | 5 00      |   |
| 1 Buggy and set Harness                                                                              |          | 50 00     |   |
| 1 Cart and wheels                                                                                    |          | 8 00      |   |
| 2 Cattle                                                                                             |          | 10 00     |   |
| 2 Sows and 12 Pigs                                                                                   |          | 22 00     |   |
| 500 lbs Bacon                                                                                        | @ 9¢     | 45 00     |   |
| 10 Bbls Corn                                                                                         | @ \$2.50 | 25 00     |   |
| 1000 lbs Fodder                                                                                      | @ 1¢     | 10 00     |   |
| 1 Sorel Mare                                                                                         |          | 40 00     |   |
| 1 Set Farming Implements                                                                             |          | 5 00      |   |
| 1 Note vs. W. D. Rodgers dated Jan 12th, 1880                                                        |          | 555.75    |   |
| 1 Bond vs. D. W. Duke & G. B. Smith dated May 12th 1879                                              |          | 70 00     | ✓ |
| 1 Bond vs. Bailers & Smith dated Sept 23 <sup>d</sup> 1882                                           |          | 200 00    | ✓ |
| 1 Note vs. Daniel Brothers dated<br>May 20th 1882                                                    |          | 1000 00   | ✓ |
|                                                                                                      | \$324.09 |           |   |
| Credit July 11th 1883 -                                                                              | 130.00   |           |   |
| Credit June 3 <sup>d</sup> 1884 -                                                                    | 100.00   | 230.00    |   |
| 1 Note vs. Jno. F. Little dated Mch<br>3 <sup>d</sup> 1880 - Bal due to Aug 27 1884                  | \$97.03  |           |   |
| 1 Note vs. Jno. F. Little and son dated<br>Balance due to 27th Aug. 1884                             | 184.51   |           |   |
| 1 Note vs. Jno. F. Little dated<br>Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup> 1879. Bal due to 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug. 1884 | 118.46   |           |   |
|                                                                                                      | \$400.00 |           |   |
| Credit Nov. 27. 1884 -                                                                               | \$45.00  |           |   |
| Credit Feb 18, 1885                                                                                  | 10.00    |           |   |
| Credit Mar. 27 1885                                                                                  | 10.00    | 65        |   |
| 1 Due Bill vs. G. Ward                                                                               |          | 335 00    | ✓ |
| 1 Due Bill vs Mrs. M. A. Rogers                                                                      |          | 10 00     | ✓ |
|                                                                                                      |          | 3 00      | ✓ |
| Balance in Bank                                                                                      |          | 852 15    | ✓ |
| 1 Note due May 5. 1885 vs. H. A. Smith                                                               |          | 325 00    | ✓ |
|                                                                                                      |          | \$3644 99 |   |

R. E. Parker  
H. E. Smith } Appraisers  
C. J. Norment }

Maggie <sup>her</sup> X Griggs Adm<sup>x</sup>  
Mark

Witness Peter B. Prentiss

Virginia  
Nausemond County, to wit

J. C. H. Causey, Commissioner of ac-  
counts, of the County aforesaid, in the  
State of Virginia, do hereby certify, that  
having examined the foregoing In-  
ventory and Appraisement of the  
Chattel Estate of Thomas Griggs de-  
ceased. I find the same in proper form.

Given under my hand this  
15th: day of May 1885

C. H. Causey Commissioner of Accounts

In the Clerk's Office of Nausemond County  
Court, the 15th: day of May, 1885.

This Inventory and Appraisement was  
this day filed, duly certified, and thereupon  
admitted to record.

Teste:

Peter B. Prentiss Clerk.

A copy

Teste:

Peter B. Prentiss Clerk

A copy <sup>xind</sup>  
Inventory and Appraisement  
of the  
Personal Property  
of

Thomas Griggs Deceased.

"B"

At a Monthly Court continued  
and held for the County of Nausemond  
on the 19th: day of March 1885.

On the Motion of Maggie A. Griggs,  
who made oath as the law directs, and  
entered into a bond, in the penalty of Four  
Thousand Dollars, conditioned accor-  
ding to law with Robert R. Smith her  
surety therein (who justified on oath  
as to his sufficiency and which said  
bond being acknowledged by the obligors  
therein is ordered to be recorded certifi-  
cate is granted the said Maggie A.  
Griggs for obtaining letters of adminis-  
tration on the estate of Thomas Griggs  
deceased in due form,  
a copy. Dated:

Peter B. Prentiss. Clerk

Copy X<sup>nd</sup>  
Order of qualification  
of  
Maggie A. Griggs.

"A"

To the Hon. George Blow Judge of  
the Circuit Court of Hants County.

Your orator Thomas E. Griggs, who is an  
infant under the age of twenty one  
years and who dies by Robt R. Smith  
his next friend, humbly complaining,  
showeth unto your honor.

That his father Thomas Griggs, late of  
Hants County, some time in the  
year 1884 departed this life; intestate,  
seised and possessed of a large real  
and personal estate, leaving a widow  
Margaret A. who has since intermar-  
ried with one Geo R. Holland and of five  
children to wit: your orator, Laura  
B. Griggs, Eddie A. Griggs, Wilbur J. Griggs  
and Jessie Griggs, all infants under  
the age of twenty one years, him sur-  
viving.

The said Thomas Griggs died intestate  
and the said Margaret A. his widow,  
shortly after his death, by appointment  
of the County Court of Hants County, duly  
qualified, according to law as his adminis-  
tratrix and proceeded to take possession  
and administer his estate. A Certificate  
of her qualification is hereto annexed mark-  
ed "A" and exhibited as a part of this bill.

Your orator charges that upon her said qualification as such Administratrix, she took possession of all the decedent's personal estate, made and returned an inventory thereof which was duly recorded, a copy of which, marked "B" is herewith exhibited as a part of this bill, and that she has ever since continued in possession, notwithstanding her marriage with the said Jno. R. Holland, and the consequent extinguishment of her powers as such Administratrix.

Your orator further charges that she has also, ever since the decedent's death, continued to hold and enjoy the whole of the real estate of which said decedent was seized at the time of his death, consisting of a tract of land in Hanscom County, containing 200 acres, more or less, adjoining Ro. Reddick. Dike & also of the tract of land known as the "A. R. Smith" tract, near Suffolk and certain lots on Wallons Street in the town of Suffolk.

Your orator also charges that the debts of the decedent, his father have long since been paid, and that no reason exists why the administration of his estate should not and thus have been closed, and that having inter-

married as aforesaid, another power as such  
Administration being thereby revoked, it is  
absolutely essential that it should be  
closed. Yet the said Margaret A. has  
not made any distribution of the personalty  
in her hand as such Administration, nor has  
she at any time since her said quali-  
fication once settled the accounts of her  
Administration. Your orator further char-  
ges, that she has since his father's the de-  
cedent's death, received the rents and profits  
of his real estate and has never paid  
any portion thereof to your orator  
or to any of the Coheirs of the said Thomas  
Giggs dec'd.

Your <sup>orator</sup> believes it would be to the advan-  
tage of the heirs of said Thomas <sup>dec'd</sup> ~~Giggs~~ to  
have the power of said Margaret A. in the  
land of which he dec'd seized as of an es-  
tate of inheritance during the coverture  
assigned to her.

Your orator also avers and believes that  
there is now in the hand of said Margaret  
A. late Administration as aforesaid a large  
surplus which ought to be distributed  
among the heirs of said Thomas ~~Giggs~~.  
Your orator also asks that in the progress  
of this suit proper counsel fees for the

for the preparation of this bill and the  
conduct of these proceedings may be al-  
lowed and paid.

For as much therefore as your orator  
is seemingly sure in a Court of Equity,  
where matters of this kind are alone and  
properly cognizable your orator prays  
that the said Margaret A. Holland, late  
widow of and Thomas Gigg's dec'd. the same  
Margaret A. late Margaret A. Gigg's and  
as such Administratrix of and Thomas Gigg's  
dec'd, Mrs. A. Holland and said Margaret A.  
her wife, Laura B. Gigg's, Eddie O. Gigg's,  
William J. Gigg's and Jessie Gigg's may be  
made parties defendant to this bill  
and required to answer the same, that  
proper guardians ad litem may be appointed  
to defend the interests of the infant defen-  
dants in this suit; that the said Margaret  
A. may say whether or not all the debts  
of said Thomas Gigg's have been paid; whether  
there is now in her hands a large  
surplus distributable among said Thomas  
Gigg's distributees, and how much.

Your orator further prays that the said  
Margaret A. may be required to appear  
before one of the Commissioners of this  
Court

a free, true and perfect account of her  
actings and doings as said Administratrix  
as aforesaid of said Thomas Guggs died; that  
distribution be decreed to be made amongst  
the distributees of said Thomas Guggs died of  
the surplus still remaining in her hands,  
ascertained to be distributable; that  
dower may be assigned to said Margaret  
A. in all the lands of which her late husband  
during the coverture, was seized as of an  
estate of inheritance and of which he died  
so seized; that the said Margaret A. be  
required to account for the rents and  
profits of said real estate which she has held  
and enjoyed since said Thomas Guggs death;  
that proper Counsel fees be allowed; and  
that all such other, further and general  
relief may be afforded your orator as the  
nature of this case may require or he shall  
shall seem meet and your orator will ever  
pray &c.

E. E. Hall and  
John B. Pinner *Attorneys*

<sup>E. E. Holland</sup>  
~~John P. Hume~~  
Thomas C. Migg  
who must be  
Dr. Chaucer  
Margaret A. Hollander

Nan. Howard Co. Co.

Thomas E. Griggs, an infant, who sues &c  
vs { Chy: Notes

Margaret A. Holland, late widow of Thomas Griggs, dec'd Sal.  
1886. Sept. 1st: Sum. in Chy: joined to Sept: Rules, 1886.

" " 6th: Bill & filed - Decree in si vs adult depts

" " " Peter B. Prentiss, appointed gen: ad litem to -  
the infant depts: who filed their answer  
to which there was a genl: reply & cause set  
for hearing, as to them.

" Octo: 4th: Decree in si: Cause & Cause set for hearing on mo: of Mf's Council

" " 12<sup>th</sup>: Answer of adult depts, filed by leave of the Court  
& decree for Accos: to assign a Decree

1887. July 2<sup>d</sup>: Report of Council: to assign Decree for

" Octo: 11<sup>th</sup>: order making Cause a variation Cause

1888 March 22<sup>d</sup>: Report of transactions of Administrative  
filed

Chy: Notes

# Costs.

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| Clerk        | 10.      |
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| Atty. Stax   | 51.50    |
|              | <hr/>    |
|              | \$ 76.50 |

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| Commissions  | 65.  |
| Auctioneer.  | 20.  |
| Advertising. | 7.50 |

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| Deed to T. R. Smith | 5. |
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A. D. Gomer  
Clerk

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S. L. Bloomberg,  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,  
NOTARY PUBLIC,  
1407 E. BROAD ST. RICHMOND, VA.

Oct. 2 " 1894.

R. R. Prentiss Esq  
Att at Law  
Suffolk Va

Dear Sir. I herewith enclose your petition of Laura D  
Brinkley in the Chancery cause of Griggs vs Griggs et al.  
which please file & prepare decree authorizing you  
to check upon the fund to the credit of the court, belong-  
ing to the said Laura D Brinkley & after deducting  
your fee for services rendered, please mail me  
check for the residue as her Counsel

I Oblege Yours Truly  
S. L. Bloomberg

405.<sup>07</sup>  
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Laura D. Alford

against

Preston W. Alford

Plff

Def

In Chancery

This Cause having regularly matured at Rules came on this day to be heard upon the Bill of complaint and the depositions taken before William Flegenheimer, Notary Public (in pursuance to notice given to the defendant) on behalf of the plaintiff and filed with the papers in this Cause and was argued by Counsel.

On consideration whereof the Court being of opinion that the charge of adultery against the defendant, made in plaintiff's Bill, is fully proven by the evidence in the case, independent of the admissions or confession of either party in the pleadings or otherwise and that the plaintiff has been domiciled in the State of Virginia for more than one year before this Court was instituted, doth adjudge, order and decree that the marriage heretofore solemnized between the plaintiff Laura D. Alford, and the defendant, Preston W. Alford, be, and the same is hereby dissolved and annulled.

And it appearing from the evidence to the satisfaction of the Court that the said Preston W. Alford is not a proper person to have the custody of the infant child the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that the plaintiff, Laura D. Alford, shall have the care and custody of her daughter Eva

Alford  
,  
Alford  
Exhibit No. 3.

with Bill of  
Mrs. C. Griggs

N.  
C. Griggs. V.P.

Alford, during the minority of the said Edna  
Alford, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.  
x x And nothing further remaining  
whenever in this cause, at this time, it is or-  
dered that the same be removed from the  
Docket, with leave to either party for good  
cause shown to have same re-instated  
In Testimony  
Teste, Chas. W. Giddin, Clerk

# This Deed,

made the 16th \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of June \_\_\_\_\_ in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and eighty-four between Robert R. Smith \_\_\_\_\_  
and Laura B. \_\_\_\_\_ his wife of the  
Town of Suffolk, County of Nausemound in the State of Virginia  
of the one part, and Thomas Griggs, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ of the County and State \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ of the other part, **Witnesseth**: That in con-  
sideration of the sum of Two thousand (2000) dollars

the said  
Robert R. Smith and Laura B. \_\_\_\_\_  
his wife, do grant with general warranty, unto the said Thomas Griggs  
\_\_\_\_\_ and to his heirs and assigns, forever, the  
following real estate, to wit: all that tract, piece or parcel of  
land, situate, lying and being in the County of \_\_\_\_\_  
and near the Town of Suffolk, \_\_\_\_\_, and bounded  
and described as follows: Beginning at the Centre of a  
ditch, and running in a Northerly direction, along the  
line of the Somerton road, two hundred and thirty  
four (234) feet to the Southern edge of a ditch; thence  
Eastwardly, along the line of said ditch, three  
hundred (300) feet: thence, in a Southerly Course  
Two hundred and fifty eight (258) feet, and thence  
in a Westerly direction three hundred and forty  
two (342) feet to the beginning, containing about  
One and three fourths acres, more or less,

together with all and singular the appurtenances belonging to the same.

And the said Robert R. Smith covenants that he has the right to convey the said land to the said grantee; that the said grantee shall have quiet possession of the said land; that he has done no act to encumber the said land; and that he will execute such further assurances of the said land as may be requisite.

Witness the following signatures and seals:

R. R. Smith [SEAL.]

Witnesses:

Laura B. Smith [SEAL.]

State of Virginia,  
County of Nansemond,

To wit:

I, Peter B. Prentiss, a Commissioner in Chancery of the Circuit Court, in and for the county aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do certify that Laura B. Smith, the wife of Robert R. Smith, whose names are signed to the writing above, bearing date the 16th day of June, 1884, personally appeared before me in the county aforesaid, and being duly examined by me privily and apart from her husband, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Laura B. Smith, acknowledged the said writing to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same, and does not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this 16th day of June eighteen hundred and eighty-four.

Peter B. Prentiss.  
Commr. in Chy

Virginia,

County of Nansemond

To wit:

I, Peter B. Prentiss, a Commissioner in Chancery of the Circuit Court in and for the said county, in the State of Virginia, do certify that Robert R. Smith, whose name is signed to the writing above, bearing date the 16th day of June, 1884, has acknowledged the same before me in the county aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 16th day of June, 1884

Peter B. Prentiss.  
Commr. in Chy

In the Clerk's Office of Nansemond County Court, the 16th day of June 1884.  
This Deed was presented with the certificates annexed, and admitted to record.

Teste: Peter B. Prentiss, Clerk.

Exhibit No. 1.

with Bill of  
Thos. E. Griggs

N.  
Edw. O. Griggs V.

Deed of Bargain and Sale.

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Robert R. Smith & wife

TO

Thomas Griggs

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June 16th. <sup>1884</sup> Presented in the  
Clerk's Office, with the certificates  
annexed & A.R.

Examined and verified  
R. R. Smith Clerk

Recorded Deed Book  
No 13. page 318

Pay heedg. see hand. \$3<sup>25</sup> M.

**This Deed,** made the 6th day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five between Robert R. Smith and Laura B. his wife, of the Town of Suffolk of the county of Nansemond, and State of Virginia, of the one part, and Thomas

Griggs of the county of Nansemond and State of Virginia, of the other part, witnesseth: That the said Robert R. Smith and Laura B. his wife

in consideration of the sum of One hundred and fifty (150) dollars do grant with general warranty, unto the said Thomas Griggs,

and to his heirs and assigns forever, the following real estate, to wit: <sup>Parcels of</sup> First: a lot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the County aforesaid, near the Town of Suffolk, on the East side of the Swanton road, and described, as follows: Beginning at the South-West corner of said Thomas Griggs' land, and then running South or as the said road runs, Fifty (50) feet, then running East, along the lands of said Robert R. Smith, One hundred and fifty (150) feet, then running North, along said Smith's lands, Fifty (50) feet, and then running West along the said Smith's and Griggs' lands to the beginning on the road, One hundred and fifty (150) feet.

Second: a lot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the County aforesaid, also near the Town of Suffolk, on the West side of Wellens road or a prolongation of Wellens street, beginning at a point, Sixty (60) feet from the corner of a new building: Then running North, along said road or street, Fifty (50) feet, then running West, along the land of said Robert R. Smith, One hundred and fifty (150) feet, then running South, along said Smith's land, Fifty (50) feet, and then running East, One hundred and fifty (150) feet to the beginning on said road or street: the second parcel of the land hereby conveyed, being a portion of that which was conveyed to said Robert R. Smith, by deed, from Jacob Lusk and wife, dated the 3rd day of June 1884, duly recorded in Deed Book No. 13, page 305, together with all and singular the appurtenances belonging to the same.

And the said Robert R. Smith

covenants that he has the right to convey the said land to the grantee; that the said grantee shall have quiet possession of said land; that he has done no act to encumber the said land; and that he will execute such further assurances of the said land as may be requisite.

Witness the following signatures and seals:

WITNESSES:

R R Smith  
L B Smith



IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE of Nansemond County Court, the 6th day of February 1885. This deed was presented and acknowledged by Robert R. Smith and Laura B. his wife to be their act and deed. And the said Laura B. Smith

being examined by me privily and apart from her husband, and having said deed fully explained to her acknowledged that she had willingly executed the same and wished not to retract it. Whereupon said deed is admitted to record.

TESTE,

Peter B. Prentiss. CLERK.

Exhibit No. 2.  
with Bill of  
Thos. E. Griggs

W.  
Edw. D. Griggs T.

Robert R. Smith & wife

To S. Dood

Thomas Griggs

1885  
July 6th: Presented and acknowl-  
edged in the Clerk's Office by  
Robert R. Smith & wife, RR

Examined & verified  
R. R. Smith Clerk

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Recorded Deed Book  
No 14 page 272

$$\begin{array}{r} 1700 \\ 566.6 \\ 591.1 \\ \hline 244.4 \end{array}$$

Grigg v. Griggs &c

Gross proceeds.  $\$2800.50$   
 Costs (inc. 3 deeds.  $184.01$

$2616.49$

Mrs. Margt. A. Holland's share  $591.11$   
 $246 \text{ yds. old.}$   $2025.38$

Mrs. E. Griggs share  $405.07$   
 $2025.35$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3) 2616.50 \\ 872.16 \\ \hline 5232.96 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 5) 2025.38 \\ 405.07 \\ 150. \\ \hline 255.07 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 8) 2025.38 \\ 405.07 \\ 150. \\ \hline 255.07 \\ 25 \\ \hline 254.82 \\ 150.25 \\ \hline 205.07 \end{array}$$

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| <del>405.19</del> | 405.07         |
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| <del>591.11</del> | 591.11         |
| <del>184</del>    | 184.01         |
| <u>2800.90</u>    | <u>2800.50</u> |

$$\begin{array}{r} 574.08 \\ 405.07 \\ \hline 174.01 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1000 \\ 579.08 \\ \hline 420.92 \end{array}$$

Know All Men by These Presents,

That we,

Robert R

Prentiss and A S Darden

are held and firmly bound unto the COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA in the just and full sum of Four Thousand 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 obligation, 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 21st day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, and in the 117th year of the Commonwealth.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas the said Robert R Prentiss was appointed Special Commissioner in the chancery cause of Thomas E. Griggs against Edward O. Griggs and others by decree pronounced on the 15th day of September, 1892 by the Honorable C. W. Hill, Judge of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County;

Now Therefore if the said Robert R Prentiss shall faithfully discharge his duties as such Special Commissioner, then this obligation is to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Robert R Prentiss

A. S. Darden



In the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, on the

21st day of September 1892.

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

Teste:

A. P. Gomez

CLERK.

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Teste: A. P. Gomez clerk

Robert R Prentiss  
To } Spec Com. Bond  
Commonwealth

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1892  
September 21st

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Recorded in Official  
Bond Book No 1 Page 39

Griggs & others

AT RULES held in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for  
the County of Nansemond, on the 7th. day of March 1892.

Thomas E. Griggs

Complainant

v.

Edward O. Griggs, Wilbur J. Griggs, Jesse Griggs, Laura  
D. Alford, infants under the age of twenty one years, Mar  
garet A. Holland and John R. Holland, her husband. Defendants

On motion of the complainant by counsel, *John B*  
*Pinner* esquire, attorney at law, is assigned guardian  
to the defendants Edward O. Griggs, Wilbur J. Griggs, Jesse  
Griggs, and Laura D. Alford, who are infants, ~~## under~~ under  
the age of twenty one years, to defend them in this suit.

Tests:-

*A. J. Gomer Clerk*

Thomas E. Griggs

Order appointing

v.

Guard'n ad litem.

Edward O. Griggs &c.

*Filed March 7<sup>th</sup> 1892.*

Suffolk, Va. January 10, 1898.

Thomas E. Griggs

v.

Edward O. Griggs and others

To the Circuit Court of Nansemond County:

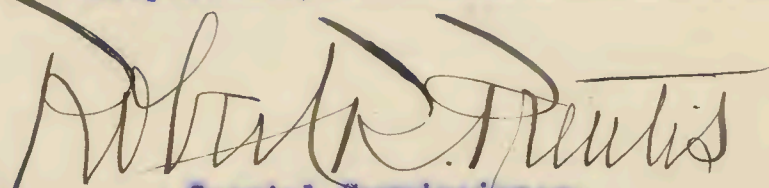
The undersigned, Soecial Commissioner begs leave to report that pursuant to decrees heretofore entered in this cause he has this day collected of Irajah Langstun his two bonds dated October 16, 1892, for \$33.50 each, given for the deferred installments of purchase money for the lot on Wellons Street heretofore sold to him. That the said lot has been conveyed to the said Langstun by the undersigned by deed with special warranty.

STATEMENT.

|                                    |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Principal of the two bonds         | \$67.        |
| Interest from Oct 10, 1892 to date | <u>21.10</u> |
| Making                             | \$88.10      |
| Paid for deed to purchaser         | <u>5.</u>    |
| Leaving                            | \$83.10      |

The balance \$83.10 has been deposited on interest (four per cent) in The Farmers Bank of Nansemond, and a certificate of deposit for the same is herewith returned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Special Commissioner.

Special Commissioner.

Respectfully submitted,

deposit for the same is herewith returned.

cent) in the Farmers Bank of Mansamond, and a certificate of

The balance \$23.10 has been deposited on interest (four per

leaving \$23.10

Paid for bond to purchaser.

making \$23.10

Interest from Oct 10, 1893 to date \$1.10

Principal of the two bonds \$21.00

Thomas E. Griggs

Special Commissioner.  
Showing collection  
of Dr. J. H. Langshur  
bond.

Edward A. Griggs & Co.

Date July 10, 1898  
Filed  
May 13, 1898,  
W. A. H.

1898 July 2nd Filed  
J. J. Gorman clerk

To the Circuit Court of Mansamond County:

Edward O. Griggs and others

v.

Thomas E. Griggs

Suffolk, Va. January 10, 1898.

Mr. *Thomas Griggs Est* Dr.

*Collected at Circuit Court; Apl Term 94*

1892.

*See Robt R. Prentiss.*  
TO H. E. SMITH, Treasurer of Nansemond County, Va.

| No.....                                        | State Tax,<br>30 cents on<br>the \$100. | State School<br>Tax, 10c. on<br>the \$100. | County Levy,<br>25c. on<br>the \$100. | Parish Levy,<br>5c. on<br>the \$100. | Co. School<br>Tax, 5c. on<br>the \$100. | Dis. School<br>Tax, 5c. on<br>the \$100. | Co. Road<br>Tax, 10c. on<br>the \$100. | TOTAL<br>AMOUNT OF<br>TAXES. |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| No. of Acres <i>202</i>                        |                                         |                                            |                                       |                                      |                                         |                                          |                                        |                              |
| Real Estate, value \$ <i>2605<sup>00</sup></i> | <i>7.82</i>                             | <i>261</i>                                 | <i>651</i>                            | <i>131</i>                           | <i>131</i>                              | <i>131</i>                               | <i>261</i>                             | <i>2348</i>                  |
| " Personal Prop'y, value \$.....               |                                         |                                            |                                       |                                      |                                         |                                          |                                        |                              |
| " Income, &c., value \$.....                   |                                         |                                            |                                       |                                      |                                         |                                          |                                        |                              |
| " Poll Taxes.....                              |                                         |                                            |                                       |                                      |                                         |                                          |                                        |                              |
| Total... ..                                    |                                         |                                            |                                       |                                      |                                         |                                          |                                        | <i>2348</i>                  |
| Five per cent. additional.....                 |                                         |                                            |                                       |                                      |                                         |                                          |                                        | <i>117</i>                   |
| Total.....                                     |                                         |                                            |                                       |                                      |                                         |                                          |                                        | <i>2465</i>                  |

Received Payment of *H. E. Smith*, Treasurer.  
*R. R. Prentiss Special Commissioner.*  
*OCTO 31<sup>st</sup> 94* *1611*

ROBERT R. PRENTIS,  
ATTORNEY AT LAW.

\$431.31

SUFFOLK, VA., October 30, 1894.

RECEIVED of Robert R. Prentis, Special Commissioner in the chancery cause of <sup>h</sup>Tomas E. Griggs v. Edward O. Griggs and others, pending in the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, Virginia, the sum of Four hundred and thirty one dollars and thirty one cents, in full and final settlement of all my interest in the real estate <sup>sold</sup> under decrees in the above entitled cause, and the proceeds of such sales, paid pursuant to decree of October 10th. 1894.

Witness:-

*L. L. Bomberg*

*Laura G. Brinkley*

Virginia:

At a circuit Court begun  
and held for the County of  
Nansemond at the Courthouse  
in the Town of Suffolk on  
Wednesday the 10th day of  
October A D 1894

Thomas E Griggs complainant

Against } In Chancery

Edward A Griggs Wilbur J Griggs

Jesse Griggs Laura D Alford

infants under the age of twenty

one years, Margaret A Holland

and John R Holland her husband

} Defendants

This cause came on this day to be further  
heard upon the papers formerly read, and upon  
the petition of Laura D Drinkley who was Laura  
D Alford the defendant showing that since  
the last term of the Court she has attained  
her majority and was argued by counsel.  
On consideration whereof the Court doth  
adjudge, order and decree that the prayer  
of the said petition be granted and Robert  
R Prentiss Special Commissioner is directed  
to collect of the Farmers Bank of Nansemond  
the fund on deposit to the Credit of this cause  
and out of the same pay the sum of \$24 <sup>65</sup>/<sub>100</sub>  
the unpaid taxes on the land heretofore  
sold under decrees in this cause, for

the year 1892, and also pay to the defendant  
 Laura D Brinkley, who was Laura D  
 Alford, or her Counsel, the sum of \$405.07  
 with interest thereon at the rate of four  
 per cent per annum from November  
 2nd 1892. until paid, less one fourth  
 of the taxes for 1892 above referred to,  
 in full and final settlement of all  
 her interest in the real estate sold  
 under decree in this cause and its  
 proceeds.

And he shall make report to Court.

A Copy

Teste:

J. P. Gomez Clerk.

Thomas C. Briggs  
 J. J. Decree

Edward A. Briggs Jr

Entered in Chancery  
 Order Book  
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489.07  
 9.12.92  
 489.07

Suffolk, Va., November 3rd. 1894

Thomas E. Griggs

v.

Edward O. Griggs and others

To the Circuit Court of Nansemond County:-

The undersigned, Special Commissioner in the above entitled cause, begs leave to report that in obedience to the decree of October 10th. 1894, he has collected the fund on deposit in the Farmers Bank of Nansemond to the credit of this cause and paid the unpaid taxes on the land heretofore sold under decrees in this cause, and also paid to Laura D. Brinkley her share of the proceeds of the sales of such land, as indicated by the statement below.

STATEMENT.

|                                                                           |                 |                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Cash collected on C. of D. for                                            | \$420.92        |                  |
| Principal                                                                 | \$420.92        | Interest \$32.07 |
|                                                                           |                 | \$452.99         |
| Cash collected on C. of D. for                                            | \$33.50         |                  |
| Principal                                                                 | \$33.50         | Interest \$2.56  |
|                                                                           |                 | 36.06            |
| Cash paid Laura D. Brinkley in full<br>and final settlement               |                 | \$431.31         |
| Cash paid unpaid taxes for 1892                                           | 24.65           |                  |
| Cash deposited to credit of the cause<br>in the Farmers Bank of Nansemond | 33.09           |                  |
|                                                                           | <u>\$489.05</u> | <u>\$489.05</u>  |

Vouchers for the disbursements, and Certificate of Deposit for \$33.09 deposited to the credit of the cause in the Farmers Bank of Nansemond are herewith returned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Robert R. Mantis*  
Special Commissioner.

Thomas C. Griggs

Report of  
N. S. Spl. Comm.

Showing  
Payment

Laura D. Brinkley to

Edward O. Griggs

1894 Nov. 6th.

Filed

A. P. Gomer clerk

1894 Nov 15

~~####~~ Suffolk, Va. April 1, 1893.

Thomas E. Griggs

v.

Edward O. Griggs and others

To the Circuit Court of Nansemond County:-

The undersigned, Special Commissioner in the above entitled cause, begs leave to report that since his report of October 18, 1892, Robert R. Smith, the purchaser of the tract of land in Cypress District, adjoining the lands of Emily A. Busby Parker Duke, Richard Baxter and others, has fully paid for the same, and it has been conveyed to him by deed with special warranty, in accordance with the decree of October 18, 1892.

Irajah Langstun, the purchaser of the lot in Suffolk, has only paid \$33.50 in cash, and has executed his bonds for the other two thirds of the purchase money, dated October 10, 1892, and payable respectively in one and two years from their dates. The said two bonds, each for the sum of \$33.50 are herewith returned. Margaret A. Holland the purchaser of the other real estate has paid nothing since the last report.

RECEIPTS.

|             |                         |         |
|-------------|-------------------------|---------|
| 1892 Oct 28 | Cash of Ro. R. Smith#   | \$1000. |
| Nov.15      | Cash of Irajah Langstun | 33.50   |

DISBURSEMENTS.

|              |                                                                            |           |           |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1892 Oct 28  | Paid Attys. fee and tax                                                    | \$ 51.50  |           |
|              | Paid fee for deed to Smith                                                 | 5.        |           |
|              | Paid Commission on \$2800.50                                               | 65.01     |           |
|              | Paid A. P. Gomer, Clerk                                                    | 10.       |           |
|              | Paid W. J. Kilby, Commr.                                                   | 15.       |           |
|              | Paid G. T. Parker, Crier                                                   | 20.       |           |
|              | Paid J. E. Booker, advertising                                             | 7.50      |           |
|              | Paid Thomas E. Griggs in full settlement of his interest in the land sold. | 405.07    |           |
| 1892 Nov 2   | Deposited in The Farmers Bank of Nansemond to the credit of this cause.    | 420.92    |           |
| 1892 Nov. 16 | Deposited in same Bank to credit of cause                                  | 33.50     |           |
|              |                                                                            | <hr/>     |           |
|              |                                                                            | \$1033.50 | \$1033.50 |

The said Certificates of Deposit and vouchers for all of the

above reported disbursements are herewith returned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Robert R. Dientis*  
Special Commissioner.

October 28th. 1892.

RECEIVED of Robert R. Prentis, Special Commissioner, in the  
Chancery cause of Thomas E. Griggs against Edward O. Griggs  
and others the several sums of money set opposite our respect-  
ive names.

*A. S. Gomes Clerk \$10.00*

*W. J. Kilby. Court. \$15.<sup>00</sup>*

*J. I. Parker. Griggs \$20.00*

*J. E. Booker Atty - \$7.50*

# 1892 October 31st. 1892.

RECEIVED of Robert R. Prentis, Special Commissioner in the  
Chancery cause of Thomas E. Griggs against Edward O. Griggs and  
others the sum of FOUR HUNDRED AND FIVE DOLLARS ~~FOUR HUNDRED AND~~  
AND SEVEN CENTS, in full and final settlement of my share of  
the purchase money of the real estate sold under decree in the  
said cause, of which my father Thomas Griggs died seised and  
possessed. My interest in the said real estate was one fifth, #  
subject to Margaret A. Holland's dower, and the residue of the  
purchase money for the said land belongs to my three brothers  
and my sister the defendants in the said suit.

WITNESS:-

*C. H. Causey Jr*

*Thos. E. Griggs*

Thos E. Griggs

Report of  
Disbursements  
+  
Deposits.

Edward O. Griggs V.

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Dated April 1. 1893.

1893 April 1st

Filed

Attest  
J. L. Loney

\$566.67 On demand after date, with legal interest from date  
until paid, payable

I bind my self, my heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, to pay to  
Robert R. Reutis Special Commissioner in case of *Griggs v. Griggs* his heirs or assigns,  
the sum of Five Hundred and sixty-six 67 DOLLARS,  
for value received; and I hereby waive the benefit of my Homestead Exemption as to  
this debt, obligation and contract.

Witness my hand and seal this 10th day of October 1892

Margaret A. Holland

Witness :

C. H. Bauser Jr.

SEAL

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\$ 566.67 One year after date, with legal interest from date  
until paid, payable

I bind my self, my heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, to pay to  
Robert R. Prentiss, Special Commissioner in case of Gigg v. Gigg <sup>his</sup> heirs or assigns,  
the sum of Five Hundred and sixty-six — 67 100 DOLLARS,  
for value received; and I hereby waive the benefit of my Homestead Exemption as to  
this debt, obligation and contract.

Witness my hand and seal this 10th day of October 1892

Witness :

C. H. Causey Jr.

Margret A. Holland



\$ 566.66

Two years

after date, with legal interest from date  
until paid, payable

I bind my self & my heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, to pay to  
Robert R. Prouty, Special Commissioner in case of Griggs v. Griggs & his heirs or assigns,  
the sum of Five Hundred and Sixty-Six <sup>100</sup>66 DOLLARS,  
for value received; and I hereby waive the benefit of my Homestead Exemption as to  
this debt, obligation and contract.

Witness my hand and seal this 10th day of October 1892.

Margaret F. Holland

SEAL

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Witness :

- C. H. Causey Jr.

# **AUCTION SALE** —OF— **Valuable Property!**

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## **THE THOMAS GRIGGS ESTATE**

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Pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of Nansemond county pronounced September 15, 1892, in the chancery suit of Thomas E. Griggs vs. Griggs and others, I will offer for sale at public auction, in front of the Courthouse of Nansemond county,

**ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1892**

(court day), at 12 o'clock M., the real estate of which Thomas Griggs died siesed and possessed, to wit:

1. That tract or parcel of land lying three or four miles from Suffolk, in Cypress district, adjoining the lands of Emily A. Busby, Parker Duke, Richard Baxter and others, said to contain about 200 acres, but the same will be sold in gross and not by the acre.

2. That vacant lot near the town of Suffolk fronting fifty feet on the west side of Wellons street and extending back or westwardly from said street one hundred and fifty feet.

3. That lot or parcel of land lying on the east side of Somerton road and bounded by the said road and the land of the South Suffolk Land Company.

**TERMS**—One-third cash and the residue in two equal instalments in one and two years from the day of sale. The credit instalments to be evidenced by bonds bearing interest from the date of the sale, and the title will be retained until the purchase money is fully paid.

**ROBERT R. PRENTIS, Special Commissioner.**

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I hereby certify that the bond required by the above-mentioned decree has been duly executed by the special commissioner therein named.

A. P. GOMER,

Clerk of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, Va.

1. Sold to Robin R. Smith  
for \$1000. —

2. Sold to Inayah Langston  
for \$100.<sup>50</sup> —

3. (a) 50 feet by 150 feet sold to M. A. Holland  
for \$300. —

(b.) 50 feet by 150 feet sold to M. A.  
Holland for \$300. —

(c.) residue 184 feet front sold to  
M. A. Holland for \$1100. —

J. L. Parker Clerk  
Oct 10/92

Suffolk Va.

October 18th. 1892.

Thomas E. Griggs

v.

Edward O. Griggs and others.

To the Honorable Chandler W. Hill, Judge of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County:-

The undersigned, Special Commissioner in the above entitled cause begs leave to report as follows:

That in obedience to the decree of September 15. 1892, the land described in these proceedings was sold, at public auction, in front of the court house door of Nansemond County <sup>on the 10th day of October 1892</sup> to the persons hereinafter named:-

1. That parcel of land in Cypress District adjoining the lands of Emily A. Busby, Parker Duke, Richard Baxter and others, was knocked off to Robert R. Smith for \$1000.
2. The vacant lot near the town of Suffolk, fronting 50 feet on the West side of Wellons Street and extending back or Westwardly from said Street 150 feet, was knocked off to Irajah Langston for \$100.50.

The parcel on the East side of the Somerton road was divided into two parcels and sold thus:-

3. The lot on the South side, fronting 50 feet on Somerton road, and running back or Eastwardly 150 feet was knocked off to Margaret A. Holland for \$300.
4. The residue of the land fronting 234 feet on Somerton road, including the main dwelling and the small dwelling next to it, on the South side, was knocked off to Margaret A. Holland for \$1400.

The Commissioner is informed that Robert R. Smith, and Irajah Langston desire to pay the whole of the purchase money for

the land knocked off to them, in cash, as soon as the sales are confirmed by the Court.

The said Margaret A. Holland, who is the widow of Thomas Griggs deceased, and has an interest in the purchase money as tenant in dower has paid no money because she claims that her interest in the purchase money will be more than sufficient to pay the one third of the purchase money on the lots bought by her which is due in cash.

She desires that her interest in such purchase money shall be ascertained and applied on account of the bonds for such purchase money.

She has executed her three bonds, one for \$566.67 payable on demand, another for \$566.67 payable one year after date, and the other for \$566.66 payable two years after date, all dated October 10th. 1892 bearing interest from their dates. The said bonds are herewith returned.

The said Margaret A. Holland desires to pay in addition to her interest as above stated, <sup>\$150.-</sup> in cash, on account of the purchase money due by her, and to have the parcel of land fronting <sup>50 feet</sup> on Somerton road and running back or Eastwardly 150 feet conveyed to her at once.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert R. Prather,  
Special Commissioner.

Thos E. Griggs

Report of  
Sales

Edw. O. Griggs V.

Dated Oct. 18. 1892

1892 October 18<sup>th</sup> Filed  
A. B. Homer clerk

CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY.

Thomas E. Griggs

v.

Edward O. Griggs and others

This cause came on this day to be further heard on the papers formerly read, and upon the report of Robert R. Prentis, Special Commissioner, dated the 10th. day of January 1898, and filed the *13th* day of *May* 1898, to which no exceptions have been taken, and was argued by counsel.

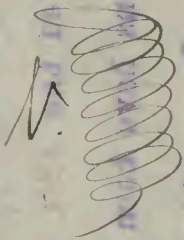
On consideration whereof, it appearing that the said Special Commissioner has collected the bonds of Irajah Langston, for the deferred installments of purchase money for the lot heretofore bought by him under decrees in this cause, and conveyed the same to such purchaser by deed, with special warranty, and deposited the net proceeds of such bonds, \$83.10, to the credit of this cause in The Farmers Bank of Nansemond; the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that the said report be, and the same is, hereby, in all respects, ratified, approved and confirmed.

And the cause is continued.

And the cause is continued.  
and confirmed.

and the same is, hereby, in all respects, ratified, approved  
Court both adjudge, order and decree that the said report be  
credit of this cause in The Farmers Bank of Mansfield; and

Thomas E. Griggs

 Edward

Edward O. Griggs

Enter this decree

May 13 1898

B. A. H.

Entered in

Chancery

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formerly read, and upon the report of Robert R. Prentiss, Spec-  
This cause came on this day to be further heard on the papers

Edward O. Griggs and others

v.

Thomas E. Griggs

CIRCUIT COURT OF MANSFIELD COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY.

Thomas E. Griggs

v.

Edward O. Griggs and others

This cause came on this day to be further heard upon the papers formerly read, and upon the Petition of Laura D. Brinkley, who was Laura D. Alford, the defendant, showing that since the last term of the Court she has attained her majority and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that the prayer of the said petition be granted, and Robert R. Prentis, Special Commissioner is directed to collect of the Farmers Bank of Nansemond the fund on deposit to the credit of this cause, and out of the same to pay the ~~sum of \$24.65~~ the unpaid taxes on the land heretofore sold under decrees in this cause, for the year 1892, and also to pay to the defendant Laura D. Brinkley, who was Laura D. Alford, or her counsel, the sum of \$405.07 with interest thereon at the rate of four per cent per annum from November 2nd. 1892, until paid, less one fourth of the taxes for 1892 above referred to, in full and final settlement of all her interest in the real estate sold under decree in this cause and its proceeds. And he shall make report to Court.

Thomas E. Griggs

v. Decree

Edward O. Griggs &c.

Enter October 10 1894.

*cmj*—

*Entered in Chancery  
Order Book No. 2.  
Page 564. —*

IN VACATION: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY, on the  
6<sup>th</sup> day of November 1894.

Thomas E. Griggs

v.

Edward O. Griggs and others

This cause came on this day by consent of parties, notice being expressly waived, to be heard upon the papers formerly read, and upon the report of Robert R. Prentis, Special Commissioner, showing that pursuant to the decree of October 10th 1894 he had paid the unpaid taxes on the land sold under decrees in this cause, and also paid to the defendant Laura D. Brinkley, who was Laura D. Alford her share of the proceeds of the lands sold under decrees in this cause, which report is dated November 3rd. 1894, and was filed this day, to which no exceptions have been taken, and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof the Court doth ratify, approve and confirm the said report ~~to the said report~~ and the payments thereby reported, including the deposit of the residue of the fund \$33.09 in the Farmers Bank of Nansemond to the credit of this cause, as shown by the Certificate of Deposit for that amount which is returned with the said report.

The cause is continued &c.

*C. M. H. C.*  
Nov 8 - 1894

Thomas E. Griggs

W. M. Drere

Edward D. Griggs.  
Jr.

To be entered

as

Apr 6, 1890

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Thomas E. Griggs

v.

Edward O. Griggs and others

THIS CAUSE came on this day to be further heard upon the papers formerly read and upon the Report of Robert R. Prentis, Special Commissioner, showing that Robert R. Smith had fully paid for the land bought by him under previous decrees in this cause, and that Irajah Langstun had paid one third of the purchase money for the lot bought by him, and that after paying the costs of suit and expenses of sale, and the sum of \$405.07 to the complainant Thomas E. Griggs in full settlement of his interest in the real estate of which Thomas Griggs died seised, *the balance of the amounts collected had been deposited to the credit of this cause in The Farmers Bank of Newburyport,* and possessed; which report is dated and was filed April 1, 1893, and was argued by counsel:

On consideration whereof, the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that the said Report be and the same is in all respects, ratified, approved and confirmed.

And the cause is continued.

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Thos. E. Griggs

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Edward O. Griggs

Enter April 14/1893

C. M. H.

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CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY.

Thomas E. Griggs

v.

Edward O. Griggs and others

This cause came on this day to be further heard upon the papers formerly read and upon the report of Robert R. Prentis, Special Commissioner, which report is dated and was filed this day, and to which no exceptions have been taken and was argued by counsel:

On consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that the said report and the sales of the real estate in these proceedings described, as therein reported, to Robert R. Smith, Irajah Langston and Margaret A. Holland, be and the same are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

It is further adjudged, ordered and decreed that so soon as the said Robert R. Smith shall pay the purchase money due by him for the tract of land lying in Cypress District, adjoining the lands of Emily A. Busby, Parker Duke, Richard Baxter and others, said to contain about 200 acres, which purchase money amounts to the principal sum of \$1000. , then the said Robert R. Prentis, Special Commissioner, shall convey the said land to him by deed with special warranty; and so soon as the said Irajah Langston shall pay the purchase money amounting to the principal sum of \$100.<sup>50</sup> for the vacant lot lying near the town of Suffolk, fronting fifty feet on the West side of Wellons Street and extending back or Westwardly from said street one hundred and fifty feet, then the said Special Commissioner shall convey the said lot to him by deed with special warranty; and so soon as the said Margaret A. Holland shall pay the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars in cash

in cash, then the said Special Commissioner shall convey that certain lot fronting fifty feet on the East side of Somerton Road and running back or Eastwardly one hundred and fifty feet, bounded on the South <sup>and East</sup> by the land of the Southside Land Company, and on the North by the lot belonging to Thomas Griggs Estate (which has been bought by the said Holland in this suit) by deed with special warranty.

After deducting the costs of suit, including a fee of Fifty Dollars to Robert R. Prentiss, counsel for the complainant, and the expenses of suit, and the interest of the complainant in the whole of the net proceeds of sale (that is to say one fifth of such net proceeds, after deducting such costs and expenses, and the cash value of Margaret A. Holland's interest in such proceeds of sale <sup>as tenant in common</sup> then the residue of such cash payments remaining in his hands shall be deposited by the said Special Commissioner to the credit of this cause in The Farmers Bank of Nansemond.

The said Special Commissioner shall make report of his proceedings under this decree, and return a certificate of such deposit in the said Bank with his report.

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Road and running back or Eastwardly one hundred and fifty  
certain lot fronting fifty feet on the East side of Somerset  
in cash, then the said Special Commissioner shall convey that

IN VACATION:

Circuit Court of Nansemond County on the *15<sup>th</sup>* day of September 1892.

Thomas E. Griggs

Complainant

against

Edward O. Griggs, Wilbur J. Griggs, Jesse Griggs, Laura D. Alford, infants under the age of twenty-one years, Margaret A. Holland and John R. Holland, her husband. Defendants.

This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read and upon the report of Commissioner Wilbur J. Kilby, dated July 26th. 1892, and filed September *1st*.

1892, to ~~which~~ report no exceptions have been taken; upon the depositions of witnesses returned with the said report, *upon the motion of the complainant* and for a sale of the land in the bill and proceedings described, and was argued by counsel:

On consideration whereof, and it appearing that the defendants ~~have~~ had reasonable notice in writing of this motion, the Court doth in all respects ratify, approve and confirm the said report, and doth adjudge, order and decree that Robert R. Prentiss, who is hereby appointed a Special Commissioner for the purpose~~x~~, do, after having advertised the time, place and terms of sale for once a week for three successive weeks, in some newspaper published in Suffolk, Virginia, and by hand-bills, proceed to sell, at public auction, in front of the Court~~h~~ouse of Nansemond County, the parcels~~s~~ of land in the bill and proceedings mentioned, of which Thomas Griggs ~~x~~ died seised and possessed, upon the following terms, to wit: one third cash, one third on a credit of one year, and the residue on a credit of two years from the day of sale, the credit instalments to bear interest from the day of sale; taking from the purchaser's bonds for the deferred payments, the

*to confirm the said report, and*

title to be retained as additional security until purchase money is fully paid.

The said Commissioner is directed to deposit such cash payment, after deducting the costs of suit and expenses of sale in The Farmers Bank of Nansemond to the credit of this cause, and to report his proceedings hereunder to the Court returning with his report a certificate of such deposit, and the bonds given for the credit instalments of purchase money. Put before the said Robert R. Prentiss Special Commissioner, X shall have any authority under this decree, he shall enter into bond with sufficient security before the Clerk of this Court, payable to the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the penalty of \$4000. and conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties hereunder, and a certificate of the Clerk of this Court showing that such bond has been given shall be appended to the advertisement of sale in accordance with the statute in such case made and provided.

*C. M. White*  
*Sept 1871 1892*

To the Clerk of the Circuit Court  
of Nansemond County, Virginia

To the Clerk of the District Court  
of the County of Adams

and State of Kansas.

The undersigned, of said County and State, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original of the same as the same appears from the records of the County of Adams.

Thomas E. Griggs

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for  
Sale

Griggs & others

Enter this  
C.W.H.

Feb 20, 1892

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to the  
Clerk  
of the  
Court

1212 E. Brown  
To,

Edward O. Griggs, Wilbur J. Griggs, Jesse Griggs, Laura D. Alford, infants under the age of twenty one years, John B. Pinner, Guardian ad litem for the said infant defendants, Margaret A. Holland and John R. Holland, her husband.

Please take notice that I shall on *Thursday* the *15th* day of *September* 1892, at *Portsmouth, Va.* move the Honorable Chandler W. Hill Judge of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County to enter a decree for sale in the chancery cause now depending in the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, wherein I am complainant and you are defendants.

Thomas E. Griggs,  
by *Robert R. Prentiss,*  
his Counsel.

We severally acknowledge legal and sufficient service of the above notice and unite in the prayer for the sale of the lands described in the bill.

*John B. Pinner*  
Guardian ad Litem.

*Margaret A. Holland*

*J. R. Holland*

Thomas E. Griggs

Complainant

against

Edward O. Griggs, Wilbur J. Griggs, Jesse Griggs, Laura D. Alford, infants, under the age of twenty one years, Margaret A. Holland and John R. Holland, her husband Defendants.

This cause came on this day to be heard upon the Bill of the complainant, and the exhibits filed therewith, the Answer of the defendants Margaret A. Holland and John R. Holland her husband, the answer of the infant defendants, by John B. Pinner, Esquire, their guardian ad litem, duly assigned at rules to defend them in this suit, with general replications to the said answers, and was argued by counsel:

On consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that the papers in this cause be referred to one of the Commissioners of this Court who is directed to enquire into and report to the Court-

1. Whether the real property in the bill mentioned can be conveniently divided in kind between the several parties entitled to share therein.

2. If the same cannot be conveniently divided in kind ~~whether~~ whether any party will take the entire property and pay therefor to the other parties such sums of money as their interest therein may entitle them to.

3. And if ~~the same~~ the same cannot be conveniently divided in kind and if no party will take the entire property and pay the others for their shares, whether the interests of those who are entitled to the said property or its proceeds will be promoted by a sale of the entire property or by allotment of part and sale of the residue.

Which several enquiries the said Commissioner shall make and to the Court report together with any matter specially stated deemed pertinent by himself or required by any party to be so stated.

Thomas E. Griggs

v. Decree

Edward O. Griggs and others

Enter April 15 1892.

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Entered in Chy. & Book  
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THOMAS E. Griggs, Laura D. Brinkley and W. H. Brinkley, her husband.

Please take notice that we shall, on Tuesday, the 14th. day of October, 1902, at Suffolk, Virginia, move the Circuit Court of Nansemond to enter a decree in the Chancery Suit now depending in the Circuit Court of Nansemond County known as Thomas E. Griggs v. Edward O. Griggs et als; WHEREIN, we, together with Laura D. Brinkley, formerly Alford and Margaret Holland and John R. Holland are defendants, and Thomas E. Griggs is plaintiff; the provisions of the said decree are as follows: First, that all cost including reasonable attorney's fee be paid out of the funds deposited to the credit of the cause in the Farmers Bank of Nansemond; Second, that the real estate of which Thomas Griggs, deceased, died seized and possessed and remaining unsold, be decreed, the property of these three defendants jointly; Third, that the residue of the deposits to the credit of the cause in the Farmers Bank of Nansemond, after payment of cost and fees as aforesaid be decreed to these three defendants; Fourth, and for other and general relief; Fifth, that the said suit be dismissed and stricken from the docket.

Respectfully yours,

Edward O. Griggs, Wilbur J. Griggs and  
Jesse W. Griggs by *Robt. H. Withers*,  
their Counsel.

We severally acknowledge legal and sufficient service of the above notice and unite with the three petitioners in their prayer as set forth above.

*W. H. Brinkley*  
*Thos E. Griggs*  
*Laura D. Brinkley*

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Notice and writs when the same shall come in from the Court of the County of the State of New York.

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Griggs Notice of petition  
to the Court  
Griggs et al.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY, NANSEMOND COUNTY, TO-WIT:

1st October Rules, 1902.

Thomas E. Griggs.....Plaintiff.  
vs.....In Chancery. .  
Edward O. Griggs, et als.....Defendants.

TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT R. PRENTIS, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSE-  
MOND COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

Your petitioners, Edward O. Griggs, Wilbur J. Griggs and Jesse W.  
Griggs respectfully represent to your honor the following facts:

That heretofore to-wit on the 7th. day of March, 1892, Thomas E.  
Griggs, a brother of these petitioners, instituted in the Circuit Court  
of Nansemond County, a partition suit to partition the lands of Thomas E.  
Griggs, their father, making these petitioners, together with Laura D.  
Alford, afterwards Brinkley and Margaret O. Holland, the mother of these  
petitioners, and John R. Holland, her husband, parties defendant. That  
part of the land of these heirs of Thomas Griggs, deceased, was sold under  
a decree of this court entered in this cause on the 15th. day of Sept.,  
1892, and the just proportion of Thomas E. Griggs paid to him as will  
appear by the report of the Special Commissioner, appointed for the pur-  
pose, dated April 1st, 1893, which report was duly confirmed by an order  
of this Court in this cause on the 14th. day of April, 1893. That after-  
wards on the petition of Laura D. Brinkley, one of the defendants in this  
cause, it appearing that she had <sup>at</sup> retained her majority, her just propor-  
tion of the estate of Thomas Griggs was paid to her by Robt. R. Prentis/  
Special Commissioner, in this cause, as will appear by the report of the ~~said~~  
said commissioner dated the 3rd. day of November, 1894 and duly confirmed  
by an order of this Court in this cause on the 6th. day of November, 1894.  
That there have been deposited to the credit of this cause by Robt. R.  
Prentis, Special Commissioner, in the Farmers Bank of Nansemond, \$116.19,  
being the residue of the purchase price of the part of land sold under the  
above mentioned decrees of this Court, as will appear from the certificates

of deposit filed in the papers of this casue; that \$33.09 of this fund was deposited November 3rd. 1894, \$83.10 was deposited January 10th., 1898, both deposits bearing 4% interest. That since the institution of this suit your petitioners' mother, the widow of Thomas Griggs, died, to-wit, on the 11th. day of March, 1902; that Edward O. Griggs has attained his majority, to-wit, on October 30th., 1895; that W. J. Griggs has attained his majority on the 14th. day of April, 1899; that Jesse W. Griggs has attained his majority, to-wit, on the 11th. day of October, 1900. That your petitioners are the only persons interested in the real estate made the subject of this partition suit in this cause and fully described in the bill, and are the only parties interested in the funds in bank; that on the 1st. day of July, 1902, Thomas E. Griggs, Laura D. Brinkley and W. H. Brinkley, her husband, by deed, conveyed all of their claims of every kind, sort and description, to the said real property and a deposit of money as aforesaid to your petitioners as will more fully appear by copy of the said deed marked Exhibit "A" and filed herewith and prayed to be read as a part of this petition.

Your petitioners pray therefore that this Court will enter a decree directing the payment of all costs in this suit incurred, which remain unpaid, together with a reasonable attorneys fee to your petitioner's counsel, out of the funds deposited in the Farmers Bank of Nansemond to the credit of this cause; that all of the lands of which Thomas Griggs, deceased, died seized and <sup>possessed</sup> ~~possessed~~ remaining unsold, or sold and remaining unconveyed, by reason of the purchaser failing to perform conditions of same, be decreed, property of your petitioners; that the residue of the deposits in the Farmers Bank of Nansemond to the credit of this cause, after the payment of cost and fees as aforesaid, be delivered to your petitioners; and that nothing further remaining to be done in this cause the suit be dismissed and stricken from the docket.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

*Wm. H. Hiltner*  
Counsel for  
Edward O., W. J. and J. W. Griggs.

*Edward O. Griggs*  
*Wilbur J. Griggs*  
*Jessie W. Griggs*

VIRGINIA,

CITY OF RICHMOND, TO-WIT:

I.....*Nath Willis*....., a Notary Public in and  
for the State and City aforesaid, hereby certify that Edward O. Griggs,  
W. J. Griggs and Jesse <sup>W</sup>Griggs, the petitioners whose names are signed  
to the foregoing ~~pa~~rtition ~~se~~verally appeared before me and made oath that  
the  
- matters and things stated in the foregoing partition are true.

Given under my hand this <sup>3<sup>rd</sup></sup>.....day of *October*....., 1902.

*Nath Willis*  
.....  
Notary Public.

My commission expires on the <sup>11<sup>th</sup></sup>.....day of *September 1904*.

EXHIBIT "A"

THIS DEED, Made this 1st. day of July in the year nineteen hundred and two between Thomas E. Griggs, (widow<sup>et</sup>) and Laura D. Brinkley, formerly Griggs, and W. H. Brinkley her husband, all of the City of Richmond, in the State of Virginia, parties of the first part, and Wilbur J. Griggs, Edward O. Griggs and Jesse~~x~~ William Griggs parties of the second part; WITNESSETH, That in consideration of the sum of one dollar, in hand paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the said parties of the first part do grant with general warranty, unto the said parties of the second part the following property, to-wit; All their right, title, interest or claim, whether derived from their Father, Thomas Griggs, now deceased, or from their Mother, Margaret A. Holland, formerly Griggs, now deceased, as tenant by dower or purchaser, in and to those<sup>two</sup> certain lots or tracts of land situated near the Town of Suffolk, in the County of Nansemond, in the State of Virginia, and bounded and described as follows; to-wit:-

I, All that certain lot of land fronting fifty (50) feet on the East side of the Somerton Road and running back or Eastwardly, between parallel lines one hundred and fifty (150) feet.

2, All that lot of land fronting on the East side of the Somerton Road two hundred and thirty-four (234) feet and running back to the back or Eastern line of this property, which was formerly owned by Thomas Griggs, deceased, including all buildings and fixtures thereon, said lot adjoins and lies to the North of the lot above described in paragraph I.

And the grantors conveyed to the grantees all of their right, title, or interest in and to that certain deposit of money in the Farmers Bank of Nansemond at Suffolk, Virginia, to the credit of the chancery cause of Thomas E. Griggs v. Edward O. Griggs et als, now pending in the Circuit Court of Nansemond.

The said Thomas E. Griggs, Laura D. Brinkley and W. H. Brinkley covenant that they are seized in fee simple of the said land with its appurtenances; that they have the right to convey the said land to the grantees that the grantees shall have quiet possession of the said land, free from all encumbrances, and that they, the said parties of the first part, will execute such further assurances of the said land as may be requisite; and that they have done no act to encumber the said land.

WITNESS the following signatures and seals:

Copy { Thos E. Griggs.....(SEAL)  
Laura D. Brinkley.....(SEAL)  
W. H. Brinkley.....(SEAL)

STATE OF VIRGINIA,

CITY OF RICHMOND, TO-WIT:

I, Chas. K. Willis, a Notary Public for the City aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, do certify that Thomas E. Griggs, Laura D. Brinkley and W. H. Brinkley, her husband, whose names are signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 1st. day of July in the year nineteen hundred and two have acknowledged the same before me in my City aforesaid.

Given under my hand, this 2nd. day of July, in the year nineteen hundred and two.

[signed] Chas. K. Willis.....  
Notary Public

My commission expires Sept. 11th. 1904.

*Circuit Court of Nausemond*

*Thomas E. Griggs*

*vs } Chaucery*

*Edward O. Griggs et al*

*Petition*

ROBT. W. WITHERS,

ATTORNEY AT LAW,

SUFFOLK, VA.

PRACTICING IN ALL COURTS IN  
FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT.

JEWELL & COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA.

Circuit Court of Nansemond County.

Thomas E. Griggs

Against

Edward O. Griggs and others.

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

The petitioner, Laura D. Brinkley respectfully represents to the Court that she is the defendant named in the bill in the above entitled cause as Laura D. Alford; that on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of *March* 1893 she married *Wilbur* Brinkley; that she became twenty-one years of age on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of *June* 1894, and that she is entitled to receive her share of the proceeds of the sales of the real estate described in the proceedings in the said cause; that her share of the same amounts to \$405.07 as of the 2nd. day of November 1892; that as the funds which have been under the control of the Court have been deposited in the Farmers Bank of Nansemond and bearing only four per cent interest, she is willing to accept the amount named, with interest at the rate of four per cent per annum, in full settlement of all her interest in the real estate sold under decrees in the said cause.

She therefore prays that the same may be forthwith paid to her or her counsel.

And petitioner will ever pray &c.

*Robert R. Huntis, Counsel.* *Laura D. Brinkley*

State of Virginia,

City of Richmond, to wit:

I, *Edw. L. Rosenberg* a Notary Public for the City of Richmond do certify that Laura D. Brinkley this day appeared before me and made oath that the statements contained in the foregoing petition are true.

Given under my hand this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of *October* 1894.

*Edw. L. Rosenberg*  
Notary Public

Thomas E. Griggs

3 Petition  
to 3 of  
Laura D. Brinkley

Edward O. Griggs

Commissioners Office  
Suffolk, Va.

26th. July 1892

Thomas E. Griggs

vs.

Ed. O. Griggs & als.

To the Circuit Court of Cause-  
mond County, Va.

In pursuance of the decree of  
the Circuit Court of Causemond County,  
Va. pronounced on the 15th. day of April  
1892 in the Chancery Cause pending  
in said Court between Thomas E. Griggs,  
Complainant, and Edward O. Griggs, Wil-  
bur J. Griggs and others Defendants,  
the undersigned, Wilbur J. Kilby, one  
of the Commissioners in Chancery of  
said Court, respectfully reports to  
Court as follows:

That on the 30th. day of June  
1892, after the papers in said Cause  
had been referred to him, he gave  
notice to the parties to said Cause  
that he would proceed on the 26th.  
day of July 1892 at his office in  
Suffolk, Va. to make the several  
inquiries required by said decree  
to be made by one of the Commissioners

of said Court. Sufficient and legal service of the notice was duly accepted and acknowledged by the parties to said Cause as will appear by the endorsements on the notice which is herewith returned.

That on the 26th. day of July 1892 to enable him to make said inquiries and reach a correct conclusion, Your Commissioner took the depositions of Margaret A. Holland, Thos. E. Giggis and Robert R. Smith with reference to the questions presented. The examinations of these witnesses are herewith returned.

From the evidence thus furnished Your Commissioner, he now reports,

1. That the real property in the Bice in said suit mentioned cannot be conveniently divided in kind between the several parties entitled to share therein.

2. That no one of the parties has expressed any desire, or willingness to take the entire property and pay therefor to the other parties such sums of money as their interest therein may entitle them to. Indeed, it appears

that no one of the parties is able, for want of means, to pay the other parties for their interest in the property.

3. That the interests of those who are entitled to the said property, or its proceeds would be promoted by a sale of the entire property and the distribution of the proceeds of the sale according to the respective rights of those entitled thereto.

Respectfully submitted this 26th,  
day of July 1892.

Wilbur J. Kilby,  
Commissioner in Chancery.

Fee \$15.<sup>00</sup>

To Thomas E. Griggs. Complainant

and Edward O. Griggs, Wilbur J. Griggs, Jesse Griggs, Laura D. Alfred, infants under the age of twenty-one years, Margaret A. Holland, John R. Holland, her husband, and John B. Primer, Guardian ad litem for the said infants. Defendants

You are hereby notified that on the 26th day of July 1892 at my office in Suffolk, Va. (at which time and place you are required to attend), I shall take, state and settle the following accounts which are to be taken, stated and settled and reported to Court in pursuance of the decree of the Circuit Court of Hanseford County, Va., rendered the 15th day of April 1892 in the suit in chancery pending in said Court to which you are parties plaintiff and defendant S, to wit:

1. Whether the real property in the Bill in said suit mentioned can be conveniently divided in kind between the several parties entitled to share therein.

2. If the same cannot be conveniently divided in kind, whether any party will take the entire property and pay therefor to the other parties such sums of money as their interest therein may entitle them to.

3. And if the same cannot be conveniently divided in kind, and if no party will take the entire property and pay the others for their shares, whether the interests of those who are entitled to the said property, or its proceeds will be promoted by a sale of the entire property or by allotment of part and sale of the residue.

4. Any other matters specially stated deemed pertinent by myself, or required by any party to be so stated.

Given under my hand, as Commissioner in Chancery of said Court, this June 1892

30th day of

WILBUR J. KILBY,

Commissioner in Chancery

Sufficient and legal service of this notice is hereby accepted and acknowledged by us severally.

~~Hammett & Hallam~~

~~Thos. E. Griggs~~

Thos. E. Griggs

Margaret A. Holland

J. R. Holland

John D. Piener  
Guardian ad litem

for Edward Griggs

William J. Griggs

Jeru Griggs, and

Laura J. Alford.

infant defendants.

The depositions of Margaret A. Holland and Thos. E. Giggis and others, taken before ~~me~~ Wilbur J. Kilby, a Commissioner in Chancery of the Circuit Court of Chaussemond County Va. on the 26th. day of July 1892 at his office in the Town of Suffolk to be read as evidence in the Chancery Cause of Thomas E. Giggis and others against Edward O. Giggis and others pending in said Court.

The witness Margaret A. Holland being first duly sworn in answer to questions deposes and says:

Q. 1. State your age, residence, occupation and do you know the parties to this suit?

A. I was 46 years of age 30 Jan. 1892, reside in ~~Richard~~ Richmond, have no occupation and know all the parties to said cause. I am one of the defendants.

Q. 2 State whether the real estate of which Thomas Giggis died seized and possessed, mentioned in ~~said~~ B the Bill in said Cause can be conveniently divided in kind between

the parties entitled thereto and if it can not be so divided, whether any party will take the entire property and pay to the other parties for their interest therein, such sums of money as their interest may entitle them to, and if the same cannot be conveniently divided in kind and no party will take the entire property and pay the others for their shares, whether the interest of those entitled to the property or its proceeds will be promoted by a sale of the property, or by allotment of part and sale of the remainder, and distribution of the proceeds among those entitled according to their interests;

Ans. The property ~~consists~~ referred to consists of a tract of land in Cypress Magisterial District in Chatham County, containing 200 acres, more or less, adjoining the lands of Emily A. Busby (formerly Robert Riddick) Parker Duke, Richard Baxter & others; a parcel of land on the Southern suburbs of the Town of Suffolk, on the east side of Somerset road and adjoining the

South Suffolk Land Company, containing 2 acres, more or less; and a vacant lot fronting 50 feet on the west side of Wellous Street near the Southern Suburbs of Suffolk.

The parcel of 200 acres of land is a country farm with about 40 or 50 acres of cleared land, the remainder being woodland. It could not be conveniently divided in kind between those entitled to share therein, who are the five children of Thos. Gigg, a division of it ~~would~~ into five equal shares, would give each party a share too small to be of any value as a farm, or for farming purposes, and besides could not be made so as to give each party more than 8 or 10 acres of cleared land. This small parcel of cleared land would be useless for farming & could not be used for any other purpose. The share of woodland each ~~would~~ party would get would afford them no income, but would be a charge to them, in that they would have to pay taxes and meet other expenses on account thereof.

The parcel of two acres has upon it three dwelling houses - of which one is a large dwelling and the other two are small ones. The large dwelling is now held by myself along with most of the land as my dower, but the place could not be conveniently divided in kind, nor could the lot on Wellous St. be so divided.

None of the parties is either able for want of means, or willing to accept any of the property, or all of it and pay the others for their interests therein.

I am the widow of Thomas Eggs and am well acquainted with the ~~the~~ needs of his children and their condition and am satisfied that their interests would be promoted by a sale of all the property and the distribution of the proceeds among ~~them~~ according to their respective rights. They have no means of support and the income from the property in the shape of Rent after paying expenses of repairs and taxes, is small

and wholly inadequate for their support. They do not live on the property and could not make a living on it. All of them are minors but Mos. E. Griggs. I am willing that the property may be sold free of my dower I to take in lieu of my dower its commuted value in money to be paid to me in gross out of the proceeds of the sale. I have been familiar with the property all my life, as I was born and raised near it.

And further this defendant says not

~~Edward J. T. a Hallen~~

The witness Thos. E. Griggs being first sworn in answer to questions deposes and says:

Q. 1. State your age, residence, occupation and do you know the parties to this suit?

Ans I am 22 years of age, reside in ~~Richard~~ Richmond, Va. am a black-

Smith, know all the parties to said suit. I am the Plaintiff.

Q. 2 State whether the real estate of which Thos. Griggs died seized and possessed mentioned in the Bill in said Cause can be conveniently divided in kind between the parties entitled thereto and if it can't be so divided whether any party will take it all and pay to the others for their interests such sums of money as their interests may entitle them to, and if it can't be conveniently divided in kind & no party will take it all and pay the others for their shares, whether the interests of the parties entitled to the property, or its proceeds will be promoted by a sale of the property or by allotment of part and sale of the remainder, and distribution of the proceeds among those entitled according to their interests.

Ans. I am one of the five children and heirs at Law of Thos. Griggs entitled to the property referred to subject to the dower therein of his

widow, My interest in it is of no practical benefit to me, nor are the interests of the other heirs of any benefit to them. We own the property, but it rents for but little outside of the dower and such rent after paying taxes & costs of repairs, amounts to but little for each heir. The property can not be conveniently divided in kind without seriously impairing its value, if indeed it can be divided at all to any advantage. The interests of all parties, especially my own, would be promoted by a sale of the entire property and the distribution of the proceeds among those entitled to share therein. The parties all live in Richmond Va. where they find it to their interest to live, and where their shares of the proceeds of the sale could be used greatly to their advantage and benefit. No one of the parties is willing or able to take the entire property and pay the others for their shares therein, and it would not promote their

~~their~~ interest to allot part of the prop-  
erty and see the remainder, Two  
parcels of the property are lots; one  
a small lot 50 by 150 feet in size  
and the other, a lot of two (2) acres  
most of which is held by the widow  
with the right to fire-wood from the  
farm, as her dower. It has a large  
dwelling on it, ~~situated~~ so situated  
as to render it impossible to divide  
~~the property~~ <sup>it</sup> conveniently, or to advantage.  
The small lot, of course, could not  
be divided. The farm ~~is~~ consists of  
40 or 50 acres of ~~woodland~~ cleared  
land and 150 acres of woodland,  
and could not be divided conve-  
niently in kind. And further this deponent  
says not. Thos E Griggs

The witness Robert R. Smith being  
first duly sworn in answer to questions,  
deposes and says

Q. 1 State your age, residence and occupa-  
tion and whether you know the parties to  
this cause?

Ans. I am 46 years of age, reside in Suffolk  
Va. and am Clerk of the County Court of

Chausemond County, I know all the parties to said Cause.

Q. 2

State whether the real estate of which Thomas Gnggs died seized and possessed mentioned in the Bill in said Cause can be conveniently divided in kind between the parties entitled thereto; and if it can not be so divided, whether any party will take the entire property and pay to the others for their interest therein, such sums of money as their interest may entitle them to; and if the same cannot be conveniently divided in kind and no party will take the entire property and pay the others for their shares, whether the interest of those entitled to the property or its proceeds will be promoted by a sale of the property, or by allotment of part and sale of the remainder, and distribution of the proceeds among those entitled according to their interests?

Ans.

I do not see how the property could be conveniently divided in kind as there are five children interested besides the widow who is entitled to dower. The farm is mostly woodland and I am strongly of opinion that it has been greatly reduced in value by trespassers or

others who have cut valuable timber off of it. It contains not more than 50 acres of cleared land. The balance is woodland. It could not be divided to any advantage. The other property consists one small town lot on Wellons Street in Suffolk, and a lot of about two acres in the suburbs of Suffolk. The former is a vacant lot. The latter has 3 buildings on it. These buildings are rented to negroes, whose occupancy causes a depreciation in the value of the property.— makes it objectionable to white tenants. The shapes and sizes and the uses ~~for~~ to which the property is adapted, make it ~~impossible~~ impracticable to divide it to any advantage among the parties, especially if the dower is to be ~~omitted in the~~ excluded from the division. I have known the property for 30 years or more, and owned the two acre parcel and the small vacant lot a number of years. I sold the ~~same~~ same to Thomas Giggis. I do not know whether any party is willing to take the property and pay the others for their interests, but I do know that no one of them has any ~~more~~ money to buy such interests if willing so to do. There is no

question but that it will promote the interests of all parties to sell the entire property and distribute the proceeds among the parties. The ~~property~~ condition of the property is growing worse and worse and if allowed to remain rented to, and in the possession of, irresponsible tenants as it is now, it is only a question of short time when its value will be greatly decreased. It is ~~going~~ going down now and will soon be in bad condition. The owners can make but little use of it, and in fact have left it and gone to live in Richmond Va.

And further this deponent says not.

R. B. Smith

State of Virginia

County of chausemond } to wit:

I, Wilbur J. Kilby, a Commissioner in Chancery of the Circuit Court for the County aforesaid in the state of Virginia, do certify that the foregoing depositions of Margaret A. Holland, Thomas E. Giggis, and Robert R. Smith, were duly taken sworn to, and subscribed before me, at the time and

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vs. } In Chy.

Ed. Q. Griggs & al.

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place and for the purposes therein mentioned,  
given under my hand this 26th. day of  
July 1892.

Wilbur J. Kilby,  
Commissioner in Chancery.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY, NANSEMOND COUNTY, TO-WIT:

October Term, 1902.

Thomas E. Griggs.....Complainant.

vs.....In Chancery.

Edward O. Griggs, et als.....Defendants.

F I N A L   D E C R E E .

This casue came on this day to be heard upon the papers formerly read, and upon the petition of Edward O. Griggs, Wilbur J. Griggs and Jesse W. Griggs, filed in due form of law; it appearing by said petition and exhibits filed therewith, that since the last decree in this cause was entered, Margaret Q. Holland, the tenant by dower has departed this life, and that Edward O. Griggs, Wilbur J. Griggs and Jesse W. Griggs have each attained their majority, and have received from Thomas E. Griggs Laura D. Brinkley and W. H. Brinkley, her husband, a deed for all of their right, title or claim to <sup>bid off by Margaret A. Holland but not fully paid for,</sup> the real property, which is the subject of this suit and the deposits of money in the Farmers Bank of Nansmond, which is the residue from former sales of real estate, which was the subject of this suit; and it appearing further, that Edward O. Griggs, Wilbur J. Griggs and Jesse W. Griggs are the owners of the property and funds involved in this suit; and that due notice has been served upon the other parties in interest, in this suit, and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof, the court doth adjudge, order and decree that all costs, including an attorney's fee of \$<sup>30.-</sup>.....due Robt. W. Withers, as petitioner's counsel, be paid out of the funds deposited to the credit of the cause in the Farmers Bank of Nansemond; that the real estate of which Thomas Griggs, deceased, died seized and possessed, and remaining unsold, or sold, and remaining unconveyed by reason of the <sup>failures of the</sup> purchaser <sup>Margaret A. Holland</sup> failing to perform the conditions of sale, and which is the sub-

ject of this suit and fully described in the bill, is the property of  
Edward O. Griggs, Wilbur J. Griggs and Jesse W. Griggs, **jointly**; that  
the residue of the deposits to the credit of the ~~cause~~ in the Farmers  
Bank of Nansemond, after payment of all costs and fees as aforesaid, be  
paid to Edward O. Griggs, Wilbur J. Griggs and Jesse W. Griggs, or their  
counsel; <sup>and that they have leave to withdraw the certificates of deposit of</sup> and nothing further remaining to be done in this cause, it is  
ordered <sup>it</sup> ~~that the suit be dismissed and the cause~~ stricken from the docket

*to Robert W. Hether  
and bank and collect  
for same*

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vs.

Edward O. Griggs et als.

FINAL DECREE

Enter this <sup>14</sup> day of Oct...

1902..

*Robert R. Hunt*

Entered in Chancery Order

Book, No. <sup>3</sup>, page <sup>450</sup>.....

THE ANSWER of Margaret A. Holland and John R. Holland her husband to a Bill of Complaint exhibited against them and others in the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, Virginia, by Thomas E. Griggs.

~~THESE~~ ~~THE~~ THESE RESPONDENTS reserving to themselves the benefit of all just exceptions to the said Bill, for answer thereto or to so much thereof they are advised that it is material they should answer, answering say:-

That the allegations of the said bill are ~~#~~ in the main true, but it is not true that that the said property is susceptible of partition in kind among the parties entitled thereto, on the contrary thereof thereof such a division if not impossible would be very unwise, and the interests of all those interested in the property would be greatly promoted by a sale of all of the said real estate, and the division of the proceeds of sale among the parties according to their respective rights. The respondent Margaret A. Holland hereby assents freely to such a sale of her interest in the property as tenant in dower and will accept her proper proportion of the purchase money arising from the sale of her dower land, to be ascertained in the mode prescribed by law, and for the purpose of enabling the Court to ascertain the commuted value of her said dower interest she here states that she was born on the 30 day of

*January 1846*

And having fully answered they pray to be hence dismissed with their reasonable costs in this behalf expended.

*Margaret A. Holland*

*John R. Holland*

State of Virginia,

City of Richmond, to wit:-

I, *Edw. L. Plomberg* a Notary  
*Public*

in and for the City of Richmond, in the State of Virginia, do  
hereby certify that Margaret A. Holland *and John R. Holland* this day personally  
appeared before me in the City aforesaid, and made oath that ~~the~~  
the statements contained in the foregoing answer are true.

Given under my hand this 29<sup>th</sup> day of February 1892.

*Edw. L. Plomberg* N.Y.

Answer of  
Margaret A. and  
John R. Holland to  
Bill of

Thomas E. Griggs

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Edw. D. Griggs P.

Filed March 7<sup>th</sup> 1892

The Answers of Edward O. Griggs, Wilbur J. Griggs, Jesse Griggs, and Laura D. Alford, infants under the age of twenty-one years, by *John B. Pinner*, their Guardian ad litem, assigned to defend them in this suit, and the answer of the said *John B. Pinner* Guardian ad litem for the said infant defendants, to a bill in equity exhibited against the said infants and others, in the Circuit Court of Nansemond County by Thomas E. Griggs:-

For answer to the said bill the said infant defendants by their 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 to the care of the Court. And the said guardian ad litem for the said infant defendants for answer to the said bill answers and says that he knows nothing as to the truth or falsity of the statements in the bill contained. He prays full protection for the said infant defendants. And now having fully answered these defendants pray hence to be dismissed with their costs etc.

*John B. Pinner*  
Guardian ad litem  
for infant defendants

Thomas E. Griggs

Answer of the  
v.  
Guard'n ad litem

Edward O. Griggs and othes

*Filed March 7<sup>th</sup> 1892*  
*A.B.S.*

~~##~~ CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY.

Thomas E. Griggs

Complainant.

Against

Edward O. Griggs, Wilbur J. Griggs, Jesse Griggs, Laura ~~D.~~ Alford, ~~and Preston Alford her husband, the first four being~~ infants under the age of twenty one years, Margaret A. Holland and John R. Holland, her husband,

Defendants.

In Chancery.

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

COMPLAINING sheweth unto the Court , your complainant~~##~~, Thomas E. Griggs, that your complainant's father, Thomas Griggs, was in his life time seised and possessed of certain real estate lying in the County of Nansemond, to wit:

A tract of land three or four miles from Suffolk, said to contain about 200. acres, more or less, adjoining the lands of Robert Riddick, Duke and others.

A parcel of land near the town of Suffolk, lying on the East side of the Somerton Road, adjoining the land of the South Suffolk Land Company, which was formerly owned by Robert R. Smith.

And a lot near the Town of Suffolk, fronting fifty feet on the West side of Wellons Street, extended. The two parcels of land last mentioned were sold and conveyed to the said Griggs by Robert R. Smith, and the deeds ~~showing~~ for the same are herewith filed marked respectively Exhibit No. 1. and Exhibit No. 2. ~~are herewith filed~~, and complainant<sup>4</sup> prays that they may be read as parts of this bill. The complainant does not file any evidence of title to the farm, because he does not possess

any such evidence in writing, and supposes that the original deed was destroyed by fire in the general destruction of the records of Nansemond County in February 1866.

That being so seised and possessed of the said real estate, sometime in the year 1885, the said Thomas Griggs departed this life intestate, leaving a widow, Margaret A., who has since intermarried with John R. Holland, and the complainant, and Edward O. , Wilbur J. , Jesse, and Laura ~~D.~~, his only children and heirs at law. <sup>The said children and heirs at law (except your complainant)</sup> are infants under the age of twenty one years, and the said Laura ~~D.~~ <sup>has</sup> intermarried with Preston Alford, <sup>and has since been divorced a vinculo matrimonii from the said Preston Alford. A copy of the decree of divorce is herewith filed marked Exhibit No. 3, and complainant prays that it may be read as part of this bill.</sup> Complainant further states that the said real estate is susceptible of partition among the parties entitled thereto; but if it be not, then complainant desires the same to be sold, ~~and~~ and the proceeds divided among the adult and infant parties, according to their respective rights; the shares of the infants to be held as directed by the statute in such case made and provided. Should the property not be divisible in kind, the complainant believes and here states that the interests of those who are entitled to the said real estate, or its proceeds, will be promoted by a sale of the whole of the said ~~#~~ real estate, or by allotment of part and sale of the residue.

Forasmuch therefore as your complainant is without remedy save in a court of equity where such matters are properly cognizable and relievable, he prays that the said Edward O. Griggs, Wilbur J. Griggs, Jesse Griggs, and Laura ~~D.~~ Alford, who are infants under the age of twenty one years, ~~Preston Alford the husband of the said Laura B. Alford,~~ Margaret A. Holland and John R. Holland, her husband, may be made parties defendant to this bill, and required on their oaths to answer

the same; that a proper guardian ad litem be assigned to infant defendants to defend their interests in this suit, who shall also answer this bill; that proper process issue; that the said real estate be divided between the several parties entitled thereto, and your complainant's portion thereof be allotted to him, and in case the same cannot be partitioned and divided in kind, that the same be exposed to sale, and the proceeds of such sale be divided among the parties entitled ~~##~~ thereto; that all proper orders and decrees may be made, and proper enquiries be directed, and that all such other, further and general relief may be afforded your complainant as the nature of his case may require, or to equity shall seem meet. Notice is hereby given that during the progress of this cause the Court will be asked to allow to the counsel for the complainant such reasonable fees for his services payable out of the property or money under the control of the Court in this cause, as may be just and proper.

And your complainant will ever pray &c.

*Robert R. Huntis.* *Thomas E. Griggs.*  
P. q.

State of Virginia,

~~County of Henric, to wit:-~~

City of Richmond, to wit:-

I, *Sal L. Bloomberg* a Notary Public

in and for the city of Richmond, in the State of Virginia, do certify that Thomas E. Griggs personally appeared before me in the city aforesaid and made oath that the statements made in the foregoing bill are true.

Given under my hand this 29<sup>th</sup> day of February 1892.

*Sal L. Bloomberg*  
N.S.

THOMAS E. GRIGGS.

v. Bill and two Exhibits

E. O. GRIGGS AND OTHERS.

*Filed March 7<sup>th</sup> 1892*

Thomas E Griggs

vs In Chancery

E E Griggs and others

<sup>1892</sup>  
March 7. Bill filed with Exhibits No 1  
and No 2,

" " Answer of Margaret A Holland  
and John R Holland to Bill

" " Order appointing John B Pinner  
Guardian ad litem for  
the infant defendants.

" " Answer of John B Pinner  
Guardian ad litem for  
infant defendants

" " Exhibit No 3 filed