

1811-11

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

GRAY et ux vs. BROWNE'S EXECUTORS^{11/18/11}
et al

other surnames: Cooke, Ruffin, Falcon,
Faulcon

To the Justices of Southampton county
sitting in chancery, humbly com-
plaining, Shew to the court Your
Orator and Oratrix Thomas Gray and
Ann his wife -

That in the year of our Lord
one thousand, seven hundred twenty
three, there was a friendly suit brought
on the chancery side of this court, by
William Browne, Robert Cocke and John
Cocke an infant by Richard Cocke his
next friend, against your Complainers,
praying a decree to be entered, and
proper persons appointed to carry the
same into execution, for the assignment
of dower to your Oratrix in all the lands
and tenures of which Benjamin Browne
her former husband died seized and
possessed. That in pursuance of the prayer

of their Bill, the allegations of which were admitted in the answer, the court did decree that the dower of the said Ann sh^d be allotted to her in those lands lying in the county of Brunswick, of which the said Benjamin Browne died seized: and appointed commissioners to carry the same into effect. That the said commissioners did set apart by proper metes and bounds the dower of the said Ann, as will more fully appear ^{by a reference to the said decree} and their report ^{hereto annexed} ~~thereupon~~, which yo^r complainants pray may be taken as a part of their Bill. They further state, that they never obtained possession of their said dower in the lifetime of the former complainants, and that the same is now withheld from them, by the representatives of William Browne the

longest lived of them in spite of all their solicitations for its delivery.

In tender consideration whereof, and for as much as your complainants are remediless at law, they solicit the interbencence of this court.

To the end therefore they pray, that William Ruffin, Edward Falcon and Nicholas Faulcon the executors and Sally Browne the heir of William Browne may be made Defendants to this Bill of complaint and that they may upon their corporal oaths full true and perfect answer make to all and singular the allegations herein contained, and that as fully as if the same were here again repeated: And more especially that they set forth if there was not such a decree and report

as is beforementioned; If the Commissioners
did not set apart the dower of Your female
complainant, in those lands of Benjamin
Brown which lie in Brunswick, as well as
those in this county: If the complainants are
not by them prevented from taking possession
of their said dower in the lands in Brunswick
Your Oration and oration lastly pray, that
Your Worshipps will revive the said decree
against the abovesaid representatives of William
~~Brown~~ or make such other order or decree in
the premises for this relief of as may be consistent
with equity and justice.

May it please
Rich^d Le. Byrd
to Q.

Spanglin &
vs
Brown execs
J. B. White
Decy Jan'y 1801
March 1801
Done

Gray & Co
as
Brown & Co } Spa
in
Chs.

To June 1806

50 Pk 10y p.

Executed the 17th March 1800
on Wm Ruffin - V. Faulson
& Edward Faulson no Inhabit
J Ruffin Dy
for Wm Ruffin & Co

The Commonwealth of Virginia to the sheriff of Southampton
County greeting You are hereby ~~com~~manded to summon
Wm Ruffin Nicholas Faulcon & Edward Faulcon execs &c
of William Browne dec'd to appear before the justices
of our s.^d court at the courthouse of the s.^d county on
the third monday of June next to answer a bill ^{of revival} in
chancery exhibited against them by Thomas Gray &
Ann his wife & this they are not to omit under the
penalty of £100 each & have then there this writ
subscrib'd Saml Kello Clerk of our s.^d court at the place
the 17.th of March 1860 Year the 24.th Year of the Com mth
Saml Kello C

Gray twice

vs

Faulcon & up
Wm Browne

Sp. a.
in
Ch. 4.

To June 1800

Survey

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Miles & D.
J. A. R. & J. A. R.

Southampton county,

The Commonwealth of Virginia to the
sheriff of Surry County greeting You are hereby commanded to sum-
mon Nicholas Paulson and Edward Paulson sons &c of William
Browne decd & Sally Browne the infant daughter of the S^r William
Browne to appear before the justices of our S^c county court of South-
ampton at the courthouse of the said county on the third monday in
June next to answer a bill in chancery exhibited against them
(And Mr. Buffin ex^{te} of the S^r Mr Browne on whom process is already served)
by Thomas Gray and Ann his wife to revive the decrees of this court
made in a suit instituted by William Browne John Browne & Robert
Cocke & Polly his wife against the S^r Thomas & Ann and this they
shall not omit under the penalty of one hundred pounds each
have then thus this writ witness Sam^l Kello clerk of our S^c court
at the courthouse the 24th day April 1800 & in the 24th Year of the
Commonwealth

Sam^l Kello. BSC
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