

## Rawle v. Brown, Debt, May 1721

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Court of Common Pleas Narratives

**Summary:** In 1699, James Brown, Weaver of Chichester, promised 100 pounds to Robert Turner in writing, obligating himself and his heirs, but he did not pay. In 1721 (according to the date on the back of the document), Francis Rawle, administrator of the estate of Robert Turner, who had died intestate in 1701, sued James Brown, Yeoman, "late of Chester" and son of the deceased debtor, who was, with his mother, co-executor of his father's estate. Rawle asked for an additional five pounds for damages.

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Chester W[hereas] James Brown late of Chester Yeoman Son & Heir of James Brown Yeoman lately Call'd James Brown of Chichester in the County of Chester & province of ~~Pen~~ Pennsylvania Weaver Was Sumond to answer Francis Rawle Admr of ye Goods & Chattles whc were of Robt Turner at ye Time of his Death who died Intestate of a plea yt he render unto him One hundred pounds whc from him he Unjustly detains et And whereupon ye aforesd Francis Saith that whereas ye Aforesd James Brown now deceas'd father of ye Sd James now ye Deft Whose Son & Heir he is in his life time to wit ye the Fifteenth Day of December in ye Year of our Ld One thousand Six hundred & Ninety Nine at Chester in ye County of Chester ~~ad~~ by his certain Writing Obligatory did Grant himself to be held to ye sd Robt in his Life time in ye aforesd One hundred pounds to be paid to ye Sd Robt wn he Sld be thereunto requir'd to whc paymt well & truly to be made & done the sd James ye Father did bind himself & his Heirs by the same Writing Nevertheless the aforesd James ye Father in his life time nor the aforesd James now ye Deft Son & heir of the sd James deceas'd after ye Death of ye Sd James altho often requir'd ye Aforesd One hundred pounds to ye Sd Robt in his life time or to ye Sd Francis after ye Death of ye Sd Robt (to who sd Francis admrn of all ye Goods & Chattles whc were of ye aforesd Robt at ye time of his Death by John Moor Regr Genrll for ye probate of Wills & Granting Letters of Admrn for ye Province of Pennsylvia the twentieth Day of April in ye Year of our Ld One thousand Seven hundred & One at Chester aforesd in Due Form of Law were Comitted) hath not rendred but ye Same to ye sd Robt in his Life time or to ye sd Francis after ye Death of ye Sd Robt the aforesd James ye Father in his Life time to render hath denied And ye Aforesd James ye Son the Same to ye Sd Francis to render doth deny & Unjustly detain Whereupon he Saith he is Worse & hath Damage to ye Value of Five pounds & thereof he brings Suit And brings here into Court as well ye Writing aforesd whc ye Debt aforesd in Form aforesd Witnesseth as ye Letters of Admrn aforesd of ye aforesd Regr Genrll whose respective dates are ye Days & Years as above sd et

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This transcription adheres to the spelling, punctuation, and lineation of the original, except that superscript letters have been lowered. Abbreviations include admr (administrator), admrn (administration), deft (defendant), et (et cetera), Regr Genrll (Registrar General), sd (said), sld (should), whc (which), wn (when), and yt (that). Transcribed by Lynn Dunlap and Julie Kelts April 2019 and finalized by Julie Kelts June 2019.