

MARYLAND STATE ARCHIVES
 SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

SUMMARY SHEET

 NAME WILLIAM UNDRILL
 PURNELL (?-1853)
 COUNTY WO CO
 LEGISLATIVE SERVICE
NOTES

Date	Initials	Number (circled)	Citations
10/25/83	peg	①	NO WILLS MH 27 f 86 Littleton Robins Purnell (1824)
		②	NO WILLS MH 27 f 246 James B. Robins (1826)
		③	NO LAND RECORDS- DEEDS AZ f 137 (1833)
		④	IBID JCH # 1 f 257 (1834)
		⑤	NO CO WILLS JW 18 f 392 William Undrill (1799)
		⑥	NO CO ESTATE DKT WM U PURNELL
		⑦	NO CO INVENTORIES GBC # 1 (CR 8944) folio 433
		⑧	" " ACCOUNTS GBC # 4 (CR 8931) folio 257
		⑨	" " " " folio 260- DISTRIBUTION W 1854
		⑩	BIOG. ENCYCLO OF MD & DC - BALT 1879 p 206 Biog. of J.B.R. Purnell
		⑪	IBID p 431 Biog. of GEORGE WASHINGTON Purnell
		⑫	NO WILLS GTB # 3 f 127 Littleton Robins (1884)
		⑬	NO DEEDS Tf 266 (1799)
		⑭	NO WILLS JW 4 f 466 Joseph Ironshire (1781)
		⑮	NO WILLS JW 18 f 169 Ester Ironshire (1794)
		⑯	NO CO ESTATE DKT - NO WILLS GTB 3 f 177 Ester R.M. Purnell (1883)
		⑰	HAYWARD-DIELMAN INDEX MHS
		⑱	LHP PURNELL FAMILY CHART
		⑲	NO DEEDS AQ f 196 (1824)
		⑳	LHP RESESSION LIST
		㉑	Wo Co Orphans Court Minute Book GBC # 1 f 286, 287 (1854)

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ORIGINS

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PURNELL (-1853)

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Born

Immigrant/Native

C FAMILY BACKGROUND

FATHER: LITTLETON ROBINS PURNELL ^① ^② (1770-1824) ^①

MOTHER: Mary ^⑤ - only child of Isaac Ironshire, the elder son of Joseph Ironshire ^⑬ (?-1781) ^⑭ and Ester (?-1794) ^⑮
Mary m'd LRP by 1799 ^⑬ (?-by 1781) ^⑭

SISTERS: Annetta ^① whom'd James Dirickson ^① ^③
Mary Ironshire ^① who m'd Henry Franklin ^① Jun^r ^① ^③
Esther Robens Murray ^① still alive in 1833 ^③ died 1883 ^⑮
Sarah Arabanter ^① died between 1824 ^⑮ and 1833 ^③

RESIDENCE

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MARRIAGES

NAME WILLIAM LINDRILL

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- 1853)

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Married

Eleanor⁽²⁾ - calls herself Ellen H. Purnell⁽³⁾
Eleanor Horsey Robins⁽¹¹⁾, dtr of James B. Robins and
Elizabeth Horsey Robins⁽¹¹⁾

Wife's/Wives Family

FATHER: James B. Robins⁽²⁾
JAMES BOWDOIN ROBINS⁽²⁾
(James Bowdoin Robins (? - 1826) justice

MOTHER: Elizabeth Horsey⁽¹⁾ (- 1853)⁽¹¹⁾

BROTHERS: John (under 12 in 1826)⁽²⁾
John P. Robins - eldest son⁽²⁾ married Andaria⁽⁴⁾
(dec'd by 1834)⁽⁴⁾

SISTERS
Margaret⁽²⁾ m'd (by 1826)⁽²⁾ IRVING SPENCE⁽²⁾
Anna Maria⁽²⁾ m'd (by 1826)⁽²⁾ ARA SPENCE⁽²⁾

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CHILDREN

NAME WILLIAM UNDRILL PURNELL
(? - 1893)
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Children (including stepchildren)

- ⑨ Littleton R. (?-ca. 1883) ⑫
- ⑩ ⑫ Dr ⑫ James B. R. (1829-1909) ⑫ born Jan 13, 1829, near Snow Hill ⑫ m'd 1862 Elizabeth K. ⑩
dtr of Lambert Payne Esq ⑩
- John R. ⑫ (?-1902) ⑫
- Elizabeth M. ⑫ m'd _____ Johnson ⑫
(dec'd by 1882) ⑫
- William Tho. ⑫ - poss. Leg. - an orphan in 1854 ⑫
- George W. (Washington) ⑫ (1841-1899) ⑫ m'd in 1870 Margaret O. ⑫ dtr of Edward H. ⑫
Bowers (?-1848) ⑫ Confederate Veteran ⑫
- died 8 MAY 1899 ⑫
- Ellen Ann ⑫ ⑫ " orphan " in 1854 ⑫
- Elizabeth M. ⑫ an " orphan " in 1854 ⑫

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PRIVATE CAREER (1)

NAME

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Education

Religion

Titles

CIVIC/SOCIAL INVOLVEMENT

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PRIVATE CAREER (2)

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Social Activities

Occupational Profile

OTHER BUSINESS INTERESTS / INVOLVEMENTS

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E (1)

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PUBLIC CAREER

(1) LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

NAME WM UNDRILL PURNELL

COUNTY (?) - 1853

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

(20)

HOUSE : WO CO 1830, 1844 (per 1844 House proceedings)

SENATE : EASTERN SHORE 1836, 1837, 1838, 1839, ~~1844~~

POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION/ACTIVITIES

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PUBLIC CAREER

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(2) OFFICEHOLDING

COUNTY

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

~~Province or State-wide Office~~

Local Office

~~Jury Service~~

Military Service

NATIONAL SERVICE

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PUBLIC CAREER

(3) NATIONAL SERVICE

NAME

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WEALTH DURING LIFETIME

(1) PERSONAL / LAND

NAME

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WEALTH

Personal Property / LAND

Income

Additional Notes

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ESTATE

NAME

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LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Died ADM BOND 20 MAY 1853 (6)

WEALTH

Personal Property

Inventory extensive - room by room (7)

18 slaves "for life" (7)

5 slaves until "28 yrs of age" (7)

FIRST INVENTORY	8 9,237.92 (7)
TOTAL - ALL INVENTORIES	19,545.41 (8)
DISBURSEMENTS	7,976.08 (8)
BALANCE OF ACCT	11,569.33 (8)

Land

Income at Death

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IDENTIFICATION
~~RESIDENCE~~

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VALUES AND OPINIONS

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Intellectual Pursuits/Values

Stands on Public or Private Issues

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WEALTH DURING LIFETIME

(2) LAND

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1. ~~Acreage at first election~~

2. ~~Significant Changes between first election and death~~

Proceedings of the House 1840

4 March 1841

William Cost Johnson - declined 10 March 1841 FR

Samuel Sprigg PG

✓ Allen Bowie Davis no

William U. Purnell wo

Terch Felghman

appointment as agents to represent the state in
all joint stock companies in which the state has
an interest.

John Van Lear app. 10 Mar 1841

Agents to represent the state in joint stock Companies

1840	31 Dec	paid to	Henry B. S. Key SM	for 22 days attendance	154.00
1841	1 June	"	to J. J. Gilghman	for 11 days "	77.00
1842	10 Jan	"	✓ William H. Purnell	pro diem r " wo	168.00
1842	23 Feb		to Hon Thomas B. Dorsey	for <u>A. B. Davison</u> for his attendance 10 Nov 1841	189.00

Agents

Samuel Sprigg	P	proposed by Senate 4 Mar 1842
Allen B. Davis	D	
James M. Coale	D	declined by House joint committee appointed
William Grason	D	
John O. Wharton	D	

meetings
1843

Mar 9, 1844

Richard B. Carmichael	GA
John B. Chapman	CA D
Jacob Markell	
William T. Wooten	D PG

No Co Accts

*Miss D
June 1891*

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Dr

William U. Purnell ADM^r CWA of Maryland
R. Purnell

aw.

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WILLIAM U. PURNELL

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Federal Census 1810

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William Purnell

MALES					FEM				all ages of slaves	slaves	
under 10	under 16	under 26	26-45	45+	under 10	under 16	under 26	under 45			45+
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5

Census 1830 M70

William Purnell

1 male	30-40	free white
1 female	40-50	" "
1 female	60-70	" "
3 slaves	36-55	male
1 "	55-100	"
1 "	0-10	female
1 "	10-24	"
1	24-36	"
2 free colored	10-24	male
3 "	0-10	female
1 "	36-55	"

William U. Purnell

2 free white	0-5	males
1 "	20-30	males
2 "	15-20	females
1 "	20-30	"
1 "	30-40	"
3 slaves	0-10	males
1 "	10-24	"
2 "	24-36	"
1 "	36-55	"
4 "	0-10	female
3	10-24	"
1	24-36	"
1	36-55	"

WILLIAM W. PURNELL (? - 1853)
1853

No 6 Estate Account

Purnell, Wm W [11]

no will

ADM Littleton R. Purnell

BOND 20 MAY 1853

Sureties J P Rahens
L R Purnell

Inv. 13 June, 21 OCT, 14 Jan 1854

Sales 15 Nov 1853 - 22 Nov 1854

Resp Accts 21 June 1853

Spur Accts 21 Dec 1854

ACCTS 26 Dec 1854 { DIST. Magruder 26th Dec 1854
Exp Accts " " "

Inventories Tho Co

WM U PURNELL

GBG # 1 1851-853 CR8944

(1 - 1853)

✓ Wm U. Purnell 433,468,606
 Mr. James R S Purnell 495,496,497
 Dr. Geo. W. Purnell 495

f 433 - goods & chattels of William U. Purnell decd Tho Co
 20 May 1853

D. Theo W. Williams - appraiser 25 May 1853

Inv. of William U. Purnell of Tho decd

farm equipment
 line stock

"In the cellar"
 "In the office"
 "In the Dairy"
 "In the Smoke House"
 "In the Parlor"
 "In the passage on the 1st floor"

"In the bed room downstairs"
 "In the Dining Room"
 Books
 Shakespeare, Domestic Encyclopaedia,
 History of England, Household Words
 Benjamin Franklin, Life of Christ
 "In the Parlor Chamber"
 "Bedroom Chamber"
 "In the Small Bedroom"
 "In the Dining Room Chamber"
 "In the Garret"
 "In the Colonnade, & Lat of Crochery Chamber"]

"In the Pantry"

"In the Kitchen"

"at the Home farm"

1 old silver watch, 1 old gold watch 15⁰⁰

Negroes who are slaves for life

Negro Arch 60 yrs

Levine 33

Bell 23

Stephen 20

Tom (Dafrican) 17

Sam John Henry 4

" Billy 7

" George (a cripple)

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Inventory

woman May 28
 " Mary 26
 " Eliza 20
 " Asalanta 25 (a couple)
 girl Adiana 6
 " Amanda 4
 Boy George Washington 3 mos
 woman Ann (in Virginia) 19
 " child Mary Leggie 9 mo
 " Sarah Margaret 5 mo

NEGROES whose slaves for a time of years viz until they arrived at 28 yrs
 Charles 21
 Hoonan 10
 William 8
 Dinah 23
 Harriet 12

Cash on hand at death

461.97

Whole amount \$ 9,237.92

f468 Debts due Wm H. Purnell
 LARGE SUMS - NO TOTAL

came little by R. Purnell 24 June 1853

f606 10 June 1853 an acct of the sale of corn fodder, sheep & wool
 came little by R. Purnell ADM

W0 CO
ADMIN ACCTS

GBG #. # 1853-1857 OR 8931

WIM 1.50 AM
 * Dr Geo W Purnell 42,44
 * Dr James R. A 45,402
 * Elisha L 85
 ✓ Wm U 257

p. 257 Littleton R. Purnell ADM of Wm U Purnell

... Dr. 9237.92
 ... gain on sales (fodder)
 (wheat & sheep) 409.91
 (15 NOV 1853)
 ... 2d Dr. 53
 filed 21 NOV 1853 964.00
 ... gain on sale of land &
 Bacon 25 Nov 73.01
 ... gain on sale of property 574.49
 ... add inv. filed 14 Jan 1854 1000.00
 ... sale of negro Ann & child 200.00
 ... sale corn & fodder "July 1854" 50.87
 ... Separate debts collected 7,080.28
 ... 6 mos interest on 1663.95 49.92

[FURTHER TRANSACTIONS]

TOTAL 19,545.41

DISBURSEMENTS

... To James he compl for ...
 coffin & case & bricks for his
 grave
 ... By debts pd Henry Nelson for hauling stone slabs &
 bricks for the grave of the deceased & his wife
 ... pd Dr. E. Duffield for his medical account 8.46
 ... pd for subscription to the Episcopal Recorder 8.25
 TOTAL DEBTS & EXP. OF ADMINISTRATION 2828.58



NO ADMACETS

WM. U. PURNELL (? - 1853)

GBG # 4 CR 5931

Add to this sum at being the appraised value of the balance of the
Negroes & books not disposed of having been specifically
divided by distribution filed 26 Dec 1854 5147.50
\$ 7976.00

Balance in the hands of the ADMIN 11,569.33
26 Dec 1854 same title R. Purnell \$ 19,545.41

p. 250 Distribution

Balance of dec'd personal estate 11,569.33
" to be equally divided amongst the
deceased children who are said to be

- Letitia R.
- James B. R.
- John R.
- Elizabeth M.
- William Tho.
- George W.
- Ellen Ann

in number 9 & each the sum of \$ 1632.76
Purnell seven

No Co Orphans Court
Minute Book
G B & # 1

f 286 1854 December term: to wit Jan 9, 1855

Ely M, Wm J, George H : Ellen A. Purnell
by
Settleton R. Purnell Temp Guardian
Temp guard acct passed

f 286 Wm J & Geo W Purnell
by
Settleton R Purnell
ordered that Settleton R
Purnell be app'd guardian
to Wm J & Geo W Purnell
Orphan J William L.
Purnell dec'd.

f 287 Ellen A. Purnell
by
John R. Purnell Gaard
-app't guard to Ellen A...
Orphan J Wm L. Purnell

f 274 Wm L. Purnell Dec 1854 OCT TERM to wit 22 NOV 1854
by
Settleton R Purnell ADM

^{Order for Resumption}
f 260 21 Sept 1855
Geo W, Wm J & Thelma Purnell by Settleton P. Franklin
app'd guardian to children, the orphans of
James R. L. Purnell

NO CO. ORPHANS COURT - MINUTE BOOK

GBG 1

9 Jan 1855

f286 Elizabeth M }
Am T } Purnell
Geo W }
Ellen A }

by Littleton R. Purnell T.G.

comm. 75% allowed to T.G.

f286 Littleton R Purnell appl'd TG to Am T & Geo W. Purnell
orphans of Wm L. Purnell dec'd

f287 9 Jan 1855

Ellen A Purnell
by John R. Purnell guard

-app't Guard... orphan of
Wm L. Purnell

f292 Dec Term 1854 to wt Jan 23 1855
Am T & Geo W Littleton R Purnell Guardian

f297 Ellen A Purnell by John R. Purnell G

f316 April Term 1855 April 10, 1855
Am T & Geo W Purnell in the care of Little R Purnell
Ellen A. Purnell by John R. Purnell G.

No Wells JW 4
1769-1783

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I. Joseph Ironshire of No (?) - 1781

- to my wife Esther - negro Grant & woman Beck
- grandson Isaac Ironshire Evans, son of Isaac Evans, negro Cesar
- dtr Elizabeth Murray negro Sharp
- son John Ironshire " negro Ben
- dtr Esther Ironshire " negro Rose
- dtr Andasia Ironshire " negro Sarah
- granddtr Mary Ironshire, dtr of Isaac Ironshire deced - negro Comfort
- dtr Mary Evans " formerly conveyed to me by Isaac Evans

Remainder of wife Esther Ironshire

resides to my four dtrs Mary Evans, Elizabeth Murray, Esther Ironshire & Andasia Ironshire & also my granddtr Mary Ironshire

wife Esther Ironshire - Exec²

made 2 Feb 1781

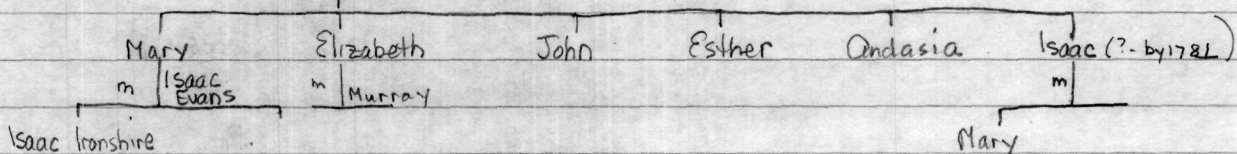
his
Joseph + Ironshire
m²

26 Feb 1781

deced Isaac son of Joseph the father of WARR who
was mother of W. U. PURNELL

Joseph Ironshire
(? - 1781)

m Esther
(? - 1794) see her will
JW 18/69



Wm Co Hills

MH 27

I, Littleton Rabens Purnell (?-1824)

f 56

... to my son William Andrell Purnell
 all the lands above on [mets & bounds]
 ... I purchased of James B. Rabins & Benjamin
 Richardson
 ... I give the above lands to Wm Andrell Purnell
 on condition that he shall convey unto his sisters
 Henrietta Dirickson & Mary Ironshire
 Franklin ^{his} interest to the plantation, whereon M^c Kenney
 Purnell now lives & formerly held by
 CAPT WILLIAM ANDRELL [mets & bounds]
 ... ady to Purnell Purnell
 ... to my 2 dtrs Henrietta Dirickson & Mary J Franklin
 ... "Addition to Beckford"

(MURRAY)

... I give to my 2 dtrs Esther Rabens McCurrach
 Purnell & Sarah Anslanta Purnell ... all the
 land in Buckingham the line to be made by
 Wm H Purnell, James Dirickson & Henry Franklin Jun^r
 ... to Henry Franklin Jun^r all the land that he enclosed
 in this field ...
 ... to Wm Andrell Purnell ... all the land on the East
 side of the County Road [mets & bounds] - also one
 negro man Lige, one negro boy seven
 ... remainder of Beckford & "Addition to Beckford" ... to be
 sold
 ... divided equally between my children

Wm Andrell Purnell shall be my Exec^r

made 3 Feb 1824

Little R. Purnell

Witnesses

Thos R P Spivee
 Mary R Purnell
 J C Stratton

proved 1st May 1824 came William U. Purnell

No Co
Bonds

LW #12 1777-1786

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The William Underhill, Esther Underhill, Nehemiah
Dorran & John Ayres of the ... bound £1,000 - 15 OCT 1784
Conditionwithm bounded Thm Underhill & Esther Underhill ADM & ADM^x
of Isaac Anshure, decdWm Underhill [sic]
Esther Underhill

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Easter Anshure, John Pasby & Thm Anshure ... bound
26 Feb 1781Easter Anshure ADM^xof Joseph Anshure
Easter + Anshure

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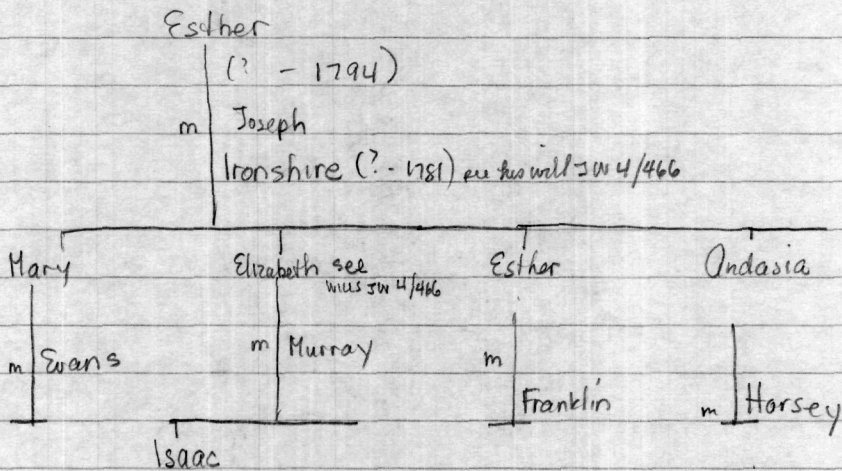
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Last will of Esther Ironshire (c. - 1794) made 16 May 1788

- ... d. dtr Mary Evans
- ... d. grandson Isaac Murray
- ... d. dtr Esther Franklin
- ... d. dtr Andasia Horsey
- ... dtr Esther Franklin Exec^{tr}

her
Esther f Ironshire
mark

9 OCT 1794 then
came Ebenezer Franklin
25 Nov. then came Esther Franklin





Thos G Shells

JN 18

(? - 1799)

1392 30th Dec 1798 I, William Andrell of Ws

... do George W. Purnell ... land ... "Inch"

... do Esther Purnell, dtr of Littleton R. Purnell & his wife
Mary ... '1/2 of Fraternity' that was given do George W.
Purnell by his father, William Purnell which I bought
of George, also part of tract in a deed to me from
James B. Rabens ...

... do the children of my brother Micajah Andrell
viz Thomas & Sarah - all movable estate ...

... my friend Littleton R. Purnell ... sole Exec^v

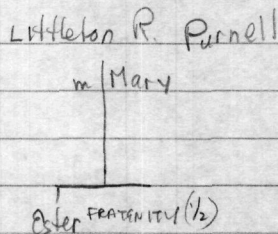
Wm Andrell

no changes & wording by clerk

witnesses

John Purnell of Wm
Leonard Johnson
Thos. Bralley harr

8 Jan 1799 same Littleton R. Purnell



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No Co Accounts
MCM #25

1825

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Settlem R. Purnell, late Exec of William Purnell
(of devt)

Inventories 12 May 1819	\$ 5995.44
- Debt collected - filed 12 May 1825	4679.74
- Part of Estate sold	177.69
	10,852.87
Payments made by late Exec ^v	
... pd Wm Purnell (of Shelby) for a legacy left him by Thomas D Purnell deced in the hands of his deced as Exec ^v of Thomas	280.00
	82704.72 total out
Balance of Estate	8148.15

25 June 1825 Wm H. Purnell Ex^v of Settlem R. Purnell
who was Exec^v of William Purnell late of Ho Co deced

No Accts
MHM #25

f 355 William D. Purnell Exec^r of Littleton R. Purnell

Inventories 13 May 1824	3919.58
Cash Received ... & total	4741.77
Subduct value of Negro Kelly to be freed	150.00
	4591.77

Payments

" pd Wm S. Johnson for balance of Leonard S. Johnson's disbursements share of his father Leonard Johnson estate	36.74
" W Thomas S. Fassett & deid mate W Mary S Purnell [wid whom Thomas deceased]	
Setts pd Nancy Johnson bal of her distrib sh	68.30
" " James B. Johnson of his father Leonard's	42.04
" " Ansalanta Johnson guardian to Wm Johnson	116.06
" Leon of Leonard	
" pd to Ansalanta a guardian to Betty Johnson	116.06
" " " " " Juliana "	" "
" " " " " Ansalanta "	" "
	TOTAL 4591.77

13 Dec 1826
same
Wm D. Purnell

To Co Mills
MH#27

factor of wife of

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I, James B. Robins of To Co

(1826)

... A wife - land on which I live and
the land ... ca 4000 a ... [units & bounds]
adjacent to nephew James B. Robins &

... the land adj to my son-in-law
William U. Purnell

... to my wife ... my property I obtained
by my marriage with her, whether from her
father or mother estate ...

... A my youngest son, under 12 yrs - to be educated to
be directed by my sons in law & John J. Purnell my uncle

... A my eldest son John P. Robins

4 DTRS:
ANNA MARIA, ELINOR H., ELIZ.
MARGARET

... my 3 daughters

... my reversion interest in "Scarborough Castle"
wherein Ana Spence Esq & Anna Maria her wife
now reside ... to my said dtr during natural life
& hereafter to the sd Anna Maria's eldest son
... if no heirs [of Anna Maria] in then to my grandson
Ana Spence Jr, son of my dtr Margaret Spence

... A son in law Irving Spence & my dtr Margaret Spence
to wife, all the lands I purchased of Dr Thomas R. P.
Spence

... B my son-in-law William U. Purnell & Eleanor, his wife
my daughter ... all the land I purchased of
James [L] Derickson, Henry Franklin & Ed. Scarborough

Irving Spence Ana Spence & Wm U. Purnell
John until 21 yrs guardian to sd son
... [same] Exec^d

made 15 Oct 1826 Proved 24 OCT 1826 came Spence, Purnell

Ho Co

Inventories

TT# 6 1849-1851

1851

p. 658 Account of the items of the regressed belonging of the deced
estate including bal due deced on acct from
Purnell & Rabins

Ho Co 29 OCT 1851

then came Wm H. Purnell ADM of Mary R. Purnell
decd

Ho Co

Orphans Court

TT5 MdHR 20035-19 1848-1851

21 Oct 1851 Her report of Wm H. Purnell ADM^r

of Mary R. Purnell decd - in obed. to court order
18 Jan 1848 to give notice to creditors

allowed Wm H. Purnell ADM 10% commission

To Mills

no sister of

GTB 3

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I, Esther R. M. Purnell

... nephew Littleton P. Franklin ... 300 Jmy farm
next to my 2 nephews Leven L. Dereckson
& James C Dereckson ... their sister Mary I Harris.

Mary I married Harris

... nephew Littleton R. Purnell
... niece Elizabeth Johnson (her children are
Ellen & Sidney Johnson
... niece Ellen A. Robins
... nephew James B. R. Purnell
nephew John R. Purnell
nephew William T. Purnell
nephew George W. Purnell
nephews John R. Purnell, William T. Purnell
& George W. Purnell

John R. & Geo. W. Exec^{ns}

Esther R. M. Purnell

made 2 NOV 1881

CODICIL 14 Jan 1882

Proved 13 Jan 1883

TT# 1 1846-1849

f 167 ... Estate of Mary R. Purnell - authorization to appraise dated 15 June 1847
Inventory

1 negro girl Dinah	17 yrs old	125 ⁰⁰
1 negro man Lot	65 yrs old	100
		TOTAL \$ 271.17 1/4

 13 July 1847 came Wm U. Purnell adm^r of Mary R. Purnell

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f 251 authorization to ADM^r to sell goods of Mary R. Purnell (except Negroes & legacies) ...
 24 Dec 1847 - record of sale ... \$60.22 1/4

ACCTS

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Wm U. Purnell adm^r of Mary R. Purnell

Inventory	271.17 1/4
Exp'ds for her Negroes including balance due from Purnell & Rabens in acct file 31 OCT 1851	50.16
Disbursed	321.33
cost pd Purnell & Rabens for articles for deed shown	9.98

Distribution: to servant Dinah - freedom at age 20 9 30⁰⁰ cash
 to servant Lot - freedom at her death
 to her brother Thomas Purnell ... \$8.37 bal acct

No Needs

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1824

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William U. Purnell
and James Dirickson

& Esther Robens Murray Purnell

5⁰⁰

release a quit claim all the lands etc devised
to Esther by her father Littleton Robens Purnell
... lands in Buckingham Hundred -
reference to Littleton Robens Purnell's will
appeared Henrietta - wife of James

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Wm U. Purnell
James Dirickson & Henrietta

5⁰⁰ to Sarah Coralante Purnell

all lands devised to Sarah Coralante Purnell
by her father Littleton R. Purnell

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1825

Whereas Littleton R. Purnell deced
devised to Wm U. Purnell

"lands ... on condition he convey to his
sisters Henrietta Dirickson & Mary Somers
Franklin

"lands formerly held by Capt. Wm. Indrell
"adj to land of Capt John P. Duffield"

"sells to Henrietta Dirickson & Mary

26 AUG. 1825

appeared Eleanor H. Purnell - wife of
William U. Purnell

NO LAND RECORDS

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Indenture

12 OCT 1833

Am L Purnell & wife Eleanor J Purnell

James Dirickson & wife Henrietta

Henry Franklin Jr & wife Mary I. Franklin

of No

to Esther R M Purnell of No

for 1500

"all their right, little Woods, which were conveyed by
Littleton R Purnell to said Esther R M Purnell, Sarah Anthonia
Purnell, who has since died

"Adcht to Bachelor Delite & conlig lands
purchased by little son of Thomas N. Williams
trustee ... of R E Isaac Smith decd

also the lands purch by sd Am L Purnell
of Baker Pitts & R J Joseph Smith

"sell Adam's Garden" Adcht to Bachelor Delight,
Bachelor Delite & "Belford"

William L Purnell
Ellen H Purnell

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22 Feb 1834

Philip Thomas & wife Mary

to Am L. Purnell

part of "Beckford" near Wesleyville Meeting House

bounded or no. by Co Rd & on no east, so by lands of Am L
... 4a

MARYLAND STATE ARCHIVES
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WILLIAM U. PURNELL (?-1853)

House Journal

House Delegates

ORIGINAL

3rd DECR

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official returns of Judges of Elections

For County of

Harreston

John S. Spence

Wm U. Purnell

John Mitchell

Chas. Parker

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p. 520 "PERSONS of Prominence"

p. 522 the SNOW HILL MESSENGER - from 1834 - weekly paper

Democratic Messenger 1869 -
papers in Berlin, Pocomoke City & Snow Hill

p. 556 James B. Robins Purnell

son of Senator William D. Purnell & Esther Robins Purnell
- born in 1829 on family farm near Snow Hill -

His father represented the Co. in both chambers of State
General Assembly. His mother was the dtr of Judge James
R. Robins

COPY in medical school U of Md. grad 1850

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Julia Le Compte Purnell

- dtr of James S. & Henriette Le Compte,
born in 1843 at Snow Hill

in 1869 m'd William H. Purnell, son of Zedock & Mary
Davi Purnell : 2 children Frances, who died early
and William Zedock, who
married Nannie Parsons

Julia died 1953

900

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WM. H. PURNELL, son of MOSES PURNELL

WO CO MD'S ARCADIA

WM. H. WAS NOT A LEGISLATOR

p. 559 William Henry Purnell (1826-1902)

born on the farm near Berlin

(1826-1902) son of Moses and Maria Bowen Purnell

after 1848 m. Margaret Marten & had 10 children

1846 - grad Del College (now U of Del)

1848 adm. to Bar

1850 app'd State's Atty

1853 app'd Wld Rep. Atty General

1855 Comptroller of the Treasury

... strong supporter the KNOW-NOTHING PARTY

1859 STATE COMPTROLLER

1861 Rep. Postmaster Balt - app'd by Pres Lincoln

1866 reapp'd " " by Andrew Johnson - rejected by Senate

Political partner - WHIG, KNOW NOTHING & UNION PARTY

1870-1885 Pres of U of Del

Purnell Legion - one infantry regiment

2 cavalry companies & 2 batt. of artillery

- organized & commanded in 1862 - Purnell being "disturbed"

at the Union's defeat at Manassas - Comm'd Col - stationed on

lower E. Shore to meet Confederate invasion

This man has biography on p. 268 DICT OF AMER BIOGRAPHY Vol VIII. He was NOT
A LEGISLATOR

MARYLAND STATE ARCHIVES
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

H/D: MHS A PURNELL
- SON OF A LEGISLATOR

PURNELL

GEORGE WASHINGTON

C. 1832/33

H/D: MHS

Purnell, George Washington 1841-1899
b. Snow Hill

Confed Vet Studied Law
m Margaret D. Bowen

CYC 431

d. 8 May 1899 aet 58

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file

H/D: MHS Lettrude A. Purnell Salisbury Md NOV 16 1885-1952
- wife of S. Franklen Purnell N.E. spec. farm
died in Lettrude Gen Hosp. was 67 yrs old.
... Her husband lived at Golden Quarter nr Berlin
... was dt of Lett James T. Henry & Mary Belle Johnson
Henry of Berlin

Purnell, James B.R. MD 1829 -
b. Snow Hill Md 13 Jan 1829
m Ely K. Ayres 1862
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Purnell, George Washington, lawyer and landowner of Snow Hill, W. Va. was born in that place in 1841

His parents were William Wendell and Eleanor Harsey Rabens Purnell.

He is 7th in descent from Thomas Purnell who in 1664 came from Beckley, Northamptonshire, England & settled on an estate called "Fairfield" in W. Va. which is still in the possession of a member of the family

His mother was the daughter of James B. & Elizabeth (Harsey) Rabens

The earliest American representative of the Rabens family was Obedience Rabens, who with his brother George, settled in Va., on the James River, in 1621. He afterwards moved to Northampton County (Va.) & his grandson Thomas came to W. Va. at the close of the 17th c.

The families of Rabens & Purnell have been connected by marriages for the last century.

George Washington Purnell is the 8th in descent from Obedience Rabens.

[1853] In his 12th year, he had the misfortune to lose both his parents. His brother, Leighton R. Purnell, was appointed his guardian and at 14 yrs he was placed at the Snow Hill Academy.

Entered U. Va. - left because place unpropitious to his health. In 1859, entered Princeton as a soph.

... In Civil War, his sympathies were with the South ... Confederate Army private in the 1st MD CAVALRY. Was prisoner on Johnson's Island Lake Erie. Was ADJUTANT in 2nd MD CAVALRY; studied law in the office of John R. Franklins, (Judge Franklins of Snow Hill)

... married in 1870 Margaret D., dtr of Edward H. Bowen, member of Snow Hill Bar, who died in 1848. They bore 3 children. Mr. Purnell owns 1000 a. in W. Va.

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Purnell, James B.R. MD

born on Jan. 13, 1829, near Snow Hill, Wb Co, Md

father: W.M. U. Purnell, a farmer of Wb Co
 and a member of the legal profession. He served 2 terms in
 the MD HOUSE of Delegates & was twice elected to the State Senate,
 first, by Electors in 1836, & second by the people, in 1838.

Dr. Purnell's mother was * Ellen H. Purnell, Wife
 of Judge Perkins, an able lawyer & one of the largest
 landowners in Wb Co.

Dr Purnell widely educated - England, Scotland & France

Returned to Snow Hill in 1860 & resumed practice - specialized
 in eye diseases

Dr Purnell: member of the Episcopal Church of Snow Hill

married in 1862 Miss Elizabeth K., dtr of
 Lambert P. Ayres Esq. of Wb Co

[Under ^{this} article was written, Dr Purnell was "in ill health,
 & not at present actively engaged in his profession"]

* could be Eleanor Horsey

ANS: IT IS: In a deed, wife Eleanor H. signed Ellen H. (Wb Co DEEDS A27137)

Eugene Fawcett Cordell MD

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JAMES Bowdoin ROBINS Purnell

1858 ADMITTED

- ... Born near Snow Hill, So Co 13 Jan 1829
- ... Educated at U. of Va
- ... MD Univ. of MD 1850
- ... attended lectures subsequently at Baltimore, Phila., & N. Y.
- ... practised at Richmond, 1857
- ... in 1858-59 studied abroad London, Edinburgh, Paris
- ... began practice at Snow Hill 1863
- ... Physician to County Almshouse
- ... Health officer, So Co 1896-97
- ... author of works on "chemical Analysis" 1878
- ... VP Medical & Chemical Faculty 1900-01
- ... of Snow Hill Md

Purnell, William U.
WO

Synopsis of State Agents - see also files of Agents of State

Agents to represent the State in Joint Stock Companies
(in which state has interest)

app'd March 1841

in office : 1842

1843

1844 ? resigned before 10 March 1845

but present at meeting of C+D stockholders

1844

Purnell, William L.
WO

Senate Electors 1781-1836 (MWH 1953)

(State) Senate Elector for WO, 1831