

1815-001

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

BITTLE

VS. BITTLE'S EXECUTOR & al

6/1815

other sURNames: Harris

Butte } Bill Gammon
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March 1815 Int. J. Surve

Int. of Record

To the worshipful Court of Totten County in Chancery sitting
Humbly complaining sheweth unto that ~~William Pittle~~
your worship your oratrix Nancy Pittle widow and
relict of William Pittle and That her late husband
William Pittle departed this life having first made
and executed his last will and testament sometime
~~in this present year~~ That he appointed your
oratrix and certain Nathan Harris his exor.
That your oratrix declined qualifying as exor
and the said Nathan hath become the sole
executor to the said last will and testament
That he devised in said last will and testament
to your oratrix one third of his slaves for and
during the life of your oratrix, and then
devises the balance of his slaves to be held
out until his son John arrived to the age of
twenty one years when they are to be equally
divided between his three children John, Charlotte
Pittle and Mary Ann Pittle. That the said Mrs
Pittles personal estate independent of his slaves
is amply sufficient to pay his debts and your
oratrix is extremely anxious to be put into possession
of that portion of the slaves to which she is entitled
Intends consideration whereof and in as much as
your complaint is without remedy save in this
Court sheweth that the said Nathan Harris

executed as aforesaid and the said John, Charlotte
and Mary Ann infant children of Wm Buttle
by ~~their~~ may be made defendants hereto and
be compelled to answer all and singular
the allegations herein contained fully and
unreservedly and Shofurther prays that one
third of the slaves of which said Wm Buttle
did possess be allotted unto ~~the~~ ^{the} said
last will and testament of said Wm Buttle and
Shofurther prays for relief &c.

To the honorable Court of Exchequer in Chancery sitting.

The separate answer of Nathaniel Harris exor of Wm Buttle
to the foregoing bill - This Respondent saving &c
saith that he has no objection that the prayer
of the complainants bill should be carried into
effect and having answered he prays the same
dismissed &c.

To the honorable Court of Exchequer in Chancery sitting. The
joint and separate answer of John Charlotte and
Mary Ann Buttle infant children of Wm Buttle and by
their next friend Nevil Harris appointed by the
Court to defend them in this behalf to the bill of complaint
exhibited against them and Nathaniel Harris exor of
Wm Buttle and by Nancy Buttle widow of the said

Wm Buttle and

These respondents saving and reserving to them selves
all and every benefit of exception to any error in said
bill contained for answer thereto say that they cannot
gain say the complainants allegations and are willing
to submit to such decree as this honorable Court may
make in the premises. ~~And having answered~~
they who have dismissed &c.

Nevil Harris
for
Charlotte Mary Ann & John
Buttle

Battle - - Pff }
Harris Es & Battle's Depl } L. Chy.

This cause being docketed came on this day by consent
of parties and a part of the Court the heard in the vice
and answers ~~heard~~ upon the arguments of counsel, whereupon
and upon due consideration thereof had the Court cloth
order adjudge and decree that, Edmund Turner Junr
Benj^r Blunt, Henry Porter and Levi Waller or any
two of them do allot to the complainant Nancy
Battle one third of the slaves whom the said
Wm Battle died possessed agreeably to the last will
and testament of the said Wm Battle and for and
during the natural life of the said Nancy Battle
having regard to the value of the slaves, and that
they make a report to this Court in order to
a final decree -

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Southampton March Court 1815

Nancy Bittle widow and Relict of William Bittle
dec'd. Complainant
against

Nathan Harris Executor of William Bittle dec'd. and
John, Charlotte, and Mary Ann Bittle infant sons
of William Bittle dec'd. by their next friends Nathl
Harris appointed by the court to defend them in
this behalf. Defendants

In Chancery

This cause being docketed came on this day by consent of
parties and assent of the court to be heard on the bill answer and
arguments of counsel, whereupon and upon due consideration thereof had
the court doth adjudge order and decree that Edmund Turner Junr.
Benjamin Blount Henry Porter and Levi Waller or any two of them
do allot and set apart to the complainant Nancy Bittle, one third
of the Slaves wherof the said William Bittle died possessed agreeably
to the last will and testament of the said William Bittle dec'd. for
and during the natural life of the said Nancy Bittle, having
regards to the value of the Slaves, and that they make a report
to this court in order to a final decree—

Teste J. P. Rochelle Ck.

Negro man Sam	\$ 62,
Jeff	400.00
Negro woman Charlotte and child	400.00
Sam	300.00
Sydia and child Peter	
Mary	320.00
	2459.00
Widow, park	1695.00
Due the estate	1681
	14.00

A greable to an order of Grants we the undersigned have set apart, and allotted to Nancy Bittle the negroes above named which leaves a balance of fourteen dollars due the estate of William Bittle - Given under our hands this 31st March 1815,

Benjamin Blunk

Henry Porter

Levi Walker