

Barry vs Chapman & others
Commissioners report of Sale

The undersigned appointed commissioner of the decree entered in the Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery for Spotsylvania County in the case, on the 29 day of May 1848.

Respectfully reports that he had the property directed to be sold, laid off & the boundaries ascertained by the Town Surveyor: a plat of which is herewith returned. The lot devised to Page Chapman he had laid off in two having been advised that it would thereby bring more, & the result have shown that the belief was well founded-- the sale was advertised in the Virginia Herald, a newspaper printed in the town of Fredericksburg, for the required time as will appear in the certificate of the editor herewith returned. On the appointed day, viz the 1st August 1848, he exposed to sale on the premises, at public auction, in the terms prescribed all the property directed to be sold at which Thomas S. Thornton became the purchaser of the lot fronting on Caroline or Main Street, & designated on the plat as lot No. 1, at the price of \$510.00. John L. Shultice of the lot fronting Prussia Street & marked as No. 2 at the price of \$150. L. D. Robert of the other lot fronting on Prussia Street, designated as No. 3 for \$152.50. Lots No. 2 & 3 belong to Page Chapman and John S. Caldwell became the purchaser of lot No. 4, fronting on Princess Ann Street at the price of \$200. Bonds from the purchasers for the deferred payments with security have been taken & deeds of trust on the property which are herewith returned.

The cash payments have not yet been made as the commissioner was advised it would make the property sell for better prices, to waive the immediate payment of any portion it will be paid up as soon as the sale is confirmed by the court

There were many bidders at the sale which was well attended and the property has sold for more than the value reported by Com'r Herndon some years ago, though since that time the houses have badly depreciated & on one lot entirely disappeared.

Your commissioner appends unto a statement of the expenses of sale & the bonds &c taken from the purchasers.

All which is respectfully submitted

W. S. Barton, com'r

Expenses of sale

Surveyor	\$10.66
Advertising	3.50
crying sale &c 4 lots	15.00
Deeds to & from Purchasers 8 in no. @ \$5	40.00
Comm'n on sale according to Law	29.95
total	\$98.41

[accounting not yet transcribed]

Since the within report was made up, John M. Herndon, the agent of the Mutual Assurance Society has handed me a bill against the house sold to Thomas S. Thornton. The property was sold as free from any incumbrance or lien & it was made known at the sale that the insurance would be paid out of the proceeds of sale. The bill, which amounts to \$87.50, principal and interest is herewith returned.

W. S. Barton

Com'r

