

Amanda Henderson ~~and Robert Henderson~~ Elizabeth Henderson and Robert Henderson, minors, sue by regularly appointed guardian William Henderson- several years since father James Henderson departed this life intestate- latter possessed valuable land ~~south~~ north side Pigeon river joining lands George Henderson and others- certain John Howard became their guardian in 1850 and remained guardian until _____ and sd. Howard had use of land some time before he became their guardian and sd. Howard should account for same until William Henderson became their guardian.

Answer of John Howard, Filed in Office the 8th Octo 1855:

True James Henderson departed life several years ago possessed of valuable tract of two to three hundred acres, sixty of which cleared. Howard ceased to be guardian sometime in Summer or Fall of 1854. Howard intermarried sometime in 1849 with widow of sd. James Henderson, mother of above children, mother had for several years, six or seven, acted as regular guardian, and continued to act until eight or nine months after her marriage to Howard. Mother never given dower as entitled. Land not fully paid for at sd. Hendersons death, and by agreement between widow, and father sd. James Henderson, William Henderson land rented several years to raise money to extinguish balance of unpaid purchase money, and in meantime she and her children lived with her father, one Robt Swan. After land paid for, about 1 year before she married Howard, she with children moved back to sd. land where she lived in month May, 1849, when she married Howard. Latter stated he dug ditch that made place more healthy and reclaimed piece of land. Did not charge wards for board or ordinary clothing and only charged them for "fine clothing." "Robert was quite small when he first came into the family, of Respondent, and his services were worth nothing until the last two years he lived with Respt; the last year of his guardianship he was living with his grand father Swan. The other two during the first two or three years were of but little assistance in the family, and during the last two years they were mostly fixing up things for themselves. All of them were part of the time at School. "

Depositions before R. Lanning, C & M., Sevierville, 22 July 1856:

Wm. M. Moon: "I was well acquainted with the lands, and there were several Swamps on the land, and it was in tolerable bad fix- the fences were right smartly out of repair the buildings were not in as good fix as they might have been- the swamps I speak of were grown up with bushes & briars and almost all sorts of swamp growth- there were about four cross fences and about three of them grown up with briars & some bushes- the swamp lands were all fenced off to themselves in the life time of Mr. James Henderson in which bounds there was a small portion of tillable land-" Howard cleaned up good part of land and cut ditches- "I have not seen the farm for three or four years-" Said he lived near the farm. Howard "sent Amanda to the Academy and boarded her at Hopkins Andes but dont know how long I dont know of her going to school more than a month and half- and all three of the children went to a free school-" "about the time Mr. Howard took possession of the farm it sickly up and down the rivers, and that the sickness generally commenced at that farm." Howard cleaned up farm and drained swamps.

~~Before R. Lanning, 21 March 1856~~, Before said Lanning, 25 Feb. 1856, John C. Yett, age 47, stated he was administrator estate James Henderson for 1844 and 1845. Rents worth about \$60. per year for these years. George M. Henderson, age 44, stated he cultivated part of land in 1848 or 1849. Stated he cultivated portion of farm for five or six years but did not live on it. Before Lanning, 5 Jan. 1857, stated James Henderson died 11 Aug. 1843, and James Henderson's widow died fall of 1852.