

NEW: HALL, JAMES ET. AL. VS. FINK, D. K. CHANCERY, 1895. Deposition taken: 29 Aug. 1892. DEPOSITION: MRS. LIZZIE LOFTIS. I am 36 years old. I live about one mile south of Gainesboro. I know Eliza F. Gipson . . . I was related to her by marriage. She was my Great Aunt by marriage. The doctor said she had cancer of the womb. Lizzie Loftis (her mark) Deposition taken: Aug. 1892. DEPOSITION: DR. D. K. FINK. Age 64 years. I reside in Gainesboro. I am a physician. Quest. How long have you been a regular practicing physician? Ans. About 40 years. John M. Gipson died in 1881, in Feb. or March I think. She [Eliza F. Gipson] died in March 1882. She had cancer of the womb. Quest. Were you called to see Negroes Winnie and John? If so, by whom? Ans. I was called to see them by Eliza Gipson. /s/ D. K. Fink Deposition taken: 14 Jan. 1896. DEPOSITION: JAMES HALL. I am one of the complainants. I and E. F. Gipson, deceased, are brother and sister. She [E. F. Gipson] had no children--the parties to this suit are her heirs--being her brothers and sisters and their descendants. He lists personal property that E. F. Gipson had at her death, worth all together at least \$600. -bp. L. M. Gipson, the Admr. of J. M. Gipson, moved into the house and took possession of everything immediately after her death. No administrator of E. F. Gipson was appointed for a long time. Quest. State whether or not L. M. Gipson set up claim to all of said property as Administrator of J. M. Gipson, deceased, and also did he or not set up claim to the real estate of E. F. Gipson, claiming that said property belonged to the estate of J. M. Gipson, deceased. Ans. He did--claiming that he being an adopted son of John M. Gipson and as E. F. Gipson had died intestate and without issue, he was her sole heir, she being John M. Gipson's widow. Quest. What steps did you take in relation to your interest in your sister E. F. Gipson's estate? Ans. It being adversely claimed and would cost a big lawsuit--I sold out my entire interest to my brother, W. F. Hall for \$50. When the execution came from the Supreme Court in favor of D. K. Fink vs. me and the other heirs of E. F. Gipson . . . [Tandy F. Hall] was her [E. F. Gipson's] administrator. He is dead. /s/ James Hall DEPOSITION: W. W. ROGERS. I am [a party to this suit]. [I] married Pollie E. Hall, a daughter of W. T. Hall, Oct. 1890. W. T. Hall was dead at the time I was married. He died in the year 1883. /s/ W. W. Rogers DEPOSITION: MARY A. C. CASON. Quest. Are you a sister of Eliza F. Gipson? Ans. I am. I sold my interest [in the estate of E. F. Gipson] to W. T. Hall for \$50. /s/ Mary A. C. Cason DEPOSITION: M. B. YOUNG. I reside in Gainesboro TN. Am a lawyer and have been practicing law in Jackson Co. more or less for the last twenty years. /s/ W. B. Young DEPOSITION: W. W. DRAPER. I live in Gainesboro TN. Am a lawyer. /s/ W. W. Draper THE BILL OF COMPLAINT OF JAMES HALL in his own right and Permilia Hall a lunatic by her general guardian James Hall, W. W. Rogers and his wife Polly Rogers and M. A. C. Cason of Jackson Co. TN and K. J. Hall and Lenard Hall of Clay Co. TN against D. K. Fink of Jackson Co. TN, Alice Loftis and her husband Labin Loftis, Sallie Biggerstaff of the State of Texas, James L. Hall, Leana Lenard, Zerilda Anderson of the State of Missouri, who is now dead and whose heirs are unknown to your complainants, W. H. Anderson, Eliza F. Porter, Permilia Riggs, Laura Z. Brown, Silas B. Rogers, Henry Rogers, Leana Snider, Zerilda Hamilton, now deceased and heirs and their residences unknown

to complainants, Corinda Rogers, all nonresidents of Tennessee John M. Gipson departed this life testate in Jackson Co. TN in Feb. 1881 after having first made and published his last will and testament bequeathing to his widow Eliza F. Gipson who survived him, certain town lots and personal property mentioned and set out in said will and also bequeathing to his adopted son L. M. Gipson and to one John M. Gipson York jointly the rest and residue of his property, he having died without issue, there being no children born to him by his said wife Eliza F. His widow Eliza F. Gipson was named as Executrix of the will, who took charge of the estate and began to wind up the same but being in bad health did but little with the estate prior to her death which occurred on the 2nd day [sic] of March 1882 at her home in Jackson Co. TN. She died intestate without issue leaving as her only heirs and distributees your complainants James Hall, Mary A. C. Cason, Sally Rogers and the defendants except D. K. Fink and the husbands of the married women. Sometime between the bringing of the suit of W. T. Hall et. als. vs. L. M. Gipson and others [on 3 July 1883] and the 22 Nov. 1883, W. T. Hall died, leaving Tandy F. Hall, K. J. Hall, Alice Loftis, Polly Rogers and Lenard Hall his only children and heirs at law. They charge that Eliza F. Gipson died on the 4th [sic] of March 1882 Deposition taken: 29 April 1896. DEPOSITION: JAMES HALL. . . . Permilia Hall, a lunatic sister Judge M. B. Young would make Pole (that is his brother, N. B. Young) . . . /s/ James Young DEPOSITION: ELVIRA CASON. /s/ E. C. Cason Depositions taken: 11 March 1896. DEPOSITION: JAMES HALL. /s/ James Hall DEPOSITION: JAMES T. ANDERSON. I am the administrator of the estate of E. F. Gipson, deceased. /s/ James T. Anderson DEPOSITION: W.W. DRAPER. I have resided in Gainesboro TN since Nov. 1881. I am an attorney. ORDER. 1 Feb. 1897. Personally come M. F. Cason and L. B. Cason and make oath that one of the complainants, M. A. C. Cason, in the case of James Hall & others against D. K. Fink & others in the Chancery Court of Jackson Co. TN, has died since the last term of this Court. THE BILL OF COMPLAINT OF DAVID K. FINK, a citizen of Jackson Co. TN against James Hall, Permilia Hall, Edward M. Cason and his wife Mary Cason, Tandy F. Hall in his own right and as Administrator of W. T. Hall, deceased & as Administrator of E. F. Gipson, deceased, K. J. Hall, Laban Loftis and his wife Alice Loftis, James Leonard Hall and Pollie E. Hall, the last two being minors and H. W. Williams, their general guardian and in his own right, all citizens of Jackson Co. TN, Leana Leonard, Wm. H. Anderson, Martha M. Anderson, Mathew M. Anderson, John H. Anderson, Eliza F. Porter and her husband W. N. Porter, Permilia Riggs and her husband J. C. Riggs, Laura C. Brown and her husband F. B. Brown and one other child of Zerilda Anderson, deceased, whose name and sex is unknown, all of the State of Missouri, Sallie Biggerstaff, a citizen of the State of Texas, James L. Hall, a citizen of the State of Mississippi, Silas B. Rodgers, Henry Rodgers, Leana Snider and her husband [blank] Snider, of the State of Illinois, Zerilda Hamilton and her husband Milton Hamilton of the State of Arkansas, Clarinda Rodgers, a daughter of Martha Rodgers, who is supposed to be married but her husband is unknown to complainant, of the State of Kansas. 13 March 1885. Said Eliza Gipson also died without issue and therefore the defendants, except Pollie

Hall and the husbands of the married women and H. W. William are her only heirs at law, being her brothers and sisters and children of such of her brothers and sisters as are dead.. . . he [Dr. Fink] was called in at the instance of said Eliza to treat other members of her family in severe cases of sickness, to wit, Winny, John and Lee Gipson, col., who were servants living with herDeposition taken: 9 Sept. 1892.DEPOSITION: C. E. REEVES, JR.Aged 23 years.I live in Gainesboro TN. Occupation physician.Quest. What medical school, if any, have you attended? How long did you attend the school?Ans. Vanderbilt University and University of Nashville TN. I attended two terms.I graduated with University of Nashville and Vanderbilt University.I have been practicing two years.I have known of him [Dr. Fink] going on sprees ever since I have known him./s/ C. E. Reeves, Jr.Deposition taken: 9 Sept. 1892.DEPOSITION: B. R. WASHBURN.I live in Jackson Co. and my occupation is physician.Quest. Where was you educated in your profession?Ans. In the Medical Department of the Vanderbilt University.Quest. Was you graduated and did you get a diploma?Ans. Yes, Sir.[Dr. Fink] has been given to protracted sprees . . ./s/ B. R. WashburnDepositions taken:DEPOSITION: BENAMIN A. SMITH.Martha Rash is my oldest daughter. She and her family lived with me at the time named [at the time of Eliza Gipson's sickness].He [Dr. Fink] was in the habit of taking long drunken sprees./s/ B. A. SmithDEPOSITION: WM. A RASH.[Martha E. Rash] is my wife.W. A. Rash (his mark)DEPOSITION: MISS ELLEN SMITH.I am her [Martha E. Rash's] sister.She [Martha E. Rash] has had no health since Mrs. Gipson's death and I attribute her constant attendance on her the cause of that.. . . my sister's children, which were all small, she having died in August before Mrs. Gipson died the next Spring.NEW: HALL, JAMES ET. AL. VS. FINK, D. K. ET. AL.CHANCERY, 1892.[This is the same case as the prior one, just an additional folder. bp.]Depositions taken: 24 Jan. 1889 at Bloomington, Putnam Co. TN.DEPOSITION: REBECCA DRAPER.62 years old.[Eliza Gipson] boarded with me. Dr. Fink attended on her while she was there./s/ Rebecca DraperDEPOSITION: W. W. BAKER.43 years old.I consider Dr. Fink one of our foremost physicians in this section . . ./s/ W. W. Baker, M. D.DEPOSITION: DR. D. K. FINK.Depositions taken: 20 Sept. 1894.DEPOSITION: J. T. ANDERSON.Mrs. Gipson had been dead about eight years when I was appointed [Administrator of her estate]./s/ J. T. AndersonDEPOSITION: W. W. DRAPER./s/ W. W. DraperDeposition taken: 19 Aug. 1895.DEPOSITION: W. W. ROGERS.My wife is a niece of E. F. Gipson and a sister of T. F. Hall.[I] am the Administrator of T. F. Hall, deceased./s/ W. W. RogersDepositions taken: 22 Aug. 1892 at Bloomington, Putnam Co. TN.DEPOSITION: R. F. JULIAN.Aged 38 years.I reside in Bloominton, Putnam Co. TN. I am a practicing Physician.Quest. How long have you been employed in the study and practice of medicine?Ans. Twenty years.I have always regarded Dr. D. K. Fink one of the best physicians and nurses that we have ever had in this country./s/ Dr. K. F. JulianDEPOSITION: W. W. BAKER.Quest. What is your age, residence and profession?Ans. 45 years. Bloomington TN. Practicing physician for about 12 years. Am a graduate of Vanderbilt Medical College and Institute of Phenology, N. Y./s/ W. W. Baker, M. D.DEPOSITION: ELIZABETH CORNWELL.Quest.

How old are you? Where do you live?Ans. Don't know. In Bloomington, TN, formerly of Gainesboro TN.Elizabeth Cornwell (her mark)Depositions taken: 6 & 7 June 1889.DEPOSITION: S. T. STONE.I am 42 years of age. Residence Gainesboro TN. Occupation a physician./s/ S. T. StoneDEPOSITION: JAMES J. STAMPS.Age 54 years. Residence Gainesboro TN. Occupation farmer and carpenter./s/ J. J. StampsDEPOSITION: MISS MARY HENLEY.I am 28 years old and live about one half mile from Gainesboro.. . . Malissa Copeland, who is now dead.Mary Henley (her mark)DEPOSITION: JOHN V. MINOR.My age is 55 years old. Gainesboro is my residence. Occupation Druggist.John M. Gipson died Feb. 4, 1881. Eliza F. Gipson died March 5, 1882./s/ John V. MinorDEPOSITION: JAMES W. STAFFORD.I am 43 years old. Residence Gainesboro. I am Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at this place./s/ James W. StaffordDEPOSITION: MRS. AMERICA HARRIS.I was born in Oct. 1821. My residence is Gainesboro.When Eliza F. Gipson died I was a practicing physician . . .I have had a great deal of experience in waiting on females and in treating female diseases and nursing the sick. Have been engaged upwards of thirty years in the business. I read ten years before I commenced practice./s/ America HarrisDeposition taken: 27 Aug. 1892 in Cookeville, Putnam Co. TN.DEPOSITION: FRANCIS A. SPEAKMAN.I am 56 years old and live in Cookeville.She [E. F. Gipson] married my uncle, my mother's brother.I know she sent for him [Dr. Fink] to come to see Negro Winnie . . . and he got there the evening before Winnie died.. . . a Negro woman named Liz Cornwell./s/ F. A. Speakman.Deposition taken: 16 Sept. 1891 at the residence of Fannin Henley in Jackson Co. TN.DEPOSITION: MARY HENLEY.Mary Henley (her mark)Deposition taken: 19 Sept. 1891.DEPOSITION: S. B. FOWLER.38 years of age. Physician and surgeon and have been practicing medicine about 12 years. Have been practicing at Gainesboro since the year 1880.I graduated at the Ohio Medical College March 1881. I had prior to that time attended the Vanderbilt University Medical Department, Nashville TN.I heard him [Dr. Fink] say he studied medicine under Dr. Black of Kentucky and that he never attended any medical college./s/ S. B. FowlerDeposition taken: 15 Sept. 1891.DEPOSITION: AMERICA HARRIS (cross-examination).D. K. Fink is a single man, a bachelor, and where the people in whose family he doctors are well off and capable of taking care of him, he stays with them while he is waiting on them. This is his custom and he stays for months at a time sometimes./s/ America HarrisDeposition taken: 15 Sept. 1891.DEPOSITION: MRS. M. A. RASH./s/ Martha RashDeposition taken: no date.DEPOSITION: S. T. STONE./s/ S. T. StoneDeposition taken: no date.DEPOSITION: M. A. E. CASON.Aged 71 years.Eliza F. Gipson, wife of the late John M. Gipson, was my sister./s/ Mary A. E. Cason