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Court of pleas & quarter sessions June Term 1834

The answer of **JOHN PEELE** to so much of the petition of **REDDICK MILES** and **JOSEPH** & **LEWIS BRYAN** which he is advised his material for him in answer saith:

That it is true as alleged in the petition of plaintiffs that this defendant was appointed administration of **ALLEN BRYAN**, the father of the plaintiffs, who departed this life sometime about the year 1815, that as administrator he took into his possession the personal estate of said **ALLEN**, sold the same at public auction after giving legal notice of said sale.

That it is not true however that this defendant made no return of his acting or doings as administrator and that such returns were made as this defendant avers also the same may be some accident, be lost.

This defendant further answering saying that owing to the very long time since he completed the business entrusted to him in relation to the affairs of his intestate he is now unable to give an account of the estate of the said **ALLEN**, but he aver that soon after the plaintiffs respectively came of age this defendant paid each of them their respective shares for which he now holds their receipts.

This defendant further saith the widow of the said **ALLEN**, his intestate, **CATHERINE** his daughter (now above) submitted in the course of distribution to a part of the estate of the said **ALLEN**. He submits that unless they be made parties to this petition the case of the plaintiffs cannot be sustained.

He prays, therefore, that he may be dismissed with his costs.

Sworn in open court

XXX & Whitaker for JOHN PEELE

R. H. WEAVER, Clerk

State of North Carolina ]
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Court of pleas and quarter sessions March Term 1834

To the worshipful Court

The petition of REDDICK BRYAN, CATHERINE BRYAN, MILES BRYAN, WHITMEL BRYAN, JOSEPH BRYAN and LEWIS BRYAN children and heirs at law of ALLEN BRYAN complaining sheweth to your worships that their father ALLEN, late of the state and County of aforesaid, died in the year of \_\_\_\_ intestate and that administration of his estate was granted by your worshipful court to Dr. JOHN PEELE who entered into bond with BRYAN RANDOLPH and ELLIOT FUTREAL as his sureties at ... term 1815 of your court.

Your petitioners further show that the said **PEELE**, as administrator aforesaid, took into his possession all the personal estate of the said **ALLEN** consisting of stock, farming utensils, furniture and such of the value of \$1,000, or some other large sum, and also all the cash, notes and accounts of his intestate amounting to \$1,000, or some other large sum.

Your petitioners further show that after paying all the debts of his intestate there still remains in the hands of said **PEELE**, as administrator, \$1,200 or \$1,500, or some other large sum, which is due to your petitioners or the children and the heirs at law of said **ALLEN**.

Your petitioners further show that said **PEELE** has failed to return to court any account of his proceedings as administrator, that there has been no return of any account of sales, although there was a sale of all the personal estate of said intestate, and no return of any settlement of the estate, and that your petitioners are unable to ascertain their rights and that said **PEELE** still holds in his hands all the estate of said **ALLEN**, except some inconsiderable sum which he has paid your petitioners, and that he obstinately refuses to come to a fair settlement and pay over to your petitioners the sums which are justly due and to which they are respectively entitled, although frequently requested so to do.

Your petitioners, therefore, pray your worships that the said **PEELE** be compelled to render on us an account of his administration of said estate to the next term of your worshipful Court. They further pray for all necessary process to issue an order that their rights may be ascertained and for general relief in the premises, and your petitioners will ever pray & c.

**WILLIAM W. CHERRY** solicitor for petitioners

July 15th 1834 Thursday delivered a copy of this to **B**. **RANDOLPH**July 16th 1834 this day delivered a copy of this notice to Dr. **JOHN PEELE**July 17th 1834 this day delivered a copy of this notice to **JOSEPH BRYAN**July 19th 1834 this they delivered a copy of this notice to **MILES BRYAN** & **REDDICK BRYAN** 

July 21st 1834 this day delivered a copy of this notice to **ELLIOTT FUTREAL**JAMES H. WOOD Sheriff

Ву

N. WOOTTON, deputy sheriff

State of North Carolina Northampton County

Court of pleas and quarter sessions June Term 1834

**REDDICK BRYAN** et al, plaintiff

against

JOHN PEELE et al, defendant

This cause is referred to the clerk to take an account and make a report thereof to court the parties concerned are hereby notified to attend at my office, in the town of Jackson, on Monday the 28th day of July 1834 with their vouchers, Witnesses and other evidences, for the purposes of carrying the said order of the Court into effect.

Issued the 11th day of July and July 1834

RICHARD H. WEAVER, Clerk

REDDICK BRYAN at al,
vs & notice
JOHN PEELE, administrator at al

To be returned to clerk's office by the 28th of July 1834

A true copy of this notice is delivered to Sundries by me

JAMES H. WOOD Sheriff

by

N. WOOTTON, deputy sheriff

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