1799-022 Chancery Papers: Lawrence JUX vs Williams' heirs 12/1799

Southampton County

other surnames. Denson

To the Justices of Southampton sitting in Chancery

Jacob Lawrence & Sarah his wife, formerly Sarah Williams & complaining

shew unto the court that on the day of

in the year of Christ 78 Isaac Williams

died intestate seized & possessed of a tract of

land, lying in this county, containing by estimation

178 acres more or less; to one fourth part of which

your complainants are entitled: that this

might be effected your complainants have

applyed to the other heirs of Isaac Williams

to agree to a division of the sd Land. But they

& their defendants, by their guardians combining

together, refuse to come to a division, unless

this worshipful court will interpose its

authority. In tender consideration whereof

your Complainants pray that Joseph

Williams by his guardians Joseph Denson &

Edwin & Elizabeth Williams by their guardian

Jordan Denson may be defendants to this

bill. that the court will appoint proper

by Williams heirs of Lawrence

Sept. 1795

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persons to make a Division of the said Land agreeable to quantity & quality taking the surveyor of County with them & make report thereof to this court — & that the court will make any other decree on the premises &c

The joint & several answer of Joseph Williams by Joseph Dawson his guardian & Edwin & Elizabeth Williams by Jordan Dawson their guardian to the bill exhibited against them by Jacob Lawrence & Sarah his Wife former Sarah Williams

These defendants saving & reserving to themselves all manner of exceptions to the bill aforesaid Answer & say — that true it is that the complainants have title to one fourth of the lands mentioned in their bill. These defendants are willing that there should be a division of the land provided it be done by the authority of this court & pray hence to be dismiss'd &c

Aug 6 Cocke p Defendants

Lawrence's

certificate

We do agree that there may be a division of the land whereof Isaac Williams died seized and possessed, Pursuant to a decree of Southampton Court Given under our hands this 15th of December 1799

Test
Augt Cocke as
to Lawrence

Joseph Denson
Jacob Lawrence
Mary Lawrence