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other surnames; Ruffin

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Gray det. } Chy.
Gray's admin. ac.

Recd of Decemr fund
Du 1805
Jany 1806
Decemr 1805

Chas. Jones
Wm. H. Jones
John Gray
Shadrach Boykin

Gray } Bill
in }
Gray }

To the Justices of Ston County Court in Chancery
sitting; Your Compts. John C. Gray, and Geo.
G. Gray & Elizabeth G. Gray infants under the
age of twenty one years by the s^d John C. Gray
their next friend humbly shew, that a certain
James Gray (father of your Compts.) late of the
County afo^r. being seized and possessed of a
considerable estate ^{in the County} both real & personal, departed
this life on or about the 1st day of May 1800
intestate, leaving a widow, & your Compts. his
children — That administration on his estate
was by the Court of this County in the month
of _____ committed to _____ Joseph Ruffin
gent — as by the records will fully appear — That
the said Ruffin in virtue thereof hath possessed
himself of all the personal estate afo^r according to
law, and proceeded in the administration thereof
so as nearly to close the accounts of ~~the~~ same
whereby it becomes expedient that the heirs
of the deed should receive their several
distributive shares — That your Compts.
another Gizzie Gray widow & eldest of the said
James, still continues possession of ^{all} the lands
in the County aforesaid, whereas she is only

entitled to one third part thereof under the laws
in such case provided. — That your Compts.
have applied to the said Joseph Rieffin admors
and the said Grizzies widow to come to &
cause a division of the aforesaid ^{to be made} agreeably to
law, but they have refused, alleging the infancy
of some of your Compts, and the want of authority
herein — In tender consideration whereof and
inasmuch as matters of this kind are properly
cognizable by the Court to the end therefore that the
said Joseph Rieffin admors and Grizzies Gray may
be made to answer the allegations of
this bill for — and that the Court will decree &
order that the said ^{slaves} may be sold
afforded to the said Grizzies Gray and that
the said ^{residue of the slaves} may be equally divided among
your Compts in three equal parts, — and
appoints Comrs for carrying the same into effect
or make such further or other order & decree as shall
be proper — may it please the Court the Comrs the
Sps to grant decrees to the Defts, commencing
them to appear here &c.

The answer of Joseph Rieffin admors of
James Gray decd. and Grizzies Gray widow &
relict of the same. Defts

to
the bill of John C Gray &c — Compts

That Defts severally answering to them
swear now that at all times past & in all benefits
of exception &c to the bill for answer
say — statement and
allegations of the bill to be true

Decree & order in pursuance
thereof — They request to
with their Costs &c

Bill atts.

Gray
11
Gray

Rep^d

- De Rep^d et and

- decree final

Agreeable to an order of Southampton Court dated December 1803.

We Charles Briggs, Solomon Holmes & Shadrach Boykin have allotted & set apart the Lands and slaves belonging to the Estate of James Gray Deceased, as follows To wit

The widows Cover in the Land containing Three hundred & fourteen Acres including the Buildings thereon & bounded by the Lines of John C. Grays lines on the North, Gilbert J. Grays lines on the East & Eliz^a J. J. Grays lines on the South, also Negroes, Day, Dick, Jure, Tom, Dick, Solomon, Kate & Child, Violet & Tabitha

John C. Grays part of the Land called the Mill Pond Tract containing Two hundred and eighty two acres & bounded by the Widows cover on one side, John Baillies, Jesse Carrels & Charles Baileys lines on the other side - Also Negroes, George, Jack, Pompey, Cherry, Billy & Nancy and to pay Gilbert J. Gray the sum of eighty seven pounds seven shillings as a Balance of his proportion of the Land & Twenty Dollars for Balance of the Negroes

Gilbert J. Grays Tract of Land called the Inn containing One hundred & fifty Three & a half Acres, & bounded by the Lines of the Widows cover, Eliz^a J. J. Grays, Shadrach Boykins, & Amos Washingtons lines. Also, Negroes, Luke, Abram, Patty, Billys, Rhoda & Squire and to receive the sum of twenty three pounds seven shillings from In^c. C. Gray as above mentioned

Eliz^a J. J. Grays part of the Land called the Neck Tract containing One hundred & ninety one Acres & a half & bounded by the Widows line the Slightwood swamp, Shadrach Boykins & Gilbert J. Grays lines. Also, Negroes, Lucy & Child, Jane, Will, Sam Eda & Charlotte to receive from In^c. C. Gray the sum of eleven pounds one shilling as a Balance of her proportion of the Land & Ten Dollars for Bal^a of the Negroes Given under our hands this 16th day of December 1805

Sol Holmes

Shadrach Boykin

December, Court 1803

John C. Gray, George J. Gray and
Eliz^a J. Gray infants & by the said
John C. Gray their next friends, Comps
Against

Joseph Ruffin ad^r James Gray def^t

This cause was this day doct^d by
Consent, Heard on the bill and answer, on considera-
tion whereof it is decreed and ordered that
Charles Briggs, Solomon Holmes, Thomas Gray
and Shadrach Boykin or any three of them lay off
and assign those acres, slaves and slaves
of which James Gray died seized & possessed

In
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hundred & fifty three & a half Acres, & bounded by the line of
dower, Eliz^a G. G. Grays, Shadrach Boykins, & Amos Washington's line
Also, Negroes, Luke, Abram, Patty, Melly, Rhoda & Squire and to
receive the sum of twenty three pounds seven shillings from In^o G. Gray
as above mentioned

Eliz^a G. G. Grays part of the Land called the Neck Tract containing
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Sh. Brown

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and Shadrach Boykins or any three of them lay off
and assign the widows dower in land and slaves
of which James Gray died seized & possessed
and make equal distribution of the residue of the
land and slaves among the complainants and
make reports of their proceedings to the court in
order to a final decree

Saml. Kellie