1783-002 SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY CHANCERY PAPERS REECE vs. REECE, 2/1783
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See also: Westbrooke v. Reese, 1783-10
Reese v. Reese, 1797-30 o/s

To the worshipfull court of Southampton county sitting in Chancery

Humbly complaining

Sheweth unto your worships your oratrix Olive Reese of this county widow and relict of Edward Reese decd That the said Edward was in his lifetime ~~[illegible]~~ seized and possessed of a considerable real estate consisting of lands and slaves to wit a tract of land whereon he lived containing upwards of three hundred acres and seven slaves by name Dorcas Senior Ben Geoffy Tom and being so seized departed this life the day of one thousand seven hundred and eighty one intestate leaving Edward Reese an infant his eldest son and heir at law to whom the said [illegible]

Sheweth that by the laws of the land she is intitled to one third part thereof as her dower and in consequence thereof hath made application to the said Edward Reese to allot & set apart the dower of your oratrix therein But now so it is may it please your worships that the said Edward Reese hath refused this request of your oratrix pretending that being an infant he cannot Surrender consideration whereof and for that your oratrix is remediless in the premises without the interposition of this court to whom she is directed by law for her relief and before whom matters of this nature are only and properly cognizable To the end

therefore that the said Edward Reese by his guardian to be appointed by your worships may on his corporal oath full true and perfect answer make to all and singular the allegations herein before set forth as fully and particularly as if the same were herein again repeated and interrogated And that your worships will decree and order that proper persons do allot and set apart the dower of your orator in the premises and so or that your worships will make such farther decree in the premises as shall be agreeable to equity and good conscience

May it please &c

Reese
vs
Reese

Bill

Aug 1782

Interl'y Decree

Report 1st Sept 1783

Recd
with
Recd & Ans.

The answer of Edward Reece infant under the age of twenty one years by John Reece his guardian to the bill of complaint exhibited against him by Olive Reece complainant

This defendant now and at all times hereafter saving and reserving to himself all advantage of exception to the manifold imperfections in the complainants said Bill of complaint contained For answer unto or to so much thereof as he is advised is material for him to make answer unto he by his said guardian answereth and saith that the said Edward Reece the defendants father departed this life seized and possessed of the lands & slaves in the bill mentioned and about the time set forth in the bill that he hathe heard that the complainant is intituled to one third part thereof as her dower and if the same be agreeable to law he hath no objection to the same being allotted her but he being an infant of tender years humbly hopes that what right he hath in the premises will be saved to him by your worships to whom he looks up for protection without that he

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Report as
to decree acc.
Febr. 1783

A Report of the
Dower of Mrs
Reece

In Obidience to an Order of the Worshipful Court of Southampton bearing Date Aug.t Court 1782. We the Subscribers, have laid off the Dower of Olive Reese Relict of Edward Reese Dec.d the Lands containing 105 Acres, a Tract known by the Name of Morgans Tract. whereon stands the Mantion House. and two Negroes, known by the Names of Ben & Jethro, which are Valued to £8.. 6.. 8 more than her Thirds. which She is Accountable for to the Heir at Law. As Witness our Hands this 4th January 1783

John Barrow

Joshua Thorpe

Henry Applewhite