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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings,

It is so hard to believe that it is June; the middle of the year, half way to Christmas. I had my winter to do list, prepared and ready to work on, but summer arrived so quickly my winter list will have to become my summer. I hope that you can take time out of the heat to work on your family and/or local history projects. We have so many resources available in our county and on line. Our speaker this month, Rhonda Konig, will be updating and instructing on many of these resources.

I hope that you have taken advantage of the workshops and classes for genealogy offered by the Wayne County Library and supported by Old Dobbs Society. They are great. Keep in touch with the Library or their website for upcoming classes and events.

Volume I of the cemetery book is selling good. If you have not ordered yours you need to do so soon. You can order through the mail at our address above. Books ordered by mail are \$39.10. CD is the same price as the books. You can pick up and buy a book at the Wayne County Public Library for \$32.10. Books are also available at the Wayne County Museum, Johnston County Heritage Center, and the Family History Center.

Plans for Volume II of the Wayne County Cemetery Book are running on schedule. We plan to have the proofing and mapping completed by the end of the month. The next step will be to have the indexing completed. If all goes according to plans the book should be ready to go to the publisher before October. Without any unpredicted delays we hope to have the book ready for sale by Dec. 1, 2006.

Remember, nominations for officers will be accepted through July. Voting will take place at the October meeting.

Our next meeting will be July 15, 2006 beginning at 10:30 in the auditorium at the library. Bring a friend.

Have a great summer,
Cathy

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OLD DOBBS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

April 15, 2006

The Old Dobbs Genealogical Society met on Saturday, April 15, 2006 in the Weil Auditorium at the Wayne County Public Library in Goldsboro. President Cathy Blow called the meeting to order, welcomed the approximately 20 members and guests, and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Barbara Lancaster offered the invocation. Minutes from our last meeting were approved as written in the newsletter. The treasurer reported a balance of \$8,145.07.

For your convenience, e-mail addresses for all of the Old Dobbs officers are now listed at the end of the newsletter. If you have questions or would like to volunteer for one of our projects, you are encouraged to get in touch with any of us.

If you have not paid your dues for 2006, please mail your check to Lisa Corbett at P. O. Box 617, Goldsboro, NC 27533. The upper right hand corner of your mailing label (on newsletter envelope) will show the year that dues are paid through.

Cemetery Books Committee – Volume I is for sale. The cost is \$32.10 plus \$7.00 for shipping and handling. Books are available at the Wayne County Public Library and the Family History Center or you may contact any of the officers if you would like to purchase one. CD's are also available. Volume II of Wayne County books will include Stoney Creek, Pikeville, New Hope and Saulston townships. We hope to have it ready to send to the publisher by the fall. If you would like to help with this project, please contact Cathy, Guy, or Barbara.

Nominating Committee – The Nominating Committee presented the following names for officers to serve in 2007 and 2008:

President - Guy Potts

1st Vice President - Stacey Jones

2nd Vice President - Lynn Johnson

Corresponding Sec. - Cathy Blow

Recording Sec. - Barbara Lancaster

Treasurer - Lisa Corbett

Nominations will be taken from the floor at the July meeting and voting will take place at the October meeting.

Volunteer Opportunities

Willowdale Cemetery has to be surveyed. This will be a monumental task. We need help. We will try to coordinate a day when as many people as possible can gather at Willowdale to start the survey. Please contact Cathy Blow, Guy Potts, Barbara Lancaster, Stacey Jones, or Elliott Futrell if you would like to help with this or any other cemetery.

Transcribe Revolutionary War pensions. Contact Jerome Tew or Cathy Blow.

New Business

A motion was made and seconded for the Society to buy an American Flag to be kept in the Weil Auditorium.

A motion was made and seconded for the Society to purchase a GPS Receiver to be used by the cemetery surveyors.

Our speaker, Dick Lankford, NC Archivist, was introduced by Cathy Blow. He presented a very interesting and informative program on the history of photography and how to date old

photographs. After answering questions from the audience, he looked at several old photographs that our members had brought with them.

REMINDER – Our meetings are now being held on the **3rd Saturday of January, April, July, and October**. Please mark your calendars. The July meeting will be at the Wayne County Public Library, Weil Auditorium, at 10:30 on July 15, 2006. Submitted by Barbara Lancaster, Recording Secretary.

Rhonda Konig, our speaker for the July 15 meeting will demonstrate online products available through the library for genealogy/history research and other sites/products: HeritageQuest, Ancestry Library Edition, Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Daily Life Through History, WorldCat, North American Women's Letters and Diaries, the library's digitization project and American Slavery: A Composite Autobiography and UNC's Documenting the American South and ECU's North Carolina History and Digital Fiction sites.

Contributed by Martha Mewborn Marble

#3131 – BYNUM vs THOMPSON – Wayne Co
NC Supreme Court Case found at the NC Archives, Raleigh, NC
NOTE: The name Thompson was spelled in various ways
Superior Court Clerk – 22 May 1843

Wayne Co Court on the first Monday after the fourth Monday in Oct 1839 – Benjamin Bynum by his attorney Louis D. Henry and W. H. Washington – on 2 writs – Sheriff to bring to court George W. Thompson, Peter L. Peacock, Hiram Whitley, Williams Sherrod and Henry Best – to answer Benjamin Bynum in a plea of trespass in the case to his damages of \$1500

To the Sheriff of Greene Co to bring the bodies of George W. Thompson, Peter L. Peacock, Hiram Whitley, Williams Sherrod and Henry Best to court – by spring term 1840 Henry Best was dec and Henry Best was his exec and was now a def

The plf claimed title to ??? under a patent granted to Richard Braswell dated 11 July 1739 – beginning at a line below his improvements – plf introduced a deed from Sanders Lane and others heirs of John Lane – witness to prove possession of Thomas Bryan and John Lane and the heirs of John Lane under whom the plf claimed 60 acres – this was the Braswell patent – the evidence of their declaration was objected to by the def but was admitted – the trespass complaint was from A. to H. D. on the annexed plat between the lines of D. E. and the run of the swamp – the plf failing to connect the defs – case appears to have centered around exactly where the patent lines were – lines should have been in a deed from Willis Lane to the plf – the plf's dwelling home is marked on the plat – the def's introduced a patent to Stephen Dewey and Blake Baker dated the 14th April 1761, and a deed from Burwell Mooring to Joseph Green dated 7 Oct 1802 which they alleged conveyed a larger piece of land on the SS of Nahunta Swamp including a portion of the Dewey and Baker patent and a deed from Green to Zadock Thompson dated 22 July 1804 conveying the same land - they then produced a copy of the division of this land among the heirs of sd Thompson the defendants in this suit and proved after the division they entered into possession of the land – it was proven that Thompson and those under him occupied and lived on the land covered by the sd deeds – they also showed that Mooring, Green, Thompson and his heirs had had the continued possession of this land for more than 50 years –

the defendants provided a copy of the division of the heirs of John Lane under which the plf claims the line on the southern boundary was actually made -
Jury originally found in favor of the plf

Division of the land of John Lane Nov Term 1820 – between the heirs

Lot #1 – to James Lane adj Lane’s Mill Branch, Outlands tract, John Heath – 99 acres – also James to pay Sanders Lane \$107.21 and to Benjamin Lane \$10

Lot #2 – to William Lane, adj Lane’s Mill Branch, John Heath, old patent line – 99 acres and said William to pay to Benjamin Lane \$18.54

Lot #3 – to Bryan Lane – adj old patent line – 99 acres Wm to pay Benjamin Lane \$2.09 and to Willie Lane \$33.96 and to Smithya Lane \$31.96

Lot #4 – Benjamin Lane – line of old patent – 99 acres

Lot #5 – Willie Lane - 99 acres

Lot #6 – Sanders Lane – 99 acres

Lot #7 – Smitha Lane – adj Grace – 99 acres

Signed Thos, Person, Jno Williams, Eth. Yelverton

Copy of plat accompanied

Division of the land of Zador Thomson dec – 28 October 1826

Sally Thompson – adj James Taylor’s branch, county line, NS Nahunta, run of Button Branch, to take in one acre on the tract whereon Etheldred Howell formerly lived – 362 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres - another tract adj William Smith, James Taylor – 110 acres – another tract of 34 acres being in the whole 506 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres valued at \$1332 the average lot being \$1225

Lot #2 – Patience Sherard – head of Ben Taylor’s branch, Lassiter, county line, Sally Thomson, NS Nahunta Swamp, SW branch of Button branch – 350 acres – another tract adj Sally Thompson, James Jones – 107 acres – total of 457 acres valued at \$1245

Lot #3 – Zadock L. Thomson – adj Patience Sherard, - 266 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres – another tract on SW prong of Button Swamp, Hollowell – 80 acres – total of 346 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres valued at \$1385 – Zadock to pay Sally \$60

Lot #4 – George W. Thomson - adj Zadock L., - 389 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres – another tract adj Zadock L., Jesse Gin – 80 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres valued at \$1381 also he to pay Sally \$33 and to Patience \$23

Lot #5 – Anna Mariah Thomson – adj George W., Beaver dam, Hollowell, 308 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres, another tract of 98 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres - a total of 406 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres value of \$1382 – & Anna to pay Patience \$57
James Thadding, Jonathan Pike, Mark Pike

Recorded Liber P No 15 page 338, R. Hooks, Regr

Indenture – 7 Oct 1802 – Burwell Mooring of Wayne to Joseph Green??? Jr - \$2500 – tract SS Nahunta Swamp, mouth of Button Branch, water grist mill including one acre of land where Ethelred Howell formerly lived, a branch which in part divides Burwell Mooring and William Mooring heirs, dividing line between Mooring and Isham Lane, - 300 acres being the land and plantation house and water grist mill where the said Burwell Mooring now lives – another tract on Nahunta marsh, mouth of Button Branch adj the above tract, Dewey and Baker’s dividing line, beaver dam – 400 acres – another tract adj the above, Nahunta Swamp, Dewey and Baker’s patent, near Gransville’s line, Radford – 110 acres – the two last tracts were patents by Dewey and Baker

WIT: F. Green, Wm. Balfour, David Dunn

Registered 6 April 1803 Liber G No 422

Indenture – 2 July 1804 – Joseph Green of Wayne Co to Zadock Thompson of Greene Co - \$2500 – SS Nahunta Swamp – mouth of Button Branch, water grist mill to include one acre of land on the tract where Ethelred Howell formerly lived, dividing line between sd Green and William Mooring, dividing line between Green and Isham Lane, Beaverdam – 300 acres being land and plantation house and water grist mill where Green now lives – another tract, Nahunta swap, mouth of Button Branch, Dewey and Baker’s patent – 400 acres – another tract adj the above, a part of Nahunta Swamp, Fort’s line, corner of Dewey and Baker’s patent, Radford – 110 acres

WIT: John Davis, Jethro Thompson
Registered 11 July 1805 Liber H No 103

A petition was made for a new trial

Indenture – 24 Feb 1830 – William Lane to Benjamin Bynum - \$864 - - NS Nahunta, Benj Lane one of the heirs of John Lane, dec and sold by Benjamin Lane to William Lane dec on 3 Sept 1821 being part of the lot sold by William Lane to Benjamin Bynum of 29 acres leaving 70 acres – line of a deed from Edith Lane, William, Sanders and Willie Lane to Benjamin Bynum – part of my land from my father, John Lane of 25 acres having been sold to William Sauls out of the north end of said lot, adj John Heath’s heirs, line of Bryants Lane’s lot – 74 acres

WIT: Wyatt Moye

Indenture – 24 Feb 1830 – Edith Lane to Benjamin Bynum - \$75 – my dower right in the land of my husband, John Lane and to the lot set aside to Benjamin Lane

Signed by mark

WIT Wyatt Moye, Wm Edmandson

Indenture – 18 Feb 1830 – Edith Lane, Sanders, Willie and William Lane to Benjamin Bynum of Pitt Co - \$1000 – NS Nahunta – 228 1/2 acres – grantors heirs of John Lane

Edith and Sanders signed by mark

WIT: Mark Heath, Lawrence Bryan

Recorded Liber P pages 261

Contributed by Grace Williamson Turner

Jane Bennett against Jacob Merritt and others

North Carolina Reports, Vol. 59 - December Term, 1860 to June Term 1863

Where the agent of a trustee received money, arising from the sale of trust property, made by collusion with him, it was *Held*, not to be a defense to a bill against such agent to follow the funds in his hands, that he had paid the money over on liabilities which he had incurred for the trustee.

Where trust property is wrongfully sold by a trustee, by collusion with another, who did not, however, receive any part of the price for which the property sold, it was *Held*, that the principle of following the trust fund, in its converted state, does not apply to such other person.

Cause removed from the Court of Equity of Wayne County.

Thomas Bennett, of the county of Sampson, died about the year 1857, leaving a widow, the present plaintiff, Jane, and one daughter, Virginia, his distributees, and the defendant James R. Parker administered on his estate. Afterwards, in August, 1857, Virginia, the daughter, died, leaving her mother, the said Jane, her sole distributee. J.R. Parker also administered on her estate. The said Parker took possession of the personal estate of both, consisting of slaves, household furniture, stock of horses, etc., carriage, growing crop, provisions on hand, notes, etc., on several individuals. In March, 1858, the defendant Jacob Merritt insinuated himself into the confidence of the plaintiff and married her, she having first made a deed of marriage settlement, securing all her property to her sole and separate use, and constituting himself (the said Merritt) her trustee. It turned out that Merritt, at the time of this marriage, was a married man, and had a wife then living in the State of Alabama, and was otherwise a very faithless and unworthy man. Shortly after the marriage with Mrs. Bennett, he set himself to work by harshness and intimidation, to get her property in his hands, and to sell all of it he could get. Parker, the administrator, who seems to have understood the character of Merritt, thwarted him as much as he could in his designs of despoiling Mrs. Bennett of her property, and kept much of it in his hands, while it appears that the defendant Monk, an uncle of Merritt, aided and abetted him in his designs. It appeared that Mrs. Bennett was induced, after the marriage, to remove from her homestead in Sampson to a place called Magnolia, in Duplin County, belonging to Monk, and he admits that he advised their removal to this place, but says it was from kind and benevolent motives.

It is alleged in the bill, and admitted, that Merritt made a conveyance of all his interest in the slave property, which had belonged to Mrs. Bennett, to the defendant Monk, but he says that this conveyance was by no means made in fraud of the *cestui qui trust*, but for a valuable consideration, to-wit, the indemnity of him (Monk) for debts paid and liabilities incurred by him for the said Jacob. It appeared that Merritt succeeded in getting two of the slaves, Hillory and Ellender, which he sold for \$...., and delivered \$900 of the money to Monk, who, in his answer, says he paid it out on liabilities which he had incurred for Merritt, and he goes into a list and minute account of such payments. Monk answers that he had no knowledge how the money arose, but the proofs on this subject, in the opinion of the Court, are sufficient to fix the knowledge upon him.

Merritt got possession of another slave belonging to Mrs. Bennett, by the name of Dilsey, and in company with Monk was proceeding to carry her out of the State to sell her. On arriving at Goldsboro, they consulted an attorney, who told them they could not sell the slave unless they got the authority of Parker, the administrator. They then went back to Parker, who executed a bill of sale to Monk for Dilsey, and he conveyed her, in like manner, to Merritt, who took her to Richmond and sold her and received the money for her. Monk, in his answer to this allegation, says that Dilsey was an unmanageable slave, and had lately run away, and that her mistress was displeased with her, and wished her sold. He denies receiving any part of the purchase money.

The prayer of the bill is for a decree of nullity of the marriage, and that Monk deliver up, for cancellation, the conveyance of the property to him by Merritt, and that he account for the value of all the property belonging to Mrs. Bennett which was sold by Merritt, and for the \$900 received by him, as being the proceeds of her property, also for a decree against him for the price of Dilsey, and also a decree against Merritt for an account of all the property which came into his hands.

The cause was set for hearing on the bill, answer, exhibit and proofs, and sent to this Court by consent.

Pearson, C.J. The allegation that at the time of the marriage the defendant had a wife who was then living, is clearly proved; of course his marriage with the plaintiff was void, and she is entitled to a decree of "nullity of marriage" so far as she is concerned. She is also entitled to a decree making void the deed by which, in contemplation of marriage, she conveyed her estate to Merritt, in trust, for her sole and separate use. She is also entitled to a decree that the conveyance of the slaves, made by Merritt to Monk, shall be surrendered and cancelled, so as to remove the cloud from her title.

We are also satisfied by the evidence that the \$900 which Merritt handed over to defendant Monk, to secure him against the liabilities which he had entered into for Merritt, was money received by Merritt for the two negroes, Hillory and Ellender, and, on the ground of following the trust fund, the plaintiff is entitled to a decree against Monk for that amount. He faintly denies notice, but that is clearly fixed on him, and the ground on which he puts himself in respect to this money, to-wit, that he had paid it to the creditors of Merritt, to whom he had become liable as surety for Merritt, will not avail him. That money, in his hands, was a part of the trust fund, and he knew it; consequently, Merritt, as a trustee, had no right to apply it to the discharge of his debts, and the defendant Monk had no right to do so for him.

In respect to the woman Dilsey, we have had more difficulty in coming to a conclusion. She was conveyed by Parker to Monk, and he made a bill of sale to Merritt, for the purpose of enabling Merritt to sell her. Merritt did accordingly sell her, but it does not appear, according to proofs, that Monk received any part of the purchase money; on the contrary, we are satisfied that Merritt used the money received by him as her price himself; so the principle of following the trust fund, in it converted state, does not apply, and putting out of view the averment that the woman Dilsey was thus sold by the consent of the plaintiff because of the slave's insubordination, and also the averment that it was done under the advice of respectable counsel, we can see no ground on which the defendant Monk can be made liable in respect of this slave, even if we suppose he acted collusively, and became an actor in the transaction with an intent to aid Merritt, the trustee, to get into his hands this negro and sell her, and appropriate the purchase money to his own use; for when Monk takes the ground that no part of the money can be traced to his hands, he can not be reached on the principle by which, in equity, he can be made liable.

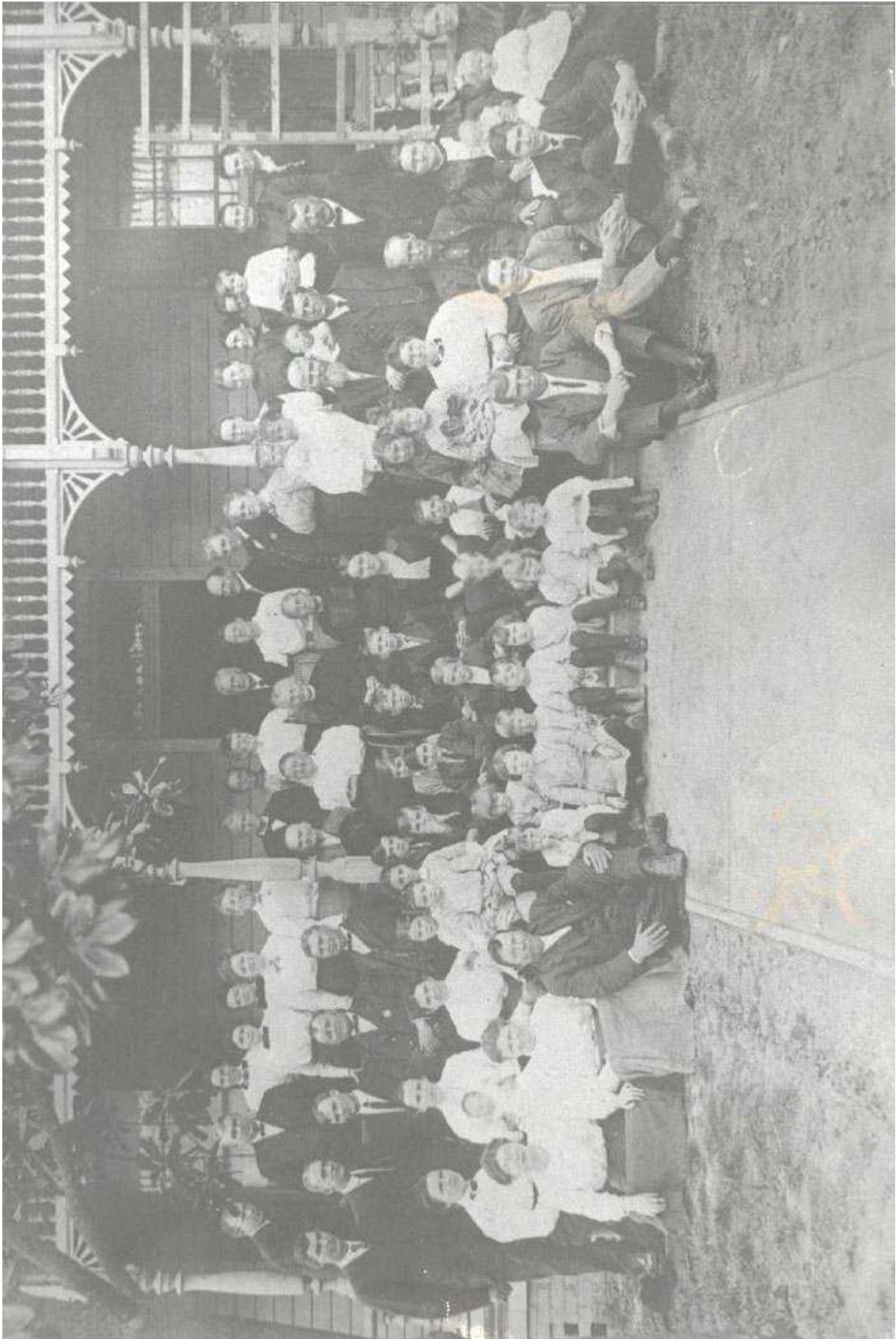
The defendant Merritt is chargeable with all the funds which came to his hands, by reason of the sales made by him or otherwise.

As to the other property, the deed executed by Merritt to Monk does not include it, and there is no proof of his having taken it into his possession, so there can be no decree in respect to it. So the plaintiff must be left to her own vigilance in gathering it up. There will be a decree against Parker for an account.

Per Curiam

Decree Accordingly

The following photograph can be found at the Wayne County Library in the History Room. The occasion was the 88th birthday for Patience Lewis Denmark, wife of Joseph Dixon Denmark. Patience was the daughter of Susan Casey (d/o Micajah Casey) and Urban Lewis.



Those present at time of picture Patience Lewis Denmark, birthday, age 88 - 1913

Back row left to right:

1. William Stroud, son of Jim Stroud and Polly Ann Denmark
2. Kleber Denmark, son of Stephen Henry Denmark and Fannie Lewis
3. Mary Hardison, dau Rebecca Jane Denmark-dau Fannie Lewis & Thomas James Hardison
4. Annie Hardison Cobb, sister of #3 above
5. Rosa Exum Smith, wife of Earnest Smith
6. Clyde Denmark Crawford, dau Willis Arthur & Clara Boyette Denmark
7. Emma Boyette Denmark, wife of Willis A. Denmark
8. Willis Arthur Denmark, son Joseph Dixon & Patience Lewis Denmark
9. --
10. Polly Ann Denmark Stroud, dau Joseph Dixon & Patience Lewis Denmark
11. Jim Stroud
12. Susan Denmark Williams, dau Joseph Dixon & Patience Lewis Denmark
13. Will Williams, husband of above – no children of this marriage
14. Buckner McDuffie Denmark, son Joseph Dixon & Patience Lewis Denmark
15. Annie Stith Denmark, wife of above
16. Sarah, wife of Joe Price, son Eliza Bethany Price, dau Joseph Dixon & Patience Lewis Denmark
17. Lizzie Howell, grand dau Eliza Bethany Price, dau Joseph Dixon & Patience Lewis Denmark
18. Lou Pearl Casey Edwards, wife of Robert Henry Edwards, son Fannie Maria Denmark & John Haywood Edwards
19. Alice Howell Overman, grand dau Eliza Bethany Price
20. Baby --
21. Ellen Starling, wife William Starling, son Elizabeth Lewis, sister Patience Lewis
22. Berta Stith Fulghum

Second row left to right:

1. Sam Burnette, his wife dau Buckner McDuffie Denmark
 2. George Buckner Edwards, son Fannie Maria Denmark & John Haywood Edwards
 3. Harry Daughtry, his wife dau of Buckner McDuffie Denmark
 4. Jack Fulgham, son of Susan E. Lewis & Robert Fulghum
 5. Julius Charles Edwards, son of Fannie Maria Denmark & John Haywood Edwards
 6. George Price, husband of Bethany Eliza Denmark, dau. of Fannie Lewis & Jos. D. Denmark
 7. Eliza Bethany Denmark Price, wife of above
 8. Patience Lewis, dau. of Susan Casey & Urban Lewis, son of William Lewis
 9. Rebecca Jane Denmark Hardison, dau. of Fannie Lewis
- Two children
10. Johnny Parker, husband of Rosa Ellen Howell, dau of Rebecca Jane Denmark & 1st husband
 11. Robert Henry Edwards, son of Fannie Maria Denmark & John Haywood Edwards
 12. William Starling, son of Elizabeth Lewis, sister of Patience Lewis

Third row left to right

1. Clara Denmark Burnette, dau of Buckner McDuffie & Annie Stith Denmark
2. Hattie Denmark Daughtry, dau of Buckner McDuffie & Annie Stith Denmark
3. Edith Carter Edwards, wife of Julius Charles Edwards
4. Pauline Denmark Edwards, dau of Julius C. Edwards & Edith Carter Edwards
5. Robert Cobb, son of Annie Hardison and Dennis Cobb

6. Eleanor Cobb, dau of Annie Hardison and Dennis Cobb
7. Boy
8. George Daughtry
9. Boy
10. Gurman Cobb, son of Annie Hardison & Dennis Cobb
11. Zebulon Vance Edwards, son of J.C. Edwards & Edith Carter
12. John Haywood Edwards, son of J.C. Edwards & Edith Carter
13. Maggie Howell, sister of Lizzie & Alice – Mattie Price Howell's daughter
14. & 15. Boy, Girl
16. Roberta Crawford, dau of Clyde Denmark & John R. Crawford
17. Rosa Ellen Howell, dau of Rebecca Jane Denmark Hardison
18. Daniel Howell
19. Mattie Howell, dau of Eliza Bethany Denmark Price
20. – & 21. Roberts –

Fourth row left to right

1. Addie Mae Hinson, grand dau of Rebecca Jane Denmark Hardison
2. Mattie Peel Price, wife of #3 James Price, son of Eliza Bethany Denmark & George Price
4. Sadie Daughtry Ward
5. –
6. Mary Crawford Norwood, dau of Clyde Denmark Crawford
7. – 8. – 9. – 10. –
11. Lillian Stroud –
12. – 13. –
14. Earnest Smith, Johnny Parker & Wm. Franklin Parker – last 3 sons of Rosa Ellen Howell who 1st married a Smith, next a Parker

From the Elizabeth Collier Papers (#1335) in the Southern Historical Collection,
Manuscripts Department, Wilson Library, UNC

Elizabeth Collier Diary
August 12, 1861 - July 9, 1865

War diary of Elizabeth Collier, who lived at Everittsville, a village near Goldsboro,
North Carolina. She was a refugee during the war at Hillsboro, NC.

[Following are excerpts from the diary]

Everittsville June 17th 1864

Sally my ever dear friend. The moon's pale beams fall gently into my room as I write. Thoughts of you come thick and fast. I look out into the calm moonlight, & wonder how it is possible for the orb to look so serenely down upon all this terrible blood shed. The end of all this suffering is not yet.

Richmond must & shall not fail. The enemies despairing of ever whipping in an open engagement, are determined if possible to get possession of the Danville, & South Side Rail Road & thus have the Capitol besieged.

God grant it may never be done. Glorious old Virginia there is no sorrow like unto hers, neither is there faith like unto hers. The whole state over run - yet she stands up nobly & will resist unto the end.

The coming election for Governor in N. Car. is to decide much for the state's weal or woe. If Holden & his colleagues are trampled under foot we are safe. I trust that the people will rouse themselves in time. Oh that the finger of scorn should be pointed at my native state. I blush for her few remaining men.

Oct 1 1864

John Cobb wounded & captured in the fight near Winchester on the 19th Sept - Sam escaped & was safe when we last heard from him

Nov 29th

A letter from Sally with the sad news of little Aby's death, sudden and fearful it was, poor little child what he must have suffered for nothing more painful than a burn.

The two Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Washington, Mrs. Carraway, & Mrs. Grist – Martha Evans, Mary Andrews & Sally Grist dined with us to-day. Such a party of females I have not seen in a time. Not a man at the table. I want to get up a Christmas present for Mr. Hunter, something, I don't know what, but I must to bed.

Dec 8th 64

Sam is at Home - What a joyful surprise he gave us - Dear Boy - God has been very gracious to him - he has been preserved through all the dangers of the war thus far. How ambitious I am for him. God grant that he may live & realize all my hopes. He is very dear to my desolate heart.

Sue will be at Home in two days - Christmas will soon be upon us - I must put away all sad thoughts & be happy in the joy of others.

Dec 29th 1864

Sam left us to-day for the Army - we have all enjoyed his visit so much. Thank God that we have seen him once more.

Sally sent me her "Carte de visite" last night. How dear her and suffering face is to me - my poor friend how weary & soul sick you are.

Went to Church this morning - Mr. Hunter preached a most excellent sermon.

March 9th

Last night I had a letter from Sally Warwick saying that she was engaged to Maj. Poor - dear child I thought all along she loved him tho' she never would acknowledge it.

Betty Austin is also engaged to Dick Badger & to be married this month – it seems so funny to me - I wish I could see Tempe - I am afraid she does not like it.

March 11th 65

Every body is in the wildest state of excitement - Goldsboro is to be evacuated in less than 24 hours. Sherman has occupied Fayetteville & we must concentrate our forces to whip - God grant that we may do it - Pa went off with a scouting party last night & returned this evening. He is completely broken down I know. The Yankees will be here in a day or two at the latest. I think I shall send Deloraine over to Major Morrison to morrow - he will take care of him. Oh God, give us the victory in the coming fight.

Hillsboro, April 20th 65

We have lived in such a state of excitement for the past month that I have not had the time to write any thing which occurred but to begin at this late day. After the evacuation of Goldsboro, we were in constant expectation of the Yankees for more than a week before they made their appearance. On Sunday 17th March, the battle of Bentonsville took place. Dr. Maddox on hearing the cannonading rode out in the direction of the fight but went only a few miles when he met a party of Yankees who took him prisoner, carried him to Head quarters where he was paroled & sent home under the care of a Lt. Storey. On Monday morning the 20th the first foraging party made their appearance at Everettsville. We were of course all very much alarmed. They asked for flour & seeing that we were disposed not to give it, made a rush in the house & took it himself - the cowardly creature even pointed his gun at us helpless women. Looking out we soon found that poor little Everettsville was filled with Yankees & that they were plundering the houses. After a while we succeeded in getting "Safe guard" & for a week we got along comparatively well. But in the meantime every thing out doors was destroyed, all provisions taken, fences knocked down, horses, cows, carriages & buggies stolen & every thing else the wretches could lay their hands on, even to the servants clothes.

On Money 27th a party of most desperate fellows burst the back door down & forced their entrance. They had made several attempts before to get in the house but we had the doors locked. And now they commenced their sacking of the house & did not cease until they had taken everything to eat the house contained, not leaving us a single mouthful. Curses & oaths were uttered on all sides, it was truly fearful. One fellow remarked in his insolent way, as he was destroying a jar of brandy peaches, that he really did feel sorry for these people, they had so little. They then told us that they intended burning the house that night & made the most desperate threats. They did put the fire in three places, but the guard extinguished it before it did any injury.

Poor Miss Sally had her trunks searched & her things stolen while they cursed here every moment calling her "Damned old rebel" &c. At last we were compelled to leave the house & seek refuge with Dr. Maddox. They even threatened to burn him down for harboring "damned rebels" as they called us. We were two days at Dr. Maddox's & on the third we went over to Goldsboro & there remained for a week. I went to see Gen. Schofield to ask him to send us out of the Yankee lines. He very politely said he would. So the next morning the 5th April, we came out under a flag of truce. Col. Hays of Schofield's staff examined our trunk & would only allow us pieces, Ma's & my trunk, the boys not a change of clothing but I was only too thankful to be rid of their hateful presence at any cost and I really do not think I was ever so happy in all my

life, as I was when I first saw our men - rebel soldiers in their grey jackets - their bright open, cheerful countenances were such a striking contrast to the mean low, miserable looking Yankees. Gen. Hampton furnished us with transportation to the train.

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