

1811-013

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

BLUNT

VS BLUNT¹ admr & al 5/1811

See also Blunt v. Blunt's Executors 1811-14

Blunt & Co
Blunts & Co

December 1804
Inty done

To the worshipful Court of Southampton County in Chancery
Sitting - Humbly complaining sheweth unto your worship
your orator Elizabeth Blunt widow and relict of William
Blunt dec^d, that the said William Blunt departed this
life in the month of April 1807, seized & possessed of
a very considerable real & personal estate - that the said
William Blunt left a last will & testament in writing
in which he made a provision for your orator, so
insufficient in her estimation, that in pursuance
of the act of the General assembly in such case made &
provided, she appeared in open Court & renounced the
benefit thereof - Your orator begs leave to state to your
worship, that a certain Benjamin Blunt Sr her qualified
administrator with the will annexed of the above men-
tioned William Blunt dec^d, and that she believes no debts
~~now~~ were owing by the said decedent, what ought
to prevent the assignment of her dower by your orator.
But so it is, may it please your worship, that your
orator is in better & conscience entitled to her dower,
yet she cannot reduce the same into possession with-
out the aid and interposition of a Court of Chancery - 1st
because the legal ^{right} ~~share~~ in the personal estate is vested
in the above mentioned Benjamin Blunt Sr as adm^r with
the will annexed - Secondly on account of the tender

infancy of Mary Wickerson Blunt, Ann Gilliam Blunt,
Louisa Blunt, Eliza Blunt, Martha Pisciella Blunt
and John Blunt, heirs and devisees of the before named
William Blunt dec^d; all of whom your oration prays
may be made defendants to this bill by their next friends -

To the end therefore that her dower in the land
& negroes of which the said William Blunt dec^d died
seised & possessed, may be assigned by your oration by
commissions appointed for that purpose, may it
please the Court, to make the before mentioned Benjamin
Blunt & (Administrator with the will annexed of the said
William Blunt dec^d) defendant to this bill and compel
him, together with Mary W. Blunt, Ann G. Blunt
Louisa Blunt, Eliza Blunt, Martha P. Blunt &
John Blunt, heirs & devisees of the said Wm Blunt dec^d;
to answer all singular the allegations of the same
fully, perfectly and unreservedly - May it please
the Court by your oration other general relief
which may be applicable to your oration with well

The answer of Benjamin Blunt, adm^r with the will
annexed of William Blunt dec^d to the above bill
of complaint - The said defendant saving and

reserving to himself every benefit of exception to the
said bill for answer thereto says, that he cannot
gain say the allegations of the same & will willingly
acquiesce in the decree prayed for. Having answered
the bill of complaint
Benjamin Blunt dec^d adm^r with
the will annexed
J. L. L. & C.

The Joint answer of Mary Wickerson Blunt, Ann
Gilliam Blunt, Louisa Blunt, Eliza Blunt, Martha
Pisciella Blunt and John Blunt ~~to the~~
~~bill of complaint~~ by Henry Blunt
their next friend to the foregoing bill of complaint -
The said defendants saving & reserving to
answer thereto say, that they cannot deny the allegations
therein contained & will willingly acquiesce in the
decree prayed for, Having &c. they beg^d.
Henry Blunt

Report of Commissioners
About Blounts Estate

May²⁰ 1811 repl. & p.
Continued

Southampton County. To wit.

In obedience to a decree of the County Court of
Southampton bearing date December Court 1807. To us directed we the Subscribers
have in virtue thereof laid off assigned and set apart to Elizabeth Blunt
widow and relict of William Blunt dec'd. her dower for life in the Tract of
land whereon the said Com^{rs} Blunt lately lived— and have assigned her that
part of the said tract: which the said William Blunt in his Will gave to
his son William— The boundaries of which are fully and particularly
mentioned in the said Will: and to which we refer and have also
further in virtue of said Decree: assigned and set apart for life one
third part of all the Slaves of which the said William Blunt died possessed
which are of the following names to wit (Negro. Man Simon— Negro Girl
Maria: both claimed by James Gee) Man Ephraim Junr. (Man Mo. (Colored).
Man. Lonson. House. Tom: Man Frank: Man Sam: Man Ben. Man. Charles.
Boy. Bob. Boy. Fryal. Boy. Harry: Woman: Patience & 2 Children. named Cloa.
and Nat: Woman Pat: Girl Violet: Woman: Grace: and 3 Children: Rachel
Sarah. and Judy. Woman: Kill: and 3 Children: Abner. Maria: and Kello:—
Woman: Ellen: and 2 Children: Harry. Girl Tab: Girl Joan:
and Girl Phillis: which negroes in value we consider one third of
the whole —

Given under our hands— this 15th
day of November— 1809.

Allen Jones
B. Johnston

We the Subscribers do hereby Certify that Robert Mabry Esquire
was present and assisted in completing the business agreeably to the
aforesaid Report— but before the above report was made out
and assigned by us. he departed this life—

Allen Jones
B. Johnston

Southampton December court 1807

Elizabeth Blunt widow and relict
of William Blunt decd - - Compts

Against

Benjamin Blunt sen. administrator with the will
annexed of William Blunt decd, and Mary
Wilkinson Blunt, Ann Gilliam Blunt,
Louisa Blunt, Eliza Blunt, Martha
Priscilla Blunt, and John Norfleet Blunt
infant children of said William Blunt
decd, by Henry Blunt their guardian, and
next friend - - - Defendants

In chancery

This cause, was this day docketed by consent
of the parties, and a part of the court. Heard on the
bill, and answers, and arguments of counsel, the court on
consideration thereupon, do adjudge, decree, and order, that
Robert Mabry, Samuel Blunt, Benjamin W Johnston
and Allen Jones or any three of them lay off, assign, and
set apart to the complainant Elizabeth Blunt (by proper
meets and bounds) for life one third part of the lands
whereof her late husband William Blunt died possessed
and that the commissioners assign and set apart to the said
Elizabeth (for life) one third of all the slaves whereof the
aforesaid Wm Blunt her husband died possessed. And that
they make report of this proceeding and that a
final decree may be made between the parties in this
Cause

Samuel B