

The joint answer of Hannah Washington, Harriet A. Hopkins, Sarah E. Washington and Martha Washington, to a bill filed against them in the Circuit Court of Fairfax County, Virginia, Virginia, by James McCuen, Jr., Administrator of Llayd Washington, deceased.

For answer to the said bill they say as follows:-

They have read a copy of the said bill and they believe that the allegations therein contained are substantially true.

And having fully answered they pray to be hence dismissed &c.

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Hannah Washington
Witness for McCuen Jr

Harriet A Hopkins

Sarah E. Washington

Martha Washington

Witness:-

George Brown

The answer of Martha Washington, by her guardian ad litem,
C. Vernon Ford, to a bill filed against her and others in the
Circuit Court of Fairfax County, Virginia, by James McCuen,
Jr., Administrator of Lloyd Washington, deceased.

Reserving all just exceptions to said bill, the said respondent,
by her said guardian ad litem, for answer thereto
saith as follows:-

She is an infant of tender years
and by reason of her infancy is incapable of fully appreciating
the legal effects of all the statements contained in the
said, ^{bill} though she believes them to be true, and she therefore
commits her rights and interests involved in said suit, to the
Court and prays that no decree may be pronounced in said suit
prejudicial thereto.

And having answered the said
respondent prays to be dismissed &c.

C. Vernon Ford
Guardian ad litem.

I, W. E. Graham, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Fairfax County,
Virginia, do certify that C. Vernon Ford, whose name as guar-
dian ad litem, is signed to the foregoing answer, has this day
in my said office made oath to the said answer.

Given under my hand this 19 day of April, 1897.

W. E. Graham Clerk.

In the Circuit Court of Fairfax County, Virginia.

James McCuen, Jr., Administrator of Loyd Washington

vs.

June Term, 1897

Hannah Washington and others

In Chancery

This cause is now heard on the bill, the answer of the defend-
ants admitting the truth of the allegations contained in the
bill, such answer having been signed by the defendant Martha
Washington after she ^{attained} ~~obtained~~ her majority, the answer that
was filed by C. Vernon Ford, guardian ad litem of the said
Martha while she was or was supposed to be an infant, the dep-
ositions of Oliver Brown, Hillary Barnes and James McCuen Jr.
and argument of counsel; upon consideration whereof, the Court
being satisfied that that the defendant Hannah Washington is
the widow of the late Loyd Washington and that the defendant
Harriet Hopkins is his sole heir at law, doth adjudge, order
and decree that the complainant James McCuen, Jr., Administra-
tor of Loyd Washington, ~~do~~ in distributing the estate of his
said decedent ^{do first} ~~after~~ satisfy ^{the} charges of administration, fu-
neral expenses, debts and the costs of this suit, including a
fee of \$25.00 to his attorneys Moore & Keith, ^{do then} pay one-third of
the residue to the said widow Hannah Washington and two-thirds
of the said residue to the said heir at law Harriet Hopkins.
And as it will be more convenient for the said Administrator
to make a report of his transactions to and have the same stat-
ed by the Commissioner of the Court wherein he qualified rather
than in this suit and it being unnecessary to retain this suit

on the docket, the Court doth further adjudge, order and decree
that the same be stricken from the docket. And this decree
is final

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