

1814-38

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

PIERCE and Wife VS BRIGGS' ORPHANS

2/1814

Plat

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 1871
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Sam Calvert
Jonah Muddaugh
Eph Browne
Sam Kell

To the worshipful Court of Southampton
County in Chancery sitting humbly complain-
ing shew to your Worship that your oratrix
oratrix Thence Pierce and Emily Pierce late
Emily Briggs That Henry Briggs the late
husband of your oratrix died some time in
the year 1814 leaving as wife appear by his
last will and Testament ^{real & personal} ~~which~~ ^{his} Estate ~~leave~~
one negro boy to his wife during life
or widowhood should his wife however
marry then he requested the one third
part of all his Estate ^{real & personal} to his wife
the balance to his children now
your orator & oratrix humbly represent
to your Worship that division has
never taken place & pray the Court
to appoint Colo Lewis Glover special
guardian to the Children to wit
Nancy, Henry William Henry
Martha Louisa and Elizabeth and to
answer why such division should not
take place or if he agrees ~~as the law is~~
hereto that your orator & oratrix may
have up some then third part of the said
estate which they are ~~legally~~ ^{legally} ~~entitled~~ ^{entitled} to & remainder at Law as to the

the premises and only releasable in a Court
of Chancery where matters of this kind
are peculiarly cognizable your Honor &
Prayer pray the Court to grant the
Commonwealth the writ of ~~the~~ & that the
Court appoint Commissioners to lay off
and assign to them the one third part
of the said Estate & they as in duty
will ever pray &c.

The answer of Henry Blount as trustee
& guardian to the infants of Henry
Bridges Nancy Henry William Henry
Martha Louisa & Elizabeth to the
bill exhibited against him as guardian
by Spencer Pierce & Emily his wife late
Emily Pierce. This defendant saving &
reserving to himself all benefit of exception
as far as he is advised it is material he
thinks an answer says he believes the bill
to be true that he has no objection to the
division proposed for in the said bill
prays the Court to make such order and
decree as to them may seem meet that they
be dismissed the Court with his reasonable
costs in this behalf & he as in duty will ever pray &c.

copy 1811 July done
of above
to E. E.
done July 1811

Pierce
G. Ball
as
Blount
Guardian

Received
of
Mr. John
P. Moore

Pierce & Co

Wm } Bill
Priggs & Co

Jan 1811 Interly deuce

Pierce for wife
vs 3 Inty decree
Below guardian
to Miss Infants

January 1811 -

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Feb'y 1814 -

Feb'y 1814 Rept up
Special decree

Southampton January court 1811

Spencer Pierce and Emily his wife late Emily

Briggs widow and relict of Henry Briggs sen. decd. -- Compls

Against

Henry Blom. special guardian to Nancy Briggs

Nancy Briggs William ~~Briggs~~ Henry Briggs Martha
Louisa Briggs and Elizabeth ^{Briggs} infant children
of Henry Briggs sen. decd. -- -- -- Defs

In chancery

This cause was this day docketed by consent. Heard
on the bill and answer the court on consideration thereupon do decree
order and adjudge that Samuel Calvert Josiah Mordaunt
Jesse Browne and Samuel Kello or any three of them accom-
panied by the county Surveyor lay off and assign to the Com-
plainants one third of the lands whereof the said Henry Briggs
did die seized and possessed as the dower ^{of the said Emily} having regard in the
afores^d allotment of dower to quality as well as quantity
and that the commissioners aforesaid assign to the Compls one
third of the slaves of the s^d Henry Briggs decd. agreeably to
his last will and testament and make report in order
to a final decree

Sam Kello
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Plan of the Lands
of Harry Briggs dec'd.

807 acres.

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Agreeable to an Order of Sampson County Court
 bearing date January 1811 —

We the Commissioners have Proceeded to lay off and
 assign to Emily Pierce formerly the widow of Harry
 Briggs dec'd her dower right in the land of the
 S^r Briggs, have had regard to Quality as well as
 Quantity, and have assigned the ²/₅ Dower in manner
 and form following; first we have Examined
 the Quality of the land aforesaid, and the amount
 of Whole Survey being 807 Acres we have in
 consequence of the Dower being much the poorest
 land, ~~and~~ assigned to the said Emily ²/₅ of the Quantity
 which is 322 ¹/₂ Acres bounded by Proper metes
 and bounds which are as follows (to wit) Beginning
 at a Swamp Call'd the Mill Swamp running thence
 down the S^r Swamp the Various corners thereof to
 a S^r Gum now corner made in the Dower —
 thence N. 64 — E — 208 Pole to Brown's Road where stands
 a small White Oak a new corner made in the S^r
 Dower line — thence along S^r Road to Griffin's Hithers
 line — thence S. 42 — West 48 Pole along S^r line thence
 bounded entirely by Griffin's Hithers lines aforesaid to the
 first Station — we have also assigned to the said
 Emily as her right of Dower aforesaid the following Negroes
 to wit, Woman Phillis her children, Girl Rachel & Men, Tom
 & Peter — Given under our hands this 25th day of January
 1811

Sam^l Calvert
 Josiah Miranda

South^h 26. Nov. 1813. I hereby certify that J^{pe} Browne, one of the Commissioners
 nominated by the Court, to attend the above survey and allotment of Dower, did attend
 the same and agree to make report as above — but that the making out of the
 report was neglected from time to time till the death of the said J^{pe} Browne.
 Given under my hand this day bear above written. Josiah Miranda