

1810-008

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

RIDLEY and Wife vs. WRIGHT & al

8/1810

Ridley
} Rice
} Answer
Wright

May 1810 Inty decree

August 1810 Rept and
final decree

To the worshipful Court of Southampton in shewery
sitting Humbly complaining shew unto your worship
your orator and orator, Tho Ridley Esq and his
wife Polly late Polly Wright That Mr Blunt
late of this County by his and bearing date the
3^d day of Jan'y 1797 gave to Mr Wright for
the use of his wife Nancy during her life the
following negroes Ben Jack Sam, Lucy daughter
of Loard, Mooring, Hannah's daughter of Lucy,
Daniel, Peter, Kit, Bob, Phil, and Harry and
~~Anna~~ their increase, and after her death the two feather
beds and furniture and after her death to be
equally divided between the Children of the
said Nancy at her death: on condition that
they arrive to twenty one year your orator
and orator state the said Nancy departed
this life sometime in the year - leaving your
orator and James Wright both of whom are
twenty one years of age and William Wright
now an infant for only children - your
orator and orator further state that
they with the said James and William Wright
are the only Persons entitled to the said Slaves
and that the said Slaves are still held

in Disposition by William Wright Senr.

Intended considerations whereof and in as
much as your duties and nature are
concerned in the business except by the
intervention of this honorable Court
they pray that that your worship would
make the said Wm Wright Senr and James
Wright defendants hereto and also the said
William Wright Senr of said William an infant
a defendant hereto by the said Wm Wright Senr
and compel them to answer all the allegations
therein contained and your duty and nature
further pray that your worship would
appoint four commissioners any three
of whom may act) to lay ^{judge} off the said slaves
and be equally between your complainants
and James and William Wright the infant
and that they make report how they have
done the same &c -

Thos Ridley Jr
Polly Ridley

The Answer of William Wright Senr
of James Wright and William Wright the
infant by his next friend William
Wright Senr: to the bill of complaint exhibited
against them by Thomas Ridley Senr and his
wife - These respondents saying and reserving
to themselves ~~all~~ and every benefit of execution
to all errors and imperfections contained in
said bill for answer thereto say that they
believe the allegations in the bill are true
and they are willing to submit to such decree
as this Court may pronounce in the
premises &c -

William Wright
James Wright
William Wright
by
William Wright Jr

S^c ampton May Court 1810.

Thomas Ridgely Jun^r and Polly his wife. Compt^{rs}
^{age}

William Wright Sen^r, of James Wright and
William Wright the infant by his next
friends W^m Wright Sen^r Deft^s

Chancery
In

This cause was this day docketed by consent of parties and heard on
the bill and answer and arguments of Counsel, and the same being
duly considered, the Court decree and order, that Peter Blow James
Harris, George Mason & Spratt Williams or any three of them
do divide the slaves Ben, Jack, Nan, Lucy daughter of Joane
Mourning, Hannah daughter of Lucy Hannah, Peter, Kit, Joe
Phil, and Harry and ^{& their increase} beds in the bill mentioned, equally between the
Complainants ^{in right of his wife} and the defendants James Wright and William Wright
Jun^r and make report thereof to the Court in order to a final
decree

Risley W. }
vs } Decree
Wright's }
Aug. 1870. returned

Santhampton County May Court 1870.

Thomas Ridley Junr. & Polly his wife. . . . Comptroller

ag. ^{vs.}
William Knight-Jnr. - James Knight &
William Knight an infant by the said
William Knight-Jnr. his next friend. . . . Defs

In
Chancery

This cause was this day docketed by consent of the parties, and heard on the bill and answer and arguments of counsel, (and the same being duly considered, the Court doth decree and order that Peter Blow, James Harris, George Mason and Sprattle Williams Gent. or any three of them do divide the Slaves Ben, Jack, Mary, Lucy, daughters of Loane, Manning, Hannah, daughters of Lucy, Daniel, Peter, Kitt, Cloe, Phil, and Harry and their increase and the bed in the bill mentioned equally between the Comptroller Thomas Ridley in right of his wife Polly and the defendants James Knight and William Knight, and make report thereof to the Court in order to a final decree.

A copy Teste

H. C. Stanton DC



Agreeable to an order to us directed from
the Worshipful Court of Southampton bear-
ing date May Court 1810, which is here-
unto annexed we have proceeded to divide
the Negroes as directed by the s^d. order as
follows, to Tho. Ridley & Mary his wife
Phill, Kitt, Rene & Child Edwin, Willis,
Maria & Davy, to James Wright, Daniel
Tom, Hannah & Child Lucy, Ellen, Jack,
& Matt, and to Wm Wright, Mary, Peter
Mourning, & Child Amy, Glasgow, Lucy
& Child Ned, Anthony & Winney.

Given under our hands this 30th day
of June 1810—

Geo Mason
Jas Harris
Peter Brown