

1807-008

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

BRANTLEY & al - EDMUNDS

vs. BRANTLEY
5/1807

other SURNames, Hart,
Edmunds

Brantley
vs Bill

Brantley
Sep 1804 Int^y decree

May 1807 Refe u^d
Final decree

Bill

Brantley -

vs.

Brantley - Plaintiff and
Defendant

To the worshipful Court of Southampton County in Chancery, sitting
Humbly sheweth that your worship's your orator James
Brantley, Elizabeth, his wife and Lucy his wife (who was Lucy Brantley
and David W. Edmunds to whom Henry Brantley sold and
duly conveyed all his right and interest in that part of the
estate of his father which is the subject of his bill) - before
time in the year of our Lord one thousand

Elfreda Brantley departed this life leaving a tract of
 land containing 3 1/2 acres ~~of~~ subject to the dower claim of her
 widow - Her estate, that the acres now in the hands of an acre were allotted
 to her, after a ~~small~~ ^{equal} division was made among the children
 of the balance of the said tract of which they became duly proprietors -
 that the said widow of Elfreda ^{Brantley} has since departed this life and that
 Cordale Brantley, whom your orator hereby means to make defendant
 hereto, is now in possession of the said 3 1/2 acres which were a portion
 of her dower - ~~which is contrary to equity~~ In consideration
 whereof and because a division of the said land was only to be had
 thro' the intervention of a court of Chancery, your orator prays that
 the said defendant may be compelled to answer the allegations
 herein contained as fully and unreservedly as he ~~can~~ he was
 capable of and every of them particularly interrogated -
 May it please your worship to grant unto her and
 general relief as may be applicable to the premises and
 your orators will &c.

Brantley

ad.

Brantley. Hart & Edwards

Answer

The worshipful Justice of the Peace for the County of Essex
sitting. The answer of Cordell Brantley to the bill of com-
plaint exhibited against him in this worshipful Court
by James Brantley. Ethelred Hart and Lucy his wife and
David ~~Edmund~~ ^{Edmund} for Edmund alone of Henry Brantley.

The said defendant having read and received the bill of complaint
of another to the said bill of complaint for answer. The said
that he admits the allegations of the said bill to be true and true
He admits that his father Ethelred Brantley was seised of the
319 acres of land mentioned in the bill - that his widow became
seised of 166 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres as he dower - and that the residue of the tract
was equally & impartially divided among the children. That
the widow of his father has now departed this life and that
he is in possession of the dower land. He is willing that
this worshipful Court should make such decree as their
wisdom may direct for the division of the said land and
prays to be hence dismissed &c

Wm. H. Defendant

Cambridge

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Charter

Brandy

May 1807. Rpt.

17th Dec 1807

Southampton County to Wits

By virtue of an Order of Southampton
County bearing date December Court 1804 to us directed
We have divided the One Hundred and Six $\frac{1}{4}$
Acres of land in the decree mentioned between
James Brantley, Etheldreda Hart in right of his
Wife, David W Edmunds in right of Henry Brantley
and Corall Brantley in the following manner
Quantity, Quality, Value considered — One Lot
No. 1. called Snigo Lot to Etheldreda Hart, — one
Lot No. 2. called the middle Lot, to James Brantley —
one Lot No. 3. called House Lot to David W
Edmunds, who is to pay to Lots No. 1. & 2 each
the sum of Twelve Pounds 10/- And one
other and the last Lot No. 4. called Gilliam
Lot to Corall Brantley. —

Given under our hands this
day of January 1805.

Sam. Francis
Willie Francis
W. B. Bille

Commissioners
Report for a
Division of the
Dower Land of
Rebecca Brantley

Order to Divide
Land of Brantley
to the 16

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Edmunds
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Deft.

Corall Brantley

This Cause was this day docketed by consent
Heard on the bill and answer, on consideration whereof
it is decreed and ordered that Benjamin Towner Sam.
Francis Willie Francis and William Bittle among
three of them divide one hundred and two $\frac{2}{3}$ acres of
land being the share of Rebecca Brantley widow
of Ethelred Brantley decd and divide the same
equally between Towner Brantley Ethel. West
in right of his wife and David M. Edmunds
in right of Henry Brantley and Corall Brant-
ley and make report report thereof to this Court
in order to a final decree.

Sam. Kellard

December Court 1804