1801-028 Chancery Papers. Lawrence et al vs Lawrence's extor 1801

Southampton County

Other SURNAMES: FOREMAN, Ellis, Williams, LAURENCE, Allen

Lawrence &c.
vs
Williams &c.
&
Dan. Lewis & others
Defts

to the justices of Southampton
in Chancery sitting

Jesse Lawrence; John Foreman & Mary his wife;
Richard Allen & Priscilla his wife; Lawrence & Temperance Ellis, infant children & heirs of Lydia Ellis formerly Lydia Lawrence; by Jesse Lawrence their guardian
Daniel, Davy, Lawrence & Polly, ~~Priscilla Lawrence~~ Williams, & Priscilla, Sidney, William & Sally Williams all infants by their guardian for this purpose appointed ~~Jesse~~ Lawrence Williams, being children & heirs of Sarah Williams formerly Sarah Lawrence shew to this court that Polly Lawrence infant heir of Jacob Lawrence dec'd departed this life in January 1801 seized & possessed of a considerable real & personal estate descended by descent from the father, to wit two tracts of land 700 one 400 & the other 300 acres more or less lying in this county on the Cypress Swamp; 17 negroes with considerable other personal estate, to which your Complts are entitled as heirs of the whole blood in coparcenary with Josiah Lawrence that to effect a division of the sd estate your Complts have applied to the sd Josiah the exor of Jacob Lawrence dec'd to agree to a division of the sd estate agreeable to law but that part of your Complts decy under age the sd Josiah refuses unless the division is sanctioned by this worshipfull court

in consideration whereof & as your Complt
relief is properly ~~not~~ in a court of equity
they pray that the d. Josiah be made deft
to this bill, that the court ~~appoint~~ decree
~~proper~~ a division of the ed estate giving
to your Complt Jesse Lawrence 1/6 part, to
Jno Foreman & Mary his wife 1/6 part, to your
Complts. Daniel. Davy, Lawrence, Polly,
Priscilla. Sidney, Wealthia, & Sally Williams
1/6 to be equally devided between them, to
Richard Allen & Priscilla his wife 1/6 part, & 1/6
Lawrence & Temperance Ellis 1/6 part to be
devided equally between them, & that the
Court will appoint proper persons to
carry the same decree into effect
or that the court will make such other
decree they may think equitable & just

the answer of Josiah Lawrence to
the bill of Complaint exhibited agt
him by Jesse Lawrence & others

This defendant saving & reserving
&c. answers & says that the Complts
bill is true & he is willing the
division of estate may take place
provided the same be confirmed by this court

Josiah Lawrence