

1797-027

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

TAYLOR, et al vs. TAYLOR'S ADMINISTRATOR, etal
a/1797

other surnames: Blake, Hall

NOT DEACIDIFIED 2/1/42

Taylor Lab.

Bill

Taylor admn. &c.

June 1797

Inty Decree

Sept. Rep. vs. &
Decree final

To the Justices of Southampton County,

Sitting in Chancery,

Henry Taylor, Ellis

G. Blake and Polly his wife, & William Hall & Patsy his wife,
& Elizabeth Taylor, an infant under the age of 21 years, by
the s^r. Henry Taylor her next friend, humbly complaining,
shew — That sometime in September in the year 1790,
Temperance Taylor, late of this County, died intestate therein
possessed of some chattels, which have been since sold by
the administrator, & of 17 slaves under the names of Hannah,
Betty, Isabelle, Cuba, Jacob, Lenny, Jack, Pat, Kot, Char-
lotte, Amy, Aaron, Caesar, Bob, James, Cherry, & her child
— That the chattels, sold as afore-mentioned,
will be in their proceeds fully sufficient to satisfy all the
Creditors of the Intestate, & to defray ^{the expenses of} the administration
of her personal estate, which has been duly committed
to John Taylor ~~judge~~ ^{justice} of this County, & who in that right
has possessed himself thereof including the 17 slaves —
That she left only ^{four} ~~three~~ children, ^{the s^r. John Taylor and} the Complainants Henry,
Polly, & Patsy, & ^{but one} ~~a~~ granddaughter, the Complainant Elizabeth,
who is a daughter of her dec^d. son Etheldred Taylor, late
of this County — That these persons are intitled to the whole
of her personal estate in equal distributary shares, after the
payments of her debts & the satisfaction of the expenses
of the administration thereof, for which the chattels that
have been sold are, as ^{already stated}, sufficient — And that under
those circumstances the Complainants have often called
the administrator John Taylor in order to obtain their
respective rights in these slaves — But so it is, that
^{the said} John Taylor, under various improper pretences, has hitherto
refused, & still refuses to agree to a distribution of these
slaves among the Complainants & himself — Wherefore
& for as much as the Complainants are only & properly relievable
in a Court of Chancery — & in order that the administra-

for John Taylor, as such & in his own right, may answer
this bill & cast off its allegations — that the slaves above
mentioned ^{may} be fairly divided among the Complainants & John
Taylor agreeably to their respective rights therein, being
equal shares or $\frac{1}{5}$ to each — & that they may have
such further relief in the premises as may be proper in
the opinion of this Court — The Complainants call for
a writ of Subpoena &c.

M. M. Robinson
for the Compts

The answer of John Taylor, in his own right, &
as administrator of Temperance Taylor decd. to the
bill of complaint exhibited against him in this Court
by Henry Taylor, Ellis S. Blake and Polly his wife, William
Hall & Patsey his wife, & Elizabeth Taylor, an infant,
by the said Henry Taylor her next friend.

The Defendant admits the bill of the Compts
to be true, except as to the sufficiency of the ~~charges~~
~~of the chattels~~ which he has sold, for the
payment of the debts of his Intestate & defraying
~~the expenses of his administration~~
as to which he can only say he believes that the
proceeds thereof will be adequate thereto —
& finally that being desirous of the decision prayed
for by the Compts, he submits himself to this Court
& to such order & decree as it may think proper
to make for effecting that object, praying hence
to be dismissed &c.

Taylor & *Interls.*
as
Taylor & *Deerce.*

June 1797.

Southampton Lane Session 1797

Henry Taylor Ellis G. Blake & Polly his wife
Wm. Hall & Patsy his wife & Elizabeth Tayla an
infant under the age of 21 years by Henry Taylor her
next friend

ago

Complts

In Chancery

John Taylor in his own right & as adm^r of
Temperance Taylor decd

deft

This cause was this day docketed by consent
of the parties and heard on the bill and answer on Consideration whereof
the court decreed and order that Thomas Ridley Thomas Fitzhugh Zebulon
Lewis and James Millar or any three of them make an equal division of
the slaves whereof Temperance Taylor died ~~seized~~ possessed (to wit Hannah, Betty
Isabel, Cuba, Jacob, Jenny, Jack, Pat, Nat, Charlotte, Amy, Aaron, Caesar, Bob
James, Cherry & her child) among the complainants and the defendants &
make report thereof to the court in order to a final decree

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Temprance Taylor died intestate
in September, 1790, possessed of
some chattel, & the following
slaves Hannah¹, Betty², Isabella³, Cula⁴,
Jacob⁵, Leroy⁶, Jack⁷, Pat⁸, Nat⁹, Char-
lotte¹⁰, Amy¹¹, Aaron¹², & Cesar¹³
— also Cherry¹⁴, Bob¹⁵, James¹⁶, &
¹⁷ a child of Cherry.

The chattel, consisting of other perso-
nal prop^{ty} than the slaves, have
been sold, & the proceeds will
be about ^{hi} sufficient to pay her
debts.

Her next of kin are, John
Taylor jun. Henry T. Polly wife
of Ellis G. Blake, Patsy wife
of William Hall, being her sons
& daughters, — & Eliz. Taylor,
daughter of Etheldren T. & granddaugh-
ter of the Intestate.

The parties interested are desirous
of a division of these slaves.

They consent that three persons
shall be appointed to divide
them, - Col. Tho. Medley, Tho.
Fitzhugh, Zeb. Lewis, & Capt.
James Millar -

This division may be effected
by a private suit in Ch^{cy} in
S. Car Co. Court, & that ^{they agree} the
same sh^d be conducted by
Messrs M. Robinson for all
parties.

J^d. Taylor jun. is admos^r &
of the Intestate, & Guardian
of Eliq. Taylor

J^d. Taylor jun.
Ellis Gray Blake

Taylor

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Taylor Blake

Rept

Pursuant to an Order of Southampton Court
June 1797 We the Subscribers have made a Division
of the Negroes belonging to the Estate of Temperance
Taylor dec'd as follows — — — — —

Total Value £570 — 11 — 11

To John Taylor junr Betty, Isabella
Cuba and Cash £94 — 11 — 11

To Henry Taylor Pat, Mat
Charlotte and Cash £95 — 11 — 11

To Polly Blake Aaron, Cesar
Cherry & Child and Davy
She paying in Cash £101 — 11 — 11

To Peter Hall Jimmy, Jack
Anney and Rob. She
paying in Cash £126 — 11 — 11

Peter Taylor Hannah,
Jacob. and James and Cash £114 — 11 — 11

Each Proportion £114 — 11 — 11
£570 — 11 — 11

Tabulon Lewis

James Millars

Thos. Fitzhugh