

Below is a transcription of an 1827 Cumberland Co., VA. Chancery court case found on the LVA catalog on the Library of Virginia website covering the delayed division and settlement of William Edwards 1758-1803. The children listed were the children of the said William Edwards 1758-1803 deceased and his wife Grizzle Ghee (married in 1779 Cumberland Co., VA) of whom six migrated to the southwest corner of Logan County, KY / the southeast corner of Todd County, KY. Mary Edwards who married William S. Gauldin has not yet been accounted for. Grizzle (Ghee) Edwards was administratrix of her husband William Edwards 1758-1803, who died before Dec. 1803 in Cumberland Co., VA when his Estate Inventory was entered into court records.

The 1830 Cumberland County, VA. U.S. census lists Grizzle Edwards age 70 to 80. Assuming Grizzle (Ghee) Coleman was 18 years old when she married William Edwards in 1779 Cumberland Co., VA. & taking the 1830 census age into account, Grizzle (Ghee) Edwards was born abt. 1760.

Link to a PDF of the original 1827 document:

[https://sites.rootsweb.com/~theduffpapers/edwards/grizzle\\_edwards\\_chancery\\_case.pdf](https://sites.rootsweb.com/~theduffpapers/edwards/grizzle_edwards_chancery_case.pdf)

Link to the Library of Virginia Chancery Records Index of said document:

[https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case\\_detail.asp?CFN=049-1827-008](https://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=049-1827-008)

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## FOLDER COVER

1827-008

Cumberland Co., Chancery Cases: Benjamin E. Scruggs vs. Widow of William Edwards & children  
Coleman, Woodson, Gauldin

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Scruggs vs Edwards & Heirs

This cause this day comes on to be heard upon the Bill answers and exhibits filed upon the argument of counsel where upon the court doth do judge, order and accrue that **Mrs. Grizzle Edwards the administrator of William Edwards deceased** do make up state and settle her accounts as administratrix of said estate before John McWalker, John G. Page, Thos Jollis, Benj. Holman, Ewing Morrow or any three of them who are hereby appointed commissioners for that purpose and make the said commissioners who may act report the same to court in order for a final accrual and the court doth further adjudge, order, and decree a division of the said estate real and personal and that John C. Page, Benj Holman, Abraham Cook, Ewing Morrow & Wm G. Pull or any three of them and they are hereby appointed commissioners to access the same in manner following viz. allot to **Mrs. Grizzle Edwards** one third of the real and personal Estate of the said William Edwards deceased and of the remainder, **one seventh** to Benjamin E Scruggs, **one seventh** to **Nehemiah Edwards**, **one seventh** to **Gauldin & wife**, **one seventh** to **William Edwards**, **one seventh** to **Barnet Edwards**, **one seventh** to **William Edwards**, **one seventh** to **Gideon Edwards** upon them executing each of them refunding bonds to the administration with sufficient security and the said commissioners are hereby authorized to take with them a surveyor to divide the said real estate and that they report to court in order for a final decree.

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The answers of **Grizzle Edwards, Nehemiah Edwards, Barnet Edwards, William Edwards, Gideon Edwards and William Gaudlin & Mary** his wife to a bill of complaint exhibited against themselves and others in the county court of Cumberland by Benjamin E. Scruggs. These respondents saving and reserving to themselves now and at all times hereafter & for answers thereto as so much thereof they believe the allegations in said complainants Bill contained are true and that they have no objections to the Decree proposed for by the said complainants & having answered pay to hence accomplished.

The separate answers of ~~William Woodson guardian and stua for~~ William Edwards accepted to a bill of complaint exhibited against the said William Edwards and others in the county court of Cumberland by Benj. E. Scruggs this respondent saving and reserving **xx** for answers thence or so much as he is advised is material for him to answer such that he has no doubt that the allegations in said complainants bill contained are true and that he has no objection to the Decree prayed for by these complainant having answered prays to be hence accomplished (?).

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(Looks like the text below is from another Chancery case which got mixed in with the Edwards complaint, and was scratched out by the clerk.)

The separate answers of William Thorton to a Bill of Complaint exhibited against him & others in the county court of Cumberland by Benjamin E. Scruggs. This respondent saving & reserving xx for answers such that he has no doubt shall the allegations in said complainants Bill contained are true and that the be no objections to the decree prayed for by the complainant having answered pray to be hence answered.

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To the worshipful the justices of the county Court of Cumberland in chancery setting respectfully showeth ~~to your worshipful~~ your orator Benjamin E. Scruggs that a certain William Edwards late of the County of Cumberland died intestate entitled to and in possession of considerable real and personal Estate lying and being in the said County of Cumberland leaving his **widow Grizzle Edwards** and the following children. Viz. **Nehemiah Edwards, Nancy Edwards** who has since intermarried with Thomas Coleman, **Barnet Edwards, Gracy Edwards** who intermarried with James B. **Woodson, William Edwards, Gideon Edwards and Mary Edwards** who intermarried with William S. Gaudlin. Your orator further showeth that the said Estate real and personal descended and belonged, at the death of the said William Edwards, to the said children herein before mentioned of the said William Sr. ages equal division subject however to the dower and reasonable part of the said Grizzle his said widow during her natural life. Your orator also further showeth that since the death of the said William, the Elder, your orator has purchased all the interest and estate of the said **James B. Woodson and Gracy** his wife for valuable consideration which they held or claimed in (?) the said Estate as referenced to a Deed bearing Ante the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 1826 and record in the Clerks office of the County Court of Cumberland and is herewith filed & prayed to be taken as a part of this bill will more fully appear.- Your orator also further showeth that the said Nancy previous to her intermarrying conveyed by Deed of Gift all her interest in said Estate

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To her son William Edwards which Deed is of record in the clerks office aforesaid, bears ante the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January in the year 1827 and is herewith filed and prayed to be taken as a part of this bill your orator also further showeth that William Thorton know a lien for valuable consideration on fall the interest which the said William S. Gaudlin and Mary his wife had a claim in on to the same real estate as will appear by refence to his deed during date the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the

year \_\_\_\_\_ which is also of record in the clerks office aforesaid is likewise here with filed and prayed as a part of this bill your orator also further represents that upon the death of the said William, the said Grizzle Edwards his widow qualified as the administratrix of said estate and thereby proposed herself of the whole there of real and personal and has received the herein rents and profits of the same for many years and has never accounted for the same nor has she settled her admin duties of said estate. Your orator also showeth that the said Estate has never been divided among the several persons entitled to the same. In tender conversation where of and for as much as your orator is remedy up in the premises but by the favorable aid and assistance of a court of equity where matters of this nature are properly cognizable your orator therefore prays that the said Grizzle Edwards, Nehemiah Edwards, Barnet Edwards and William Edwards, Gideon Edwards and William M Thornton be made defendants to this bill and that they be required and say whether they have any objection to have a division of said Estate to answer the same truly, and that the said Grizzle Edwards be required to state and settle truly her administration accounts of the said Estate before commissioners appointed by this worshipful court for that purpose

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and that William Woodson be appointed guardian admin for William Edwards an infant for the purpose of protecting and affording his interest in this suit. Your orator also further prays that your worships may decree a division of said Estates amongst the persons equally entitled to the same giving or allotting to the said widow one third of said estate real and personal, the remainder, Nehemiah Edwards one seventh, Barnet Edwards one seventh, William Edwards one seventh, William Edwards, a minor one seventh, Gideon Edwards one seventh and to William M. Thornton one seventh and to Wm. S. Gauldin & wife one seventh of the said estate and that John G Page, Benj Holman, A Cooke, E. Morrow & Wm G Price or any three of them be appointed commissioners for the purpose of advising said Estates agreeably to the above prayer. Your orator also further prays that your worships may grant any and all further relief in the process as you worships may deem proper & your orator is duly bound will we pray.

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B.E. Scruggs

Bill

Edwards

1827 December

Inter Decree

Surveyors plot plan



Cumberland County to wit

The above is a plat of 236 1/2 acres of lands of the estate of William Edwards decd lying on Willis Creek— which has been surveyed & divided & allotted to the widow & legatees as shown by the above plat- July 16<sup>th</sup> 1828. By John Banham Hiz Lord

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A plot of 236 ½ acres land of the Estate of Wm Edwards with the divisions amongst the legatees.

Ancestry DNA matches:

Bernard Edwards:

Jo Bowman 7 cM across 1 Segment: <https://www.ancestry.com/account/profile/01493792-0002-0000-0000-000000000000?compareToTestId=73A60EF5-A6CB-4CE6-A4F9-3EC97AA20823>

m proper & your orator