1783-010 SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY WESTBROOK + UX VS. REESE 1783 [?]

See also: Reece v. Reece, 1783-2
Reese v. Reese, 1797-30 o/s

To the Worshipful Court of Southampton County sitting in Chancery humbly complaining.

Shew unto your Worships your Orators Thomas Westbrook and his wife: the said being one of the Daughters of Edward Rice deceased that the said Edward was in his life time and at the time of his death seized and possessed of a considerable Estate consisting of Land, Slaves and other personal property and being so seized departed this life intestate leaving your Oratrix his Daughter and John Rice his Son and heir at Law and

others Children and Olive Rice his Widow. That the said Olives Dower in the said Slaves hath been duly allotted and set apart, and the reversion of the Slaves having descended to the said John Rice he hath in consequence thereof possessed himself of them, Your Orator and Oratrix further shew that under the Act of Assembly in that Case made and provided your Oratrix is entitled to her proportionable part of the true value of the said Slaves so descended to the said John Rice. That the said Slaves soon after the death of the said intestate were appraised to the sum of

by an appraisement hereto annexed, recorded in this Worshipful Court may more fully appear and which your Orator and Oratrix conceive to be the true value of the said Slaves. They further shew that they have applied themselves in a friendly manner to the said John Rice and requested him to pay to your Orator and Oratrix their proportion of the appraised value of the said Slaves and the Interest thereon from the Day of

one thousand seven hundred and Eighty
being the time the said John Rice was possessed of
the said Slaves. But so it is that the said John Rice
hath refused to comply with this request pretending
that the Slaves were appraised to a sum that exceeds
their true value. and that he is not obliged to pay
the proportion so as aforesaid demanded by your
Orators. which conduct of the said John Rice is
contrary to equity and good conscience and
tend to the manifest injury and oppression of your
Orators. In tender consideration whereof and for
that your Orator and Oratrix are remediless in the
premisses by the Common Law and only and
proper & relievable in this worshipful Court
before whom matters of this Nature are properly
cognizable To the end therefore that the said John
Rice may fully true and perfect answer make
to all and singular the Allegations contained in
this Bill as fully and particularly as if the same
were here again repeated and interrogated And
that your worships will decree and order that the said
Defendant do pay to your orator & your oratrix proportion of
the appraised value of the said Slaves together with interest
thereon from the time the Defendant became possessed thereof.
or that your worships will make such further decree
in the premises as shall be agreeable to equity & good
conscience

May it please your worships
&c.

The answer of John Reece eldest Son and heir of Edward Reece dec'd to the Bill of Complaint exhibited against him by Thomas Westbrook & his wife Complainants

This defendant for answer saith That his father Edward Reece departed this life seized and possessed as in the bill is alledged leaving his Widow Olive & seven other Children one of whom is the Complainant That he hath been informed that by the laws of the land he is liable to the younger children for a proportionable part of the value of the Slaves whereof his dec'd father died seized the Widows Dower being first set apart That the Names of the negroes & their apprasements except the Dower of the Widow are as follow viz Dorcas £125. Senior £130 Tom £70 Peter £50 Jack £30. whom this respondent charges to be very considerably overated in the opinion of this defendant nearly one half the sum That Ben one of the Dower slaves and apprais'd to £125 is dead & Jeffry the other Dower Slave also apprased to £75.0.0

this defendant charges to be only of the value of
forty five pounds This defendant hath no objection
to a decree passing against him for a proportionable
part of the true value to ascertain which some
other valuation must be made as should he be
obliged to pay according to the appraisement it will take
nearly double the number of the whole Stock of Negroes
to pay it

Inventory & Appraisement of the Estate of
Edward Rose Dec.d Taken the 19 Day of
December 1781

			£	s	d
	1 Mare		8	0	0
	1 Horse		8	0	0
	1 Mare		12	0	0
	11 Cattle		25	0	0
	13 Sheep		5	0	0
7. 10 0	1 Negro Woman Darcas	£60 Chil. 10 £	125	0	0
	1 Negro girl Senior	£60 3 Children £40	130	0	0
	1 Negro boy Ben	Dower Dead	125	0	0
120	1 Negro boy Jeffrey	Dower £40	75	0	0
150	1 Negro boy Tom	£35	70	0	0
70	1 Negro boy Peter	£30	50	0	0
50	1 Negro [illegible]	£25	[illegible]		
30	43 Hogs		30	0	0
425	19 Hogs		11	0	0
75	a Parcel of Corn		20	12	6
100	2 Plows		00	5	0
90	3 Tob.o Hhd.s		00	10	0
265	2 barrels & 2 Gums		00	8	0
	800 W.t Tob.o		06	00	0
	1/2 bushel of wheat		00	2	0
	1 half Bushel Measure		00	2	6
	5 bushels of Oats		00	16	3
	1 Hh.d of Tob.o of 800 w.t		7	9	
	700 W.t of Tob.o		4	4	0
	5 Casks		1	10	0
	4 Casks		00	10	0
	8 Stone Jugs		1	00	0
	a Parcel of Earthen ware			7	6
	1 Spice Morter and pestle			10	0
	a parcel of Pulse		3	10	0
	a parcel of hogs Lard			7	6
	5 bottles			4	0
	2 locks		1	5	0
	1 Parcel of Sugar			2	0
	1 [illegible] & Jar			4	7

	£	S	D
1 Barrel		15	0
3 Pot & pare pot hooks	3	10	
1 Skillet & frying pan		7	6
1 Kettle & milk Pot		2	6
a parcel of Nubbins		6	0
1 Spining wheel		3	
a Parcel of hoes	1	8	0
4 Axes		12	
a parcel of carpenters tools	1	7	6
a parcel of Lumber		6	0
1 Pare of hand Mill Stones		2	6
1 Pare of Stillards		7	6
1 Saddle	3	0	0
1 Cross Cut Saw	1	0	0
a Parcel of Coopers Tools	1	0	0
2 Reap hooks		2	6
1 Gun	1	0	0
Shoemakers Tools & Lasts		7	6
1 Gun	1	10	
Shoemakers Tools & Lasts		10	6
1 Chist		12	6
a parcel of books	1	0	0
a parcel of Cards	2	5	0
Tallow & Beeswax		2	6
1 Sugar Box		2	6
1 Meal bag		2	6
1 pr Iron & Candle Stick		7	6
7 Chairs		7	0
2 tubs 3 Noggins & 2 trays		12	0
1 Meal gunn and Cradle		8	0
1 Feather Bed and furniture	8	0	0
1 Feather Bed and furniture	6	10	0
1 Table and other house Lumber		8	0
3 pound of Cotton		3	9
a parcel of horse harness		15	
8 bushels of pear	1		
6 gunns & barrels		10	
a parcel of Leather	3	10	
1 Spinning wheel		10	
1 Loom & ouetensils	1	0	0

	£	S	D
250 Wt of Cotton	3	2	6
5 Wt of Wool		5	
a parcel of flocks & Bo		2	6
2 barrels & a parcel of Nails		5	
3 Trunks		10	
1 Bed & furniture	8		
1 Bed & rug & 1 Sheet & Cord	6		
1 Table	2		
a parcel of Cotton		3	
a parcel of Cloaths	1	10	
1 Grind Stone		7	6
a parcel of hogs	3		
2½ Gallons of Brandy	1	5	
a parcel of Fodder	2	10	
1 Pair of Chest with bows		4	
2 bands of Old Iron		8	
16 Gun		14	
a Parcel of wool & Basket		3	9
2 Locks		2	6
a parcel of Soap		7	6
50 Wt of Tob		3	6
1 Sley & harness			

	£	S	D
	1	3	0
	2	5	0
	0	0	6
	0	9	6
	0	2	6
	4	0	6

Randolph Rose

	£	S	D
	1	5	0
	0	10	0
	1	15	0

Meridith Tanner