1801-024 Chancery Papers. Harriss v al Vs Jones, gdn 11/1801

Southampton County

other surnames: Blunt

Harris's
vs.
Janes.

Bill
&
Answer

Bill

To the Justices of Southampton County Court in Chancery
sitting: Francis, Micajah, Jane, & Peggy Harris
infants under the age of twenty one Years by William
Blunt their next friend humbly shew, that a certain
Hardy Harris father of your Compltts late of Sthon
County being seized & possessed of a valuable estate
both real & personal departed this life on or about the
.. day of 17

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leaving a wr hir widow & ye Compltts.
That the said widow has had her allotment of Dower.
in the said estate —
and it remains now that the real & personal estate
should be divided among Your Compltts to wit a
tract of Land in the Sth Co. of Sthon containing
acres, and the following Slaves viz —
that the estate so

appertaining to your Compltts was committed to one
Enos James as Guardian pro. tempore, as by the
records of Sthon Court will fully appear — That
your Compltts have applied to him for a division
thereof but he hath refused, alledging his want
of authority without the direction of a Court of
Equity — In consideration whereof, and inasmuch

as matters of this kind are properly cognizable before this Court and to the end that the Sd Exors James may be made Defts hereto & answer the allegations of this bill fully — and that this Court will decree & order that the aforesd land be divided among your Complts and that the Slaves be sold on 12 months credit ~~as their number~~ as they cannot be specifically divided / owing to their number being too small when compared with the Complts / and that bonds &c for the nett proceeds of the sales may be taken according to Law: and that the Court will appoint Comrs for carrying the same into effect — May it please the Court the Constable's Oppa to grant your Compts writ to be directed to the Defts commanding &c and yr Compts will be thankfull as in duty bound &c

The answer of Exors James Guardian pro tem. Defts
to
the bill of Francis Harris & others . . Compts

This deft saving & reserving &c admits the statements and allegations in the foregoing bill to be true — and has no objection that this Court should decree and order pursuant to the prayer of the Sd bill, and appoint Comrs for effecting the same according to justice & equity — She requests to be dismissed &c with his costs &c

Mess.rs John Blunt
James Gee
Eli Ely
Henry Blunt
} Comrs, or any three —

Harriet Stephens

Items

Sir

You are hereby permitted & requested to draw a friendly bill & answer for dividing the real Estate of Hardy Harris, among his Children also for the sale of the Personal Estate & the proceeds to be divided among them

Enos Lanier

to Wm Hill atto: at Law ——

November 1801