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SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

CLIFTON'S ORPHANS vs. CLIFTON'S ADMIN.

11/1808

other surnames: Jones,
Blunt

Clifton's orphans bill
vs } answer
Clifton's admors &c.

Och 1805

1805 Inty decree

~~Answer~~ June 1806

Nov 1806 Cont per wife

Nov 1808 Report

and final decree

File

To the Justices of Southampton County Court in Chancery
sitting; humbly shew to the Court your Compts, Sally
& Thomas Clifton infants under the age of twenty one
years by William Blunt their next friend — That
Cordell Clifton father of your Compts late of the County
of Solon being seized and possessed of a valuable estate
both real and personal departed this life on or about
the day of _____ intestate, leaving
Jemmet his widow and your Compts — That administra-
on his estate was by the Court of this County committed
to the said Jemmet as by the records of the S^c Court will
fully appear — That no division of the aforesaid
estate hath yet been made, but the same continues
in the possession of the said Jemmet who hath intermarried
with one Allen Jones of the County of Solon — That the
estate which should now be a subject of division
consists of a tract or parcel of Land in the S^c County
containing two hundred & eighty acres, be the same more
or less, also the following negro slaves, viz, Peter, Jim,
Jenny, young Jimmy, Lender, Ceccho, Harry, Franky, Jacob,
young Peter, Simon, & Anthony — That your Compts
have applied to the S^c Allen Jones & Jemmet his wife
Admors of the S^c Cordell Clifton, to cause a division

of the afo^{re} estate to be made; but they alledge their want of authority herein without the direction of a Court of equity — In tender consideration whereof & inasmuch as matters of this kind are properly cognizable here, to the end therefore that the s^c Allen Jones & Jennet his wife admors of the s^c Cordall Clefton deed, may be made Defts and answer the allegations of this bill fully, and that the Court will decree & order that the dower of the said Jennet in the land & slaves ^{afo^{re}} may be allotted her and the residue be divided in two equal parts between the Compt^{rs}, and appoint Commissioners for the same into effect — May it please the Court the Com^{rs} the Com^{rs} the Subpoena to grant directed to the Defts, commanding them to appear here & answer, &c &c &c —

The answer of Allen Jones & Jennet his wife admors of Cordall Clefton deed . . . Defts
to . . . ?

The bill of Sally & Thomas Clefton by William Blunt their next friends . . . Defts

These Defts saving & reserving to themselves &c — for answer thereto, or so much of the s^d bill as they are advised is material or essential to be answered, answer & say — They admit the statement of facts & the allegations in the foregoing bill to be true and are willing & perfectly desirous that the Court should decree & order in pursuance of the prayer thereof — They request to be hence dismissed from this Honble Court with their proper Costs &c ~~to~~ ~~be~~ and they request also that the Court will appoint a Guardian, or Guardians for the afo^{re} infants —
J^W Hill att^y;

mess^{rs} James Lundy
Benjⁿ Blunt s^r
Henry Blunt
Henry Person
Joe McCrone } Comrs. or any 3 —

Clifton & } Inty
vs } Deuce
Jones & }

Nov 1805

Sampton November Court 1805

Thomas and Sally Clifton orphans of
Cordall Clifton decd. Comptts

vs

Allen Jones and Bennett his wife formerly
Bennett Clifton widow of said Cordall. Defts

In Chancery

This cause was this day doctored by Consent
Heard on the bill and answer On Considerations whereof
it is decreed and ordered that James Sundy sen Benjamin
Blunt sen Henry Blunt Henry Persons and Joel
McClumore or any three of them lay off and assign the
widows dower in the lands and Slaves whicof Cordall
Clifton dies Seized and possessd and divide the residue among
the complainants equally and report in order to a final decree

Samthello Esq

By virtue of a decedat order of the Honourable Court
of Southampton County, to us directed, bearing date
November Court 1805.

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Cordall Clifton decd Compts
vs.

Allen Jones and Jennett his wife for
- misly Jennett Clifton widow of said Cordall
Defts - In Chancery

We Benjamin Blunt, Henry Blunt & Joel
et. Lemore, three of the Commissioners named in the said
order, have proceeded to, and affixed the ^{her dower} widow in the land
and slaves whereof Cordall Clifton died seized and
possessed, and divided the residue among the Complain-
ants as follows.

To Allen Jones, husband of Jennett widow of the said
Cordall, for her dower, one third of the land, beginning
at a horn beam on Meherrin River, thence to a pear
tree near the dwelling house, thence to a peach tree, thence
to a black gum in Franks branch, thence a straight
line to two Willow Oaks in Joel et. Lemores line, thence
along the said line to a maple in Franks branch, thence
up the various courses of the said branch to a pine
in Henry Smiths line, thence along said line to Meherrin
river, and thence up the said river to the beginning;
together with the following negroes, namely, James, son
Jacob, Peter (the elder), young Peter & Jane (the elder) and
to receive Seventeen Pounds ten shillings. -

To Thomas Clifton (Sole A. 2) Land, bounded as
follows, beginning at a black gum sapling in Franks
branch, thence along a line of new marked trees to a
pine in Henry Smiths line, thence along the said line
to a red Oak, a corner in Joel et. Lemores line, thence
along the said line to two willow Oaks, a corner in
the dower line, thence along the said dower line to
a black Gum in Franks branch, thence up the
various courses of the said branch to the begin-
- ing, together with the following negroes, namely
Harry

Harry, Fran. Simon and Jane (the younger) and to pay
Allen Jones wife seven pounds ten shillings.

To Sally Clifton (dell et al) Land bounded as follows;
beginning at a hickory (or scaly bark tree) on McCherrin
River, thence along Henry Smiths line to a pine, thence
along a line of new marked trees to a black gum
sapling in Franks branch, a corner in Thomas Cliftons
line, thence down the said branch to a black gum
in the Dover line, thence along the said line to a peach
tree, from thence to a pear tree, thence a straight line
to a horn beam on McCherrin River, thence up the
said River to the beginning; and the following negroes
namely, Echo, Anthony, Belinder Pellason, and to
pay Allen Jones and wife Ten pounds. - Given
under our hands this 19th November 1808

Benjamin Blunt Jun^r

Henry Blunt

Geo M Lemore